

St. James Lutheran Church Fayetteville, NC 2025 Annual Report

Called to be generous stewards of God's love, we ...
Love and praise God through **worship**
Provide **Christian Education & Faith Formation**
Create Christian bonds through **fellowship**
Engage in **outreach** to our community



JOYFULLY
Connecting
FAITH ● LIFE ● PEOPLE



St. James Lutheran Church

Organized 1936

The Staff

Rev. John Locke..... Pastor
 Michelle Aumack Office Administrator
 Ellen Blocker Custodian

The Officers for 2025

President Kevin Hoffmann
 Vice-President Valerie Brewer
 Council Secretary Nichole Rettmann (Jan-Mar)
 Beverly Beale (Mar - Dec)

The Officers for 2026

President Rick Boelke
 Vice-President Avery Walker
 Council Secretary Rick Black

Church Council terms complete the end of

2026

2027

Valerie Brewer
 Kevin Hoffman
 Mary Wright
 Beverly Beale
 Joan Eissing
 James Peterson
 Edward Samuelian

Rick Boelke
 Rick Black
 Ben Burt
 Georgette Miller



The 2025 Annual Reports are dedicated to those members of St. James who have run the race, who have kept the faith and to whom the crown of eternal righteousness has been given:

†	07/20/25	Joe Lehner
†	07/29/25	Roscoe Killett
†	10/20/25	Amanda Rea

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PASTOR'S REPORT

Here is the 2025 Annual Report. It is a little bit late, at least by constitutional guidelines.

And it is probably not as comprehensive as we'd all like. But it is a summary of the Annual Report Items for 2025 activities of the congregation – how we gathered, ministered, served, worshipped, studied, etc. There are lot of numbers in it, too, if you appreciate that sort of thing. Most of all, the annual report does not speak of the many, many stories of God showing up – and loving, guiding, forgiving, strengthening, correcting, and encouraging us. Stories of names and faces – some of whom we will never see nor know; stories of people becoming a part of St. James congregation and being healed, strengthened, or welcomed; stores of people growing in faith, skill, confidence, or joy; stories of healing and consolation at the darkest of times; and stories of hope, light, and resurrection.

2025 was an intense year of ministry: there were times of incredible emotional highs with baptisms and new members and smiles, laughter, and joy; there were also many days of deep pain, as we dealt with death of several key members, as well as offering Godspeed to several key leaders and members for their relocation; and, the growth of leadership and children, and the pains of disagreement and mourning.

We are called to live out the gospel in times of celebration as well as sadness. And from that perspective, we will carry many lessons and memories into the next phase of ministry at St. James.

I continue to be hopeful and excited for how the Spirit might surprise us in the months and year to come. Already, the Spirit has called and energized a new congregation council that has more members than the last several years. These folks are committed to re-energizing ministry within the congregation around teams and committees; and are focused on encouraging and inspiring everyone to be a part of a ministry activity. They are also aware of how we need to have more opportunities to create and build relationships within the congregation.

2026 will be our 90 th year as an organized, official congregation. Through that observance and celebration, I am confident God will provide us the gift of many opportunities to serve Him in our communities, as well as within the congregation.

Blessings to you all,

Pastor John

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Congregation Council dealt primarily with two major issues during 2025.

The Church finances were a concern throughout the year. Its income tended to be around \$2000 a month lower than what was needed to meet expenses. An unexpected \$13,000 was needed for repairs to the parsonage. In addition, some members continued to feel that the amount paid to the Music Director was too high, though it had been renegotiated from a high of \$25,000 a year (with additional expenditures for FICA, etc.) with too many weeks requested as vacation (though the Music Director would be required to pay for substitute musicians) to a total of \$25,000 for salary, FICA, and all other costs.

The deaths and relocation of several members resulted in lower income in 2025. In November a tentative spending plan for 2026 was approved by Counsel that was actually less than that approved for 2025; this was due primarily to the difference in pay given to a Music Director than to temporary musicians.

