

# St. James Lutheran Church

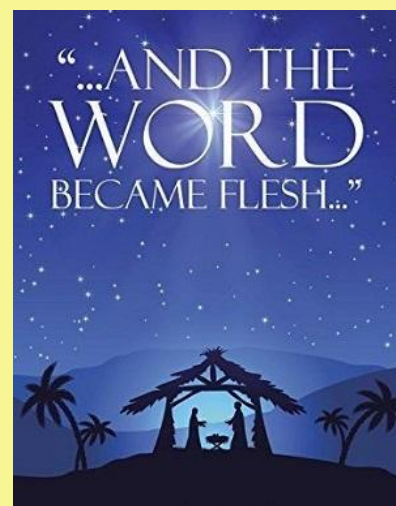


***"Growing in Christ Through Worship, Learning,  
Fellowship, and Service."***

## WEEK OF JANUARY 5

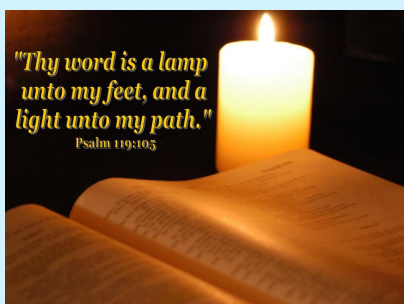
### SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.



**Service of Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m.**

**[Worship Bulletin for January 5](#)**



### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**First Reading** Jeremiah 31:7-14  
**Psalms** Psalm 147:12-20  
**Second Reading** Ephesians 1:3-14  
**Gospel** John 1:1-18

# EPIPHANY

## January 6



Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!  
 Darkness covers the earth and its people,  
 but the radiance of God's Light  
 burns away its shadows,  
 illuminates the smallest corner,  
 and heralds in the start  
 of a new dawn,  
 where hearts no longer fear,  
 souls might be set free,  
 and sister shall follow brother,  
 nation shall follow nation,  
 and kings and princes bow down in awe  
 before the one who comes to reign.  
 Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!  
 Alleluia!

January 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <b>New Year's Day</b>  Church Office Closed	2	3	4 10:00 am Celebrating Sobriety
5 <b>Christmas 2</b> 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Jr. Youth 6:00 pm Sr. Youth	6 <b>Epiphany</b> 10:30 am Quilting Grp 6:30 pm Boy/Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Esther Circle	7 10:00 am MM Circle Preschool Tour 10:30 am Mary Magdalene Circle 6:00 pm Christian Ed 6:00 pm Social Ministry 6:30 pm Property 7:00 pm Sea Scouts	8 12:05 pm Chapel 1:00 pm Chair/Mat Yoga 5:30 pm Wednesdays Together 6:00 pm Handbells 6:30 pm Guys' Small Grp 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	9 10:30 am Singing Seniors	10	11 10:00 am Celebrating Sobriety
12 <b>Lord's Baptism</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	13 10:30 am Quilting Grp 6:30 pm Boy/Cub Scouts	14 6:00 pm Church Council	15 12:05 pm Chapel 1:00 pm Chair/Mat Yoga 6:00 pm Handbells 6:30 pm Guys' Small Grp 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	16 10:30 am Singing Seniors	17	18 10:00 am Celebrating Sobriety
19 <b>Epiphany 2</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	20 <b>MLK Day</b> 10:30 am Quilting Grp  <b>My Father's House</b>	21 12:00 pm Lively Leisures 7:00 pm Sea Scouts  <b>My Father's House</b>	22 12:05 pm Chapel 1:00 pm Chair/Mat Yoga 6:00 pm Handbells 6:30 pm Guys' Small Grp 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm Wednesdays Together 9:30 pm College Online	23 10:30 am Singing Seniors	24	25 10:00 am Celebrating Sobriety
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[DOWNLOAD JANUARY CALENDAR](#)

**WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8**



### **SUNDAY, Jan. 5**

9:00 Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 Worship  
5:00 Jr. Youth  
6:00 Sr. Youth

