

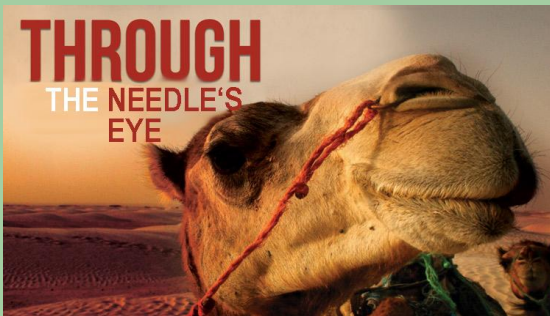
St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF OCTOBER 10



TWNETIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP Sunday, October 10

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 10 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 10](#)

[Watch Livestream](#)



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

No Adult Sunday School class this week but will resume next week, October 17.



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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Sunday, October 10

9:50 am Live Stream Begins
10:00 am In-Person Worship
2:00 pm Blessing of the
Animals

Monday, October 11

10:30 am Quilting Group
6:30 pm Scouts

Tuesday, October 12

6:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, October 13

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

Sunday, October 17

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 10

Trunk or Treat:
October 24

**BIRTHDAYS THIS
WEEK**

10-Oct Hayden Burroughs

10-Oct Betsy
Ellington- Boynton

11-Oct Susan Miller

12-Oct Patsy Black

15-Oct Erin Everett

15-Oct Morgan Trott

CHURCH NEWS**BLESSING OF THE
ANIMALS**

Sunday, October 10, 2021

2:00 pm until 4:00 pm

Reading and special blessing at 2:30.
Rain date: TBD

Far Fetched Farm

835 Brafford Drive
Concord, NC 28025

We will be collecting dry cat kibble, gas cards and donations 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 required

TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us on October 24th from 4:30 - 6:00 pm for candy, popcorn, music, and a bounce house at Trunk or Treat! If you'd like to provide a trunk and candy, please sign up here [Click to sign up](#) or call the church office. 704-786-0166 Thank you for your help in making this a fun, community event!



Space is limited, so sign up now!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoeboxes are now available and located at the Portico entrance. Pack your shoebox and bring back by **November 7**. Include \$9 to cover shipping. Do not seal the box; use provided rubber band.

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



CELEBRATE HOPE

Cooperative Christian Ministry (CCM) delivered a narrative of HOPE & HEALING at our virtual Celebrate HOPE event on Monday night. We recognized CCM's 40 years of ministry serving Cabarrus & Southern Rowan county communities through video testimonies as well as business and community leader perspectives.

We also shared ways to further engage with and support the mission of CCM, as we gave current ministry program updates and future opportunities.

Watch the Celebrate Hope Event

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.

CHURCHWIDE NEWS

FROM THE BISHOP



At the beginning of 2021, facing a pandemic and a bishop election, our synod staff shared with Synod Council that there would be a “bishop transition” no matter who was elected. The four-year strategic plan begun in 2017 would be expiring either way. The staff has been working—based on our core values of Jesus, Generosity, Relationship, and Reconciliation—on a new four-year strategic plan for the synod, and last month the Synod Council excitedly approved it.

Here’s the short version of that plan which will guide our ministry work for the next four years:

- Develop & Equip Leadership Teams to undergird the process.
- Interim Support including development of strategy and ongoing support network.
- Intentional Care of Rostered Ministers including introducing some sort of chaplain for rostered ministers and families.
- Develop a Team for Introducing Spiritual Direction into the culture of the synod including invitations for practicing individual and congregational discernment.

- Re-envision the Call Process according to the synodical core values with an added emphasis on pastoral care of candidates and congregations.
- Develop a Synodically Authorized Ministers (SAM) Program and begin training cohorts.
- Connect Regularly with and Provide Training for Congregation Councils, Presidents, and Treasurers—building on work which was begun during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Develop Cultural Competency as a part of the Vitality & Discipleship work of the synod.
- Develop Evangelism as part of the Outreach & Justice work of the synod.
- Develop a Systemic Approach to Revitalization/Holy Closure through the use of synodical administration.

In addition, as revealed in our 2018 Communications Audit, we know we need to increase our social media and digital presence and fill the ministry priority and the staff slot for Social Justice and Advocacy Ministry that has been vacant this whole calendar year.

The church was already changing at light speed, and this interminable pandemic has changed it even more. We are, like all of you, committed to adapting our synod work approach to this changing environment with continued priority of Vital Congregations and Whole and Healthy Leaders. I and our staff are excited about these new priorities outlined above. Please understand that those bullet points are just the new things. There will still be Candidacy, Campus Ministry, Supply Pastors, and so many of the things that we were already doing. We're not retreating in these uncertain times; we are advancing!

Changing priorities also mean reorganizing the staff around these priorities. [This one-pager](#) details the main changes in staff responsibilities beginning in 2022.

We're so pleased that the Synod Council has called Pastor CeCee Mills as an Assistant to the Bishop for Call Process and Shared Ministry. She as well as Pastor Sara in Candidacy and I as a generalist will share a full-time administrative assistant, 2016 L-R graduate Sarah Greene, who starts October 18. My current admin, Kathy Muth, will be retiring at the end of this year. We'll miss her! We will install Pastor CeCee as an assistant to the bishop at our Wednesday Zoom call at 11 a.m. on October 27.

I'm immensely grateful to Sandra Cline, our Call Process Coordinator for six years, without whom I couldn't have navigated that constant and central piece of synodical responsibility. As that full-time position will go away in the new structure, she will begin a well-deserved retirement at the end of this year. If in early 2022 I seem not to know

so much what's going on everywhere, it's because the synod's mysterious ubiquitous powers go with her. We owe her a lot. I know I do.

We'll also revamp our technology and communication staffing based on the Communications Audit which revealed that we do a great job of communicating to "insiders" but not so well to others, especially via digital media. We discerned that we need a Digital Communication Assistant (full-time) supervised by Catherine Fink, beginning 2022. We will say goodbye and thank-you to Rick Godby after 20 years of service in communications and IT. He has been pivotal in the new website, and he's famous now for producing our "Seriously" video and others. Holly Zemke has agreed to be our other staff position to help with general administration and Deacon Tammy's administrative needs.

Lastly, Carissa Abraham, currently assisting Candidacy and Leadership (Sara and Tammy) will move to being Assistant for Social Justice and Advocacy including Racial Justice as well as Youth Ministry (Tammy will still work with youth leaders). We have farmed out some of Pastor Danielle's (DEM) portfolio to others so that with Carissa she will fill the half-time void of the unfilled SJAM person on our staff beginning in 2022.

So that's where we are. Or technically, where we're headed for the beginning of 2022, as we strive to reflect our core values of Jesus-Centered, Generosity, Relationship, and Reconciliation and our guiding principles of Vital Congregations, Whole and Healthy Leaders, Collaboration, and Prophetic Voice. For the sake of the Gospel. For the sake of the world. We are blessed to walk with you—the congregations and leaders of the NC Synod. We exist as synod because of and for you. We're excited about our new plan, and we'll do our best!

Walking with you,
Tim
NC Synod Bishop

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.



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:

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church Charlotte, NC

1001 Queens Road
Charlotte, NC 28207
(704) 375-9185
Pastor Tim McKenzie

[Learn More about
St. Mark's 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 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

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.



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