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May 12th we recognize "Mothers".



Mothers who have gone before us.
We thank them for their love, sacrifice, struggle and joy.

We remember those who have not given birth to us, but are like mothers to us.

We pray for women who struggle with fertility, and those who have lost children.

We pray for understanding and forgiveness where relationships have gone awry, or failed to be supportive and caring.

We thank you for your tears, your strength, your wisdom and love.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

We will recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of two of our young people on Sunday, June 2 during morning worship

Congrats to our two high school seniors! Lela Pell and Megan Burks will conclude their high school career in a few weeks.



Megan Burks will be graduating from Gray's Creek High School.

Lela Pell will be graduating from Lakewood High School on June 1, and from Sampson Community College with an Associates Degree on May 9.

If you would like to give them a special acknowledgment, you may do so on Sunday, May 19 or 26. There will be a box for each student in the Gathering Space. You may leave any cards or gifts there.



Lela Pell



Megan Burks



A special shout out to Jacob Rea for his recent completion of basic training in the United States Army. He is currently stationed at Fort Eisenhower (formerly Fort Gordon) in Augusta, GA.



Celebrating 50 years of Ministry at Camp Agapé



1974 marked the official opening of Camp Agapé's* facilities for guests, and since then, it has been a hub of joy for thousands.

St. James has been along for most of those 50 years – through financial gifts, men’s retreats, participating in camp work days, and youth attending summer camp.

Mark your calendars for the **50th Anniversary Celebration Retreat** on November 16, 2024, and get ready to celebrate! Stay tuned on their website for all the exciting details.


www.agapekurebeach.org

*Camp Agape is located in Fuquay Varina, along the banks of the Cape Fear River. Located on 624 acres of beautiful rolling hills, cascading streams, and diverse forests, the camp offers year-round programming. From Scout weekends to church leadership retreats, from summer youth camp to environmental education for local school groups, God’s wonders are ever-present.



Kure Beach is a partner site located in Kure Beach. Once the only ELCA camp with ocean front property in the east coast, it is on a stage of re-development. The lodge and property was sold in September of 2023, and a significant portion of the proceeds is earmarked to develop two remaining lots across the street from the former lodge. A visioning process will begin soon.





Her Story is in The Stars

Four Biblical women ..
Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and Bathsheba
How do their stories connect?

**A one-day Bible Study
with Anna Lisa Johannessen**

Saturday, May 4 ... 8:30am - 2:30pm
St. James Lutheran Church
Fayetteville, NC

This wonderfully exciting Bible-study is written and presented by Anna Lisa Johannessen-Locke. Bible study directed for women. Written and presented by Anna Lisa Johannessen-Locke, this study will explore the lives of four incredible Biblical women: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba. Find out how their stories are not only connected to each other, to Jesus, and to us - but they can be seen in the stars!

Preregister by May 2nd. <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSffkz3BEbp79f.../viewform>

Cost is \$10 donation, and includes all materials, snacks, and lunch.

Yard sale May 18th
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

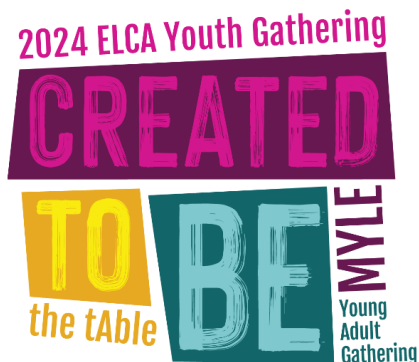
We are accepting donations for our Youth Fundraiser Yard sale.

Donations accepted in the Annex:

Mo & We	9-12
Th evening	6-8 pm
Sat	9-12
Su	After worship



YOUTH GATHERING – THE COUNTDOWN HAS BEGUN



As of May 1st, the group will begin their journey to National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 84 days!!! The funding for registration, airfare, and lodging has been covered. And we will soon have the balance of the finding necessary.

Now the preparations that will fully allow for the Spirit to be at work building and growing that curious thing called faith.

WORSHIP & MUSIC NEWS

Music Director update

A small task force has been appointed by congregation council to begin a search for a permanent music director. The first task is the review and development of a written job description. Jane Boelke, Allan Winter, and Amanda Rea will be presenting a proposed job description to council soon. August 1 is the hoped-for start date of the new staff member.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Our Easter Celebration was an overwhelming pageantry of flowers, greenery, music, and rejoicing. There was an excitement and enthusiasm that filled the building on that Holy Sunday. Thanks to all those who cooked, sang, served, cleaned, setup, photographed, read, sang, played, processed, served, adjusted volumes, prepared, greeted, and provided hospitality and safety. He Is Risen. Indeed!

