







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

Week of Sept. 7, 2025

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to Worship

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

Watch the Live Stream:



The Week Ahead

Sunday, Sept. 7

9:00 am Adult Sunday School 9:00 am Choir 9:30 am Children's Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am **God's Work. Our Hands.**

Monday, Sept. 8

10:30 am Quilting 6:30 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, Sept. 9

Noon Lively Leisures 6:00 pm Congregation Council Thursday, Sept. 11

6:30 pm Choir

Sunday, Sept. 14

9:00 am Adult Sunday School 9:00 am Choir 9:30 am Children's Sunday School 10:00 am Worship

September Ministries:

Blessing Box Drive ☐ Sonshine Backpacks ☐

Coming Up

Events:

Sept. 20: Brass Trio
Oct. 12: CROP Hunger Walk
Oct. 26: Trunk or Treat
Nov. 8: Organ Concert
Dec. 13: Carols by Candlelight

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

September 7 Gretchen Walker September 14 Barbara Albright

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

September 7 Kim Haberman **September 14** Ann Blackwelder

ACOLYTE

September 7 Joshua Rinker **September 14** Noah Pittard

GREETER

September 7 Jean Beasley **September 14** Laura Patterson

VIDEOGRAPHER

September 7 September 14

USHERS

Michael Rinker, Ashley Cline, Jeff Koenig, Barbara Albright

BUILDING SUPERVISORS

Chip Blackwelder & Mike Rinker

ALTAR FLOWERS

September 7 Kim Haberman September 14 Deb & Patsy Black

Sign Up to Volunteer

Lector Communion
Assistant

Acolyte

Videographer

Altar Flowers

Happy Birthday!

Sept. 8 - Laura Overby, Edith Propst

Sept. 9 - Dianne Lambert

Sept. 10 - Ryan Patterson, Alisa Wickliff, Libby Williams

Sept. 11 - Riece Pittard

Sept. 13 - Will Gillon, Hoke Hoekstra, Ward Hoekstra

Announcements



Reminder: God's Work. Our Hands. - This Sunday!

Don't forget! Join us after worship this Sunday, Sept. 7 in the Fellowship Hall for God's Work. Our Hands., the annual day of service with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

☐ Notes from St. James Music Ministry:



Carols by Candlelight

A congregational sing-along with full orchestra, choirs and organ

Saturday, Dec 13 ~ 7 PM

Visiting choristers are welcome contact Church Office at 704-786-0166

Tri-Tone Brass

featuring Juilliard Alumni and Charlotte Symphony Orchestra members:

Alex Wilborn, trumpet Andrew Fierova, french horn Thomas Burge, trombone

Saturday, Sept 20 ~ 7 PM

Organ Concert

An evening of music for organ and timpani featuring:

Brice Burton

Principle Percussionist for the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra

Dr. Kevin L. Estes
Director of Music Ministry & Organist

Saturday, Nov 8 ~ 7 PM

Rev. William C. Ridenhour

104 Union Street South Concord, NC 28026 Dr. Kevin L. Estes Director of Music Ministry

Tri-Tone Brass - Sept. 20

Join us for a memorable evening of music as three talented Juilliard graduates share their incredible gifts with our congregation and

Organ Concert - Nov. 8

Enjoy an evening of music for organ and timpani on Saturday, Nov. 8 at 7pm. Featuring: Brice Burton, Principle Percussionist for the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra & Dr. Kevin L.

Carols by Candlelight Dec. 13

Join us for a congregational sing-along of Advent and Christmas Carols accompanied by full Orchestra, Organ and the community. The brass trio group performs on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 7pm.

Estes, Director of Music Ministry & Organist.

Parish & Bell Choirs of St. James Lutheran Church on Saturday, December 13th at 7pm.



Kevin Estes featured panelist...

Our Director of Music Ministry, Kevin Estes, will be a featured panelist following the American Guild of Organist sponsored viewing of "Pipe Dreams" at the Independent Picture House (4237 Raleigh St., Charlotte, NC 28213) on Wednesday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend!

More...



Mission and Money; Money and Mission

On Sundays, September 14th and 21st, please come to the Fellowship Hall at 9am or immediately after worship for an informational and learning opportunity. The same information will be shared on all four occasions. The goal of these sessions is to increase the congregation's knowledge about how your offerings fuel our mission. In other words, this is an opportunity to answer the question, "where and for what do our offerings go?" Pastor Bill and Frank Irvin will be your presenters.



2025 Cabarrus/Stanly WELCA Fall Conference Gathering

Join the Cabarrus/Stanly Women of the ELCA Saturday, September 20, 8:30 AM–12:30 PM at Mt. Zion Lutheran, Richfield, for food, fellowship, Bible study, and a Candlelight Service of Remembrance. This year's theme is "For Such a Time as This, God's love breaks through" with a study on Peter and Cornelius. Cost is \$12; childcare available. Register by September 15 with Bonnie Smith (704-463-7781).



Concord Mayor and City Council

Our neighbors at Central United Methodist, 30 Union Street, N. invite the entire community to a civil, non-partisan, non-sectarian and respectful opportunity to hear from the candidates for the offices of Mayor and City Council. This forum will be held on September 24 from 7-8:30pm. This is a community event not a church event. This is an opportunity for the candidates to speak directly to citizens about our city. There will be no endorsements or political signs in the sanctuary. Mark Plemmons of the Daily Independent newspaper will be the moderator. The forum will be livestreamed and recorded. Remember early voting begins October 16 and election day is November 4.



