

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



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WEEK OF MARCH 14

FOR
GOD
SO LOVED
THE WORLD, THAT HE
GAVE HIS ONLY
BEGOTTEN SON,
THAT
WHOSOEVER
BELIEVETH
IN HIM
SHOULD NOT
PERISH,
BUT HAVE
EVERLASTING
LIFE
JOHN
3:16

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Sunday, March 14, 10:00 am

GATHER WITH US FOR
IN-PERSON WORSHIP

In-Person Worship will be Sunday at 10:00 am. To provide for everyone's safety, you will have your temperature checked, stay masked during the service, and be seated by the ushers to be socially distanced. At the current time, there will be no nursery or Sunday School.



WEEKLY WORSHIP

Live Streamed

Online Worship for Sunday, March 14 will be live-streamed on YouTube beginning at 9:50 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.

Worship Bulletin March 14



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

CHURCH EVENTS

Sunday, March 14

9:50 am Live Steam Worship
10:00 am In-Person Worship
TBD Zoom Sunday School

Wednesday, March 17

9:30 pm College Online

Thursday, March 18

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

BIRTHDAYS

14-Mar. Sara Faircloth

16-Mar. Tony Eury

16-Mar. Dee Pieschel

20-Mar. Ann Gillon

20-Mar. John Marlow

Sunday, March 21

9:50 am Live Stream Worship

10:00 am In-Person Worship

TBD Zoom Sunday School



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour at 2:00 am Sunday morning.

CHURCH NEWS

MARCH NEWSLETTER

Every month a newsletter is published and mailed to our members who do not have email access for the weekly Ring-Outs. This newsletter contains an article from Pastor Tony, Memorials and Honorariums, and a list of birthdays for the month. This newsletter is posted on our church website under Publications. Check out this month's Newsletter.

MARCH 2021

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THE LAST SUPPER EXPERIENCE

If you and your family experienced Bethlehem at the Farm back in December, you will not want to miss The Last Supper Experience. If you were not able to make it to Bethlehem, we hope you will be able to make it to the Last Supper Experience. On March 28, we will visit the farm once again to get a glimpse of the Last Supper. Sign up to experience the merchants at the Market Place, you will hear the stories of the locals, sit, and watch the Last Supper while enjoying a Seder Meal to go. Contact the church office to make a reservation.

You are asked to bring a yard chair or blanket to sit on. Please understand that food will be prepared and provided based upon the sign ups. If you sign up and cannot attend, please let us know so that we can adjust as needed.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Last Supper. If you would like to contribute to help lower the cost of the Last Supper Experience, there will be a donation bucket available.

WE'VE MISSED YOU, CHURCH FAMILY!

SUNDAY WORSHIP

In-Person Worship has resumed at St. James on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am. We will be checking temperatures, socially distancing, and wearing masks.

If you are uncomfortable with attending in-person, we will be live streaming the service. We will send out more information as it becomes available.

[Read March's Newsletter](#)



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. A link will be sent to you each week so you can watch.

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)

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 4



Join us for an outdoor Easter Egg on Easter morning at St. James! The time will be determined in the next couple of weeks.

Depending on the number of children attending, we will stagger the hunt in order to be socially distanced. If you would like to help, donations of filled eggs can be placed in the marked basket inside the portico door. Thank you!



BI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On April 11, prior to worship, we will hold our bi-annual congregational meeting to approve the 2020 annual report, elect a nominating committee and voting members for the NC synod assembly, and consider other business as necessary.

FLOWER CHART

Now that we have resumed in-person worship, you may sign up for flowers for the altar. We do not use flowers during Lent so the first Sunday available will be Easter Sunday, April 4. You may contact the church office to check for available dates. 704-786-0166 or keith@sjnc.net



Thank
you

THANK YOU

A special Thank-You to Tommy Propst and the Scouts, Health and Safety Committee, and the Ushers for all their work in making our first Sunday back to In-Person worship go

so smoothly. Thank you to everyone who attending for following our re-gathering procedures. It was great to be back together in worship.

HARD REFRESH

You may be wondering what is a hard refresh. I have heard from a few of you saying that the most current information isn't on the church webpage you are viewing. Here is some information that may be helpful for you.

A hard refresh clears your browser cache (memory) for a specific page, which forces it to load the most recent version of that page. This could include new styles or information.

