

Ring Out

A Weekly Newsletter



St. James Lutheran Church

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

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20



**Worship Bulletin
September 20**

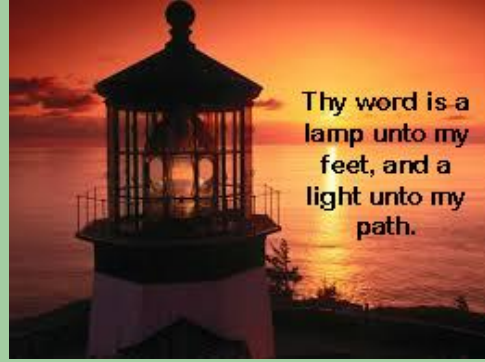
16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Reading Jonah 3:10--4:11

Psalm Psalm 145:1-8
Second Reading Philippians 1:21-30
Gospel Matthew 20:1-16



Readings for September 20



Online Worship for Sunday, September 20 will be available on Facebook and YouTube at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. An email with links will be sent when the online worship service is posted. You can open or print the bulletin and follow along with the service.

CHURCH NEWS



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 20

9:30 am Online Worship Service
5:00 pm Youth In-Person at Calvary

Wednesday, September 23

7:00 am Drive-In Worship Service with Communion

Thursday, September 24

6:30 pm Bible Heroes Pre - 2
7:00 pm Bible Heroes 3 - 5

Sunday, September 27

9:30 am Online Worship Service
5:00 pm Youth In-Person at Calvary

Sunday - Saturday 20-26

Salvation Army Night Shelter Meals

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

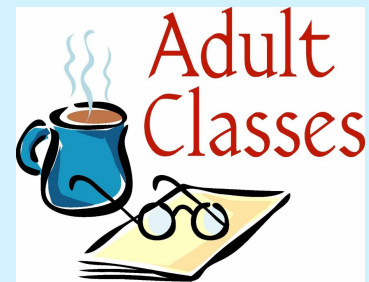
20-Sept Peter Muniz
20-Sept Cameron Trott
20-Sept Carson Trott
22-Sept John Patterson
22-Sept Patricia Propst
23-Sept Annette Propst
24-Sept Lois Marlow
24-Sept Andy Yoos



DRIVE-IN WORSHIP Communion Wednesday, September 23

Join us on September 23 at 7:00 pm for Drive-In Worship with Communion at St. James. More information and the bulletin will be sent out the first of next week. Plan now to join together, safely distanced and worship with your St. James' family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ZOOM



Do you miss your Sunday School Class? Do you miss the interaction of lively discussions over scripture and it's application to today? Frank Irvin will be offering a Zoom Sunday School class on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited. Click on the link below to download the lesson for this week and then click the link to join the class.

[This Week's Lesson- Paul Sails for Rome](#)

[Click to Join by Computer, Tablet or Cellphone](#)

SALVATION ARMY MEALS

September 20-26



St. James will be providing meals to the Salvation Army Center of Hope the week of September 20 - 26. The meal would be for 25-30 clients. Volunteers should arrive by 6:30 p.m.

with meal prepared or if ordered, to be delivered at that time. The meals will only need to be dropped off and the staff will serve the meals. You can sign-up online or contact either Juanita Fitts or Keith in the Church Office. It is important to let us know so that we do not have duplicate meals.

Suggestions for meals:

- Ham/Turkey with Vegetables
- Beef Stew
- Meat Loaf
- Chicken Casserole
- Lasagna w/bread
- Hot Dogs/Hamburgers, Coleslaw, Chips
- Dessert

**We still are in need of volunteers for
Wednesday, Friday and Saturday**

[Sign Up Now](#)

MY FATHER'S HOUSE

St. James / St. Johns Lutheran will be hosting My Father's House Ministry Oct. 5, 6 and 7, 2020. St. James will provide the dinner meals on Mon. and Tues. 10/5 and 10/6. St. Johns is responsible for the night meal on Wed. 10/7. The meals will be dropped off at the kitchen door of the Ministry around 5:30 those days.



