

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 9



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true

friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Sunday, May 9

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.



WEEKLY WORSHIP

Live Streamed

Online Worship for Sunday, May 9 will be live-streamed on YouTube beginning at 9:55 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, May 9

9:55 am Live Steam Worship
10:00 am In-Person Worship
No Youth - Mother's Day

Monday, May 10

10:30 am Quilting Group

BIRTHDAYS

09-May Anne Readling

11-May Hollis Miller

14-May Lisa Folino

Tuesday, May 11

6:00 pm Congregation Council

Thursday, May 13

6:30 pm Bible Heroes Pre-2nd

7:00 pm Bible Heroes 3rd-5th

Sunday, May 16

9:55 am Live Steam Worship

10:00 am In-Person Worship

College Mission Trip-No Youth

Happy Mother's Day

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue." PROVERBS 31:25-26



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 .

MEAL TRAIN

Help out with providing a meal once a week to Martha and Jimmy Summers. It's easy to sign up, just click the link below. Thank you for your support of this ministry.



[Sign Up for the Meal Train](#)



GRADUATES

If you have a student who will be graduating from high school or college this year, please let the church office know. keith@sjnc.net or 704-786-0166 We want to be able to recognize their accomplishments and to be sure that we don't leave anyone out. Thank you.

APRIL MEMORIALS

**To the Glory of God and In
Loving Memory**

Don Eng

By John Barrier and Family
By Mr. and Mrs. Guy Beaver
By Don and Jo Ann Fowler
By Elizabeth Hurley
By Jim and Laurie Miller
By Glenda Poole
By Jimmy and Patty Propst (Property Fund)
By Jane Spainhour

Ray Faggart

By Jo Eng

Martha Kelley

By Fuller and Jean Beasley
By Joseph Beasley
By Al Brown (Cemetery Fund)
By Jeff and Claire Faggart
By Michael and Sue Ellen Frye
By Will and Ann Gillon
By David and Mavis Kelley



By Jo Anne and Susan Lynch
By Buddy and Joan McEachern
By Glenda Poole
By Tom and Ann Ridenhour (Music Ministry)

Sandy Barnhardt

By Fuller and Jean Beasley
By Joseph Beasley
By Al Brown (Cemetery Fund)
By Frances Campbell
By Bill and Ann Cannon
By Mary Anne Chambers
By Class of 1956 - Mt. Pleasant High School
By Roy and Caroline Clyburn
By Allen and Janet Craven
By George and Pitsa Diatzikis
By Jo Eng
By Jeff and Claire Faggart
By Timothy and Frances Foley
By Will and Ann Gillon
By Joe Grady
By Tom and Carole Grady
By Kim Haberman
By Joyce Hardin
By Dee and Ann Hodges
By Morrison and Betty Honeycutt
By Senator David and Linda Hoyle
By Elizabeth and Sam Hurley
By Jeremy and Golda Jay
By Jeff Miller and Halena Le
By Doug and Cheryl Kelling
By Frances Lentz
By Dave and Linda Lockhart
By Buddy and Joan McEachern
By Pete McEachern
By Mark, Teresa, Georgia, Eleanor, Caroline and Tara McSwain
By Jim and Laurie Miller
By Susan Miller (Columbarium)
By Anne H. Morrison
By Mark and Amy Murphy
By Doug and Dean Phillips
By Glenda Poole
By Jimmy and Patty Propst/Propst Construction (Preschool Fund)
By Tim and Patricia Propst (Preschool Fund)
By Tom and Ann Ridenhour Music Ministry)
By Jane Spainhour
By Alice Steele-Robinson
By Skip and Nancy Verble
By Sue and Morgan Walker



To the Glory of God and In Loving Honor

Glenda Poole

By Jo Eng

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



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR-- VACCINATE!

Bishop Tim Smith

What do diphtheria, smallpox, hepatitis B, measles, meningitis, mumps, pertussis, polio, rubella, tetanus, tuberculosis, and yellow fever have in common? They have all been eradicated or brought under control by global vaccination programs. The jury is still out on COVID-19. The problem with viruses in particular is that they mutate, change, adapt. If our country were fully vaccinated against current strains, yet the disease was allowed to be transmitted freely anywhere else on the planet, it could mutate to the point where those who are vaccinated are no longer protected from the new strains. Even before we bring Jesus and love of neighbor into the equation, it's good for everyone not only to BE vaccinated but also to see that OTHERS are vaccinated.

I've asked a number of acquaintances, Lutheran and otherwise, why they are hesitant to be vaccinated. As you know, for some, it's a political stance, though one that doesn't make sense to me. The vaccine was developed at warp speed under a Republican president

who himself was vaccinated and urges others to do the same. It's been produced and distributed under a Democratic administration which likewise urges all to be vaccinated. So, between at least the two major parties, there is rare agreement, even before we bring that Jesus and love of neighbor angle into the conversation.

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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: **St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Gold Hill**



[More Information on St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church](#)

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

YOUTH NEWS

MAY CALENDAR

May 2 5:00 pm Youth Gathering
May 9 No Youth - Mother's Day
May 16 College Mission Trip - No Youth
May 23 3:00 - 6:00 Cookout and Form Signing at Propst's Farm
May 30 No Youth - Memorial Day



IT'S MAY ALREADY!

It is extremely hard to believe it's already May. That means that we are in the middle of planning for this coming Summer and if, all goes well, it will be a great Youth Summer. Here is what is ahead:

FISHING, HAMBURGERS, GAMES AND A FORM SIGNING GATHERING, ALL IN ONE AFTERNOON:

MAY 23 is the date! 3:00 - 6:00 at the Propst's Farm is the time and location. We will gather for a great afternoon of fun and to give everyone the chance to sign all of the annual and summer forms at one time. Mark your calendar and plan to join us that afternoon. Hope to see you there.

SERVANT DAYS!

As soon as school is out, SERVANT DAYS will begin! We will be serving others right here in our own backyard. Together we can make a big difference. We will hope that we will have enough work to go back-to-back, completing an act of Service here and to be followed with another waiting. McGill Baptist Youth are on board and eager to celebrate our partnership in serving. So, hang on to your work gloves, your hat and be ready to jump in to make a difference to others.

GARDEN TIME!

Thanks so much for all who have come out and worked so hard to reclaim the Youth Garden! You all have knocked it out of the park! Weeds are gone, blackberry bushes have disappeared, plants have been planted and replanted due to frost, tomatoes have been staked and the sprinklers are set. Now, we just wait and celebrate what God will be doing with the Youth Garden. Great job to everyone giving a hand to help make it happen.

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YOUTH NEWSLETTER

Click below to read the May Newsletter. Things in Youth Ministry are heating up...find out what's happening! Don't miss out.

[May Newsletter](#)

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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