

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF MAY 21 & 28

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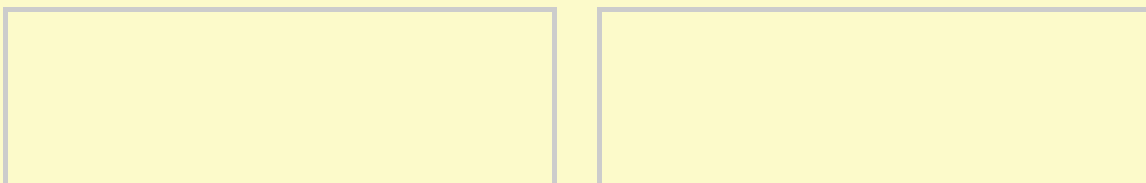
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SUNDAY WORSHIP MAY 21



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SUNDAY WORSHIP MAY 28



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ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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Sunday, May 21

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

Monday, May 22

10:20 am Quilting Group

Wednesday, May 24

2:00 pm Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Parish Choir

ON THE CALENDAR THE WEEK OF MAY 28

Sunday, May 28

9:00 am Sunday School
9:15 am Parish Choir
10:00 am Worship

Monday, May 29

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, May 31

7:00 pm Parish Choir
9:30 pm College Online

Thursday, June 01

6:00 pm Handbells

9:30 pm College Online

Thursday, May 25

6:00 pm Handbells

Friday, May 26

6:30 pm Kid's Night Out

Sunday, May 28

9:00 am Sunday School

9:15 am Parish Choir

10:00 am Worship

Friday, June 02

NC Synod Assembly in Greensboro

Saturday, June 03

NC Synod Assembly in Greensboro

Sunday, June 4

9:00 am Sunday School

9:15 am Parish Choir

10:00 am Worship-
Graduation Sunday

COMING SOON

May 26 Kid's Night Out

June 01 Deadline for Cook
Scholarship Applications

June 04 Graduation Sunday

June 17 Mac Mullins
Ordination at St. Paul's,
Durham



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

21-May Beverly Heilig

21-May Emma Parks

21-May Ethan Patterson

22-May Wayne King

23-May Grayson Downs

23-May Mason Overby

26-May Mary Faircloth

27-May Brad Baker

29-May Dylan Rutemiller

31-May Joe Grady

31-May Samantha Hillegass

01-Jun Jason Kartheiser

01-Jun Keith Sutton

03-Jun Nancy Hopkins

03-Jun Jack Nivens

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

LECTOR/INTERCESSORS

May 21 Barbara Albright
May 28 Margaret Garrison
June 04 Mark Murphy
June 11 Juanita Fitts

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

May 21 Christine Ruff
May 28 Ann Blackwelder
June 04 Anne Hodges
June 11 Needed

ACOLYTES

May 21 Hudson Davis
May 28 Josh and Jacob Rinker,
Finley Stephens, Noah Pittard

GREETERS

May 21 Sylvia Corl
May 28 Joyce Smith

VIDEOGRAPHER

May 21 Chris Miller
May 28 Chris Miller
June 04 Chris Miller
June 11 Chris Miller

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH

May 21 Samantha Hillegass
May 28 Beth Huss
June 04, 18 Beth Huss
June 11, 25 Jon Miller

USHERS

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

June: Brad Baker, Chip
Harward, Taylor Pruette, Al
Pieschel, Jon Miller



RING OUT

This week's Ring-Out is a 2-week edition. I will be on vacation and out of the office May 22-26. I will return on Monday, May 29. Volunteers will be in the office from 9:00 - 12:00 each day while I am gone if you need to come by the church. A Ring-Out will not be published on Friday, May 26.

Blessings, Keith

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



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Flex Classroom - 9:00 am

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

This Week, May 21: An Ethiopian is Baptized
[Link to the This Week's Lesson](#)

Next Week, May 28: Saul of Tarsus
[Link to Next Week's Lesson](#)

CHURCH NEWS



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

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Call Committee is pleased to announce that we have found a Primary Candidate for the Senior Pastor position at St. James. This person has met with both Church Staff and Church Council in the past week. Next step is to put together a Compensation package for the Candidate & Church



Council to approve it and vote to call this person as our new Senior Pastor. It's a very exciting time for us, we would ask for continued Prayer support and patience with us as we still need to keep details confidential until we can officially present this person the Congregation. May God continue to richly bless us as we move forward!



COOK SCHOLARSHIPS

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 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 .

CONFIRMATION 2023



Rory Kartheiser



Lauren Popovici



Conner Gale



Michael Folino

GRADUATES



Julianna Popovici

Graduating: Cox Mill High School
Attending: East Carolina University
Area of Study: Nursing
Future Plans: A travel nurse, possibly for the Army



Jacob Rinker

Graduating: Northwest Cabarrus High School - Stem diploma
Attending: UNC Wilmington
Area of Study: Coastal Engineering



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our graduates. They will be recognized during worship on June 4 followed by a reception in the fellowship hall.

Sam Haberman

Graduated: NC State University

Degree: Industrial Engineering



PRAYERS

Members of St. James

- Patsy Black
- Tom Grady
- Connie King
- Tom Ridenhour

Family and Friends:

- Amanda Elliott, granddaughter of Anne Fridlund
- Marga Beville
- Bishop Tim Smith
- Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Welcome, NC
- Lutheran Church of Our Father, Greensboro, 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.

