## **St. James Lutheran Church**

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



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## **WEEK OF JUNE 20**

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**N**ow is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped;



**GATHER** with us for

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

#### IN-PERSON WORSHIP Sunday, June 20

In-Person Indoor Worship will be Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Masks are no longer 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 livestreamed 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 20** 



# ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

#### **CHURCH EVENTS**

Sunday, June 20 9:55 am Live Stream Worship 10:00 am In-Person Worship

Monday, June 21 10:30 am Quilting Group

#### Sunday, June 20 9:55 am Live Stream Worship

10:00 am In-Person Worship

Youth Beach Trip June 19 - 26

Scouts Summer Camp June 20-26

#### BIRTHDAYS

20-Jun Kara Hardister
20-Jun Jim Miller
20-Jun Jeremy Monk
21-Jun Joann Bratton
22-Jun Fuller Beasley
23-Jun Samuel Haberman
25-Jun Bill Hardister
26-Jun Tony Mosley
26-Jun Wilson Propst, Jr.

## **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**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with the meals next week. All needed items have been covered. Contributions are still being accepted to help with this vital ministry.



## **COMMUNITY NEWS**



#### **CCM FOOD PANTRY**

As we move into summer, lots of folks finally are getting away on vacations, etc. Churches are planning VBS and other special summer activities. It is easy to forget about CCM and other local ministries. But we are still here, and still serving a lot

of folks in crisis. While our numbers are down a lot from a year ago, our Crisis Center drive-through pantry still is serving an average of about 110 households a week. Many of these are senior adults or individuals on disability who are not receiving the food stamp bonuses like families with children. So, please consider doing some special food drives for CCM this summer. Let me know if you have any questions or any ways we can support you.

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

- Baked beans (pork & beans)
- Any dried beans
- Toilet paper

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

# **CHURCHWIDE NEWS**

## **Mission Congregations of the NC Synod**



### Arbol de Vida North Durham

Led by Pastor German Santana, this community is a Spanishspeaking gathering of believers anchored in Word & Sacrament that began in early 2017 and is made up of as many children as adults. They currently find energy in their monthly women's brunch and community cares events like the backpack program. Before the pandemic, they met on Sundays inside the building of Our Savior's, Durham.

#### Visit Arbol de Vida on Facebook.



### Christ's Beloved Community Winston-Salem

Chantal Led by Pastor McKinney, Christ's Beloved Community (CBC) began as a ministry of streets in 2015. The ministry has grown and now meets at a permanent home in South Winston-Salem. Despite having a building, their heart is still beating for those who experience systemic injustice, struggle with the realities of poverty, and live in a culture of fear. CBC has the only bilingual food pantry in the city and provides distribution days three times a month. This community bilingual fully and biis denominational-ELCA and Episcopal. The community meets for a meal and worship each Sunday morning and has a Wednesday evening ministry called The Largest Table.

Visit Christ's Beloved Community's Website



#### The Dwelling Winston-Salem

Begun in February 2020, this ministry walks alongside persons experiencing homelessness with two main foci: spiritual care and This ministry showers. is anchored in City with Dwellings, non-profit serving the а community experiencing homeless. providing The Dwelling with office space, Sunday morning worship space, mid-week chapel/prayer and space. Additionally, The Dwelling provides a three-shower mobile shower unit that will serve the community. The unit doubles the public shower access in downtown Winston-Salem. This federated ELCA/Moravian ministry is led by Pastor Emily Norris and Pastor Tobi Fleck.

## Visit The Dwelling's Website.



#### Emmaus West Charlotte

In May 2017, Emmaus began in West Charlotte led by the Rev. Dr. Shanitria Cuthbertson. This ministry is a Word & Sacrament community deeply embedded in the West Charlotte community especially in the education system. Anchored in mentoring African-American students, using arts for expression, and Community Cares events. Emmaus also engages disciples in their faith through Tuesday night Bible study. They gather for worship each Sunday when gospel music, Sacrament, and powerful preaching allow for an encounter with the transformative love of Jesus Christ.

Visit Emmaus' Website.





### Living Waters Cherokee

Begun in 1985, this community is on the Qualla Boundary and is an embodiment of the gospel with the people of the Eastern Band of Cherokee tribe. The signature ministry of Living Waters is their food pantry and resource center. Serving nearly 40,000 individuals а year through its feeding ministries, it addresses the immediate need that all might be fed. Additionally, Living Waters serves as a place for job placement, education connection, seniors support, and more. The community worships on Wednesdays and Sundays blending Cherokee culture including beginning each Sunday with a morning song to greet the day sung in Cherokee. This ministry is led by Pastor Jack Russell and Lisa Russell.

#### Visit Living Waters on Facebook

### South Durham Connections

Begun November 2018, South Durham Connections is а community committed to addressing all the ways that people are hungry: physically, spiritually, emotionally, relationally, and intellectually. signature This community's ministry is the Parktown Food Hub (the Hub) and the Word & Sacrament community will be developed as the food ministry grows. This community is led by Pastor Sharon Schulze.

#### Visit South Durham Connections' Website.



#### REFLECTIONS FROM ST. JAMES' VOTING MEMBER, JOSEPH BEASLEY

In addition to the business of <u>electing a bishop</u> to lead our NC Synod and approving <u>a budget</u>, the 2021 NC Synod Assembly also included presentations that reminded me and other attendees of how our synod is a network of Lutheran churches whose collaborative ministries reach across North Carolina beyond Concord and Cabarrus County.

Our NC Synod is helping produce the next generation of pastors and

leaders by actively supporting the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and Lenoir Rhyne University. I heard leaders of familiar faith centers and youth camps like Lutheridge in Arden, NC and Camp Agape in Fuquay Varina and Kure Beach, NC speak on how their programs continue to provide faith formation opportunities in beautiful environments.

Finally, I learned about new efforts like All Races One Church -- a developing initiative that will support congregations of color within our synod. I encourage all members and friends of our congregation to learn more about these works that we at St. James support through the NC Synod:

- Assembly Website with New Stories Summarizing Assembly Activities: <u>https://www.nclutheran.org/event/synod-</u> <u>assembly-2021/</u>
- Partners in Ministry: <u>https://www.nclutheran.org/together-apart-sake-world/</u>
- Budget Narrative: <u>https://www.nclutheran.org/wp-</u> <u>content/uploads/2021/05/2022-and-2023-Budget-Outline-and-</u> <u>Ministry-Profile-1.pdf</u>
- Budget: <u>https://www.nclutheran.org/wp-</u> <u>content/uploads/2021/05/Proposed-Budget-2022-and-</u> <u>2023.pdf</u>

Next Week: reflections from Christine Lovelace and Mac Mullins



#### 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:"

 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:

#### Lutheran Chapel Church China Grove

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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

**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 onetime 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**

- Rev. Tony Bradshaw, Senior Pastor Email
- Jill Irvin, Financial Administrator Email
- Keith Sutton, Parish Administrator Email
- Mike Holt, Youth and Family <u>Email</u>
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