

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF OCTOBER 23

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM



REFORMATION SUNDAY

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

LESSONS FOR THE WEEK *(Links in blue)*

First Reading [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)

Psalm [Psalm 46](#)

Second Reading [Romans 3:19-28](#)

Gospel [John 8:31-36](#)

A Prayer of Martin Luther

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen.



Saint James Lutheran Church

A Parish of the North Carolina Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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

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.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 30, 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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Sunday, October 30

9:00 am Adult & Children's
Sunday School
9:15 am Parish Choir
10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Handbells Interest
Meeting
4:30 pm Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 31

10:30 am Quilter's Group

Tuesday, November 1

10:30 am Mary Magdalene
Circle
5:00 pm Executive Comm.
6:30 pm Property Comm.

Wednesday, November 2

2:00 pm Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Parish Choir
9:30 pm College Online

Sunday, November 6

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

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

30-Oct Adam Hartman

30-Oct Jackson Propst

01-Nov Juanita Fitts

02-Nov Mary Elizabeth
Stewart

02-Nov Patricia Weisel

03-Nov David Cruse

03-Nov Kerri Kiker

04-Nov David Klein

UPCOMING DATES:

Oct 30 Trunk or Treat

Nov 1 Mary Magdalene
Circle

Nov 8 Lively Leisures

Nov 9 Wednesday Nights
Together

Nov 11 Parent's Night Out

Nov. 12 Rise Against
Hunger Meal Prep

Nov. 13 Budget Q&A

Nov 18 Port-A-Pit

Nov 20 Annual Meeting

Nov 27 1st Sunday of
Advent

Nov 30 Wednesday Nights
Together

NOVEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:30 am Mary Magdalene Circle 5:00 pm Executive Committee 6:30 pm Property Comm	2 2:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Parish Choir 9:30 pm College Online	3	4	5
6 Pentecost 22 9:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Parish Choir 10:00 am Worship	7 10:30 am Quilting Group	8 12:00 pm Lively Leisures 6:00 pm Congregation Council	9 2:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Wed Together 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Parish Choir 9:30 pm College Online	10	11 6:30 pm Parent's Night Out – St. James	12 10:00 am Rise Against Hunger
13 Pentecost 23 9:00 am Children's Sunday School 9:00 am Budget Q&A 9:15 am Parish Choir 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Servant Day- Youth 4:00 pm Youth Gathering OCC Shoeboxes Due	14 10:30 am Quilting Group 6:30 pm Scouts	15	16 2:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Parish Choir 9:30 pm College Online	17	18 Noon – 7:00 pm Port-A-Pit @ Calvary Miller Wedding Rehearsal Concord Tree Lighting	19 8:30 am Leah's Hope Trailer Miller Wedding
20 Pentecost 24 9:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Parish Choir 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Annual Meeting 2:00 pm Confirmation @ St. Johns 4:30 pm Youth Gathering	21 10:30 am Quilting Group 6:30 pm Scouts	22	23 2:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Parish Choir 9:30 pm College Online	24 Thanksgiving Church Office Closed 	25 Church Office Closed	26
27 Advent 1 9:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Parish Choir 10:00 am Worship	28 10:30 am Quilting Group	29	30 2:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Wed Together 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Parish Choir 9:30 pm College Online			

[Download Calendar](#)

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

LECTOR/INTERCESSORS

Oct. 30 Frank Irvin
 Nov. 06 Needed
 Nov. 13 Barbara Albright
 Nov. 20 Gretchen Walker
 Nov. 27 Needed

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Oct. 30 Ann Blackwelder
 Nov. 06 Ann Blackwelder
 Nov. 13 Jodi Ramirez
 Nov. 20 Frank Irvin
 Nov. 27 Needed

ACOLYTES / BOOK BEARERS

Oct. 30 Jason and Noah Pittard,
 Jodi Ramirez

GREETERS

Oct 30 Barbara Albright

VIDEOGRAPHERS

Oct 30 Kenny Propst
 Nov 06 Kenny Propst
 Nov 13 Kenny Propst
 Nov 20 Dale Merrell
 Nov 27 Needed

CHILDREN'S

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Children's Sunday School for

Kindergarten through Grade 6 is available 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 will also be assisting in this ministry.

Children's Church Schedule

October 30 - Ann Blackwelder
November 6 - Martha Matthews
November 13 - Martha Matthews
November 20 - 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 the facilitator.

