

Ring Out

A Weekly Newsletter



St. James Lutheran Church

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

WORSHIP SERVICES THIS WEEK

4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

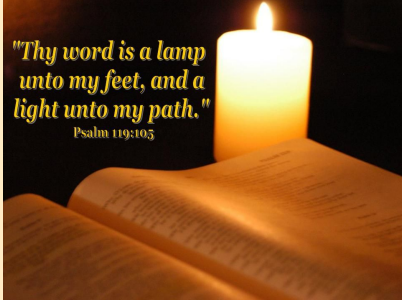


Sunday Service of Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.

[Worship Bulletin for February 2](#)

Wednesday Chapel
12:05 p.m.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK



First Reading Micah 6:1-8

Psalm Psalm 15

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

[Lessons for February 2](#)



GUEST HARPIST

Andrea Mumm, principal harp of the Charlotte Symphony, will visit St. James this weekend for our worship service. She'll both accompany our choir and offer music for harp alone.

[Get to Know Our Guest](#)



EPIPHANY MUSICAL LITURGY

Since we're launching into the season of Epiphany this Sunday, here's our musical liturgy for the next few weeks. Two melodies from Schubert, two Lutheran chorales, and - for folks who enjoy the popular idiom - Marty Haugen's Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful.

- **Kyrie** - from Franz Schubert's Deutsche Messe
- **Gloria** - the Lutheran chorale Allein Gott in der Höh
- **Offertory Hymn** - Marty Haugen's Let the Vineyards
- **Sanctus** - from Franz Schubert's Deutsche Messe
- **Agnus Dei** - the Lutheran chorale Christe, du Lamm Gottes

[Listen to the Liturgy Music for the Week](#)

STILL SMALL VOICE OF GOD

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.....



*From our rising in the morning to our lying down again,
you are with us every hour of the day,
our reassurance when storms assail
and strength when courage fails.*

*From our rising in the morning to our lying down again,
your light illumines every step of the way,
our comfort when darkness falls
and peace that calms our souls.*

*From our rising in the morning to our lying down again,
you are with us.*

ON THE CALENDAR



SUNDAY Feb. 02

9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Worship
11:30 Scout Luncheon
5:00 All Youth

WEDNESDAY Feb. 5

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

THURSDAY Feb. 6

10:30 Singing Seniors at
Morningside

FRIDAY Feb. 7

No Scheduled Activities

SATURDAY Feb. 8

MONDAY Feb. 03

10:30 Quilting Group
6:30 Boy/Cub Scouts
7:00 Esther Circle

TUESDAY Feb. 04

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

10:00 Celebrating Sobriety

SUNDAY Feb. 9

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

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00 am Celebrating Sobriety
2 Epiphany 4 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Scout Luncheon 5:00 pm All Youth	3 10:30 am Quilting Grp 6:30 pm Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00 pm Esther Circle @ Barbara Merrell's	4 10:00 am MM Circle Preschool Tour 10:30 am Mary Magdalene Circle 6:00 pm Social Ministry 6:30 pm Property 7:00 pm Sea Scouts	5 12:05 pm Chapel 1:00 pm Chair/Mat Yoga 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	6 10:30 am Singing Seniors @ Morningside	7	8 10:00 am Celebrating Sobriety
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16 Epiphany 6 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 5:00 pm Jr. Youth 6:00 pm Sr. Youth	17 10:30 am Quilting Grp 6:30 pm Boy/Cub Scouts	18 12:00 pm Lively Leisures 7:00 pm Sea Scouts	19 12:05 pm Chapel 1:00 pm Chair/Mat Yoga 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	20 10:30 am Singing Seniors @ Concord Nursing & Rehab	21	22 10:00 am Celebrating Sobriety
23 Transfiguration 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship Congregational Meeting 5:00 pm Jr. Youth 6:00 pm Sr. Youth	24 10:30 am Quilting Grp 6:30 pm Boy/Cub Scouts	25 1:30 pm CROP Walk Meeting 5:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancakes	26 Ash Wednesday 12:05 pm Chapel 1:00 pm Chair/Mat Yoga 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Ash Wednesday Worship	27 10:30 am Singing Seniors @ The Gardens at Taylor Glen	28	29 10:00 am Celebrating Sobriety

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

02-Feb Mac Mullins
02-Feb Jamie Swayney
03-Feb Ray Faggart
03-Feb Hollis Weisel
04-Feb Adam Brown
04-Feb Kim Miller II



04-Feb Randy Peterman
05-Feb Ryan Williams
06-Feb Dan Matthews
06-Feb Anderson Shumate
07-Feb Mark Williams
08-Feb Doris Smith

UPCOMING EVENTS

FREE PIANO CONCERT



All are welcome to a Free Concert
featuring **Morgan Hunkele** on piano
Saturday, February 1st @ 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Calvary Lutheran Church, Concord

Program:
Piano Sonata in E minor, D. 566
Franz Schubert
Valses nobles et sentimentales
Maurice Ravel
8 Klavierstücke Op. 76
Johannes Brahms

Morgan is an undergraduate student at the UNC School of the Arts. Her program will include brief thoughts from the performer, about the pieces and creative ways to listen to classical music.

