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A Weekly Newsletter



St. James Lutheran Church

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

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15



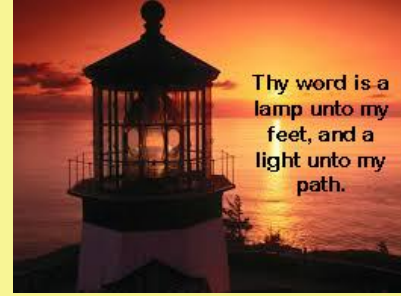
Worship Bulletin Nov. 15

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Reading Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Gospel Matthew 25:14-30



Readings for November 15



bulletin and follow along with the service.

ONLINE WORSHIP

Online Worship for Sunday, November 15 will be available on Facebook and YouTube at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. An email with links will be sent when the online worship service is posted. You can open or print the



Congregations re-gathering

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

In-person worship has been delayed due to the latest guidelines from Governor Cooper. See letter below.



To the saints at St. James Lutheran Church,

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, for months we have been busy establishing policies and procedures to ensure as safe a return to worship as possible. We now have everything in place to return to in-person worship and had hoped to do just that on November 15. But with the recent spike in COVID cases and Governor Cooper's most recent announcement reducing in-door gatherings from 25 to 10 and outside gatherings from 75 to 50, the council voted Tuesday evening to not meet in person this coming Sunday, November 15.

We know some of you will be disappointed with this decision...we are disappointed as well. While we are not required to follow Governor

Cooper's restrictions or our Synod's recommendations, we have prayerfully made this decision out of love and concern for the health and safety of our church family and community, particularly the most vulnerable among us.

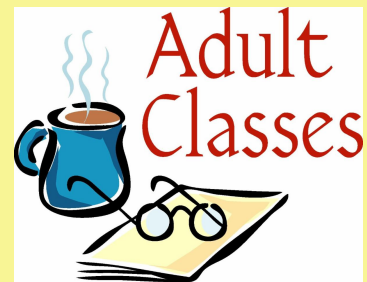
The Council is scheduled to meet again in two weeks to evaluate available information and consider a date to return to in person worship. In the meantime we will continue to offer weekly worship on Sunday mornings via YouTube and Facebook, drive-in Holy Communion Services on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, gather food for CCM and other helping agencies, and begin to plan activities and services for Advent and Christmas (inside and outside) that allow us to gather as safely as possible.

Please let us know if you have questions or concerns, and as always, remember we are not alone in these uneasy times – God is with us and faithful – and that makes all the difference.

In Christ,

Pastor Tony
Kenny Propst, Council President

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ZOOM



Frank Irvin will be offering a Zoom Sunday School class on Sunday mornings at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited. Please have a Bible or Bible App ready because we're going to look outside the texts listed in the lesson. Click on the link below to join in the discussion.

[Study Guide- Isaac and Rebekah](#)

[Join Zoom Class](#)

CHURCH NEWS



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 15

9:30 am Online Worship Service
10:00 am Budget Q&A
11:30 am Zoom Sunday School
5:00 pm Youth In-Person

Wednesday, November 18

9:30 pm College Online

Thursday, November 19

6:30 pm Bible Heroes Pre - 2
7:00 pm Bible Heroes 3 - 5

Sunday, November 22

10:00 am Online Worship Service
5:00 pm Youth Zoom Meeting

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

15-Nov. Douglas McAnulty

15-Nov. Jimmy Summer

16-Nov. Heidi Patterson

16-Nov. Noah Pittard

17-Nov. Jane Craver

17-Nov. Buddy McEachern

18-Nov. Emerson Baker

19-Nov. LeeAnn Miller

20-Nov. Ralph Barnhardt



SPENDING PLAN Q&A

November 15

There will be a Spending Plan Question and Answer on Sunday, November 15 at 10:00 am. It will be led by Kenny Propst and Frank Irvin. You should have received a link in your email to join this meeting if you desire. If you did not receive the link, you may click on the link below to join.



[Click to Join Budget Q&A](#)

SOCIAL MINISTRY

CUDDLE UP COAT DRIVE

The Cabarrus Partnership for Children kicked off its 14th annual Cuddle Up Coat Drive on October 1st. This winter, more than ever, we need your help to ensure all of our

community's children are warm.

In an effort to keep our families, children, and staff safe, we will not be accepting coats, socks, underwear, mittens or hats this year. Instead we are asking for checks (written to St. James Lutheran Church, note Coat Drive in the memo line), so that the Partnership staff can purchase the coats and winter items that local children need.



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

St. James will be ringing the bell for Salvation Army on Friday, December 4 and December 11. The location is Sam's Club at the Northlite

Shopping Center at Exit #60.

[Reserve Your Spot](#)

CCM FOOD PANTRY

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 Green Beans
- Canned Corn
- Baked Beans (Pork & Beans)
- Other canned beans except for Pinto (black, kidney, chili, etc.)
- Any dried beans
- Rice
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned pasta w/ meat (spaghetti w/ meatballs, ravioli, etc.)

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

Right now, **we have plenty** of the following:

- Canned chicken and tuna
- Canned sweet potatoes

- Mixed Vegetables
- Canned Pinto Beans
- Canned fruit
- Spaghetti noodles
- Peanut Butter
- Cereal
- Toilet Paper

CHURCH-WIDE NEWS



HOSPICE / PALATIVE CARE

For more than 35 years, Hospice & Palliative Care of Cabarrus County has been providing expert, personalized and compassionate care for those nearing the end of their life due to an illness or a disease for which there is no cure.

Hospice care focuses on helping the patient feel as comfortable as possible, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

For the past 10 years, Hospice has partnered with Carolina Memorial Park on a project that gives families an opportunity to memorialize a loved one and raises awareness for the work that HPCCC is doing in the community. For a minimum \$3 donation, you can purchase an ornament that will be inscribed with your loved one's name with all proceeds benefiting Hospice. During the holidays, the ornaments will be displayed on lighted trees at Carolina Memorial Park, 601 Mt. Olivet Rd. in Kannapolis.

Thank you in advance for your support. For questions, call 704-403-5277 or email Kristen.Kitchen@atriumhealth.org.

[Order Form](#)

ELCA GOOD GIFTS

Wondering how to make a positive impact in the world right now? With ELCA Good Gifts, you can choose from 50 charitable gifts to give in honor of friends and loved ones. Each one of these gifts makes a real impact in the world, sharing the love of Christ — one goat, water well or school uniform at a time.

Start your holiday shopping now and order free, customized cards for each gift you give. Please give by Dec. 10, 2020, to ensure that your cards arrive in time for Christmas.



[Shop Now](#)

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

YOUTH REGATHERING

We were able to gather in person in March and that was the last time we were able to meet in person, up until NOW! The Synod Guidelines have change and now Youth and Children may gather together within these guidelines:

- · Outside only
 - · Wear masks
 - · Practice social distancing
 - · Have no more than 25 people total
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- **November 15** Youth In-Person
 - **November 22** Youth Zoom
 - **November 29** No Youth



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.

The need for your giving and support continues, even though we have had to cancel gathering and corporate worship services.

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