

St. James Lutheran Church Newsletter



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**WE'VE MISSED YOU,
CHURCH FAMILY!**

SUNDAY WORSHIP

In-Person Worship has resumed at St. James on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am. We will be checking temperatures, socially distancing, and wearing masks.

If you are uncomfortable with attending in-person, we will be live streaming the service. We will send out more information as it becomes available.



THE LAST SUPPER EXPERIENCE

If you and your family experienced Bethlehem at the Farm back in December, you will not want to miss The Last Supper Experience. If you were not able to make it to Bethlehem, we hope you will be able to make it to the Last Supper Experience. On March 28, we will visit the farm once again to get a glimpse of the Last Supper. Sign up to experience the merchants at the Market Place, you will hear the stories of the locals, sit, and watch the Last Supper while enjoying a Seder Meal to go. Contact the church office to make a reservation.

You are asked to bring a yard chair or blanket to sit on. Please understand that food will be prepared and provided based upon the sign ups. If you sign up and cannot attend, please let us know so that we can adjust as needed.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Last Supper. If you would like to contribute to help lower the cost of the Last Supper Experience, there will be a donation bucket available.

From the Pastor

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.
~Psalm 107:1

After a year of waiting, we finally resumed in-person worship on March 7, and although we are socially distanced, wearing masks, and not singing, it is good to be back worshipping and praising God together. As we transition to in-person worship we will continue to offer on-line opportunities, including a live streaming of the worship service beginning hopefully on Sunday, March 14. We are also in the process of planning Holy Week and Easter and will be getting more information to you as it becomes available.

For the remainder of March we will continue to review health guidelines and our procedures for worship safety, and slowly and safely expand worship to include Holy Communion. We will also be planning Holy Week and Easter services and will provide information as it becomes available.

In April we will develop a plan to gradually open for other in-door activities including Adult Sunday School, Bible studies, and mid-week services. All of this of course is contingent upon changes in the COVID numbers, Governor Cooper and NC Synod recommendations, and CDC guidelines.

There is one event to make you aware of. On April 11, prior to worship, we will hold our bi-annual congregational meeting to approve the 2020 annual report, elect a nominating committee and voting members for the NC synod assembly, and consider other business as necessary.

The nominating committee is responsible for putting together a slate of names for the 2021 church council election in November. This year's Synod Assembly is scheduled for June 3-5 and will be virtual. St James is eligible to be represented by three voting members – one male, one female, and one young adult (18-30). If you are interested in serving in either of these capacities, or would like to nominate someone, please contact the church office.

While we make plans and move forward there is still a bit of uncertainty, but there is one thing we are not uncertain of, God's steadfast love. So God's blessings in the days and weeks to come as we prepare to hear once again the story of Christ's passion and resurrection with new hearts!

Pastor Tony



***To the Glory of God and
In Loving Memory***

Jane Brown

- By Jim and Malinda Allison
- By Jeff and Clare Faggart
- By Nancy Faggart (CCM)
- By Margaret Garrison (Cemetery Fund)
- By Chip and Ginny Hoover
- By Fred and Dianne Lambert
- By Alex, Lex, Laura and John Patterson (Cemetery Fund)
- By Bill and Amy Rinker

Ray Faggart

- By Jim and Malinda Allison
- By Emery and Kimberly Ashley
- By Mr. and Mrs. Mike Brown
- By Margaret Garrison (Cemetery Fund)
- By Will and Ann Gillon
- By Lee and Padgett Goodman
- By Betty Hill
- By Ann Hoover
- By Chip and Ginny Hoover
- By Fred and Dianne Lambert
- By Nick and Christine Lovelace
- By Non(e)Such Boutique, Jean and Margaret
- By Alex, Lex, Laura and John Patterson (Cemetery Fund)
- By Kathy Smith and Elizabeth Johnson
- By Glenda Poole
- By Phillip and Janice Poplin
- By Charles and Frances Tiece
- By Todd and Gretchen Walker

***To the Glory of God and
In Loving Memory***

Richard Benz

- By Margaret Garrison (Cemetery Fund)
- By Fred and Dianne Lambert
- By Alex, Lex, Laura and John Patterson (Cemetery Fund)
- By Glenda Poole

Carolyn Wilkinson Hatley

- By Nancy Faggart (CCM)

***To the Glory of God and
In Loving Honor***

Debbie Wilkinson

- By Nancy Faggart (CCM)



*Thank
you*



The family of Jane Biggers Brown deeply appreciates your love, sympathy, prayers and thoughtfulness. We will be forever

grateful for your kindness.

First, Pastor Tony, thank you so much for the memorial service. We appreciate all you did to organize it and prepare for it. It is such a crazy time with the pandemic, so we know a lot of extra effort was required. Thank you!

