

# St. James Lutheran Church

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

## Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



### WEEK OF DECEMBER 12



#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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#### IN-PERSON WORSHIP Sunday, December 12

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 12 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.

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 12, 2021  
10:00 A.M.

#### Introduction to Today's Worship

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[Bulletin for December 12](#)

[Watch Livestream](#)



## ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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#### Sunday, December 12

9:50 am Live Stream Begins  
10:00 am In-Person Worship  
2:30 pm Confirmation at St. James  
5:00 pm Rowan Big Band All



### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Stars @ Calvary

**Monday, December 13**

10:30 am Quilting Group

6:30 pm Scouts

*My Father's House*

**Tuesday, December 14**

*My Father's House*

**Wednesday, December 15**

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, December 19**

9:00 am Adult Sunday Sch

9:50 am Live Stream Begins

10:00 am In-Person Worship

4:00 pm Youth Gathering

**13-Dec** Debbie Davis

**15-Dec** Kelley Carpenter

**16-Dec** Don Fowler

**16-Dec** William Irvin

**16-Dec** Justin Urso

**18-Dec** Judy McAnulty

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **My Father's House:** Dec. 13-14
- **Poinsettia Order Deadline:** Dec. 15
- **Youth Christmas Gathering:** Dec. 19 at 4:00
- **Christmas Eve Family Worship:** Dec. 24 / 5:30
- **Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Worship:** Dec. 24 / 11:00

## CHURCH NEWS



## POINSETTIAS

**Deadline for Orders - Wednesday December 15**

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. Cost - \$15 each

[Order Poinsettias Here](#)



## ROWAN BIG BAND ALL STARS

The Rowan Big Band All Stars will be coming to Calvary on Sunday, December 12 at 5:00. If you enjoy sitting back and

listening to great music, this is definitely for you. Join in as the Big Band presents one of their Christmas Concerts at Calvary. This is a free concert with an opportunity to share a contribution to go to Rowan Communities in Schools. This concert will be followed by the Christmas Tea in the fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy.



# 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.

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2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
ST. JAMES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - CONCORD, N.C.



"As each has received a gift, use it to serve  
one another, as good stewards of God's varied  
grace."  
1 Peter 4:10

Operating/Ministries \$	Property Capital Fund \$
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## OFFERING ENVELOPES

The Offering Envelopes for 2022  
are now available in the Portico  
Entrance. If you would prefer for

your envelopes to be mailed, please contact Jill Irvin in the church office. 704-786-0166

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## 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.

[SIGN UP NOW](#)

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## MY FATHER'S HOUSE

**December 13-15**

St. James / St. John's 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

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**2022 FLOWER CALENDAR**

The 2022 Flower Calendar is now available online for you to make your reservation. Use the link below to select your date(s) and make your reservation. We use Pots of Luck Florist in Concord and the cost of two vases is \$100. If you would prefer, you can call the church office to make your reservation. Payment for flowers can be mailed or dropped off at the church or placed in the offering plate with a notation "Altar Flowers" in the memo line.

[Make Your Reservation](#)

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS



### Blood Drive

Thank you to everyone who came out on Saturday to donate blood and platelets for the first annual blood drive in honor of Carole Grady. We had over 80 people to present and collected 61 units of whole blood, 8 units of platelets, and 7 double red cells. This was a phenomenal day! Carole as well as her family greatly appreciate everyone who participated by donating and in prayer.



### Bell Ringing

Over 35 St. James members and friends braved the cold and helped staff the Salvation Army Red Kettle at Sam's Club on two Wednesdays, December 1 and 8. Thank you to everyone who took your time to help out with this community ministry that provides toys for kids, coats for the homeless, food for the hungry and countless social service programs throughout the year.

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

### CCM FOOD PANTRY



# DECEMBER



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:

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**Friendship  
Lutheran Church  
Taylorsville, NC**



5300 Church Rd  
Taylorsville, NC, NC 28681  
Pastors: Tim and Mary  
Canniff-Kuhn

Learn More about  
[Friendship 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

ELCA  
GOOD  
GIFTS  
CATALOG



## These Gifts Do a Lot of Good.

Wondering how you can make a positive impact in the world right now? With ELCA Good Gifts, you can choose from more than 50 charitable gifts to give in honor of friends and loved ones. Each 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. Print-at-home and online cards are also available instantly at any time.

[\*\*Shop Now\*\*](#)



**\$10 Chicks**



**\$30 Piglet**



**\$50 Goat**



**\$20 Honeybees**

## YOUTH NEWS



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**Friday Night at the Movies: Dec. 17**

**Christmas Gathering / Youth Worship: Dec. 19**

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## 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.



[Give Now](#)

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