

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



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WEEK OF JUNE 13

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP Sunday, June 13

In-Person Indoor Worship will be Sunday at 10:00 a.m. In consultation

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

with the executive committee of the council, masks will no longer be required for indoor worship. We will however, at least for the moment, continue to social distance and refrain from indoor singing. Communion will be available every Sunday.

We encourage those who have not been fully vaccinated to continue to wear masks and that even those who have been fully vaccinated consider wearing a mask, particularly when entering and exiting worship, for the sake of those who have not been vaccinated.



WEEKLY WORSHIP Live Streamed

Online Worship for June 13 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 Livestream](#)

[Bulletin for June 13](#)



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

CHURCH EVENTS

Sunday, June 13

9:55 am Live Steam Worship
10:00 am In-Person Worship

Monday, June 14

10:30 am Quilting Group

Saturday, June 19

Youth Beach Trip thru June 26

Sunday, June 20

9:55 am Live Steam Worship

BIRTHDAYS

13-Jun Terry Splawn

15-Jun Ann Blackwelder

15-Jun Anne Eury

15-Jun Nita Jones

18-Jun James Radcliffe

19-Jun Campbell Overby

19-Jun Katherine Weisel

CHURCH NEWS



MEN'S SOCK DRIVE

In June we are using the Blessing Box bin to collect new and gently used men's socks to be given to Opportunity House. For the first three weeks of June the bin we be located inside the portico entrance. On June 27, the collection bin will in the Narthex.

MY FATHER'S HOUSE

St. James / St. John's Lutheran will be hosting My Father's House Ministry, June 21-23. St. James will provide the dinner meals on June 21 and June 22. There are presently six adults and five children in the Ministry. If you can provide an item for the meal, please let Sylvia Corl know and she will be glad to pick up the item from your home and take it to MFH. Thanks so much for your help with this needed Ministry



HONORING OUR GRADUATES

HIGH SCHOOL



**Congratulations to
the Class of 2021**



Charlotte Davis

Charlotte graduated from Cannon School. She will attend NC State in the fall to join their College of Design



Nina Folino

Nina graduated from PLC Online High School. She will attend the Paul Mitchell School of Cosmetology.



Lily Kartheiser

Lily graduated from Central Cabarrus High School. She will continue to work on her associate science degree at Rowan Cabarrus Community College and then will apply to the Physical Therapist Assistant program.



Campbell Overby

Campbell graduated from Northwest Cabarrus High School. She will attend Appalachian State University in the fall to pursue a degree in Political Science.



Jason Pittard

Jason graduated from North Hills Christian School. He will attend the University of North Carolina Charlotte where he will major in Computer Science.

COLLEGE



Hollis Miller

Hollis graduated from Lenoir Rhyne University with a B.A. in English. He is pursuing a career in copywriting and/or technical writing.

If there are others that have recently graduated, please email Keith the information to be included in a future issue. Include a photo also. Thank you.

MAY MEMORIALS

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



Sandy Barnhardt

By Linny Baker

By John, Dan, Katherine and James
Barrier

By Mr. and Mrs. Marion Bost

By Carroll and Marcia Brooks

By Virginia, Mark, Penny and Brad Eudy

By Ike and Jane Faust

By Betty S. Gabriel

By Margaret Garrison

By Sue Hartsell

By Nancy Haywood

By Wayne and Judy King

By Fred and Dianne Lambert

By Nick and Christine Lovelace

By Dale and Barbara Merrell (Property Fund)

By Steve and Kathy O'Brien

By Alex, Lex, Laurie and John Patterson (Cemetery Fund)

By Wayne and Libby Williams

Juanita Blackwelder

By Al Brown (Cemetery Fund)

By Fred and Dianne Lambert

Jane Brown

By Lily Hill

Don Eng

By Linny Baker

By Mr. and Mrs. Marion Bost

By Wayne and Judy King

By Dale and Barbara Merrell (Property Fund)

By Alex, Lex, Laura and John Patterson

Ray Faggart

By Dale and Barbara Merrell (Property Fund)

Phyllis Harward

By Ralph Barnhardt

By Fuller and Jean Beasley

By Frances Bostian

By Al Brown (Cemetery Fund)

By Gene, Betty and Terry Dabbs

By Bill Fisher
By Will and Ann Gillon
By Tom and Carole Grady
By Ned and Jo Ann Hamrick
By Brown and Gene Holbrooks
By John and Fay Holmes
By Jeremy and Golda Jay
By Thomas and Sandra Long
By Jim, Laurie and Chris Miller
By Todd and Gretchen Walker

Martha Kelley

By Margaret Garrison
By Tom and Carole Grady
By Sue Hartsell
By Fred and Dianne Lambert
By Dale and Barbara Merrell (Property Fund)
By Jim, Laurie and Chris Miller
By Alex, Lex, Laura and John Patterson
By Wayne and Libby Williams

Cabarrus Bilingual Preschool at St. James Lutheran



Class of
2021

Dear St. James,

Thank you for helping make this possible. We had 17 graduates from St. James and 21 from Central. We appreciate everything you do for us.

Cabarrus Bilingual Preschool Staff at St. James
Spencer and Aurora Swain

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.

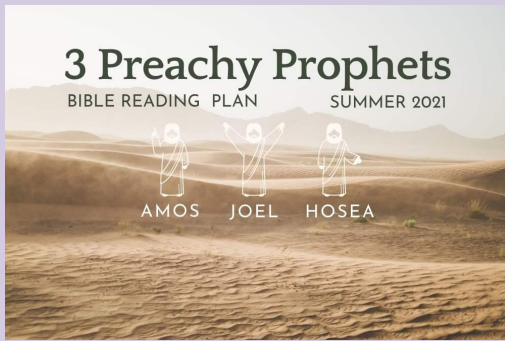
CHURCHWIDE NEWS



STRENGTH
for the Journey
2021 NC Synod Assembly

The NC Synod of the ELCA's assembly was held virtually last week, June 3-5. A link to the recap page is below:

[2021 Assembly Recap](#)



READING THE BIBLE TOGETHER

Beginning Sunday, July 4, we will read Amos, Joel, and Hosea together as a synod—from Manteo to Murphy, or more specifically for our synod's congregations, from Andrews to

Atlantic Beach! Join us! This summer's Bible Reading Plan will help us read and reflect on three books of the Bible with 28 devotions from 28 writers from across the NC Synod.

There are three ways to engage with "3 Preachy Prophets:"

1. Subscribe to the email list and each day's reading will come to your inbox. Visit the synod's homepage and scroll down to find a **purple Sign Up form**. Complete the form, check "3 Preachy Prophets," and click "Submit." (If you are already subscribed to other e-newsletters, this will just update your profile.)
2. **Watch the synod's homepage**. Each day's reading will post here: <https://www.nclutheran.org/>
3. **Follow our synod's Facebook page**. Each day's reading will also post to the page:

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:

Ebenezer Evangelical Lutheran Church, China Grove

[Learn More About Ebenezer](#)



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

SUMMER CALENDAR

June 19-26 All Youth Beach Trip to Kure Beach

July 18-24 All Youth Mission Trip to Seymore, TN

July 24-28 All Youth Mission Trip Extension to Kure Beach

All Summer Servant Days



YOUTH NEWSLETTER

Here's the information for all summer trips and activities during the summer.

[Read June's 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.

[Give Now](#)

ST. JAMES STAFF

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- **Mike Holt**, Youth and Family [Email](#)

- **Cindy Cruse**, *Hospitality Coordinator* [Email](#)
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