

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF DECEMBER 5



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP Sunday, December 5

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. Congregational singing has resumed with masks.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Live Streamed

Online Worship for December 5 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.



Saint James Lutheran Church

A Parish of the North Carolina Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 5, 2021
10:00 A.M.

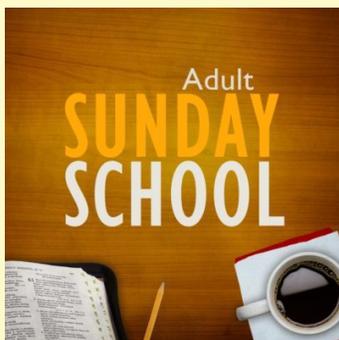
Introduction to Today's Worship

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."



[Bulletin for December 5](#)

[Watch Livestream](#)



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

An Adult Sunday School class will be offered on Sunday mornings at **9:00 a.m.** in the Cook Fellowship Classroom. Frank Irvin will be teaching and everyone is invited. Please have a Bible or Bible App ready because we're going to look outside the texts listed in the lesson.

[Worship in the Tabernacle - Study Guide](#)

[Worship in the Tabernacle - Scripture](#)

ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 5

9:50 am Live Stream Begins
10:00 am In-Person Worship
11:15 am Christmas Program
Planning
4:00-7:00 pm Bethlehem at
the Farm

Monday, December 6

10:30 am Quilting Group
6:30 pm Scouts

Wednesday, December 8

6:30 pm Bible Heroes
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
10:00-8:00 Salvation Army
Bell Ringing

Sunday, December 12

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



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

06-Dec Marshall Cromer

06-Dec Carole Grady

08-Dec Lauren Yoos

10-Dec Jason Urso

11-Dec C. J. Howard III

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **Blood Drive:** December 4
- **Bethlehem at the Farm:** December 5
- **Salvation Army Bell Ringing:** December 8
- **My Father's House:** December 13-14

NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC / ORGANIST

St. James would like to welcome our new Director of Music / Organist, Scott Foppiano. Scott will begin working with the choir next week and will officially join us for the 11:00 service on Christmas Eve. Welcome, Scott!



Scott F. Foppiano was born in Memphis, TN and began study of piano and at an early age, subsequently beginning private study of the organ during his Jr High years. During high school he discovered the Mighty Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ at the historic Orpheum Theatre and was soon featured playing organ overtures and intermissions.

His family relocated to Charlotte following his senior year and he entered the NC School of the Arts as a Keenan Organ Scholar. His formal studies progressed as an Organ Performance Major in Church Music with a double major in Voice. He also studied organ improvisation with Dr. Gerre Hancock at St. Thomas Church Fifth Avenue in NYC as well as with other luminaries of organ pedagogy.

Critically acclaimed and sought as a recitalist, theatre organist and silent film accompanist, he has played and recorded some of the greatest pipe organs in the US, Canada and Europe. He has been a featured convention artist and executive board member, of the American Guild of Organists, Organ Historical Society and American Theatre Organ Society at both local and national levels.

In 2001 Mr. Foppiano and his choir made a 14-day tour of Italy where they sang in the Cathedrals and Basilicas of Milan, Assisi and Florence as well as the Solemn Latin Mass in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome under his direction and organ accompaniment. They were presented to and sang to His Holiness Pope St. John Paul II.

Mr. Foppiano has served as Organist-Choirmaster for several prominent congregations. He has also been very involved as an adjudicator and coach for the ATOS' Young Organist Competition for which, in 2012, his student won the Senior division and was debuted in Santa Monica at the National ATOS convention. In addition to his ecclesiastical duties as a Church musician he maintains an active schedule as a solo performer. During the 2007 ATOS National Convention in New York City he was honored with the title "ATOS Organist of the Year" following his solo recital on the great organ in the Cadet Chapel at the US Military Academy at West Point. In 2016 Mr. Foppiano returned to North Carolina to again be near his family and recently served as the Organist and Director of Music

at Purity Presbyterian Church of Chester, SC and as the Organist/Accompanist at Temple Beth El in Charlotte.



POINSETTIAS

This Christmas we can honor our loved ones and beautifully decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. Monies will be donated to Cabarrus Cooperative Ministries. We will list tributes in the Ring Out Newsletter going out on December 17 and in the bulletin for December 19 and Christmas Eve.

Deadline for Orders - Wednesday December 15

Cost - \$15 each

[**Order Poinsettias Here**](#)

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

CHRISTMAS EVE

DEC. 24TH

5:30 PM & 11:00 PM

This is Christ's church, and there is a place for you here.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

NOVEMBER MEMORIALS

To the Glory of God and
In Loving Memory



Lee David Ballard

By Ed and Betsy Ballard

Bill Wooten

By Ed and Betsy Ballard

Jerry Poole

By Glenda Poole (Designated Gifts)

G. G. Brown

By Robin and Barbara Hayes

By the Barrier Family

MEAL TRAIN FOR THE NORMA AND TONY MOSLEY



What is Meal Train?

