

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 7



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The

commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.



WEEKLY ONLINE WORSHIP

Online Worship for Sunday, March 7 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 March 7](#)



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

CHURCH EVENTS

Sunday, March 7

10:00 am In-Person Worship
5:00 pm Youth

Tuesday, March 9

6:00 pm Congregation Council - Zoom

Wednesday, March 10

9:30 pm College Online
6:30 pm Drive-In Worship/
Communion

BIRTHDAYS

07-Mar. Camden Burroughs

07-Mar. Avery Miller

07-Mar. Ella Wickliff

10-Mar. Jay Clemmer

10-Mar. Jonas Jay

11-Mar. Linny Baker

11-Mar. Jeff Miller

13-Mar. Wendell Overby

13-Mar. Anne Swayney

Thursday, March 11

6:30 pm Bible Heroes Pre-2nd

7:00 pm Bible Heroes 3rd-5th

Sunday, March 14

10:00 am In-Person Worship

TBD Zoom Sunday School

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 handed out by the ushers during 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. Worshipers 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.



DRIVE-IN WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

March 10 at 6:30 pm

In order to provide an opportunity to safely worship and commune together in the same place and see some of our church friends from a distance, there will be a Drive-In Communion service on Wednesday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. **We will be gathering in the Garden Lot at St. James.** We ask that you drive into the lot and park in

alternating spaces. More details and the bulletin will be sent next week.

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 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)

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.

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



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CHURCH-WIDE NEWS



Hope Found in Paper Cranes

Pastor Kazuhiro Sekino, an International Leaders scholarship recipient from the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church, recently found a creative way to offer hope to COVID-19 patients at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, where he's currently interning as a chaplain. Drawing from a Japanese tradition, Sekino began to fold paper cranes to give to patients — and soon his

efforts were multiplied when people in Japan sent thousands of paper cranes to the hospital. "Paper cranes now are a spot of healing for [patients]," Sekino said.

[Watch the News Broadcast Here.](#)

Read Global Links-ELCA



SYNOD E-NEWS

What to know what is happening throughout North Carolina in the Lutheran Church? Read the latest issue of the Synod e-News.

Read the March 2 Issue

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH MEETINGS

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- March 28



SUNDAY'S COOL!

WEEK OF MARCH 1, 2021

WELCOME TO SUNDAY'S COOL!

LOVE ONE ANOTHER!

BIBLE HEROES: Don't forget that Bible Heroes meets on Thursday evenings. The younger ones gather through Zoom at 6:30 and the older ones gather at 7:00. We would love to see you online so that we can grow and learn together. The Zoom Meeting ID 932 0002 2872.

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!



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!

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MARCH YOUTH



HOLD ON TIGHT, THE YOUTH ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH SUMMER PLANS!

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In 2021 what makes a great combination for a Youth Summer to happen? The answer:

- A huge drop in COVID numbers. Happening
- Vaccines being administered. Happening
- And Summer is coming! Going to Happen!

Total all of those up and you have the correct answer: A YOUTH SUMMER IS LOOKING GOOD! Nothing official that has been passed on, yet, but, we are thinking positive and moving in that direction. I'm excited about the possibilities and excited about jumping in and enjoying making a big difference to others and having a great time being together again!

PALM SUNDAY IS COMING!

We are planning to present an experience, like we did at Christmas, at the Jones' Farm for Palm Sunday. This time we will be presenting a Market Place, include Guides and the Last Supper. We will be needing a lot of help so please set aside Sunday, March 28 and plan to play a role in The Last Super.

RIISING 6th GRADERS! WE CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU TO STEP INTO YOUTH!

Your **STEP UP SUNDAY MAY 23**. We are excited about you joining in the fun and excitement of the Youth Ministry and we are looking forward to growing together in faith. If you would like to bring a friend with you on that day, invite them along and we look forward to welcoming you on the journey. Hope to see you on May 23.

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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. What do you need to do to be part of The Last Supper Experience?

- [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.

CHURCH RESOURCES

You can manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and

ONLINE GIVING



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.

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