Also of concern for most of the year was the Music Director. Some members of Counsel voiced their criticisms of him at every meeting, and the friction that was evident between him one member of the choir, in particular, affected the size of the choir and contributed to discontent within the Congregation. In June, the Council voted not to renew the Music Director's contract, but he accepted a position elsewhere and resigned prior to being told about the decision. With great reluctance on the part of several Council members, Amanda Rea was asked to be Interim Music Director without pay, pending a review of options and any decisions regarding what direction the Council would recommend.

Edward Samuelian was appointed to be chair of a Music Committee that would look at what the Music Ministry current was and what it should be, roles of various members of the choir/ congregation, the type(s) of music preferred by the congregation, whether or not an outside person should be recommended for any position, and the resources needed to help the Music Ministry grow. Edward found a survey that helped determine the answers to some of these questions, including genres of music, types of musicians (organist, pianist, instrumentalist, vocal), and music opportunities (handbells, choir, youth choir).

Any decisions were pretty much set aside when Amanda Rea unexpectedly died. Jane Boelke was asked to take an active/directing role in selecting music, and several pianists were lined up to play on Sundays.

St. James helped pay for and sent congregation members to the annual Youth meetings in New Orleans and Kure Beach and to the Synod meeting, at which a new bishop was elected.

In August, citing a "confluence of life events" but omitting the "drama" experienced by the Council for over a year (as noted in his email to the Executive Committee), Kevin Hoffman said he would no longer be president and left the meeting. Valerie Brewer stepped in as interim president for the rest of Kevin's term. Discussions were begun on how to celebrate the 90th anniversary of St. James' founding.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Brewer, Interim President

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Child Members Received

By baptism	9
By affirmation of faith	1
By letter of transfer	0
Associate Member	0
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Total	10

Child Members Removed

By death	0
By inactivity	0
By request	0
By transfer	2
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Total	2

Adult Members Received

By baptism	0
By affirmation of faith	9
By letter of transfer	10
Reinstatement	0
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Total	19

Adult Members Removed

By death	3
By inactivity	0
By request	1
By transfer	2
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Total	6

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
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Baptized members	206	210	212	208	237
Average weekly attendance	43	50	70	78	89

- Baptized in 2025**
- Isaac Law
 - Finch Hoffman
 - Samantha Hoffmann
 - Luke Hoffmann
 - Jesse Habermehl
 - Conrad Gregory
 - Richard VanPelt
 - Willow Linkous
 - Holden Linkous

- Confirmed in 2025**
- None

- Adults received in 2025 by Transfer or Affirmation**
- Jeff Hoffmann
 - Elizabeth Hoffmann
 - Sonia Nazario
 - Norman Nutter
 - Frank Mathias
 - Terry Orness
 - Richard VanPelt
 - Sharon VanPelt
 - Teri Bumphrey
 - Ben Burn
 - Dawn Burt
 - Agnes Rybar
 - Georgette Miller
 - Jacky Hummel
 - Jake Smalley
 - Rick Black
 - Avery Aalker

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

The significant event of the year was Mark Tollefsen resigning his position as choir director in July. The council asked Mandy to fill in as a short-term interim, while the choir re-organizes and council firms the financial aspects to support the music program. Amy Stovall and Alyssa Hall agreed to support the program with Sunday morning accompaniment.

Tragically, Amanda was diagnosed with colon cancer in late July and succumbed to the cancer in mid-October. Her funeral, on All Saints Eve, was an incredible worship of celebration, as well as grief. A 40+ member choir participated in a wonderful musical offering. Amanda's death has left a major void in the restructuring of the music program. Jane Boelke, Amy Allison, Alyssa Hall, and Pastor John are working on music selection and new ideas for music leadership. Jane and Rick Boelke are working to continue momentum of the handbell choir.

We coordinated a "Pastor Swap Sunday" with Christus Victor Lutheran of Durham, Pr. Ben Krey on September 14.

Jane Boelke agreed to serve as point person for a Worship and Music Team. Amy Allison will join her on the team.

A Service of Healing & Hope was offered on Sunday, November 16 for the congregation (and community) as we dealt with the grief that followed Roscoe Killett, Joe Lehner, and Amanda Rea. The HYMNSingers choir of Fayetteville assisted in the worship.

