

# St. James Lutheran Church

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

## Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM**  
IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

**WEEK OF MAY 22**

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in my name,  
will teach you all things and will  
remind you of everything I have said to you.

**John 14:26**



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# WEEK OF MAY 29



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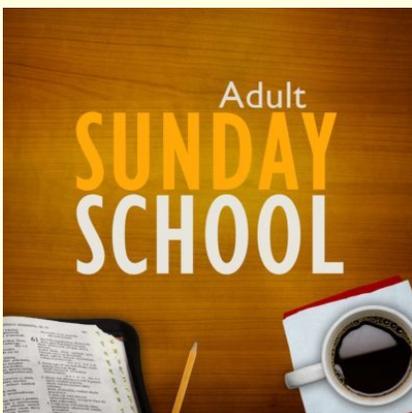
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# SUNDAY SCHOOL



## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Children's Sunday School** with grades 3-6 in mind, from 9:00 – 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall. We will read a Bible story and perhaps work on a craft. Join us!



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

An Adult Sunday School class will be offered on Sunday mornings at **9:00 a.m.** in the History Room on the 2nd floor of the Education Building. Frank Irvin will be teaching and everyone is invited. Please have a Bible or Bible App ready because we're going to look outside the texts listed in the lesson.

# THE CONVERSION OF PAUL LESSON

## SCRIPTURE FOR THE LESSON



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### **Sunday, May 22**

9:00 am Adult & Children's  
Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship

### **Monday, May 23**

10:30 am Quilting Group  
6:30 pm Scouts

### **Wednesday, May 25**

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **Sunday, May 29**

9:00 am Adult & Children's  
Sunday School  
10:00 am Music Sunday  
11:15 am Congregational  
Cookout

### **Monday, May 30**

10:30 am Quilting Group  
6:30 pm Scouts

### **Wednesday, June 1**

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **Sunday, June 5**

9:00 am Adult & Children's  
Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship



## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**22-May** Wayne King

**23-May** Grayson Downs

**23-May** Mason Overby

**27-May** Brad Baker

**29-May** Dylan Rutemiller

**31-May** Joe Grady

**31-May** Samantha Hillegass

**01-Jun** Jason Kartheiser

**01-Jun** Keith Sutton

**03-Jun** Nancy Hopkins

**03-Jun** Jack Nivens

**03-Jun** Mike Holt

**04-Jun** Thomas Propst, Jr.

**04-Jun** Miles Walker

# CHURCH NEWS



To the Congregation  
Council, and members  
and friends of St James.  
May 12, 2022

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, when I first met with the call committee here at St James in February of 2014, I had no idea where the conversation would lead. I did know that during that evening I sensed a connection, a nudging if you will, that I attributed to the work of the Holy Spirit.

On July 1, 2014, our walk together with Christ officially began and over the last eight years I have felt and seen the Spirit's work among us as we journeyed through many endings and new beginnings. The ending and grieving of a long-standing preschool led to a partnership with Families First and a bilingual preschool for at-risk families. The retirement of a youth and family minister led to a partnership with Calvary Lutheran Church where we now share youth ministry. We celebrated a major anniversary and at the same time have seen many of those who were part of that celebration join the church triumphant. A pandemic closed our doors for a year, and we are still trying to loose ourselves from its hold, and yet from this challenge came the ability to livestream worship and reach more people with the gospel.

Through it all, our life together has been and remains grounded in the sure and certain hope that God is faithful, and through the power of the Holy Spirit continues to be at work within us and among us and through us...calling us to places and using us in ways we would never expect...promising to be with us always.

In recent months I have sensed once again the nudgings of the Spirit and have discerned it is time for another ending and new beginning. And so with this letter I announce that I will be retiring from St James, effective August 31, 2022.

There will be time over the next couple of months to celebrate our ministry together and say our goodbyes, but for now, I simply say thank you to the congregational council, staff, and family of St James for allowing me the privilege of sharing in your lives as your pastor.

While I am sad to be leaving and do not know what lies ahead for

either of us, I am also excited and give thanks to God confident that God is already preparing your next pastor and that she or he will be blessed to walk with you and you with them, as together you proclaim the love and grace of God in Christ Jesus.

Your brother in Christ,  
Pastor Tony



**PARENT'S  
NIGHT OUT**  
**At St. James**  
**Friday, May 20**  
**6:30 - 9:00 pm**

Parents, this is your opportunity for a Date Night! Go out and enjoy a great meal and time

together. The Youth will be happy to take care of the kids, (3 years old through 5th grade). Drop your children off at St. James. This gives us the opportunity to get to know the younger ones of both St. James, and Calvary church families.

There is no charge at all, this is our time to build relationships from one generation to the next. We will provide a pizza dinner, games, craft, and a movie. They will be ready to go home and go to bed when you pick them up. (If your child has any dietary restrictions, it may be best for them to bring a sack dinner with them.) Invite a friend and join in the fun.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

During worship on May 22 we will be receiving 14 new members into our shared life at St James. We celebrate that they have found their church home at St. James:





**Barbara Albright**



**Jeff Koenig  
Ashley Cline**



**Stephen & Madeline  
DeGrace,  
Alexander**



**Scott Foppiano**



**Michael & Kristin Rinker  
Jacob, Joshua**



**Christine Ruff  
Andy Verner**



**Cheryl Webb**



## MEMORIAL DAY FLAGS

St. James' scouting groups have assisted American Legion Post replacing American Flags on the graves of Veterans at Oakwood Cemetery, before Memorial Day . Our next day of service is this **Saturday**

**May 21**, beginning at 9:00 am. We meet with the Post members for a brief service, then work with them to replace the flags.

