

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20

[Website](#)

[Youtube](#)

[Facebook](#)

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM



Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of

Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

LESSONS FOR THE WEEK *(Links in blue)*

First Reading [Jeremiah 23:1-6](#)

Psalm [Psalm 46](#)

Second Reading [Colossians 1:11-20](#)



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.

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 20, 2022
10:00 A.M.

Introduction to Today's Worship

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.



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 Worship will be Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

[**DOWNLOAD WEEKLY
BULLETIN**](#)

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will follow the worship service today. Agenda items include electing four members to Council, electing two members for voting delegates for NC Synod Assembly next year and voting on the 2023 Budget. Chat will be enabled on the livestream so that you can ask a question or vote. You will need to identify yourself if you utilize chat.

[**WATCH THE
LIVESTREAM**](#)



**ON THE CALENDAR
THIS WEEK**

ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 20

9:00 am Adult & Children's
Sunday School

9:15 am Parish Choir

9:45 am Livestream Begins

10:00 am Worship-Annual
Meeting

2:00 pm Confirmation

4:30 pm Youth Gathering at
St. James

Monday, November 21

10:30 am Quilter's Group

6:30 pm Scouts

Wednesday, November 23

2:00 pm Staff Meeting

6:00 pm Handbells

7:00 pm Parish Choir

9:30 pm College Online

Thursday, November 24

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 25

Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 27

9:00 am Adult & Children's
Sunday School

9:15 am Parish Choir

9:45 am Livestream Begins

10:00 am Worship

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

20-Nov Ralph Barnhardt

21-Nov Brynlee Green

21-Nov Ian Cashion Tonog

26-Nov Lauri Fowler

UPCOMING DATES:

Nov 18 Port-A-Pit

Nov 20 Annual Meeting

Nov 27 1st Sunday of
Advent

Nov 30 Wednesday Nights
Together

Dec 02 Parents' Night Out

Dec 03 Blood Drive

Dec 04 SJ Tree Lighting-
Garden Lot

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

LECTOR/INTERCESSORS

Nov. 20 Gretchen Walker

Nov. 27 Kenny Propst

Dec. 04 Mark Murphy

GREETERS

Nov 20 Sylvia Corl

Nov 27 Joyce Smith

Dec 04 Maureen Hollmeyer

Dec. 11 Juanita Fitts

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Nov. 20 Frank Irvin
Nov. 27 Margaret Garrison
Dec. 04 Jodi Ramirez
Dec. 11 Mark Murphy

ACOLYTES

Nov. 20 Jacob and Josh Rinker
Jason and Noah Pittard
Nov. 27 Jacob and Josh Rinker

VIDEOGRAPHER

Nov. 20 Dale Merrell
Nov. 27 Kenny Propst
Dec. 04 Wendell Overby
Dec. 11 Wendell Overby

LIGHTING ADVENT WREATH

Nov 27 Rinker Family
Dec 04 DeGrace Family
Dec 11 Parks Family
Dec 18 Lovelace Family

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.

Children's Church Schedule

November 20 - TBD

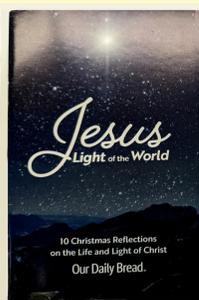
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Flex Classroom - 9:00 am

Meet in the Flex Room (Cook Class) at 9:00 am. Frank Irvin will be the facilitator.

[Lesson Resources](#)

Scripture for Lesson



DEVOTIONALS

We have new Devotionals available, *Our Daily Bread*, *Jesus, Light of the World* and an *Fling Wide the Door*, an Advent Family Devotional from Luther's Seminary. These devotionals can be found in the Narthex and in the rack outside the office.

CHURCH NEWS

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held at the end of worship on Sunday, November 20. You will be electing four members to the Congregation Council and also two voting members for the NC Synod Assembly next May in Greensboro. The purposed 2023 budget will also be voted upon. **A voting member is defined as a Confirmed Member who has Communed and Contributed in the past year.**



The meeting will be streamed live on our Youtube channel. A moderated Chat will be available for you to offer questions and/or to vote. If you participate in Chat you will need to identify yourself.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING / GIFT BAGS

We will be Christmas Caroling our homebound members on December 18th. At that time we will



also be taking Gift Bags to these members. There will be a basket in the Portico and outside the office for donation of items. These items need to be brought by Sunday, December 4th.