A joint effort with Children's Ministry Team created the first children's Christmas program in many years. Dianna Vittoe, Sonja Nazario, Maddie Gregory, and Anna Lisa Johannessen assisted in the program. Over 20 children and youth participated in the program during worship, December 21.

Blue Christmas Worship was a coordinated time with Westminster Presbyterian (the host), First Baptist Church Anderson Street, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, and St. James Lutheran. Attendance was approximately 100.

We offered three Christmas Eve services at 12:00, 4:00, and 10:00.

We offered worship on Maundy Thursday (foot washing or hand-washing), Good Friday, Easter Sunrise, and an Easter Festival worship services.

We have continued the livestream of Sunday morning worship, thanks to Michael McClenahan and Jacky Hummel.

FINANCE REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2025

Mission Statement:

To maintain an effective financial system that will allow Saint James to support, maintain, and establish needed ministries.

Team members:

We lost three members during the year: Jim Schlenker (Chair), Stella San Miguel and Sarah Parrish. Gary Eissinger (Chair) recruited four new members: Dave Runkle, John Frinak, Terry Orness and Beverly Beale.

Meetings:

Twelve meetings were held during the year. We met the second Monday of the month at 10 am in the church office small conference room.

Financial Committee Highlights:

- ◇ Had overall responsibility to monitor and control general offerings of \$201,138
- ◇ Had overall responsibility to monitor and control designated offerings of \$104,406
- ◇ Had overall responsibility to monitor and control all expenditures of \$307,104

- Continued overseeing all of the endowment accounts.
 - ⇒ The Suggs account supports the day to day operation of the church. Our church needs \$3,000 per month to pay our monthly bills. We also paid Lenoir Rhyne University, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Lutheran Family Services and Lutheran Services for the aging \$2,500 each.
 - ⇒ From the Patterson, Arne, and Currie Endowment funds we had nine requests and funded them in the amount of \$18,385.42

- We also oversee the Aderholt Scholarship fund by awarding one or two senior high students from our congregation a scholarship of up to \$500.00. We did not have a recipient in 2025, but this year we have only one applicant. His name is Nathan Stockham.
- We paid \$10,000 to the North Carolina Synod for mission support.
- Administered collection and distribution of staff Christmas gifts.
- Attended church council meetings to present monthly and year to date financials.
- Prepared annual budget for council members to review and approve.
- Presented annual budget to congregation for approval. Introduced the importance of looking at cash flow along with our comparison to budget.
- Were assigned to overview two major projects as they related to cost vs budget:
 - The gathering space remodeling and major repairs to parsonage.

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FINANCE REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2025

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- We have set up special account that addresses replacing HVAC hardware/equipment. Each month we do not spend money on major HVAC equipment replacement, we transfer \$1,500 into a special HVAC account in designated funds. Hopefully we will have \$18,000 in that account for future purchases.
- The internal audit, required in our constitution, was not done this year because congregation council could not find members willing to do it.

It has been a good year and the accomplishments in this report could not have been done without the great efforts of Michelle Aumack. If Saint James were a corporation, she would be the CEO.

Gary Eissinger, Finance Chair

ENDOWMENTS

A new endowment was created and offered as part of her estate planning by Suzie Wilkinson. The “Strupler Endowment” has been created on a minimal basis, and upon her death (which we hope will not be anytime soon!) will be funded through a portion of her estate. The endowment will be focused on hospitality ministries – various ways that we can proclaim the gospel to the community around us.

Receipts

Regular Giving	\$ 199,809
Designated Giving	\$ 72,179
Earned Income	\$ 62,460
Sales Tax Refund	\$ 1,329
Total Income	\$ 335,777

Disbursements

Operating Expenses	\$284,405
Payments on Mortgage	\$ 12,132
Mission Support	\$ 10,000
Disaster Response	\$ 0
Colleges	\$ 0
Seminaries	\$ 2,500
Ukraine Relief	\$ 2,500
Local Agencies	\$ 567
Total Expense	\$312,104

Assets 12/31/2024:

Cash in General Checking Accounts (Fund 01)	\$ 7,532.10
Cash in Dedicated Bank Account (Fund 02)	\$68,440.28

Total in Checking Accounts \$75,972.29

Liabilities:

Outstanding Mortgage Principle (12/31/25)	\$ 109,389.42
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<u>Administered Memorials</u>	12/31/25 Balances
Warren Porter	\$ 522.09
Peggie Ann Jackson	\$ 901.12
Audrey Orose	\$ 100.00
Joe Lehner	\$ 765.00
Roscoe Killett	\$1,127.82
Amanda Rea	\$7,825.00

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

A new Children's Ministry team is in a development phase. Jacky Hummel (who has begun teaching a new preK-5th grade Sunday School class), Diana Vittoe, Sonja Nazzario, and Maddie Gregory are the initial members of this effort.

