

Ring Out



St. James Lutheran Church

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

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.



Sunday Service of Holy Communion
March 1 10:00 a.m.

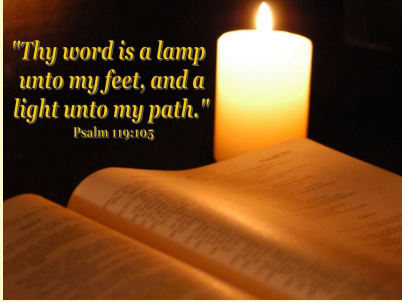
Wednesday Chapel, March 4
12:05 p.m. in Chapel

[Worship Bulletin for March 1](#)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Reading Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

"Thy word is a lamp
unto my feet, and a
light unto my path."
Psalm 119:105



Psalm Psalm 32

Second Reading Romans 5:12-19

Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

Lessons for March 1



LENTEN JOURNEY

The purpose of Lent is to be a season of fasting, self-denial, Christian growth, penitence, conversion, and simplicity.

**Forgive those things we have done
which have caused you sadness,
and those things we should have done
that would have brought you joy.
In both we have failed ourselves, and you.**

**Bring us back to that place where our journey began,
when we said that we would follow the way that you first trod.
Lead us to the Cross and meet us there. Amen.**

ON THE CALENDAR



SUNDAY Mar. 1

9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Worship

WEDNESDAY Mar. 4

12:05 Chapel
1:00 Chair/Mat Yoga
5:30 Lenten Meal
6:00 Speaker/Bible Study
6:00 Handbells
6:00 Social Ministry
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY Mar. 5

10:30 Singing Seniors

5:00 Jr. Youth
6:00 Sr. Youth

MONDAY Mar. 2

10:30 Quilting Group
6:00 Christian Education
6:30 Boy/Cub Scouts
7:00 Eshter Circle

TUESDAY Mar. 3

10:30 Mary Magdalene Circle
6:00 Rise Against Hunger Planning
6:30 Property Committee
7:00 Sea Scouts

FRIDAY Mar. 6

No Scheduled Events

SATURDAY Mar. 7

10:00 Celebrating Sobriety

SUNDAY Mar. 8

9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Worship
12:15 Mini Youth Outing
5:00 Jr. Youth
6:00 Sr. Youth

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Lent 1 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Jr. Youth 6:00 pm Sr. Youth	2 10:30 am Quilting Grp 6:00 pm Christian Ed 6:30 pm Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00 pm Esther Circle @ Susan Miller's	3 10:30 am Mary Magdalene Circle 6:00 pm Rise Against Hunger Planning 6:30 pm Property 7:00 pm Sea Scouts	4 12:05 pm Chapel 1:00 pm Chair/Mat Yoga 5:30 pm Lenten Meal 6:00 pm Speaker/Bible Study 6:00 pm Handbells 6:00 pm Social Ministry 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	5 10:30 am Singing Seniors	6	7 10:00 am Celebrating Sobriety
Waynesburg University Habitat Team staying at St. James – March 1-8						
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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

02-Mar Amy Splawn

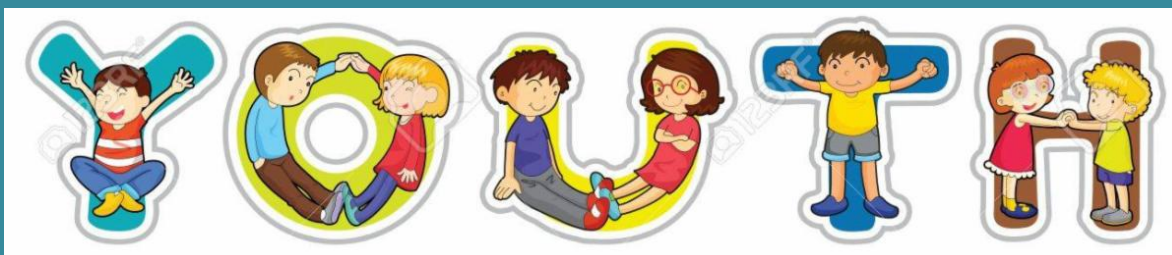
05-Mar Gib Heilig

05-Mar Alex Patterson

05-Mar Lauren Popovici
06-Mar Sarah Poplin
07-Mar Camden Burroughs
07-Mar Avery Miller
07-Mar Ella Wickliff