The azaleas and roses that adorned our sanctuary during Easter have been planted around the campus. Hopefully, proper attention and care will help stimulate growth. They will continue to enhance the beauty of St. James for years to come. Thanks to all those who made donations.

Pentecost Sunday is May 19. We celebrate the Spirit's blowing and rumbling of the new church! Remember to wear something **RED. It's the color of the DAY!**



April 9, 2024

Dear Marcia,

On behalf of the staff and the board of directors, thank you for the wonderful blankets donated to the Child Advocacy Center in recognition of all those who volunteer to provide safe and healthy environments for children. We appreciate receiving items selected with care that will benefit our children. We sincerely thank you for your continued support, and the children enjoy the items that you donate.

Without you and your support, we would not be able to help those children begin the healing process. Thank you again for your support and compassion for Cumberland County's children.

Sincerely,

Roberta Humphries
Executive Director
roberta@cacfaync.org
www.cacfaync.org

*Thank you very much for your wonderful donation of beautiful blankets for the children.
Roberta*



Marcia Katt donated 70 comfort blankets on April 6, 2024.

Saint James participated in the Crop Hunger Walk April 14th!



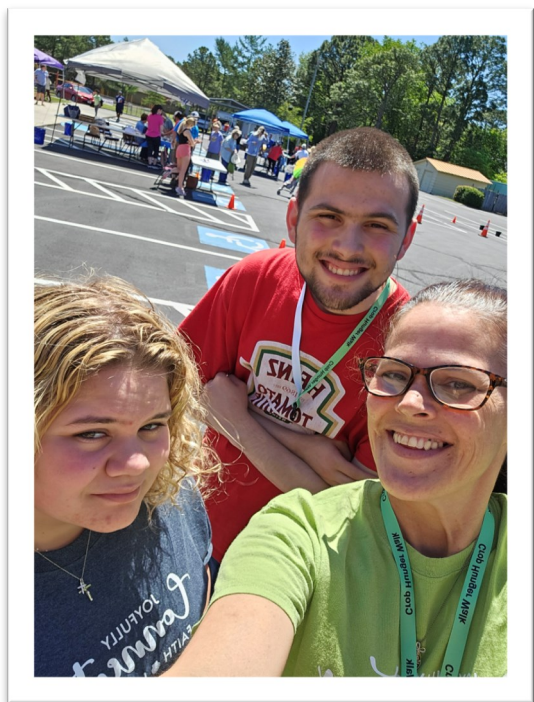
Nate Stockham and Sue Rink



Lynn Bremer and Tonie Neal at Registration



Scott Marosek at the Finish Line



Hannah, Joshua and Amanda Rea

Comfort Blanket Thanks



Dearest Ladies,

I cannot express enough just how much of a blessing the fidget blankets have been for our residents! I gave one to a lady who prefers to sit all day in her room in order to provide stimulation to her, and she loves it. I have set them on tables some for our "wanderers" who don't sit still to come by and play with while standing.

You ladies are providing an amazing ~~senior~~ service to communities of elders! Thank you so much for including us!

Love,

Jessica
Grace Village Assisted Living



BEING A COMMUNITY NEIGHBOR



If you happen to drive by the church during the week and see cars in the parking lot, do not be alarmed. They are probably enjoying a night out at the new Truck Stop on Morganton Rd. nearby.

This relatively new dining establishment's popularity has created an unfortunate parking dilemma for the community. So, St. James council gave permission for patrons to use our parking lot in order to relieve some of the demand and security concerns for Truck Stop guests.

The winner of the Frank Pierce Volunteer Award: Dave Runkle

David began volunteering at the Child Advocacy Center with his dog Quinn and uses the advantage of having a therapy dog to bestow the gift to help to the children that come to the Center. David shows true interest in the children and families he interacts with at the Center helping them find ease in a difficult situation. David and Quinn also bring joy and peace to the staff at the CAC when they come for their visit. He is always pleasant and willing to help whenever called.



Men's Fellowship



Come join us every first Wednesday 5:30 pm - 8 pm on the back lawn of St. James for brats, beans, and beverages. If you are coming, let Dave Runkle or Todd Burns know in advance.

Next: May 1, 2024

Weather plan is in the Annex/Entrance across the parking lot.

