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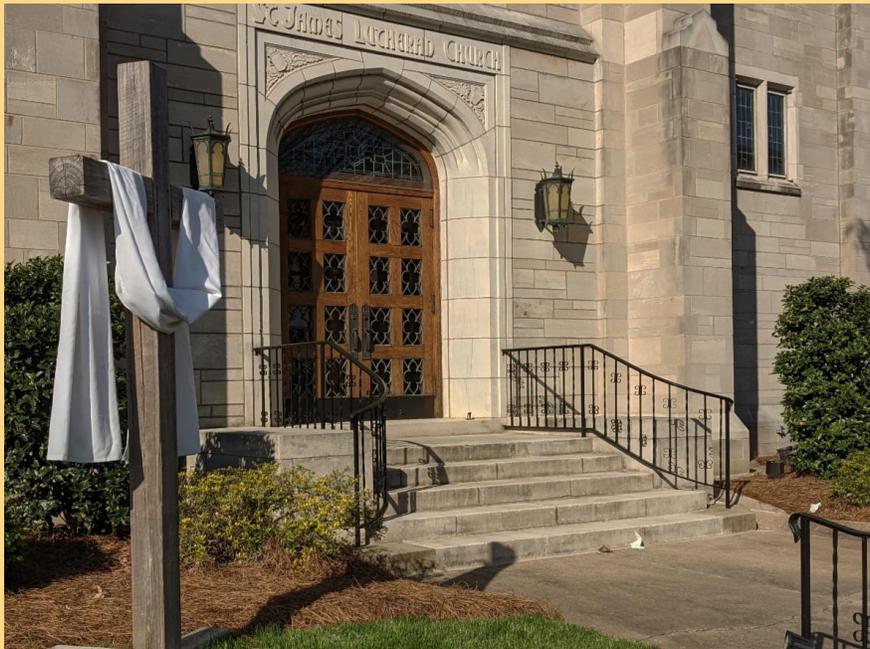
*"Growing in Christ Through Worship, Learning,
Fellowship, and Service."*

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



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WEEK OF APRIL 25



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Sunday, April 25

**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 25 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 25

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

Wednesday, April 28

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

Thursday, April 29

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

BIRTHDAYS

25-Apr. Natalie Williams

26-Apr. Kailey Hartman

27-Apr. Thomas Grady

28-Apr. Kara Bestler

28-Apr. Larken Muenster

29-Apr. Sam Hurley

29-Apr. Stacey Wilson

01-May Anna Grace Craver

Sunday, May 2

9:50 am Live Steam Worship

10:00 am In-Person Worship

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 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 fcpsc@vnet.net.

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 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

[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

We are beginning to shift our models somewhat. In the past, our approach was “If you need food, come and get it!” And that works for many of the food-insecure in our community. However, we have begun to recognize that there are some who cannot come, for whatever reasons. So now we are beginning to think about how we can get the food to them. We are developing partnerships with Elder Orphan Care and the Community Paramedic program, sharing food resources with them to share with their clients. We also had developed a program in partnership with the county, Atrium, and the Cabarrus Health Alliance to deliver groceries to families who were under quarantine but needed food. Now we are putting the final touches on a similar but on-going program to deliver groceries to homebound households who lack the support system to help them get food from our pantry. It is amazing to see how God is opening doors for us to increase our impact and serve our food-insecure neighbors.

We continue to be so grateful to all the churches and organizations who support us with on-going and occasional food collections. You truly are invaluable!

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)
- Any dried beans
- Pasta sauce
- Toilet paper

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

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



Earth Day statement from Bishop Eaton

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
—Psalm 104:24

Throughout Scripture, God promises to restore God's people to health and wholeness, a promise that includes the renewal of all creation. This promise is depicted dramatically in the final pages of the book of Revelation as a grand vision of a new heaven and a new earth. The earth and its inhabitants are weary and uncertain, battered by plagues and death, wars and destruction. But God is still there, persistent and faithful. At the last, God reveals a renewed heaven and an earth permeated by the presence of God, transformed from pain to be a place of healing and wholeness for all things. The 2021 Earth Day theme, "Restore Our Earth," reminds us of this vision and the holy work God entrusts to us — of seeking the well-being of creation as inseparable from the wholeness of humankind.

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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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