

# St. James Lutheran Church

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

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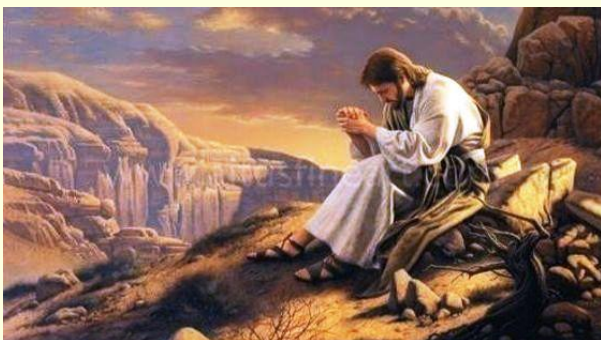
### WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM IN PERSON AND LIVESTREAMED



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basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

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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.

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**FEBRUARY 26, 2023**  
**10:00 A.M.**

### Introduction to Today's Worship

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## St. James Lutheran Church Online



Sunday Worship for 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.

In-Person Worship will be Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

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## ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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#### Sunday, February 26

9:00 am Sunday School

9:15 am Parish Choir

10:00 am Worship—  
Congregational Meeting

4:00 pm Youth Gathering

#### Monday, February 27

10:30 am Quilter's Group

6:30 pm Scouts

#### Wednesday, March 1

## ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**27-Feb** Mary Propst

**28-Feb** Joseph Beasley

**28-Feb** Robert Beasley

**28-Feb** Joel Crainshaw

**28-Feb** Martha Summers

**02-Mar** Amy Splawn



5:30 pm Lenten Meal  
6:00 pm Lenten Study/  
Worship  
7:00 pm Parish Choir  
9:30 pm College Online

**Thursday, March 2**

6:00 pm Handbells

**Sunday, March 5**

9:00 am Sunday School  
9:15 am Parish Choir  
10:00 am Worship  
4:00 pm Youth Gathering

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Feb 25** LL Food Packing

**Feb 26** Cong. Meeting

**Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

Lenten Meal 5:30 pm

Study and Worship 6:00 pm

**Apr 2** Palm Sunday

Worship 10:00 am

King of Kings Silent Film

6:00 pm

**Apr 9** Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service 6:30 am

Breakfast 8:00 am

Festival Worship 10:00 am

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**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

**LECTOR/INTERCESSORS**

Feb. 26 Kim Haberman  
Mar. 05 Barbara Albright  
Mar. 12 Elizabeth Hurley  
Mar. 19 Jodi Ramirez  
Mar. 26 Needed

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**COMMUNION ASSISTANT**

Feb. 26 Ann Blackwelder  
Mar. 05 Anne Hodges  
Mar. 12 Kristin Rinker  
Mar. 19 Jodi Ramirez  
Mar. 26 Ann Blackwelder

**ACOLYTES**

Feb. 26 Noah Pittard  
Mar. 05 Noah Pittard  
Mar. 12 Joshua Rinker  
Mar. 19 Jodi Ramirez  
Mar. 26 Jacob Rinker

**GREETERS**

Feb 26 Nancy Faggart  
Mar. 05 Dianne Lambert  
Mar. 12 Barbara Albright  
Mar. 19 Samantha Hillegass  
Mar. 26 Jean Beasley

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**VIDEOGRAPHER**

Feb. 26 Kenny & Annette Propst  
Mar. 05 Chris Miller  
Mar. 12 Chris Miller  
Mar. 19 Needed  
Mar. 26 Needed

**COUNCIL PERSON OF  
THE MONTH**

February Kenny Propst  
March Elizabeth Hurley

**USHERS**

Mark Murphy, Jimmy Harris, Jeff  
Jones, Jeff Gilbert, Chip  
Popovici, Phil Tesh

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



**Children's Sunday School** for Kindergarten through Grade 6 is available from 9:00 – 9:45. A light breakfast will be served. We will read a Bible story and perhaps work on a craft. Join us!

**Ages K - 2nd Grade:** Room 101, Teacher: Ann Blackwelder  
**Grades 3 - 6:** Room 103, Teacher: Cheryl Webb



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Flex Classroom - 9:00 am

Meet in the Flex Room (Cook Class) at 9:00 am. Frank Irvin will be the facilitator.