MAY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Committee report highlights and actions taken during council meeting:

- Youth and Family has several key upcoming events including Port-a-Pit with Calvary this Friday, College Mission Trip May 15-19, Youth Beach Trip June 17-24, Youth Mission Trip to Altoona, Pa. July 2-8 and VBS July 30-Aug. 1.
- Evangelism is working on pairing congregants with new members to help get them more involved and connected beyond just attending Sunday worship.
- Mutual Ministry is continuing with staff evaluations this month.
- Parish Life and Fellowship Committee are creating a survey to gauge people's preference regarding Wednesdays Together.
- The Council approved an automated door lock/unlock schedule and an automated alarm schedule that was recommended by the Property Committee to improve the safety of the building.
- Mission Fund approved funds for Scout Troop and Pack 91 for summer camp scholarships and St. James Capital Fund to help with major building projects.
- Council approved an updated property usage policy for reserving space in the church for events, including \$35 per tablecloth cleaning fee.
- Council approved for church membership four young people, who will be confirmed this weekend: Michael Folino, Conner Gale, Rory Kartheiser and Lauren Popovici.



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](#)

KID'S NIGHT OUT

May 26 at Calvary
6:30 - 8:30



COME TOGETHER LIKE THE
FOLLOWERS OF OLD!

Bring a friend with you and join us
at Calvary Lutheran Church, 950
Bradley St, Concord.

There will be pizza, games, crafts, movies and God time!

NARTHEX / FELLOWSHIP HALL STAIRS

The stairs from the Narthex to the Fellowship Hall are temporarily
closed as we evaluate usage and safety.

CHURCHWIDE / COMMUNITY



John 15:5

I am the vine; you
are the branches.
If a man remains
in me and I in
him, he will bear
much fruit; apart
from me you can
do nothing.

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*

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Welcome, NC

641 Critcher Drive
Welcome, NC 27374



Learn More about
[Our Saviour's Lutheran Church](#)

Lutheran Church of Our Father Greensboro, NC

3304 Groometown Rd.
Greensboro, NC
Rev. Scott Berry



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A man in a light blue button-down shirt is speaking. To his right is a graphic for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering. The graphic features the text "2024 ELCA Youth Gathering" in pink, "CREATED" in large pink letters, "TO BE MYLE" in yellow, blue, and pink letters, and "the table" in small yellow letters. Below this, it says "Young Adult Gathering". At the bottom, a green banner contains the text "Goal: \$200,000" in white, followed by "Join your neighbors from across the synod to help send all NC Synod Youth to the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering by covering registration fees." in white text on a dark green background.

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
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MAY FOOD NEEDS

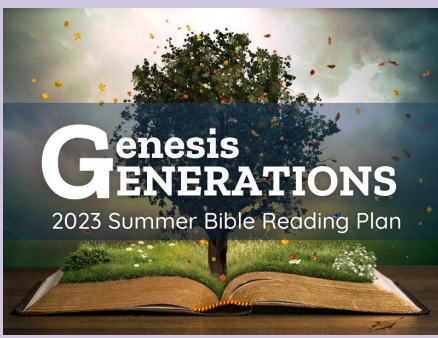
We continue to experience a big surge in requests for food assistance, especially from families with children. Through the first two weeks of May we have already served 475 households! We did not receive nearly as much from the Letter Carrier's Stamp Out Hunger Food drive as we had hoped—only 1,775 lbs. so far. So our inventory remains VERY low.

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

- Canned Chicken
- Other Canned Meats (Hash, Chili, Vienna Sausages, etc.)
- Canned corn
- Canned peas, carrots, potatoes and mixed vegetables
- Low Salt Corn and Green Beans
- Any kind of canned beans (Baked, Chili, Kidney, etc.) except for pintos
- Rice (1 or 2 lb. bags please)
- Any Canned Fruit (Mixed, Peaches, Pineapple, etc.) except for pears

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

All items can be dropped off in the Portico area and we will be sure that the items are taken to CCM.



2023 Summer Bible Reading Plan Begins July 2

Join folks all across the synod as we read the Bible together—individuals, congregations, small groups— using the 2023 Summer Bible Reading Plan:

Genesis Generations! Brought to you by the synod's Engage the Bible Ministry Team, you'll read together a chapter of Genesis, a short devotional writing, a few questions to ponder, and a prayer. Devotions are written by NC Synod pastors and lay people. The readings begin on **Sunday, July 2**, and continue through Sunday, July 23—through Chapter 25 of Genesis. (This summer will leave us with a cliff-hanger, poised to continue with *Genesis Generations II* for Summer 2024.) Receive the daily readings via the website or email.

[Subscribe to the Genesis Generations](#)

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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

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2023

Saturday, May 20



namiWalks

North Carolina
Cabarrus Location



Start Time: 10am
Frank Liske Park -
Homebuilders Shelter

#Together4MH
#mentalhealth



Learn more at
namiwalks.org/namicabarrus

YOUTH MINISTRY

Calvary—St. James

Youth News



MAY SCHEDULE

Youth Gatherings May 21
College Mission Trip May 15-19
Friday Night at the Movies May 26

YOUTH NEWS

A MINISTRY OF ST. JAMES AND CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
 MAY, 2023



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



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LECTOR

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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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- **Keith Sutton**, *Parish Administrator* [Email](#)
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- **Mike Holt**, *Youth and Family* [Email](#)
- **Kathryn Radcliffe**, *Nursery Coordinator* [Email](#)
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