

St. James Lutheran Church

*"Growing in Christ Through Worship, Learning,
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Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF MARCH 12

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM IN PERSON AND LIVESTREAMED



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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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IN LENT
MARCH 12, 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, March 12

9:00 am Sunday School
9:15 am Parish Choir
10:00 am Worship
11:20 am Acolyte Training
4:00 pm Youth Gathering

Monday, March 13

10:30 am Quilter's Group
6:30 pm Scouts

Tuesday, March 14

12:00 pm Lively Leisures
5:30 pm Call Committee
6:00 pm Church Council
My Father's House Meal

Wednesday, March 15

2:00 pm Staff Meeting
5:30 pm Lenten Meal
6:00 pm Lenten Study/
Worship
7:00 pm Parish Choir
9:30 pm College Online

Thursday, March 16

6:00 pm Handbells

Friday, March 17

6:30 pm St. Patrick's Day
Kid's Night Out
9:00 pm Youth Friday Night
at the Movies

Saturday, March 18

10:00 am Leah's Hope
Trailer

Sunday, March 19

9:00 am Sunday School
9:15 am Parish Choir
10:00 am Worship
11:20 am Evangelism
2:30 pm Confirmation @



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

13-Mar Wendell Overby

13-Mar Anne Swayney

14-Mar Sara Faircloth

16-Mar Tony Eury

16-Mar Dee Pieschel

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mar 15, 22, 29

5:30 pm Lenten Meal

6:00 pm Study and Worship

Apr 2

10:00 am Palm Sunday

Worship

6:00 pm King of Kings Silent

Film with Organ

Apr 7

3:30 pm Stations of the

Cross Walk

Apr 9 Easter Sunday

6:30 am Sunrise Service

8:00 am Breakfast

10:00 am Festival Worship

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

LECTOR/INTERCESSORS

Mar. 12 Elizabeth Hurley
Mar. 19 Jodi Ramirez
Mar. 26 Needed

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Mar. 12 Kristin Rinker
Mar. 19 Jodi Ramirez
Mar. 26 Ann Blackwelder

ACOLYTES

Mar. 12 Joshua Rinker
Mar. 19 Jodi Ramirez
Mar. 26 Jacob Rinker

GREETERS

Mar. 12 Barbara Albright
Mar. 19 Samantha Hillegass
Mar. 26 Jean Beasley

VIDEOGRAPHER

Mar. 12 Chris Miller
Mar. 19 Needed
Mar. 26 Needed

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH

March Elizabeth Hurley

USHERS

Chip Blackwelder, Michael
Rinker, Ashley Cline, Jeff
Koenig

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

Meets in the Flex Room at 9:00 am.

Frank Irvin will be the facilitator.



This Week's Lesson

Results of the Call

[Download Lesson](#)

[Download Scripture](#)

LENT AND EASTER AT ST. JAMES



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: Chicken and Dumplings

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

Reservations **must** be made by Monday.

[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](#)



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 Accompaniment — 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>

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

A community tradition on Good Friday as we carry the cross through the Concord with scripture readings and prayers. This year's walk will begin at Grace Lutheran Church at 3:30 pm and proceed through downtown Concord. If you are interested in reading at one of the stations, contact the church office.



EASTER SUNRISE BREAKFAST

Join your St. James family for a full breakfast on Easter morning in the fellowship hall at 8:00 am.

Bacon, Egg, and Cheese casserole, Grits, Sausage Gravy Biscuits, Fruit, Pastries, Coffee and Juice.

To help us better plan, please reserve your spot! You can use the link

below or call the church office.

Reservations

CHURCH NEWS



HOME COMMUNION KITS

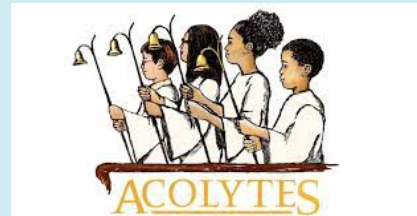
Do you stream the St. James worship service? Do you wish you could participate in communion while watching the service? In a basket in the Portico you will find "Communion Kits" that are available for you to take and use at home. If you participate in the communion service at home, please notify the church office so we can record your communion.

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.

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Sunday, March 12 --11:20 am

Have you thought you would like to be an acolyte serving during worship? There will be a training session on Sunday, March 12 at 11:20. A pizza lunch will be provided. This is for current acolytes as well as new folks.



