

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



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WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the

Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.



WEEKLY ONLINE WORSHIP

Online Worship for Sunday, February 21 will be available on Facebook and YouTube at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. An email with links will be sent when the online worship service is posted. You can open or print the bulletin and follow along with the service.

[Worship Bulletin
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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ZOOM

Frank Irvin will be offering a Zoom Sunday School class on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited. Please have a Bible or Bible App ready because we're going to look outside the texts listed in the lesson. Click on the link below to join in the discussion.

Moses and the Burning Bush

Scripture Readings

[Join the Class](#)



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

CHURCH EVENTS

Sunday, February 21

9:30 am Online Worship Service
10:00 am Zoom Sunday School
5:00 pm Youth

Wednesday, February 24

9:30 pm College Online

Thursday, February 25

6:30 pm Bible Heroes Pre-2nd
7:00 pm Bible Heroes 3rd-5th

Sunday, February 28

9:30 am Online Worship Service
10:00 am Zoom Sunday School
11:00 am Pre-Confirmation
2:00 pm Confirmation Cluster
5:00 pm Youth

BIRTHDAYS

22-Feb. Nina Folino

22-Feb. Alexandra Green

22-Feb. Kelly Propst

23-Feb. Caroline Bestler

23-Feb. Jeff Crew

23-Feb. Connie Rezza

25-Feb. Margaret Garrison

25-Feb. Golda Jay

25-Feb. Martha Matthews

27-Feb. Cynthia Petrea

27-Feb. Mary Propst

CHURCH NEWS



WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

St James has joined with other local churches to prepare an ecumenical Lenten devotional that will be posted on YouTube and Facebook each week starting February 24. A link will be sent to you each week so you can watch.

February 24 *Psalm 22:23-31*

Praise and Worship: Rev. Mandy Jones (Forest Hill UMC)
Devotional: Rev. Suzanne Dornsmith (Forest Hill UMC)

March 3 *Psalm 19*

Praise and Worship: Rev. Donald Anthony (Grace Lutheran)
Devotional: Rev. Donald Anthony (Grace Lutheran)

March 10 *Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22*

Praise and Worship: Rev. Nathan King (Trinity UCC)
Devotional: Rev. Ladale Benson (Trinity UCC)

March 17 *Psalm 51:1-12*

Praise and Worship: Rev. Solomon McCauley (Zion Hill AME Zion)

Devotional: Rev. Tony Bradshaw (St. James Lutheran)

March 24 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Praise and Worship: Rev. Carol Carkin (Central UMC)

Devotional: Rev. Marcus Singleton (Aldersgate UMC)

WOMEN IN BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Charlotte Business Journal's Women in Business Achievement Awards

program, now in its 25th year, recognizes female leaders in the Charlotte region who are making a mark in their careers and communities. Congratulations to **Patricia Propst**, of Wray Ward who was named to this year's class. The 25 honorees in this year's class were selected from a highly competitive slate of nominations, following an editorial review of career accomplishments and community involvement.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CCM FOOD PANTRY

I'm looking out on a *sunny* day at our drive-through pantry for the first time in about a week! Praise the Lord! We also are praising the Lord for a marvelous response to the annual Scouting for Food drive earlier this month. I know many of your congregations sponsor Boy Scout troops. So far they have collected and brought in a record-smashing 14,000 lbs.! And it's still coming in. Much of that already has been shared with our satellite pantries scattered around the county.



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 Carrots, Peas, Potatoes and Mixed Vegetables
- Soup
- Canned Fruit
- Any dried beans
- Pasta Sauce
- Peanut Butter

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



NEEDS AT MY FATHER'S HOUSE MINISTRY

We have learned recently that two families will be moving out of My Father's House Ministry into their own homes. They are in need of kitchen items, pots, pans, dishes, glassware, etc. (can be used.) Items like bed linens, should be new. If you have items that you can donate, even lamps, tables, etc. please call or e-mail Sylvia Corl and she will be glad to pick them up. Many thanks,

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CHURCH-WIDE NEWS

VOICES IN THE WILDERNESS

The Rev. Dr. Katherine Shaner writes:

Have you ever thought about what kind of pastor Syntyche (Phil 4:2) was? Or about what influence Tertius (Rom 16:22) had on Paul's writing? I hadn't until this past fall when my students at Wake Forest Univ. School of Divinity researched, wrestled with, and imagined their lives. Students in my Women and Slaves in the New Testament course produced audio essays. This Lent my students will share their work with you and your congregation. Through the synod's Engage the Bible Task Force, six audio essays along with Bible study resources will be on the synod's website. Join us as we hear the voices of new biblical friends ringing through the ages.



[Enjoy the Voices in the Wilderness blog with audio essays.](#)

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH MEETINGS

- February 21
- February 28

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IN CHRIST

Youth Ministry, Concord, NC

CHURCH RESOURCES

ONLINE GIVING



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.

The need for your giving and support continues, even though we have had to cancel gathering and corporate worship services.

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