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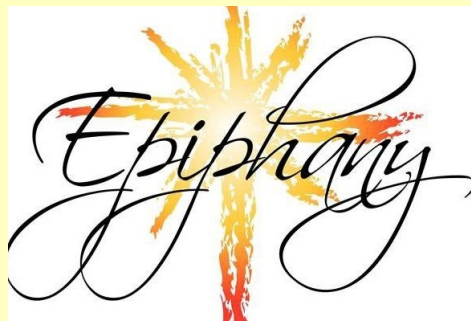


## St. James Lutheran Church

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

### WORSHIP THIS WEEK

#### 6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

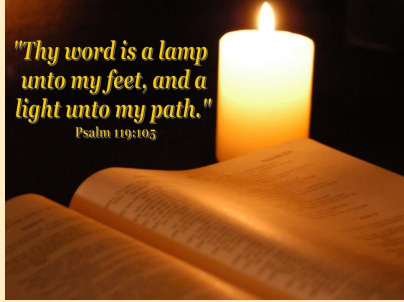
**Sunday Service of Holy Communion**  
10:00 a.m.

[Worship Bulletin for February 16](#)

**Wednesday Chapel**  
12:05 p.m.

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS  
FOR THE WEEK**



**First Reading** Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
**Psalm** Psalm 119:1-8  
**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
**Gospel** Matthew 5:21-37

## Lessons for February 16



### **GOD WITH US**

Take a moment to listen to the still small voice of God within the bustle of the day which has begun. Find a quiet place where you can enjoy precious moments of peace in God's presence. Sit quietly and listen to the sounds of the world

around you, both outside and in the place where you are. Breathe slowly and rest in God's presence.....

**Guiding God, be with us  
in our going out and coming home,  
in our journeying and returning,  
in our decision making and organizing.**

**Guarding God, be with us  
through the calm and through the storm,  
be our comfort when we're hurting,  
be our helper when we're falling.**

**Gracious God, walk with us  
every moment of this new day.  
Amen.**

## **ON THE CALENDAR**

### **WEDNESDAY Feb. 19**

12:05 Chapel  
1:00 Chair/Mat Yoga  
6:00 Handbells  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY Feb. 20**



### **SUNDAY Feb. 16**

9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 Worship  
11:30 Pre-Confirmation  
2:00 Confirmation  
5:00 Jr. Youth  
6:00 Sr. Youth

### **MONDAY Feb. 17**

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

### **TUESDAY Feb. 18**

12:00 Lively Leisures  
7:00 Sea Scouts

10:30 Singing Seniors at  
Concord Nursing & Rehab

### **FRIDAY Feb. 21**

No Scheduled Events

### **SATURDAY Feb. 22**

10:00 Celebrating Sobriety

### **SUNDAY Feb. 23**

9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 Congregational Mtng  
10:00 Worship  
11:15 Evangelism  
:00 Jr. Youth  
6:00 Sr. Youth

## **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

**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



## **CHURCH EVENTS**

The February Lively Leisures' luncheon will be in the church fellowship hall on Tuesday, **February 18 at 1200 p.m.** The

Phoenix Readers will present the program. For more information, contact Sylvia Corl.

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*Lively Leisures*



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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There will be a congregational meeting at the beginning of worship on Sunday, February 23. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive the annual reports. Thank you to everyone who has submitted the information included.

### *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner*



## SHROVE TUESDAY

Come out and enjoy pancakes, sausage, bacon and fellowship as we celebrate Shrove Tuesday on February 25. Serving will be 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Brad Davis Combo will provide jazz music for your enjoyment.



## ASH WEDNESDAY

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Join us on Wednesday, February 26 for Ash Wednesday worship. There will be two services both in the sanctuary at 12:00 Noon and at 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday starts Lent by focusing our hearts on repentance and prayer.

**RISE AGAINST**

March 28, 2020

More information coming soon.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



### **Racial Awareness Training in Cabarrus County**

Groundwater Presentation

February 15, 2020 8:30 am

The Laureate Center - City Hall

401 Laureate Way, Kannapolis, NC

In this lively and participatory 3-hour introduction to racial equity, REI organizers use stories and data to present a perspective that racism is fundamentally structural in nature. By examining characteristics of modern-day racial inequity, the presentation introduces participants to an analysis that most find immediately helpful and relevant.

### [Information and Registration](#)



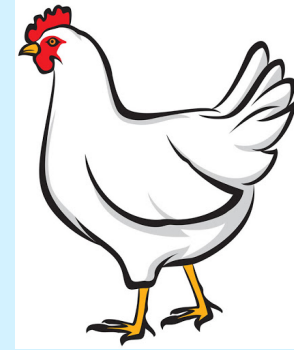
### **NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR TOUR**

The award-winning National Lutheran Choir, based in Minneapolis, will be touring the Southeastern U.S. with three FREE concerts in North Carolina. The 60-voice choir, led by Artistic Director, David Cherwien, will perform a wide-ranging program celebrating the depth and breadth of the Lutheran choral tradition. You can hear them on **February 20** in Hickory, on **February 21** in Raleigh, or on

**February 22** in Charlotte. There will be a group from St. James going to the concert. If you are interested contact Rob Keene. [rob@sjnc.net](mailto:rob@sjnc.net)  
**Find the details here**

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## **HOMEMADE CHICKEN NOODLE / CHICKEN DUMPLING SUPPER**



**Saturday, February 15 beginning at 4:00 p.m.**  
**Mount Olive Lutheran Church,**  
**9400 Gold Hill Road, Mt. Pleasant.**

Chicken Noodles / Chicken Dumplings, Slaw, Tea, Coffee, Homemade Desserts Freewill donation, suggested \$7/plate.

Proceeds support Mt. Olive Women of the ELCA Outreach Projects.



## **ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN 275TH ANNIVERSARY**

This year St. John's celebrates the anniversary of the church's inception. For 275 years our church has led members and visitors into a relationship with our one God and his son Jesus Christ. Join us throughout this year for our many events, services and celebrations.

### **Schedule for 2020**

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## **DONATE USED PROM DRESSES**

Donate your gently used prom, homecoming, bridesmaid and other formal dresses to help a girl attend the Prom. Donate from February 1 - March 6. Please call 704-785-5669 to arrange a pickup, or drop your dress off on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at El Puente Hispano, at Ann Street Methodist Church.



**CHURCH NEWS**



## TIME AND TALENT

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.

Many of you offer your gifts and talents at St. James and have done so for many years. Being new in the office, I am slowly learning about your gifts. By completing a Time and Talent sheet, it helps me in reaching out to you to best match your passions to opportunities. Thank you. ~ Keith

[Complete Online](#)

[Download and Print Form](#)

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## OUR STEWARDSHIP

**Contributions and Receipts  
for February 9, 2020  
\$9,826.00**

*(\$8,414.00 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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## DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

The new devotional books, Our Daily Bread are now available in the narthex and also in the book rack outside the office. This devotional has daily readings, short meditations and prayers for each day. This issue is March, April and May.



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