

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF APRIL 23

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SUNDAY WORSHIP IN PERSON AND LIVESTREAMED



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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10:00 AM WORSHIP



Saint James Lutheran Church

A Parish of the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Welcome!

St. James is a house of prayer where all people can come to know the compassionate heart of Jesus. We are a community of Christians where you can belong before you believe. At Saint James the beauty of ancient worship and traditional spiritual practices transform contemporary lives. Join us as together we discover the sacred in the heart of the city. Our worship includes ancient and contemporary symbols and practices along with preaching and music to inspire you to follow Jesus in your daily life. We welcome both the spiritual seeker and seasoned disciple to find their home in God with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home or just exploring the life of faith, we hope you will walk with us on that journey of discovery.

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Introduction to Today's Worship

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St. James Lutheran Church Online



Sunday Worship for 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.

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ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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Sunday, April 23

- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 9:15 am Parish Choir
- 10:00 am Worship—Receive New Members
- 11:15 am New Member Reception
- 2:30 pm Confirmation at St. Martin's
- 4:30 pm Youth Gathering

Monday, April 24

- 10:20 am Quilting Group
- 6:30 pm Scouts



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 25-Apr Natalie Williams
- 26-Apr Kailey Hartman
- 27-Apr Thomas Grady
- 28-Apr Kara Bestler
- 29-Apr Sam Hurley
- 29-Apr Cheryl Webb
- 29-Apr Stacey Wilson

Wednesday, April 26

2:00 pm Staff Meeting
 7:00 pm Parish Choir
 9:30 pm College Online

Thursday, April 27

6:00 pm Handbells

Sunday, April 30

9:00 am Sunday School
 9:15 am Parish Choir
 10:00 am Worship
 4:00 pm Youth Gathering

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

LECTOR/INTERCESSORS

Apr. 23 Jodi Ramirez
 Apr. 30 Beth Huss

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Apr. 23 Jodi Ramirez
 Apr. 30 Ann Blackwelder

ACOLYTES

Apr. 23 Finley Stephens
 Apr. 30 Finley Stephens

GREETERS

Apr. 23 Gretchen Walker
 Apr. 30 Samantha Hillegass

VIDEOGRAPHER

Apr. 23 Ann Blackwelder
 Apr. 30 Needed

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH

April - Samantha Hillegass

USHERS

Wendell Overby, Frank Irvin,
 Tony Folino, Nick Lovelace,
 Jason Pittard

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



Children's Sunday School for Kindergarten through Grade 6 is available from 9:00 – 9:45. A light breakfast will be served. We will read a Bible story and perhaps work on a craft. Join us!



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Flex Classroom - 9:00 am

Meets in the Flex Room at 9:00 am.

This Week: **Jesus Cooks Breakfast**

[Link to the Lesson](#)

CHURCH NEWS



COOK SCHOLARSHIP

In 1968, John M. Cook, Jr established an endowment to assist college and graduate students who are members of St. James Lutheran Church to help pay their tuition. The Cook Trust Fund Committee is now accepting applications for the fall and spring semesters of the school year

2023/2024. Please contact the church office by phone or email [**keith@sjnc.net**](mailto:keith@sjnc.net) to receive a first time or returning application. The deadline to return the application will be **June 1st, 2023** to be considered for a scholarship this fall.

Please contact Kenny Propst with any questions that you may have regarding the application process at 704-467-2300 or [**kpropst@carolina.rr.com**](mailto:kpropst@carolina.rr.com) .

QUILTING GROUP



St. James quilting group meets every Monday at 10:30 am in the Quilting Room, Room 107 on the first floor. All are welcome to join.

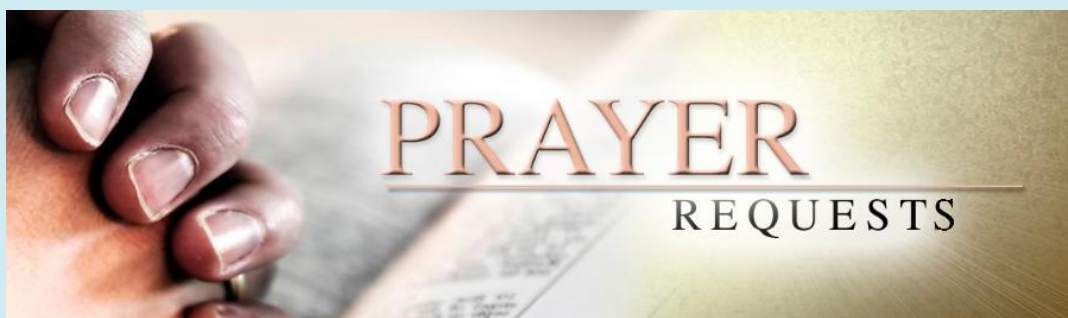
From the Lutheran World Relief website:

Volunteer to quilt for kids and families in need Often, when natural disasters strike or war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion but we don't know how to help. If you've wondered how to volunteer to quilt for charity, look no further. Making Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilts is a tangible way to express love to our neighbors in need. Quilts can be used as warm bedding, simple tents or floor coverings. Each one reflects God's loving presence in a world rife with suffering.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mike Holt who will be retiring on August 31 as the Director of Youth and Family Ministries for St. James and Calvary. Thank you Mike for your dedicated service to the our youth and children. You have created "Memory Makers of Faith" to so many. Well done, good and faithful servant!