EVANGELISM

An updated Congregational Pictorial Directory was created in-house in 2025. Erin Orose did the majority of the photography, and we distributed the first version in September. An updated version is hoped for in May of 2026.

YOUTH

February 2025, 8 youth (Hannah Rea, Riley Greeno, Aaron Thomas, Gabriel Thomas, Nate Thomas), 2 adults (Amanda Rea, Michael McClenahan) attended LYO in Greensboro, NC.

In May, we recognized three high school seniors: Wade McLamb, Sophia Min, Keyarah Myers, and Campbell Burt.

On June 5, five youth and three adults helped Alms House (Hope Mills) with their Saturday lunch program.

On July 23, 8 youth and 5 adults went to Carolina Beach for the day; then to Kure Beach to lead evening worship on the beach for Kure Memorial Lutheran Church. Hannah Rea preached her first sermon.

Lynn and Henry Orellano, Erin Smith, Michael McClenahan, and Jennifer & Daniel Linkous answered God's call to work on a new revitalized Youth Ministry Team.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

“Whatever you wish me to do for you, do likewise also for them, for this is the law and prophets.”
Matthew 7:12

When Paula Burns and Marcia Katt came up with “Item of the Month”, with a round table placed in front of the stairs with a big tub, and sign (donated by Paula and Marcia), it was not given a lot of “is this going to last” thought but the congregation evidently found it to be a positive.

Maybe it was being informed a couple of times a month, maybe it was the visual at the steps, but it worked. We gave more in the 2025 year, than in previous times, with a smaller congregation attending weekly, but growing. The donations seem to flow more easily, with this triple communication of Messenger/ Bulletin/ visual and word of mouth. We are able to report, we benefited in many areas of concern and injustices this year with our energy, outreach and donations. We received many letters of appreciation for our efforts.

We also had a lot of energy behind request, with the passing of Roscoe, for school supplies. This combined with so many government benefits in question we found the non-profits we serve short of items as well.

From nonperishable food items, with diapers for foster care, weekend food supplies for children and elders we reached out. There were many K Cups, a few that walked the Crop Walk and raised \$400. Episcopal Farm Workers received over 160 quilts.

The *Comfort blankets* for the Child Advocacy Center topped out well over 300’s as the quilters covered rehab facilities with fidget, lap, dialysis pads. covers, bibs, blankets as well.

Rape Crises (name change to Phoenix Center), Advocacy Center, Alms House, Samaritan Christmas Shoe Boxes, Magnolia Home-Human Trafficking survivors, Howard Hall Elementary School, Episcopal Farm Workers Ministry, DSS, Crop Walk, greeted us with smiles and included our own less mobile members that appreciated visits and the poinsettias from Prime Timers.

The ministry of Greeting Cards continued this year, with 14 volunteers, sending from 12 to 40 cards a month.

The First Time Visitors bags with the *Cross in the Pocket*, continued to be handed to over 180 visitors this year.

Have you said hello to someone you didn’t recognize? Ask them to come again? Making a stranger welcome is part of our mission.

I keep hearing we don’t ever retire from God’s service. So give as you feel the call.
Our community will appreciate your caring.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tonie Neal, Chair

SOCIAL MINISTRY**SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH 2026****January**

Operation in as Much...wish list is kitchen food items, hygiene products, office supplies, laundry/cleaning supplies. Mr. Bernard King, Volunteer Coordinator asked if anyone was interested in having an evening meal on the weekends, permanently, for their apartments occupants? 910-433-2161

February

Diapers/Pampers for month of Valentine Love, all sizes, socks and underwear for D.S.S. Foster care program.

