

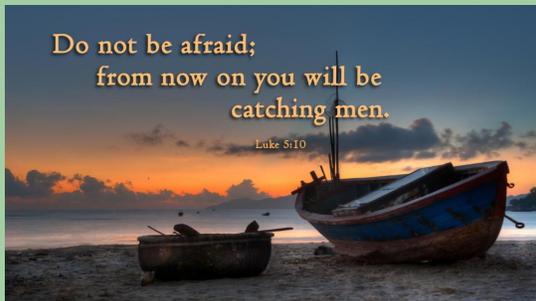
St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6



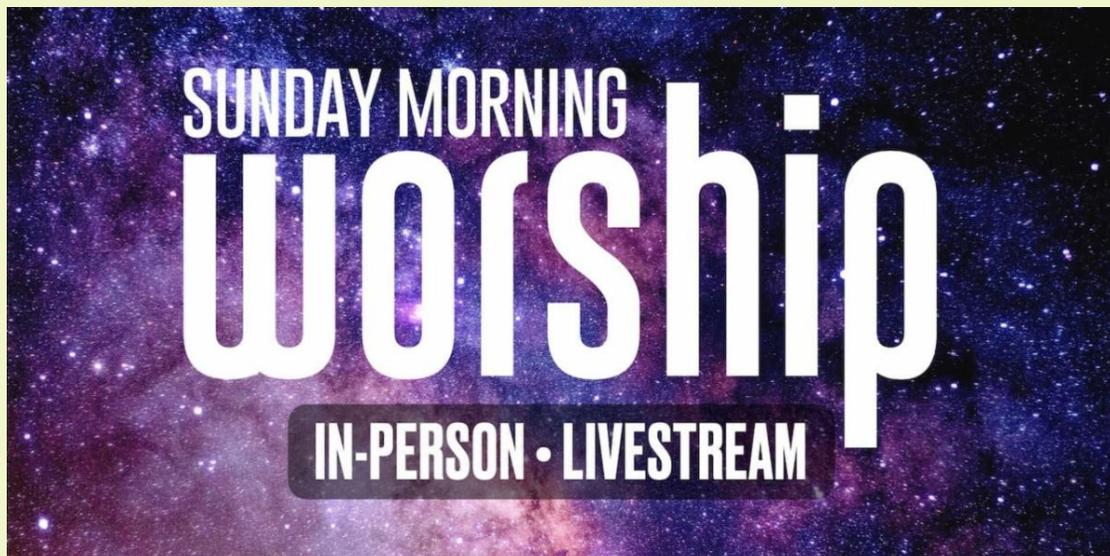
Do not be afraid;
from now on you will be
catching men.

Luke 5:10

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Saint James Lutheran Church

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

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

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.

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**FEBRUARY 6, 2022
10:00 A.M.**

Introduction to Today's Worship

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St. James Lutheran Church Online



Online Worship for February 6 will be live-streamed on YouTube beginning at 9:45 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.

[WATCH THE LIVESTREAM](#)

[DOWNLOAD BULLETIN FOR FEBRUARY 6](#)

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.



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Sunday, February 6

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday Schl
- 9:50 am Live Stream Begins
- 10:00 am In-Person Worship
- 2:30 pm Confirmation at First Lutheran, Albemarle

Monday, February 7



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

06-Feb Anderson Shumate

10:30 am Quilting Group
6:30 pm Scouts

Wednesday, February 9
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 13
9:00 am Adult Sunday Schl
9:50 am Live Stream Begins
10:00 am In-Person Worship

07-Feb Mark Williams
08-Feb Haley Deans
08-Feb Doris Smith
10-Feb John King
11-Feb Natalie Jones
12-Feb Jean Beasley

CHURCH NEWS



SIGN UP NOW

Throughout the year we have various opportunities for you to sign-up for things like flowers, serving at the night shelter, attending a church event, serving as lector or communion assistant. Now there is one central place on our website to go to find these sign-up opportunities. Go to our website: www.sjnc.net and select SIGN UP from the main menu bar.

