



ST. JAMES

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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September Worship Services

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 7th
Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 14th
Worship at 11:00 am

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 21st
Rally Day
Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am
Congregational Dinner & Trivia Tournament
following worship in the fellowship hall

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 28th
Worship at 11:00 am



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





September Upcoming Events

Tie Blankets will meet on Monday, September 8, at 1:00 pm.

Church Council will meet on Sunday, September 14, at 5:00 pm.

Rally Day - Sunday, September 21

Sunday School at 9:45 am

Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am

Congregational Dinner & Trivia Tournament following Worship

WELCA/LMM will meet on Monday, September 22, at 1:00 pm.

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

Midland Valley JV Football Meal - Thursday, September 25



Midland Valley Junior Varsity Football Meal – September 25th

St. James will host the Midland Valley Junior Varsity football team on
Thursday, September 25th with a pre-game meal.

If you would like to help prepare food or serve, please contact Daphne Carroll.

What is Rally Day?



Most of us probably think of Rally Day as just the beginning of a new Sunday School year, but it's much more than that.

According to Webster's Dictionary, "rally" has two meanings:

- 1) As a verb, it means "to draw or call together for a common purpose."
- 2) As a noun, it refers to "a renewal of energy in joint action."

During the summer, activities and vacations often pull members of a congregation away from church and from each other. By the end of summer, we often find ourselves in need of a "renewal of energy" in our spiritual lives. While it can be challenging to rejuvenate on our own, it becomes much easier when we come together as a group. This is why we dedicate one special day each year at the end of summer to "rally"—to "draw together for a common purpose" and seek the Holy Spirit's power to "renew our energy" for worship, studying God's Word, prayer, service, and witnessing.

Join us for Rally Day on Sunday, September 21, as we come together to refresh our spirits and renew our commitment to growing in trust and obedience to Jesus Christ. We will begin with Sunday School at 9:45 am, followed by worship at 11:00 am. After worship, please join us for food and fellowship at a congregational dinner and trivia tournament.

(Thank you to Pastor David Dauk at Living Word Lutheran Church for sharing with us this wonderful article on "What is Rally Day?")

Rally Day- Sunday, September 21st

Sunday School at 9:45 am

Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am

Congregational Dinner & Trivia Tournament following Worship

Fried chicken and drinks will be provided.

**Please bring side dishes (casseroles, vegetables, salads, etc.)
and desserts to share.**



WELCA NEWS



The ladies of WELCA put together eight Fabric Kits at their July meeting to be donated to LWR (Lutheran World Relief) for distribution in many countries around the world. These kits provide fabric and thread for vocational training programs that teach sewing—a valuable skill that can help both men and women earn a reliable income. The kits also enable women to create clothing for themselves and their children. The kits were collected at the 2025 SC WELCA Annual Convention held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Aiken on August 15-16. Barbara Cobb, Cindy Hatcher, and Gloria Sloan attended the convention from our St. James WELCA.



Ladies from WELCA made twelve tie blankets for patients in the Spinal Cord Unit at the VA Hospital in Augusta. The blankets were delivered to the hospital by Jim & Barbara Cobb.



Christmas in July July 27th



Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Mike Franklin

Jean Plunkett

Otis Gibson

Christopher Allgood (Grandson of
Kenneth Johnson)

Francine Shaffer (Sister of Marcia Shaffer)

Randy Shaffer (Brother of Butch Shaffer)

Mary Elaine Lyons (Friend of Gloria Sloan)

Courtney Lefevre (Friend of Libby Scott)

Caroline Andrews

Phil Homan

Robert Coleman

Ben Sharpe

Margaret Wise (Aunt of Charles Busbee)

Barry Kirby (Son-in-law of
Ronald & Helen Wood)

Kaye Pazderski (Friend of Libby Scott)

Randy McCormack (Brother of Christa Terry)

Benny Hydrick (Friend of Tony Carroll)

Libby Scott

Trinity: Bobby Reece

Silver Bluff Grove: Vicki Bolton



May the Lord bless them with His healing presence and keep them in true faith. Amen.