Donations will be accepted to support Calvary's Youth and Music programs.



**February 12 at
5:30**

Bible Study follows the meal.

February 12 Menu

Baked Chicken with Potatoes
Salad, Bread
Dessert

YOUTH VALENTINE'S

DINNER FUNDRAISER

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14
7:00 PM**



This is one of the largest fundraisers the youth ministry has for the year and because of that, all youth are asked to participate in this event.

Please invite your friends and family members to join us for this special event in the fellowship hall at Calvary Lutheran. There is not a set cost but we ask for your generous donations.

[Make Your Reservation Now](#)



The February Lively Leisure luncheon will be The February Lively Leisure luncheon will be at the church at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18. The Phoenix Readers will present the program. For more information, contact Sylvia Corl.

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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

[Find the details here](#)

14th ANNUAL INTERLUDE WORKSHOP

Hospice and Pallative Care of Cabarrus County Interlude Music Program presents Middle Eastern Music and Art: Culturally Sensitive Care at the End of Life with Verlene Schermer, CCM, on **Saturday, March 7**, at McKinnon Hospice Center, Kannapolis.



[Learn More](#)
[Register Today](#)

**NORTH CAROLINA
LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION**

SAVE THE DATE
MARCH 7, 2020
97th GATHERING
LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

First Lutheran Church
Albemarle, NC

PARABLE OF THE SOWER
Cast your seed, Nurture Your Crop, Patience to Harvest

Keynote Speaker...**John Sundquist**, Executive Director
National Lutheran Men in Mission

CHURCH NEWS

From the Pastor...

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require from you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

A recent study revealed that eighty percent of people making New Year resolutions last about two weeks before giving up, and only eight percent of those who make it out of January eventually achieve their goals.

Why? Unrealistic expectations. For instance, nutritionists suggest that instead of setting a goal of losing 50 pounds in a year, set your goal for 2-3 pounds a month - begin with small changes in diet and exercise, and build on them one at a time. Instead of setting to run a half marathon, begin with a goal of walking three miles a day, three days a week; transition to a combination walk/jog and slowly and steadily progress.

The same can be true in our walk with Christ. I have often set goals of reading through the scriptures in a year or setting aside twenty minutes every morning for intentional prayer and reflection...and before I knew it, I had missed two days, and then two weeks and eventually gave up.

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TIME AND TALENT

Over the next several weeks you will be completing your Time and Talent sheet for 2020. In it, you will find a number of opportunities to use your gifts to grow in love and trust of God and be about the work of Christ. 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.

[Complete Online](#)

[Download and Print Form](#)

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

This time of the year our food pantries for needy families are at their lowest inventory levels. Cub Pack and Scout Troop 91 are now collecting non perishable food items for the Scouting for Food Drive. Please drop off food items on the portico counter by **February 2nd** and we will deliver them to Cooperative Christian Ministry . Last year we collected 18,000 pounds in Cabarrus County, please help us increase that to 20,000 pounds this year.



QUARTERMASTER AWARD

Jonathan A. Cruse (Jay) of Sea Scout Ship 91, completed his Bridge of Review for Quartermaster on September 26th, 2019. Quartermaster is Sea Scouts BSA's highest rank and is as important as



BSA's Eagle Scout Rank. Requirements include but are not limited to being trained in Lifesaving by BSA or Red Cross, organizing, planning and conducting a cruise of not less than 40 hours, and completing a service project that impacts the local community. Sea Scouts have an average of thirty Sea Scouts a year achieve the rank of Quartermaster for a national average of ½ of a percent.

For Jay's service project, he built a Blessing Box that is located at Fire Station #4 in Concord. A Blessing Box is a location that is available for the local community to give and receive non-perishable items. The Blessing Box has been getting a lot of activity since completed and one of the Fire Station's Captains said that there was a lot of need for it in the area. He worked with Chief Jacob Williams and Deputy Chief Thomas Knox to select a location that would serve the community and still not impair normal Fire Department operations.