March

Change for Change for Crop Walk. All donations will go to Church World Services and Fayetteville Urban Ministry. These organizations feed, cloth, mentor children, teach adults and children to read, build dams, dig wells, ramps, repair local houses in need and help with rent and electric bills when needed. Come walk with us.

April

Magnolia Hope, Human Trafficked Survivors...wish list hygiene items, grooming items, socks, T-Shirts, Q-tips, hairbrush, body lotions.

May

Child Advocacy Center. These children would appreciate a stuff animal, all ages. Bottled water, juice boxes, individually wrapped snacks, coffee, canned soda.

June

School supplies for a local school.

July

Christmas in July for Alma Easom Elementary School of socks and underwear.

August

Alms House, with K Cups for the older adults and school children they give out the Friday lunches for the weekend. Also just regular canned goods for restocking Alms House shelves for fall.

September

God's Work, Our Hands.

October

Episcopal Farm Workers with the normal request for blankets, clothing, hygiene items.

November

Alms House Thanksgiving Dinner items. Canned thanksgiving ham, beans, potatoes, etc.

December

Care Clinic ...wish list paper products, toilet paper, paper towels, small paper bags, Kleenex, canned soda, zip lock bags, 30-gallon trash bags, copy paper, coffee, creamer, band aids, gift cards from Food Lion, Walmart, Harris Teeter.

SOCIAL MINISTRYCard Ministry

Each month we have one volunteer who writes cards to those on our prayer list. Michelle at the office keeps track of names and addresses. At the beginning of the month she sends that info to the current volunteer. That list sometimes includes what we are praying for. The Message can be formulated according to what they are going through or just a simple "Saint James is praying for you".

Our 2026 volunteers are:

January	Suzie Wilkinson
February	Erika Stockwell
March	Lynn Bremer
April	Kathy Brown
May	Tonie Neal
June	Anna Andersen
July	Dara Lehner
August	Fran DeSilva, Linda Stellfox, Barbara Azzarelli
September	Jacky Hummel
October	Nancy Oliver
November	Leighann Combs
December	Stella San Miguel

PROPERTY MINISTRY TEAM

This past year was once again very busy with many property related actions across our campus. Led by the Property Ministry Team, we collectively accomplished many actions and projects. I am personally thankful for the support and hard work by the past and present Property Team members; Dave Runkle, and Tom Liedig. I would also like to thank Pastor John for his continued participation, support and leadership. A final thank you to the Finance Ministry Team for their support and teamwork.

The mission did not change for 2025; to provide a safe, comfortable, and inviting space for worship and our ministry services. We oversee and manage all activities associated with the infrastructure of the five buildings and nearly five acres across your St. James campus.

In 2025, we completed our 13th year with a full-time lawn care contractor, having now been with with Karrie Hawkins’ service since December 2015. That coverage includes a weekly service across all the grounds, over one acre of property. This provides a consistent, year-round, service that allows our volunteers to place their efforts toward the many other property requirements. Our Custodian, Ms. Ellen Blocker, continues to provide weekly custodial service for the Church building, Office area, and Ministry Annex. Other services include trash removal and pest control.

In order to give everyone an appreciation of all the actions that were accomplished in 2024 we’ve attempted to provide a simple list, but please understand behind many of these were hours of work, planning and let’s not forget the financial support.

<i>2025 Property Ministry Team Led Actions</i>	
Annual Nativity Scene set up/removal and assisted with the Chrismon Trees set up/removal	Coordinated for contractor repairs of various HVAC repairs.
Replaced many electrical outlets throughout the year.	Maintained the Prayer Garden throughout the year.
Completed the Gathering Space/Hospitality Room remodel.	Coordinated and managed the replacement of all the windows in the Parsonage. They were purchased in the fall of 2024 and installed in 2025
Began purchase and installation of internal security door locks of Nursery and Classrooms.	Completed the remodel of the Men’s restroom near the elevator
Began replacing Parsonage wood privacy fence with a white vinyl fence with donated materials.	Repainted the main front doors, hardware and light fixtures.
Repaired HVAC systems throughout the year.	
Repaired many light ballasts throughout both buildings.	
Periodically replaced furnace filters, alarm batteries and light bulbs as required.	

