

# St. James Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the ELCA



FEBRUARY 2020

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 2 Scout Sunday
- Feb. 3 Esther Circle
- Feb. 4 Mary Magdalene Circle
- Feb. 4 Social Ministry Committee
- Feb. 4 Property Committee
- Feb. 11 Congregation Council
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- Feb. 14 Youth Fundraiser Valentine's Dinner
- Feb. 16 Pre-Confirmation
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## TIME AND TALENT

Over the next several weeks you will be completing your Time and Talent sheet for 2020. In it, you will find a number of opportunities to use your gifts to grow in love and trust of God and be about the work of Christ. You may wonder how one person's gifts can make a difference...but small changes, small commitments, small acts of mercy in the hands of a great God will accomplish far more than we can ever imagine in ourselves, our families, our community, and the world.

So prayerfully consider completing a form and returning it to the church office.

## WAYS TO COMPLETE

- Copy included with this newsletter
- Complete online:  
<https://forms.gle/ML2zCmTEq6KJNABb8>

## ***From the Pastor...***

*He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require from you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

*Micah 6:8*

A recent study revealed that eighty percent of people making New Year resolutions last about two weeks before giving up, and only eight percent of those who make it out of January eventually achieve their goals.

Why? Unrealistic expectations. For instance, nutritionists suggest that instead of setting a goal of losing 50 pounds in a year, set your goal for 2-3 pounds a month - begin with small changes in diet and exercise, and build on them one at a time. Instead of setting to run a half marathon, begin with a goal of walking three miles a day, three days a week; transition to a combination walk/jog and slowly and steadily progress.

The same can be true in our walk with Christ. I have often set goals of reading through the scriptures in a year or setting aside twenty minutes every morning for intentional prayer and reflection...and before I knew it, I had missed two days, and then two weeks and eventually gave up.

But what if we were to seek to grow in obedience and love of Christ by beginning with small intentional changes? For instance, what if we set a goal to grow in justice by serving as a reading volunteer in our preschool, or assisting with our jail ministry? What if we were to set a goal to grow in mercy and kindness by preparing a meal for the residents of Salvation Army or participating in the quilting ministry? What if we were to seek to walk humbly with God in Christ, by setting a goal to pray with our family before evening meals, or have a family devotional once a week, or make weekly worship more of a priority by attending more frequently or serving as a communion assistant, or a lector, or usher, or singing in the choir?

There is one huge difference between resolutions and setting goals to grow in Christ. With resolutions we are often trying to change something about ourselves. By seeking to grow in Christ we are trying to conform our lives to who and whose we already are.

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Thanks be to God!

*Pastor Tony*



# Valentine's Dinner



## YOUTH VALENTINE'S DINNER FUNDRAISER

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14  
7:00 PM**

This is one of the largest fundraisers the youth ministry has for the year and because of that, all youth are asked to participate in this event.

Please invite your friends and family members to join us for this special event in the fellowship hall at Calvary Lutheran. There is not a set cost but we ask for your generous donations. Reservation forms are available in the bulletin.

