

# St. James Lutheran Church

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

## Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



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## WEEK OF APRIL 18



## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

# IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Sunday, April 18

**GATHER WITH US FOR**  
**IN-PERSON WORSHIP**

In-Person Indoor Worship will be Sunday at 10:00 a.m. 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, April 18 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.

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## ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

### CHURCH EVENTS

#### Sunday, April 18

9:50 am Live Steam Worship  
10:00 am In-Person Worship

#### Wednesday, April 21

9:30 pm College Online

#### Thursday, April 22

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

#### Sunday, April 25

### BIRTHDAYS

**18-Apr.** Missy Hartman

**19-Apr.** Mallory Horton

**19-Apr.** Jackson Hughes

**20-Apr.** Sondra Bryn

**20-Apr.** George Hartsell

**21-Apr.** Sydney Haberman

**21-Apr.** Ryan Kuly

# CHURCH NEWS



## COOK SCHOLARSHIPS

In 1968, John M. Cook, Jr established an endowment to assist college and graduate students who are members of St. James Lutheran Church to help pay their tuition.

The Cook Trust Fund Committee is now accepting applications for the fall and spring semesters of the school year 2021/2022. Please contact the church office by phone or email [keith@sjnc.net](mailto:keith@sjnc.net) to receive a first time or returning application. The deadline to return the application will be **June 1st, 2021** to be considered for a scholarship this fall.

Please contact Kenny Propst with any questions that you may have regarding the application process at 704-467-2300 or [fcpinc@vnet.net](mailto:fcpinc@vnet.net).

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## SUMMER CAMP

**Attention families with children  
– it is summer camp time!**

I still remember my first summer at Lutheridge. Not only did I have fun (after a day of severe homesickness) and make new friends, the songs we sang (like *Pass It On*) around the evening campfires, the morning bible studies and evening vespers with young adults who affirmed how precious I was to God, played an important part in my faith formation and my appreciation of nature and Christian community.



After a year of no camp, Lutheran camps are making plans for a fun and safe summer. Programs are available for elementary school children through high school youth, and from half-week to full week experiences. If you are interested in sending your child/youth to Lutheridge, Lutherock, or Camp Agape this summer, financial assistance / scholarships are available through St. James to cover part of the cost. For more on summer opportunities visit [www.novusway.org](http://www.novusway.org) or <https://agapekurebeach.org> and for financial assistance please speak with Pastor Tony.



## USHERS NEEDED

We are in need of additional people to serve as ushers. Recently, we have had several people who are no longer able to serve. Typical rotation would be serving two months during the year. Ushering is open to men, women or youth. If you are interested, please contact

Gretchen Walker or the church office.



## ALTAR FLOWERS

Now that we have resumed in-person worship, you may sign up for flowers for the altar. You may sign up online for a desired date or contact the church office. 704-786-0166 or [keith@sjnc.net](mailto:keith@sjnc.net)

[Sign Up for Flowers Now](#)



## DRIVE-IN WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

April 28 at 6:30 pm

In order to provide an opportunity to safely worship and commune

together, there will be a Drive-In Communion service on Wednesday, April 28 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.

## 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:

- 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.

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### SPRING IS IN BLOOM and so is CVAN's Tucker Garden Tour!

Saturday - June 5  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



We are Grateful! We are so grateful to Carolyn and Bob Tucker for opening their gardens to benefit battered women and their children. With your help, CVAN was here for 1,034 women and

children last year.

12 fabulous acres - room for natural social distancing while taking in the beauty on this all-walking tour - no vans or golf carts

No tickets - donation bucket at entrance.

## CHURCHWIDE NEWS

### MAY THE ODDS BE FOREVER IN YOUR FAVOR

Odds of getting a hole in one? 5,000: 1.  
Odds of being struck by lightning? 567,000: 1.  
Odds of winning the nearly billion-dollar MegaMillions jackpot this past January? 302, 575,000: 1. I'm curious. How many of you have ever made a hole in one? How many have been struck by lightning? As I thought. Very, very few! But I will wager that quite a number of you bought a ticket for that January lottery, even though it's over 60,000 times more likely that you'll sink a hole in one and over 525 times more likely that you'll be struck by lightning!



[Read Bishop Tim's Full Reflection](#)

## 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.

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