

# St. James Lutheran Church

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

## Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



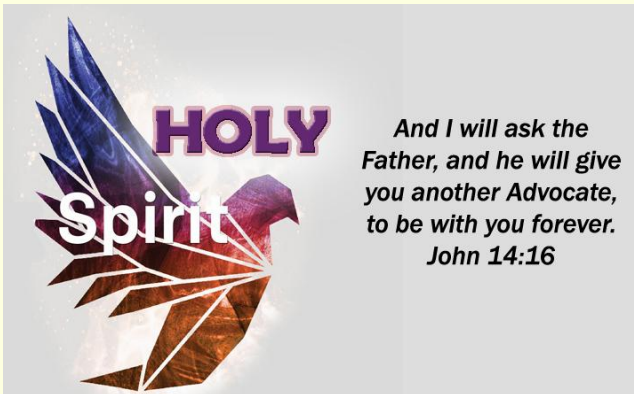
### WEEK OF MAY 14

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP IN PERSON AND LIVESTREAMED



### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER  
MAY 14, 2023  
10:00 A.M.

### Introduction to Today's Worship

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[Download Bulletin](#)

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.

[WATCH THE LIVESTREAM](#)



## ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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#### Friday, May 12

12:00 - 7:00 pm Port-A-Pit BBQ Chicken at Calvary

#### Sunday, May 14

9:00 am Sunday School  
9:15 am Parish Choir  
10:00 am Worship-Rite of Confirmation

#### Monday, May 15

10:20 am Quilting Group  
6:30 pm Scouts

#### Wednesday, May 17

5:00 pm Christian Ed  
7:00 pm Parish Choir  
9:30 pm College Online

#### Thursday, May 18

6:00 pm Handbells



### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

14-May Lisa Folino

17-May Liz Klein

18-May Dare Godfrey

18-May Harrison Propst

18-May Amy Whisnant

19-May Nick Lovelace

20-May Greg Hartman

20-May Rich Rezza

20-May Louise Walker

**COMING SOON**

**Saturday, May 20**

8:30 am Leah's Hope  
Trailer  
2:00 pm Martha Summers  
Funeral

**Sunday, May 21**

9:00 am Sunday School  
9:15 am Parish Choir  
10:00 am Worship  
2:30 pm Confirmation  
Cluster @ St. James  
5:00 pm Youth Cookout and  
Form Signing

**College Mission Trip:**  
May 15-19

**May 14** Rite of Confirmation

**May 26** Kid's Night Out

**June 04** Graduation Sunday

**June 17** Mac Mullins

Ordination at St. Paul's,  
Durham

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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

**LECTOR/INTERCESSORS**

May 14 Kim Haberman  
May 21 Barbara Albright  
May 28 Margaret Garrison

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT**

May 14 Christine Ruff  
May 21 Christine Ruff  
May 28 Ann Blackwelder

**ACOLYTES**

May 14 Jodi Ramirez  
May 21 Hudson Davis, Logan  
Whisnant  
May 28 Josh and Jacob Rinker,  
Finley Stephens, Noah Pittard

**GREETERS**

May 14 Barbara Albright  
May 21 Sylvia Corl  
May 28 Joyce Smith

**VIDEOGRAPHER**

May 14 Chris Miller  
May 21 Chris Miller  
May 28 Chris Miller

**COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH**

**May 14** Robert and Debbie  
Davis

**USHERS**

**May:** Mike Downs, Al Brown,  
Sid Hughes, Bill Hardister,  
Hunter Huss

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## 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!

**Ages K - 2nd Grade:** Room 101, Teacher: Ann Blackwelder  
**Grades 3 - 6:** Room 103, Teacher: Cheryl Webb

[NO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ON MAY 14](#)



## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Flex Classroom - 9:00 am**

Meets in the Flex Room at 9:00 am.  
Frank Irvin is the coordinator.

This Week: **The Day of Pentecost**

[Link to the Lesson](#)

## **CHURCH NEWS**



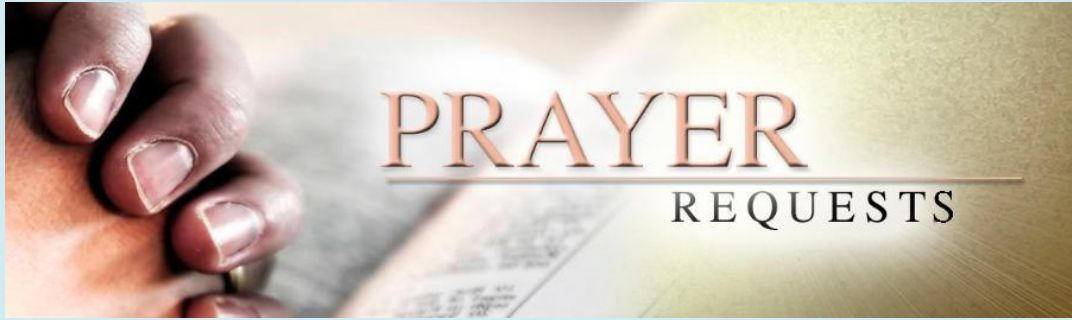
### **COOK SCHOLARSHIP**

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) .

