

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP Sunday, November 21

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 November 21 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 November 21](#)

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Sunday, November 21

9:00 am Adult Sunday Sch
9:50 am Live Stream Begins
10:00 am In-Person Worship
11:00 am Annual Meeting
11:30 am Committal of Ashes for Susan Cooke
3:00 pm Confirmation at St. John's
4:00 pm Youth Gathering



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

21-Nov Ian Tonog Cashion
26-Nov Lauri Fowler

Monday, November 22
10:30 am Quilting Group
6:30 pm Scouts

Wednesday, November 24
6:30 pm Bible Heroes
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 25
Thanksgiving Day
Office Closed

Friday, November 26
Office Closed

Sunday, November 28
9:00 am Adult Sunday Sch
9:50 am Live Stream Begins
10:00 am In-Person Worship

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **Congregation Annual Meeting:** November 21
- **Outdoor Tree Lighting at St. James:** November 28
- **Salvation Army Bell Ringing:** December 1,8
- **Blood Drive:** December 4
- **Bethlehem at the Farm:** December 5

CHURCH NEWS



ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting: Nov. 21 (after worship) for the purpose of electing the 2022 Council and voting on the 2022 Ministry Spending Plan.

COMMITTAL OF ASHES Mary Susan Cooke

Immediately following the Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 21 there will be a committal of ashes for Mary Susan Cooke. Many of you remember her involvement in the choir and handbell choir at St. James. The Annual Meeting follows 10:00 worship and the committal



of ashes will immediately follow the meeting. Join us as we remember Susan's life.



Smoked Boston Butt

BOSTON BUTTS FOR THANKSGIVING

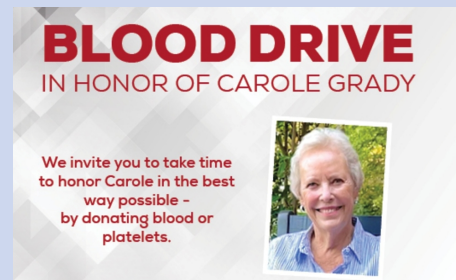
Our BSA scouting units are preparing BBQ Boston Butts for Thanksgiving. The roasts are 7 to 10

pounds , and will be delivered to the church Wednesday November 24 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 this Sunday before and after worship to take orders. Checks may be written to Scout Troop 91.

BLOOD DRIVE IN HONOR OF CAROLE GRADY

**Saturday, December 4
10:00-4:00**



Please join us for the First Annual Blood Drive Honoring Carole Grady! The drive will be at St. James Lutheran Church parking lot on

We will have buses for whole blood donations and a NEW 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 honor 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!

You will receive a OneBlood Fleece Blanket and a \$10 e-card for your donation, but more than that, you will be giving the gift of life in honor of Carole!!

WHOLE BLOOD SIGNUP

PLATELET SIGNUP

ST. JAMES OUTDOOR TREE LIGHTING



Join us on Sunday, November 28 at 5:30 for our outdoor tree lighting. The tree will be located in the Garden Lot. There will be a short service as we begin the season of hope and expectation-- Advent.

Again, we are asking families to bring an ornament to help decorate the tree. There will also be a craft time for children beginning at 4:30 to create an ornament for our tree and also create an ornament to hang on their tree at

home.

[WATCH THE VIDEO OF LAST YEAR'S TREE](#)



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

On the first two Wednesdays in December, December 1 and December 8. St James

Lutheran will be ringing the bells for Salvation Army at Sam's Club in Kannapolis. One hour times run begin at 10:00 am and the last hour begins at 8:00 pm. If you have any questions, you may contact Mark Murphy.

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ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

Luther Seminary invites you to use the 2021 Advent devotional, "Filled with Hope and Gratitude" for personal or congregational use this Advent.



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DIGITAL ADVENT CALENDAR

As we await the coming of the



Christ child, enjoy this **digital Advent calendar** for your own use or for use with your congregation. Start each day of Advent by opening a "door" to a prayer or a song which will enhance your journey to the manger.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

CCM FOOD PANTRY NOVEMBER



We have experienced a significant jump in the number of households seeking food assistance across the whole CCM Food Program (all pantries, Samaritan's Table, etc.) this month. At the Crisis Center through this past Friday (10 service days) we have served 359 households representing 1,311 individuals (average family size 3.6!). Of those, 53 households (15%) had not been to CCM for assistance before! We are guessing that many more households are experiencing the squeeze of rapidly increasing rentals costs.

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:

- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Canned Green Beans
- Canned Corn
- Canned Pinto Beans and Baked Beans (pork & beans)
- Soup
- Pasta Sauce
- Rice (1lb or 2lb)
- Canned Fruit
- Cereal
- Diapers (all sizes)

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

CHURCHWIDE NEWS

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:

St. Timothy Lutheran Church Havelock, NC

140 US-70
Havelock, NC 28532
Pastor: Janice Larson



Learn More about

[St. Timothy Lutheran](#)

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



NOVEMBER YOUTH CALENDAR

BIBLE HEROES

- Nov. 17

YOUTH MEETINGS

- Nov. 21



*YOUR FAMILY IS INVITED TO ENJOY
A VERY SPECIAL OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE CALLED*

BETHLEHEM AT THE FARM

Come meet the Shepherds and Wise men. Experience the hands-on Marketplace where you can create crafts and enjoy a warm drink of apple cider. Listen to the storyteller, meet the Inn Keeper and his wife and visit the manger. This is a night to celebrate the birth of Jesus and all are invited to participate.

Sunday evening, December 5 from 4:00 to 7:00pm

At Far Fetched Farm

835 Bradford Drive

Concord, NC 28025

To sign up visit:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C49A9A828A4FCC43-bethlehem>

Or call

Calvary Lutheran 704-782-6923—or—St. James Lutheran 704-786-0166

We hope to see you and your family at Bethlehem.

Sign Up 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.

ONLINE GIVING



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