



# ST. JAMES

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### *The Journal*

June 2025

## June Worship Services

**Seventh Sunday of Easter, June 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Worship at 11:00 am**

**Day of Pentecost, June 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am**

**Holy Trinity Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Lutheran Men in Mission Sunday**  
**Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am**

**Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Worship at 11:00 am**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Worship at 11:00 am**

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



## Upcoming Events

SC Synod Assembly will be held in Charleston on June 12-14.

**Church Council will meet on Sunday, June 8, at 5:00 pm.**

**Tie Blankets will meet on Monday, June 9, at 1:00 pm.**  
All are invited to join in making blankets.



**Lutheran Men in Mission Sunday is June 15<sup>th</sup>.**  
Dedications in honor or in memory of a special man in your life are due by Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**WELCA/LMM will meet on Monday, June 23, at 1:00 pm for a potluck lunch followed by the meetings.**  
All women and men are invited to join for lunch and the meetings.

## Announcements



### Father's Day Honorariums & Memorials

St. James Lutheran Men in Mission offers you the opportunity to honor a special man in your life on Lutheran Men in Mission Sunday. You may make a freewill donation to Lutheran Men in Mission in honor or memory of him.

Please place your donation and this form in the offering plate by Sunday, June 8, to have your dedication printed in the Father's Day Sunday worship bulletin on June 15. Make checks payable to St. James with LMM Father's Day written on the notes line of the check or designated on your offering envelope. If you donate online, please designate as a donation to Lutheran Men in Mission Father's Day.

**The Archie & Mary Dodgen College Scholarship** is available for confirmed members to be used to attend a certified college to obtain an undergraduate degree. The scholarship may be renewed annually and requirements include having a GPA of 2.75/4.0 scale (High School Senior) or 2.50/4.0 (College). Application forms are available in the church office. Completed application forms should be returned to the office by July 10<sup>th</sup> for the school year 2025-2026.



## Letter from the President of Church Council

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update and information to the St. James congregation on measures that have been taken by Church Council to meet the ministry, worship, and outreach needs of our church during our pastoral vacancy.

The service of Pastor Bob Byrne, retired pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Aiken, was greatly appreciated during Lent and on Easter Sunday. His presence enabled St. James to use the preferred talents of Jim Cobb and Garrett Maroney in leading worship, rather than relying on an interim pastor or supply pastor(s).

Bishop Ginny Aebischer and Deacon Kimberly Heindl, Assistant to the Bishop, visited in early April to discuss leadership requirements needed by St. James after the Lent/Easter period. The following plan was decided upon after meeting with the Synod representatives and several subsequent telephone conversations discussing changes and options.

Jim Cobb

1. Will preach and teach the Word of God one Sunday in a four-week month and two Sundays in a five-week month and special days of the Church year and funerals (as requested by Church Council).
2. Preside at worship and administer the sacraments (under the Letter of Dispensation from the bishop).
3. Provide pastoral care to all members of the congregation according to their needs, visit the ill and shut-ins in the hospital, nursing home, or at home, and uphold all in the congregation in prayer as requested by the council.
4. Be available one afternoon per week for office hours and to oversee church activities as determined by council.
5. Attend monthly Church Council meetings with voice but not vote.
6. Teach confirmation as requested by Church Council.
7. Will be paid \$600/week plus reimbursement for all church related expenses.

Garrett Maroney

1. Will preach three Sundays per month.
2. Continue current role in teaching Sunday School.
3. Sing the Kyrie and other liturgy as needed at Sunday services.
4. Will be paid \$600/week in addition to reimbursement for expenses incurred in church related activities.

It is expected that these arrangements will enable St. James to continue to proclaim the Gospel and worship our Triune God in our traditional way until a permanent pastor is called.

God's peace be with you,  
Ronald Wood

# Call Committee News

## St. James Call Committee

Mike Willis, Chairman  
Steve Murphy  
Kathy Rogers  
Cathie Valentine  
Angela Vandegrift  
Allison Youmans

Thank you to these members of St. James who have accepted the responsibility of serving on the Call Committee. Please keep the committee in your prayers as they meet to discuss the steps of the call process and gather needed information for the synod as we prepare for calling a new pastor.