### **MONDAY, Jan. 6**

10:30 Quilting Group  
6:30 Boy/Cub Scouts  
6:30 Esther Circle

### **TUESDAY, Jan. 7**

10:00 Mary Magdalene  
Circle-Preschool Tour  
10:30 Mary Magdalene  
Circle  
6:00 Christian Education  
6:00 Social Ministry  
6:30 Property  
7:00 Sea Scouts

12:05 Chapel  
1:00 Chair/Mat Yoga  
5:30 Wednesdays Together  
6:00 Handbells  
6:30 Guys Small Group  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, Jan. 9**

10:30 Singing Seniors

### **FRIDAY, Jan. 10**

*No Scheduled Activities*

### **SATURDAY, Jan. 11**

10:00 Celebrating Sobriety

### **SUNDAY, Jan. 12**

9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 Worship  
5:00 Jr. Youth  
6:00 Sr. Youth

## **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

**06-Jan** Jon Miller  
**06-Jan** Karen Rezza  
**07-Jan** Stephanie Deville  
**08-Jan** Brad Davis  
**09-Jan** Andrew Propst  
**09-Jan** Benjamin Propst  
**09-Jan** Heidi Propst  
**10-Jan** Christine Lovelace  
**10-Jan** Hal Merriott



## **PRAYER VENTURES**

Prayer Ventures is an ELCA guide to daily



prayer. There is a prayer focus for each day of each month and each month of the year.

**JAN 3** Give thanks for the cloud of faith-filled witnesses who surround us as mentors of faith, vocation and life skills, enriching our lives through their example and sharing their

faith, wisdom and knowledge.

**JAN 4** Pray for the people and communities affected by the recent fires in California, that they will not lose hope but will experience God's presence and encouragement through the care and support of others. Give thanks for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response — with the California synods, Lutheran Social Services of Northern California and Lutheran Social Services of Southern California — to respond with physical, emotional and spiritual care.

**JAN 5** Pray that the Holy Spirit will help us bear witness in the world to the light and truth of Jesus Christ, that we will be infused with enthusiasm for inviting others to believe and follow, and that all will experience the grace and fullness of God.

[Download the Complete January Prayer Guide](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### ESTHER CIRCLE

Esther Circle will meet Monday, January 6 at 6:30 pm. at the home of Sandra Faggart. For more information contact Sandra Faggart

[dfaggart@windstream.net](mailto:dfaggart@windstream.net)

### MARY MAGDALENE CIRCLE

The Mary Magdalene Circle will meet at the church at 10:00 for a tour of the Preschool. The regular meeting will follow at 10:30 in the King Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Jean Beasley

[jean.f.beasley@gmail.com](mailto:jean.f.beasley@gmail.com)

## MY FATHER'S HOUSE

St. James will be hosting My Father's House Ministry January 20-21, 2020. There are 7 adults, 6 children in the Ministry. If you can help by providing an item for the dinner on Monday, January 20 or Tuesday, January 21 please contact Sylvia Corl.



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## LIVELY LEISURES

The January Lively Leisure luncheon will be at the church at 12:00 on Tuesday, January 21. Mandy Smith-Thompson, Environmental Educator-City of Concord will present the program on New Recycling Program.

## SALVATION ARMY CITY OF HOPE NIGHT SHELTER

The week of Jan. 26 - Feb. 1 St James will prepare and serve a meal each night at the Salvation Army City of Hope Night Shelter. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the portico. One or more persons can plan and prepare meal. Breakfast items are also donated for the following morning's breakfast. Contact Juanita Fitts with questions.

[jwilson1152@outlook.com](mailto:jwilson1152@outlook.com)



## LYO YOUTH RETREAT

This is an annual event that meets in Greensboro, NC at the Embassy Suites. Last year, there were over 500 youth in attendance and we want to be part of that this year. The Word, building relationships, great food, a dance, music, games and more all wrapped up in one weekend. The dates are **February 21 - 23** and the cost is \$150 per person. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. We need to sign up quickly in order to participate in this event.