**Wednesday, February 12**

**5:30 pm**



**MENU FOR February 12**

Baked Chicken with Potatoes  
Salad, Bread and Dessert



1-Feb	Greg	FRANCUS
1-Feb	Holley	KELLEY
1-Feb	Gretchen	WALKER
2-Feb	Mclver	MULLINS
2-Feb	Jamie	SWAYNEY
3-Feb	Ray	FAGGART
3-Feb	Hollis	WEISEL
4-Feb	Adam	BROWN
4-Feb	Kim	MILLER
4-Feb	Randy	PETERMAN
5-Feb	Ryan	WILLIAMS
6-Feb	Dan	MATTHEWS
6-Feb	Anderson	SHUMATE
7-Feb	Mark	WILLIAMS
8-Feb	Doris	SMITH
9-Feb	Jimmy	MARLOW
10-Feb	John	KING
11-Feb	Natalie	SHELDON
12-Feb	Jean	BEASLEY
13-Feb	Wade	BESTLER
13-Feb	Jeff	CARPENTER
15-Feb	Lori	PITTARD
16-Feb	Clary	PHILLIPS
17-Feb	Jason	MATTHEWS
17-Feb	Elias	RUTEMILLER
18-Feb	Mark	HARTMAN
18-Feb	Jodi	RAMIREZ
22-Feb	Nina	FOLINO
22-Feb	Alexandra	GREEN
22-Feb	Kelly	PROPST
23-Feb	Caroline	BESTLER
23-Feb	Jeff	CREW
23-Feb	Connie	REZZA
25-Feb	Margaret	GARRISON
25-Feb	Golda	JAY
25-Feb	Martha	MATTHEWS
27-Feb	Cynthia	PETREA
27-Feb	Mary	PROPST
28-Feb	Joseph	BEASLEY
28-Feb	Robert	BEASLEY
28-Feb	Joel	CRAINSHAW
28-Feb	Martha	SUMMERS



- ◆ Ralph & Sandy Barnhardt
- ◆ Richard Benz
- ◆ Jessie Blackwelder
- ◆ Lisa Booth
- ◆ Clifford and Ernestine Caffrey
- ◆ Noah Davis Clifton
- ◆ Phyllis Harward
- ◆ Gib Heilig
- ◆ Martha Kelley
- ◆ Joan and Pat Mahoney
- ◆ Jimmy Marlow
- ◆ Barbara Merrell
- ◆ Clary Phillips
- ◆ Doris Smith
- ◆ Alex Patterson
- ◆ Heather Schwarz, *daughter of Al and Dee Pieschel*
- ◆ Alex Barnhardt
- ◆ Ann Ridenhour
- ◆ Nancy Faggart
- ◆ Sadie Hurlocker, *daughter of Zach and Amy Hurlocker*
- ◆ Melody Acquino, *daughter of Al and Dee Pieschel*
- ◆ Al Pieschel
- ◆ Nickie Bergreen
- ◆ Our homebound members, and all in need of prayer

*Included here are prayer requests for the month. We invite you to have your prayer requests listed by calling the Church Office at 704-786-0166, sending an e-mail to keith@sjnc.net or making a request online at our website, www.sjnc.net. We will remove names after several weeks—if you wish to have your*

## In Loving Memory

The following Memorial has been given to the Glory of God and in memory of **Lee David Ballard** by:

- ◆ Ed and Betsy Ballard

The following Memorials have been given to the Glory of God and in memory of **Dave Burke** by:

- ◆ Dee and Ann Hodges

The following Memorial has been given to the Glory of God and in memory of **Harold Frace** by:

- ◆ Ed and Betsy Ballard

The following Memorial has been given to the Glory of God and in memory of **Neil Hendrix** by:

- ◆ Dee and Ann Hodges



## Lively Leisures

The February Lively Leisure luncheon will be The February Lively Leisure luncheon will be at the church at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18. The Phoenix Readers will present the program.



## ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

There will be a congregational meeting on February 23 for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report for 2019. Reports are needed from each committee or ministry group for 2019.

All reports should be emailed [keith@sjnc.net](mailto:keith@sjnc.net) or dropped by the church office by Thursday, January 30.

## COMMITTEE / GROUP MEETINGS—JANUARY

- ◆ **Esther Circle:** February 3 at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Mary Magdalene Circle:** February 4 at 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Social Ministry:** February 4 at 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Property:** February 4 at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Church Council:** February 11 at 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Jr. Youth / Sr. Youth:** February 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 5:00 / 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Cub / Boy Scouts:** February 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Sea Scouts:** February 4 and 18 at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Quilting Group:** February 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Lively Leisures:** February 18 at 12:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Celebrating Sobriety:** February 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 10:00 a.m.

