ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Journal

November 2026

November Worship Services

All Saints Day, November 1
Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am
Remembrance of the Saints with a bell toll for each member of our congregation
who has passed away since last year's All Saints Sunday
(Daylight Saving Time ends. Remember to set your clocks back one hour on October 31st.)

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, November 8
Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, November 15
Worship at 11:00 am

Christ the King Sunday, November 22
Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am
Annual Called Congregational Meeting
The meeting will open prior to worship
with nominations for election
to Church Council and the first ballot and will conclude after worship
with additional ballots as needed
and the adoption of the 2027 budget.

First Sunday of Advent, November 29
Worship at 11:00 am

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





Confirmation will meet on
November 1, 8, 15, & 29 at 3:00 pm.

Lifestyle will meet on
Tuesday, November 3, at 1:00 pm.

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

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

WELCA/LMM will meet on
Monday, November 16, at 1:00 pm.
All women and men are invited to join us for a potluck lunch followed by the meetings.
Please note the different week this month due to Thanksgiving.

The Annual Called Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 22.



It's time to "fall back."
Daylight Saving Time ends
Sunday, November 1st.
Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday evening, October 31st.



On Reformation Sunday, LMM & WELCA hosted an Oktoberfest lunch for the congregation with bratwursts and hot dogs grilled by our Lutheran Men and many delicious German side dishes and desserts prepared by the ladies of WELCA. Over $2,800 was collected for the Valley Empty Stocking Fund. Thank you for your generous donations and to Thrivent for their financial support of the meal.





Lifestyle

Lifestyle will meet on
Tuesday, November 3, at 1:00 pm.
All are invited to a presentation by
Pastor Zach on
"Scam & Fraud Prevention."
Lunch will be provided.
Please sign up on the list outside the office

From the desk of Pastor Zach

Grace and Peace, St. James Family!

The month of October has been a whirlwind of activity and opportunities. There seems to be a trend of “newness” not only within our church, but within the Synod as a whole. We started a new tradition this month by celebrating Creation in Christ and blessing many of our congregation’s furry friends. (Personally, I enjoyed getting to meet the puppies of the church!) On a Synod-wide level, we ended the month by installing a new bishop, Wade Roof III; I also got to meet the new Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Yehiel Curry, at the installation service at Lexington. Thanks to the support of St. James, I had the opportunity to attend the SC Synod Convocation at Lutheridge, where I was able to make new connections and friendships with clergy and ministries all around the state.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, there is plenty of newness in our church and in the Synod. I know I’ve talked about new programs, ministries, and people a lot over the last couple of months, but only because there’s so much newness that God has blessed us with! The installation inspired me, and the hundreds of other attendees, with a renewed pride in the church’s work and excitement for the future. At Convocation, I listened as dozens of ministers shared new ideas for ministry in the world, and Bishop Wade affirmed his commitment to the growth and continued reformation of the SC Synod. I’m excited to see what the future has in store for our Synod and the global church, as well as continuing to start new ministries and programs here at St. James!

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











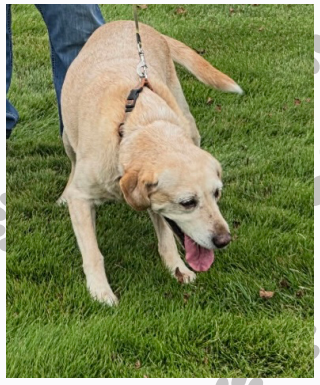
The Blessing of the Animals

Pastor Zach blessed our furry companions at a Blessing of the Animals service on Sunday, October 4th.











America at 250 Concert & Dinner at Mi Pueblo

We enjoyed a great dinner at Mi Pueblo, followed by a wonderful patriotic concert by the Aiken Concert Band commemorating our country's 250th anniversary.









TRUNK OR TREAT











Trunk or Treat

It was another fun-filled year at the Gregg Park Trunk or Treat. St. James provided 10 cars and had 23 members dressed in costumes. We gave out candy to approximately 500 children. Thank you to everyone for your monetary donations and contributions of candy, and thank you to Thrivent and our Lutheran Men in Mission for their financial support.

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Reformation Sunday 2026

We had a wonderful Reformation Sunday at St. James filled with worship and beautiful music. Our newest comfirmands were presented with a Bible to use as they begin their Confirmation journey. After worship we enjoyed delicious German food, prepared by our WELCA/LMM, at our Oktoberfest lunch fundraiser for the Valley Empty Stocking Fund and a presentation by Pastor Zach on the life of Martin Luther through pictures from his trips to Germany.


















For by Grace you have been Saved through Faith


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Ephesians 2:8




Grace alone
Word alone
Faith alone



November Volunteer List

Lay Readers & Lay Assistants
November 1: Karmen Spletzer (Lay Reader & Lay Assistant)
November 8: Carol Horsley (Lay Reader & Lay Assistant)
November 15: Dianne Medico (Lay Reader)
November 22: Angela Vandegrift (Lay Reader & Lay Assistant)
November 29: Ron Johnson (Lay Reader)

Worship Team
November 1: (A) Justin Joiner (C) William Johnson
November 8: (A) Brayden Joiner (C) Barrett Johnson
November 15: (A/C) Spencer Johnson
November 22: (A/C) Justin Joiner
November 29: (A) Garrett Maroney (C) Barrett Johnson

Altar Guild
November 1: Becky Johnson & Elaine Johnson
November 8: Gloria Sloan & Carol Horsley
November 15: Becky Johnson & Elaine Johnson
November 22: Gloria Sloan & Carol Horsley
November 29: Gloria Sloan & Karmen Spletzer



Ushers: Mike Cutshall & Butch Shaffer

Greeter: Tony Carroll

Sound Technicians
November 1: Lane Rogers
November 8: Robbie Franklin
November 15: Robbie Franklin
November 22: Lane Rogers
November 29: Lane Rogers

Altar Flowers
November 1: Linda Pritchard in memory of Butch Pritchard and their parents, Emory & Lorene Johnson and E.J. & Lilly Pritchard - $ BackPack
November 8: Phil & Doris Ann Homan in honor of veterans and our Lord Jesus Christ
November 15: Libby Scott in honor of the staff and members of St. James- $ Capital Fund
November 22: Jim & Barbara Cobb in honor of their wedding anniversary - $ Capital Fund
November 29: Dianne Medico in celebration of the start of Advent



November



Happy Birthday!

Rhett Johnson
November 3

Donna Abreo
November 4

Zach Lindler
November 5

Sara Rutland
November 7

Eric Johnson
November 8

Vicki Bolton
November 9

Phil Homan
November 12

Sandra Johnson
November 13

Austin DeRemigio
November 17

Lane Rogers
November 17

Robbie Franklin
November 23

Gene Moyer
November 26

Linda Pritchard
November 26

Libby Scott
November 28

Happy Anniversary!

Barry & Debbie Antley
November 20

Jim & Barbara Cobb
November 25

Ralph & Donna Abreo
November 30

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:
Lisa Bryant, Frank Johnson (Linda Pritchard's brother), Barbara Blackmon, Rusty Findley (Friend of Becky Johnson), 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 & Faye Dailey (Friends 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.

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



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