YOUTH EVENTS



MINI YOUTH MINISTRY 4th & 5th Graders

The Kick-Off of a brand new ministry will be starting and it's designed just for 4th and 5th graders. This new ministry will be a fun way to learn, grow and serve. We will kick-off on Sunday, March 8 at 12:15. We will meet and leave from St. James for a great day learning how we can be better caretakers of God's creation. We are going to a FARM! Once we arrive we will have a picnic lunch (bring your own bag lunch and a drink), help clean up around the barn, do a little serving, enjoy the animals, and do a little fishing. (bring your own fishing pole and tackle) If you do not have a fishing pole, please let Mike know before we go. Bring old clothes and old shoes for the barn, a bag lunch, sunscreen, rain gear just in case, and your lucky fishing hat. Invite a friend if you'd like. We should return to St. James by 4:00. Parents, we will need some help with transportation and as chaperones. There is a sign up sheet located on the Youth Bulletin Board for this event. Don't miss out! Please sign up quickly! We are looking forward to this Kick Off Event!



PORT-A-PIT

Port-A-Pit will be at Calvary on Friday, March 13 from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Please help spread the word and invite your friends to join us. Tickets are \$10 each which includes half a chicken, beans, slaw and a roll. Please see one of the youth for tickets or tickets are

also available in the church office. This is one of the youth fundraisers that help support the summer mission trips.

YOUTH LOCK-IN



Youth Lock-in will be on Friday, March 20 and will start at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and end at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. This is for all youth. Invite a friend, bring a snack to share. Bring your sleeping bag, air mattress and personal hygiene items. Please sign up on the youth bulletin board.

CHURCH EVENTS

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Dinner at 5:30

Speaker & Bible Study at 6:00

March 4 Anne Benfield
Cabarrus Partnership for Children

March 11 Andrea King
Esther's Heart

March 18 Charlotte Thatcher
Cabarrus Transit "Stuff the Bus"

March 25 Doug Caughell / Suzanne Dornsmith
Kerr Street Community Meal Program

April 1 Jim Bramlett
Feeding Kannapolis Hunger

THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER

Ann Benfield

The Cabarrus County Partnership for Children connects purpose, people, and programs to ensure Child Well Being. The Partnership provides programs in early education, health, and family support and education. The Partnership administers two NC programs: Smart Start and NC Pre-Kindergarten.



Ann Benfield is the Executive Director of the Cabarrus County Partnership for Children which provides evidence based programs in early education, health and family support and education. She has over forty years experience working in education from birth through 9th grade. She has been with the Partnership since 2009.



RISE AGAINST HUNGER

March 28, 2020

St. James will be hosting another Rise Against Hunger event on Saturday, March 28 from 11:00 – 1:00. If you are interested in participating, use the link below to register. Sign up early because we cannot exceed 80 people. The registration confirmation will give instructions as to what to wear and what not to wear and other instructions. If you are interested in helping with setup, being a runner during the event or take down, there will be a meeting on Tuesday, March 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the History Room. Contact Juanita Fitts for more information.

[Register Now](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

**CAMP AGAPE
WORK DAY**

Join us for a Camp Agapé Work Day on **Saturday, March 21**. Work starts after breakfast, between 8:30 and 9 a.m. Breakfast and lunch provided. This is a great opportunity for students in need of community service hours. Let us know you're coming. Call 919.552.9421 or [email Mir](#). Make a difference!



