

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF OCTOBER 2

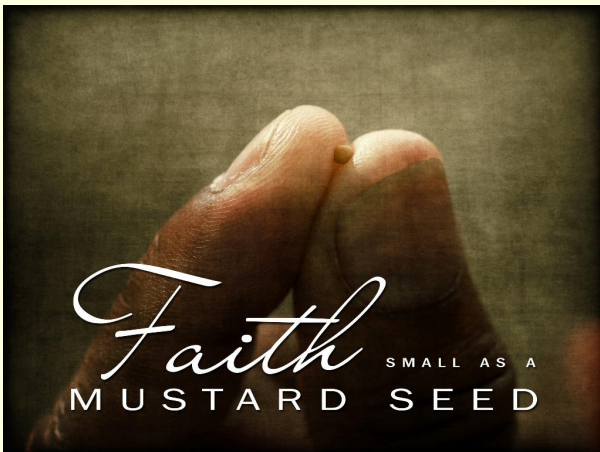
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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

LESSONS FOR THE WEEK ([Links in blue](#))

First Reading [Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4](#)

Psalm [Psalm 37:1-9](#)

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Gospel Luke 17:5-10



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.

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OCTOBER 2, 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.

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BULLETIN](#)

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LIVESTREAM](#)



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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Saturday, October 1
9:00 am Scout Pumpkin
Sale @ Rotary Square

Sunday, October 2
9:00 am Adult Sun. Sch
9:15 am Parish Choir

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

03-Oct Nicholas Crainshaw

10:00 am Worship
 11:15 am Reception for
 Pastor Saltzer
 4:00 pm Youth Gathering

Monday, October 3

10:30 am Quilter's Group

Wednesday, October 5

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

Sunday, October 9

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

04-Oct Meghan Kuly

05-Oct Charles Sloop

07-Oct Theresa Steel

UPCOMING DATES:

Oct 2 Installation of Interim

Pastor Craig Saltzer

Oct 4 Mary Magdalene
 Circle

Oct 8 Blessing of the
 Animals 10:00 -12:00

Oct 9 Installation of Call
 Committee

Oct 16 Lunch and
 Congregational
 Meeting/Study

Oct 12 & 26 Wednesday
 Nights Together

Nov. 12 Rise Against
 Hunger Meal Prep

OCTOBER 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Scouts – Pumpkin Sale –Rotary Park
2 Pentecost 17 9:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Parish Choir 10:00 am Worship Install Interim Pastor 11:15 am Reception for Pastor Saltzer 4:00 pm Youth Gathering	3 10:30 am Quilting Group 6:30 pm Scouts	4 10:30 am Mary Magdalene Circle 6:30 pm Property Comm	5 2:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Mission Fund 7:00 pm Parish Choir 9:30 pm College Online	6	7	8 10:00 am Blessing of Animals Scouts – Pumpkin Sale –Rotary Park
9 Pentecost 18 9:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Parish Choir 10:00 am Worship Install Call Committee 11:15 am Social Ministry 4:00 pm Youth Gathering	10 10:30 am Quilting Group 6:30 pm Scouts	11 6:00 pm Congregation Council	12 2:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Wed Together 7:00 pm Parish Choir	13	14	15
16 Pentecost 19 9:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Parish Choir 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Congregational Lunch and Meeting 4:00 pm Youth Gathering	17 10:30 am Quilting Group 6:30 pm Scouts	18	19 2:00 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Parish Choir 9:30 pm College Online	20	21 8:00 pm Youth Friday Night at the Movies	22 10:00 am Leah's Hope Trailer
23 Pentecost 20 9:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Parish Choir 10:00 am Worship Blessing of Quilts 2:00 pm Confirmation @ Calvary 4:15 pm Youth Gathering	24 10:30 am Quilting Group 6:30 pm Scouts	25	26 2:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Wed Together 7:00 pm Parish Choir 9:30 pm College Online	27	28	29
30 Reformation 9:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Parish Choir 10:00 am Worship 4:00 pm Youth Gathering 4:30 pm Trunk or Treat	31 10:30 am Quilting Group					

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 2 - Mike Holt
October 9 - Martha Matthews
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.



LUNCH AND CONGREGATIONAL

STUDY



Following the worship service Sunday, October 16 the congregation is invited to meet in the fellowship hall for a light lunch and to participate in the Congregational Study. Pastor Danielle DeNise, a member of the Bishop's staff, will lead 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.