**Join us every first Tuesday,
at Noon!**

Potluck Lunch in our Fellowship Hall
The next meeting is May 7th.



Our 10:00 Sunday worship service is being streamed live, and is also available for later viewing. Click [here](#) to watch



Tech folk are also needed to help with audio and video controls. Training is available. Contact office or Pastor John.

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Assisting Ministers

May 05 Jordan Slaymaker
May 12 Ruth Ann Crecelius
May 19 Allan Winter
May 26 Jane Boelke

Lectors

May 05 Kathy Brown
May 12 Beverly Beale
May 19 Valerie Brewer
May 26 Bill Rettmann

Communion Assistant

May 05 Jane Boelke
May 12 Paula Burns
May 19 Sue Rink
May 26 Tawan Thomas

Ushers

May 05 Gary & Joan Eissinger
May 12 Ruth Ann & Gary Eissinger
May 19 John & Gayle Frinak
May 26 Roscoe Killett, Gary Eissinger

Acolytes

May 05 Aaron Thomas
May 12 Ian Gibson
May 19 Gabriel Thomas
May 26 Angelus VanDervoort

Greeters

May 05 Barbara Azzarelli
May 12 Sue Rink
May 19 Gayle & John Frinak
May 26 Erika & Glenn Stockwell

Rover

May 05 Dan Hewins
May 12 Dave Runkle
May 19 Ed Samuelian
May 26 Todd Burns

Nursery

May 05 Colleen Tichich, Erika Stockwell
May 12 Sue Rink, Kathy Brown
May 19 Kevin Hoffmann, Valerie Brewer
May 26 Heather VanDervoort,
..... Kathleen Heinrich

Upcoming Zoom Meetings

Click on the times to connect

Property Team - (May 14)

- 2nd Tuesdays

(Meeting ID: 829 6466 1925 / Password: 977528)

[6:00 pm](#)

Congregation Council (May 19)

(Meeting ID: 867 0951 0008 / Password: 103028)

[11:30 am](#)

Men's Bible Study - Sundays

(Meeting ID 821 3488 9583 / Password: 257977)

[9:00 am](#)

Fellowship & Conversation - Tuesdays

(Meeting ID: 837 4730 9659 / Password: 588450)

[7:00 pm](#)

THANKS FOR SHARING RESOURCES



We appreciate every gift that is received, and we attempt to make wise decisions in how we use and invest these funds.

Thanks for on-going financial giving.

You can support our ministries by scanning the code or online

Click [here](#)



Around the Parish



One of the gifts that the Christian community shares with others is praying for those with special needs or concerns. Call the Church Office or fill out the green form in the pew racks to let us know of prayer needs.

The list in the weekly bulletin is intended to be for persons in immediate crisis. Generally those names will be changed after 3 weeks.

The newsletter has our long term prayer list which is updated as you tell us.

Please keep us informed so that we can share accurate information with the Saint James community.

Remember These

People at Home or in Care facilities (restricted mobility)

- Charlotte Davis
- Claudia Doyle
- Brenda Killett

Prayer Concerns:

- ◇ Joe & Dara Lehner
- ◇ Angel Davis
- ◇ John Tucker
- ◇ Beth Sessoms
- ◇ Ellen Blocker
- ◇ Orose Family
- ◇ Thomas Oliver
- ◇ Mark & Ann Mabe
- ◇ Jean Blackman Brauer

Military Members

(* *Deployed*)

- Earl Stockham
- Jessie Hewins
- Joshua Trogdon
- Darian Dix
- Kelly Steenrod
- David Oliver
- Bella Fish
- Rob Whitt
- Dan Gibson
- Tristan Bonde
- Jacob Rea
- Zach Turner *



Earl Stockham	5/03
Bill Rettmann	5/12
Kelly Whitt	5/13
Dara Lehner	5/15
Beverly Beale	5/18
Erika Stockwell	5/19
Elizabeth Robertson	5/23
Edward Samuelian	5/25
Nate Stockham	5/30
Aaron Thomas	5/30
Joe Lehner	5/31

Anniversaries



May 9

Scott & Stephanie Marosek

May 27

Rob & Kelly Whitt

May 28

Jeffrey & Elizabeth Hoffmann

Birth

Isaac Danger Law
 Son of Lisa & Josh Law
 Born: 4/21/24
 8lbs 13 oz / 22 "



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All are welcome to worship each Sunday at 10 a.m.
Holy Communion is celebrated every week.

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