Important: Clicking the “Refresh” arrow on your browser address bar is not a hard refresh. Here’s how you can clear your cache through a hard refresh on any browser:

HOW TO HARD REFRESH YOUR BROWSER

WINDOWS

GOOGLE CHROME

Ctrl + Reload Button

Ctrl + F5

FIREFOX

Ctrl + Shift + R

Ctrl + F5

INTERNET EXPLORER

Ctrl + Reload Button

Ctrl + F5

MAC OS

GOOGLE CHROME

Command + Shift + R

Shift + Reload Button

FIREFOX

Command + Shift + R

Shift + Reload Button

SAFARI

Option + Command + E

COMMUNITY NEWS



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

For over twenty years, area churches and individuals have participated in a Good Friday Stations of the Cross walk through downtown Concord. This year's walk is scheduled for April 2nd at 3:30 pm, and will last about 75 minutes.

The walk will begin at Grace Lutheran Church (corner of Chestnut and Tournament) followed by stops at St. James Lutheran Church (corner of Union St. and Corban Ave.) Memorial

Gardens (Spring St), City Hall, Central United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, and Forest Hill United Methodist Church.

If you would like to participate by reading at a station, please contact Mark Murphy. Please share this information with others you know outside your church who may be interested in the walk.

Please wear masks. If we have inclement weather we will hold the program at Grace Lutheran Church. If the police determine we cannot walk due to COVID restrictions, we will record the readings. We're praying we can walk this year.

If you have questions please call Mark Murphy (704-301-2816) or Teresa Hillie (704-785-0126)

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- [Sign Up to reserve your time and spot](#)
- You are asked to bring a yard chair or blanket to sit on.
- Please understand that food will be prepared and provided based upon the sign ups. If you sign up and cannot attend, please let us know so that we can adjust as needed.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Last Supper. If you would like to contribute to help lower the cost of the Last Supper Experience, there will be a donation bucket available.



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.

MY FATHER'S HOUSE

St. James/St. Johns Lutheran will be hosting My Father's House Ministry, March 15, 16, and 17. St. James will provide the dinner meals on Monday, March 15 and Tuesday, March 16. St. Johns is responsible for the night meal on Wednesday, March 17. There are presently 10 adults and 7 children in the Ministry. If you can provide an item for the meal for March 15 or March 16, please let me know and I'll be glad to pick up the item from your home and take it to MFH. Thanks so much for your help with this needed Ministry. Sylvia



Sylvia Corl 704-786-0296 cell 704-425-8621

CHURCH-WIDE NEWS



PICTURE THE BIBLE

Come, Picture the Bible! Join this PRC webinar on **Tuesday, March 16**, at 1 p.m. to learn about Picture the Bible: a set of 52 images depicting 52 specific Bible stories. The images and corresponding student engagement

pages offer a creative approach to Bible study that fosters biblical literacy and interpretation while encouraging children to explore connections between their lives and the biblical story.

[Learn More and Register](#)

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH MEETINGS

- March 21
- March 28



SUNDAY'S COOL! WEEK OF MARCH 8, 2021

WELCOME TO SUNDAY'S COOL! LOVE ONE ANOTHER!

BIBLE HEROES: Bible Heroes will not met this week due to Mike being out of town. Ann and I will be heading to the beach for a few days and I hope to be able to fly some kites while I'm there. If the wind will cooperate, and I'm able to do so, I'll send you guys some pictures. I look forward to seeing you all next week.

ATTENTION ALL CURRENT FIFTH GRADERS: SAVE THE DATE! MAY 23rd IS YOUR STEP UP INTO YOUTH DAY! Congratulations! You are invited to step into the Youth Ministry! What does that mean? It means getting together with other youth on Sunday evenings, having a good time and growing in your faith. It means that you can participate in this Summer's Adventures (as long as COVID cooperates). It means you can join us on the Middle School Beach Trip and the Middle School Mission trip. It means you can join us as we make a big difference by serving others. And, it means that we will be creating memories that will last a lifetime. Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 23 at 5:00. We hope to see you then!



****CHECK OUT THE YOUTH MINISTRY PAGE AT BOTH CHURCHES LATER THIS WEEK FOR SUMMER INFO AND FORMS. ****

Deuteronomy 6: 4-9 ⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone.⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem⁹ on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

SUNDAY'S COOL!

[Click to Read
Week of March 8, 2021](#)

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](#)

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