PROPERTY MINISTRY TEAM - Continued

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who supported the monthly Work Days and all of the other projects while spending many hours working to keep our property safe, comfortable, and inviting. Thank you to the many financial donors who have made most of our contract work possible. A special thanks to the Property Ministry Team members who help to plan and manage the continued completion of the building renovation along with the many maintenance actions.

Please consider joining this effort. While the work is never ending, the fellowship is great and it is rewarding to be able to see the progress made. Many hands make light work. We can use everyone!

In 2026, we will continue to have property workdays on the third Saturday of each month from 8:30 am to noon! WE NEED YOU! Please plan to join us for these short, but critical work sessions.

Respectfully submitted,
Todd Burns
Property Ministry Team Chairperson
(910) 308-5431,
burnst37@gmail.com

GENERAL

Anna Lisa, Amanda, Hannah, Pastor attended NC Synod Assembly. Rev. Emily Hartner was elected Bishop.

ELCA Churchwide Assembly was held July 28-August 2 where Rev. Yehiel Curry was elected the next Presiding Bishop of the ELCA. He is the first African-American to hold the position. Rev. CeCee Mills of NC Synod was elected as Secretary of the ELCA.

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION**The elected officials for 2025**

President/Ministry Chairperson - Todd Burns

Secretary – Dave Runkle

Treasurer – Gary Crecelius

Mission

The mission of the North Carolina LMM (NCLMM) is to support men in their spiritual growth and in their social and intellectual development as they strive to deepen their commitment to Christ and to their families and to provide strength and support as they grow in the life of the Church and its evangelical mission. Our goal at Saint James Lutheran Church (SJLC) is to provide the men of our congregation the opportunity and environment to work towards and achieve the NCLMM mission.

Events

In 2025 the SJLC LMM met nearly every Sunday (with the exception of four weeks in the Summer and Advent) for bible study and held our official meeting the second Sunday of the month at 9 am via Zoom for fellowship, and spiritual growth. LMM focused the Bible study on the weekly worship service lessons. LMM also continued our monthly Theology on Tap gathering the first Wednesday of the month meeting on the back lawn of the Church campus. LMM also supported and/or sponsored many activities and events throughout the year as we worked towards the LMM mission.

These include:

- LMM continued with the sponsorship and responsibility within Saint James Lutheran Church for the Honeycutt Park adopt-a-site program managed by the Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Department. We support this effort with a bi-monthly clean up on the third Saturday of the month. The neighborhood community park proudly remains under sponsorship of Saint James Lutheran Church.
- LMM conducted a Men's Retreat at Camp Agape 17-18 October with five men participating.

Financial

The LMM ending balance for 2025 was \$459.52. The primary expenses in 2025 included: \$150 for the National LMM, \$150 for the NCLMM Charter. **LMM's financial requirements are not supported through the Church Budget.**

Please contact Todd Burns if you have any questions or want to learn more about your Lutheran Men In Mission. burnst37@gmail.com, (910) 308-5431.

Respectfully submitted by:

Todd Burns, Dave Runkle, and Gary Crecelius.

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION



St. James Lutheran Church
Lutheran Men In Mission (LMM)
 2026 Mission, Intent, and Strategy

Our Intent for 2026:

1. Ensure all Men of our *Congregational community* are aware of and invited to St. James Lutheran Men In Mission’s ministry. *Strengthen* and *Expand* the ministry.
2. Take a *leadership* and *participative* role in the NCLMM and our NCLMM Conference; Sandhills Conference.

Our Strategy for 2026:

Inform all men through *increased means of communication* of all Men’s Ministry events and activities. (Message Board, Event Highlights on easels, Monthly Email, Messenger Articles, Updated Website, Bulletin Inserts, Facebook, Personal Invites/face to face.)

All Men of St. James (members and visitors/guests) are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate!