### ***The Call Committee needs your help! The call process involves everyone!***

A *Congregational Survey to Assist in the Call Process* was distributed to the congregation on May 18<sup>th</sup>. If you were not at worship on that Sunday, your survey has been mailed to you. Please take some time to complete the survey. You may work on the survey together as a family, or each family member may complete their own. Extra copies of the survey are available in the office. The Call Committee will review the responses and use the information gathered to guide discussions at a Congregational Round Table Discussion Meeting, as well as to complete the required information for the synod. The date for this meeting will be decided in June. Please return the completed survey to Kathy Rogers as soon as possible, or place it in the box on the desk in the office. All surveys should be submitted by June 8<sup>th</sup>.



Dear St. James,

On this Easter Monday, I would like to express to the council and to the people of St. James Lutheran my gratitude for the wonderful opportunity to serve the congregation during Lent and through to the Easter holiday. I consider it a blessing from God to have had this opportunity and to meet such faithful followers of our Risen Lord.

Your considerations for my service were very generous and greatly appreciated. The leadership you now have in place during your pastoral vacancy will serve you well.

Peace,  
Pastor Bob

# Outreach



**Thank you** for your donations to God's Global Barnyard during Lent. A total of \$447 was collected and the Sunday School children have selected animals to purchase for this important ELCA Good Gifts project.

**Thank you** for your donations to the Backpack program on Backpack Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, and throughout the year in your offerings and in donations in lieu of flowers. Your generous donations help provide children in need with food on the weekends.



**Thank you** so much for the Souper Bowl Collection of \$353.00 that you donated to Catholic Charities of South Carolina in Gloverville. This donation will be used to help individuals and families in need. We feel very humbled and sincerely grateful for your help. Thank you for the support of the center.

Thank you for helping us to be there for persons in need, showing love of neighbor in action. May our Lord bless you for the good you do for others. You can be sure that He will not be outdone in generosity.

Most gratefully,  
Joely Leguizamon, Site Administrator  
Catholic Charities of South Carolina  
Gloverville Regional Office



The Outreach Committee donated a "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" auction item for the SRNS Celebrity Waiter Night for Children's Place. Sarah Brunson helped with the acquisition of auction items for the fundraiser. The Augusta GreenJackets and Thrivent contributed items for our baseball-themed gift.







St. James WELCA would like to thank everyone who made donations in honor or in memory of their mother or a special woman in their life on Mother's Day. Your generous donations totaled over \$1,000. The ladies of WELCA have chosen to donate the money to Nurture Home and Stand at the Crossroad Ministries. Both of these ministries help women who are in need of assistance to improve their lives. They offer housing, meals, education, and other needed services to help women thrive and become self-sufficient.



Marsha Franklin, a representative of the Leavelle McCampbell School Alumni Association (LMSAA), presented Ronald Wood with a certificate of appreciation to St. James for our support of LMSAA in 2025 as a Community Outreach Member.

**Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:**

Jean Plunkett, Pat Vandegrift (Mother of Scott Vandegrift), Kim Rogers Tarabek (Daughter of Milton Rogers), Caroline Andrews, Phil Homan, Robert Coleman, Ben Sharpe, Barry Kirby (Son-in-law of Ronald & Helen Wood), Margaret Wise (Aunt of Charles Busbee), Kaye Pazderski (Friend of Libby Scott), Don Bolls (Friend of Becky Johnson), Randy McCormack (Brother of Christa Terry), Dottie Iritz (Sister of Gloria Sloan), Bruce Ashby (Brother of Karmen Spletzer), Lauren Jordan (Friend of Karmen Spletzer), Benny Hydrick (Friend of Tony Carroll), Libby Scott  
**Anchor:** Mary Ellen Johnson **Trinity:** Bobby Reece **Silver Bluff Grove:** Vicki Bolton  
**May the Lord bless them with His healing presence and keep them in true faith. Amen.**



# *Congratulations to our 2025 Graduates!*



## ***Dominic Price***

will graduate from  
Aiken High  
School on  
May 29<sup>th</sup>.



