

Saint James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On Sunday, we will remember the life of each of these faithful departed who have entered the church triumphant during the last year.



Jane Ellen Biggers Brown	December 19, 2020
Richard Arthur Benz	January 6, 2021
Parks Ray Faggart	January 9, 2021
Don Reid Eng	March 1, 2021
Sandy Burris Barnhardt	April 2, 2021
Martha Lou Faggart Kelley	April 10, 2021
Phyllis Nelms Harward	May 7, 2021
David Thomas Hartgen	May 22, 2021
Jimmy Clark Marlow, Sr.	May 27, 2021
Betty Battle Bell	June 9, 2021
James Monroe Allison, Sr.	July 24, 2021



IN-PERSON WORSHIP Sunday, November 7

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 7 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 7](#)

[Watch Livestream](#)



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Sunday, November 7

9:00 am Adult Sunday Sch

9:50 am Live Stream Begins

10:00 am In-Person Worship

Monday, November 8

10:30 am Quilting Group

6:30 pm Scouts



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, November 9
6:00 am Church Council

Wednesday, November 10
6:30 pm Bible Heroes
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
9:30 pm College Online

Sunday, November 14
9:00 am Adult Sunday Sch
9:50 am Live Stream Begins
10:00 am In-Person Worship

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due:**
November 7
- **Port-A-Pit BBQ:**
November 12
- **Budget Q & A:**
November 14
- **Saint James Annual Meeting:** November 21
- **Salvation Army Bell Ringing:** December 1 & 8
- **Blood Drive:** December 4

07-Nov Brittany Wilson

08-Nov Deb Bradshaw

09-Nov Chip Harward

10-Nov Edith Gonynor

10-Nov Orietta Grady

10-Nov Bradley Propst

11-Nov Jazmin Harward

11-Nov Ben Kuly

11-Nov Erin Kuly

11-Nov Tom Ridenhour

CHURCH NEWS



FROM THE PASTOR

November and its celebration of Thanksgiving is often thought of as a time of giving thanks and appropriately so... especially this year, for after 18 months of

masks and social distancing we are finally seeing a light at the end of the tunnel. There is much reason to be thankful...including the discovery of what we already knew to be true...that God is faithful.

November also marks the end of the church calendar. It begins with All Saints

Sunday (November 7) where we remember those brothers and sisters in Christ who now rest in the Lord and for whose lives and witness to God we give thanks; and it ends with Christ the King Sunday (November 21), another day of remembering and giving thanks, for unlike the governments and leaders of this world who disappoint us and prove undependable, God is just, righteous, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love.

As part of our life together, at the conclusion of worship on November 21, we will hold a congregational meeting to consider a 2022 ministry spending plan and elect church council members.

A copy of the budget is available in the church office and at both the narthex (front entrance) and portico (rear entrance). You may also download a copy by clicking on this link. [2022 Ministry Spending Plan](#)

At the conclusion of worship on November 14 the council will offer a question and answer time in the sanctuary. If you have questions or concerns about the proposed budget and cannot attend on November 14 please forward them to the church office.

While there are four positions open on council for 2022, **the ballot proposed by the nominating committee currently includes only three individuals open to serving (Elizabeth Hurley, Frank Irvin, Dee Pieschel).** We will continue to receive names through November 14. If you would like to nominate someone for council please complete a nomination form and return it to the church office. Copies of the form are available at the same locations as the church budget.

This is a very important process; it provides shape and leadership for our shared ministry and stewardship of God's good creation; and I encourage you to attend.

No matter what lies before us, I remain thankful and hopeful for the ministry we share together... not because of our gifts and faithfulness, but for the love and faithfulness of the one who entrusts us with good gifts and makes our faithfulness and lives possible...the God we worship as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Peace,
Pastor Tony

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoeboxes must be returned by **November 7.**



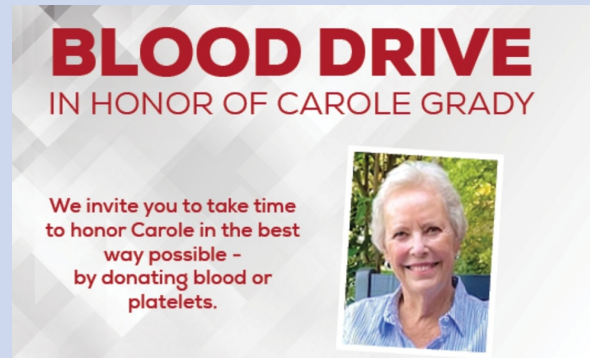


ANNUAL MEETING

Question & Answer on Ministry Spending Plan: Nov. 14 (after worship)
Annual Meeting: Nov. 21 (after worship) for the purpose of electing the 2022 Council and voting on the 2022 Ministry Spending Plan.

