

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF OCTOBER 16

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM



Widow and the Judge

LUKE 18:1-8

*Always pray and
never giveup!*

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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LESSONS FOR THE WEEK *(Links in blue)*

First Reading [Genesis 32:22-31](#)

Psalm [Psalm 121](#)

Second Reading [2 Timothy 3:14--4:5](#)

Gospel [Luke 18:1-8](#)



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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 16, 2022
10:00 A.M.

Introduction to Today's Worship

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Sunday Worship for 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.

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

[DOWNLOAD WEEKLY BULLETIN](#)

[WATCH THE LIVESTREAM](#)



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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Sunday, October 16

- 9:00 am Adult & Children's Sunday School
- 9:15 am Parish Choir
- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:15 am Lunch and Congregational Study
- 4:00 pm Youth Gathering

Monday, October 17



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 17-Oct Isla Glatz
- 18-Oct Laura Baker
- 19-Oct Stephanie Harris
- 19-Oct Kim Williams

10:30 am Quilter's Group
6:30 pm Scouts

Wednesday, October 19

6:00 pm Handbells
7:00 pm Parish Choir
9:30 pm College Online

Friday, October 21

8:00 pm Youth Friday Night
at the Movies

Saturday, October 22

10:00 am Leah's Hope
Trailer

Sunday, October 23

9:00 am Adult & Children's
Sunday School
9:15 am Parish Choir
10:00 am Worship
2:00 pm Confirmation @
Calvary
4:15 pm Youth Gathering

20-Oct Katie King

22-Oct Calen MacFarlane

22-Oct Joyce Smith

UPCOMING DATES:

Oct 16 Lunch and
Congregational Study

Oct 21 Organ Progressive
Dinner

Oct 26 Wednesday Nights
Together

Oct 30 Trunk or Treat

Nov. 12 Rise Against
Hunger Meal Prep

Nov 18 Port-A-Pit

**CHILDREN'S
SUNDAY
SCHOOL**



Children's Sunday School for Kindergarten through Grade 6 is available beginning October 9 from 9:00 – 9:45. A light breakfast will be served. We will read a Bible story and perhaps work on a craft. Join us!

Ages K - 2nd Grade: Room 101, Teacher: Ann Blackwelder

Grades 3 - 6: Room 103, Teacher: Cheryl Webb



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church during worship is designed for children up to the second grade. Our youth director,

Mike Holt, will be leading this ministry. Martha Matthews and Christine Lovelace will also be assisting in this ministry.

October Children's Church

October 16 - Mike Holt

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Flex Classroom - 9:00 am

Meet in the Flex Room (Cook Class) at 9:00 am. Frank Irvin will be leading the class.



THREE ELEMENTS OF THE GOSPEL STUDY GUIDE



LUNCH AND CONGREGATIONAL STUDY

Your input is needed in helping us discern the person God has called to be the next Pastor of St. James!

A crucial part of the call process is the completion of the **Congregational Study**. The purpose of the study is to share information, clarify needs for ministry, and explore the congregation's history and vision for the future. The information gathered is used by the Bishop and staff to identify good pastoral candidates; by the call committee as they prepare the ministry site profile and interview candidates; and by each candidate as they consider the call to this congregation.

Following the worship service Sunday, October 16 the congregation is invited to meet in the fellowship hall for a light lunch (*Please help us plan for lunch by making a reservation*) and to participate in the Congregational Study. Pastor Danielle DeNise, a member of the Bishop's staff, will lead the congregational study.

If you are unable to attend the meeting in person but would like to offer your input, an online questionnaire will be available after Sunday.

Use the **Response** link below to indicate that you will or will not attend. This link will also provide you with the opportunity to request the questionnaire if you are unable to attend. Thank you!

RESPONSE

CHURCH NEWS



It's back!!! Wednesday Nights Together is returning in October. We will gather for food and fellowship and a short Bible study led by our interim, Pastor Saltzer. Please make reservations to help with planning the food.

5:30 pm

Church Fellowship Hall

October 12, 26

November 9, 30

Make your reservation online or by calling
the church office 704-786-0166.

FREE WILL OFFERING



Sign Up Now



TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us on October 30th 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 below. Thank you for your help in making this a fun, community event!

In prior years we have had 125-150 kids come through, so plan to have enough candy.

i WANT TO PROVIDE A
TRUNK



St. James will be packing 10,000 meals on Saturday, November 12 from 10:00 a.m. until noon. We need between 50-60 people to help

pack the meals. We also need 5 people who are willing to come early to setup and 5 people to stay late to take down.

If you would like to make a donation to help cover the cost of the meals, checks can be made payable to St. James with "Rise Against Hunger" in the Memo line.