**This Week's Lesson**  
*Reminder of the Call*  
[Download](#)

## LENT AND EASTER AT ST. JAMES





## St. James Lutheran Church

104 Union St. S, Concord, NC 28025

Facebook: @stjamesnc

YouTube: @stjameslutheranconcord

Website: [www.sjnc.net](http://www.sjnc.net)

### Lenten Worship

**ASH WEDNESDAY** — February 22  
Sanctuary — 7:00 pm

**WEDNESDAYS IN LENT** — March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
Dinner — 5:30 pm  
Lutheran 101 Study — 6:00 pm  
Worship in Chapel — 6:45 PM

**SUNDAYS IN LENT** — Feb. 26, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26  
Sanctuary — 10:00 am

We encourage you to spend quiet time with God during this Lenten season. Let him guide you. Maybe He'll lead you to have a conversation you've put off for some time. Many wonder how to observe Lent or what to give up for it. Maybe for you it's spending 15 minutes of quiet time every morning in the Word. Whatever your path may be, ask God to steer you every step of the way as you prepare for Easter Sunday. And, then on Easter morning, your heart may be singing louder than ever before.



### EASTER SUNDAY

**SUNRISE SERVICE**  
6:30 am

**BREAKFAST**  
8:00 am Fellowship Hall

**FESTIVAL WORSHIP**  
10:00 am (Sanctuary)



### HOLY WEEK

**PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY — APRIL 2**  
Worship — 10:00 Procession of Palms  
King of Kings Silent Film with Organ Accmp — 6:00 pm

**Maundy Thursday — April 6**  
Worship — 7:00 pm Stripping of the Altar

**Good Friday — April 7**  
7:00 pm Tenebrae Service



### LIVESTREAMING



**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN LENT**  
Lutheran 101 and Worship will be streamed via Zoom  
<https://tinyurl.com/2p8z4heu>

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**SUNDAYS IN LENT**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY, MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY**  
Easter Sunday  
Streamed on our YouTube Channel  
<https://tinyurl.com/3csmec47>

### Children's Activities

**SHROVE TUESDAY / ALLELUIA SCAVENGER HUNT**  
Tuesday, February 21 — 5:00 - 7:00

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (EACH SUNDAY)**  
9:00—9:45 Room 101 & 103 K-5th

**PARENT'S NIGHT OUT @ ST. JAMES**  
March 17 — 6:30 - 8:30 pm

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
Saturday, April 8 - 2:00 - 3:00 pm

**ALLELUIAS UNLOCKED**  
Easter Sunday, April 9 - 10:00 am



## WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Beginning this Wednesday, March 1 and continuing on every Wednesday in March



there will be a meal in the fellowship hall at 5:30 pm.

**This week's menu: Baked Ziti, Salad, and Garlic Bread.**

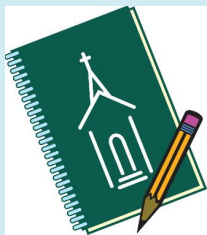
Please make reservations so that we can plan enough food. Use the link below or call the church office.

### [RESERVATIONS FOR LENTEN MEALS](#)

This will be followed by an instruction time on "What it Means to be Lutheran" led by Pastor Craig at 6:00 pm followed by a short worship service in the chapel at 6:45 pm. This will be ZOOMED each week.

### [ZOOM LINK FOR INSTRUCTION AND WORSHIP](#)

## CHURCH NEWS



### **A Council Minute**

### **CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

The church council met on Tuesday, February 14 and the following items were discussed:

- Christian Education has several upcoming events including Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on Feb. 21 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Kid's Night Out March 17.
- Youth and Family has a few key trips on the horizon including the College Mission Trip to Jacksonville, Florida on May 15-19 and the Youth Mission Trip to Altoona, Pennsylvania on July 2-9. Vacation Bible School at St. James will be July 30- August 1.
- Evangelism had its first meeting Feb. 5 and is looking for ways to reach out to new members.
- Six people have agreed to serve on the 2023 nominating committee. They are: Chris Miller and Jon Miller as outgoing council members along with Jean Beasley, Jeff Jones, Margaret Garrison and Audrey Glatz.
- Parish Fellowship will be having Wednesday's Together during Lent throughout March, which will involve dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by Lutheran 101 Study led by Pastor Saltzer at 6 p.m. and worship in the Chapel at 6:45 p.m.



