

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20

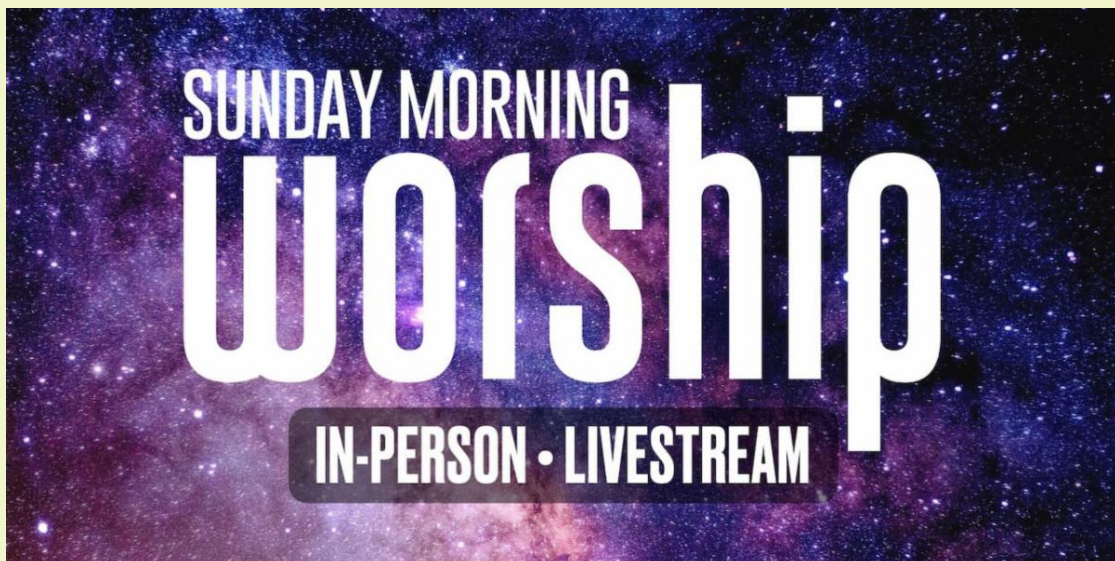


**FORGIVE, AND YOU
WILL BE FORGIVEN.**

LUKE 6:37

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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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.

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FEBRUARY 20, 2022
10:00 A.M.

Introduction to Today's Worship

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Online Worship for February 20 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.

[DOWNLOAD BULLETIN FOR FEBRUARY 20](#)

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.

[WATCH THE 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.

[Entering the Promised Land - Study Guide](#)

[Entering the Promised Land - Scripture](#)

ON THE CALENDAR

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Sunday, February 20

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

Monday, February 21

6:30 pm Scouts

Wednesday, February 23

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 27

9:00 am Adult Sunday Schl
9:50 am Live Stream Begins
10:00 am Congregational
Meeting
10:00 am In-Person Worship



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

22-Feb Nina Folino

22-Feb Alexandra Green

22-Feb Kelly Propst

23-Feb Carolina Bestler

23-Feb Jeff Crew

23-Feb Connie Rezza

25-Feb Margaret Garrison

25-Feb Golda Jay

25-Feb Martha Matthews

CHURCH NEWS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, February 27 at the beginning of worship. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the 2021 Annual Reports and to elect a Nominating Committee.



PARENTS NIGHT OUT

February 25

6:30 - 9:00 pm

The Youth Ministry will be hosting our first PARENT'S NIGHT OUT!



Parents, this is your opportunity for a Date Night! Go out and enjoy a great meal and time together. The Youth will be happy to take care of the kids, (3 years old through 5th grade). Drop your children off at Calvary. This gives us the opportunity to get to know the younger ones of both St. James, and Calvary church families.

There is no charge at all, this is our time to build relationships from one generation to the next. We will provide a pizza dinner, games, craft, and a movie. They will be ready to go home and go to bed when you pick them up. (If your child has any dietary restrictions, it may be best for them to bring a sack dinner with them.) Mark your calendar! We are looking forward to our time together.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

FREE N95 MASKS

We have received 600 free N95 masks from the NC Department of Health and Human Services. These will be available in the church office or in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. Each family will receive 5 masks initially. If we have leftovers then more will be available.