It's a meaningful activity, and anyone is invited to participate. We meet at the flagpole inside the Brookwood Avenue entrance. Many thanks go to Don Faggart, the Post Chaplain who invited us to participate many years ago, and the current Post Commander Dale Merrell for continuing to invite us to participate.

## MUSIC SUNDAY

**Music Sunday and congregational cookout.** Please join us on **May 29** for a service of scripture and favorite hymns as we celebrate the gift of music.



During the service we will officially install Scott Foppiano as our Organist / Director of Music, and recognize and give thanks for Glenda Poole and the musical gifts she shared with us as an interim during the difficult time of COVID.

## CONGREGATIONAL

## COOKOUT

At the conclusion of worship on May 29, we will have a congregational cookout compliments of our scouts.



## GRADUATE SUNDAY

**Attention Graduates:** We will recognize and celebrate Winter 2021 and Spring 2022 Graduates on Sunday, **June 5** during worship.

Please let the church office know if you are or have a graduate in your family and if you are willing, send a picture to the church office along with the school from which you will graduate and any honors; degree earned (for post-secondary graduates); 1-2 sentences describing any continuing education plans; 1-2 sentences on any job plans; and any other pertinent information you would want to share.

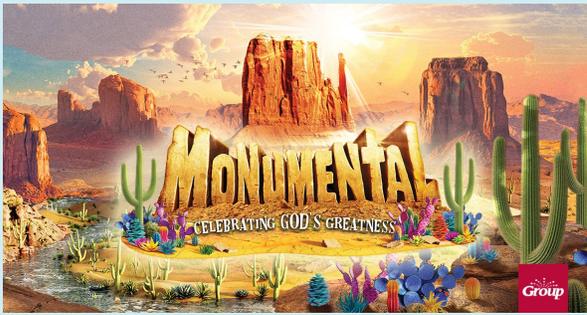
We will share this information on the bulletin board in the portico area and in the weekly Ring-out. Please plan to be with us June 5 to congratulate and show your support for our young adults.

## 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 2022/2023. 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, 2022** 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](mailto:fcpsc@vnet.net) .



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 31-August 2

Mark your calendars now. St. James and Calvary's Joint VBS starts on Sunday, July 31 and

goes through Tuesday, August 2.

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

### CCM FOOD PANTRY MAY



This past weekend the local Letter Carriers resumed their Stamp Out Hunger food drive, for the first time since 2019. However, the response was much less than expected—about 15 to 20% of what we received in past years. Meanwhile, the number of households coming for food continues to be higher than earlier in the year and last year. So our inventory is getting quite low in many areas. **We strongly encourage our partner churches and organizations to plan some special summer food drives**, maybe in connection to VBS (Kids Kan Too!).

Currently, the pantry items we are in biggest need of are:

- Any kinds of canned beans except green (pinto, black, kidney, baked, etc.)
- Dried Pinto Beans
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Chicken
- Other Canned Meats (except tuna!)
- Spaghetti and other Dried Pasta
- Soup
- Toilet Paper and Paper Towels

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

These items can be dropped off at the Portico Entrance during office hours.



## YMEAL TRAIN

There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help them with a meal. When many friends provide support through a meal, Meal Train keeps everyone organized. We have a meal train for Martha and Jimmy Summers. Click below to get on board the meal train.....

**[SIGN UP NOW](#)**

## CHURCHWIDE / COMMUNITY



### ***Journey with John*** **Bible Reading Plan**

Make plans now to join us for the NC Synod summer online Bible Reading Plan sponsored by the Engage the Bible Task Group, a Book of Faith ministry. This summer we will read the Gospel of John together as a synod. *Journey with John* will begin on **July 3** and end on **July 26**. Participate by **subscribing to receive the study daily in your inbox,,,** watching daily posts on the **synod's Facebook page**, or by watching the synod's website for daily posts. Invite your friends to join you!

### **Summer Youth Music Camp at LRU**

Lenoir-Rhyne University will host their ninth annual Summer Youth Music Camp for middle school and high school students. The choral camp is scheduled for **June 20-24** and the band camp will run from **July 11-15**. Both camps are housed in the Mauney Music Building, located on campus.





## Civics & Faith Listening Events

Join members of the ELCA new social statement task force about civics and faith for an ELCA-wide virtual listening event. The event will introduce what social statements are and how they're developed. Then, you will have a chance to share with task force members directly in breakout groups. There are two opportunities to participate:

- **Tuesday, May 24, 8-9:15 p.m. (ET)**
- **Wednesday, May 25, 8-9:15 p.m. (ET)**

[Register today.](#)

## Small Business Saturday - May 28

Join us Saturday, May 28 for [Small Business Saturday](#) in Downtown Concord!



As a reminder, when you make a purchase of any amount at a participating business, you may enter for a chance to win \$100 in Downtown Concord Dollars! Simply fill out a Small Business Saturday slip at checkout or scan the QR code to complete a virtual entry form! Winner to be announced the following week.

## Piedmont Prime Time Community Band



**PIEDMONT PRIME TIME  
COMMUNITY BAND**

DIRECTED BY CHRIS WHITE



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JOHN WILLIAMS' 90TH  
BIRTHDAY

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of leadership



The Concert is free, and dress is casual.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

# Calvary—St. James

January



## UPCOMING DATES

**22-May** Youth Family Cookout 5:00 pm

**No Youth:** May 29

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## 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.



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- **Keith Sutton**, Parish Administrator [Email](#)
- **Jill Irvin**, Financial Administrator [Email](#)
- **Scott F. Foppiano**, Organist / Director of Music [Email](#)

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