



WEEKLY  
**Ring Out**  
NEWSLETTER



*"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:

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LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**  
GROWING IN CHRIST  
EST. 1843

## 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**  
Senior Pastor

**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/Stanny WELCA Fall Conference Gathering

Join the Cabarrus/Stanny 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 live-streamed 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 vision 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!

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## 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!

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## Memorials & Honorariums



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# 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.**

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# 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](#).

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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)

**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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## 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

[info@sjnc.net](mailto:info@sjnc.net)

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