## WEDNESDAYS TOGETHER

**January 8 & 22 at 5:30**  
*Bible Study follows the meal.*



### January 8 Menu

- *Lasagna*
- *Salad*
- *Bread*
- *Dessert*

## CHURCH NEWS

### Giving Thanks for the Fellowship We Share in the Gospel

To our Sisters and Brothers in Christ at Saint James Lutheran Church,

Over the past weeks, members of Saint James Lutheran Church have been united in reflecting upon our abundant blessings during our 2020 Stewardship Congregational Mailings.

On Commitment Sunday, we invited all members of Saint James Lutheran to indicate a response to God's gifts in their lives. We do this because:

- God has asked us to be deliberate and cheerful givers.
- Fulfillment of a faith commitment is an expression of our faith
- A written response is one way we respond to what God has first given us and demonstrate that God is first in our lives.
- A family's response enables the household to make intentional decisions about financial matters and allows us to set other priorities.
- Our response allows the church to plan for ministry.

We sincerely thank everyone that completed their pledge on Commitment Sunday. As full and equal partners in the Gospel, we share in God's work to do ministry with our church family. If you were not able to join us in worship, it is not too late. Please return your commitment card to the church office.

We pray that the 2020 Stewardship has afforded you the time to rejoice in the abundance of your blessings. We rejoice with you in the

possibilities for ministry in our congregation. God has indeed richly blessed us!

Al Pieschel, Stewardship Chair  
Pastor Tony Bradshaw

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## MUSIC AT ST. JAMES

**CHOIR:** The choir will not rehearse on Wednesday, January 1, 2020. They will sing on Sunday, January 5th, and will resume rehearsal on Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m.



**HANDBELLS:** The handbells will resume on Wednesday, January 8th at 6:00 p.m.

**SINGING SENIORS:** The Singing Seniors will begin their regular weekly gatherings at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 9th. Location varies each week, and is To Be Determined.

New musicians are always welcome. If you would like more information on any of these groups, contact Rob Keene.

[rob@sjnc.net](mailto:rob@sjnc.net)

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**What a year together in ministry and fellowship!**



## CCM FOOD NEEDS

We have been SO blessed by so many of our partners and friends who have brought in LOTS of food donations in the past month. You all are wonderful. Our inventory is so much better than it was in early November. However, please keep it up! The next couple of months tend to be a low period in food

donations, with the exception of the Boy Scout drive. Our current needs are:

- Soup – all kinds
- Tuna and Canned Chicken
- Rice
- Spaghetti noodles and any other dried pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Corn



- Canned Fruit
- Dried Beans
- Toilet Paper & Paper Towels
- Diapers sizes 4, 5, & 6

## COAT DRIVE

Want to see how your coat drive donations are helping children in our community? Just look at this photo. He was so excited and couldn't wait to put on his new winter coat!



Social Ministry is partnering with Cabarrus Partnership for Children to collect coats (new and gently used) children sizes 0—5, hats and gloves. We will have this collection thru February, 2020. This is to provide coats to children that do not have a coat at all. Please consider donating a coat or coats to help us help those in our community stay warm this winter. Coats are distributed to preschools in Cabarrus County. A box is located in the portico area marked Cabarrus Partnership for Children Coat Drive.



## CHAIR / MAT YOGA

St. James Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall  
Wednesdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. (Drop In)

Each class \$3 - All Ages Welcome!

Angie Buchanan - Certified Yoga/Pilates Instructor

## OUR STEWARDSHIP

**Contributions and Receipts  
for December 24 & 29, 2019  
\$12,044.50**

*(\$8,135.00 needed per week)*



## 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.

[Give Now](#)

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## ST. JAMES STAFF

- **Rev. Tony Bradshaw**, *Senior Pastor*
  - **Rob Keene**, *Director of Music Ministries*
  - **Mike Holt**, *Youth and Family*
  - **Jill Irvin**, *Financial Administrator*
  - **Keith Sutton**, *Parish Administrator*
  - **Cindy Cruse**, *Hospitality Coordinator*
  - **Kathryn Radcliffe**, *Nursery Coordinator*
  - **Kenny Propst**, *Congregation President*
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