Please plan to be with us at this meeting. Your input is important as we move forward with our ministry here at St. James. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to offer your input, our Parish Administrator, Keith Sutton, will provide you with access to an online or printed questionnaire.

Please help us plan for lunch. 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!**Respons**

[RESPOND](#)

CHURCH NEWS

FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR



Dear people of St. James,

I am honored and excited to serve as your interim pastor until such time as the Holy Spirit reveals to you the person whom he has already chosen to minister with you in the years to come. I officially retired in May of 2020, and St. James is my second interim assignment; I come to you from Holy Trinity, Mt. Pleasant, where I have been serving for two years and four months. It seems that I am going to have the opportunity to become well acquainted with Cabarrus County!

The moment you hear me speak you will realize that I am not a North Carolina native. I grew up in York, Pennsylvania, and after earning my bachelor's degree at Cornell University, I taught high school English at

my alma mater for seven years. Then the Holy Spirit “nudged” me toward what was then Gettysburg Seminary. I have been serving in this synod ever since my graduation from Gettysburg in 1984. I am married to Marian, a retired high school math teacher who somehow keeps being called back to substitute again and again. She has been an indispensable partner in my ministry for thirty-seven years. We do not have children, and we have often said that, given our track record of killing plants by failing to water them, it’s good that we never had any, because we almost certainly would have forgotten to feed them!

I live in Thomasville, almost an hour’s drive away. I plan to be in Concord four times a week: Sunday (of course), Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. I hope to be a little more specific about the times when you may find me in the office as soon as I have clearer idea of the times of standing meetings and other obligations. However, in case of an emergency (like a hospitalization in the intensive care unit), I want to be available to you on whatever day you need me. Feel free to call me at any time, and please understand that it will take a little more than an hour for me to get to you if I am not in town that day.

This is my contact information:

Address: 208 Princeton Crossing, Thomasville, NC 27360

Home phone: (336) 884-0962

Cell phone: (336) 225-7889

Email address: csaltzer@triad.rr.com

I don’t have a Facebook or Twitter account or use any other social media platform. I do send and receive text messages, and you may feel free to contact me that way.

My plan is to visit with as many of you as possible over the next few months. Not only will our conversations help me to get to know you; they will also help me to understand St. James and its history, priorities, and values. Shut-ins may expect a visit once a month. But rest assured that I will never just “show up” at your house without calling first—unless you have told me in advance that I am free to come whenever I want without calling. (I certainly don’t expect most of you to do that!)

The interim between pastors is a time of transition, and transitions are filled with uncertainty. A period in the life of this congregation that has been very meaningful for many of you has come to an end, and it is completely normal to feel a sense of loss. What’s more, you can’t know what lies ahead for you or what that unknown future will ask of you. But, at the same time, these days can be filled with excitement and new possibilities. I consider it a privilege to be allowed by God to walk, to worship, and to serve with you during this time.



RECEPTION FOR INTERIM PASTOR

On Sunday, October 2, a reception is being planned in the church fellowship hall following the installation of our interim pastor, Reverend Craig Saltzer at the 10:00 service. Everyone is invited to attend.

We will be serving Saint James Lutheran Church's fabulous punch and cookies.

MEAL TRAIN FOR JIMMY AND MARTHA SUMMERS

<https://mealtrain.com/wzz3oe>



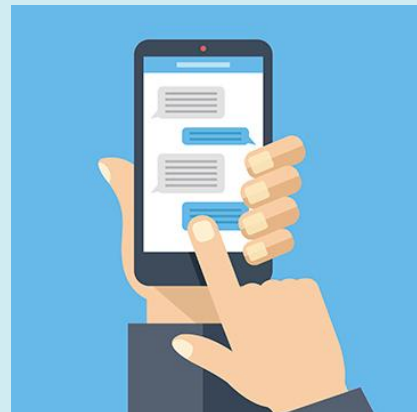
What is Meal Train?

There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help them with a meal. When many friends provide support through a meal, Meal Train keeps everyone organized.

TEXT MESSAGES OPT IN

We are excited to set up text messages for St. James. This is yet another way to keep you connected with all the exciting events that are coming!

If you have received a welcome text from St. James, then we have your cell number. If not, then you can "Opt In" using the link below.