ALL together as ONE

Cabarrus PRAYS
Gathering together to pray for a spiritual awakening in our County, Our State, Our Nation, and Our World!

Join us at
Concord Fire Department FIREHOUSE # 9
1020 Ivey Cline Rd, Concord, NC 28027 (Poplar Tent Road)

March 7, 2020 11:00am to Noon

CABARRUS PRAYS

March 7, 2020
11:00 a.m. - Noon

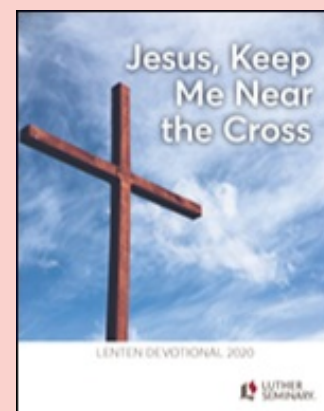
Be part of a wonderful opportunity called Cabarrus Prays! The vision is to have Christians of all different churches come together to pray, one a month, for one hour. No matter the backgrounds or race or church denomination or age. We are all one family in Christ.

What do we pray for in that hour of unity? Our country, our leaders, our pastors, our police and first responders, our teachers, our family and friends and the list in unending.

CHURCH NEWS

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Luther Seminary invites you to use the 2020 Lenten devotional, "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" for personal use throughout the Lenten season. See Ring Out or the church website to download. A limited number of printed copies are available in the church office.



[Download Devotional](#)



EAGLE SCOUT

James Montgomery Hughes is our most recent Scout to make the rank of Scouting highest honor of Eagle. James is a baptized and confirmed member of Saint James and has cheerfully served as an acolyte and crucifer in our worship service. James is a sophomore at Central Cabarrus High School and is a 2nd Lieutenant in Junior Air Force ROTC. James swims for the Central Cabarrus Viking Swim Team as well as the YMCA Blue Dolphin Team. James is currently a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 91, previously serving as Senior Patrol leader.. His Parents are Jimmy and Heather Hughes, Grandparents are Sid and Renee Hughes and Hugh and Marge Yerry. He has a sister, Kyleigh and brothers, Jackson, Cody and Toby. For James' Eagle Service Project he identified and placed flags on veterans graves at Rutherford Cemetery in Concord.



HABITAT COLLEGE GROUP

St. James will be hosting students from Waynesburg University as our guest the week of March 1-8, 2020. They will be using their Spring Break to help build a Habitat for Humanity home in Concord. This is our 9th year hosting this particular group.

They arrive this Sunday afternoon, March 1, receive an orientation from Habitat for Humanity and Safety and Building Use orientation from Property Committee, and then begin their adventure. They will be using our kitchen to prepare light breakfasts, lunch is at the job site and evening meals are supplied at different area churches. We will have them as our guest at our Wednesday Night meal on March 4. There are a total of 13 participants this time.

They keep their gear and sleep in our two fire marshal approved rooms. They have been leaving on Friday of the work week, so not a conflict with the AA group that meets on Saturday.

Tommy Propst will be their contact person for the week and he has arranged for a backup. A reminder will be posted at the alarm panel not to set the alarm during their stay.

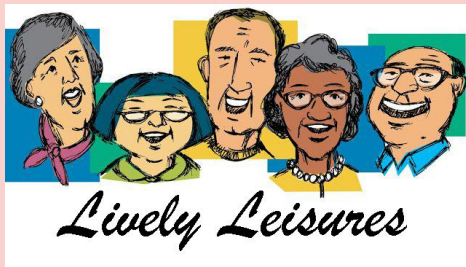
[Learn more about Waynesburg](#)



INQUIRER / NEW MEMBER CLASS

If you are interested in becoming a member of St. James, or would just

like to know a little bit more about our worship; the seasons of the church year; what Lutherans believe about the Triune God, the Bible, baptism, Holy Communion; and the ministries of St. James, Pastor Tony will be offering an inquirer's class immediately after worship beginning March 8. If you are interested, or have questions, please contact the church office or speak with the pastor. 704-786-0166 or tony@sjnc.net



LIVELY LEISURES

The March Lively Leisures' luncheon will be at the church at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17. Pastor Tony Bradshaw will have the program.



CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECT

For my confirmation service project, I am collecting money for Operation Gratitude to help them send care packages to the military personnel (veterans, active troops, new recruits, etc.) to say thank you to those who serve and help our country. I will put out bowls at the end of each pew for you to put in your spare change on March 1 and March 8. The cost of one care package is \$15, and my goal is to help send 10 care packages for a total of \$150. In addition to sending money to the non-profit organization, my family and I are sending letters to groups of the military to be sent in the care packages. If you would like to write a letter as well, they can be given to me any Sunday because we are doing this each month in 2020. They should

have a generic salutation, you may share information about yourself, or kids can add drawings; do not write a date because it can take months before they are mailed and received, and avoid politics. Adults can include contact information if you want. Thanks for your help.
Noah Pittard

[Give Online](#)

You Are Invited to Join the Meal Train for Martha and Jimmy Summers

What is a meal train? There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help them with a meal. When many friends give a meal, this is a Meal Train.

If you can help, just open the Meal Train.



[Open the Meal Train](#)

ARE YOU SCHEDULED TO SERVE?

Sunday Ministers

March 2020

	1-Mar	8-Mar	15-Mar	22-Mar	29-Mar
Acolyte	Caroline Bestler	Campbell Overby	Hudson Davis	Michael Folino	Jonas Jay
Greeter	Jean Beasley	Dee Pieschel	Samantha Hillegass	Sylvia Corl	Maureen Hollmeyer
Lector	Kim Haberman	Rebekah Hardison	Dee Hodges	Frank Irvin	Jeremy Jay
Intercessor	Michael Bestler	Margaret Pruette	Taylor Pruette	Ed Rand	Nicolas Lovelace
Communion Assistant	Kim Haberman Dainne Lambert Deb Bradshaw	Dale Merrell Lois Marlow Tom Ridenhour	Tom Ridenhour Frank Irvin Mark Murphy	Kenny Propst Margaret Garrison Sandra Faggart	Nancy Faggart Kim Haberman Dianne Lambert
Ushers	Brad Baker Chip Harward Taylor Pruette Al Pieschel Jon Miller Andy Yoos	Brad Baker Chip Harward Taylor Pruette Al Pieschel Jon Miller Andy Yoos	Brad Baker Chip Harward Taylor Pruette Al Pieschel Jon Miller Andy Yoos	Brad Baker Chip Harward Taylor Pruette Al Pieschel Jon Miller Andy Yoos	Brad Baker Chip Harward Taylor Pruette Al Pieschel Jon Miller Andy Yoos
Altar Guild	Diane Lambert Ann Blackwelder	Diane Lambert Ann Blackwelder	Diane Lambert Ann Blackwelder	Diane Lambert Ann Blackwelder	Diane Lambert Ann Blackwelder
Nursery	Laura Patterson	Laura Overby	Lisa Moran	Julie Burroughs	Gretchen Walker
Children's Church	Laura Baker Golda Jay	Laura Baker Golda Jay	Christine Lovelace Callie MacFarlane	Christine Lovelace Callie MacFarlane	Elizabeth Hurley Christine Lovelace
Monday Counters	Mark Murphy Donna Sloop	Mark Murphy Donna Sloop	Mark Murphy Donna Sloop	Mark Murphy Donna Sloop	Mark Murphy Donna Sloop



Stewardship
a way of life

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Contributions and Receipts
for February 9, 2020
\$5,269.61

(\$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

ST. JAMES STAFF

- **Rev. Tony Bradshaw**, Senior Pastor [Email](#)
- **Rob Keene**, Director of Music Ministries [Email](#)
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