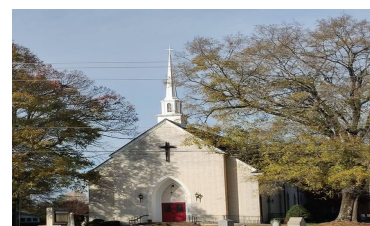


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"Ye are the light of the world."

Matthew 5:14



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The Season of Pentecost: What Does It Mean?

June 8th is Pentecost Sunday. The Gospel of Luke records that during the celebration of this Old Testament festival (Leviticus 23:15-21) the Holy Spirit was poured out on Jesus' disciples in a visible and extraordinary way. They spoke in many languages so that worshipers from all over the world heard and believed the Gospel and were baptized (Acts 2). We celebrate Pentecost as the completion of the Easter season and the fulfillment of Jesus' promise that He will send the Holy Spirit to His Church (John 14:15-31, 16:5-7).

It's a celebration! Pentecost is the celebration of the Spirit's work, particularly in creating faith in the heart through Holy Baptism and preaching (Acts 2:38). But the Spirit's work is to point to Jesus (John 15:26). So, Pentecost is a festival of Christ. The Christian Church has celebrated Pentecost since at least the third century, perhaps even in apostolic times (Acts 20:16). The color of Pentecost is red, recalling the tongues of fire on the disciples (Acts 2:3).

Second Article of the Apostles' Creed: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

("Lutheranism 101: Worship" and "Luther's Small Catechism.")

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 1 - Sun. AHG Awards Banquet (2:00 pm).
- June 2 - Mon. Women’s Meeting (7:00 pm).
- June 2 - End of August: Fellowship Building Closed for Renovations
- June 8 - Sun. Pentecost and Graduate Sunday
- June 17 - Tues. Women’s Craft Day with Lunch (10:00 am).
- June 18 - Wed. Church Council Meeting (7:00 pm).
- June 22 - Sun. Men’s Breakfast at Brookwood Restaurant.
- Blood pressure checks in the Office following Worship.



Tuesday Nights @ 7:00pm, Fellowship Building

A weekly study of the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday worship service.

Thursday Mornings @ 10:30am, Sanctuary with Pastor Ken

There will be no weekly Bible Studies on Thursday until further notice.

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The Solid Rock NALC Day Camp will be held at Grace Lutheran Church in Newton on June 16 through June 20 from 9 - 4 pm Monday - Thursday and 9 - 12 noon Friday. The camp is for all children grades 4K - 5th grades. There will be Bible study, singing, games, crafts, skits, and lots of fun!

The cost is \$100 per child and St. James will pay \$50 for each St. James member who attends. William Stewart is going to be one of the counselors. Please contact Pastor Ken if you have a child who is interested in attending.

The church is located at 4536 Hickory-Lincolnton Highway in Newton.

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EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Due to the renovation of the Fellowship building, we are postponing the Cockman Family singing till November 2025. We will let you know a definitive date as soon as we know. Also, we will not meet in the month of June.

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The Faith Bible Sunday School Class that meets in the Fellowship Building on Sunday mornings will meet in the Sanctuary during the renovation period of the Fellowship Building.



- 1. Donovan Painter, Daniel Sipe
- 2. Stephanie Dixon
- 3. Mildred Gilbert, Julia Seitz, Jerry Sipe
- 5. Daniel Clay Sipe
- 10. Ps. Ken Reed, Sue Rogers, Melinda Sipe
- 11. George Young
- 15. Terry Self
- 17. Janice Kelly, Hailee Moose, Jim Sharpe
- 18. Sharon Sipe
- 20. Ruby Sigmon
- 22. Brenda Schlie
- 23. Lori Devine
- 24. Zachery Link, Avalee O’Brien
- 25. Ben Devine
- 27. Lisa Chapman
- 28. Stephanie Heavner
- 29. Kevin Sipe
- 30. Clint Burgess

- 4. Benji Burgess
- 5. Chris Clark
- 6. Jerry Abernathy, Travis Lee
- 9. John Schlie, Jon Travis, Glenda Verbos
- 10. Wrenn Travis
- 11. Louis Setzer
- 12. Tina Beal, Brian Sipe, Sandra Turner
- 13. David Arndt
- 14. Rodney Miller
- 18. Marilyn Craig
- 21. Emma Dixon
- 23. Linda Carswell
- 25. Jean Link, Robin Sigmon, Brent Stewart
- 26. Gary Burgess, Reagan Painter
- 31. Noah Dixon