You will have the option to "opt out" at any time and should receive no more than 4 messages per month.

[Opt In for Texts](#)



LIVELY LEISURES

Join us in the church fellowship hall on Tuesday, October 11 at 12:00 pm for food, fellowship and entertainment. Lunch will be provided and the program will be a Sing-A-Long. For questions, contact Sylvia Corl.

SCOUT PUMPKIN & POPCORN SALE

9:00 am - 2:00 pm



On Saturday, October 1 & 8, our scouts will be selling pumpkins and popcorn in Rotary Square Park across from the church. Popcorn and pumpkin prices range from \$10 -\$15 each. We accept cash, checks, and credit cards.

Proceeds from our sale go towards activity fees and outings. This is a one time sale and we always appreciate the kindness and support of Saint James Lutheran Church.



SEPTEMBER MEMORIALS

In Memory of Gene Beasley

Given by Nancy Faggart (My Father's House)

In Memory of Susan Murray

Given by Nancy Faggart (My Father's House)

In Memory of Virginia Sutton

Given by Nancy Faggart (My Father's House)



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER

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](#)

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 8
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Blessing of the Animals held In Honor of
St. Francis of Assisi.



Please bring your pets to be blessed on Saturday, October 8, 10:00am to 12:00m at Far-Fetched Farm, 835 Brafford Road, Concord, NC 28025. All are welcome!

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104 Union Street S, Concord, NC 28025
Rain Date: To be determined



2021 Impact



17m+

Meals Packaged



2.7m+

Lives Impacted



27.3m+

Meals Distributed Worldwide

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**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

LECTOR/INTERCESSORS

Oct. 02 Gretchen Walker
Oct. 09 Kim Haberman
Oct. 16 Needed
Oct. 23 Jodi Ramirez
Oct. 30 Juanita Fitts

ACOLYTES / BOOK BEARERS

Oct. 02 Jason and Noah Pittard
Oct. 09 Jason and Noah Pittard
Oct. 16 Jacob and Josh Rinker
Oct. 23 Jacob and Josh Rinker

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Oct. 02 Jodi Ramirez
Oct. 09 Ashley Cline
Oct. 16 Frank Irvin
Oct. 23 Margaret Garrison
Oct. 30 Needed

GREETERS

Oct 02 Joyce Smith

SOCIAL MINISTRY



COOPERATIVE
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CCM FOOD PANTRY

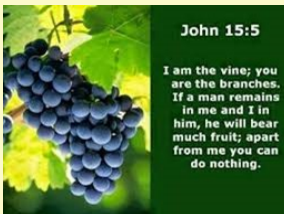
In the CCM Food program, our numbers remain high and we continue to serve a LOT of households who are new to CCM. Our inventory is getting critically low!

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

Church of the Abiding Savior Lutheran Durham, NC

1625 S. Alston Avenue
Durham NC 27707
Pastor Terrence Jacob

Learn More about
[Church of the Abiding Savior,
Lutheran](#)



LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE



"For we are what [God] has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life" (Ephesians 2:10).

Friends:

Hurricane Ian made landfall in Florida on Wednesday with near Category 5-strength winds, dumping record amounts of rain and causing catastrophic flooding. Hurricane Ian bore down through Florida today and is expected to make landfall again in the Carolinas. Early reports indicate the potential for a substantial loss of life. Ian, as predicted, is one of the worst hurricanes to hit the United States in decades.

Gifts to **Lutheran Disaster Response** make it possible for the ELCA to act quickly after disasters, whenever and wherever they strike. Can disaster survivors count on your support?

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join us for a
COMMUNITY MEETING

OCTOBER 10, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
30 UNION STREET N

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AND
STREETScape PROJECT**



**PARKS AND RECREATION
GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND**





*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](#)

YOUTH MINISTRY

Calvary—St. James



Youth News

UPCOMING DATES

- **College Online** October 5, 19, 26
- **Youth Gathering** October 2, 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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ST. JAMES STAFF

- **Rev. Craig Saltzer, Interim Pastor** [Email](#)
- **Keith Sutton, Parish Administrator** [Email](#)
- **Jill Irvin, Financial Administrator** [Email](#)
- **Scott F. Foppiano, Organist / Director of Music** [Email](#)
- **Mike Holt, Youth and Family** [Email](#)
- **Kathryn Radcliffe, Nursery Coordinator** [Email](#)
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