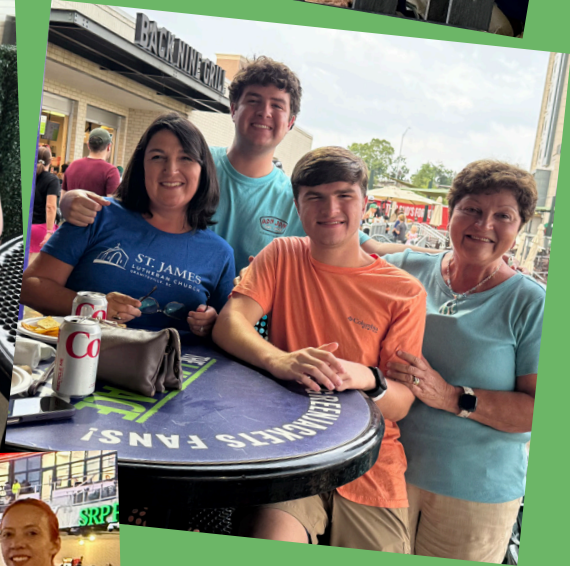


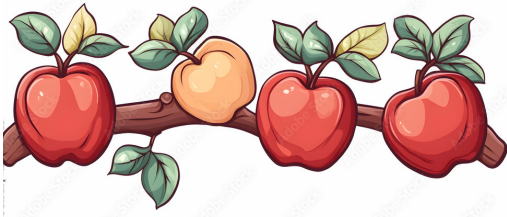
St. James was at the Ballpark!



What great fun and fellowship we had at the GreenJackets game on August 8th!
Our group was also picked to lead the song "Take Me Out To The Ballgame"
during the 7th inning stretch!







September Volunteer List



Lay Readers & Lay Assistants

September 7: Ralph Abreo (Lay Reader) Charles Busbee (Lay Assistant)

September 14: Donna Abreo (Lay Reader)

September 21: Tiffany Coleman (Lay Reader) Steve Murphy (Lay Assistant)

September 28: Patti Cutshall (Lay Reader)

Worship Team

September 7: (A) Spencer Johnson (C) Dominic Price

September 14: (A) Justin Joiner (C) Brayden Joiner

September 21: (A) Spencer Johnson (C) Zoe Ford

September 28: (A) Justin Joiner (C) Brayden Joiner

Altar Guild: Sandra Johnson and Butch & Marcia Shaffer

Ushers: Mike Cutshall & Phil Homan

Greeter: Karmen Spletzer

Altar Flowers

September 7: Open Date

September 14: Tony & Daphne Carroll in honor of their wedding anniversary- \$ Backpack

September 21: Scott & Angela Vandegrift - \$ Backpack

September 28: Milton Rogers in memory of Kyle Rogers- \$ Backpack

Sound Technicians

September 7: Robbie Franklin

September 14: Lane Rogers

September 21: Robbie Franklin

September 28: Andy Cone



SEPTEMBER

Happy Birthday!

- 2 - Chase Busbee
- 5 - Robert Reece
- 6 - Gary Bryant
- 6 - Barbara Cobb
- 8 - Dana DeRemigio
- 10 - Everly Brunson
- 13 - Taylor Coleman
- 20 - Jasmine Weed
- 22 - Brayden Joiner
- 28 - Brenda Schuler



Happy Anniversary!

Tony & Daphne Carroll
September 16

Rhett & Elaine Johnson
September 22

Robert & Tiffany Coleman
September 23



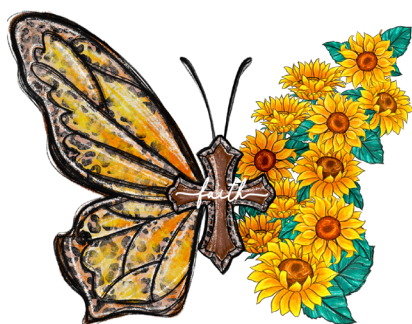


Offering Option:

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.).



I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH
CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME

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Vice-President: Charles Busbee

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