## Cabarrus Bilingual Preschool at St. James

Together on His mind, in His heart and following His plan, we are getting done what others said couldn't be done. St. James Lutheran Preschool is **officially 1 of only 4 Five Star dual language programs** in the state of North Carolina. Together, with families helping, we are redefining the idea of Preschool – not just preparing children for Kindergarten; but in working across all socioeconomic and linguistic backgrounds, we are inspiring social and economic change for families and the community. Thank you!

- February 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30: The St. James Preschool will travel to her sister Lockhart location where the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra will be performing a special musical performance for all three preschools and participants in Families First programs.
- Preschool Enrollment for 2020 – 2021 begins Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Email [office@familiesfirstcc.org](mailto:office@familiesfirstcc.org) or call Aurora Swain at 864-379-9603 and or the main office 704-786-5613.

**Reminder: First Tuesday Tours  
10:00 am each month**  
A sign-up sheet is in the  
Parish Administrator's office.

## SCOUTING AT ST. JAMES

Scouting is a year round program that provides fun, adventure, learning, challenge and responsibility to help youth become the best versions of themselves. Saint James Lutheran Church is blessed with a rich Scouting tradition, which began in 1929.



**Cub Scout Pack 91** serves youth from Grades K-5. Learning basic life skills and outdoor adventures are the key element of our program. We have several outdoor adventures and service projects planned this year. Cub Scouts assist with community flag replacement and have adopted a road in Concord. Cindy Wensil is the Cubmaster of Pack 91. Meetings are on Monday nights from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. In 2019, Leeland Brown achieved Cub Scouting's Arrow of Light award.



**Boy Scout Troop 91** serves young adults ages 11 to 18. Camping, hiking, conservation, leadership training and service to others is the heart of the program. Outings this year include camping and fishing at Cape Hatteras National Seashore and Summer Camp at Camp Barnhardt. Signature service projects are replacing flags at local cemeteries with American Legion Post 51, American flag retirement and hosting a community wide food drive for Cooperative Christian Ministries. Tommy Propst is the Scoutmaster of Troop 91. Meetings are on Monday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. In 2019 James "Monty" Hughes and Dorian Williams earned Boy Scout's highest honor, Eagle Scout.



**Sea Scout Ship 91** is a high adventure program that promotes better citizenship and improves members' boating skills through instruction and practice in water safety, boating skills, outdoor, social, service experiences, and knowledge of our maritime heritage. Sea Scouting is offered to young adults ages 14 -21. We have several outings planned on the water this year including an overnight cruise. The Ship assists the Charlotte Power Squadron in hosting the Children's Outing on Lake Wiley each year and assists American Legion Post 51 with flag replacement and retirement. John King is the Skipper of Ship 91. Meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. In 2019 Jay Cruse earned Sea Scouting's highest rank of Quartermaster.

All the leaders, parents and Scouts of Pack, Troop, and Ship 91 are grateful for your personal time, financial assistance, and prayers and support. Our Scouting programs could not flourish without your continuing support which is greatly appreciated!



### QUARTERMASTER AWARD

**Jonathan A. Cruse (Jay)** of Sea Scout Ship 91, completed his Bridge of Review for Quartermaster on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Quartermaster is Sea Scouts BSA's highest rank and is as important as BSA's Eagle Scout Rank. Requirements include but are not limited to being trained in Lifesaving by BSA or Red Cross, organizing, planning and conducting a cruise of not less than 40 hours, and completing a service project that impacts the local community. Sea Scouts have an average of thirty Sea Scouts a year achieve the rank of Quartermaster for a national average of ½ of a percent.



