

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



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WEEK OF MAY 2



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Sunday, May 2

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 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, May 2 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.

[Watch Live Stream](#)

[Worship Bulletin May 2](#)



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

CHURCH EVENTS

Sunday, May 2

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

Thursday, May 6

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

Sunday, May 9

BIRTHDAYS

03-May Charlotte Glatz

03-May Edwin Glatz

03-May Elizabeth Harris

03-May Joy Lineberger

04-May Thomas Baker

04-May Deedee Gilbert

04-May John Kuly

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

04-May Trent Propst
05-May Julie Burroughs
05-May Michael Cartwright
05-May Sarah Propst
06-May Kimmie Brooks
06-May Bryson Ziegler
07-May Anthony Wyatt
08-May Patricia McDonough

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 fcpinc@vnet.net .



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](#)

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

God's work.
Our hands.



"God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday



Save the date
September 12

"God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday is **September 12, 2021**. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the

ELCA—one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. **Service activities** offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ—every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life—flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

St. James will be participating. More information and details to follow.

WE ARE THE BRANCHES

Each week we will remember in prayer our brothers and sisters at one of our partner Lutheran churches in the NC Synod. Please lift them up in your prayers during the week also. This week we remember Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity in Mt. Pleasant



[More Information on Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity](#)

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

~John 15:5

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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