

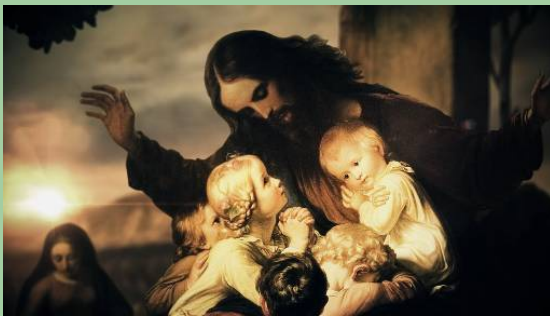
St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF OCTOBER 3



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

IN-PERSON WORSHIP **Sunday, October 3**

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

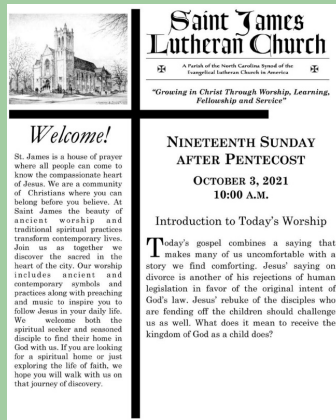
The Health and Safety Committee and Church Council strongly encourage everyone to wear masks during worship. There will be no congregational singing at this time.



WEEKLY WORSHIP

Live Streamed

Online Worship for October 3 will be live-streamed on YouTube beginning at 9:50 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.



[Bulletin for October 3](#)

[Watch Livestream](#)



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

No Adult Sunday School class this week but will resume next week, October 10.



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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Saturday, October 2
9:00 am Scouts Pumpkin Sale



5:00 pm Wickliff / Davis
Wedding

Sunday, October 3

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

Monday, October 4

10:30 am Quilting Group
6:30 pm Scouts

Wednesday, October 6

6:30 pm Bible Heroes
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 9

10:00 - 12:00 pm Blessing of
the Animals

Sunday, October 10

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

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

Blessing of the Animals:
October 9

**BIRTHDAYS THIS
WEEK**

03-Oct Nicholas Crainshaw

04-Oct Meghan Kuly

05-Oct Charles Sloop

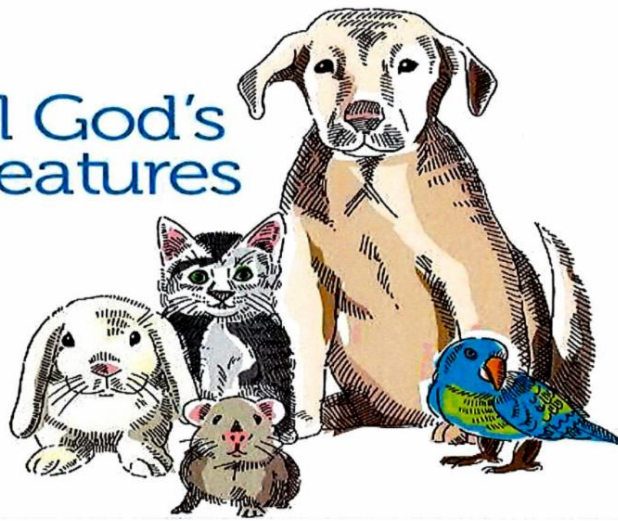
07-Oct Theresa Steel

09-Oct Elizabeth Thompson

CHURCH NEWS

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

All God's Creatures



Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 9, 2021

10:00 until 12:00 noon

Reading and special blessing at 10:30

Rain date: TBD

Far Fetched Farm

835 Brafford Drive, Concord, NC 28025

All are Welcome!

Bring your special pet(s) and enjoy the farm.

We will be collecting dry cat kibble, gas cards and donations of money and/or gift cards to help the Cat Smart Coalition in their efforts to trap, spay/neuter and release the multitude of stray cat colonies.

All animals must be on leash, carrier or restrained. Masks and social distancing.



PUMPKINS AND POPCORN

Saturday, October 2

Our Scout Troop is selling pumpkins and popcorn at Rotary Square Park across from Saint James Lutheran, 111 Union Street South this Saturday **October 2** to help offset the cost of Scouting.

Popcorn and pumpkin prices range for \$10 to \$15 each . We will be in farmers market space from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. Social Distancing will be practiced. We accept cash, checks and credit cards.

SEPTEMBER MEMORIALS



To the Glory of God and In Loving Memory

Jim Allison

By Jo Eng

Phyllis Harward

By Jo Eng

Richard Benz

By Jo Eng

Martha Kelley

By Jo Eng

Don Eng

By Jo Eng

Jimmy Marlow

By Jo Eng

By Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Williford

ONLINE GIVING APP



**Vanco Mobile Faith
Engagement**

Vanco Payment Solutions

Vanco's mobile app is getting an upgrade! As of September 30, 2021, the Vanco GivePlus Mobile App for Android and Apple phones will be retired and replaced with a new app – **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement**. You will need to download the new Vanco Mobile app from either the Apple App store or Google Play store. Search for "St. James Lutheran Church". Once you launch your new giving app, you will be able to log in using your existing username and password. All scheduled recurring gifts will process as planned.

You may also give on the St. James Website under the "Giving" tab. The Vanco Website has been upgraded as well, so you may see some differences in appearance. However, you should be able to log in as usual.

If you have any questions, please contact our Finance Administrator, Jill Irvin at jill@sjnc.net or 704-786-0166.

PART-TIME DIRECTOR OF

MUSIC/ORGANIST

Saint James Lutheran Church

Concord, North Carolina



Saint James Lutheran Church of Concord, North Carolina is seeking a part-time Director of Music/Organist. Working under the supervision of the Senior Pastor, the Director of Music/Organist will provide leadership, direction and support for the worship and music life of the church. The Director of Music/Organist will serve as the primary musician of the congregation and a resource to all musical groups in the congregation and church programs.

