



# ST. JAMES

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### *The Journal*

October 2025

## *October Worship Services*

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 5**  
**Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am**

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 12**  
**Worship at 11:00 am**

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 19**  
**Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am**

**Reformation Sunday, October 26**  
**Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am**  
**Oktoberfest Lunch & Valley Empty Stocking Fundraiser**  
**following worship in the fellowship hall**

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

# October Upcoming Events

**Church Council will meet on Sunday, October 12, at 5:00 pm.**

**Tie Blankets will meet on Monday, October 13, at 1:00 pm.**

This month we will be making scarves from fleece left from previous blanket projects and sorting and inventorying items collected for the Blessing Boxes.

**Service Choir will practice on Tuesdays, October 14 & 21, at 5:30 pm.**

**St. James Ringers will practice on Tuesdays, October 14 & 21, at 6:15 pm.**

**Trunk or Treat at Gregg Park Civic Center**

**Thursday, October 23, 6:00-7:30 pm**

**Oktoberfest lunch hosted by WELCA and Lutheran Men in Mission**

Sunday, October 26, following worship in the fellowship hall

A free-will offering will be collected for the Valley Empty Stocking Fund.

**WELCA/LMM will meet on Monday, October 27, for lunch at 1:00 pm.**

A speaker from Walking Tall Ministries will share with us their mission and ministries in a combined program for WELCA and LMM. All women and men are invited to join us for a potluck lunch followed by the meetings.



## Trunk or Treat!

Please join us for Trunk or Treat!

We are teaming up again this year with  
Gregg Park Civic Center!

**Thursday, October 23rd**

**6:00 pm-7:30 pm**

Gregg Park Civic Center Parking Lot  
(If it rains, this event will be moved inside.)

**Monetary donations are needed to help purchase candy.**

**We also need participants to decorate their cars.**

If you would like to help or need assistance with ideas for decorating your vehicle, please contact Tonia Busbee.





## Food and Coat Drive for 2nd ACTS



Throughout the month of October, we will be collecting non-perishable food items as well as coats, hats, gloves, socks, underwear (for adults and children of all sizes), and blankets for 2nd ACTS in Graniteville. Any non-perishable food is welcome, including ready-to-eat canned goods with pull-tab tops, which can be distributed to the homeless. Please leave your donated items on the pew in the fellowship hall. Thank you for your generosity!



### Oktoberfest Lunch & Valley Empty Stocking Fundraiser- October 26

Following worship on Sunday, October 26, the congregation is invited to celebrate Oktoberfest with our Lutheran Men in Mission and WELCA. Our Lutheran Men will be grilling bratwursts and hot dogs for lunch. German side dishes and desserts will also be served. A free-will offering will be collected for the Valley Empty Stocking Fund.

#### Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Christa Terry, Mike Franklin, Jean Plunkett, Otis Gibson, Chandler Swearingen (Cousin of Georganne Weeks), Mary Elaine Lyons (Friend of Gloria Sloan), 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), 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.*

## Tie Blankets

The St. James Tie Blankets group welcomed several new ladies at their September gathering. The group meets once a month to make tie blankets to donate to local organizations that support those in need of the warmth and comfort of a blanket. In October they will make another blanket and cut out fleece scarves from extra fleece. They will also inventory items for local Blessing Boxes. All are invited to join in this ministry. Check your newsletter or bulletin each month for more information.



## Aiken High Pregame Meal

St. James provided a pregame meal for the Aiken High School Varsity Team on Friday, August 29. A special thank you goes to Jodi Tyler and Elaine Johnson for preparing and serving the meal. We also extend our thanks to Thrivent and Tyler's Tire & Auto Center for sponsoring the meal.



# RALLY DAY!





# October Volunteer List



## Lay Readers & Lay Assistants

October 5: Lang Entrekin (Lay Reader & Lay Assistant)  
October 12: Gloria Sloan (Lay Reader)  
October 19: Carol Horsley (Lay Reader & Lay Assistant)  
October 26: Tiffany Coleman (Lay Reader) & Garrett Maroney (Lay Assistant)

## Worship Team

October 5: (A) Spencer Johnson (C) Brayden Weed  
October 12: (A) Dominic Price (C) Zoe Ford  
October 19: (A) Zoe Ford (C) Brayden Weed  
October 26 (Reformation):  
Justin Joiner, Brayden Joiner, Dominic Price, Brayden Weed, Zoe Ford



**Altar Guild:** Gloria Sloan, Karmen Spletzer, & Donna Hair

**Ushers:** Mike Cutshall & Butch Shaffer



**Greeter:** Sara Rutland



## Sound Technicians

October 5: Robbie Franklin  
October 12: Lane Rogers  
October 19: Andy Cone  
October 26: Andy Cone



## Altar Flowers

October 5: Gary & Lisa Bryant in honor of Alyssa, Matt, & Chris- \$ Capital Fund  
October 12: Mike & Sharon Willis - \$ Backpack  
October 19: Becky Johnson in memory of Everett Johnson  
October 26: Reformation Sunday



# OCTOBER



4 - Cassel Sloan  
5 - Helen Wood  
9 - Kaiden Palmer  
9 - Jean Plunkett  
14 - Ralph Abreo  
14 - Matt Bryant  
14 - Chris Bryant  
22 - Jodi Tyler  
23 - Cydney Hartley  
24 - Gemma Carter  
30 - Ethan Youmans  
31 - Otis Gibson  
31 - Elaine Johnson  
31 - Kara Willis



Gary & Lisa Bryant  
October 3

Mike & Sharon Willis  
October 3

Phil & Doris Ann Homan  
October 9





## 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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