

# The Messenger

**Saint James**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.

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## OCTOBER ... REFORMATION TIME

*High School & Adults ... in the Fellowship Hall*

Oct. 5 **Meet Martin Luther: Monk, Rebel, Legend**  
and

**Luther vs. The Indulgence Machine**

Rick Black, facilitator

Oct. 12

**Katie Luther:**

**The First Lady of the Reformation**

Anna Lisa Johannessen, Pr. John, facilitators

Oct. 19 **The Three Solas: God's Ultimate Life Hack**  
and,

**The Reformation Goes Viral with "Social Media"**

Facilitators, TBD

Oct. 26 **Faith, Politics, and a Few Angry Peasants**  
and,

**Luther's Playlist: Legacy of The Reformation**

Pr. John & Scott Masorek, facilitators

**Children Pre-K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade**  
will meet in lower level classroom.

*Jacky Hummel, Lead teacher*

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**Sunday, Oct. 26**  
**Family Fellowship Time**  
**with**  
**A Meal and Games**  
*following worship*



Sundays at 9:00 am

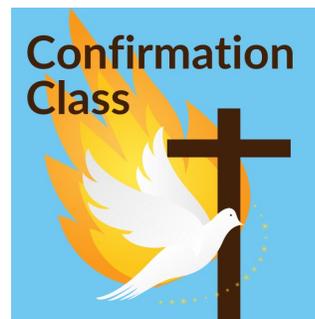
**Pre-K thru 5th grade**  
(Lead by Jacky Hummel)



**Confirmation 2025-26**

Confirmation class is an intentional time for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders to learn more about Christian faith, Lutheran perspectives and traditions, and how we grow in faith.

Sue Rink and Beverly Beale are the lead instructors.



## Social Ministry Outreach

We will be collected **blankets** for the **Episcopal Farm Workers Migrant Program...**  
Also **long sleeve shirts** (Medium) and **long pants** (inseam) 30, for harvesting protection.



Episcopal Farm worker Ministry began in the 80's with the majority of the people served living in Duplin, Harnett, Johnston, Lenoir and Sampson Counties. The Mission is to respond to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of farm workers and actively support opportunities for them to become self-directive. Programs range from Community Events, Disaster Relief, English Classes, Festivals, Food, Outreach, Immigration, Mental Health, Summer trips for children, Women's Groups.

The Ministry works with farm workers, meat processing plant workers, nurseries employees, packing houses workers, poultry and livestock farm workers.

You can place your donations in the designated box in the Gathering Area.

Farmworkers are an integral part of the American economy, playing a significant role in providing an ample supply of low-cost food, year-round for U.S. households, yet, despite their essential role in feeding our nation, they are often mistreated and abused by employers and face a multitude of barriers that keep them from ensuring even the most basic of living standards.

Farmworkers are routinely subjected to substandard housing, pesticide exposure, dangerous and exhausting work, inadequate wages, frequent housing and labor violations, intimidation, job loss if violations are reported, language and educational barriers, lack of transportation, and extreme isolation.

The poverty and injustice that farmworkers endure are not merely the problems of an invisible group of transient unknowns, but of individuals with names and identities.



From: <https://episcopalfarmworkerministry.org/our-community/>



## Worship news for October

October 12

*Baptism and Welcome to St James*

We celebrate the baptisms of several young folks: Willow Linkous, Holden Linkous, Ricky Van Pelt.

October 26

*Reformation Sunday*

We commemorate and celebrate the gift of The Reformation, Martin Luther, and all the reformers.

## Two ministry teams forming, TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED



The Congregation Council is in the process of forming two ministry teams: Children's Ministry Team, and Youth Ministry Team.

**The Children's Ministry Team** (Pre-k through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) will need 4-6 people to oversee, direct, and provide opportunities for children and their parents to grow in faith and build relationships through:

- Weekly Sunday School program
- Oversee Current Nursery program during worship
- Assist pastor to coordinate an annual first communion class
- A children and family activity once every 4-6 weeks (some ideas - games, prepare and sing a song for worship, summer VBS event, Christmas play/activity, etc.)
- Provide Michelle (church administrator) info and news for updating communications.
- Promote and encourage participation in summer camp (i.e., Camp Agape, Lutheridge, etc.)

The concept (naive as it may sound) is that this team, with pastor's assistance, will provide overall structure and direction. Other adults will be needed to carry out the week-to-week activities, i.e. Sunday School teachers, activity leaders, folks to provide refreshments, etc.

**The Youth Ministry Team** (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades) will need 4-6 people to oversee, direct, and provide opportunities for youth and their parents to grow in faith and build relationships through:

- ◇ Consider a Weekly Sunday School program
- ◇ Assist Confirmation Class with logistic planning (This class is usually 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Sue Rink and Beverly Beale are the current class adult leaders.)
- ◇ Evaluate the possibilities for senior high class faith formation
- ◇ Coordinate youth for the annual LYO gathering (Greensboro, NC), and the triennial Youth Gathering trip (Summer of 2027, Minneapolis, MN)
- ◇ Develop a calendar of monthly (regular) youth activities (could be either group separately or together)
- ◇ Promote and encourage youth to attend summer camp

The concept is that these individuals, with pastor's assistance, will provide the overall structure and direction of the ministry. Other adults will be needed to carry out the week-to-week activities, i.e. Sunday School teachers, adults to help carry out the individual activities, folks to provide refreshments, provide transportation, etc.