MY FATHER'S HOUSE

St. James and St. Johns Lutheran will be hosting My Father's House Ministry, March 14 and 15. This quarter only two dinner meals are required and St. James will provide the meal for Tuesday March 14. There are presently 7 adults and 10 children in the Ministry. If you can provide an item for the meal for March 14, please let Sylvia Corl know and she'll be glad to pick up the item from your home and take it to the Ministry. The meals will be taken to the MAC House. Thanks so much for your help with this needed Ministry.

MY FATHER'S HOUSE

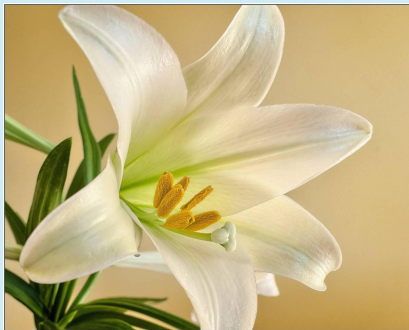
NEEDS

The Mary Magdalene Circle will be collecting items for My Father's House during the month of March. You can put your donations to this drive into a labeled bin in the Portico area.



Items Needed:

1. Sheets of stamps
2. Pieces of Tupperware
3. Hand soap
4. Bleach
5. 30-gallon trash bags

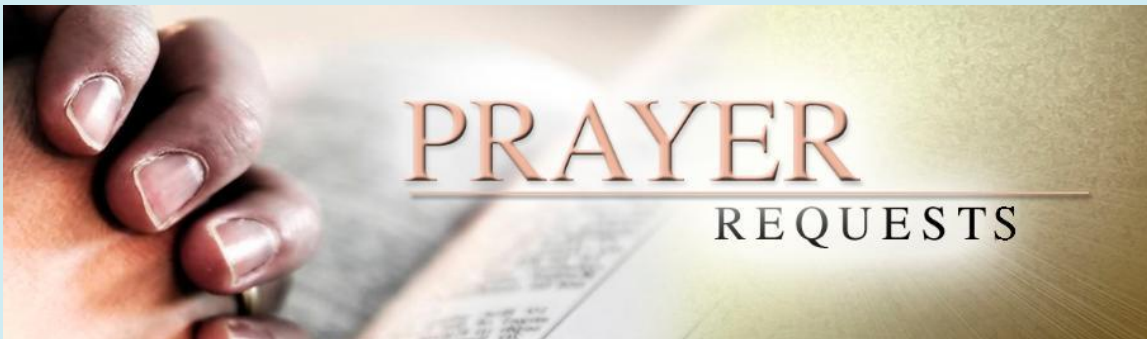


EASTER LILIES

There will be a Gift List with the names of donors and those that are being memorialized / honored placed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Order forms will be in Sunday's bulletin.

Cost is \$15.00 per flower

The deadline for ordering is April 2, 2023



Members of St. James

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

Family and Friends:

- Emily Starling, *granddaughter of Jill and Michael Strahl*

- Bishop Tim Smith
- Sadie Hope Hurlocker, *daughter of Zach and Amy Hurlocker*
- Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Raleigh, 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.

CHURCHWIDE / COMMUNITY



YOUR VOICE MATTERS

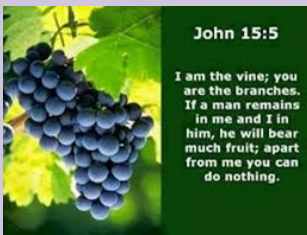
Bishop Tim Smith

One of the things I hear with disturbing frequency goes something like this: “This is a top-down church. The ELCA churchwide expression, the churchwide assembly, and the synod make decisions that are completely out of touch with me and my congregation. Nobody ever asks our opinion. The churchwide and synod actions don’t reflect the views of my community, my congregation, and me.”

I actually ponder that a lot. I worry about it a lot. I firmly believe, even amid today’s culture wars, polarizations, and anxiety, that most of us ultimately don’t have to “have our way.” But just like in interpersonal relationships, we do need to be seen, sincerely heard and understood, acknowledged, and valued. Minus any one of those things, we can’t really be in relationship together in any hopeful way.

Congregations are the foundational Word-Sacrament-and-Serving building block of this church in its three expressions. There is no synod or churchwide expression without congregations. Synods are just congregations working together to do things we can’t do on our own. Like agencies and institutions such as Lutheran Men in Mission—celebrating 100 years this month and providing disaster response, spiritual renewal retreats, and more—Lenoir-Rhyne University. Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of L-R, Lutheran Services Carolinas, Agape+Kure Beach, NovusWay (Lutheridge and Lutherock in NC), Women of the ELCA Synodical Women’s Organization, Lutheran Youth Organization, Twin Lakes, The Mission Fund (supporting 10 mission congregations in NC), Region 9 Archives, the Home Mission Foundation, and the NC Synod Foundation which includes the Michael Peeler and Virginia Casey Funds.