- Social Ministry will be sponsoring a meal packing event on Saturday Feb. 25 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Lifeline Christian Mission at Gibson Mill. The goal is to package 12,000 meals.
- Worship and Music is working to get three bids to review for a major organ restoration project. The church is in need of additional people to serve as communion assistants and lectors. See Parish Administrator Keith Sutton for more information.
- Health and Safety will be working on creating fire safety and health training for church employees, Big Brothers Big Sisters employees, Preschool employees and any members who wish to participate. More details to come.
- A congregational meeting will be held Feb. 26 at the beginning of the church service. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the 2022 Annual Reports and to elect the nominating committee.
- The council will hold its annual retreat at the church on March 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 26 at the beginning of worship. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the Annual Report and elect the Nominating Committee.

Nominated by Council for Nominating Committee: Jean Beasley, Margaret Garrison, Audrey Glatz, Jeff Jones, Chris Miller, and Jon Miller.



## HOME COMMUNION KITS

Do you stream the St. James worship service? Do you wish you could participate in communion while watching the service? In a basket in the Portico you will find "Communion Kits" that are available for you to take and use at home.

If you know of shut-ins that watch at home, please take some of the kits to them to be used as they stream worship.

# 2022 Annual Report

Electronic copies of the 2022 Annual Report and Church Directory were emailed to members yesterday. If you did not receive in your email, you may contact the church office. A limited number of printed copies will be available at church on Sunday.

## CAMP CARDS

Our Scouts are selling discount camp cards to offset the cost of Summer Camp. The cards are \$10 and Scouts will be in the portico area before worship, if you would like to purchase. Cards are also available in the church office. Our scouts meet on Mondays from 6:30 to 7:30 pm and any youth from Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade are welcome to join.

Thank you for supporting our Scouts!



## Handbell Welcome





# and Beginner's Workshop

Have you ever been fascinated by,  
or wanted to be  
a part of the magical music of handbells?

We wish to invite any and all who are interested, or even just curious, to join in our hands-on ***Bell Meet and Greet!***

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023, 11:15 AM  
IN THE BALCONY**

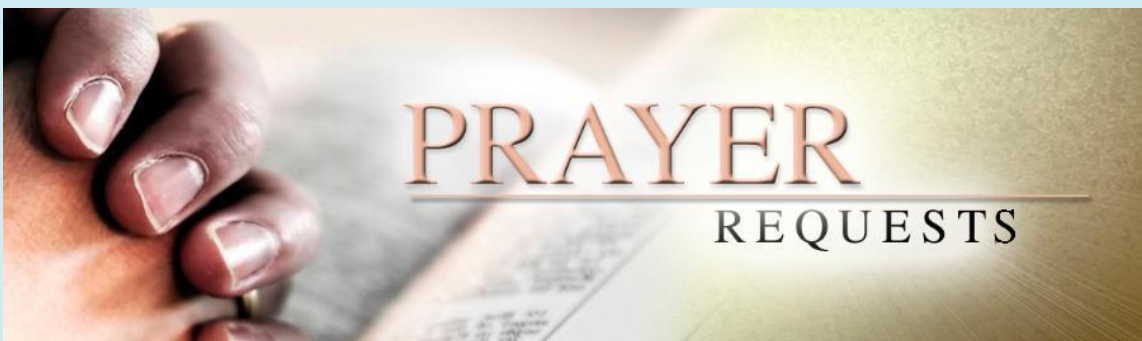
[Immediately after Morning Worship]

Come to ask questions, see how these beautiful bronze instruments are made, experience holding them and make them ring. ***We do hope you will join us!***

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## GARBAGE DUMPSTER

We are now using a dumpster for the disposal of our trash. If you are using the church for a meeting or event, we ask that you take your trash out and place in the dumpster. The dumpster stays locked but there is a labeled key in the first drawer by the window in the Portico. Please be sure to lock after using. Thank you.



