



# ST. JAMES

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Journal*

*July 2023*

**Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Worship with Holy Communion**  
**at 11:00 am**

**Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Worship at 11:00 am**

**Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**VBS Closing Worship at 11:00 am**

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**Worship with Holy Communion**  
**at 11:00 am**

**Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Worship at 11:00 am**

# *July Worship Services*

*Sunday Mornings*  
*Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Fred*  
*at 9:15- 9:45 am*  
*Sunday School at 9:45 am*





Join us for a  
**STELLAR week at VBS!**



**STELLAR**

SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

**St. James Lutheran Church**

**Sunday, July 9th - Thursday, July 13th**

**Dinner 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm**

**VBS Classes & Activities 6:15pm - 8:45 pm**

**Classes for children, youth and adults!**



Email us to register at  
**[StJamesNewsInfo@gmail.com](mailto:StJamesNewsInfo@gmail.com)**

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*A message from Pastor Fred...*

## Any Questions?

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

This summer we will be talking about our faith in an intentional style where any questions are okay to ask! Anything that is challenging you is something that we can address together.

"Doubt isn't the opposite of faith; it is an element of faith." - Paul Tillich

Our life is a chance to explore our faith and that's what we'll be doing together this summer. The adult VBS class (July 9 -13) will start with Bible study and continue into time to discuss any faith questions you have.

For those in their twenties and thirties, we will meet later this summer in Aiken for fellowship and a chance to address any questions about faith. Any questions about God that confirmation didn't answer or any that just came up are welcome. Write them down so we can discuss them!

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. Hebrews 11*

Excited to talk with you about faith,  
Pastor Fred

Pastor Fred and some of our confirmands spent a week at Confirmation Camp at Lutherock in Newland, NC. They enjoyed many activities including games, hiking, ziplining, Bible Study, and worship services.



# July

## Upcoming Events

### **GreenJackets Baseball Church Outing**

**Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at SRP Park**

**Gates open at 5:30 pm & Buffet begins at 6:30 pm**

Please note that the GreenJackets stadium does NOT accept Cash.  
There is a parking garage across from the stadium. Parking is \$5 per car.

**Payment by card only- no cash!**

**Clear Bag Policy**

### **Vacation Bible School**

**Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Dinner 5:30-6:15 pm**

**VBS Classes & Activities 6:15- 8:45 pm**

**VBS Closing Worship - Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am**

**Church Council will not meet in July.**

**Games will not meet in July.**

**Lifestyle will not meet in July & August.**

**Meetings will resume in September.**

**WELCA/LMM will meet on Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>  
for lunch at 1:00 pm followed by the meetings.**

All women and men are invited to join for lunch and the meetings.

**The School Supply Drive continues until July 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Please place donations on the pew in the fellowship hall.

Please see your bulletin for a complete list of items requested.





## President's Message

A number of improvements and upgrades to the church proper and property have been completed at St. James over the past 18 months. The work has come at a cost; literally! The capital fund which has hovered at about \$50,000 since pre-pandemic years has been put to good use, and now the account balance is now in the mid \$20,000 range. The capital fund was not able to fund all of these projects, but thanks to the generosity of individual donors, St. James has received the upgrades it needs to serve the people who worship here. This is a summary of the work done over the past 18 months.

### 2022

1. Parking lots were restriped.
2. Driveway access to the ramp in front of the church was completed.
3. New laminate flooring was installed in the pastor's office, the secretary's office, and the copier/file room.
4. A counterweight was installed for the eternal flame in the chancel area so that the eternal flame could be pulled down to a height of four feet so the candle can be replaced without the use of a ladder.
5. A new ice machine was installed.
6. New LED lighting was installed in the sanctuary significantly increasing the lumen output.
7. A facelift was completed in the nursery and adjoining classroom to include painting, new countertop, new bathroom fixture, wainscot to replace the carpet on the wall, new laminate flooring, and new accessories such as window treatments, area rugs, chair cushions, etc.