Second, the women of the church who provided the funeral meal. There are just no words. Without noting the pandemic..providing food to our family just days before Christmas was unexpected and sincerely appreciated!!

Jane loved Saint James Lutheran church and her family will never forget that. Thank you for everything you did in Jane's memory. She would be so thankful and so are we!

Tracey and Mike Brown

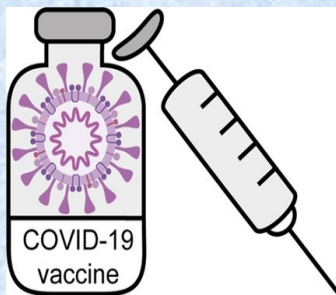
In Our Thoughts & Prayers



- ◆ Brad Baker
- ◆ Alex Barnhardt
- ◆ Ralph & Sandy Barnhardt
- ◆ Cliff and Lee Caffrey
- ◆ Carole Grady
- ◆ Sam Hurley
- ◆ Martha Kelley
- ◆ Pat Mahoney
- ◆ Jimmy Marlow
- ◆ Barbara Merrell
- ◆ Alex Patterson
- ◆ Clary Phillips
- ◆ Doris Smith
- ◆ Neta Helms, *aunt of Elizabeth Hurley*
- ◆ Logan Linenberger, *nephew of Golda Jay*
- ◆ All Health care Professionals and Essential workers
- ◆ Our homebound members, *all in need of prayer*



2-Mar	Amy	SPLAWN
5-Mar	Alex	PATTERSON
5-Mar	Lauren	POPOVICI
6-Mar	Sarah	POPLIN
6-Mar	Logan	WHISNANT
7-Mar	Camden	BURROUGHS
7-Mar	Avery	MILLER
7-Mar	Ella	WICKLIFF
10-Mar	Jay	CLEMMER
10-Mar	Jonas	JAY
11-Mar	Linny	BAKER
11-Mar	Jeff	MILLER
13-Mar	Wendell	OVERBY
13-Mar	Anne	SWAYNEY
14-Mar	Sara	FAIRCLOTH
16-Mar	Tony	EURY
16-Mar	Dee	PIESCHEL
20-Mar	Ann	GILLON
20-Mar	John	MARLOW
22-Mar	Jimmy	PROPST
23-Mar	Chip	BLACKWELDER
23-Mar	Tanner	POPLIN
23-Mar	Landon	TROTT
24-Mar	Elliot	HORTON
24-Mar	Charlie	PITTARD
25-Mar	Audrey	GLATZ
25-Mar	Jill	STRAHL
27-Mar	Isaac	JAY
28-Mar	Sklyla	HARDISTER
28-Mar	Frank	IRVIN
28-Mar	Timothy	PROPST
29-Mar	Jerry	HOPKINS
30-Mar	Anne	HODGES
30-Mar	Joe	PROPST



COVID VACCINATIONS

If you need help in scheduling your Covid-19 vaccination, contact the church office. We have

members that have volunteered to assist in helping schedule appointments.

SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY

SUNDAY, MARCH 7 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT



The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with

the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

Gospel: John 2:13-22

SUNDAY, MARCH 14 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT



The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In

today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

Gospel: John 3:14-21

SUNDAY, MARCH 21 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT



God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to

himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

SUNDAY, MARCH 28 PALM SUNDAY



This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest

friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

Gospel: Mark 15:1-47

MARCH 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 9:30 pm College Online	4 6:30 pm Bible Heroes Pre-2 nd 7:00 pm Bible Heroes 3 rd – 5 th	5	6
7 Lent 3 10:00 am In-Person Worship 10:00 am Sunday School – Zoom 5:00 Youth	8	9 6:00 pm Congregation Council	10 9:30 pm College Online 6:30 pm Drive-In Worship/Communion	11 6:30 pm Bible Heroes Pre-2 nd 7:00 pm Bible Heroes 3 rd – 5 th	12	13
14 Lent 4 10:00 am In-Person Worship 10:00 am Sunday School – Zoom	15	16	17 9:30 pm College Online	18 6:30 pm Bible Heroes Pre-2 nd 7:00 pm Bible Heroes 3 rd – 5 th	19	20
21 Lent 5 10:00 am In-Person Worship 10:00 am Sunday School – Zoom 5:00 pm Youth	22	23	24 9:30 pm College Online 6:30 pm Drive-In Worship/Communion	25 6:30 pm Bible Heroes Pre-2 nd 7:00 pm Bible Heroes 3 rd – 5 th	26	27
28 Palm Sunday 10:00 am In-Person Worship 10:00 am Sunday School – Zoom 11:00 Pre-Confirmation 2:00 Confirmation Cluster 5:00 pm Youth	29	30	31			