

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 27

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP Sunday, June 27

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.

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

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 27 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 20](#)



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

CHURCH EVENTS

Sunday, June 27

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

Monday, June 28

10:30 am Quilting Group

Sunday, July 4

9:55 am Live Stream Worship

BIRTHDAYS

27-Jun Phyllis Freeman

28-Jun Kim Harward

30-Jun Rebekah Hardison

30-Jun Luna Hardister

01-Jul Lindsey Lineberger

01-Jul Ben MacFarlane

01-Jul Graham Pruette

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. On June 27, the collection bin will be in the Narthex.



SCOUT TROOP 91

Scout Troop 91 is spending this week at Summer Camp Barnhardt. The scouts would like to thank the congregation for their support of helping them to attend summer camp this year.

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

Lutheran Campus Ministry

The mission of campus ministry in the ELCA is to invite people in academic settings to engage more deeply with the teachings of Jesus Christ and the community that bears his name so that they can discover and fulfill their vocation as disciples.

ELCA campus ministry is a Lutheran ministry for students, faculty, staff, and others on campus—not just a ministry for Lutherans. It provides an ELCA presence at more than 180 state and private colleges and universities with cooperating congregations in campus ministry at an additional 400 campuses nationwide. Here in North Carolina, these 13 campus ministries are our priority.



Appalachian State University

Lutheran Student Movement of Appalachian is a congregation-based ministry sponsored by Grace, Boone.

**Contact Ministry Leader
Deacon Stacey Troisi.**

Duke University

Duke Lutherans is a pan-Lutheran ministry sponsored by St. Paul's, ELCA, and Grace, LCMS, in Durham.

**Contact Ministry Leader
Pastor Amanda Highben.**



East Carolina University

The Well is a Lutheran & Episcopal ecumenical ministry for East Carolina and Pitt Community College.

**Contact Ministry Leader
Pastor Donna Kraus.**



Elon University

LEAF—Lutherans, Episcopalians, and Friends—is sponsored by Macedonia Lutheran & Holy Comforter Episcopal in Burlington.

**Contact Ministry Leader
Pastor Julie Tonnesen.**



Lenoir-Rhyne University

Lenoir-Rhyne University, the ELCA school of this synod, has a campus-based ministry with a



North Carolina Central University

This congregation-based

full-time campus pastor.

**Contact Ministry Leader
Pastor Christy Lohr Sapp.**

ministry is sponsored by Church
of the Abiding Savior, Lutheran,
in Durham.

**Contact Ministry Leader
Pastor Paul Myers.**



NC State University

Lutheran Campus Ministry—
Raleigh serves NC State,
Meredith, and Wake Tech, and is
sponsored by Holy Trinity,
Raleigh.

**Contact Ministry Leader
Campus Minister Katie Elkin**



University of North Carolina

In the heart of UNC Chapel Hill's
campus, this is a congregation-
based ministry sponsored by
Holy Trinity, Chapel Hill.

**Contact Ministry Leader
Pastor Mark Coulter.**



CHARLOTTE

UNC - Charlotte

Niner United at UNC Charlotte is
an ecumenical ministry
sponsored by Lutherans,
Episcopalians, Methodists, and
Presbyterians.

**Contact Ministry Leader
Pastor Steve Cheyney.**



UNC - Greensboro

Luther-Wesley at UNC
Greensboro is an ecumenical
ministry sponsored by Lutherans
& Methodists.

**Contact Ministry Leader
Pastor Andrew Mails.**



UNC - Wilmington

A congregation-sponsored ministry for students of UNC Wilmington by St. Paul's, Wilmington.

**Contact Ministry Leader
Pastor Jonathan Conrad.**



Wake Forest University

Congregation-based ministry for Wake Forest students sponsored by Epiphany, Winston-Salem.

**Contact Ministry Leader
Pastor Russell Peek.**



Western Carolina University

A congregation-based ministry sponsored by Shepherd of the Hills, Sylva.

**Contact Ministry Leader
Pastor Rosemary Peek.**

Questions?

**Email Assistant to the Bishop,
Pastor Phil Tonnesen.**



STRENGTH
for the Journey
2021 NC Synod Assembly

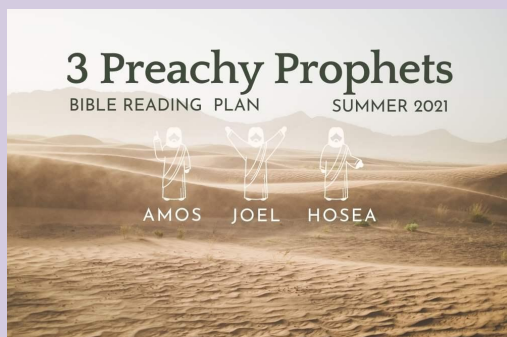


REFLECTIONS FROM ST. JAMES' VOTING MEMBER, Christine Lovelace

I had a wonderful experience participating in the 2021 Virtual Assembly. I learned a great deal about the ecclesiastical voting process for the bishop which was very interesting. I also felt like I got to know our (newly re-elected) bishop, Tim Smith, better through the conference. The synod staff worked really hard to create a program with videos and presentations that taught me so much about the work that ELCA does throughout the state to provide outreach and support to many different communities in need, and in a variety of ways. Many of these videos are on their website, and I encourage you to check them out. As a lifelong Lutheran the assembly reaffirmed for me the values and teachings I grew up with and hope to pass along to future generations.

REFLECTIONS FROM ST. JAMES' VOTING MEMBER, Mac Mullins

This year's Synod assembly occurring totally online highlighted just how far we as a church have come in the last year and a half. That we were able to re-elect a bishop, complete the business of the Synod, and still feel connected in community shows that, just like here at St. James, God is very much at work among and through us in this pandemic! Though a lot happened, I was particularly inspired by the Synod's mission work: a mission start we share with the Moravian Church in Winston-Salem serving the city's homeless population and vitality projects in two predominantly African American congregations in Charlotte and Durham. As a seminarian who benefits from the generosity of the Synod, and those who help support it, I am grateful not just for its work in lifting up new ministers, but for a being an example of what collective, collaborative ministry can look like today. I am excited for the future work the St. James and the Synod can accomplish together here in North Carolina!



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:

Mount Moriah Lutheran Church China Grove

[Learn More About Mount Moriah](#)



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

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

ONLINE GIVING



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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