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SAINT JAMES MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

In celebration of 90 years of ministry we are updating our merchandise to include t-shirts, polo shirts, canvas totes, baseball caps, and long-sleeved pull overs.

All of the items include our current church logo in script accompanied by a shell. The shell was suggested by Valerie Brewer as she had traveled the Camino de Santiago (The Way of Saint James) in Spain and found that the scallop shell guided walkers along the path. Wearing our Saint James merchandise can spark dialog, show presence in our local outreach and build community within our congregation.



Church Merch can be ordered at any time, and we'll have more options available as we head into the cooler months.

See Ruth Ann Crecelius for more information.

You can text message to 910-309-1007

Congregation Council Update



Johannes Min has joined our Congregation Council as youth representative.
Thank you for your leadership!

We will be holding **elections for council seats this fall** to fill slots for those whose terms are ending 2026:
If you are interested, or know someone who might be a good candidate, please contact the office to be nominated!



New members Sunday



We will be receiving new members on September 20th.

We will have “New member” Info sessions in the near future.

If you are interested in joining Saint James, contact Pastor John or Michelle at the office.

Rivermist Concert at Ballpark Road, Eastover, NC

Saturday, August 8, 2026, from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM



Rivermist is scheduled to perform at Ballpark Road in Eastover, NC, as part of the Sounds of Summer Outdoor Concert Series.

Cost: Free (bring your own chairs and lawn chairs)

Look for the Saint James banner for this fellowship event!

Bishop Emeritus Leonard Bolick will be our guest preacher October 4th!



As part of our 90th Anniversary Celebration we have invited Former Bishop Leonard Bolick to preach at Saint James.

He was the Associate Pastor for Saint James (1984-1986) and Bishop of the NC Synod February 2, 1997 – September 12, 2015

"He has one more connection to St. James. It has to do with an event that occurred on August 21, 2005. Care to guess?"
Mark your calendar for this very special day!



Our Youth Group had a great visit at Kure Beach on July 15th

We invited our new friends from Westminster Presbyterian to join us on our one-day beach trip. 17 youth and 8 adults enjoyed God's wonderful creation of sand, sun, and ocean at Carolina Beach for the day. We headed to Kure Beach later in the day to lead Kure Memorial Lutheran's weekly beach worship. Many thanks to Jennifer and Daniel Linkous, Jaye Orellano, Anna Lisa Johannessen, Susanna Samuelian, and Amber Tyson.





June 28th visit from Bishop Emily Hartner

We were thrilled to have Bishop Emily Hartner celebrating our 90th anniversary with us on June 28.



Come be a part of something you haven't done before. Join handbells!



Handbells will rehearse Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm starting September 2, 2026.

We meet in the music room, just off the sanctuary. We need at least 6 ringers to make a small bell choir or 11 ringers to make a full choir. You do not need to know how to read music to be a member. (But is helpful if you can count to 4). Handbells add zest to the Sunday worship experience. Call or text Jane Boelke at 651-636-3336 to join or get bell questions answered. I am also available at church on Sundays. Please let me know by the last week in August so I can prepare music.

I look forward to hearing from you!



Sunday classes

There are no classes during pre-worship Sunday School time during the summer. A planning session will be scheduled in late July-early August to make decisions for the fall and into 2027.



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Ruth

Join us this fall as we study about the remarkable Ruth. Famous for her loyalty, kindness and faithfulness.

			
Courage in uncertain times	God's providence and faithfulness	Identity, purpose, and redemption	Friendship, loyalty, and hope

 SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM
 ROOM 127
 LIGHT SNACKS & FELLOWSHIP

AnnaLisa is considering starting the study on Ruth after Labor Day

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

Building men for Christ

*As iron
sharpens iron...
so one man
sharpens another.*

Proverbs 27:17



Point of Contact:
Todd Burns, (910) 308-5431 or burnst37@gmail.com or

See reverse or 2nd page for directions to Camp Agape

St. James Lutheran Church

“Men’s Retreat”

Theme: Rest for Your Souls (Matthew 11)

Friday & Saturday

October 16 & 17, 2026

**Camp Agape & Conference Center
Gerhard Cabin**

- **What to Bring:** Bible, Paper, Pen or Pencil, your favorite book...other than the Bible, clothing appropriate for light outdoor activities, overnight bag.
- **NO COST** to all attendees!

(tentative) Retreat Schedule

(the agenda is developing)

Friday, October 16:

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Arrival & Set up (Gerhard Cabin)
6:00 pm – Cookout (3Bs; Brats (on the grill), Beans, & Beverages)
7:00 pm – Icebreaker Activities / Campfire

Saturday, October 17:

7:30 am – Worship Service – outdoor chapel
8:00 am - Breakfast – Woodlands Lodge
8:30 am – noon. Bible Study/Program. Location is TBD (facilitated by Carl Rosenberg)
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm. Lunch – Woodlands Lodge
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Agape Work Project. Project and Location TBD
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Clean Gerhard Cabin and Depart

Our Retreat will be held at Camp Agape, a short 45-minute drive north of Fayetteville. Come join us for a weekend of fellowship, food, some light outdoor activities and spiritual growth.

The sign-up sheet and informational flyers can be found on the message board near the Men’s Bible Study area or contact the Church Office or Todd Burns.

Don’t miss out on this wonderful opportunity!!!

For more information contact Todd Burns, (910) 308-5431, burnst37@gmail.com

Fellowship Opportunities



Join us every first Tuesday, at Noon!

Potluck Lunch in our Fellowship Hall

August 4 at Noon

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

Men's Fellowship – August 5



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 lot

Fellowship opportunity for women!



