

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 28



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.



WEEKLY ONLINE WORSHIP

Online Worship for Sunday, February 28 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
February 28](#)



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 Plagues](#)
[Scripture Readings](#)
[Plagues Chart](#)

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ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

CHURCH EVENTS

[Sunday, February 28](#)
9:30 am Online Worship Service

BIRTHDAYS

28-Feb. Joseph Beasley

10:00 am Zoom Sunday School
11:00 am Pre-Confirmation
2:00 pm Confirmation Cluster
5:00 pm Youth

Wednesday, March 3

9:30 pm College Online

Thursday, March 4

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

Sunday, March 7

10:00 am In-Person Worship
TBD Zoom Sunday School
5:00 pm Youth

28-Feb. Robert Beasley

28-Feb. Joel Crainshaw

28-Feb. Martha Summers

02-Mar. Amy Splawn

05-Mar. Alex Patterson

05-Mar. Lauren Popovici

06-Mar. Sarah Poplin

06-Mar. Logan Whisnant

CHURCH NEWS



IN-PERSON WORSHIP RESUMING

March 7, 2021

As North Carolina's numbers continue to show improvement and vaccine distribution increases, Governor Roy

Cooper announced that beginning Friday at 5:00 pm the state will carefully ease some of its COVID-19 restrictions.

We will resume In-Person Worship at St. James on Sunday, March 7. Please review the Procedures for Resuming In-door Worship below.

An Online Service will still be available on Facebook and YouTube.

Procedures for the Resuming of In-door Worship

Saint James Lutheran Church
Approved by Church Council

ARRIVAL

1. The only entrance to the church will be through the front (Union Street) and garden (ramp) doors leading into the narthex. These doors and the doors to the sanctuary will be left open for ventilation.
2. There will be someone outside the entrance doors to take temperatures. They will maintain social distance while greeting

worshippers. ***Individuals with a temperature of 100 or higher will not be permitted to enter.***

3. Signage will be placed along the walkways to the doors emphasizing social distancing, the expectations for the wearing of masks, and other relevant information.
4. Tape will be used as markers on the walkways to maintain appropriate distance between groups if they must wait to be seated.
5. There will be a check-in station at each door. All worshippers will check in and provide a contact number for tracing purposes if necessary.
6. Worshippers will be escorted to their seats through the center (double) doors.

SEATING

1. For social distancing purposes and to reduce the likelihood of overcrowding, the congregation will be seated according to a council approved seating schematic developed by the Health and Safety Committee.
2. Seating will occur in every other row of seats in the sanctuary. Signs will be placed in rows where seating is not allowed. ["PLEASE LEAVE THIS ROW VACANT"]
3. The balcony will not be used.

DURING WORSHIP

1. No nursery will be provided at this time.
2. Offering will be received in plates located at the entrance to the sanctuary.
3. Bulletins will be placed in the pews prior to the service and available digitally for those who use a tablet or phone.
4. There will be no congregational singing.

DISMISSAL AFTER SERVICE

1. The congregation will be reminded before the end of service of procedures to follow after dismissal.
2. At the conclusion of worship, worshippers will be dismissed by row and section through the center doors to reduce the crowding that currently occurs at the entrance to the sanctuary.
3. Worshippers will exit through the narthex and not stop or gather in the sanctuary, the entrance to the sanctuary, or on the ramp.
4. Pastor Tony will move to the Portico entrance to talk with members that wish to drive by and speak with him.

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.



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

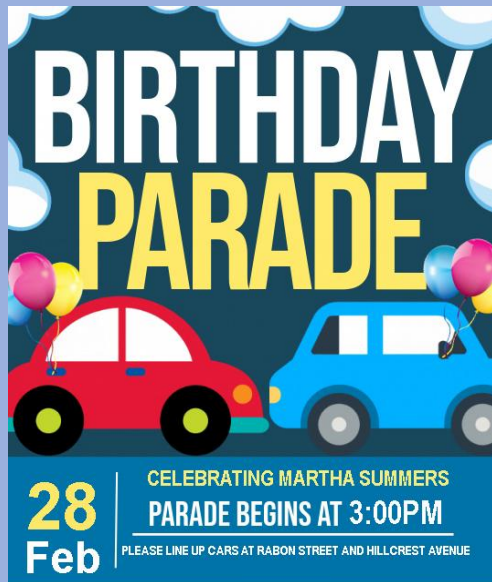
Praise and Worship: Rev. Solomon McCauley (Zion Hill AME Zion)

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)



BIRTHDAY PARADE FOR MARTHA SUMMERS

Please join friends and neighbors for a birthday parade to celebrate Martha Summers's 101st birthday this Sunday, February 28th at 3pm. We will be meeting at the corner of Rabon St and Hillcrest Ave a little before 3pm to line up. If you have any questions, please contact Golda Jay at 865-824-8964. If you cannot make it but would

like to wish Martha a happy birthday, please call Jimmy Summers.

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.

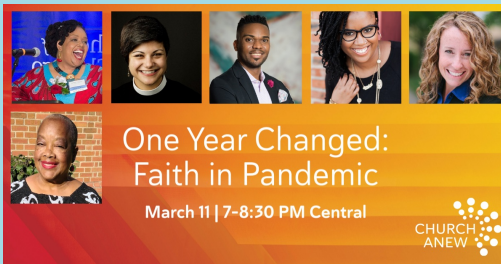
Donations can be dropped by the church during office hours. Pull up under the Portico and call the office. 704-786-0166

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.

CHURCH-WIDE NEWS



ONE YEAR CHANGED: FAITH IN PANDEMIC

Join **Church**

Anew on **Thursday, March 11**, for a free virtual event, "One Year Changed: Faith in Pandemic." This ready-made Lent retreat is for your whole congregation! In this virtual retreat format, gather with other people of faith to ponder how we might be moved into a different sort of spirituality this Lent. What have we let fall that we will never pick up again? What practices have emerged that may be meaningful far into the future? In this humanity-defining moment, what have we learned about our species? About ourselves? About our spirits?

[Learn More; Register Now.](#)

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH MEETINGS

- February 28

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IN CHRIST

Youth Ministry, Concord, NC

SUNDAY'S COOL!

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22, 2021



SUNDAY'S COOL!

Click to Read

[Week of February 22, 2021](#)

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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