



**ST. JAMES**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 2024  
The Journal

## *July Worship Services*

**Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am**

**Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am**

**Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Vacation Bible School Closing Worship**

**Worship at 11:00 am**

**Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 am**

***Sunday Mornings***

***Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Fred at 9:15 am***

***Sunday School at 9:45 am***

## *A message from Pastor Fred...*

Happy Summer to You!

I saw Mr. Bobby this week, and he wanted to tell everyone “Hi!” He said he misses St. James and asked how everyone is doing.

What’s great about the body of Christ that is St. James is that we aren’t confined to our church building. Jesus says, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” -Matthew 18:20

If you want to update Mr. Bobby on how you are, how St. James is, and see how he is doing, you can! Any time you visit, the body of Christ assembles; St. James is together in Christ Jesus.

One of my goals this year is to equip those who want to minister to those who cannot make it to our physical church building. We are about to begin! In Sunday school we’ll be tackling a new book about listening, for effective ministers are great listeners. We’ll explore that together, and if you’re interested in doing visits as part of the way you serve the people of God, we’ll have a couple of additional classes to go over some of the skills and the process as a group, before we set out to serve those beyond our walls.

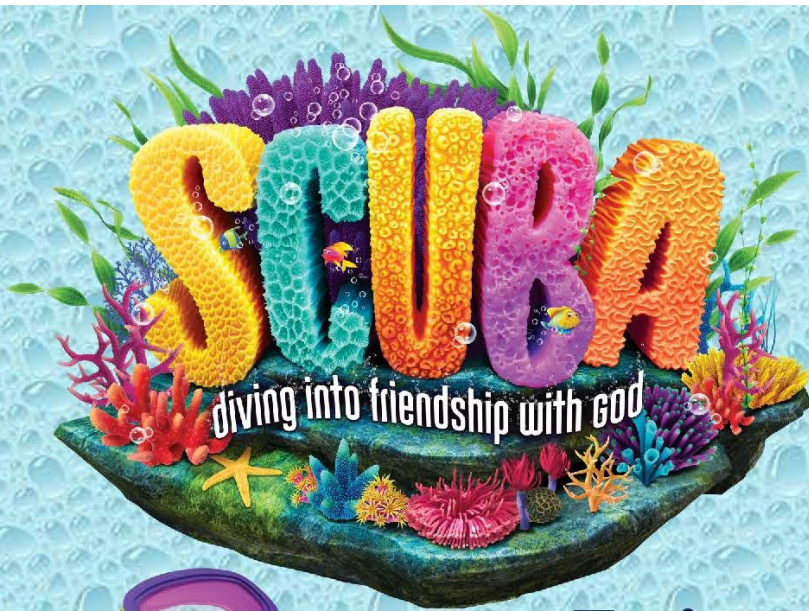
Visiting is one of my favorite parts of ministry. To connect with God’s beloved children is such a gift, and it brightens my day every time! I’m smiling just thinking about it. Give the idea some thought, pray about it, and see what God is up to today at St. James. Take some time to listen to what God is calling you into; there’s a lot of joy in what God is doing in this world.

I’m excited that VBS is about to begin! I understand we will be scuba diving into scripture and prayer. The adult class will be looking into different ways to pray, plus crafting, singing, and snacking together. There is so much joy in our faith journey this summer, and I am so thankful I get to do it with you.

Christ’s peace,  
Pastor Fred



Congratulations to Mrs. Vicki Bolton for receiving a Certificate of Participation from Silver Bluff Grove for her participation in exercise activities. Mrs. Vicki welcomes visitors from her friends at St. James.



# Join us for **SCUBA VBS**

**Sunday - Thursday, July 14 -18**  
**Dinner 5:30 - 6:15 pm**

**VBS Classes & Activities for  
children, youth and adults**  
**6:15 - 8:45 pm**



**Closing Worship**  
**on**  
**Sunday, July 21**  
**at 11:00 am**



# July Upcoming Events



**Vacation Bible School - Sunday, July 14 – Thursday, July 18**

**Dinner 5:30-6:15 pm**

**VBS Classes & Activities 6:15- 8:45 pm**

**VBS Closing Worship - Sunday, July 21, at 11:00 am**

**Church Council will not meet in July.**

**Tie Blankets will not meet in July.**

**Lifestyle will not meet in July & August. Meetings will resume in September.**

**The Outreach committee will meet on Sunday, July 21, at 5:00 pm.**

**WELCA/LMM will meet on Monday, July 22, for lunch**

**at 1:00 pm followed by the meetings.**

All women and men are invited to join for lunch and the meetings.

