



ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Journal

September 2026

September Worship Services

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost,
September 6
Worship with Holy Communion
at 11:00 am

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost,
September 13
Worship at 11:00 am

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost,
September 20
Rally Day

Worship with Holy Communion
at 11:00 am
Congregational Dinner following
worship in the fellowship hall

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost,
September 27
Worship at 11:00 am

Welcome Pastor Zach!



Welcome Rev. Zachary Edward Lindler!
Pastor Zach was ordained on Saturday, July 25,
at St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Chapin, SC,
and St. James welcomed him as our new pastor
on Sunday, July 26.

Sunday Mornings

Coffee & Conversation at 9:15 - 9:45 am

Sunday School at 9:45 am

Grace and Peace, St. James Family!

This has been a whirlwind month that has been equally busy and fulfilling as I begin my ministry at this wonderful, loving church. In my first month, I have learned many things about St. James, including its history, deep roots in the Graniteville area, and how welcoming and Christlike this congregation is. From the moment the moving truck pulled into the parsonage, I felt welcomed and loved as a part of this beloved community, and I am humbled and privileged to help shepherd such a wonderful group of Christians. I am thankful for the Call Committee and Church Council for allowing me to begin my pastoral ministry here; I am thankful for Jim Cobb and Garrett Maroney for their leadership as interim pastors; I am thankful for all the people of St. James who helped with preparing the parsonage, move-in, and welcoming me into this community. The Valley is starting to feel like home!

Jeremiah 29:11 says, “For surely I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord, “plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” This month has marked the beginning of a new chapter in St. James’ long, rich history. A new pastor, new classes, new ministries, new celebrations, and new faces all confirm that God is alive and active in, with, and among this congregation. God continues to work through our hands, and God’s plan for us continues to unfold, as it has throughout all of this church’s history. I look to our future together with great hope rooted in the certainty of God’s promises, and I cannot wait to see what the Lord has in store for us!

Mit Große Liebe (with great love),
Pastor Zach Lindler



UPCOMING EVENTS



USCA Campus Ministry Meetings - Wednesdays at 6:00
(St. James hosts dinner on September 2, 16, & 30.)



Midland Valley JV Football Meal - Thursday, September 10

Church Council will meet on Sunday, September 13, at 5:00 pm.

Tie Blankets will meet on Monday, September 14, at 1:00 pm.

Rally Day - Sunday, September 20
Congregational Dinner & Rally Day Activities following Worship



WELCA/LMM will meet on Monday, September 28, at 1:00 pm.



Junior Varsity Football Meal

Midland Valley Junior Varsity Football Meal – September 10th
St. James will host the Midland Valley Junior Varsity football team on Thursday, September 10, with a pre-game meal.

If you would like to help with food preparation or serving,
please contact Daphne Carroll.



BackPack Program

This is our 15th year sponsoring students in the Backpack Program in partnership with Golden Harvest Food Bank. We will sponsor 25 students at Byrd Elementary and 25 students at Graniteville Elementary for the 2026-27 school year. Golden Harvest has increased the sponsorship to \$234 per student for a year.

Thank you for continuing your support throughout the year in providing backpacks for these children in our community.



Rally Day- September 20th

As the season of summer comes to an end and fall is about to begin, let us rally together, seeking the Holy Spirit's power to refresh our spirits and renew our commitment to growing in faith through worship, Sunday School, prayer, service, and witnessing.

Join us for Rally Day on Sunday, September 20th.

We will begin with Sunday School at 9:45 am, followed by worship at 11:00 am. After worship, please join us for a congregational dinner and Rally Day activities, centered around a theme of cars and racing. Pastor Zach enjoys all forms of auto racing, so

“Let's Hit the Track with Pastor Zach” for Rally Day!

Hebrews 12:1 — “Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”

We would love your help with one of our Rally Day activities.

If you would like to help rev up the fun, please pull out your photo albums and look for pictures of cars that have been a part of your life. Whether it's the car you drove in high school, your childhood family car, or even the one you drove on your wedding day, we would love to see it! Please share your pictures with Kathy by text or email, or bring them to church so we can scan them for Rally Day.

Watch your bulletin and weekly emails for more information.



Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Martha Baker (Cathie Valentine's sister), Cheryl Richard (Cathie Valentine's sister-in-law), Stephen Youmans, Hunter Youmans (Stephen Youmans' brother), Mike Franklin, Phil Homan, Robert Coleman, Ben Sharpe, Barry Kirby (Son-in-law of Ronald & Helen Wood), Margaret Wise (Aunt of Charles Busbee), Randy McCormack (Uncle of Emily Sharpe), Benny Hydrick (Friend of Tony Carroll), Libby Scott Trinity on Laurens: Bobby Reece, Jean Plunkett Silver Bluff Grove: Vicki Bolton

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



HOMEcoming 2026

It was a wonderful Homecoming at St. James! We were so blessed to have Pastor Barry, Mrs. Debbie, and so many members of our church family gather at St. James on August 2nd for worship and fellowship. During the service, we dedicated a portrait of Pastor Barry, a window made in honor of Pastor Barry and Mrs. Debbie, and the ensemble and choir areas in the sanctuary in honor of Pastor Barry and Mrs. Debbie, and in thanks to God for their witness of love to the congregation of St. James for more than 34 years and for their leadership and participation in the St. James Service Choir and St. James Ensemble. Following the worship service, we gathered in the fellowship hall for a congregational lunch filled with delicious food, warm hugs, and lots of laughter.





Homecoming 2026





Thank You



Dear Pastor Zach and all members of St. James,

Debbie and I thank you for a wonderful homecoming day and the amazing love expressed to us by the beautiful dedications of a pastoral portrait and lovely etched glass music window and the dedication of the ensemble and choir areas of the chancel in our names. Such expressions of love and respect moved our hearts to thanks and joy. And the hugs and verbal expressions of love from so many before and after worship were overwhelmingly heartwarming. Thank God for you all. The Antley family will love you forever. And thank God for Pastor Zach, who welcomed us with open arms, warmly allowing me to share his pulpit. May the Lord continue to fill St. James and Pastor Zach with His Spirit and fill each of you with eternal joy, faith, love, and peace.

With love and great thanks,
Pastor Barry and Debbie



Thank you to our Call Committee (Mike Willis- Chairman, Steve Murphy, Kathy Rogers, Cathie Valentine, Angela Vandegrift, & Allison Youmans) for their faithful work this past year in completing all of the required paperwork and conducting interviews that led us to call our new pastor.

Thank you to everyone who prepared food for the Meet & Greet luncheon so we could all enjoy fellowship and time to meet our pastoral candidate.

Thank you to everyone who made repairs, cut down trees, pressure-washed the driveway, and cleaned the parsonage so that it was ready for Pastor Zach to move in.

Thank you to Jim Cobb and Garrett Maroney for leading us in worship and Sunday School while we were in the call process for 17 months. We are so blessed to have both of them in our St. James family.

Thank you to everyone who helped with Homecoming by setting up and decorating the fellowship hall, setting up the history picture tables, playing special music during the service, preparing food, serving lunch, and helping with the cleanup afterwards.

Thanks to everyone for the prayers, cards, kind thoughts, meals, and yard care while I was recovering from my injury.

Thank you,
Lanny Valentine



September Volunteer List



Lay Readers & Lay Assistants

September 6: Barbara Cobb (Lay Reader & Lay Assistant)

September 13: Teddy Weeks (Lay Reader)

September 20: Mike Willis (Lay Reader & Lay Assistant)

September 27: Lanny Valentine (Lay Reader)

Worship Team

September 6: (A/C) Brayden Joiner

September 13: (A) Garrett Maroney (C) Barrett Johnson

September 20: (A/C) Justin Joiner

September 27: (A) Brayden Joiner (C) William Johnson

Altar Guild: Patti Cutshall & Cindy Hatcher

Ushers: Mike Cutshall & Gary Bryant

Greeter: Kenneth Johnson

Sound Technicians

September 6: Lane Rogers

September 13: Robbie Franklin

September 20: Lane Rogers

September 27: Robbie Franklin

Altar Flowers

September 6: Donna Hair in memory of Tom Hair

September 13: Tony & Daphne Carroll in honor of their wedding anniversary - \$ Capital Fund

September 20: Dianne Medico and our children in memory of Anthony Medico- \$ Capital Fund

September 27: Milton Rogers in memory of Kyle Rogers- \$ Capital Fund



September



Happy Birthday!

Chase Busbee

September 2

Robert Reece

September 5

Gary Bryant

September 6

Barbara Cobb

September 6

Dana DeRemigio

September 8

Everly Brunson

September 10

Taylor Coleman

September 13

Jasmine Weed

September 20

Brayden Joiner

September 22

Brenda Schuler

September 28

Happy Anniversary!

Daphne & Tony Carroll

September 16

Rhett & Elaine Johnson

September 22

Tiffany & Robert Coleman

September 23





Pastor

Rev. Zach Lindler

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