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### **Members of St. James**

- Patsy Black
- Tom Grady
- Connie King
- Jim Weisel
- Tom Ridenhour
- Family of Jimmy Propst
- Family of Martha Summers

### **Family and Friends:**

- Betty Miller
- Marga Beville
- Bishop Tim Smith
- Karey Conrad, *friend of Al and Dee Pieschel*
- Glenn and Marte Copeland, *friends of Al and Dee Pieschel*
- St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Lumberton, 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.*

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## **MEMORIALS / HONORARIUMS**



### **MEMORY OF**

Marc Sloop by Al Brown (Cemetery Fund)  
Edith Gonynor by Al Brown (Cemetery Fund)  
Clary Phillips by Al Brown (Cemetery Fund)

### **HONOR OF**

Great Grandchildren, Zoey and Abigail by Ed and Betsy Ballard

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# CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION IN MEMORY OF MARTHA SUMMERS

May 20, 2023

Worship Service: 2:00 pm

Reception in Fellowship Hall: 3:00 pm

Private Graveside: 4:00 pm



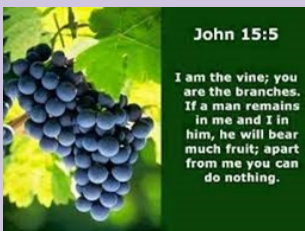
## FAVORITE HYMNS

We would like your help in letting us know what hymns you like to sing! In an effort to schedule more familiar Lutheran hymns, while keeping liturgically sound and honoring the seasons and themes of the church year, please complete the survey below telling us what hymns you like and feel are most familiar and beloved to you.

If you also have a favorite organ piece, appropriate to the liturgy, please let us know that as well. Thank you all for assisting us at making St. James even stronger as we sing praise to God!

[Complete Survey](#)

## CHURCHWIDE / COMMUNITY



## 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*

## **St. Mark's Lutheran Church Lumberton, NC**

202 W 24th St, Lumberton,  
NC 28358  
Synod Authorized Minister,  
Robert Arndt



Learn More about  
[St. Mark's Lutheran Church](#)

A photograph of a man with short, light-colored hair, wearing a light blue button-down shirt, speaking. He is standing in front of a sign. The sign is white with a yellow diagonal stripe on the right side. The sign text reads: "2024 ELCA Youth Gathering", "CREATED TO BE MYLE", "the table", "Young Adult Gathering", "Goal: \$200,000", and "Join your neighbors from across the synod to help send all NC Synod Youth to the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering by covering registration fees." The man is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile.

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the table Young Adult Gathering

**Goal: \$200,000**

Join your neighbors from across the synod to help send all NC Synod Youth to the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering by covering registration fees.

I have exciting news to share! Last week, synod leadership set the audacious goal of helping to pay every NC Synod youth's registration fee for the upcoming 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering! **Synod Council and other leaders have already pledged \$40,000 to our goal of \$200,000.**

I have already experienced a glimpse of youth gathering back together. In February for the first time in three years, we gathered in Greensboro for our LYO Assembly. It was wondrous and I felt a new wave of the Spirit sweeping through and among us as we sang, studied, worshiped, danced, and so much more.

We want to make it possible for youth to experience this gospel truth in community as participants in the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2024. The ELCA Youth Gathering is often a faith highlight for students. Our financial gifts added to our prayers and encouragement afford an opportunity to bring youth back together for conversation, community, and connecting with God along with tens of thousands of ELCA youth from across the country.

I encourage you to bring individual and congregational gifts to share as part of our offering during Synod Assembly at the Friday night worship, June 2.

Bishop Tim Smith

## TWO WAYS TO GIVE

[DONATE ONLINE](#)

OR

Make your check payable to St. James with “Youth Gathering” in the memo line.



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:

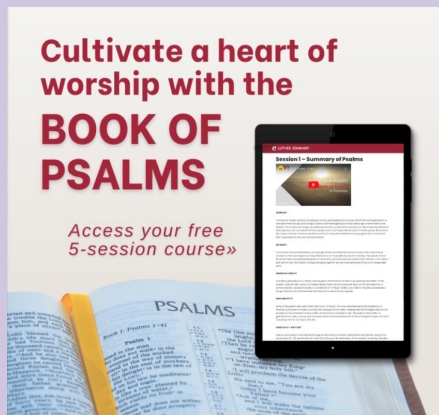
- Canned Chicken
- Other Canned Meats (Hash, Chili, Vienna Sausages, etc.)
- Canned peas, carrots, and potatoes
- Low Salt Corn and Green Beans
- Any kind of canned beans (Baked, Chili, Kidney, etc.) except for green beans and pintos
- Any Canned Fruit (Mixed, Peaches, Pineapple, etc.) except for pears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

As always, we especially seek low sodium items, no-added-sugar



items, and whole grain items.