Members of St. James

- Martha Summers
- Patsy Black
- Tom Grady
- Jim Weisel
- Tom Ridenhour

Family and Friends:

- Betty Miller
- Marga Beville
- Kenneth Fink, *brother of Keith Fink*
- Susan Howes, *friend of Deb Black*
- Emily Starling, *granddaughter of Jill and Michael Strahl*
- Karey Conrad, *friend of Al and Dee Pieschel*
- Lynda Jones, *sisters of Barbara Merrell*
- Bishop Tim Smith
- Family of Elaine Gilbert, *mother of Jeff Gilbert*

- Beth Eden Lutheran Church, Newton, NC

Family and Friends will be added for 1 month and then removed from the list. If you wish to keep someone on the list longer, contact the church office and we will be happy to keep them on the list longer.



MAC MULLINS

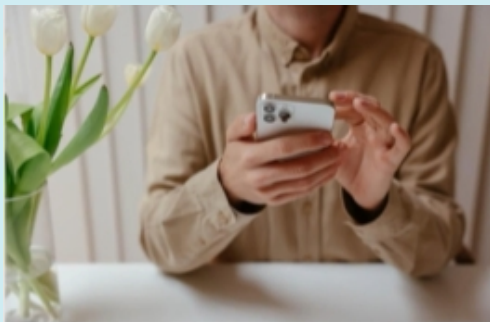
By the grace of God, Mac Mullins, a son of St. James, has been called as Pastor in Residency to St. Paul Lutheran Church Quad Cities in Davenport, IA. The residency program at St. Paul is a two-year term call in which new pastors receive one-on-one mentoring, professional development, and the chance to work in a large, established church at the beginning of their ministry. Mac's ordination will be held on [June 17, 2023 at 11:00 am](#) at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Durham, NC. He will begin at St. Paul Quad Cities in mid-August. All members of St. James are invited to attend and celebrate with Mac. A very special thanks to the entire St. James family for their love, support, and prayers during his seminary studies and the call process.

MEAL TRAIN

Take a meal to Marga Beville. Marga has been worshipping with us for some time and suffered a fall several weeks ago while at church. She plans to join our St. James family on April 23.



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If you are reading our newsletter and are not on our subscriber's list, use the link below to be added to receive our weekly Ring Out.

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We will not send more than 5 messages in a month and you can opt-out at any time.

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CHURCHWIDE / COMMUNITY

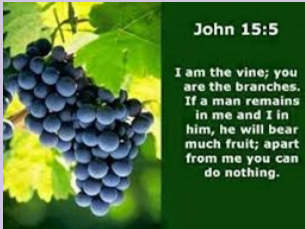
CONCORD AREA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Do you have a little spare time and would like to make a difference in the community? Our website has many opportunities where you can lend a hand and help. Some of these include: CCM, Lifeline Christian Ministries, Opportunity House, Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army, Feeding Kannapolis and many more.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ ~Matthew 25:40



WE ARE THE BRANCHES

Each week we will remember in prayer our brothers and sisters at one of our partner Lutheran churches in the NC Synod. Please lift them up in your prayers during the week also.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ~John 15:5

Beth Eden Lutheran Church Newton, NC

400 N. Main Avenue
Newton, NC 28658
Pastor Marcus Ollis

Learn More about
[Beth Eden](#)
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COOPERATIVE
CHRISTIAN
MINISTRY

APRIL FOOD NEEDS

Retail prices for groceries are up anywhere from 50 to 100% from 2021. As a result, the food stamp allotments folks are still getting are only worth about half what they were before the pandemic hit. That, combined with the crazy costs of housing, is placing an unbearable burden on our lower-income neighbors—even many who are working full-time. Thus, it is not surprising that we are beginning to see a significant surge in the numbers of households seeking food assistance at all our pantries. We have a continued need for a LOT of donated non-perishable foods!

Currently, the pantry items we are in biggest need of are:

- Canned Chicken
- Other Canned Meats (Hash, Chili, Vienna Sausages, etc.)
- Canned peas, carrots, and potatoes
- Low Salt Corn and Green Beans
- Any kind of canned beans (Baked, Chili, Kidney, etc.) except for green beans and pintos
- Any Canned Fruit (Mixed, Peaches, Pineapple, etc.) except for pears
- Pasta

As always, we especially seek low sodium items, no-added-sugar items, and whole grain items.



VOLUNTEER

Big Brothers Big Sisters

BECOME A COMMUNITY BASED BIG

By helping children develop supportive relationships with positive role models, we make a direct and lasting impact on their lives.



Education

93% of the children served in 2022 improved or maintained grades and academic performance.



Relationship

95% of the children served in 2023 felt they had a special adult in their corner.



Graduation

100% of the children served in 2022 graduated from High School



Juvenile Justice System

99% of the children served in 2022 avoided juvenile justice system involvement.



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WWW.BBSCENTRALCAROLINAS.ORG
FOR MORE INFORMATION.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Calvary—St. James

January



APRIL SCHEDULE

Youth Gatherings April 23, 30
College Online April 26
Confirmation April 23 at St. Martin's



April Youth Newsletter

Read all about Aurora Winterguard, upcoming summer trips, confirmation, and Port-A-Pit fundraiser.

[Read Newsletter](#)

UPCOMING DATES

May 12 Port-A-Pit
May 15-19 College Mission Trip
June 17-24 Beach Retreat at Kure Beach, NC
July 2 - 8 Mission Trip to Altoona, PA

CHURCH RESOURCES



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LECTOR

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Even if you haven't served in the past, consider serving in these areas. Signups are always on our webpage at <https://sjnc.net/sign-up-now>

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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- **Rev. Craig Saltzer**, *Pastor* [Email](#)
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- **Mike Holt**, *Youth and Family* [Email](#)
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