**If you are interested in participating in either of these ministries, or need more information, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR JOHN**

## Fellowship Opportunities



### Fellowship opportunity for women!

Our monthly breakfast group (**Salty Women**) meets on second Thursdays, **October 9th at 9am** at Biscuitville (3110 Raeford Rd - Tallywood Shopping Center)

If you are interested, please let Ruth Ann know: 910-309-1007



### Men's Fellowship -- October 1st

*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.*

*Weather plan is in the Annex/Entrance across the parking*



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

Potluck Lunch in our Fellowship Hall

**October 7**

**We welcome our guest speaker on October 7 Lisa Hughes from Cumberland County council on older adults. They do meals on wheels, support groups and a lot of other things.**

The Prime Timer group is designed as a fellowship opportunity for all members over 55.

Gatherings are once a month on the first Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon.

Each person is encouraged to bring a dish of food to share. There are occasional programs, but sharing conversation seems to be the most uplifting and consistent activity.



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

## Receive Text Updates

If you are not currently on our email news list, sign up on our website: <https://saintjamesfay.org/>

To receive text messages as well, or instead of email, here is how to sign up

**To receive messages via text,**

**Text @8bhg3**  
**to 81010**



You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe @8bhg3'.  
Trouble using 81010? Try texting @8bhg3 to (910) 401-3357 instead.



**Assisting Ministers**

10/05.....Jane Boelke  
10/12.....Lindsey Smith  
10/19.....Nate Stockham  
10/26.....Scott Marosek

**Lectors**

10/05.....Johannes Min  
10/12.....Nancy Oliver  
10/19.....Valerie Brewer  
10/26.....Holden & Daniel Linkous

**Communion Assistant**

10/05.....Paula Burns  
10/12.....Tonie Neal  
10/19.....Jacky Hummel  
10/26.....Sue Rink

**Ushers**

10/05.....Tonie Neal, Avery Walker  
10/12.....Gary & Ruth Ann Crecelius  
10/19.....Teri Bumphrey, Lindsey Smith  
10/26.....Agnes Rybar, Georgette Miller

**Acolytes**

10/05.....Willow Linkous  
10/12.....Angelus VanDervoort  
10/19.....Ian Gibson  
10/26.....Gabriel Thomas

**Greeters**

10/05.....Leighann Combs  
10/12.....Teri Bumphrey  
10/19.....Erika & Glenn Stockwell  
10/26.....Gayle & John Frinak

**Rover**

10/05.....Verena & Christopher Min  
10/12.....Paula Burns  
10/19.....Tom Liedig  
10/26.....Todd Burns

**Nursery**

10/05.....Erika Stockwell, Jennifer Linkous  
10/12 Heather VanDervoort, Kathleen Heinrich  
10/19.....Verena Min, Sue Rink  
10/26.....Lisa Law, Kathy Brown

# 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
- Carolyn Uchtorff

### Prayer Concerns:

- ◇ Dara Lehner
- ◇ Angel Davis
- ◇ John Tucker
- ◇ Beth Sessoms
- ◇ Orose Family
- ◇ Thomas Oliver
- ◇ Mark & Ann Mabe
- ◇ Brenda Tinney
- ◇ Ashley Littman
- ◇ Chris Yerton
- ◇ Joseph San Miguel
- ◇ Carol Garcia
- ◇ David Herring
- ◇ James Peterson, Jr.

### Military Members

(\* *Deployed*)

- Earl Stockham
- Jessie Hewins
- Joshua Trogdon
- Darian Dix
- David Oliver
- Bella Fish
- Rob Whitt
- Dan Gibson
- Tristan Bonde
- Jacob Rea
- Zach Turner
- Hochang Min\*
- Alex Habermehl



- 10/01 Tonie Neal
- 10/02 Nancy Williams
- 10/02 Chandra McClenahan
- 10/06 Aurora VanDervoort
- 10/07 Janet George
- 10/08 Marie Runkle
- 10/12 Michael McClenahan
- 10/13 Amanda Rea
- 10/14 Scott Marosek
- 10/19 Gianna Orellano
- 10/19 Kathy Brown
- 10/19 Rick Boelke
- 10/20 Fran DeSilva
- 10/20 Mary Wright
- 10/21 Leighann Combs
- 10/23 Wade McLamb
- 10/23 Nora Law
- 10/24 Willa Porter
- 10/25 Richard VanPelt
- 10/27 Nancy Oliver
- 10/27 Anthony Rybar
- 10/31 Jim Wright

### Anniversaries

- 10/01 Ben & Dawn Burt
- 10/02 Linda & Jim Schlenker
- 10/12 Gary & Joan Eissinger
- 10/12 Glenn & Erika Stockwell
- 10/18 Jacky & James Hummel

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

**Should you have an emergency or need Pastoral Care, contact  
Pastor John Locke: Cell (704) 530-9969 or [jpl406@gmail.com](mailto:jpl406@gmail.com) .**

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