SANCTIFICATION STUDY GUIDE



CHURCH NEWS

Naomi Elizabeth Lovelace was born Monday October 24. Parents are Christine and Nick Lovelace. Everyone is home and doing well,



big brother Simon is very proud. Thank you for your continued prayers!



HANDBELL RINGERS

There will be an organizational meeting of the Handbell Choir and any potential new members this Sunday, October 30, immediately following worship in the Chancel.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH
TRUNK OR TREAT
CANDY, POPCORN, MUSIC &
BOUNCE HOUSE!
OCTOBER 30TH
4:30PM-6:00PM
104 UNION ST. S.

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**



CANDY CANDY CANDY

If you would like to donate candy to be given away at the Trunk or Treat, there will be a container in the Portico area for donations. Thank you!

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

If you wish to nominate someone for Congregation Council, please check with them to be sure they are willing to serve, then contact the church office. Nominations must be received by Sunday, November 6. Elections will be during the Annual Congregational Meeting on November 20 at the beginning of the 10:00 am worship service.



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

November 9, 30

MENU 11-9

Grilled Ranch Chicken
Broccoli Casserole
Mac and Cheese
Dessert

MENU 11-30

Meatloaf
Potatoes and Gravy
Corn
Dessert

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

Individual: \$10

Family: \$25



[Sign Up Now](#)

SOCIAL MINISTRY



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](#)

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

We are moving into the holiday food drive season, which is wonderful—because our inventories have been very low. This is the time of the year when we seek to rebuild those inventories to carry us through the winter. We also continue to serve an increasing number of families—getting close to the same numbers we served in 2020. So thank you so much to all of you and your congregations who support us faithfully and generously.

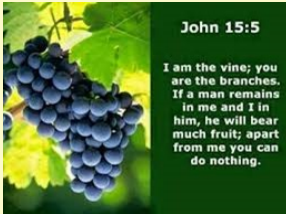
Currently, the pantry items we are in biggest need of are:

- Spaghetti Noodles and any kind of dried pasta
- 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!)
- Pasta Sauce
- Peanut Butter
- 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

Old St. Paul's Lutheran Church Newton, NC

2035 Old Conover-Startown Rd.
Newton, NC 28658

Pastor Andrew Miller



Learn More about
[Old St. Paul's Lutheran Church](#)



"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who

live in it." —Psalm 24:1

What is a faithful Lutheran response to Earth's changing climate and worsening natural disasters? How do we think about this crisis as people of faith, and what are we called to do?

After hearing requests from across the church for guidance, the ELCA Church Council in November 2021 authorized development of a social message on climate care. Social messages are ELCA social teaching documents on specific social topics; these documents shape ELCA policy and help members discern how to respond to an issue.

A draft of the social message "Earth's Climate Crisis" is now posted for public comment! Feedback of this kind helps the drafters know how the document could be more clear, helpful and faithfully Lutheran. Please [read the social message draft](#) and [use this survey](#) to share your input by Friday, Dec. 2. Questions or longer responses can be emailed to draftsocialmessage@elca.org.

[Read Statement](#)

A Service of Remembrance

*Choral works of comfort, hope and peace,
dedicated to all who were lost and all who mourn.*

Presented by the Piedmont Choral Society



Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 4:00pm

Calvary Lutheran Church
950 Bradley Street | Concord, NC

Free Concert - No Ticket Required

FOR MORE INFORMATION: pcskoncordnc@gmail.com OR 704-699-6053

Join Us in Our Mission

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach



★ December 17, 2022 ★

National Wreaths Across America Day

Help honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed
on a veteran's grave this December at:

OAKWOOD CEMETERY

Concord, North Carolina

Just scan the QR code to your right with your smartphone
camera to sponsor a wreath online or visit

<https://wreathscrossamerica.org/NC0329>

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across
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#FindAWay2022

Sponsor a Wreath

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/>



NC DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES

CABARRUS CO. DSS HEALTH FAIR EXPO



NOVEMBER 1, 2022
10 A.M. – 3 P.M.
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**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

January



UPCOMING DATES

- **Trunk or Treat** October 30
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BAR-B-Q CHICKEN

Calvary Lutheran Church
Lunch & Dinner
Friday, November 18

Take Out Only (Noon - 7:00 pm) Includes: ½ BarBQ Chicken,
Slaw, Baked Beans, and Roll \$12
Desserts Available for Sale
Tickets available from Mike or in the church office.

Proceeds to Calvary/St. James Youth Ministry

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](#)
- **Teresa Honeycutt, Custodian** [Email](#)
- **Ann Blackwelder, Congregation President** [Email](#)

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