



# ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

## *The Journal*

February 2026



## *February Worship Services*

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, February 1**  
Worship at 11:00 am

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, February 8**  
Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am

**Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday, February 15**  
Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am

**Ash Wednesday, February 18**  
Worship with Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes at 6:30 pm

**First Sunday of Lent, February 22**  
Worship at 11:00 am

**Lenten Evening Worship Services**  
Wednesdays, February 25 and March 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 6:30 pm

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



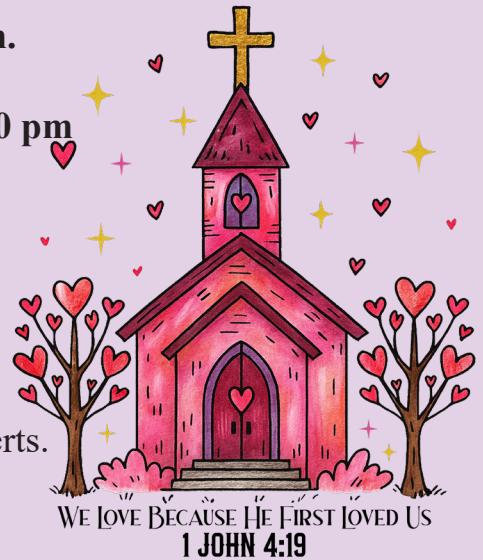
# February Upcoming Events

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

Tie Blankets will meet on Monday, February 9, at 1:00 pm.

WELCA/LMM will meet on Monday, February 23, at 1:00 pm for a potluck lunch, followed by the meetings.

**Lenten Bible Study, Dinner, & Evening Worship**  
Wednesdays, February 25 and March 4, 11, 18, & 25  
**Bible Study 5:00-5:45 & Dinner 5:45-6:25 pm**  
**Evening Worship Service 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary**  
Volunteers are needed to provide soup, sandwiches, and desserts.  
Please sign up on the list outside of the office.



Alan & Dawn Hyatt joined us for our Lifestyle dinner meeting on Tuesday, January 20. Alan, a Thrivent Financial Advisor, shared tips and strategies on how to manage and protect our retirement income. Thank you to Ronnie & Sandra Johnson and Lane & Kathy Rogers for preparing dinner, and thank you to Thrivent for their sponsorship of the meal.



## ACTS Heater Drive

Thank you to everyone who made donations to the ACTS Heater Drive. With your support, \$900 was donated for ACTS to purchase heaters for those in need this winter.

## Outreach Donations

During the month of February, the Outreach Committee is asking for donations of diapers (all sizes) for the Cumbee Center, and children's socks and underwear (sizes 2-8) for Children's Place. Please put donations on the pew in the fellowship hall.



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## 2026 Church Council Members

Charles Busbee (President), Carol Horsley (Vice President),  
Patti Cutshall (Secretary), Caroline Andrews (Treasurer),  
Ashton DeRemigio, Melissa Franklin,  
Phil Homan, Lanny Valentine, & Teddy Weeks

Thank you to Lisa Bryant, Garrett Maroney, & Ronald Wood  
for your service on church council.



## Advent Bible Study, Dinner, and Evening Worship

Thank you to Jim Cobb for leading Advent Bible Study in December. The study was based on the book, "The Gospel According to Peanuts."

Thank you to all of our dinner helpers who prepared soup, sandwiches, and desserts for our Advent dinners.

Thank you to Jim Cobb for leading worship and Charles Busbee for singing the "Holden Evening Prayer" liturgy for our Advent evening worship services.

During Advent, we heard monologues at our Sunday morning worship services from the perspective of Joseph, Mary, and the shepherds. Special thanks to Charles Busbee, Karmen Spletzer, and Lane Rogers!

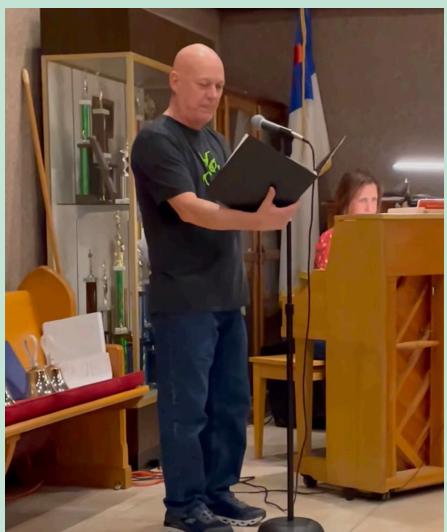


Thank you to Barbara Cobb for creating the large light-up Advent wreath for the church's front lawn. The wreath was given in memory of Jim & Barbara's grandson, Christian Mallare. Thank you also to Patti Cutshall, Butch Shaffer, and Ronnie Johnson for helping with this project. Like our sanctuary Advent wreath, an additional candle was lit each week on the outdoor wreath. This served as a reminder to those passing by that the celebration of Christ's birth was coming.