There are presently 10 people in the Ministry, 6 adults and 4 children. If you can provide an item for the meal on Oct. 5 or 6, please let Sylvia Corl know and she will be glad to pick up at your home. Thanks so much for your help with this needed Ministry.

BLESSING OF THE



ANIMALS

October 10 10:00 am - Noon

Save the Date. Join us for a blessing of the animals at Far Fetched Farm, 835 Bradford Drive, Concord. Bring you pets for this special service.

MEAL TRAIN

Meals are still being provided to Martha and Jimmy Summers once a week. The response has been great but we do have some vacancies in the coming weeks. To help, click the link below to sign up. Thank you your service!



[Sign Up for the Meal Train](#)

CHURCH-WIDE NEWS



LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

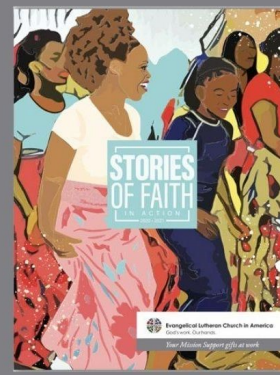
Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the U.S. and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, LDR stays to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. Currently, LDR is responding to:

- Hurricane Laura
- California Wildfires
- Derecho storm in the midwest
- COVID-19
- and more...

[Learn How LDR is Responding and Donate Today](#)

2020-21 STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION

Stories are the foundation of our faith. They teach us how to serve God with humility and remind us of our identity as God's beloved children. Given the challenges of 2020, we need stories of hope and unity more than ever. That's where the new "**Stories of Faith in Action**"—comes in. This annual publication shows how God is at work across the ELCA through your generosity. It highlights how a portion of your offering (Mission Support) advances the ministry of our church.



[Read Now](#)



WEEKLY VIDEO MESSAGES FROM BISHOP EATON

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's weekly video messages keep the church connected.

[Watch](#)

SOCIAL MINISTRY

2020 CABARRUS COUNTY CROP Hunger "Virtual" Walk Sunday, October 11



Q: What is a virtual walk?

A: It's an actual walking activity, but for reasons of safety and social distancing, participants will commit to walking on their own or in small groups in their neighborhoods, parks, or trails on walk day. We won't be gathering in one large group this year and the time and length of the walk is flexible.

Q: What's the date and time of the walk?

A: Sunday, October 11th at 1:30 PM. (Although, the time is very flexible.)

Register to Walk



CURRENT FOOD NEEDS - CCM

We are beginning to move into the time of the year when normally there are a lot of special school and community food drives. However, we're unsure of what to expect this year. Fortunately, we have been able to make some significant wholesale purchases at Second Harvest recently. However, some of our "staples" remain quite low. We sure would love it if all our supporting churches and community partners could hold special food drives for us in the next month or so.

Food donations can be dropped off at the church during office hours. Pull under the portico and call 704-786-0166, church office

Our current big needs are:

- Canned Green Beans
- Canned Corn
- Baked Beans (Pork & Beans)
- Other Canned Beans except for Pinto
- Any Dried Beans
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Rice
- Spaghetti noodles
- Pasta sauce
- Toilet paper and paper towels

We always especially seek:

- Low sodium items
- No-added-sugar items
- Whole grain items.

Right now, we have plenty of the following:

- Canned chicken / tuna
- Canned Peas
- Mixed Vegetables
- Canned Pinto Beans
- Canned Fruit
- Cereal

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

YOUTH MEETINGS

Resuming Sunday
September 20

Youth meetings will resume in-person on Sunday, September 20. We will be meeting outdoors, wearing masks and

one

IN CHRIST

Youth Ministry, Concord, NC

following safety guidelines.

CHURCH RESOURCES



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.

The need for your giving and support continues, even though we have had to cancel gathering and corporate worship services.

[Give Now](#)

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