There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help them with a meal.

When many friends provide support through a meal, Meal Train keeps everyone organized.

MealTrain.com is a free meal calendar tool that makes planning meals among a wide group easy and less stressful. Please share this information with others.

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MY FATHER'S HOUSE

December 13-15

St. James / St. Johns Lutheran will be hosting My Father's House Ministry, December 13, 14, and 15. St. James will provide the dinner meals on Mon.

Dec. 13 and Tues. Dec. 14. There are presently 6 adults and 13 children in the Ministry. If you can provide an item for the meal for Dec. 13 or Dec. 14, please let Sylvia Corl know and she will be glad to pick up the item from your home and take it to MFH. Thanks so much for your help with this needed Ministry. **Home** 704-786-0296 **Cell** 704-425-8621

HELP DECORATE THE TREE

On this past Sunday afternoon the outside tree was lit and ornaments placed. If you were not able to attend but would like to add an ornament representing your family, please bring your ornament by the garden lot and hang it on the tree. Let's fill the tree!



Social Security

SCAM ALERT

The Social Security Administration will never threaten, scare, or pressure you to take an immediate action.



If you receive a call, text, or email that...

- Threatens to suspend your Social Security number, even if they have part or all of your Social Security number
- Warns of arrest or legal action
- Demands or requests immediate payment
- Requires payment by gift card, prepaid debit card, internet currency, or by mailing cash
- Pressures you for personal information
- Requests secrecy
- Threatens to seize your bank account
- Promises to increase your Social Security benefit
- Tries to gain your trust by providing fake "documentation," false "evidence," or the name of a real government official

...it is a SCAM!

Do not give scammers money or personal

information – Ignore Them!

Protect yourself and others from Social Security-related scams

- Try to stay calm. Do not provide anyone with money or personal information when you feel pressured, threatened, or scared.
- Hang up or ignore it. If you receive a suspicious call, text, or email, hang up or do not respond. Government employees will not threaten you, demand immediate payment, or try to gain your trust by sending you pictures or documents.
- Report Social Security-related scams. If you receive a suspicious call, text, or email that mentions Social Security, ignore it and report it to the [SSA Office of the Inspector General \(OIG\)](#). Do not be embarrassed if you shared personal information or suffered a financial loss.
- Get up-to-date information. Follow SSA OIG on [Twitter @TheSSAOIG](#) and [Facebook @SSA Office of the Inspector General](#) for the latest information on Social Security-related scams. Visit the [Federal Trade Commission](#) for information on other government scams.
- Spread the word. Share your knowledge of Social Security-related scams. Post on social media using the hashtag #SlamtheScam to share your experience and warn others. Visit oig.ssa.gov/scam for more information. Please also share with your friends and family.

[Report a Scam](#)

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



OPEN DOOR HOUSE

We're so thankful for the way you give and your support of The Open Door House this year! Your generosity allowed us to complete our home for young women and provide safe, transitional housing for our first group of young ladies.

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE

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.

Since 2011, Hospice has partnered with Carolina Memorial Park on a project that gives families an opportunity to memorialize a loved one and to raise 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.

Honor Your Loved One
 On a tree at Carolina Memorial Park minimum donation is \$3

Name of loved one: _____
 Your name: _____
 Phone: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____

**Trees will be lit starting
 December 6, 2021**

ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TO
 HOSPICE OF CABARRUS COUNTY.
 MAKE OUT CHECKS TO HPCCC.

Donations Accepted at office of
 Carolina Memorial Park or by
 mailing to:
 Carolina Memorial Park
 P.O. Box 3257
 Concord NC 28025



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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

Ornament Order



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:

Living Waters Lutheran Mission Cherokee, NC

30 Locust Branch Rd,
Cherokee, NC 28719
Pastor: Jack Russell



Learn More about
[Living Waters](#)

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

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\$30 Piglet



\$50 Goat



\$20 Honeybees

YOUTH NEWS



**DECEMBER YOUTH
CALENDAR**

BIBLE HEROES

- Dec. 8

YOUTH MEETINGS

- Dec. 19

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Bethlehem at the Farm: Dec. 5

Wild Caving Retreat: (Tentative): Dec. 10-12

Friday Night at the Movies: Dec. 17

Christmas Gathering / Youth Worship: Dec. 19



*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

DECEMBER YOUTH NEWSLETTER

Looking Back and Looking Forward. Read this month's Youth Newsletter.



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.



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