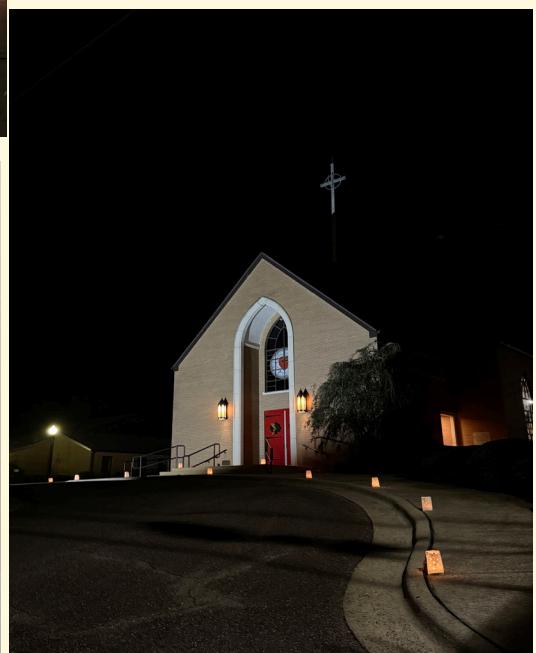


# Christmas Dinner Show

Our Christmas Dinner Show was a night filled with great food, lively performances, and lots of laughter. Thank you to all those who decorated the fellowship hall, served dinner, or provided delicious homemade desserts. A special thanks to Angela Vandegrift, Charles & Tonia Busbee, Lane & Kathy Rogers, Quinn Meek, and the St. James Ringers for entertaining us with Christmas music, and thank you to Thrivent for their financial support of this joyful event.



# Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



We were delighted to welcome the USCA Men's Basketball Team for supper on January 5th!  
Special thanks to all who helped in any way.



## Thank you!!

*I'm just beside myself on how incredibly generous and hospitable everyone was!! The heart that went in to tonight for our team is so appreciated!!! Thank you so so much!! I could tell our guys loved being there! I'm excited about the opportunity for you to get to know them even more!! Please let everyone know how much we appreciated everything!!*

Coach Vanderslice





John 3:16

# February Volunteer List

## Lay Readers & Lay Assistants

- February 1: Tiffany Coleman (Lay Reader)
- February 8: Lang Entrekin (Lay Reader & Lay Assistant)
- February 15: Karmen Spletzer (Lay Reader & Lay Assistant)
- February 18: Garrett Maroney ( Lay Reader & Lay Assistant)
- February 22: Ron Johnson (Lay Reader)

## Worship Team

- February 1: (A) Justin Joiner (C) Brayden Joiner
- February 8: (A) Spencer Johnson (C) Brayden Weed
- February 15: (A) Justin Joiner (C) Brayden Joiner
- February 18: (A) Justin Joiner (C) Brayden Joiner
- February 22: (A) Spencer Johnson (C) Zoe Ford

**Altar Guild:** Patti Cutshall & Cindy Hatcher

**Ushers:** Mike Cutshall & Gaines Entrekin

**Greeter:** Butch Shaffer

## Sound Technicians

- February 1: Robbie Franklin
- February 8: Lane Rogers
- February 15: Robbie Franklin
- February 18: Lane Rogers
- February 22: Lane Rogers

## Altar Flowers

- February 1: Open Date
- February 8: Open Date
- February 15: Ruth Vance  
in memory of Gilbert Vance- \$LMM
- February 18: Lent
- February 22: Lent





# February HAPPY Birthday!



2 - Doris Ann Homan  
2 - Kathy Rogers



4 - Timothy Gonya  
6 - Mike Willis  
8 - Patti Cutshall



9 - Becky Johnson  
9 - Teddy Weeks



11 - Dianne Medico  
12 - Barry Antley



14 - Mike Cutshall  
14 - Jennifer Storey  
14 - Kaylee Sharpe



16 - Lang Entrekin  
18 - Scott Vandegrift  
19 - Jeffrey Maroney



22 - Ronnie Johnson  
22 - Kenneth Johnson



26 - Sarah Brunson



## Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Garrett Maroney, Hiram Redd, Kim Tarabek (Milton Rogers' daughter), Charles Dodgen (Daphne Carroll's brother), Stephen Youmans, Hunter Youmans (Stephen Youmans' brother), Mike Franklin, 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 (Uncle of Emily Sharpe), Benny Hydrick (Friend of Tony Carroll), Libby Scott **Silver Bluff Grove:** Vicki Bolton

**Trinity on Laurens:** Bobby Reece, Jean Plunkett

*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/)

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 (Current & Benevolence, Capital Fund, Backpack, etc.).



President: Charles Busbee

Vice-President: Carol Horsley

Secretary: Patti Cutshall

Treasurer: Caroline Andrews

Director of Music/Organist: Tonia Busbee

Church Secretary: Kathy Rogers

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