## ***Julie Cobb***

graduated with honors  
from  
Aiken Technical College.  
She earned a Certificate  
in General Studies.



## ***Ethan Youmans***

graduated from USC-Aiken with a  
Bachelor of Science in  
Mechanical Engineering.  
He will attend the Darla Moore  
School of Business  
at the University of South Carolina  
in Columbia this fall to pursue a  
Masters in Business Administration.



## ***Abigail Tyler***

will graduate from Aiken High  
School on May 29<sup>th</sup>.  
She plans to attend the  
University of South Carolina in  
Columbia  
and major in Business.



## ***Parker Welsh***

graduated from  
Clemson University with a  
Masters in Civil Engineering.  
Parker will be working for  
Devita in Greenville.  
He will get married to his  
fiancé, Caroline,  
on May 31<sup>st</sup> in Charleston.

# June Volunteer List



## Lay Readers & Lay Assistants

**June 1:** Patti Cutshall (Lay Reader)

**June 8:** Carol Horsley (Lay Reader & Lay Assistant)

**June 15:** Lutheran Men in Mission (Lay Reader & Lay Assistant)

**June 22:** Gloria Sloan (Lay Reader)

**June 29:** Karmen Spletzer (Lay Reader)

## Worship Team

**June 1:** (A) Dominic Price (C) Brayden Weed

**June 8 (Pentecost):**

**Worship Team:** Dominic Price, Justin Joiner, Brayden Joiner, Zoe Ford, Brayden Weed

**June 15:** (A) Brayden Joiner (C) Justin Joiner

**June 22:** (A) Zoe Ford (C) Dominic Price

**June 29:** (A) Justin Joiner (C) Brayden Joiner

## Altar Flowers

**June 1:** Butch & Marcia Shaffer in honor of their wedding anniversary- \$ Backpack

**June 8:** Pentecost

**June 15:** Lane & Kathy Rogers in honor of their wedding anniversary- \$ Luther Point

**June 22:** Teddy & Georganne Weeks- \$ Backpack

**June 29:** Donald & Cindy Hatcher & their children, Erin, Louis, Karen, in memory of the birthday of Louis J. Hatcher's father, George W. Hatcher, Jr.- \$ LMM

**Altar Guild:** Becky Johnson & Elaine Johnson

**Ushers:** Mike Cutshall & Gaines Entrekin

**Greeter:** Teddy Weeks

## Sound Technicians

**June 1:** Andy Cone

**June 8:** Lane Rogers

**June 15:** Andy Cone

**June 22:** Robbie Franklin

**June 29:** Lane Rogers







*Happy Birthday!*

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|----|-------------------|
| 3  | Scarlett Bell     |
| 4  | Georganne Weeks   |
| 5  | Gloria Sloan      |
| 7  | Janice Nichols    |
| 7  | Nathan Vandegrift |
| 9  | Melissa Cone      |
| 9  | Sharon Willis     |
| 11 | Hiram Redd        |
| 13 | Sam Swygert       |
| 14 | Walker Storey     |
| 17 | Ashton DeRemigio  |
| 20 | Matthew Willis    |
| 25 | William Johnson   |
| 27 | Wesley Sloan      |
| 28 | Tony Carroll      |



*Happy Anniversary!*

Butch & Marcia Shaffer  
June 5

Lanny & Cathie Valentine  
June 9

Lane & Kathy Rogers  
June 16

Stephen & Allison Youmans  
June 26

Teddy & Georganne Weeks  
June 29



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

Donations can be made on the St. James website! You have the option to give a one-time offering or set up a recurring donation. In the description box, please specify where you would like your offering to be directed (for example, Current & Benevolence, Capital Fund, Backpack, etc.).



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