

Ring Out



St. James Lutheran Church

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

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.



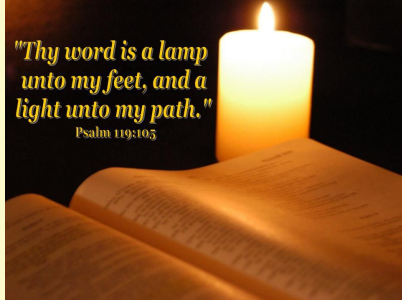
Sunday Service of Holy Communion
March 8 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Chapel, March 11
12:05 p.m. in Chapel

Worship Bulletin for March 8

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Reading Genesis 12:1-4a



Psalm Psalm 121
Second Reading Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
Gospel John 3:1-17

Lessons for March 8



LENTEN JOURNEY

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

Come, all who are thirsty says Jesus, our Lord,
come, all who are weak, taste the living water
that I shall give.

Dip your hands in the stream, refresh body and soul,
drink from it, depend on it, for this water will never run dry.
Come, all who are thirsty says Jesus, our Lord.

ON THE CALENDAR



Spring
FORWARD

ADJUST YOUR
CLOCKS AHEAD
1 HOUR
SATURDAY NIGHT

2020
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS



SUNDAY Mar. 8

9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Worship
11:15 Inquirer's Class
12:15 Mini Youth Outing
5:00 Jr. Youth
6:00 Sr. Youth

MONDAY Mar. 9

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

TUESDAY Mar. 10

6:00 Congregation Council

WEDNESDAY Mar. 11

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. 12

10:30 Singing Seniors

FRIDAY Mar. 13

11:00 - 7:00 Port-A-Pit

SATURDAY Mar. 14

10:00 Celebrating Sobriety

SUNDAY Mar. 15

9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Worship
11:15 Evangelism
11:30 Pre-Confirmation
2:00 Confirmation
5:00 Jr. Youth
6:00 Sr. Youth

Full Month's Calendar

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

10-Mar Jay Clemmer
10-Mar Jonas Jay
11-Mar Linny Baker
11-Mar Jeff Miller
13-Mar Wendell Overby
13-Mar Anne Michelle Swayney
14-Mar Sara Faircloth



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 Chicken Fundraiser



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.

Youth and Family Website

CHURCH EVENTS

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Dinner at 5:30

Speaker & Bible Study at 6:00

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

Andrea King, Esther's Heart

In October 2008, Andrea King retired from AT&T Advertising and Publishing after thirty years of dedicated service. At that time, the non-profit ministry "*Esther's Heart for Transformation Ministry, Inc.*" was birthed to

make a difference in the lives of our youth.

Her mission: to equip our youth to fulfill their Kingdom Purpose and Destiny through Character Empowerment, Encouragement, Motivation and Support. To empower and educate them to express themselves through crafts and other outlets. We strive to establish trust and openness in communication to target opportunities for improvement of character by building their confidence to realize their greatness



Programs and topics through Esther's Heart for youth Kindergarten to High School include Back Packs for Hope, INSPIRE, Just Say NO: Bullying, Gangs and Drug Mentoring, Building Healthy Relationships and Domestic Abuse Awareness.

[Learn More About Esther's Heart](#)



March 11th

Garlic Cheddar Chicken
Green beans/Asparagus, Salad
Fruit, Dessert and Bread



**RISE AGAINST
HUNGER**

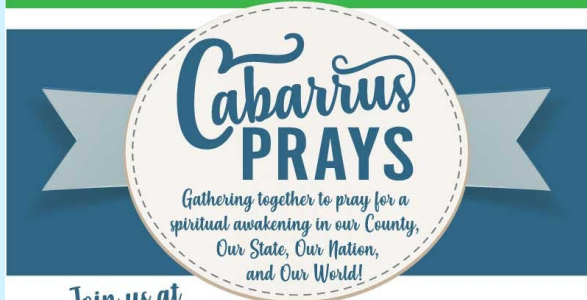
March 28, 2020

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

ALL together as ONE



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.

THE CONFIDENT CAREGIVER

Saturday, March 14
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
McGill Baptist Church

In the middle stage of Alzheimer's disease, needs change and care partners become hands on caregivers.

Join us for this half day workshop to learn helpful strategies to provide safe, effective and comfortable care through the middle stage of Alzheimer's. Lunch provided.



RSVP to Attend

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WALK

Friday April 10, 2020



For over twenty years, area churches and individuals have participated in a Good Friday Stations of the Cross walk through downtown Concord. This year's walk is scheduled for April 10th at 3:30 pm, and will last about 75 minutes.

The walk will begin at St. James Lutheran Church (corner of Union St. and Corban Ave.) followed by stops at Memorial Gardens, City Hall, Concord Library, Central United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, and Forest Hill United Methodist Church.

If you are willing to read at a station or have questions, please call Mark Murphy (704-301-2816) or Teresa Hillie (704-785-0126)

JUVENILE DIABETES WALK

Saturday, April 25

Walk at Carowinds at 7:30 a.m. to help find a cure for Juvenile Diabetes. Angie Buchanan is captain of a local team. If you want to walk or contribute, [CLICK HERE](#)



CHURCH NEWS



NASHVILLE TORNADO RESPONSE

Friends,

Early Tuesday morning, a powerful tornado ripped through Nashville and other parts of Tennessee, leaving destruction in its wake. The tornado was part of a series of severe storms. At least 24 people have been killed, homes and other buildings have been destroyed, and thousands of people are without electricity. The worship space for St. John's Lutheran Church of Nashville, an ELCA congregation, was crushed by the tornado.

I'm writing to ask that you **give today to help people whose lives have been impacted by this devastating tornado**. 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.

May Christ's healing presence give peace to those who lost homes or loved ones. Pray that God will deliver strength to those working diligently to care for affected communities. With gratitude for your partnership in ministry,

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response

[Donate Today](#)



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



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](#)



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.

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](#)



CORONAVIRUS FACTSHEET

The following information was provided by The Cabarrus Health Alliance, which is our public health entity.

[FactSheet](#)



OUR STEWARDSHIP

**Contributions and Receipts
for March 1, 2020
\$12,152.00**

(\$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](#)

ST. JAMES STAFF

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