Lifeline's Million Meals Tour Volunteer Opportunity

Join us as Lifeline Christian Mission brings the Million Meals Tour to Atrium Ballpark in Kannapolis, Oct. 24–25. This family-friendly event brings communities together to pack nutritious, shelf-stable meals for families facing food insecurity—locally in the Charlotte area and around the world.

St. James Social Ministry has reserved 10 volunteer spots for Saturday, Oct. 25 at 9:00AM. Meal packing takes about 1.5 hours, with plenty of time afterward to enjoy Downtown Kannapolis.

Volunteer slots are first-come, first-served. **Sign up here.** Contact Chris Miller with any questions.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This week's lesson...

Isaiah's Call and Ministry - Isaiah 6:1-8; 38:1-5

Today we will discuss God's calling for all of us to be His earthly mouthpieces and feet delivering the Good News of the Gospel to a fallen world. Our chief example today is the Prophet Isaiah, who served during the reign of King Hezekiah in the nation of Judah. Isaiah has a life-changing vison of God in His Temple and agrees to be God's messenger to His people. Isaiah served as a prophet for 64 years and delivered a lot of messages from God: some good, but a lot warning Judah and its people to turn back to God or face consequences! In the same way, we are called to spread the Good News of salvation to a world in desperate need of it. We'll discuss this on Sunday and considerer how God has called us to ministry! Hope to see you then!

In Case You Missed It...



My Father's House

St. James Lutheran Church will provide meals for My Father's House Ministry on Monday, September 15 (ham meal) and Tuesday, the 16 (chicken strip meal). If you can provide a side dish to accompany either meal, please contact Martha Matthews: 704-787-2180.

Suggestions: Mac & cheese, Bob Evans mashed potatoes, baked beans, green beans, corn, noodle dish, or any vegetable casserole. Also collecting fruit, desserts, rolls, and snacks for after school tutoring.

Martha will give you head count for each meal.



Lively Leisures Returns!

Join us on Tuesday, Sept. 9 for Lively Leisures - St. James' Senior Group. Lively Leisures meets the second Tuesday of the month at noon for lunch, fellowship, and a presentation.



Fly Over Drone Co. donates aerial footage

Earlier last week, JT Patton with Fly Over Drone Co. volunteered his services to capture these beautiful views of St. James in memory of Tony Mosley.



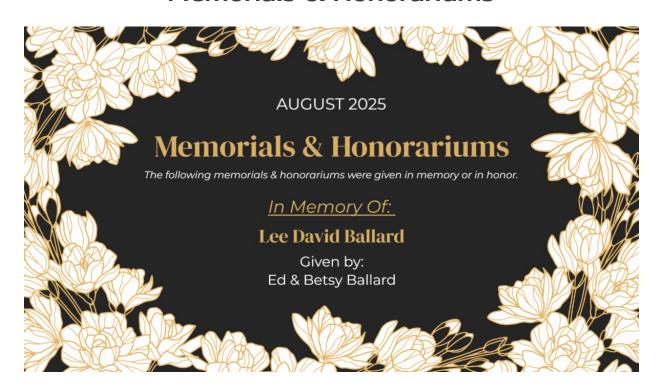
Save the Date - CROP Walk Oct. 12

Save the date for the Cabarrus County CROP Hunger Walk, Sunday, Oct. 12 at 2pm (check-in at 1pm).

This year's walk kicks off at First Presbyterian Church (70 Union St. NE).

St. James supports the CROP Walk each year by sponsorship and participation. Please save the date and plan to join us! More information including St. James team registration to come!

Memorials & Honorariums



Reminders



Sonshine Backpacks □

St. James is partnering with the Sonshine Backpack Ministry, which provides weekend food for Cabarrus County schoolchildren in need. For 12+ years, this ministry (led by Bonita Rowland at St. John's Lutheran) has helped ensure students don't go hungry when school meals aren't available.

How You Can Help (September Collection):

Bring non-perishable food items such as:

- Shelf-stable milk, cereal cups, oatmeal, grits
- Mac & cheese, canned pasta, soup, veggies, fruit
- Granola bars, juice boxes, popcorn, pudding cups
- □ Drop donations on the back counter in the church kitchen by Sept. 28.
- ☐ Questions? Contact Sylvia Corl (704-425-8621) or **Gretchen Walker**.



Blessing Box □

St. James is once again sponsoring the Blessing Box for the month of September.

Requested items:

- Nonperishable food
- Baby food
- Bottled water
- Hygiene items
- ☐ Items may be placed in the **Blessing Box at Rotary Square** or in the **collection bin in the portico.**

Volunteer Needs

Stewardship Committee Seeking Volunteers

The Stewardship Committee is looking for volunteers to join. If you are interested, please reach out to **Travis Nesbit**.





Call for Ushers □

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**.

In Our Prayers

Joyce Beaty

(Friend of the Marlow's)

Cecil Berry (Friend of Gretchen Walker)

Family of Michael Black (Nephew of Patsy Black)

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) Jennifer Cook (Friend of Fonda

Shumate)

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

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

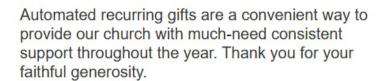
Roger Scarselletta

(Nephew of Joan Mahoney)

Deb Walker

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Ways to Give



St. James Staff

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Kathryn Radcliffe, Nursery Coordinator Email
Teresa Honeycutt, Custodian Email
Kim Haberman, Congregation President Email

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