**SIGN UP
NOW**

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

LECTOR/INTERCESSORS

Oct. 16 Margaret Garrison
Oct. 23 Jodi Ramirez
Oct. 30 Juanita Fitts

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Oct. 16 Frank Irvin
Oct. 23 Margaret Garrison
Oct. 30 Needed

ACOLYTES / BOOK BEARERS

Oct. 16 Jacob and Josh Rinker
Oct. 23 Jacob and Josh Rinker

GREETERS

Oct 16 Sylvia Corl
Oct 23 Jean Beasley
Oct 30 Barbara Albright



FREE CHAIRS

We have 24 folding Samsonite chairs that need a new home. If you can use any of these, contact the church office. They are currently located on the 2nd floor hallway at the end.

Frist Come, First Served.

SOCIAL MINISTRY



MEAL PACKING OPPORTUNITIES

Lifeline Christian Mission will be packing meals for Florida victims of Hurricane Ian on **Saturday October 15, Tuesday October 18 and Tuesday the 25th**. Lifeline is located in Gibson Mill, 325 McGill Ave NW Suite 175, Concord, NC 28027

Hurricanes, famines, job loss, and political unrest are some instances where families need short-term assistance. When you pack meals, you provide a family with a source of stability so that moms and dads can focus on getting back on their feet.

You can sign up by clicking on the link below.

[SIGN UP NOW](#)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Help bring joy at Christmas to a child. Samaritan's Purse's, Operation Christmas Child is under way. This Ministry delivers shoeboxes of gifts around the world at Christmas to children in need.



We will have empty shoeboxes available at Church inside the portico entrance. Information on Packing a Shoebox and suggested items to include is located here, [PACKING A SHOEBOX](#)

Please bring your shoebox of items to the church by Sunday **November 13**. Boxes are designated for a boy or a girl. Please contact Samantha Hillegass if you have questions.



COOPERATIVE
CHRISTIAN
MINISTRY

**CCM FOOD
PANTRY**

In the CCM Food program, our numbers remain high and we continue

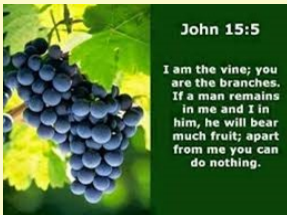
to serve a LOT of households who are new to CCM. Our inventory is getting critically low!

Currently, the pantry items we are in biggest need of are:

- Any kind of canned vegetables, especially green beans and corn
- Diced Tomatoes
- Dried Pinto Beans
- Any kind of canned beans (Baked, black, pinto, kidney, etc.)
- Canned Fruit (except fruit cocktail)
- Any kind of Canned Meats (except tuna!)
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Pasta Sauce
- Toilet Paper and Paper Towels

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

CHURCHWIDE / COMMUNITY



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.

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

Bethany Lutheran Church Boone, NC

1030 Big Hill Road
Boone, NC 28607

Pastor Laura Weant

Learn More about
[Bethany Lutheran Church](#)





A Somber Experience

by Bishop Pedro Suarez

I visited Fort Myers yesterday. It was a difficult trip, and I was on the road for more than 10 hours. President Biden and Governor DeSantis were visiting town as well (I didn't meet them). They put their political differences aside and committed to aid this devastated community. It took a hurricane for them to agree on something, but they did it, and we thank them.

Hurricane Ian has wrought death, devastation, uncertainty, sadness, and trauma. Thousands of people are numb. This is particularly evident in Ft. Myers Beach. The sound of the helicopters has turned into a somber experience knowing they bring dead bodies from Fort Myers Beach.