**The School Supply Drive continues until Monday, July 22.**

Please place donations on the pew in the fellowship hall.

Please see your bulletin for a complete list of items requested by the schools.

## Change in Communion Schedule

Beginning Sunday, June 23, communion will be offered at the altar rail every Sunday through Labor Day weekend except VBS Sunday. The current altar guild schedule will not be impacted as a volunteer has offered to handle the additional Sundays. Council is actively listening to the needs of all members and welcomes your comments, concerns, and ideas during this trial period.



## School Supply Drive

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a School Supply Drive starting in June and running through July until Aiken County Schools resume on July 22. Please place donations on the pew in the fellowship hall.



## Luther Point Campground at Lake Thurmond

Do you enjoy fishing, camping, or just taking a day trip to picnic at the lake? Luther Point is a private year-round campground with a boat ramp, dock, bathhouse, and picnic shelter that St. James shares with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Midland Valley Community Church. Contact Kathy to get a key to the gate, guidelines, or directions.





## LMM Sunday



Jim Cobb and Garrett Maroney led worship on Lutheran Men in Mission Sunday. They shared a skit that they wrote to celebrate and remember men of St. James who are no longer with us. These men are remembered for how they each supported St. James and its members in their own way. Thank you to Jim & Garrett for creating this special tribute to these fathers and father figures who helped shape and build St. James. Their skit brought smiles and laughter as we remembered how special each of these men was to our church family.

St. James Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) would like to express their gratitude to those who made donations on Father's Day in honor or memory of their father or a father figure in their life. Your generous donations totaled over \$1,100. LMM has chosen to make a donation to SCLMM New Mission Start Program and SCLMM Loan Fund.

### Prayer Partner Letter

St. James Lutheran Church,

We are pleased to know about your prayers for Nuestro Salvador. It lifts our spirits and encourages us to keep sharing the good news of the gospel in the Latino community. It is an endeavor that cannot be done alone, but when you know that other parts of the body of Christ are nourishing you, it becomes refreshing and hopeful. Thank you very much from our heart.

Blessed and peace, Iglesia Luterana Nuestro Salvador

**Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:** Barbara Cobb, Phil Homan, Kenneth Johnson, Bob Petrulovich, Ben Sharpe, Robert Coleman, Tom Hair, Bruce Ashby (Brother of Karmen Spletzer), Allison Ashby (Niece of Karmen Spletzer), JoAnne Reisser (Friend of Karmen Spletzer), Kathleen McCarvell (Friend of Katherine Sundstrom), Curtis English (Friend of Butch & Marcia Shaffer), Carol Sievers (Friend of Libby Scott), John Allen Eidson (Cousin of Cathie Valentine and Mike Willis), Bruce Rhodes (Barbara Cobb's brother), George Brunson (Father-in-law of Sarah Swygert Brunson), Alison Egle Berry (Cousin of Georganne Weeks), Kensley Napier (Daughter of Philip Napier- Pastor of Breezy Hill Baptist Church), Benny Hydrick (Friend of Tony Carroll), Libby Scott **Anchor:** Mary Ellen Johnson **Trinity:** Bobby Reece **Silver Bluff Grove:** Vicki Bolton **May the Lord bless them with His healing presence and keep them in true faith. Amen.** Please review the prayer list and contact the church office with updates.



Offering Option [www.stjamesgraniteville.com/giving/](http://www.stjamesgraniteville.com/giving/)

You can now give online on our website! You can give a one-time offering or set up a recurring offering. In the description box, please note where your offering should be directed. (for example, Current and Benevolence, Backpack, etc.)

