

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF OCTOBER 9

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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LESSONS FOR THE WEEK (*Links in blue*)

First Reading [2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c](#)

Psalm [Psalm 111](#)

Second Reading [2 Timothy 2:8-15](#)

Gospel Luke 17:11-19



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 9, 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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ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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Saturday, October 8

9:00 am Scout Pumpkin Sale @ Rotary Square
10:00 am Blessing of the Animals @ Far Fetched Farms

Sunday, October 9

★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

09-Oct Elizabeth Thompson
10-Oct Hayden Burroughs
10-Oct Betsy Ellington-

9:00 am Adult & Children's
Sunday School
9:15 am Parish Choir
10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Social Ministry
1:00 pm CROP Walk
4:00 pm Youth Gathering

Monday, October 10

10:30 am Quilter's Group
5:30 pm Mission Fund
6:30 pm Scouts

Tuesday, October 11

12:00 pm Lively Leisures
6:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, October 12

5:30 pm Weds. Together
7:00 pm Parish Choir

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

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11-Oct Susan Miller

12-Oct Patsy Black

15-Oct Erin Everett

15-Oct Morgan Trott

UPCOMING DATES:

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

Oct 9 Installation of Call
Committee

Oct 11 Lively Leisures

Oct 16 Lunch and
Congregational Study

Oct 12 & 26 Wednesday
Nights Together

Nov. 12 Rise Against
Hunger Meal Prep

**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 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.

STUDY QUESTIONS



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!

RESPOND

CHURCH NEWS



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 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.



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



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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!

Sponsored by St. James Lutheran Church
104 Union Street S, Concord, NC 28025



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. 09 Kim Haberman
Oct. 16 Margaret Garrison
Oct. 23 Jodi Ramirez
Oct. 30 Juanita Fitts

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Oct. 09 Elizabeth Hurley
Oct. 16 Frank Irvin
Oct. 23 Margaret Garrison

ACOLYTES / BOOK BEARERS

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

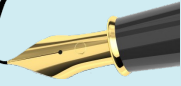
GREETERS

Oct 09 Samantha Hillegass
Oct 16 Sylvia Corl

Oct. 30 Needed

Oct 23 Jean Beasley
Oct 30 Barbara Albright

*Thank
you*



Saint James Members,

Thank you so much for the generous gift of \$5,000. WOW! We were blown away!

That is such a blessing to the children we serve, and our community. We love our new space at St. James. It is very convenient for our families to access, and everyone has such a warm, caring heart. We know God had beautiful things in mind bringing us together. We are very grateful for your support!

In gratitude,
Elizabeth and BBBS' Cabarrus Team

SOCIAL MINISTRY



COOPERATIVE
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CCM FOOD PANTRY

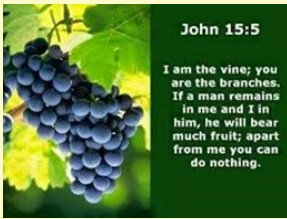
In the CCM Food program, our numbers remain high and we continue to serve a LOT of households who are new to CCM. Our inventory is getting critically low!

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

Advent Lutheran Church Charlotte, NC

8840 UNIVERSITY CITY BLVD.
CHARLOTTE, NC 28213

Pastor Ward Misenheimer



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[Adent Lutheran Church](#)

THEODICY

Bishop Tim Smith

Isaiah 43:1-2 has long been one of my go-to verses. I do find it a personally comforting reassurance, but it provides a hopeful context in response to the giant “Why” questions when we suffer. Surely, like me, you’ve heard well-meaning people jump to what are essentially discussion stoppers with responses like, “Well, everything happens for a reason,” or “Sure, it sounds terrible, but it was God’s way of accomplishing/punishing/teaching a lesson to x, y, z for how they did a,b,c.” Or the simple, “It was God’s will.”



But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. (Isaiah 43:1-2)

I don't find a vengeful God who intentionally sends Hurricane Ian across Florida with deadly widespread destruction any more helpful than I find the God of the Noah narrative. Made in God's image, we have the ability to deliberate and choose morally, yet as creatures less than the Creator, we are bound to fall short. And the only choice God has is to flood the whole world to destroy everyone but Noah and his family and his two-by-two companions?

"Theodicy" is the dilemma that Rabbi Kushner posed in his book that begs, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" Is God angry? Trying to make a point? Visiting the sins of previous generations on the children's children? We want—no, we demand—that the world make sense. We think we must know and are entitled to know why. To know everything. But think back to the Genesis creation story. Remember the tree in the garden? That tree had a name. The Tree of Knowledge of All Good and Evil. Or, as Satan put it in the temptation, "If you eat of it, you'll know everything, and you'll be like God."

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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**



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/>

YOUTH MINISTRY



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

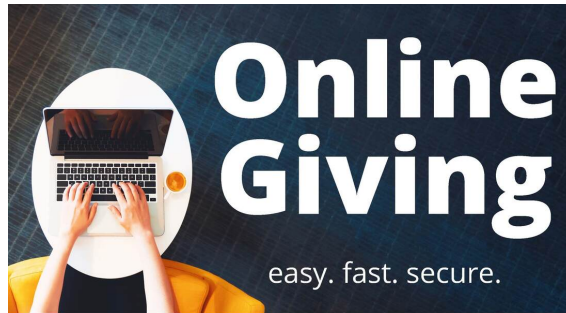
Check out all that's happening in Youth Ministry; from movies, to Trunk or Treat, and regular meetings. October will be a busy time.

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