

# Ring Out

## A Weekly Newsletter



### St. James Lutheran Church

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

## WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22



Worship Bulletin Nov. 22

### Christ the King Sunday

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

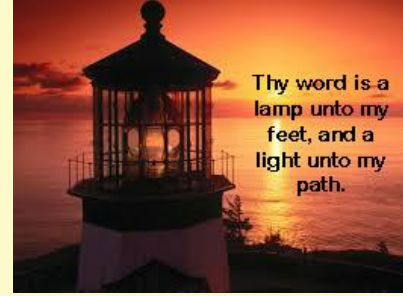
## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**First Reading** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

**Psalm** Psalm 95:1-7a

**Second Reading** Ephesians 1:15-23

**Gospel** Matthew 25:31-46



## Readings for November 22



bulletin and follow along with the service.

## ONLINE WORSHIP

Online Worship for Sunday, November 22 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



## IN-PERSON WORSHIP

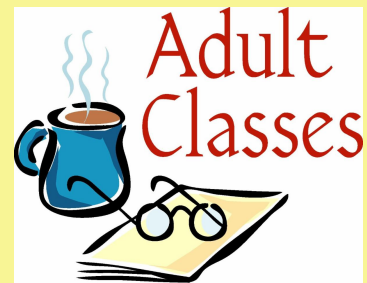
In-person worship has been delayed due to the latest guidelines from Governor Cooper. We will notify you when in-person will begin.

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING November 22



The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held virtually this year. On Sunday morning, November 22 you will receive an email that will have a welcome video by Congregational President, Kenny Propst, a link to an online ballot or a paper ballot can be downloaded and printed and dropped by the church. The ballot will be to vote for Congregation Council and to adopt the 2021 Spending Plan.

# 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- Jacob and Esau

[Join Zoom Class](#)

## CHURCH NEWS



## ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

### Sunday, November 22

9:30 am Online Worship Service  
10:00 am Zoom Sunday School  
11:00 am Pre-Confirmation  
2:00 pm Confirmation Cluster  
5:00 pm Youth Zoom

### Tuesday, November 24

6:00 pm Congregation Council-Zoom

### Wednesday, November 25

7:00 pm Drive-In  
Worship/Communion

### Thursday, November 26

Church Office Closed

### Friday, November 27

Church Office Closed

### Sunday, November 29

9:30 am Online Worship Service  
10:00 am Zoom Sunday School  
No Youth

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

26-Nov. Lauri Fowler

28-Nov. Lee Caffrey

28-Nov. Kyleigh Hughes







## ADVENT WREATH KIT

Create your own family Advent wreath to light at home during this Advent season. St. James will be providing the materials for you to make your own wreath. The kits can be picked up at the church from 10:00 -12:00 on Saturday, November 28 or contact the church office to drive by and get your kit.

## BBQ BOSTON BUTTS

The Boy Scout Troop will be preparing and selling BBQ Boston Butts for Thanksgiving. Chef Eugene Wensil will slow roast them and have them ready for pickup on Wednesday, November 25th between 9:00 - 10:00 am. The cost is \$40 each.



Please place your order by this **Monday, November 23** with Eugene (704) 918-7200 or Tommy [tptuna@vnet.net](mailto:tptuna@vnet.net)

We always appreciate donations to Scout Troop 91 as well to assist with the cost of Scouting.

## 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

We also are sending out a LOT of food! In recent months we have averaged serving between 750 and 800 households through our drive-through food pantry at our Crisis Center. With our satellite pantries and other food programs, we are serving about 1,500 households a month! In the first two weeks of November, we had already served 500 households, including 80 in one day on November 2! So almost as fast as the food is donated, we're distributing it.



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
- Macaroni & Cheese
- 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
- Canned Pinto Beans
- Canned fruit
- Spaghetti noodles
- Peanut Butter
- Cereal

# CHURCH-WIDE NEWS

## 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](#)



## ONE CANDLE-- VIRTUAL ADVENT EVENT

Join this Virtual Advent Event for 2020 that focuses on the power of one candle to unite neighbors for hope, for peace, for joy, for love, for Christ-with-us. How to participate:

- **Register** your church or household.
- **Download** a graphic to create your own lawn sign or window sign or door sign.
- **Use or adapt the One Candle liturgy** for prayer in your community or home as we light one candle each Sunday of Advent. (This resource is free for liturgical use.)
- Join the **Facebook Group** for videos messages from other "One Candle" neighbors.

## HURRICANE RELIEF

Dear friends,  
On Nov. 2, Hurricane Eta, a powerful Category 4 storm, hit Nicaragua, Honduras and Guatemala. Throughout Central America, at least 171 people died. Winds as high as 150 mph caused power outages and



**Give now for hurricanes  
Eta and Iota response**



structural damage while heavy rains caused catastrophic flooding and landslides, damaging homes, crops, roads and bridges. Just two weeks later, Hurricane Iota made landfall in Nicaragua, 15 miles from where Hurricane Eta had made landfall. Iota was the first Category 5 hurricane of the 2020 season, but it weakened to a Category 4 hurricane as it made landfall. It brought strong winds and rains to areas already devastated by Hurricane Eta, hampering any ongoing recovery.

To assess the immediate needs and initiate a response, Lutheran Disaster Response is engaging with many companion churches and ecumenical partners in the region, including ACT Alliance, Iglesia Cristiana Luterana de Honduras, Comisión de Acción Social Menonita, Church World Service, Iglesia Luterana Augustina de Guatemala and Iglesia Luterana de Nicaragua "Fe y Esperanza." While the extent of the damage is not yet known, we will accompany devastated communities from immediate relief through long-term recovery. This is an important part of Christ's call on our church.

**Please give today. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those whose lives have been devastated by hurricanes Eta and Iota. Gifts designated for "Hurricane Response" will be used entirely (100%) for direct response until it is complete.**

Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricanes. Please join me in prayer and partnership, and stay connected to the latest events and our response to this and other disasters through our **Facebook** page.

With gratitude for your partnership,

The Rev. Daniel Rift

Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Funding  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## 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
  
- **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.**

[Give Now](#)

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