# Lifestyle

The guest speaker for the June Lifestyle meeting was Heather Widener, Community Outreach & Events Coordinator, for the Aiken Senior Life Center. She shared information on services provided by the Aiken Senior Life Center (Meals on Wheels, Group Dining, & Best Friend Express) and the enrichment classes and activities that they offer to all seniors in Aiken County. She also led a lively game of history trivia questions with candy bar prizes. Thank you to Gloria Sloan & Carol Horsley for preparing lunch. Thank you to Thrivent for sponsoring the meal. Lifestyle will resume this fall. If you have ideas for speakers or programs for future Lifestyle meetings, please share with Kathy.



**Thank  
You**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Backpack fundraiser on Backpack Sunday in May to sponsor children at Byrd Elementary & Graniteville Elementary Schools. With your generous donations on Backpack Sunday and throughout the year, a check for \$9,000 was sent to Golden Harvest to sponsor 25 students at each elementary school for 2024-2025.

**Hattie Lynn Cutshall, daughter of John & Melita Cutshall, was born on Wednesday, June 12, weighing 9 lb. 5 oz. They are all doing great!**

**Congratulations to John & Melita and the proud grandparents, Mike & Patti Cutshall!**



# Fun & Fellowship

St. James had two great nights at the ballpark! The first night we managed to eat our meal together, but after that, it poured rain and the game got cancelled. So, we got another night just to sit together, watch the game and enjoy each other's company! Thanks GreenJackets Baseball for two great evenings!





# July Volunteer List

## Lay Readers & Lay Assistants

**July 7:** Karmen Spletzer (Lay Reader & Lay Assistant)

**July 14:** Gloria Sloan (Lay Reader & Lay Assistant)

**July 21:** VBS Closing Worship

**July 28:** Georganne Weeks (Lay Reader & Lay Assistant)

## Worship Team

**July 7:** (A) Spencer Johnson (C) Zoe Ford

**July 14:** (A) Dominic Price (C) Kaylee Sharpe

**July 21:** (A) Justin Joiner (C) Brayden Joiner

**July 28:** (A) Trey Johnson (C) Spencer Johnson

**Altar Guild:** Becky Johnson & Elaine Johnson

**Ushers:** Mike Cutshall & Gary Bryant

## Sound Technicians

**July 7:** Robbie Franklin

**July 14:** Lane Rogers

**July 21:** Robbie Franklin

**July 28:** Andy Cone

**Greeter:** Teddy Weeks

## Altar Flowers

**July 7:** Libby Scott in memory of Delores Morris - \$ Backpack

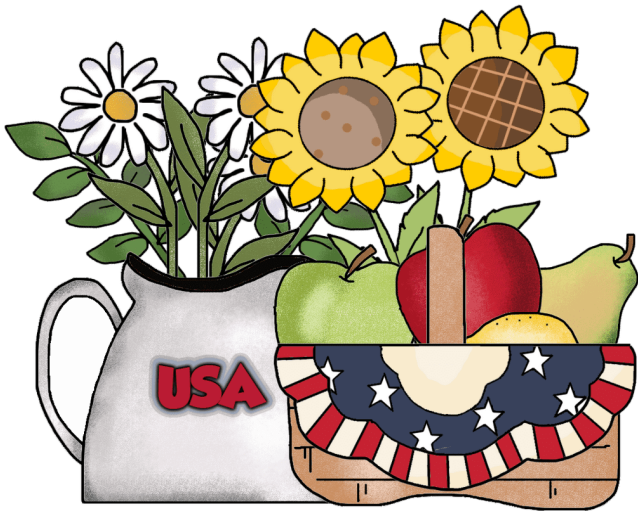
**July 14:** Jim & Carol Horsley - \$ Capital Fund

**July 21:** Open Date

**July 28:** Kenneth Johnson & Jackie Stong in memory of the anniversary of their parents, Tom & Doris Johnson- \$ Backpack







## *Happy Birthday*

Jake Jones	1
Robert Coleman	2
Emily Sharpe	2
Caroline Andrews	6
Jan Maroney	7
Jim Horsley	11
Kristen Franklin	12
Ruth Vance	17
Christa Terry	19
Cindy Hatcher	20
Mike Franklin	21
Butch Shaffer	21
Parker Welsh	24
Watson Youmans	29

## *Happy Anniversary*

Jerry & Tanya Odom  
July 7th

Vinny & Dana DeRemigio  
July 31st





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