## Ministry at St. James ... April 27 – May 4, 2025

Sun. Apr 27	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	<ul> <li>Sunday Morning Faith Formation (Sunday School)</li> <li><u>Women's Bible Study</u>, Rm 127</li> <li><u>Men's Bible Study</u>, Fellowship Hall Sunday's Scripture Lessons</li> <li><u>Confirmation &amp; High School</u>, (Rm 123 next to chapel)</li> <li><u>Children</u> Lower Level classroom</li> <li>Worship</li> <li>Congregation Council</li> </ul>
Mon. Apr 28	9:00 am 6:00 pm	Quilting Ministry (Annex) Cub Scouts Den Meeting
Tue. Apr 29	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Fellowship on Zoom Boy Scout Troop Meeting
Wed. Apr 30	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. May 4	9:00 am 10:00 am	<ul> <li>Sunday Morning Faith Formation (Sunday School)</li> <li><u>Women's Bible Study</u>, Rm 127</li> <li><u>Men's Bible Study</u>, Fellowship Hall Sunday's Scripture Lessons</li> <li><u>Confirmation &amp; High School</u>, (Rm 123 next to chapel)</li> <li><u>Children</u> Lower Level classroom</li> <li>Worship (Baptism of Luke and Samantha Hoffman, children of Jeffrey and Elizabeth)</li> </ul>



We celebrate as we share news of the completion and updating of the hospitality room, which is attached to the Gathering Place. While this room was scheduled for renovation during the last building renovation 15+ years ago, it never made it to the top of the list for completion. In recent months, however, a private donor made a donation specific to that project so that our welcoming nature can be complemented by our space. The project is about one-half to. completion. A dedication of the space will occur soon, once the renovation is completed.

While the donation was significant and allowed us to complete the room, it was not enough to finish out the room and extended areas with furnishings, wall hangings, etc. A list of potential gifts that are still needed will be included in the newsletter which will be mailed this week. If you are interested in making a donation, especially for chairs, tables, wall hangings, etc. please contact the office.

## NC SYNOD ASSEMBLY, May 29-31, 2025.



Please be in prayer for the delegates of this year's assembly. Bishop Tim Smith has made the decision to retire prior to the end of his second term of office, and so the assembly will be electing a new bishop for the synod. The election follows an ecclesiastical protocol where anyone who is on the roster Word and Sacrament from any geographic location, can be nominated on the first ballot. If someone gets 2/3 of the votes, they are elected. If not, then a second ballot will be offered with names of all those nominated on the first ballot who desire to remain on the ballot.

Additional balloting continues, with a decreasing number of names on each ballot, until one person receives a predetermined percentage of the votes. This process could take as many as five ballots.

The delegates to the assembly from St. James are Amanda Rea, Hannah Rea, Edward Samuelian, Anna Lisa Johannessen, and Pastor John.

## Social Ministry - Serving God's Children

Child Advocacy Center

Children in Cumberland County are still being seen at our local Child Advocacy Center. Did you have an opportunity to help children who have been abused? If not, you still have time. We CAN still help.

## During May we will collect the following:

- Bottled water
- Juice Boxes
- Individually wrapped snacks for children
- Canned soda
- Coffee
- Keurig coffee pods
- Paper plates (sturdy) dinner and dessert size









You may place your donations in the box in the Gathering Space.