NIOSH Approval: The term “NIOSH approval” comes from the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). For instance, an NIOSH-approved N95 boasts a 95% or greater efficiency rating, meaning that it blocks at least 95% of non-oil-based airborne particulate.



THANK YOU

My heart is full and I am blessed to know that so many people have reached out to me—the delicious meals, the cards, the phone calls and the prayers. I am feeling those prayers every day.

For all of this, I say GOD IS GOOD .

Also, I want to express my heartfelt love and sympathy to those who have lost their precious loved ones

~**Sandra Faggart**

Thank you to those who provided dinners the week of January 23-29 at the Salvation Army Center of Hope. We brought smiles to faces and were much appreciated. God's Peace."

~**Mark Murphy**

SOCIAL MINISTRY

CCM FOOD PANTRY FEBRUARY



CCM continues to be blessed by so many community partners who conduct food drives, put together special hygiene kits, and support us in many other ways. Early this month the Boy Scouts again held their annual Scouting for Food drive, and we have received in excess of 11,000 lbs. of wonderful non-perishables! Thanks to all of you whose congregations sponsor Boy Scout Troops!

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
- Diapers (all sizes)

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

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:

**Pilgrim Lutheran
Church
Lexington, NC**

823 Ridge Rd
Lexington, NC 27295
Pastor John Mouritsen



Learn More about
[Pilgram 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

21st Annual
**Senior Health
and Wellness
EXPO**

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



UPCOMING DATES

Sunday Youth Gatherings: 4:00 pm at Calvary (No Youth on Feb. 20)

College Online: Wednesday evenings at 9:30 pm through Zoom

Parent's Night Out: February 25 6:00 - 9:00 pm at Calvary

Confirmation Cluster: March 20 at Mt. Olivet, Mt. Pleasant



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Here's the Sign-Up Form:
www.signupgenius.com/go/7b0c649a0a2b6d4fc11-parents



PORT A PIT FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, MAY 6 - is our tentative date for our Spring Port A Pit. We will be able to firm up that date up soon.

2022 IS GOING TO BE BUSY!

- Wow! January seemed to fly by quickly, we are already into February, and we are jacking up steam and running back. The Youth Ministry has great plans for this year, and we would like for everyone to get involved and join in. Here are a few dates to mark on your calendar:
- College Online meets every Wednesday evening at 9:30 through Zoom.
 - Sunday Youth Gatherings are at 4:00 at Calvary
 - No Youth Gathering on Sunday, February 20. Enjoy your three-day weekend!
 - Parents Night Out is on Friday Night, February 25 from 6:00 - 9:00.
 - Tuesday, March 1 is Shrove Tuesday at St. James. This event is pending due to COVID numbers.
 - Confirmation Cluster will gather on March 20 from 2:30 to 4:00 at Mt. Olivet, Mt. Pleasant.
 - The Last Supper and Trans is April 1.
 - The College Mission Trip is May 9 - 12, possibly May 13.
 - May 22 will be the Youth Forms Signing Party and Cook Out
 - The BEACH RETREAT is June 18 - 25
 - The MISSION TRIP is July 17 - 23

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[READ THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER](#)

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

The annual Youth Ministry Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner that was scheduled to be held at St. James on March 1 has been cancelled. The decision was made based upon the safety and health of all in mind. Thank you for your understanding and the Youth Ministry is looking forward to next year's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner.

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](#)

ST. JAMES STAFF

- **Rev. Tony Bradshaw**, *Senior Pastor* [Email](#)
- **Keith Sutton**, *Parish Administrator* [Email](#)
- **Jill Irvin**, *Financial Administrator* [Email](#)
- **Scott F. Foppiano**, *Organist / Director of Music* [Email](#)
- **Mike Holt**, *Youth and Family* [Email](#)
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