Please submit a letter of interest, resume and at least three references to sjlcjobs@gmail.com A complete job description will be provided upon request.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

CCM FOOD PANTRY

SEPTEMBER



We are moving into food drive season, which is a very good thing. Some of our inventory is getting low! Normally, one of our biggest annual food drives is the Cabarrus County Fair Food Drive (normally the 2nd Sunday of September). For the second year in a row, it was cancelled. We are OK now, but that drive especially benefited our satellite pantries, and now we're having to really dip into our regular warehouse inventory to keep them stocked. If your church or community organization is planning a food drive soon, here are the items we needing the most:

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:

- Canned Chicken and Tuna
- Canned Pasta with Meat
- Beef Stew
- Chili with Meat
- Canned Corn
- Canned Carrots, Peas, Potatoes, and Mixed Veggies
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Diced tomatoes
- Canned Pinto Beans

- Soup
- Rice / Macaroni and Cheese
- Toilet paper

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



THANK YOU - THE OPEN DOOR HOUSE

Dear St. James

Thank you for your generous gift for our mission of providing safe, stable and supportive housing services for youth aging out of foster care. Your donation will not only impact our young women for today but for generations to come.

With gratitude,
Kathy Lista, founder of Open Door House

CHURCHWIDE NEWS

AFGHAN REFUGEES

Lutheran Immigration and Relief Services (LIRS) is assisting with resettling Afghan refugees into the United States. There are many services we at St James can offer starting with prayers for the thousands seeking a new home 7,000 miles from their homeland. LIRS is looking for volunteers to assist in a number of different ways in North Carolina. You can also donate to the organization to assist in their resettlement efforts. Please check out their web site. The explains how an individual can assist in the resettlement effort



The web address is <https://lirs.org>

- Click on the TAKE ACTION tab
- Then click on HELP AFGHAN REFUGEES AND ALLIES
- Scroll down the next page and click on VOLUNTEER you can also click on DONATE

Thank you for considering your assistance with the Afghan resettlement efforts that will be ongoing for a long time.

SYNOD STORYTELLERS



Synod Storytellers bring stories of the ways we are church together to the folks in their congregation. What are God's people doing across the three expressions of this church? In congregations, synods, and churchwide, ministry is happening and we want to tell those stories as widely as possible! Below are two examples of current Synod Stories. Click the link below to read more.



A Collaboration of Love

Sep 20, 2021 | [Stories of Ministry](#)

"It's a blessing to share a chance to be creative through art with communities that have such loving and compassionate hearts."

A COLLABORATION OF LOVE

[Read More](#)



Helping Leaders Lead

Aug 16, 2021 | [Stories of Ministry](#)

"It was strengthening to hear others share similar issues in their leadership. I did not feel so alone in trying to navigate such challenging times."

HELPING LEADERS LEAD

[Read More](#)

[More Synod Stories](#)



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:

Lutheran Church of the Nativity Arden, NC

2425 Hendersonville Road
Arden, North Carolina 28704
828.684.0352
Pastor Sean Barrett



[Learn More about
Nativity 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

YOUTH NEWS



OCTOBER YOUTH CALENDAR

- Oct. 3** 4:00 All Youth Gathering
- Oct 10** 4:00 All Youth Gathering
- Oct 13** 9:00 College Online
- Oct 17** 4:00 All Youth Gathering
- Oct 20** 9:00 College Online
- Oct 24** 3:00 Confirmation Cluster
- Oct 27** 9:00 College Online
- Oct 29** 6:30 Family Drive in at the Movies
- Oct 31** 4:00 All Youth Gathering

SUNDAY'S COOL

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SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

**WELCOME TO
SUNDAY'S COOL!
LOVE ONE ANOTHER!
HAPPY FALL YA'LL!**

Yep! It's official! Fall is here! That means cooler weather, it gets dark earlier and before we know it, we will get an extra hour of sleep when the time changes. WAHOOO! So what do you do this time of year?

CREATING MEMORIES OF FAITH IN THE FALL OF THE YEAR BY

BECOMING A GOOD STEWARD:

- Whatever you do, don't forget to take Flat Jesus with you and take a photo to share.
- Get up early on November 19, take five minutes and go outside. Look to the east and you should see the Leonid Meteor Shower rocking really well. What a family memory maker that will last a lifetime.
- Last week we talked about making a compost pile from the leaves that drop from the trees in your yard. Add a little excitement to your compost pile, buy a couple boxes of fishing worms to add to your compost pile. They love organic material, except things like citrus fruit and onions, and they aerate and help fertilize your compost pile. Turn your leaves over about once a month and the worms will continue their job with new territory to discover. After awhile, you can find enough worms for an afternoon of fishing.
- Want to make a rain barrel for those hot summer days next year? We have a few black barrels that make great rain barrels, you are welcome to one. Pick up your rain barrel, go to the plumbing department at Lowe's and you can find an adaptor and a spigot so you can connect your hose to your new barrel. You can go on line to you tube, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5ad3h7B0bI>, and it will tell you step by step. It's perfect for the garden and flowers. It's free water, saves money, and for some reason, plants grow better with natural rain water than city water. This is a great family project.

Below is a link to this week's Sunday's Cool. Check it out!

[**Read Now**](#)

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.

**ONLINE
GIVING**



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](#)
- **Dr. Glenda Poole**, Organist [Email](#)
- **Cindy Cruse**, Hospitality Coordinator [Email](#)
- **Kathryn Radcliffe**, Nursery Coordinator [Email](#)
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