## Members of St. James

- Martha Summers
- Patsy Black
- Tom Grady
- Jim Weisel
- Tom Ridenhour

- Tony Mosley

### **Family and Friends:**

- Karey Conrad, *friend of Al and Dee Pieschel*
- Jacob, Jessica and Abby Haze Garmon, *friends of Sarah Poplin*
- Emily Starling, *granddaughter of Jill and Michael Strahl*
- Bishop Tim Smith
- Charles Locklear, *brother of Theresa Steele*
- Family of Edith Gonyner
- Mt. Hebron Lutheran, Hildebran, NC

*Family and Friends will be added for 1 month and then removed from the list. If you wish to keep someone on the list longer, contact the church office and we will be happy to keep them on the list longer.*

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## **CHURCHWIDE / COMMUNITY**

### **February is American Heart Month**



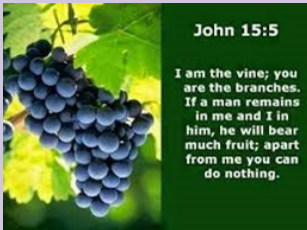
- Cardiovascular diseases have contributed almost half to the death rate in the United States. AEDs are crucial in saving lives when someone goes into cardiac arrest.
- AED increases survival rate: When either type of CPR is combined with AED shock, the rate of survival drastically increases at the one month mark. Standard CPR alone has just a 7% survival rate at one month, but standard CPR combined with the utilization of an AED has an amazing 32.9% survival rate at one month, which is over three times higher.
- AHA News: 5 things to know about AEDs after a defibrillator helped save Damar Hamlin
  1. They are a person's best chance for survival.
  2. Call 911 and start CPR first
  3. Anyone can use an AED – even a child. The AED will tell you what to do. The first thing the AED will do is determine whether an electric shock is needed by analyzing the person's heart rhythm.
  4. You can't make things worse - If someone is in cardiac arrest, they are technically dead. If performed immediately, CPR can double or triple the chance of survival from a cardiac arrest outside of a hospital.



5. You can't get in trouble - Good Samaritan laws protect people who step in to provide lifesaving care.

**Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs)** are located outside the church office door, immediately behind the Sanctuary and in the Portico area. Fire extinguishers are located in the Sacristy and in the Narthex

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## 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.

*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*

### Mt. Hebron Lutheran Hildebran, NC

103 Main Ave. East  
Hildebran, NC 28637  
Pastor Karim O'Donnell



Learn More about  
[Mt. Hebron Lutheran](#)

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## SOCIAL MINISTRY

### CCM FOOD DONATIONS

The dust has settled from the annual Scouting for Hunger and Souper Bowl of Caring food drives. We greatly appreciate our community for supporting us so well! The Boy Scout drive was a little lower than past years, but we still got in close to 4 tons of food, which really helped our inventory.

Currently, the pantry items we are in biggest need of are:

- Any canned meat (chicken, tuna, etc.)
- Canned peas, carrots, and potatoes
- Diced Tomatoes
- Pasta Sauce

- Any kind of canned beans (Baked, pinto, kidney, etc.) except for green beans
- Any Canned Fruit (Mixed, Peaches, Pears, Pineapple, etc.)
- Toilet Paper and Paper Towels

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

Items can be brought and placed in the marked containers in the Portico.

## YOUTH MINISTRY



## UPCOMING DATES

**February 26** Youth Gathering at Calvary

### UPCOMING:

**May 15-19** College Mission Trip

**June 17-24** Beach Retreat at Kure Beach, NC

**July 2 - 8** Mission Trip to Altoona, PA

## CHURCH RESOURCES

### CALL PROCESS UPDATE

- ✓ Call Committee Selected
- ✓ Congregational Study Completed
- ✓ Ministry Site Profile Submitted





## Call Committee Training

The call committee has scheduled their training with Synod trainers for the first weekend in March. We all look forward to this important step in the call process!

## 2023 SIGNUPS



### ALTAR FLOWERS

[RESERVE FLOWERS](#)



### LECTOR

[SIGN UP TO READ LESSONS AND PRAYERS](#)



### COMMUNION ASST.

[HELP WITH DISTRIBUTING COMMUNION](#)

Even if you haven't served in the past, consider serving in these areas. Signups are always on our webpage at <https://sjnc.net/sign-up-now>

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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- **Jill Irvin**, *Financial Administrator* [Email](#)
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