- 2. Mr. & Mrs. Steve Beal
- 9. Mr. & Mrs. David Hawn
- 11. Mr. & Mrs. David Link
- 15. Mr. & Mrs. David Arndt
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Seitz, Jr.
- 19. Mr. & Mrs. Earl Sipe
- 27. Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Stinson
- 29. Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Stikeleather

- 2. Mr. & Mrs. George Young
- 3. Mr. & Mrs. Bob Hullet
- 5. Mr. & Mrs. Ron Sipe
- 8. Mr. & Mrs. Jared Little
- 20. Mr. & Mrs. Ken Reed
Mr. & Mrs. Brent Stewart
- 22. Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Cline

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THE LAITY TEAM

The Laity Team plans to meet monthly to assess the current status of Church members. Prayers, cards, encouragement, and support to each other is our calling from our Lord. Kristy Painter or Keeley Stikeleather, co-chairs, may be contacted. The committee consists of Robin Burgess, Betty Hawn, Sue Lindley, and Claire Sipe. God’s continued blessings and peace to everyone.

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KIDS IN CHURCH



3-year-old: “Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen.”

A little boy was overheard praying: “Lord, if you can’t make me a better boy, don’t worry about it. I’m having a real good time like I am.”

A Sunday School class was studying the Ten Commandments. They were ready to discuss the last one. The teacher asked if anyone could tell her what it was. Susie raised her hand, stood tall, and quoted, “Thou shall not take the covers off the neighbor’s wife.”

One particular four-year-old prayed, “And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets.”

ST. JAMES' WOMENS GROUP

"CRAFTING QUEENS"

Come out and join the new group at the church! We will meet Tuesday, May 20th at 10:00 am to make items to be sold at the Bazaar. A light lunch will be served. Please come out and join us!!

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ITEMS WE NEED FOR THE BAZAAR

This year we are planning to have baskets to raffle off for the Bazaar. Anyone who might have things that they don't need any longer that could be used in either a **Chef's Basket, Spa Basket, Entertainment Basket or a Gardening Basket** we will gladly accept. Please bring the items and leave on the table by the Secretary's office. Thanks so much for your help!

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The American Heritage Girls will host their annual Awards Banquet on Sunday, June 1 at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Building. The congregation is invited to attend.

Congratulations to Jessie Sipe who graduated from Bandy's High School.
Gabby Hernandez made A/B honor roll, received 9 JROTC ribbons, 2 personal achievement ribbons, the Celebrate Freedom Foundation Award and the American Veterans Award.

Annabelle Hernandez made A honor roll.

Both girls competed in the National Archery Tournament in Louisville, KY in May.

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'Your thoughtfulness is a gift I will always treasure!'
Thank you all so much for the ramp and all you did for my safety.
Millie Gilbert

Dear people of St. James,
Thank you for your ongoing generosity to Lutheran World Relief.
We are so grateful for your partnership in caring for our neighbors in need both here and around the world.

In gratitude,
Emma Wagner

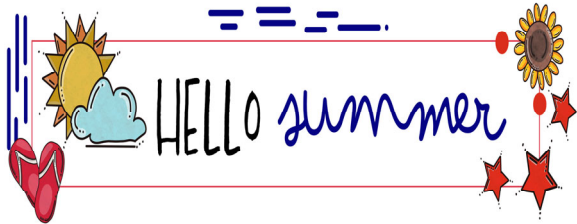
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FAITHFUL STEWARDS: God's love never goes on vacation. Good Stewards continue to give financially to support our church...even when on vacation. *THANK YOU* for remembering St. James each Sunday.

Our **Blessing Box** supplies are running low. Please help to restock as you are able with non-perishable food items. Please put items in the pantry which is located outside of the offices.

SPECIAL DATES IN JUNE

- June 8 Day of Pentecost
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 15 Trinity Sunday, Father’s Day
- June 19 Juneteenth
- June 20 First Day of Summer



CHILDREN’S SERMON WITH PASTOR BOB



YOUTH SUNDAY



The American Heritage Girls held their annual flag retirement ceremony on May 19th

