

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF OCTOBER 24



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as "Son of David" he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers that be? Bartimaeus won't give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus' question, "What do you want me to do for you?"



Bishop Smith at St. James

To help us maintain and strengthen that relationship, we are pleased to announce that on October 24, the Bishop of the North Carolina Synod, the Rev. Dr. Timothy Smith, will join us in worship. In addition to preaching at the 10:00 service, Bishop Tim will be available in the sanctuary from 9:00 – 9:45 am to answer questions and update us on the work of the North Carolina Synod; and at the conclusion of worship he will join us for refreshments in an outdoor meet and greet.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Sunday, October 24

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 24 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 24](#)

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ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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Sunday, October 24

9:00 am Q & A with Bishop
9:50 am Live Stream Begins
10:00 am In-Person Worship
11:00 am Reception for Bishop
4:30 pm Trunk-or-Treat

Monday, October 25

10:30 am Quilting Group
6:30 pm Scouts

Wednesday, October 27

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

Sunday, October 31

9:50 am Live Stream Begins
10:00 am In-Person Worship
11:15 am Adult Sunday Schl

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Bishop Smith at St. James:
October 24

Trunk or Treat:
October 24

**Operation Christmas Child
Boxes Due:** November 7



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

25-Oct Vero Grady
27-Oct Michael Folino
27-Oct Joan McEachern
28-Oct Cliff Caffrey
28-Oct Linda Hartsell
28-Oct Riley Moran
28-Oct Donnie Peterman
28-Oct Taylor Pruette
28-Oct Heather Wilson
28-Oct Drew Yoos
30-Oct Adam Hartman
30-Oct Jackson Propst

CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH WORKDAY

There will be a church workday this **Saturday, October 23, 10:00 - 12:00**. We are entering into a partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters and they will be using two rooms for office space. We need help in getting these rooms ready..cleaning, sorting, arranging... and

also in some general "sprucing" up prior to our visit from Bishop Smith on Sunday. If you can help, please do. Many hands make light work. Thank you!



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!



SCOUTING AT ST. JAMES

Saint James Lutheran sponsors 3 programs offered by Scouts BSA for youth in our community.

CUB SCOUTING is part of the Scouting program available to boys and girls from kindergarten through fifth grade. The Cub Leader is Ashlyn White ashlynwhite0304@gmail.com 704 918

6660 Cubs meet Mondays at 6:30 PM

SCOUTS BSA is the traditional Scouting experience for youth from fifth grade through high school. focusing on service to others, community engagement and leadership and character development.. Two of our Scouts Sawyer Williams and Kahlil Nixon were recently awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. The Scout Leader is Tommy Propst tommypropst@gmail.com 704 305 4142 Scouts Meet Mondays at 6:30 PM

SEA SCOUTING is a venturing group of scouting that teaches responsibility and safety of watercraft before and during water

activities as well as maritime history. Sea Scouts meet Tuesday Nights and is for Youth ages 14 to 21. The Skipper for the group is John King johnking@kingbeeventures.com Sea Scouts meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 PM.

Congratulations are in order to David Cruse for receiving the BSA District Award of Merit in Scouting. David has served the last few years as the advancement chair for our district. The District Award of Merit is Scouting's highest award for service to the Cannon District a volunteer can receive.

All 3 groups would like to thank the congregation of Saint James for their continued support.



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. A list of suggested items are posted in the Portico.

SNACK BAGS FOR POLICE AND FIRE

We will be delivering goodie bags to our police and fire personnel in Concord on Sunday afternoon, October 31. **If you are willing to help deliver, please contact Samantha Hillegass or Dee Pieschel.**



SOCIAL MINISTRY

CCM FOOD PANTRY OCTOBER

In the CCM Food Program, we have become increasingly aware that there are some hard-working folks in our community who are still food-insecure.

Whether they are not being paid livable wages, or because of the skyrocketing housing costs, or for others reasons, they still face



difficult decisions about food purchases and find themselves unable to adequately provide for their families. However, because of their work hours they are unable to visit our Crisis Center pantry during our regular hours, without taking time off from work (often unpaid). To alleviate this, we have decided to open up one evening a week. **Beginning November 4th we will reopen our Crisis Center drive-through pantry from 3:30 to 6:30 pm.** Obviously, this move will probably increase the overall demand for food.

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 Green Beans
- Canned Corn
- Canned Carrots, Peas, Potatoes, and Mixed Veggies
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Canned Pinto Beans
- Soup
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Toilet paper

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

CHURCHWIDE NEWS



WE ARE INVITED INTO SILENCE

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
October 1, 2021

There are very few times in my life when I experience silence. There is the ever-present ambient noise of the city or the office: traffic, planes, power mowers, power tools, the intrusive alerts from computers signaling new emails or texts, ringtones. I find myself obsessively plugged in to the news, Twitter and YouTube—all available all the time, portable and near at hand on my cellphone.

And then there is the noise in my head: racing thoughts, internal conversations, grocery lists, music. Even—or perhaps especially—when the world around me is mostly still, I notice that I am not.

I'm not sure what drives this acoustic and mental busyness, but I know I'm not the only one who so seldom experiences silence. Maybe we are just trying to get more stuff done. Maybe it's FOMO—fear of missing out. Maybe it's habit.

I do know that this constant noise and stimulation can be exhausting and stressful. The more noise, the louder we become in order to be heard, which leads to more noise.

In recent weeks we have been overwhelmed by disasters, natural and human-made. The West Coast is burning, and the Gulf Coast and East Coast are drowning. The elected Afghan government has fallen, and that 20-year war has come to an end. We are still stuck in this pandemic. We worry about our children who are too young to get vaccinated. We worry about our elders with comorbidities. We worry about ourselves.

In an effort to make sense of all this, we seek to gather more information and more data, which we hope will give us answers or show us a way out. There is no shortage of voices. We are bombarded with experts and pundits analyzing everything, talking and talking and talking. STOP.

[Read Full Article](#)



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:

Saint Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church Southport, NC



4843 Southport-Supply Road
Southport, NC 28461
Pastor: Nicholas Giannatasio
Pastor Jason Huebner

[Learn More about](#)

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 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](#)

PORT-A-PIT BBQ

Friday, November 12

11:30 am - 7:00 pm

Our Youth Ministry will be hosting a
Port-A-Pit BBQ Chicken Dinner

fundraiser on Friday, November 12 from 11:30 am – 7:00 pm. The dinner includes a ½ chicken, beans, slaw and a roll for \$10.00 per plate. Desserts will be offered for a donation. You may purchase your ticket from Chris Miller, Mark Murphy, Laura Overby or Noah Pittard.



You may also call the church office if you would like to volunteer to help in the kitchen. If you would like to assist the youth by making a dessert for that day, it would be greatly appreciated. There are volunteer sign up sheets on the bulletin board downstairs. All funds raised will go to support our youth ministry. This event is located in the fellowship hall at Calvary. This is for Take Out Only.



FAMILY DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT

Family Drive In Movie will be on Friday, October 29 starting at 6:30. Showing, "Pirates of the Caribbean", rated PG-13. Popcorn and Slushies will be provided. Bring a yard chair or a sheet of plastic and a blanket to lay on the ground. You are welcome to bring snacks from home. Invite a friend to join you and come on. Located in the upper field at Calvary.

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.



[Give Now](#)

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