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## Exploring the Book of Psalms

Can songs and poems written thousands of years ago still be relevant today? Absolutely! Discover how the Psalms of Scripture can help you cultivate a heart of worship, a hunger for God, an authentic prayer life, and a thankful heart—in a

new online course from Luther Seminary: *Exploring the Book of Psalms*.

[Activate your FREE online course today.](#)

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# PIEDMONT CHORAL SOCIETY

Joseph Judge, *Director*    Dr. Don Simmons, *Accompanist*

~ FREE CONCERTS ~

## *Spirituals* with orchestra

*the songs*

*the stories*

*the secrets*



Guest Musician  
Teresa Moore-Mitchell, *soprano*

**FRIDAY, May 19th 7pm**

**SUNDAY, May 21st 3pm**

**Calvary Lutheran Church**  
950 Bradley Street NE – Concord

Find us on Facebook | [www.piedmontchoralsociety.org](http://www.piedmontchoralsociety.org)  
Contact: Kay Yates | [pcsconcordnc@gmail.com](mailto:pcsconcordnc@gmail.com) | 704.699.6053

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2023

Saturday, May 20



**nami** Walks

*North Carolina*

Cabarrus Location



Start Time: 10am  
Frank Liske Park -  
Homebuilders Shelter

#Together4MH  
#mentalhealth



Learn more at  
[namiwalks.org/namicabarrus](https://namiwalks.org/namicabarrus)

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

# Calvary—St. James

January



## MAY SCHEDULE

**Youth Gatherings** May 21  
**Port-A-Pit** May 12  
**College Mission Trip** May 15-19  
**Friday Night at the Movies** May 26

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# PORT-A-PIT



## Calvary Lutheran Church Friday, May 12

### Lunch & Dinner

(Noon - 7:00 pm)

**\$12.00 Per Ticket**

**Includes:** ½ BarBQ Chicken, Slaw, Baked Beans, and Roll

*Desserts Will Be Available –Extra Charge*

#### YOUTH NEWS

A MINISTRY OF ST. JAMES AND CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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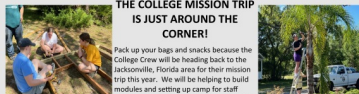


#### PORT A PIT

MAY 12, 2023

PORT A PIT is here, Friday, May 12 from noon to 7:00. Your plate includes half a chicken, baked beans, slaw and a roll. Desserts are available for a donation. Dine in and enjoy great fellowship or stop in for carry out. We are in need of assistance selling tickets, deliveries, serving in the kitchen in the morning and with clean up that evening. WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF DESSERTS. If you can donate a dessert, we would greatly appreciate it. Please have your dessert at Calvary by 9:00 am on May 12. All funds raised will help support the Youth Ministry of St. James and Calvary Lutheran. Thank you very much!

#### THE COLLEGE MISSION TRIP IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!



Pack up your bags and snacks because the College Crew will be heading back to the Jacksonville, Florida area for their mission trip this year. We will be helping to build modules and setting up camp for staff training. Fun in the sun while serving! The dates are May 15–19 and of course, if you are interested in participating, jump in and let's go.

#### YOUTH COOK OUT AND FORM SIGNING PARTY

On Sunday, May 21 we will have our Annual, Get Ready for Summer, Youth Cook Out and Form Signing Party. This is a time that we get together with parents, enjoy some games, a cook out and take care of all of the forms needed for the summer. It's a great time to meet everyone and have a little fun to boot. Everyone is asked to bring a dessert to share. And yes, we will have a NOTARY on the spot. Hope to see everyone at 5:00 on May 21 at the Calvary picnic shelter.

## MAY YOUTH NEWSLETTER

Summer is on the way. Find out what's happening in Youth Ministry including the beach, mission trips, cookouts, and movies!

[READ NOW](#)

# UPCOMING DATES

June 17-24 Beach Retreat at Kure Beach, NC

July 2 - 8 Mission Trip to Altoona, PA

## CHURCH RESOURCES



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

[RESERVE FLOWERS](#)



**LECTOR**

[SIGN UP TO READ LESSONS AND PRAYERS](#)



**COMMUNION ASST.**

[HELP WITH DISTRIBUTING COMMUNION](#)

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.



**Give Now**

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## ON INSTAGRAM

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