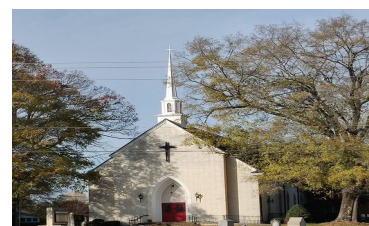


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“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

II Corinthians 5:7



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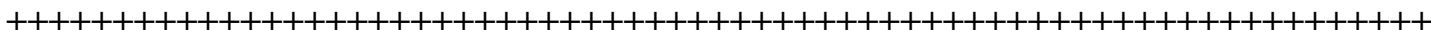
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Praying With Your Family at Night

In Martin Luther’s Small Catechism, he shares prayers he has written for various parts of the day. One specific prayer he offers is for the evening and close of the day. I find this prayer to be a meaningful summary of daily thankfulness, forgiveness and commendation. Upon Luther’s suggestion, I recommend this prayer to you and your family as a conclusion for each day and as a worthy acknowledgement of God’s grace:

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
I thank you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son,
that you have graciously protected me today;
and I ask you to forgive me all my sins and the wrong which I have done.
By your mercy, graciously protect me from the dangers of this night.
Into your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all that is mine.
Let your holy angel watch over me, that the wicked foe have no power over me. Amen.*



St. James Water?

It's not exactly what you think. Not special water, but a 12-ounce bottle of water with our name, address and a QR code that links someone directly to St. James' website. The Evangelism Committee will hand these out to visitors who attend outreach events such as Trunk-or-Treat, the Car Show, Soldiers Reunion Week, the Bazaar, along with our Easter party, visit from Santa, Family Fun Day and Vacation Bible School.

Also, we're putting together "visitor bags" for our worship visitors that will include various items including devotional books that put forth the name and various information about St. James.

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Tuesday Nights @ 7:00pm, Fellowship Building

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

Thursday Mornings @ 10:30am, Sanctuary

This weekly Bible Study with Pastor Ken resumes Sept. 5th. We'll begin a study on the Gospel of Matthew and explore a new passage each week.

- Sept. 5th. Matthew 1:1-25
- Sept. 12th, Matthew 2:1-23
- Sept. 19th, Matthew 3:1-17
- Sept. 26th, Matthew 4:1-11

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| Sept 2 nd | Women's meeting (7pm) | Sept 24 th | Laity Committee meeting (6:30pm) |
| Sept 5 th | Worship & Music meeting (6:30pm) | Sept 28 th | Car Show (10am-2pm) |
| Sept 11 th | Evangelism meeting (6:30pm) | Sept 30 th | Ashure Volunteer Day |
| Sept 14 th | Haas Cemetery Work Day (8am) | | |
| Sept 15 th | Homecoming Sunday w/ Lunch (10:30am) | | |
| Sept 18 th | Church Council meeting (7pm) | | |
| Sept 22 nd | Men's Breakfast (8am) | | |
| Sept 22 nd | Pizza with the Pastor for 6 th -12 th Grade (5pm) | | |

Pastor Ken will be taking vacation days Tuesday, Sept. 10th - Saturday, Sept. 14th. If your need is urgent, you may contact him on his cell (704) 796-1764.



- 1. Debra Self, Amanda Young Valone
- 3. Tanya Stinson, Janey Link Thern
- 4. Scott Arney, Darby Crouch
- 5. Jerry Stikeleather
- 8. Tim Sipe
- 9. Lindsey Arney
- 10. Carolyn Travis
- 12. Andy Sipe
- 14. Gracie Elizabeth Sipe
- 16. William Stewart
- 17. Amber Beal
- 20. Barbara Smith
- 21. Robert Dixon
- 23. Logan & Luke Devine, Zachery Lowman
- 24. Dennis Craig, Ellen Miller
- 27. Johnny Sigmon

- 3. Victor Paquin
- 5. Stephanie Shook
- 7. Joy Sharpe
- 9. Anissa Laws, Wesley Stinson
- 13. Brenda Isenhour, Celia Reece
- 15. Susan Hullet
- 17. MacKenzie Lowman Jordan
- 25. Aiden Palmer
- 27. Sharon Ford, Zoie Miller
- 31. Jonathan Schmutz



- 3. Mr. & Mrs. Ben Young
- 14. Mr. & Mrs. Joe Devine
- 16. Mr. & Mrs. Chad Deal
- 17. Mr. & Mrs. Alex Reed
- Mr. & Mrs. John Schlie
- 20. Mr. & Mrs. Jim Sharpe
- 21. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Crouch
- 26. Mr. & Mrs. Luke Devine
- 27. Mr. & Mrs. Dwayne Sipe

- 1. Mr. & Mrs. Jeffery Sigmon
- 8. Mr. & Mrs. Anthony O'Brien
- 9. Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Sipe
- 10. Mr. & Mrs. Steve Campbell
- 22. Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Miller
- 27. Mr. & Mrs. Mark Saunders

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THE LAITY TEAM

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. God's continued blessings and peace to everyone. The committee consists of Robin Burgess, Sue Lindley, and Claire Sipe.

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EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The Evangelism Committee along with the Worship & Music Committee are planning the Annual Haas Heritage Sunday which will be on Sunday, October 6th at 10:30am. This will be held at the Haas Cemetery. Afterwards, we will gather in the Fellowship Building for lunch which will be hotdogs and hamburgers and desserts. Please come out for the Service and Fellowship afterwards.

Sign-up sheets for the Mt. Airy Trip are in the Narthex and Educational Building window. Please sign up if you are interested. The trip will be Saturday, October 19th.

The Committee will meet on Wed. Sept. 11th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Building.



American Heritage Girls Mum Sale 2024

PRICE \$12.00 EACH

ORDERS DUE WITH PAYMENT: SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

PICKUP DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

PICKUP TIME: 5:30-8:00 PM

PICKUP LOCATION: ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

1942 ST. JAMES CHURCH ROAD NEWTON, NC 28658

COLORS:

QUANTITY:

RADIANT RED _____

SUNSET ORANGE _____

MATADOR YELLOW _____

MEKENZIE WHITE _____

WANDA PURPLE _____

TOTAL MUMS: _____ X \$12.00 _____

***WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO MAKE SURE YOU RECEIVE THE COLORS YOU ORDER. PLEASE NOTE: IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, WE WILL REPLACE YOUR COLORS WITH THE NEXT COLOR AVAILABLE.

ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT: ERICA PAQUIN (828)238-8220 OR MANDY SHELTON (828)461-4818

Homecoming Sunday

September 15th

Join us for worship at 10:30am with lunch to follow.

Guest Preacher

Deaconess Emily Sigmon Edwards

Emily Sigmon Edwards is a native of Newton, NC. Emily is a daughter of St. James Lutheran Church where, for many years, she shared her gifts for music in worship. Emily has served in various capacities in Lutheran congregations in Catawba and Lincoln counties. Most recently, she served as Director of Communication and *NewSong* Worship Curator for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Hickory, NC). Emily has a B.A. in Converging and Interactive Media from Lenoir-Rhyne University (2017) and, since February 2023, is a consecrated Deaconess with the Lutheran Diaconal Association (LDA). She is currently called to the ministry of caregiving for Kevin, her husband of 13 years.





Hello:

Thanks for sending me the newsletter and bulletins. Thanks for being my church family.

Blessings and Love,
Molly Booher

The Pharmacy at Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministries is very appreciative of donated clean prescription bottles. Claire Sipe continues collecting and delivering these containers.

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AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS' AWARDS CEREMONY



BLESSING OF THE BOOKBAGS



NEW CARILLON SPEAKERS