Our monthly breakfast group (**Salty Women**) meets on second Thursdays, **August 13 at 9am** at

Eggs up Grill, 2951 Town Center Drive

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



Our Fellowship Hall HVAC is now operational!



Thank you to everyone who generously donated to our new HVAC system for the Fellowship Hall. Blackwell Heating & Air installed a 12.5 ton Heat Pump on our roof the end of June.

As of the end of July, over 30 family giving units (or groups) have made generous gifts of almost \$30,000 toward the funding of the Fellowship HVAC replacement. But there is more good news. One of our families is graciously, and anonymously, offering to finance the remaining balance of \$6,000 at 0% interest. St. James has been blessed by your generosity. Thank you for responding to God's call to share.



August 16th we will bless our students and faculty for the upcoming school year during our annual *Blessing of the backpacks*. Make sure to bring yours!

Social Ministry Outreach

This month we are collecting for the Alms House Kid's Assistance Program Plus (KAPP)
The ALMS HOUSE coordinates with the Hope Mills area school social workers to provide packs of food items each Friday for those children who might otherwise have nothing to eat over the weekend.

If you would like to help provide food for these children, the following is a list of items that are put into those bags (no substitutes, please.)

Kids Assistance Program Plus - KAPP



Bottled Water

Cereal Box (*single serving*)

Fruit Snacks



Individual Juice Boxes (*100% juice only*)

Cheese and Crackers (NO PEANUT BUTTER, allergies)

Beef Jerky Sticks

Ramen Noodles

Chef Boyardee Microwavable Pastas

(*Spaghetti & Meatballs, Lasagna, Beefaroni, Beef Ravioli*)



Shelf Stable Milk Cartons (*individual size only*)

Zip Lock freezer bags, 1 gallon

Kitchen Garbage bags, tall

Spoons



In July we collected items for Alma Easom Elementary School. Thank you to all who have donated items. They were very appreciative!



Alma Easom's bookkeeper,
Ms. Helm helped Tonie Neal unload.



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



Recycle your ink cartridges and help support Saint James

We are collecting used desktop ink cartridges. NO Xerox type toners.

Place them in the marked bin outside of the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you!



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.

Upcoming Zoom Meetings

Click on the times to connect

Property Team - (August 11)

- 2nd Tuesdays

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

[6:00 pm](#)

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](#)



Worship Leaders

Assisting Ministers

8/02	Lindsey Smith
8/09	Scott Marosek
8/16	Ruth Ann Crecelius
8/23	Jacky Hummel
8/30	Jane Boelke

Lectors

8/02	Anna Lisa Johannesen
8/09	Jim Wright
8/16	Johannes Min
8/23	Holden & Daniel Linkous
8/30	Diana Vittoe

Communion Assistant

8/02	Dave Runkle
8/09	Jacky Hummel
8/16	Jaye-Lynn Orellano
8/23	Sue Rink
8/30	Tonie Neal

Ushers

8/02	Gary & Ruth Ann Crecelius
8/09	Teri Bumphrey, Lindsey Smith
8/16	Edward Samuelian, Avery Walker
8/23	Agnes Rybar, Georgette Miller
8/30	Hannah Rea, Joan Eissinger

Acolytes

8/02	Gianna Orellano
8/09	Holden Linkous
8/16	Ricky Van Pelt
8/23	Henry Orellano
8/30	Ian Gibson

Greeters

8/02	Fran DeSilva
8/09	Erika & Glenn Stockwell
8/16	Teri Bumphrey
8/23	Kathy Brown
8/30	Linda Stellfox

Rover

8/02	Paula Burns
8/09	Edward Samuelian
8/16	Tom Liedig
8/23	Todd Burns
8/30	Dave Runkle

Nursery

8/02	Sue Rink, Patsy Linkous
8/09	Verena Min, Jennifer Linkous
8/16	Amber & Alex Habermehl
8/23	Erika Stockwell, Amber Habermehl
8/30	Tonie Neal, Kathy Brown

Around the Parish

PRAYER REQUEST

WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU



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)

- Jacque Yacobucci
- Charlotte Davis
- Dara Lehner
- Brenda Killett
- Carolyn Uchtorff
- Betty Kern

Prayer Concerns:

- ◇ Angel Davis
- ◇ John Tucker
- ◇ Beth Sessoms
- ◇ Mark & Ann Mabe
- ◇ David Herring
- ◇ James Peterson, Jr.
- ◇ Wes Davis
- ◇ Darcey Beale

Military Members

(* Deployed)

- Earl Stockham
- Joshua Trogdon *
- Darian Dix
- Bella Fish
- Dan Gibson
- Hochang Min
- Alex Habermehl
- Robert James
- Matthew Porter *
- Justyce Crecelius *
- Zach Fuhr
- Addie Piatz *



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 8/01 Deb Martin
- 8/02 Walter Trogdon
- 8/08 Norman Mutter
- 8/11 Jacque Yacobucci
- 8/12 Larry Schiebe
- 8/15 Amy Allison
- 8/17 Heather VanDervoort
- 8/19 Amber Habermehl
- 8/21 Dan Runkle
- 8/24 Suzi Wilkinson
- 8/24 Elizabeth Slaymaker

Anniversaries



- 8/02 Matthew & Madison Porter
- 8/04 Chandra & Michael McClenahan
- 8/10 John Locke & Anna Lisa Johannessen
- 8/13 Rhonda & Bruce Akers
- 8/20 Janet & Ricky George
- 8/21 David & Amy Burks

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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 .**

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