Suggested items:

- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Band-aids
- Kleenex tissues
- Hand cream
- Hard candy
- Fruit
- Specialty tea
- Gift cards to favorite takeout restaurant
- Crossword puzzles and pens
- Sudoku puzzles
- Adult coloring books and colored pencils or markers
- Other items that would be appreciated by homebound

The Mary Magdalene Circle will meet and fill the bags. More information on the Caroling will be coming soon. Everyone is invited to participate.



BOSTON BUTTS FOR THANKSGIVING

Our BSA scouting units are preparing BBQ Boston Butts for Thanksgiving. The roasts are 7 to 10 pounds , and will be delivered

to the church Wednesday November 23 at 9:00 am. The cost is \$40.

To preorder call Chef Eugene Wensil 704-918-7200 or Tommy Propst will be at church in the portico area Sunday, November 20 before and after worship to take orders. Checks may be written to Scout Troop 91. Credit cards will also be accepted.



POPCORN THIS SUNDAY!

Our Scouts will have popcorn available for sale in the portico area this Sunday at a discounted price . Prices are \$12 for caramel corn, \$15 for 2 boxes of microwavable butter, and \$15 for white cheddar cheese corn. This

fundraiser is to pay for summer camp, which like everything else, has increased in cost.



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](#)



THIS CHRISTMAS,

*there is a place
for you here*

If you are seeking a place to call home this holiday, we are right in your neighborhood. Join us as we sing, worship and celebrate Christ's birth.



St. James Lutheran Church

104 Union St. S, Concord, NC 28025

Facebook: @stjamesnc

YouTube: @stjameslutheranconcord

Website: www.sjnc.net

Celebrate the Season

Advent Worship

10:00 am each Sunday

1st Sunday—November 27

2nd Sunday—December 4

3rd Sunday—December 11

4th Sunday—December 18



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	TIME
2-Dec	Parents' Night Out	Calvary Lutheran	6:30 PM
4-Dec	SJ Tree Lighting	SJ-Garden Lot	6:00 PM
11-Dec	Bethlehem at the Farm	Far Fetched Farm	4:00 PM
18-Dec	Homebound Caroling	Meet at SJ	2:30 PM
18-Dec	Rowan Big Band Concert	Calvary Lutheran	5:00 PM
24-Dec	Family Christmas Eve	SJ Sanctuary	5:30 PM
24-Dec	Candlelight Christmas Eve	SJ Sanctuary	11:00 PM
25-Dec	Lessons and Carols	SJ Sanctuary	10:00 AM

More information on these events can be found on our webpage:
[www.https://sjnc.net/upcoming-events](https://sjnc.net/upcoming-events)

POINSETTIAS

This Christmas we can honor our loved ones and beautifully decorate our

sanctuary for Christmas. We will once again have the beautiful Poinsettia Tree surrounding the altar. We will list tributes in the Ring Out Newsletter and the bulletin.



**Deadline for Orders - Monday
December 5
Cost - \$15 each**

[Order Online](#)

SOCIAL MINISTRY



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Again this year, St James will be ringing the bells for Salvation Army. Help us to spread a

little Christmas Cheer to those in need in our community. Our dates for ringing are Friday, December 2 and Friday, December 9. One hour time slots run beginning at 10:00 am and the last hour begins at 7:00 pm.

We are at the same site as last year, Sam's Club at the North Lite shopping center in Kannapolis (near I-85 Exit 60). Any questions, please call Mark Murphy 704-301-2816

[Register to Ring](#)

MY FATHER'S HOUSE

St. James and St. Johns Lutheran will be hosting My Father's House Ministry, December 12, and 13. This quarter only two dinner meals are required and St. James will provide the meal for Monday December 12. There are presently 8 adults (including staff) and 8 children in the Ministry. If you can provide an item for the meal for December 12, please contact Sylvia Corl if you are able to help. Thanks so much for your help with this needed Ministry. Sylvia



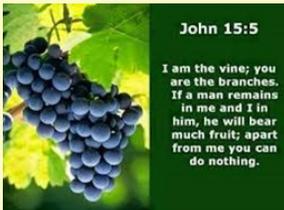
We are in the midst of the holiday food drive season, and are being blessed with so many wonderful food drives that help us to replenish our inventories. However, we're continuing to see a big increase in the numbers of families coming for food assistance. In the first 10 operating days of November, the Crisis Center Food Pantry served 411 households. If that pace continues—and it probably will, we will serve well over 800 households this month, making it one of the biggest months in the last several years. So a lot of the food that is coming in is already going right back out the door to our neighbors in need.