## Sunday Ministers

February 2020

	2-Feb	9-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb
<b>Acolyte</b>	Parker Stephens	Jonas Jay	Charlotte Davis	Garrett Baker
<b>Greeter</b>	Gretchen Walker	Esther Circle	Esther Circle	Esther Circle
<b>Lector</b>	Sandra Faggart	Brad Davis	Margaret Garrison	Ann Gillon
<b>Intercessor</b>	Lois Marlow	Lois Marlow	Chris Miller	Christiane Lovelace
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Tom Ridenhour Sandra Faggart Dianne Lambert	Kim Haberman Deb Bradshaw Dale Merrell	Lois Marlow Frank Irvin Dianne Lambert	Mark Murphy Kenny Propst Margaret Garrison
<b>Ushers</b>	David Cruse Chip Blackwelder Wayne King Joe Grady Linny Baker Jay Cruse	David Cruse Chip Blackwelder Wayne King Joe Grady Linny Baker Jay Cruse	David Cruse Chip Blackwelder Wayne King Joe Grady Linny Baker Jay Cruse	David Cruse Chip Blackwelder Wayne King Joe Grady Linny Baker Jay Cruse
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Gretchen Walker Debbie Davis	Gretchen Walker Debbie Davis	Gretchen Walker Debbie Davis	Gretchen Walker Debbie Davis
<b>Nursery</b>	Reggie Hardister	Deedee Gilbert	Jean Beasley	Julie Burroughs
<b>Children's Church</b>	Lisa Folino Laura Overby	Lisa Folino Laura Overby	Meghan Kuly Amy Whisnant	Meghan Kuly Amy Whisnant
<b>Building Supervisor</b>	Randy Peterman	Randy Peterman	Randy Peterman	Randy Peterman
<b>Monday Counters</b>	Golda Jay Dieter Klauss	Golda Jay Dieter Klauss	Golda Jay Dieter Klauss	Golda Jay Dieter Klauss

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
05-Jan	132
12-Jan	141
19-Jan	157
26-Jan	124
<b>January Average</b>	<b>139</b>



<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	
05-Jan	7,183.00
12-Jan	10,029.73
19-Jan	4,544.00
26-Jan	7,342.00
<b>January Total</b>	<b>\$29,098.73</b>

# February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00 am Celebrating Sobriety
2 <b>Epiphany 4</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Scout Luncheon 5:00 pm All Youth	3 10:30 am Quilting Grp 6:30 pm Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00 pm Esther Circle @ Barbara Merrill's	4 10:00 am MM Circle Preschool Tour 10:30 am Mary Magdalene Circle 6:00 pm Social Ministry 6:30 pm Property 7:00 pm Sea Scouts	5 12:05 pm Chapel 1:00 pm Chair/Mat Yoga 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	6 10:30 am Singing Seniors @ Morningside	7 7:00 pm Valentine's Dinner @ Calvary	8 10:00 am Celebrating Sobriety
9 <b>Epiphany 5</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Jr. Youth 6:00 pm Sr. Youth	10 10:30 am Quilting Grp 6:30 pm Boy/Cub Scouts	11 6:00 pm Church Council	12 12:05 pm Chapel 1:00 pm Chair/Mat Yoga 5:30 pm Wednesdays Together 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	13 10:30 am Singing Seniors @ Universal Health & Rehab	14 7:00 pm Valentine's Dinner @ Calvary	15 10:00 am Celebrating Sobriety
16 <b>Epiphany 6</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Evangelism 11:30 am Pre-Confirmation 2:00 pm Confirmation 5:00 pm Jr. Youth 6:00 pm Sr. Youth	17 10:30 am Quilting Grp 6:30 pm Boy/Cub Scouts	18 12:00 pm Lively Leisures 7:00 pm Sea Scouts	19 12:05 pm Chapel 1:00 pm Chair/Mat Yoga 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	20 10:30 am Singing Seniors @ Concord Nursing & Rehab	21	22 10:00 am Celebrating Sobriety
23 <b>Transfiguration</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship Congregational Meeting 5:00 pm Jr. Youth 6:00 pm Sr. Youth	24 10:30 am Quilting Grp 6:30 pm Boy/Cub Scouts	25 1:30 pm CROP Walk Meeting 5:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancakes	26 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 12:05 pm Chapel 1:00 pm Chair/Mat Yoga 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Ash Wednesday Worship	27 10:30 am Singing Seniors @ The Gardens at Taylor Glen	28	29 10:00 am Celebrating Sobriety