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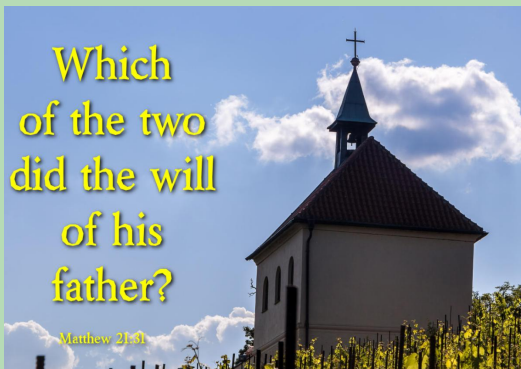
A Weekly Newsletter



St. James Lutheran Church

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

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27



Which
of the two
did the will
of his
father?

Matthew 21:30

**Worship Bulletin
September 27**

17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

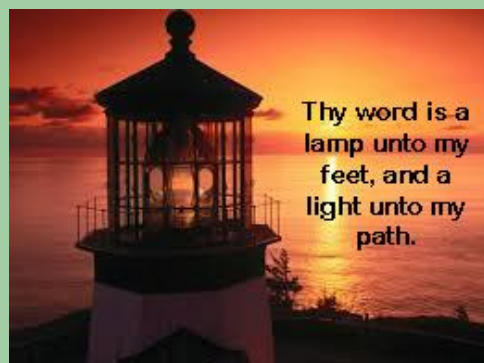
SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Reading Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalm Psalm 25:1-9

Second Reading Philippians 2:1-13

Gospel Matthew 21:23-32



Thy word is a
lamp unto my
feet, and a
light unto my
path.



Online Worship for Sunday, September 27 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 27

9:30 am Online Worship Service
10:00 am Zoom Sunday School
5:00 pm Youth Online

Thursday, October 1

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

Sunday, October 4

9:30 am Online Worship Service
10:00 am Zoom Sunday School
5:00 pm Youth Online

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

27-Sept Michael Folino
27-Sept Joan McEachern
28-Sept Cliff Caffrey
28-Sept Linda Hartsell
28-Sept Riley Moran
28-Sept Donnie Peterman
28-Sept Taylor Pruette
28-Sept Heather Wilson



28-Sept Drew Yoos

30-Sept Adam Hartman

30-Sept Jackson Propst

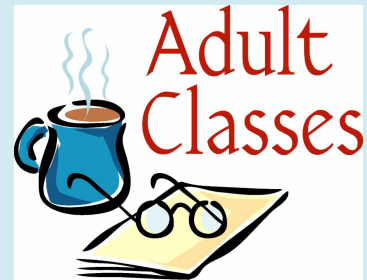
01-Oct Chase Lineberger

01-Oct Conner Lineberger

01-Oct Donae Yoos

01-Oct Nicholas Crainshaw

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- A Mighty Wonder](#)

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

MY FATHER'S HOUSE

October 5-6

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 from 10:00 am - Noon
Far Fetched Farm, 835 Bradford Dr.

Join us for a blessing of the animals at Far Fetched Farm, 835 Bradford Drive, Concord. Bring your special pets and enjoy the farm. We will be collecting pet foods, donations of money and/or gift cards for local animal rescue organizations.

All animals must be on leash, crate or restrained.

CCM FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

October 7 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

St James is hosting a food drive for CCM on Wednesday, October 7 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.



On that Wednesday, simply enter the church back parking lot and stop near the portico at the back entrance of the church. A volunteer will remove your donations from your car and take them to the truck provided by CCM. There is also a need for financial donations. You may make a financial contribution directly to CCM or to the church, designated for CCM's Food Pantry.

Food Pantry Needs

- Canned vegetables
- Beans
- Canned meats (tuna/chicken)
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Pasta sauce
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels

Additional Teaching House Needs

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help unload cars, contact Mark Murphy.

176 ANNIVERSARY



September is Anniversary Month for the founding of St. James. In recognition of our 176th anniversary, we are posting the anniversary video that was first shown on September 29, 2019 as the finale for our 175th anniversary year. You will find the video on our YouTube channel and on our

website. The link is below.

175 Anniversary Video

OPPORTUNITY HOUSE

“Meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the least, the last, and the lost” 704-786-4020



Opportunity House at 72 Corban Ave SW is only one block from St. James. There are many ways to get volunteer and get involved House.

They are always in need of:

- Assistant cooks to help our chef prepare meals
- Greeters and servers at both Narrow Gate locations (temporarily suspended)
- Clothing closet volunteers to help neatly arrange clothing for house guests
- Help build resumes for guests looking for work
- Workshop facilitators for guest currently seeking work
- Putting together toiletry bags

Volunteer Opportunities



SALVATION ARMY NIGHT SHELTER MEALS

This week St. James provided meals at the Salvation Army Night Shelter. Thank you to everyone who provided meals! We had two nights that no one volunteered so food was ordered and delivered to the shelter. If you weren't able to provide a meal and would like to make a donation to help offset meal cost, you can mail or drop off your donation to the church noted that it's for Salvation Army Meals. Thank you!

CHURCH-WIDE NEWS



MAKE NC COUNT: CENSUS 2020

Make NC Count is working to ensure that every North Carolinian is counted. The census determines how critical resources and political power are distributed. It is critical that every North Carolinian is counted: if we're not counted, we don't exist! Complete the Census online to avoid having a person visit your address!

[Complete the Census Here](#)

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.)

[FAQs about the Virtual Walk](#)

[**Register to Walk**](#)

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH REGATHERING



REGATHERING PLANS

We were able to gather in person in March and that was the last time we were able to meet in person, up until NOW! The Synod Guidelines have change and now Youth and Children may gather together within these guidelines:

- Outside only
- Wear masks
- Practice social distancing
- Have no more than 25 people total

Sounds like a huge step has just taken place and we are excited with the possibilities. On Sunday, September 20, the Youth Committee met and decided to meet in person every other week with Zoom and other activities in between. Click the link below to read the October newsletter.

[October Newsletter](#)

CHURCH RESOURCES



ONLINE GIVING

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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- **Jill Irvin**, Financial Administrator [Email](#)

- **Keith Sutton**, *Parish Administrator* [Email](#)
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