

Ring Out

A Weekly Newsletter



St. James Lutheran Church

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

THIS WEEK

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

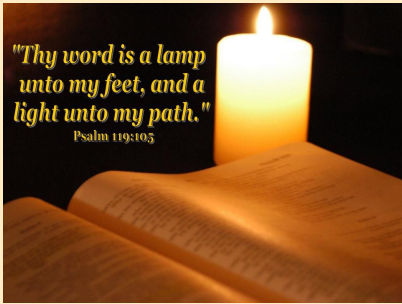


Worship Bulletin for March 22



Online
Worship

Look for another Email this weekend with information when the online worship service is posted on Facebook and YouTube. You can open or print the bulletin and follow along with the service.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm Psalm 23
Second Reading Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel John 9:1-41

Readings for March 22



DO NOT FEAR

"Don't fear, because I am with you; don't be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will surely help you; I will hold you with my righteous strong hand."

Isaiah 41:10

Throughout scripture, time and time again the people of God are admonished not to live in fear. As the world enters a time that most generations alive have never experienced it is a time to be wise and follow the advice of the experts. Remember that we are all held by God and are called to reach out to neighbor in time of need.

Continue Reading

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

22-Mar Jimmy Propst
23-Mar Chip Blackwelder
23-Mar Landon Trott
24-Mar Elliot Horton
24-Mar Charlie Pittard
25-Mar Audrey Glatz
25-Mar Jill Strahl
27-Mar Isaac Jay
28-Mar Sklyla Hardister



28-Mar Frank Irvin

28-Mar Larry Jarvis

28-Mar Tim Propst

YOUTH NEWS



ONLINE YOUTH MEETINGS

All in-person Youth meetings and activities are currently cancelled. Online Zoom meeting will be held

Sunday, March 22 at 6:00: Code: 372-679-5230

Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 Code: 372-679-5230

[Youth Newsletter - March/April](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS

MEALS FOR KIDS

If you know someone with children who may need help with food during this time, Cabarrus County Schools is handing out food. The link below tells you where and when.



[Meals for Kids](#)



COOPERATIVE
CHRISTIAN
MINISTRY

DRIVE THROUGH FOOD PANTRY

The Crisis Center, 246 Country Club Dr. NE, Concord is operating a drive-through pantry, **10:00-1:00, Monday-Friday.**

CHURCH EVENTS



RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Postponed Until Summer

CHURCH NEWS

We are maintaining regular office hours during the week. If you have a need or concern, please contact us.
704-788-0166



Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 4:00
Friday 8:30 - 1:00

Email

- [Pastor Tony](#)
- [Keith Sutton](#)
- [Rob Keene](#)
- [Mike Holt](#)
- [Jill Irvin](#)



YouTube

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

St. James Lutheran Church
Concord NC

Go to the YouTube website. www.youtube.com then search for **St. James Lutheran Church Concord NC** Subscribe to St. James' YouTube channel where service videos and other videos from time to time will be uploaded. Once you subscribe, turn on Notifications so you will know when a new video is uploaded.

THANK YOU

Once again I am indebted to the good shepherds of St. James for the many kindnesses to me during my recent recuperation. Thank you for your cards, visits, phone calls and many sweet gestures.

*Thank
you*



God bless you,
Nickie Bergreen

NICKIE'S NEW ADDRESS

Nickie Bergreen
Reflections Retirement Community Room 415
2750 West Fair Avenue
Lancaster, OH 43130



JONQUILS IN BLOOM

St. James' members met over a year ago and spent many hours planting 500 jonquils at the St. James' Cemetery entrance. Their hard work has bloomed forth beautifully!

VOLUNTEERS

If you are able to provide assistance to some of our members in the way of grocery deliveries, picking up prescriptions, delivering meals, etc., please contact the church office. We are not sure of the needs at this time but will be contacting our members to determine what is needed. 704-786-0166 or keith@sjnc.net

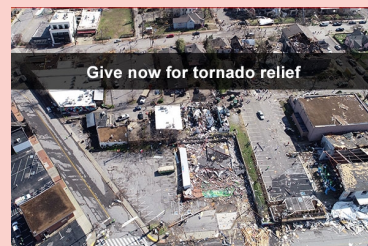
THANK YOU



Thank you for another great year at St. James! We hope to see you next year.

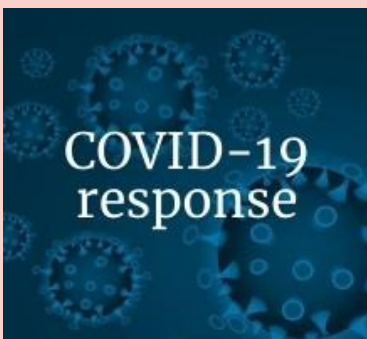
Waynesburg University

NASHVILLE TORNADO RESPONSE



You can help provide hope and practical support to survivors. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with those in the impacted area — including the ELCA Southeastern Synod, Inspiritus (formerly known as Lutheran Services of Georgia and Lutheran Services in Tennessee) and local congregations — to respond with immediate relief. Given the extent of the destruction, recovery is expected to take years. We plan to accompany the synod and Inspiritus to address survivors' needs over the long haul.

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COVID-19 RESPONSE WEBPAGE

The changes that have gripped our country in the last few weeks due to COVID-19 are mind-boggling. Both of our bishops—**Smith and Eaton**—have released statements and your synod staff has gathered resources from across this church and beyond to help all of us negotiate being church together...when we're not able to be together! These gathered responses are noted in categories on this page and will continue to be updated in the days and week ahead.

[COVID-19 NC SYNOD PAGE](#)

OUR STEWARDSHIP



Stewardship
a way of life

Contributions and Receipts for March 15, 2020 \$4,630.00

(\$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.



The need for your giving and support continues, even though we have had to cancel gathering and corporate worship services.

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