[Read Bishop Tim's full reflection.](#)



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

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Raleigh, NC

2723 Clark Avenue Raleigh, NC 27607
Rev. Peter Brown



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PIEDMONT PRIME TIME COMMUNITY BAND PRESENTS



MARCH 12, 2023 - 4 PM

DIRECTED BY MR. CHRIS WHITE

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SOCIAL MINISTRY

BLESSING BOX

For the month of **March**, St James has the opportunity to stock the blessing box at Rotary Square. Items can be put directly into the box or left in the red Blessing Box bin that is just inside the rear door of the church.

Please see the list of items below. Thank



you for being a blessing in our community. Mark Murphy will be the contact person for any questions.

- Canned goods / Crackers / Cereal
- Bags of rice / Ramen / Pasta
- Peanut butter / Jelly
- Granola bars / Raisins
- Fruit snacks / Pudding cups / Fruit cups
- Baby food / Bottled water
- Other non-perishables
- Shampoo / Soap / Deodorant
- Toothbrush and toothpaste

YOUTH MINISTRY



TRIP DATES

May 15-19 College Mission Trip

June 17-24 Beach Retreat at Kure Beach, NC

July 2 - 8 Mission Trip to Altoona, PA

ST. PATRICK'S DAY KIDS NIGHT OUT

Are you ready for pizza, games, God Time, crafts and a movie? From 6:30 - 8:30 pm on March 17, join us for a Kid's Night Out at St. James.

This is especially designed for kids 3 years old - 5th

grade. Please sign up so we can make plans.



Sign Up
Now

YOUTH NEWS
A MINISTRY OF ST. JAMES AND CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
MARCH, 2023

SUMMERTIME WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!
Youth! Make your plans now! Mark your calendar and plan to attend! Here are the final dates for our Summer plans! SIGN UP, SIGN UP, SIGN UP!
BEACH RETREAT: Our annual Youth Beach Retreat to Kure Beach will be June 17—June 24.

COLLEGE MISSION TRIP: The College Mission Trip, 2023 is May 15-19. I'm looking forward to another amazing trip with you all.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP: This year we are thinking out of the box and heading out on a new adventure to Altoona, Pennsylvania. The date of this adventure is July 2—July 8.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Mark your calendar for three days of Calvary and St James Vacation Bible School Fun at St. James! The dates are July 30—Aug 1. The ages are from 2 years old through 5th grade! More information will be coming out soon. Join us for a Stellar experience that is out of this world!

YOUTH NEWS LETTER

The March Youth Newsletter is now available. Find information on Beach Trips, Mission Trips, Vacation Bible School, Kids Night Out and lots more!

[DOWNLOAD NOW](#)

SCRIP CARDS



SUPPORT THE YOUTH MINISTRY BY PURCHASING SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Every Sunday morning SCRIP GIFT CARDS are available for purchase and with every gift card purchased you are supporting the Youth Ministry of Calvary and St. James. How does it work? You purchase a \$25.00 gift card for \$25.00, the youth will earn a percentage of the gift card purchased. You pay the face value of the

card you desire and the youth receive a little funding in the long run. We believe that funding should never determine who participates or cannot participate on retreats and mission trips. This fundraiser is a continuous program that helps keep the out of pocket costs of retreats and the mission trips at a very affordable level for everyone and has been used for scholarship funding as well. By purchasing SCRIP, it does not cost you any more than the value of the card, it supports the Youth Ministry, helps to keep the out-of-pocket costs down for the youth and everyone wins. We offer hundreds of gift cards from restaurants, gas cards, Lowes, Home Depot, Disney and grocery stores. If you have a need, we probably have the card available for purchase. They make great gifts for graduations, weddings, Mother's Day and Father's Day and for every day. Visit the SCRIP table before and after worship each Sunday and help support the Youth Ministry.

CHURCH RESOURCES



CALL PROCESS UPDATE

The Call Committee completed our training over this past weekend, and we are ready to begin the exciting work of discerning who our new Pastor will be here at St. James. We have been assigned a Synod Representative to shepherd us through this process and could receive names of potential candidates as early as next week. The Call Committee has a lot of serious work ahead and we ask for prayers for wisdom, guidance and patience through it all. I will continue to update the Council and Congregation on a regular basis on the status of the search.

~Frank Irvin

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ST. JAMES STAFF

- Rev. Craig Saltzer, 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](#)

- Kathryn Radcliffe, Nursery Coordinator [Email](#)
- Teresa Honeycutt, Custodian [Email](#)
- Debbie Davis, Congregation President [Email](#)

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