

St. James Lutheran Church

*"Growing in Christ Through Worship, Learning,
Fellowship, and Service."*

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WEEK OF March 31, 2024

Holy Week and Easter Sunday

Introduction to Sunday's Worship Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Day

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!



*Easter at
Saint James*

THURSDAY COMMUNION (3/28) 7 PM
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE (3/29) 12 NOON
SUNRISE SERVICE (3/31) 6:30 AM
FESTIVAL SERVICE (3/31) 10 AM

Join us to celebrate the resurrection!

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[Maundy Thursday, March 28 - 7:00pm](#)

[Good Friday, March 29 - Noon](#)

[Easter Sunrise, March 31- 6:30am](#)

[Easter Worship, March 31- 10:00am](#)

BLESSING BOX – ROTARY SQUARE

What is the Blessing Box? It's a box that is located in Rotary Square that is stocked with food and other necessities available to those in the community. St. James has agreed to stock the Blessing Box during the month of March. You can place items in the box yourself or you can drop them off at the church.

Types of items needed: Canned goods / Crackers / Cereal; Bags of Rice / Ramen / Pasta; Peanut Butter / Jelly; Granola Bars / Raisins; Fruit Snacks / Pudding Cups / Fruit Cups; Baby Food / Bottled Water; Other non-perishable items; Shampoo



Sunday Worship will be live-streamed on YouTube beginning at 9:45 on Sunday morning. An email with the link will be sent on Sunday morning. You can also watch a recorded version later by visiting our [YouTube Page](#).

You can open or print the bulletin and follow along with the service.

[WATCH THE LIVE STREAMS](#)

[Maundy Thursday,
March 28 - 7:00pm](#)

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/ Soap / Deodorant;
Toothbrush & Toothpaste.

Questions – please see or
call Mark Murphy (704-301-
2816)

[Easter Sunrise,
March 31- 6:30am](#)

[Easter Worship,
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Bring your baskets and join us for crafts, stories, snacks and Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 30 at 2:00 p.m. We will gather on the St. James Playground to begin the Easter rotations.

Easter Sunrise Breakfast
8:00 am
(following Sunrise Service)



NC Women of the ELCA 2024 Spring Conference
Gathering "Called to be Political."

Attendees will gather for food and fellowship, hold elections for Conference Presiders, collect offerings, and experience a program chosen from the "Called To..." series as election time approaches.

April 13, 2024
St. John's Lutheran Church
100 St. St. Johns Rd. Concord, NC 28025

Program: "Called to be political (but I don't want to be political!)." The Bible Study will explore that call, looking at personal reflections of Lutheran women, The Bible, and the writings of Martin Luther. Fears or questions about how our church's involvement in politics may reflect a misunderstanding of how Christians, and especially Lutheran Christians, are called to participate in the political arena.

To register, contact the church office or contact Jean Beasley or Gretchen Walker.

Cost in \$10 and includes lunch. Make checks payable to St Johns Women of the ELCA. Registration due by April 5.

National Alliance for Mental Illness

The starting time is set for NAMIWalks Cabarrus on May 18 at 9 am at Frank Liske Park. But we like to think that the starting line is right here and now. Are you ready to get going on your fun and rewarding journey with NAMI?

Take the first steps today on the path to hope for all our friends, family, and neighbors as you announce to the whole community: "I am NAMIWalks."

Together, we will all be NAMIWalks 2024 — through our commitment, unity, and laughter leading up to, and of course on, Walk Day.

Remember, NAMIWalks powers the life-changing work of NAMI Cabarrus, And NAMI Cabarrus powers "Mental Health for All."

Registration is live, so sign up today. Vendor table opportunities are available.

[NAMI Cabarrus Super Team \(namiwalks.org\)](http://namiwalks.org)



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK & BEYOND

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THIS WEEK**

**STATIONS OF THE
CROSS**

The Stations of the Cross event this year is being

Sunday, March 31

EASTER SUNDAY

6:30 am Easter Sunrise
Service

8:00 am Breakfast (following
Sunrise Service)

9:00 am Adult SS

9:00 am Parish Choir

10:00 am Easter Service -
The Resurrection of our Lord

Monday, April 1

Easter Monday - Church
Offices Closed

Tuesday, April 2

10:30 am Mary Magdalene
Circle

5:00 pm Executive Council
Meeting

6:30 pm Property Committee
Meeting

Wednesday, April 3

6:00 pm Bella Voce Choir

7:00 pm Parish Choir

Thursday, April 4

6:00 pm Handbells

Sunday, April 7

9:00 am Adult SS

9:00 am Parish Choir

9:30 am Children's SS

10:00 am Worship - *Second
Sunday of Easter*

11:15 am Evangelism
Committee (after worship)

coordinated by Teresa Hillie
of Grace Lutheran
Church. As one way to
honor Jesus Christ, on Good
Friday, March 29, we will
plan to gather at 3:15 p.m.
and begin the service at
3:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary of
Grace Lutheran Church. The
church is located at 58
Chestnut Drive, SW in
Concord. The walk will take
place in the Logan
Community. If we
experience inclement
weather, we will hold the
event in the Sanctuary at
Grace Lutheran. We hope
you will plan to participate.

**VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL - 2024**

Children and Volunteers...

Please save the dates July
28-30, 2024 for Vacation
Bible School. All volunteers
will be required to have a
current Safe Gatherings
background check. Please
contact Debbie in the church
office to receive instructions
as to how to complete this
process. She will then give
you written instructions as to
how to fill out information
online.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

1- April Jeff Gilbert

4 - April Kathryn Craver,
Austin Hoadley

5 - April Holly Sloop

6 - April David Clary, Mark
Murphy

SUNDAY MINISTERS

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

March 28 Mark Murphy

March 31 (Sunrise Service)
Elizabeth Hurley

March 31 Margaret Garrison

April 7 Kim Haberman

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

March 28 Mark Murphy

March 31 (Sunrise Service) Ann
Blackwelder

March 31 Mark Murphy

April 7 Elizabeth Hurley

ACOLYTES

March 28

March 29 Joshua Rink

March 31 Jason Pittard, Noah
Pittard, Jacob Rinker, Joshua
Rinker

April 7 Noah Pittard

GREETERS

March 31 Samantha Hillegass

VIDEOGRAPHER

March 28 Chris Miller

March 29 Chris Miller

March 31 (Sunrise Service)
Wendell Overby

March 31 Debbie Davis

April 7 Ann Blackwelder

MARCH USHERS

Mike Downs, Al Brown, Jr., Sid
Hughes, Bill Hardister, and
Hunter Huss

APRIL USHERS

Chip Blackwelder, Michael
Rinker, Ashley Cline, Jeff
Koenig, Barbara Albright

BUILDING SUPERVISOR -

March 28 Mike Rinker

March 29 Frank Irvin

March 31 (Sunrise Service)
Wendell Overby

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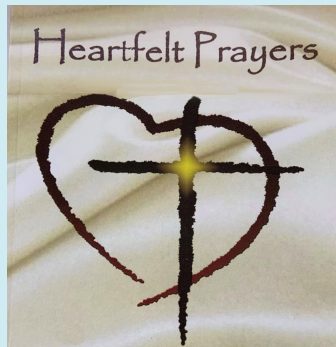
March 31 Joseph Beasley

April Wendell Overby

ALTAR FLOWERS

March 31 Dale & Barbara
Merrell

CHURCH NEWS



Family and Friends

- Linda and Paul Jones (family members of Barbara and Dale Merrell)
- Susan Tadlock (friend of Deb Black)
- Mary Dorothy White (friend of Patsy Black)

Members of St. James

- Tom Grady
- Tom Ridenhour
- Noah Clifton



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS in March

The following memorials were given in loving memory of:

- **Carole Grady* given by: Jack & Jennifer Ritchie (Memorial Fund)
- **David Smith* given by: Phil & Donna Sloop (My Father's House)
- **Eric Wright* given by Terry & Sandy Brummeyer (Memorial Fund)
- **Jake Whitaker* given by Phil & Donna Sloop (My Father's House)
- **Johnny Sloop* given by Phil & Donna Sloop (My Father's House)
- **Kendall Bost* given by Malinda Allison (Memorial Fund)
- **Kendall Bost* given by Nancy Faggart (My Father's House)
- **Marc Sloop* given by Phil & Donna Sloop (My Father's House)

*Vicky Lynn Sims Skinner given by Nancy Faggart (My Father's House)

The following honorarium was given in loving honor:

*Glenda Poole & Bella Voce given by Ed & Betsy Ballard

CHURCH RESOURCES

You can manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions or make a one time contribution and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. In a few short minutes, you can make a one-time gift or set up a donation that will process automatically on a recurring basis. Recurring donations are convenient and provide our church with much needed consistent support throughout the year.



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ST. JAMES STAFF

- Rev. Bill Ridenhour, *Pastor* [Email](#)
- Jill Irvin, *Financial Administrator* [Email](#)
- Holly Sloop, *Communications Coordinator* [Email](#)
- Scott Foppiano, *Organist / Director of Music* [Email](#)
- Receptionist, *Church Office* [Email](#)
- Kathryn Radcliffe, *Nursery Coordinator* [Email](#)

- **Teresa Honeycutt, *Custodian Email***
- **Debbie Davis, *Congregation President Email***

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