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

- Any kind of canned vegetables, especially mixed vegetables, carrots, and potatoes
- Diced Tomatoes
- Dried Pinto Beans
- Any kind of canned beans (Baked, black, pinto, kidney, etc.)
- Any Canned Fruit
- 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

Emmanuel Lutheran

Church Lincolnton, NC

216 S Aspen St
Lincolnton, NC 28092

Pastor Michael Collins

Learn More about
[Emmanuel Lutheran Church](#)



CAROLE GRADY MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

Please join us for the annual Blood Drive in memory of Carole Grady! The drive will be at St. James Lutheran Church parking lot.

Saturday, December 3 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

We will have buses for whole blood donations and a bus for platelet donations! Both are greatly needed and appreciated! Please help us reach our goal to fill these buses with your lifesaving donations in memory of Carole! They'll even bring additional buses if we need them! We need everyone signed up soon so OneBlood can make accommodations for our turnout!

Donate and receive a \$20 E-gift card and a fleece blanket.

**Donate Whole
Blood**

**Donate
Platelets**

PIEDMONT CHORAL SOCIETY

Christmas Concerts

55 voice community choir
with professional orchestra

Beautiful Choral and Orchestral Arrangements
Familiar Carols and Seasonal Favorites

Joseph D. Judge - Director
Dr. Don Simmons - Accompanist

Friday - December 2 | 7 pm

Sunday - December 4 | 3 pm

Free Event - All Are Welcome

Forest Hill United Methodist Church
265 Union Street North
Concord, North Carolina

INFO: piedmontchoralsociety.org | 
Kay Yates: 704-699-6053 | pcsconcordnc@gmail.com

YOUTH MINISTRY

Calvary—St. James

January



UPCOMING DATES

- **Port-A-Pit** November 18
- **College Online** November 16\
- **Polar Express Parents' Night Out** December 2
- **Bethlehem at the Farm** December 11



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 at the door.

Proceeds to Calvary/St. James Youth Ministry

**SCRIP IS NOW
AVAILABLE AT ST.
JAMES!**



What is SCRIP? SCRIP is an ongoing fundraiser that helps to support the Youth Ministries of St. James and Calvary. SCRIP is a gift card program where Youth Ministry earns from 5% up to 20% on cards sold.

Purchase cards for your routine expenses like groceries, gas, and

restaurants and the Youth Ministry benefits. It is a convenient and an easy way for you to support the Youth Ministry.

There are many types of cards available: Food Lion, Walmart, Belk, Home Depot, Lowes, Chipotle, Taco Bell, Marriott, Hilton, Disney, Carnival, BP, Mobile, just to name a few.

We have over \$14,000 of inventory available, so often we have the card you need on hand for immediate purchase. However, if we do not have what you want, we can order it. Orders are made on Sunday evening and the cards typically arrive on Thursday of the same week.

Starting in December, you can find Laura Overby in the foyer of the Portico entrance before and after worship service at St. James. Gift cards make great Christmas gifts, birthday gifts and can be used for groceries, gas, home improvement and restaurants. Please stop by to see Laura and support the Youth Ministry by purchasing SCRIP.

What Gift Cards Are Available



POLAR EXPRESS PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday Night, December 2
6:30 to 9:00 pm



WHERE: Calvary Lutheran Church, 950 Bradley Street, Concord, NC 28025

WHAT: We will have a pizza dinner, games, God time and a movie. Everyone will receive a souvenir ticket to the Polar Express!

SIGNUP: Please complete the form below to sign your child up to participate. This is for ages 3 years through 5th grade.

[Register 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.



[Give Now](#)

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](#)

[{View as Webpage}](#)

Church Office: 704-786-0166

Website: www.sjnc.net

Church Email info@sjnc.net



Saint James Lutheran Church | 104 Union Street, South, PO Box 684, Concord, NC 28025

[Unsubscribe keith@sjnc.net](#)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by keith@sjnc.net powered by



Try email marketing for free today!