



WEEKLY  
**Ring Out**  
NEWSLETTER



*"Growing in Christ Through Worship, Learning, Fellowship, and Service."*

## Week of Aug 17, 2025

*The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

### Introduction to Worship

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

### Watch the Live Stream:



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## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, August 17

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

### Sunday, August 24

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

### Monday, August 18

10:30 am Quilting

#### Upcoming Events:

Sept. 7: God's work. Our hands. ☐

Oct. 26: Trunk or Treat ☐

Dec. 13: Carols by Candlelight ☐

#### Upcoming Ministries:

September Blessing Box ☐

September Sonshine Backpacks ☐

Online  
Calendar

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## Sunday Ministries

### LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

August 17 Christine Ruff

August 24 Kim Haberman

### COMMUNION ASSISTANT

August 17 Samantha Hillegass

August 24 Christine Ruff

### ACOLYTE

August 17

August 24

### GREETER

August 17

August 24

### VIDEOGRAPHER

August 17 Annette Propst

August 24

### USHERS

Mike Downs, Al Brown, Jr., Sid Hughes

Bill Hardister, Hunter Huss

### BUILDING SUPERVISORS

Hunter Huss & Kim Haberman

### ALTAR FLOWERS

August 17 Jean Beasley

August 24

Sign Up to  
Volunteer

Lector

Communion  
Assistant

Acolyte

Videographer

Altar Flowers

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Happy Birthday! ☐



August 17 - Michael Bestler  
August 18 - Helen Fincher, Sam Jones  
August 19 - Jim Harris, Jr.  
August 21 - Meagan Lambert  
August 23 - Brittany Eaton

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## Announcements



### Stewardship Committee Seeking Volunteers

The Stewardship Committee is looking for volunteers to join. If you are interested, please reach out to [Travis Nesbit](#).



### Sonshine Backpacks

St. James will be supporting the Sonshine Backpack Ministry, which provides weekend food for Cabarrus County schoolchildren in need.

For over 12 years, this ministry—led by Bonita Rowland at St. John's Lutheran Church—has worked to ensure students don't go hungry when school meals aren't available.

Each quarter, our church will collect non-perishable food items to help fill these backpacks. Items may include shelf-stable milk, cereal cups, oatmeal, or grits, macaroni & cheese or canned pasta, soup, vegetables, and fruit, granola bars, juice boxes, popcorn, and pudding cups.

Questions? Contact Sylvia Corl at 704-425-8621 or Gretchen Walker at [gwalk64@ctc.net](mailto:gwalk64@ctc.net).

**Please place your donations on the back counter in the church kitchen during the month of September.**



### Blessing Box Collection for September

St. James is once again sponsoring the Blessing Box for the month of September. Please consider donating items throughout the month to be placed at the box in Rotary Square. Requested items include nonperishable food items, baby food, bottled water, and hygiene items.

**Items may be placed in the Blessing Box at Rotary Square or in the collection bin in the portico.**

**Stuff the Pencil Boxes - Update!**



Thank you to everyone who has donated pencils for the Stuff the Pencil Boxes campaign! So far we have collected 541 pencils and 264 colored pencils!

We are about half way through the month and half way to our goal! We will continue to have pencil boxes in the portico through the end of the month if you would like to donate. As a reminder we are looking for Ticonderoga #2 Pencils and Crayola Colored Pencils.

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## In Case You Missed It...



### God's Work. Our Hands. - Sept. 7

Join us after worship on Sunday, Sept. 7 in the Fellowship Hall for *God's Work. Our Hands.*, a day of service across the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. We'll assemble hygiene and school kits for Lutheran World Relief, create Mission Quilts, and write encouragement cards for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program.

All activities will take place in the Fellowship Hall, and all materials will be provided. Just bring your enthusiasm and appetite!

Bagged lunch will be provided. We have yellow T-shirts for those who have never participated or no longer have theirs from past events. T-shirts will be handed out after worship on Sunday 8/24.

[Click here to sign up!](#)



### Join us for Children's Sunday School

Sunday School classes for children begin Sunday, August 10 at 9:30am. All classes are held on the first floor of the Education Wing.

#### Class Offerings:

- ☐ Little Lambs – Birth through age 5
- ☐ Kingdom Kids – Kindergarten through 2nd grade
- ☐ Faith Followers – 3rd through 5th grade

We look forward welcoming your children this fall as we kick off a new year of learning and discovery in God's Word!

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## Reminders

### Stuff the Pencil Boxes!

Throughout the month of August, our Christian Education Committee is collecting pencils to support students in our local schools.

#### High-need item:

Ticonderoga #2 Pencils





**Also collecting:**  
Crayola Colored Pencils

*These are the preferred brands for the classroom.*

**Donation Drop-Off:**

Look for the pencil boxes on the counter in the downstairs Portico to leave your donations.

## Children's Sunday School Needs You!

We're looking for caring volunteers to help with our Children's Sunday School classes. No teaching experience needed – just a love for kids and willingness to share God's Word. Materials and training provided. Please email [Ann Blackwelder](#) or call the church office.

## Ushers Needed

We are currently looking to add a few new ushers to assist with Sunday worship. Whether you're able to serve regularly or are simply willing to be on call as a substitute, your help would be greatly appreciated.

If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to [Gretchen Walker](#).

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## In Our Prayers

**Joyce Beaty**

(Friend of the Marlow's)

**Cecil Berry** (Friend of Gretchen Walker)

**Family of Michael Black**

(Nephew of Patsy Black)

**Angie Buchanan**

**Mike & Debbie Cagle**

(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)

**Noah Clifton**

**Bruce Coffey** (Friend of Mark Murphy)

**Karey Conrad** (Friend of Dee Pieschel)

**Catherine Durst**

(Daughter of Anne & Dee Hodges)

**Nadine Filipak**

(Friend of Al & Dee Pieschel)

**Ed Frost** (Friends of the Marlow's)

**Margaret Garrison**

**Tom Grady**

**Maureen Hollmeyer**

**Will Irvin**

**Mary Frances Johnson** (Cousin of Francie Davis)

**Karen Johnston** (Friend of Judy Benz)

**Ruth Lawler**

(Friend of Dee & Al Pieschel)

**John Ledford** (Brother of Deb Black)

**Patricia Mahoney**

(Sister-in-law of Joan Mahoney)

**Annaleah, Michael, & Preston Morrow**

(Friends of Shannon Nesbit)

**Deb & Roger Myers**

(Friends of Deb Black)

**Stan Parnell** (Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)

**Al Pieschel**

**Tom Ridenhour**

**Roger Scarselletta**

(Nephew of Joan Mahoney)

**Deb Walker**

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# Upcoming Events



## Carols by Candlelight - Dec. 13

Please save the date and join us for a congregational sing-along of Advent and Christmas Carols accompanied by full Orchestra, Organ and the Parish & Bell Choirs of St. James Lutheran Church on Saturday, **December 13th at 7:00PM.**

## Secure Online Giving

Supporting your church is just a few clicks away! With **online giving**, you can make a one-time gift, set up automatic recurring donations on the date you choose, and view your complete giving history.

Automated recurring gifts are a convenient way to provide our church with much-needed consistent support throughout the year. Thank you for your faithful generosity.



Ways to  
Give

# WE ARE HIRING

Job description at  
[sjnc.net](http://sjnc.net)

## DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

- Lead dynamic faith programs for kids and youth serving as a spiritual leader and mentor
- Build strong relationships with families and volunteers
- Plan engaging events, retreats, and service projects



SEND YOUR RESUME

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