### 2023

1. Installed laminate flooring for two rooms on first floor of the Sunday School wing.
2. Two bathrooms in the fellowship hall have been made wheelchair accessible.
3. Demolished shed at parsonage and erected a fence.
4. Cleaned carpet in sanctuary and tile in fellowship hall, kitchen, chapel, and hallways.
5. Replaced heat pump in narthex.
6. Removed unsafe playground equipment.
7. Painted outside handrails.

Church Council has appointed a committee to help build up the Capital Fund so the property of St. James can continue to support its members. The committee members are Charles Busbee (chairman), Dana DeRemigio, and Caroline Andrews. This group has been issued a charge to develop a Capital Fund Campaign to begin the first Sunday in September and run through December 2023. The goal is to have \$100,000 in the Capital Fund by year's end to continue moving us forward!

St. James has in place an evolving three year plan which means year 2023 will be replaced by 2026 at council's January planning meeting. We will use the Capital Fund to continue improvements and upgrades at St. James in 2026 and beyond.

You will be kept apprised of the committee's progress and how the campaign will be implemented. Please give prayerful thought to what we all can do to make St. James serve you and all who come in to worship with us through our Capital Fund.

Ronald Wood  
Church Council President



After two years of confirmation classes, our confirmands affirmed their faith during worship on the Day of Pentecost, May 28<sup>th</sup>. We celebrated them at a reception during Sunday School.





The First Communion class learned how grapes are used to make wine and how to bake bread. The bread was served at communion on Holy Trinity Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. The first communicants received their first communion at the Lord's Table on this day. Thank you to Noel Nichols, Carol Horsley, & Mycah Klinker for their help with the bread and wine.

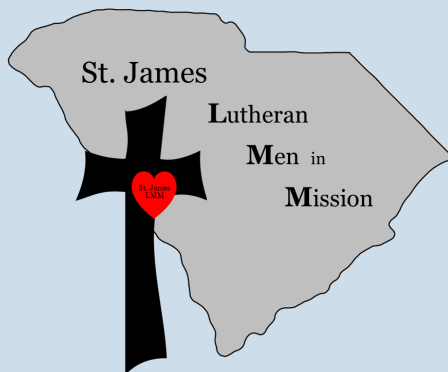


# Lifestyle

The guest speaker for the June Lifestyle Meeting was Lessie Price, Aiken City Council member. Thank you to Ronald & Helen Wood and Barry & Lisa Kirby for providing lunch for the meeting. Lifestyle will not meet in July and August. The meetings will resume in September.



## Lutheran Men in Mission



*Thank you..*

Thank you for your donations on Father's Day in honor or in memory of fathers or father figures in your lives. A total of \$1,070 was donated to Lutheran Men in Mission to support their ministries.



*Thank you..*

Thank you to everyone who supported the Backpack fundraiser to sponsor children at Byrd Elementary & Graniteville Elementary Schools for 2023-2024. With your generous donations on Backpack Sunday in May and throughout the year, St. James will sponsor 25 students at each of the elementary schools. A total of \$4,365 was donated for Backpack Sunday.



# SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

## BYRD ELEMENTARY

### School Supplies:

Composition Notebooks (wide ruled)  
Scissors  
Pencil Boxes  
Headphones/Ear Buds  
Glue Sticks

### Food:

Pop-Tarts  
Cereal Bars

### Toiletries:

Deodorant

### Clothing:

Leggings (various sizes)  
Athletic Shorts (various sizes)  
Underwear (various sizes)

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a School Supply Drive starting in June and running through July until Aiken County Schools resume on July 25.

Please place donations on the pew in the fellowship hall. Specific items requested by the schools are listed below.