[Sign Up Now](#)

MEAL TRAIN--Sandra Faggart

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. Below is a link to sign up for the meal train for Sandra Faggart.



[Sign Up Now](#)

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Our local food pantries are in critical need of non perishable food supplies for those in need. Our Scout Pack, Troop and Ship are



collecting nonperishable food supplies for our Scouting For Food Drive next week. If you could please drop off food supplies in the portico area (or outside the portico door), we will deliver them to Cooperative Christian Ministry on February 6th.

If you don't want to purchase canned goods, an option is to make a monetary donation to Cooperative Christian Ministry and we will deliver it to them. Each dollar donated purchases 7 pounds of food!

THANK YOU

Thank you sisters and brothers in Christ at St James for your prayers, cards, calls, and concern for Ann and me with my recent surgery. God bless you all!

Tom and Ann Ridenhour

SOCIAL MINISTRY

CCM FOOD PANTRY JANUARY



Hope everyone is doing well and staying well and that your 2022 is off to a great start. We are so grateful to all our community partners who make it possible for us to distribute food to many of our neighbors in need.

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:

- Cereal
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Pinto Beans and Kidney Beans
- Canned Potatoes, Carrots, Mixed Vegetables, Peas
- Diapers (all sizes)

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

THANK YOU

Across our whole Food Program in 2021, we served about 1,005

households a month, representing 2,890 individuals. We continue to help many families, including senior citizens and those on disability who did not receive as much government assistance. Our total food program received and distributed a little more than one million pounds of groceries.

Your congregation had a part in that! According to our records, St. James collected and donated a total of 774 pounds of food in 2021. We are so grateful you chose to support us in serving the "least of these" in our community. We look forward to your continued partnership in 2022.

Working together to serve our neighbors in need,
Kris Edscorn, Food Program Manager

CHURCHWIDE / COMMUNITY



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. Stephen's Lutheran Church Lenoir, NC

1406 Harper Avenue NW
Lenoir NC
Pastor Dan Duke



Learn More about
[St. Stephen's Lutheran Church](#)

St. John's Lutheran Church

Hudson, NC

352 Central St
Hudson, NC 28638
Pastor Dan Duke

Learn More about
[St. John's Lutheran
Church](#)



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

**ORGAN CONCERT AT
CENTRAL UMC, CONCORD
February 20 at 7:00 pm**



American Guild of Organists

The Charlotte Chapter of the
American Guild of Organists presents:

JOSHUA D. XERRI

International Recitalist (Cardiff, UK)

Sunday, February 20th, 2022 at 7pm

Concord Central
United Methodist Church

on the 2017 Op.73
Quimby Organ

TITANS OF FRANCE & GERMANY

concert programme to include:

Bach – St. Anne Prelude & Fugue

Franck – Selected works

Brahms – Chorale Preludes

Langlais – Te Deum

Free Admission

30 Union Street North
Concord, NC 28025



SENIOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS EXPO

March 9 at 10:30 am - 2:00 pm

WELLNESS ROCKS!

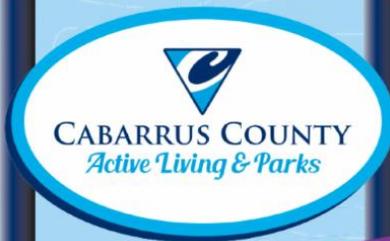
FREE EVENT



Cabarrus County Active Living and Parks

Wednesday, March 9th
10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Cabarrus Arena & Events Center
4751 NC Highway 49 N, Concord, NC



For more information:

 704-920-3484

 @CabCoALP

 www.cabarruscounty.us/seniors



YOUTH MINISTRY

Calvary—St. James

January



UPCOMING DATES

College Online: Started again on January 19

Confirmation Cluster: First Lutheran in Albemarle 2:30 pm

YOUTH MINISTRY 2022

Our Focus this year will be serving others. Matthew 20:28, Jesus said, "just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." What would happen if everyone participated in at least one act of kindness every day? Can you imagine the impact that would have? By all of us serving others daily, we would be putting, "Love you neighbor.", into action. And that is what it is all about.

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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