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SCOUT SUNDAY

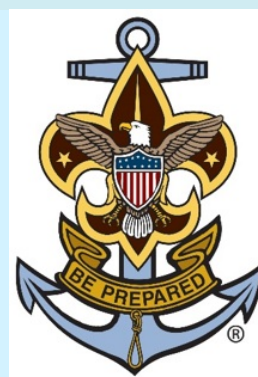
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Cub Scout Pack 91



Boy Scout Troop 91



Sea Scout Ship 91

Scouting is a year round program that provides fun, adventure, learning, challenge and responsibility to help youth become the best versions of themselves. Saint James Lutheran Church is blessed with a rich Scouting tradition, which began in 1929.

All the leaders, parents and Scouts of Pack, Troop, and Ship 91 are grateful for your personal time, financial assistance, and prayers and support. Our Scouting programs could not flourish without your continuing support which is greatly appreciated!

[More Information about Scouting at St. James](#)

COUNCIL RETREAT

Church council met on Saturday for their annual retreat to prayerfully plan for the upcoming year. We are thankful for their leadership and dedication!

OFFICERS FOR 2020

Kenny Propst, President
Joseph Beasley, Vice President
Golda Jay, Secretary
Beth Huss, Treasurer



FEBRUARY SUNDAY MINISTERS

Sunday Ministers

February 2020

	2-Feb	9-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb
Acolyte	Parker Stephens	Jonas Jay	Charlotte Davis	Garrett Baker
Greeter	Gretchen Walker	Esther Circle	Esther Circle	Esther Circle
Lector	Sandra Faggart	Brad Davis	Margaret Garrison	Ann Gillon
Intercessor	Lois Marlow	Lois Marlow	Chris Miller	Christiane Lovelace
Communion Assistant	Tom Ridenhour Sandra Faggart Dianne Lambert	Kim Haberman Deb Bradshaw Dale Merrell	Lois Marlow Frank Irvin Dianne Lambert	Mark Murphy Kenny Propst Margaret Garrison
Ushers	David Cruse Chip Blackwelder Wayne King Joe Grady Linny Baker Jay Cruse	David Cruse Chip Blackwelder Wayne King Joe Grady Linny Baker Jay Cruse	David Cruse Chip Blackwelder Wayne King Joe Grady Linny Baker Jay Cruse	David Cruse Chip Blackwelder Wayne King Joe Grady Linny Baker Jay Cruse
Altar Guild	Gretchen Walker Debbie Davis	Gretchen Walker Debbie Davis	Gretchen Walker Debbie Davis	Gretchen Walker Debbie Davis
Nursery	Reggie Hardister	Deedee Gilbert	Jean Beasley	Julie Burroughs
Children's Church	Lisa Folino Laura Overby	Lisa Folino Laura Overby	Meghan Kuly Amy Whisnant	Meghan Kuly Amy Whisnant
Building Supervisor	Randy Peterman	Randy Peterman	Randy Peterman	Randy Peterman
Monday Counters	Golda Jay Dieter Klauss	Golda Jay Dieter Klauss	Golda Jay Dieter Klauss	Golda Jay Dieter Klauss



ESTHER CIRCLE

Esther Circle will meet Monday, February 3 at 7:00 pm. at the home of Barbara Merrell. For more information contact Sandra Faggart dfaggart@windstream.net

MARY MAGDALENE CIRCLE

The Mary Magdalene Circle will meet at the church on Tuesday, February 4 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

BILINGUAL PRESCHOOL AT ST. JAMES

St. James Lutheran Preschool is officially only 1 of 4 Five Star dual language programs in the state of North Carolina. Together, with families helping, we are redefining the idea of Preschool – not just preparing children for Kindergarten; but in working across all socioeconomic and linguistic backgrounds, we are inspiring social and economic change for families and the community. Thank you!

Preschool Enrollment for 2020 – 2021 begins February 1st. Email office@familiesfirstcc.org or call Aurora Swain at 864-379-9603 and or the main office 704-786-5613.



OUR STEWARDSHIP

**Contributions and Receipts
for January 26, 2020
\$7,342.00**

(\$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](#)

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

There will be a congregational meeting on February 23 for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report for 2019. Reports are needed from each committee or ministry group for 2019.



All reports should be emailed keith@sjnc.net or dropped by the church office by Thursday, January 30.

ST. JAMES STAFF

- **Rev. Tony Bradshaw**, Senior Pastor [Email](#)
- **Rob Keene**, Director of Music Ministries [Email](#)
- **Mike Holt**, Youth and Family [Email](#)
- **Jill Irvin**, Financial Administrator [Email](#)
- **Keith Sutton**, Parish Administrator [Email](#)
- **Cindy Cruse**, Hospitality Coordinator [Email](#)
- **Kathryn Radcliffe**, Nursery Coordinator [Email](#)
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