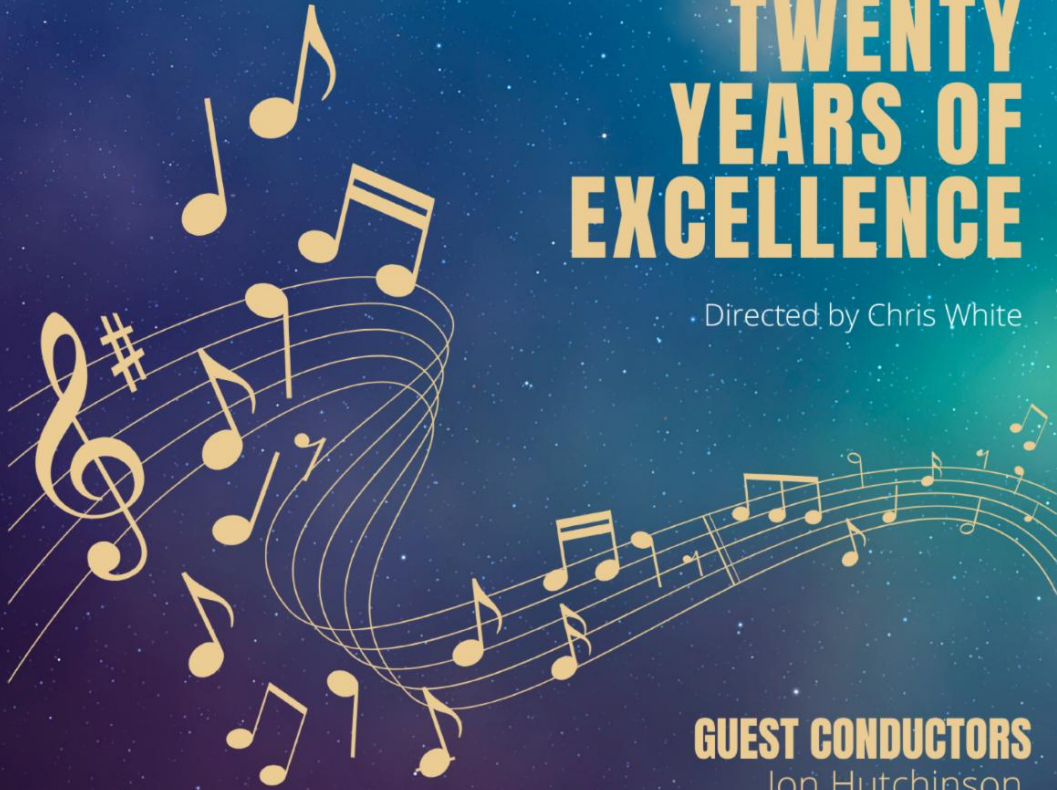
I was only able to go as far as Ft. Myers, so I visited Peace Lutheran Church where I met Pastor Andreas Stein and Pastor Jhon Freddy Correa, Dean of our Caloosa Conference. I heard heartbreaking stories from them about how their parishioners and neighbors are suffering. I saw the heavily damaged neighborhoods surrounding the churches.

[Read the Full Article](#)

PIEDMONT PRIME TIME COMMUNITY BAND

TWENTY YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

Directed by Chris White



GUEST CONDUCTORS

Jon Hutchinson
Laurence Marks
Christopher Wilson
Jason Partridge

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 - 4 PM

Hickory Ridge High School Auditorium
7321 Raging Ridge Rd. Harrisburg, NC

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The Charlotte Chapter of the
American Guild of Organists presents

the annual progressive dinner

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2022
AT 6:30PM
CONCORD, NC

Calvary Lutheran Church
Central United Methodist Church
St. James Lutheran Church



Registrations for dinner are required.
Please visit www.charlotteago.org for more information.

[Register](#)

MEALS ON WHEELS ANNUAL SOUP SAMPLING

Sunday, October 30, 2022 11:30 - 2:30

Enjoy Signature Soups & Fabulous
Desserts from local restaurants.
A variety of breads and dessert options!



Location: City Club at Gibson Mill, 325 McGill Avenue NW Concord

\$30 per person (One ticket purchase covers the cost of meals for an entire week for a homebound client)

To purchase tickets visit:

<https://cabarrusmow.org/sunday-soup-sampling/>



**Community Fellowship Luncheon
to support Second Course**

November 6, 2022

First Presbyterian Church

70 Union Street, North

12:30 pm

\$20 per person

BBQ Grilled Chicken~Mac & Cheese

Green Beans~Cole Slaw~Rolls

Lemonade~Tea~Water

Desserts

Second Course's mission is to equip persons transitioning back into society after incarceration and/or rehabilitation with occupational and life skills that will empower them to secure employment. Students utilize food prepared during classes to meet requirements for Safe-Serve certification and to feed the vulnerable population in their community.

Tickets available at

www.secondcourse.org

As a 501c3 organization, your donation is tax deductible.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Calvary—St. James



UPCOMING DATES

- **College Online** October 19, 26
- **Youth Gathering** October 9, 16, 23
- **Friday Night at the Movies** October 21
- **Trunk or Treat** October 30
- **Confirmation cluster at Calvary** October 23

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Check out all that's happening in Youth Ministry; from movies, to Trunk or Treat, and regular meetings. October will be a busy time.

[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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- **Rev. Craig Saltzer, Interim Pastor** [Email](#)
- **Keith Sutton, Parish Administrator** [Email](#)
- **Jill Irvin, Financial Administrator** [Email](#)
- **Scott F. Foppiano, Organist / Director of Music** [Email](#)
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