## LEAVELLE-MCCAMPBELL MIDDLE

### School Supplies:

3-Ring Binders  
Book Bags  
Mechanical Pencils  
Pencil Sharpeners  
Pencil Pouches  
Ear Buds  
Composition Notebooks (college ruled)

### Toiletries:

Toothpaste  
Shampoo & Conditioner

## Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:

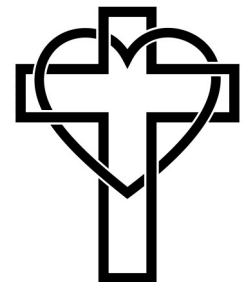
Angela Vandegrift, Bob Petrulovich, Tom Hair, Hiram Redd, Vivian Hill (Andy Cone's grandmother), Hong & Larry May (Friends of Barbara Cobb), Frank Sanford (Friend of Cindy Hatcher & Barbara Cobb), Benny Hydrick (Friend of Tony Carroll), Mary Lyons (Friend of Gloria Sloan), Barry Franklin (Mike Franklin's brother), Camille Morris (Donna Abreo's granddaughter), Nanci Carter (Bob Petrulovich's daughter), Gene Moyer, Libby Scott, Ronnie Gordon, Bobbie Bauserman, Pat Weeks. **Anchor:** Mary Ellen Johnson **Trinity:** Ruth Orr, Bobby Reece **Augusta Gardens:** Sheri Abreo **Silver Bluff Grove:** Vicki Bolton  
**May the Lord bless them with His healing presence and keep them in true faith. Amen.**

### Offering Option [www.stjamesgraniteville.com/giving/](http://www.stjamesgraniteville.com/giving/)

You can now give online on our website! You can give a onetime offering or set up a recurring offering. In the description box, please note where your offering should be directed. (for example, Current and Benevolence, Backpack, etc.)

## Financial Update May 2023

General Fund:	<u>May 2023</u>	<u>Jan-Dec 2023</u>
Offering	\$ 16,910.00	\$ 94,776.48
Expenses	\$ - 16,852.03	\$ - 88,576.30
Net Total	\$ 57.97	\$ 6,200.18



Church Council minutes and financial reports are available in their entirety in the church office. Copies of the Church Council minutes are also available on the table located outside of the church office.

Share your good news and church events with your church family!  
Email the information to: [StJamesNewsInfo@gmail.com](mailto:StJamesNewsInfo@gmail.com)



# July Volunteer List

## Lay Readers & Lay Assistants

**July 2:** Carol Horsley (& Lay Assistant)

**July 9:** Jim Cobb

**July 16:** VBS

**July 23:** Gloria Sloan (& Lay Assistant)

**July 30:** Robbie Franklin



## Worship Team

**July 2:** Kaylee Sharpe (A) Zoe Ford (C)

**July 9:** Dominic Price (A) Brayden Weed (C)

**July 16:** Trey Johnson (A) Dominic Price (C)

**July 23:** Justin Joiner (A) Brayden Joiner (C)

**July 30:** Trey Johnson (A) Spencer Johnson (C)

## Altar Flowers

**July 2:** Libby Scott in memory of Delores Morris - \$ Backpack

**July 9:** Carol & Laura Horsley in honor of Jim's Birthday

**July 16:** Bill & Else Cegelis in memory of Donald & Dianne Fulmer- \$ Backpack

**July 23:** Kenneth Johnson & Jackie Stong in memory of the anniversary of their parents, Tom & Doris Johnson- \$ Backpack

**July 30:** Open Date

## Altar Guild

Garrett Maroney

## Ushers

Mike Cutshall & Kenneth Johnson

## Sound Technicians

**July 2:** Ben Sharpe

**July 9:** Robbie Franklin

**July 16:** Lane Rogers & Charles Busbee

**July 23:** Robbie Franklin

**July 30:** Ben Sharpe

## Greeter

Sara Rutland







## *Happy Birthday*

## *Happy Anniversary*

Jake Jones	1
Robert Coleman	2
Emily Sharpe	2
Caroline Andrews	6
Wendy Butler	7
Jan Maroney	7
Jim Horsley	11
Kristen Franklin	12
Ruth Vance	17
Christa Terry	19
Cindy Hatcher	20
Mike Franklin	21
Butch Shaffer	21
Parker Welsh	24
Watson Youmans	29

Jerry & Tanya Odom
July 7th
Vinny & Dana DeRemigio
July 31st







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