BLOOD DRIVE IN HONOR OF CAROLE GRADY

Please join us for the First Annual Blood Drive Honoring Carole Grady! The drive will be at St. James Lutheran Church parking lot on **Saturday, December 4 from 10:00-4:00!**



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 Sign Up

Platelet Sign Up

MEAL TRAIN FOR JIMMY AND MARTHA SUMMERS

We are looking for volunteers to prepare and deliver two meals per week to Jimmy and Martha Summers. Use the link below to sign up. Thank you for considering this important ministry to help two of our members.



[Sign Up Now](#)



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.

[Sign Up Now](#)



OCTOBER MEMORIALS

To the Glory of God and
In Loving Memory

Jim Allison

By Alex, Lex, Laura and John Patterson (Cemetery Fund)

Lee David Ballard

By Ed and Betsy Ballard

Betty Bell

By Alex, Lex, Laura and John Patterson (Cemetery Fund)

Richard Benz

By Alex, Lex, Laura and John Patterson (Cemetery Fund)

Jimmy Marlow

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SOCIAL MINISTRY

CCM FOOD PANTRY

NOVEMBER



In the CCM Food Program, we have become increasingly aware that there are some hard-working folks in our community who are still food-insecure. Whether they are not being paid livable wages, or because of the skyrocketing housing costs, or for others reasons, they still face difficult decisions about food purchases and find themselves unable to adequately provide for their families. However, because of their work hours they are unable to visit our Crisis Center pantry during our regular hours, without taking time off from work (often unpaid). To alleviate this, we have decided to open up one evening a week. **Beginning November 4th we will reopen our Crisis Center drive-through pantry from 3:30 to 6:30 pm.** Obviously, this move will probably increase the overall demand for food.

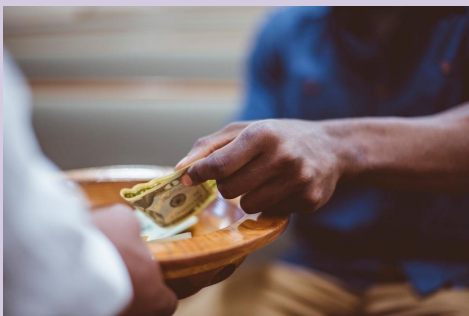
Donations can be dropped by the church during office hours. Pull up under the Portico and call the office. 704-786-0166

Our current big needs are:

- Canned Chicken and Tuna
- Canned Pasta with Meat
- Beef Stew
- Chili with Meat
- Canned Green Beans
- Canned Corn
- Canned Carrots, Peas, Potatoes, and Mixed Veggies
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Canned Pinto Beans
- Soup
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Toilet paper

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

CHURCHWIDE NEWS



STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Bishop Tim Smith

It's not recognized as liturgical, but it's here in most of our congregations nevertheless: Stewardship Season. It usually coincides with another important but less visible season: Budget Time. For many, neither is

among the more enjoyable or inspiring periods of our church year.

As a young pastor, I loathed that season, in part because of people's pushback. "That's all the church cares about—the Almighty Dollar!" "Do we have to talk about money ALL the time!?" "Yeah, sure, that little preacher wants us to give more to the church because he thinks he needs and deserves a raise. Well, somebody should tell him, in the REAL world...." "Preacher, we really like you, but people are starting to complain. We're not used to hearing about money from the pulpit!"

Mark's Gospel of late repeatedly reminds us that servanthood is what makes us great. How does that apply to our money? Well, money itself has no intrinsic value. It's only as good as that for which it can be exchanged. What if we thought about money—and time and talent—as stored servanthood? What if we looked at our checkbook registers and credit card statements and online banking and asked, "How am I releasing what is entrusted to me as a follower and servant of Christ?" Or not, as the case may be?

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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. Andrews Lutheran Church Mount Airey, NC

1401 Fancy Gap Road
Mount Airy, North Carolina 27030
(336) 789-4315
Pastor: Rosa Erickson



Learn More about
[St. Andrews 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. 3
- Nov. 10
- Nov. 17

YOUTH MEETINGS

- Nov. 14
- Nov. 21

PORT-A-PIT BBQ

Friday, November 12
11:30 am - 7:00 pm



Our Youth Ministry will be hosting a Port-A-Pit BBQ Chicken Dinner fundraiser on Friday, November 12 from 11:30 am – 7:00 pm. The dinner includes a ½ chicken, beans, slaw and a roll for \$10.00 per plate. Desserts will be offered for a donation. You may purchase your ticket from Chris Miller, Mark Murphy, Laura Overby or Noah Pittard.

You may also call the church office if you would like to volunteer to help in the kitchen. if you would like to assist the youth by making a dessert for that day, it would be greatly appreciated. There are volunteer sign up sheets on the bulletin board downstairs. All funds raised will go to support our youth ministry. this event is located in the fellowship hall at Calvary. This is for Take Out Only.

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](#)

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- **Jill Irvin**, *Financial Administrator* [Email](#)
- **Keith Sutton**, *Parish Administrator* [Email](#)
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