

Biographies for Church Council



Elizabeth Hurley – Elizabeth is a life-long member of St. James Lutheran Church and was brought into this parish by Sam and Catherine Petrea over 60 years ago. She is a baptized and confirmed member of St. James. As a child growing up, she participated in the choirs of St. James as well as the Handbells. She actively participated in the youth program of the church as well as spent many weeks at Lutheridge. She is the mother of three wonderful children and their families. Some of her most precious memories include weddings and the baptism of the children. She received a degree in music from Queens College and hopes that her education in music along with the strong connection with the community as well as her professional experience will enable her to serve the work of God at St. James.



Golda Jay – Golda was born at Fort Bragg, but as a part of a military family, doesn't claim a hometown. After growing up in various locations mostly in the Midwest, she graduated from Baylor University with a Bachelor of Social Work degree. She then received a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Tennessee. While in Knoxville, a fellow Bread for the World advocate invited Golda to attend Peace Lutheran Church, where she quickly found a faith home among the Lutherans. After a stint in Maine, Golda moved to Concord in 2013 with her husband Jeremy and their one-year old son, Jonas. The family became members of St. James in 2014. At St. James, she is a member of Esther Circle, Christian Ed/Youth and Family Committee, and the Preschool Board, serves as a Teller, helps with the church's social media accounts, and helped start the Quilting Ministry. Before staying home with Jonas and Isaac, Golda worked for the University of Tennessee Center for Behavioral Health Research, CASA of the Tennessee Heartland, and Community Care, where she did behavioral therapy with children. In her free time, Golda enjoys reading, camping, quilting, and advocating for women's and children's issues.



Nick Lovelace – Nick was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and grew up in Charlotte from a young age. Nick graduated from Myers Park High School and went on to the University of NC at Chapel Hill for his undergraduate degree and then attended The Wake Forest School of Law, graduating in 2009. Nick works in real estate law for Knipp Law Office and is the managing attorney at the location in Concord. Nick enjoys traveling with his wife Christine and son Simon, attending Carolina football and basketball games, as well as Charlotte Hornets games. Nick is involved with several Cabarrus County philanthropic and community organizations and was recently made a member of St. James Lutheran Church but has been attending regularly since 2011.



Mac Mullins – Mac is a native of Concord, NC and was raised in the Episcopal Church and attended All Saint's Episcopal, Concord where he served as an acolyte and was very active in youth group. Mac attended DePaul University in Chicago, IL and received a B.A. in Religious Studies. While in Chicago, he sang in the campus Liturgical Choir, co-founded the on-campus Protestant Christian ministry program, and was Chair of the Altar Guild at his church. Mac currently works in the Academic Affairs office at Queens University of Charlotte. He also served as the Youth Liaison for St. James, helping to support the joint youth ministry with Calvary Lutheran Church.

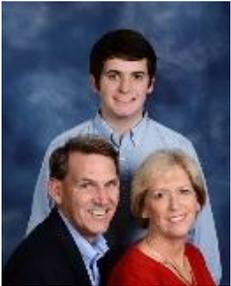


Al Pieschel – Al is a Sales Professional in the Food industry and has resided in Concord, NC for 13 years. Al previously served 3 ½ years on Church Council as Chair of Stewardship and has served on Brad Baker's Usher Team for 8 years. Al also participates with the annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing Campaign.

Biographies for Synod Assembly



Nancy Faggart – A child of God and lifelong member of St. James Lutheran Church, Nancy was baptized by Margaret Garrison’s father, Pastor George Whittecar in 1951. She grew up in the church, attended St. James Kindergarten, participated in Luther League and was confirmed by Pastor T.C. Plexico in 1965. Nancy has a heart for stewardship and our youth. She taught confirmation one year and enjoys multigenerational activities in the church such as hiking, visits to Lutheridge, Trunk or Treat, supporting Crop Walk, and ringing the bells for the Salvation Army. She has previously served on Church Council and represented St. James as Synod Assembly delegate one year. She serves on the Card Ministry, visits shut-ins, is a member of Esther Circle, a Church Teller, Lector, and Communion Assistant. She fondly supports My Father’s House and enjoys traveling with the Lively Leisure’s. Jean Beasley is Nancy’s sister and Nancy is Christine Lovelace’s mother. Nick Lovelace is her son-in-law, and she is better known as Simon’s grand mommy. Nancy is a faithful and willing servant and treasures the opportunity to be a Synod Assembly Delegate.



Mark Murphy – Mark is married to Amy. Mark’s three children are Hansen, Sarah, and Chris. Amy’s two boys are Sam and Ben. He has been a member of St. James since 1992 and has served on Church Council for six years. Mark is active in Sunday School both teaching and attending class. He was the church Finance Chair for four years during his time on Council. Mark is also active in both Youth and Social Ministries.