

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF JANUARY 9



BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP Sunday, January 9

In-Person Indoor Worship will be
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

The Health and Safety Committee
and Church Council strongly encourage everyone to wear masks
during worship. Congregational singing has resumed with masks.



IN-PERSON WORSHIP

WEEKLY WORSHIP
Live Streamed



Online Worship for January 9 will be live-streamed on YouTube beginning at 9:45 on Sunday morning. An email with the link will be sent on Sunday morning. You can also watch a recorded version later by visiting our YouTube page. You can open or print the bulletin and follow along with the service.



Saint James Lutheran Church

A Parish of the North Carolina Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Welcome!

St. James is a house of prayer where all people can come to know the compassionate heart of Jesus. We are a community of Christians where you can belong before you believe. At Saint James the beauty of ancient worship and traditional spiritual practices transform contemporary lives. Join us as together we discover the sacred in the heart of the city. Our worship includes ancient and contemporary symbols and practices along with preaching and music to inspire you to follow Jesus in your daily life. We welcome both the spiritual seeker and seasoned disciple to find their home in God with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home or just exploring the life of faith, we hope you will walk with us on that journey of discovery.

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022
10:00 A.M.

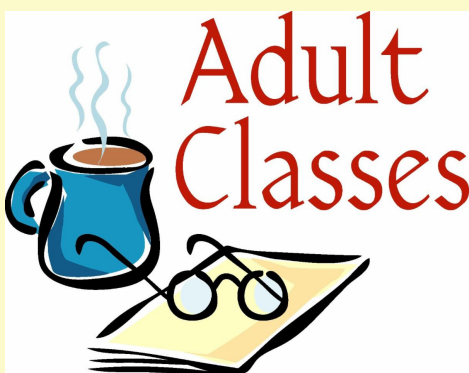
Introduction to Today's Worship

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[Bulletin for January 9](#)

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

An Adult Sunday School class will be offered on Sunday mornings at **9:00 a.m.** in the Cook Fellowship Classroom. Frank Irvin will be teaching and everyone is invited. Please have a Bible

or Bible App ready because we're going to look outside the texts listed in the lesson.

[The Bronze Serpent - Study Guide](#)

[The Bronze Serpent - Scripture](#)

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Sunday, January 9

9:00 am Adult Sunday Schl
9:50 am Live Stream Begins
10:00 am In-Person Worship

Monday, January 10

10:30 am Quilting Group
6:30 pm Scouts

Tuesday, January 11

6:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, January 12

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 16

9:00 am Adult Sunday Schl
9:50 am Live Stream Begins
10:00 am In-Person Worship



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

09-Jan Andrew Propst

09-Jan Benjamin Propst

09-Jan Heidi Propst

10-Jan Christine Lovelace

12-Jan David Trott

14-Jan Kim Johnson

14-Jan Lex Patterson, Jr.

15-Jan Craig Craver

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **Salvataion Army Night Shelter** January 23-29

CHURCH NEWS

JAN 2 2022
2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
ST. JAMES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - CONCORD, N.C.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."
1 Peter 4:10

Operating/Ministries \$ _____ Property Capital Fund \$ _____

NAME _____

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The Offering Envelopes for 2022 are now available in the Portico Entrance. If you would prefer for

your envelopes to be mailed, please contact Jill Irvin in the church office. 704-786-0166



2022 FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2022 Flower Calendar is now available online for you to make your reservation. Use the link below to select your date(s) and make your reservation. We use Pots of Luck Florist in Concord and the cost of two vases is \$100. If you would prefer, you can call the church office to make your reservation. Payment for flowers can be mailed or dropped off at the church or placed in the offering plate with a notation "Altar Flowers" in the memo line.

[Make Your Reservation](#)



DECEMBER MEMORIALS / HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Carolyn McEachern Warren

By Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ritchie

In Memory of Henry Jackson Ritchie, Sr.

By Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ritchie

In Honor of Bill Fisher

By Anna Barbara Fisher

SOCIAL MINISTRY



SALVATION ARMY NIGHT SHELTER MEALS

St. James will be providing meals for the Salvation Army Shelter of Hope Sunday, January 23 - Saturday, January 29. The Salvation Army Night Shelter is located at 216 Patterson Ave SE, Concord.

Provide dinner for 20 adults. You will be advised if the number increases but no more than 30. (Please include a protein, vegetable, a starch and dessert) If you have any questions, contact Mark Murphy.

Sign Up to Serve

CCM FOOD PANTRY JANUARY



Our community is so wonderful! Even though we missed some of our usual big fall food drives, we have received an abundance of donations and other drives, including more than usual of the Food Lion Holiday boxes and Lowe's Foods Bags. We also had sufficient financial donations to purchase a large quantity of food at wholesale prices through Second Harvest Food Bank. As a result, our food needs list is much shorter now.

Donations can be dropped by the church during office hours. Pull up under the Portico and call the office. 704-786-0166

Our current big needs are:

- Cereal
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Corn
- Canned Pinto Beans and Baked Beans (pork & beans)
- Canned Potatoes, Carrots, Mixed Vegetables, Peas
- Tomato Soup

- Diapers (all sizes)

As always, we especially seek low sodium items, no-added-sugar items, and whole grain items.

CHURCHWIDE NEWS

Epiphany—Pay Attention!



From the Bishop...

More than 2,000 years ago, a surprising and intriguing new star appeared in our galaxy. Hardly anyone noticed, but some did. This coming Thursday, January 6, 2022, is the Feast of the Epiphany. That which had been hidden is now revealed. The “Aha!” moment.

Epiphany. Matthew’s Gospel tells us, “In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’”

Magi. Magicians. Zoroastrians. Astrologers. These were the ones who came from the east in search of the newborn King of the Jews. A familiar, yet odd, story in the sense that the Christ gets the attention of non-Jews from foreign lands because of signs in the stars. Really? Zodiac Jesus?

I must admit that I always cringe a bit when someone offers up a trite theological nugget like, “Well, religious differences don’t really matter. We’re all just on different roads that lead to the same place.” I often want to reply sarcastically, “Is that so? Then why don’t you just hop on any random road after church and see if you wind up at home?” But then I realize that these Magi don’t understand or care much about insider things like the covenant with Abraham, Torah, Exodus, circumcision, the Davidic dynasty, the prophets, deliverance from exile, and the hope for Messiah that comprise Judaism, yet they still come to worship Jesus, the “King of the Jews.” They’re clearly outsiders. Or they had been.

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WE ARE THE BRANCHES

Each week we will remember in prayer our brothers and sisters at one of our partner Lutheran churches in the NC Synod. Please lift them up in your prayers during the week also. This week we remember:

Cedar Grove Lutheran Church Vale, NC

261 Cedar Grove Church Rd
Vale, NC 28168
Pastor Dale Pederson



Learn More about
[Cedar Grove Lutheran](#)

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

~John 15:5

CHURCH RESOURCES

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

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