

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF JANUARY 3



Worship Bulletin Jan. 3

Second Sunday of Christmas

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.



Online Worship for Sunday, January 3 will be available on Facebook and YouTube at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. An email with links will be sent when the online worship service is posted. You can open or print the bulletin

and follow along with the service.

EPIPHANY - JANUARY 6

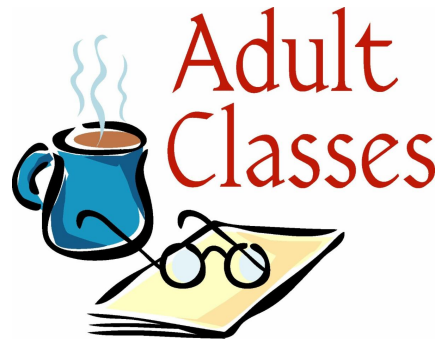
Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ZOOM

"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone! Adult Zoom classes will take a two week hiatus for Dec 27 and Jan 3, and resume on Jan 10. Instead of class, I

would like for everyone to watch the YouTube video titled " The Lutheran View of the End Times". In this time of Advent, and as we look forward to the Second Advent of Christ, this video helps to cut through the confusion and scary of the End Times and gives us comfort! Hope you enjoy it!



[Lutheran View of the End Times](#)



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 3

9:30 am Online Worship Service

Wednesday, January 6

5:30 pm Mission Fund Committee

Thursday, January 7

6:30 pm Bible Heroes Pre-2nd

7:00 pm Bible Heroes 3rd-5th

Sunday, January 10

9:30 am Online Worship Service

5:00 pm Youth In-Person

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

03-Jan. Betty Bell

04-Jan. Susie Kartheiser
06-Jan. Jon Miller
06-Jan. Karen Rezza
07-Jan. Stephanie Deville
07-Jan. Arthur Glatz
07-Jan. Nic Whisnant
08-Jan. Brad Davis
09-Jan. Andrew Propst
09-Jan. Benjamin Propst
09-Jan. Heidi Propst



CHURCH NEWS



NEW CONGREGATION OFFICERS

The following officers for 2021 were elected at the December Congregation Council meeting:

President: Joseph Beasley
Vice-President: Golda Jay
Secretary: Ann Blackwelder
Treasurer: Beth Huss

OFFERING ENVELOPES

St. James' Offering Envelopes for 2021 are now available for pickup at the church. You can drive under the portico and either ring the bell or call the church office 704-786-0166 and we will bring your envelopes to you. If you would prefer to have your envelopes mailed to you, contact Jill Irvin. jill@sjnc.net



MEMORIALS / HONORARIUMS

To the Glory of God and In Loving Memory

Hal Merriott

By Will and Ann Gillon
By Jim and Pat Nicholson

Jane Brown

By Mr. & Mrs. E. F. Brown, III
By Michael R. Coltrane
By Mike & Del Goodman

To the Glory of God and In Loving Honor

Carole Grady

By Joe Giltner

SOCIAL MINISTRY

BLESSING BOX

January

What is the Blessing Box? It's a box that is located in Rotary Square that is stocked with food and other necessary items (List Below) available to those in the community. This was an Eagle Scout project for Gabriel Perry of Troop 221.



St James has agreed to stock the Blessing Box during the months of **January** and September. You can place items in the box yourself or you can drop them off at the church. Mark Murphy will be the contact person for any questions.

- Canned goods / Crackers / Cereal
- Bags of rice / Ramen / Pasta
- Peanut butter / Jelly
- Granola bars / Raisins
- Fruit snacks / Pudding cups / Fruit cups
- Baby food / Bottled water
- Other non-perishables
- Shampoo / Soap / Deodorant
- Toothbrush and toothpaste

SALVATION ARMY NIGHT SHELTER



January 31 - February 6

St. James will be providing meals for the Salvation Army Shelter of Hope Sunday, January 31 - Saturday, February 6. You will deliver the meal to the Salvation Army Night Shelter at 216 Patterson Ave SE, Concord. You do

not have to serve the meal, only drop off. Provide dinner for 18-20 adults (Please include a protein, vegetable, and a starch and dessert) Bring a gallon of milk for breakfast. If you have any questions, contact Mark Murphy. You can sign up below.

[Sign Up](#)

CUDDLE UP COAT DRIVE

The Cabarrus Partnership for Children kicked off its 14th annual Cuddle Up Coat Drive on October 1st. This winter, more than ever, we need your help to ensure all of our community's children are warm.



In an effort to keep our families, children, and staff safe, we will not be accepting coats, socks, underwear, mittens or hats this year. Instead we are asking for checks (written to St. James Lutheran Church, note Coat Drive in the memo line), so that the Partnership staff can purchase the coats and winter items that local children need.



CCM FOOD PANTRY

We are sending out a LOT of food! In November at the Crisis Center drive-through Food Pantry, we served a record 919 households, representing about 3,422 individuals, in 19 days we were open! That is an average of 48 households a day, and one of those days we had a tropical storm and

Country Club Drive was closed below us. The need definitely is increasing in our community, so we sure appreciate all of our supporting partners.

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 Carrots, Peas, Potatoes and Mixed Vegetables
- Soup
- Canned Fruit
- Baked Beans (Pork & Beans)
- Other canned beans except for pinto, black, kidney, chili
- Any dried beans
- Pasta Sauce
- Peanut Butter

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

CHURCH-WIDE NEWS

STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION

HOME STORIES - A MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP MISSION SUPPORT TEAM

STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION

HOW MISSION SUPPORT FUNDS MINISTRY ACROSS OUR CHURCH

LEARN MORE

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Your offerings reach far and wide beyond the walls of your sanctuary. As you make your gift to your church, that money is allocated in a number of ways, congregational programs to synod-wide support, and even to the churchwide missions, both domestic and global.

2019 FINANCIAL PICTURE

In 2019, ELCA members gave \$1.7 billion in unrestricted offerings to support God's mission and ministry through the three expressions of the ELCA.

HOW YOUR OFFERING BECOMES MISSION SUPPORT

Each Year, ELCA congregations pledge to send a portion of the offerings they receive to fund ELCA ministries in their synods and beyond. In the ELCA, we call these funds Mission Support.

We're delighted to unveil a **brand-new digital platform for Stories of Faith in Action**, housed at livinglutheran.org. Your new website features content from this annual publication in a modern, dynamic format, mixing video and visual elements with stories to take you further into the work of Mission Support.

[Visit Now](#)

CHURCH RESOURCES

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.

[Give Now](#)

ST. JAMES STAFF

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