<i>Recurring Events/Activities</i>			
<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Men’s Bible Study	All Sundays of the Month except Special Events	9 am	St. James’ Fellowship Hall & Zoom
<i>(Purpose: A social and fellowship gathering with an emphasis on spiritual growth and theology)</i>			
Men’s Weekly Online Zoom Bible Study	Every Thursday	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm (EST)	To get the ZOOM link, please sign up HERE for the weekly LMM newsletter, which has the link.
<i>The national LMM team leads a study on the Biblical text for the upcoming Sunday using the Revised Common Lectionary that most protestant associations use</i>			
Men’s Theology on Tap	1 st Wednesday of the Month (Thursday during Lent)	5:30-7:30 pm	Back Lawn at St. James
<i>(Purpose: A social and fellowship gathering... light on theology)</i>			
LMM Business Meeting	2 nd Sunday of the Month	9 am	St. James’ Fellowship Hall & Zoom
<i>(Purpose: A brief business meeting to discuss and coordinate LMM events and activities)</i>			
Honeycutt Park Clean Up	3 rd Saturday of the Month. Every Other Month	7:30-8:30 am	Honeycutt Park (352 Devers St., Fayetteville)
<i>(Purpose: Provide a community service and enjoy fellowship outdoors)</i>			
St. James Work Day	3 rd Saturday of Every Month	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	St. James’ campus
<i>(Purpose: Conduct repairs & maintenance across our facilities and grounds, while enjoying fellowship)</i>			

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION



St. James Lutheran Church
Lutheran Men In Mission (LMM)
 2026 Mission, Intent, and Strategy

<i>Single or Special Events/Activities: (look for information flyers/sheets on each in the future)</i>			
<i>Event</i>	<i>POC</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	Dave Runkle	February 17	Fellowship Hall, St. James
North Carolina Lutheran Men Mission (NCLMM) Annual Gathering	Todd Burns	March 14	tbd
Easter Sunday Breakfast	Dave	April 5	Fellowship Hall, St. James
One Year to Live Retreat	On line registration	April 24-26	Tracy’s Camp, Pinewood, SC
St. James Lutheran Church, Men’s Retreat	Todd Burns	tbd	Camp Agape, Fuquay Varina (north of Lillington, NC)

Lutheran Men In Mission Facts: (National)

- **Lutheran Men in Mission** is the men’s ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, incorporated as a 501(c)3 corporation. We work to strengthen men’s Christian faith, relationships, witness and service in their homes, congregations and communities.
- **Our Mission** is, by God’s grace, to build men’s faith, relationships and ministry through men’s events, the resources we produce and ongoing leadership development.
- **Our Vision** is that every man have a growing relationship with Jesus Christ through an effective men’s ministry in every congregation.
- **Our Commitment** is to assist every congregation in establishing an effective, life-changing men’s ministry.

“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” Proverbs 27:17

If interested in any of the events or if you have questions, contact Todd Burns (burnst37@gmail.com), (910) 308-5431.

ALTAR GUILD

Members of the Altar Guild are behind the scene ministers who faithfully and reverently prepare the house of God for weekly services. This includes the worship services of baptism, weddings and funerals, as well as extra services during Lent, Easter, Advent and Christmas. The Altar Guild is responsible for keeping the sanctuary, altar and baptismal font clean and free of clutter. Paraments are changed for the seasons of the church year with appropriate linens. Members set the weekly table for communion. These duties are usually carried out on Saturday morning and continued through each of the services as needed.

Schedule for 2026

Jan Elizabeth Robertson, Beverly Beale	Jul Elizabeth Robertson, Beverly Beale
Feb Tonie Neal, Fran DeSilva,	Aug Elizabeth Robertson, Beverly Beale
Mar Elizabeth Robertson, Beverly Beale	Sep Fran DeSilva, Tonie Neal
Apr Elizabeth Robertson, Beverly Beale	Oct Joan Eissinger
May Joan Eissinger, Delores Schiebe	Nov Elizabeth Robertson, Beverly Beale
Jun Elizabeth Robertson, Beverly Beale	Dec Beverly Beale, Elizabeth Robertson

We give thanks to our youth of Saint James who have been stepping up to help us carry items from the altar area to the sacristy after service. You are serving Jesus and He loves you.

Thank you to all who have served, are serving and to the new volunteers on our roster!

Respectfully submitted;
Elizabeth Robertson, Chair