

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 28



SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the

completion of God's astonishing work.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Sunday, March 28, 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 21 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 28



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

CHURCH EVENTS

Sunday, March 28

9:50 am Live Steam Worship

10:00 am In-Person Worship

Wednesday, March 31

9:30 pm College Online

Thursday, April 1

BIRTHDAYS

28-Mar. Sklyla Hardister

28-Mar. Frank Irvin

28-Mar. Tim Propst

29-Mar. Jerry Hopkins

30-Mar. Anne Hodges

30-Mar. Joe Propst, Jr.

6:30 pm Bible Heroes Pre-2nd
7:00 pm Bible Heroes 3rd-5th
6:50 am Live Steam Worship
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday In-
Person Worship

Friday, April 2

11:50 am Live Steam Worship
12:00 pm Good Friday In-Person
Worship

Sunday, April 4

8:30 am Outdoor Garden Lot
Worship
9:50 am Live Steam Worship
10:00 am In-Person Worship

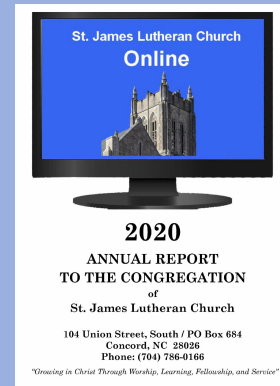
01-Apr. Sandra Faggart

01-Apr. Jeff Gilbert

CHURCH NEWS

ANNUAL REPORT

The 2020 Annual Report for St. James' Lutheran Church was emailed to you this week. There will be a limited number of printed copies available in the Narthex on Sunday. If you did not receive an email copy along with a Church Directory, please contact the church office.



Holy Week

Passion / Palm Sunday

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. (In-Person/Live Streamed)

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. (In-Person/Live Streamed)

Good Friday

Friday, 12:00 p.m. (In-Person/Live Streamed)

Stations of the Cross

Friday, 3:00 p.m.

Easter-Outside

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (Communion)

Easter-Inside

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. (Communion) (In-Person/Live Streamed)

Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter-Inside will be held in the sanctuary following our safety procedures of temperature checks, masking and social distancing. In order to maintain safe distancing, there will be a maximum number allowed in the sanctuary.

Stations of the Cross will begin at Grace Lutheran, Concord and will proceed to St. James and throughout downtown Concord.

Easter-Outside An outdoor service at 8:30 a.m. in the Garden Lot. The lot will be closed to cars. You may bring yard chairs if you desire. Safe distancing will be maintained and mask are required. Communion will be celebrated.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 4 at 9:15



Join us for an outdoor Easter Egg on Easter morning at St. James at 9:15! Depending on the number of children attending, we will stagger the hunt in order to be socially distanced.

Donations of filled eggs are needed and can be placed in the marked basket in the narthex. 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



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

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:

- Peanut butter & jelly
- Canned carrots, peas, potatoes and mixed vegetables
- Diced tomatoes
- Canned fruit
- Canned beans (not green or pinto)
- Any dried beans
- Pasta sauce
- Toilet paper

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

TAKE THEM A MEAL

Ralph and Sandy Barnhardt

You have been invited to participate in a meal schedule! Click the link below to signup to take a meal to Ralph and Sandy Barnhardt. Dates available are April 1, 3, 13, 15 and 17



[Take Them a Meal](#)

CHURCH-WIDE NEWS

HOLY WEEK NATURE WALK

During Holy Week we tell the story of Jesus' last week, from the triumphal

Holy Week
NATURE WALK

a cross MARK 15:21	a leafy branch MARK 11:8	Something broken MARK 14:3	the sound of a bird MARK 14:72
water JOHN 13:5	a heart JOHN 13:34	a table LUKE 22:14	Twelve of something MARK 14:17
Something	something	Something	a stone

entry to the Last Supper, cross and empty tomb. Take a walk and use all your senses to find the items listed. Take a photo or check it off and look up the verse.

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YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH MEETINGS

- 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.⁶ Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.⁷ Recite 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.⁸ Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem⁹ on your forehead,⁹ and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

SUNDAY'S COOL!

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[Week of March 22, 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

ONLINE GIVING



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.

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