

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



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WEEK OF JULY 11

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP Sunday, July 11

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 July 11 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.

[Bulletin for July 11](#)

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ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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Sunday, July 11

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

Monday, July 12

10:30 am Quilting Group

Sunday, July 18

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

11-Jul Margaret Fink
11-Jul Jeremy Jay
11-Jul George Patterson
11-Jul Thomas Propst, Jr.
15-Jul Margaret Ford
15-Jul Mark Weisel
16-Jul James Hughes, Jr.
16-Jul Beth Huss

11:00 am Council Retreat
Youth leaves for Mission Trip

16-Jul Janice Klauss
16-Jul Ann Ridenhour
16-Jul James Weisel
17-Jul Merrick Larkin

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Vacation Bible School:
August 1-3
God's Work. Our Hands:
September 12
Night Shelter:
September 19-25
My Father's House:
September 20-22
Rise Against Hunger:
November 13



CHURCH NEWS

QUILTS FOR LWR

This past Sunday we blessed quilts to be sent to Lutheran World Relief for those in need around the world.

As we dedicate these quilts to your work, we pray for your blessings on those who will receive them that they will know the warmth of your love and the hope of your presence, and we pray that you will continue to shape our lives together so we may grow in faith and love and live for your glory. Amen.



ROCKY RAILWAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. This is a



joint Vacation Bible School with Calvary. Calvary will be the host site.

- Sunday, August 1 - Tuesday, August 3
- 5:30pm-6:00pm - Dinner
- 6:00pm-8:15pm Vacation Bible School

[Register Online](#)



Part-time Director of Music/Organist

Saint James Lutheran Church Concord, North Carolina

Saint James Lutheran Church of Concord, North Carolina is seeking a part-time Director of Music/Organist. Working under the supervision of the Senior Pastor, the Director of Music/Organist will provide leadership, direction and support for the worship and music life of the church. The Director of Music/Organist will serve as the primary musician of the congregation and a resource to all musical groups in the congregation and church programs.

Please submit a letter of interest, resume and at least three references to sjlcjobs@gmail.com A complete job description will be provided upon request.

SUMMER CAMP THANK YOU

Thank you Saint James for the scholarship to Lutherock. I had a great week at camp. I made friends and liked the counselors.

My favorite part was my 3-hour white water rafting trip. We hiked the Appalachian Trail as well. We also learned about God's love a lot and had communion. I hope I can go back next year!

Jonas Jay



COMMUNITY NEWS

GIVE65

CCM is teaming up with Home Instead Charities during the Give65 Event to meet the needs of Cabarrus County seniors, many of whom face food and housing insecurity.

The past year was incredibly isolating for our seniors, but with your support, we can bring them hope and healing.



Not only will your gift secure the food, housing, and social needs of CabCo seniors, but it has the chance to be DOUBLED!

Home Instead Charities is providing \$150,000 in matching grants and every participating organization is eligible for up to \$5,000. We love our local seniors and believe they deserve to benefit from this event, but we need your help!

We are competing with over 130 agencies nationwide. Your donation of \$10 or more can help us secure these funds for the seniors who have enriched our lives and the Cabarrus County community for decades.

Matching grants always go quickly, so we're encouraging donors to give right when the event kicks off. This year, it starts at 9:00 a.m. on July 13th.

[Click for CCM's Give65 Page](#)



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

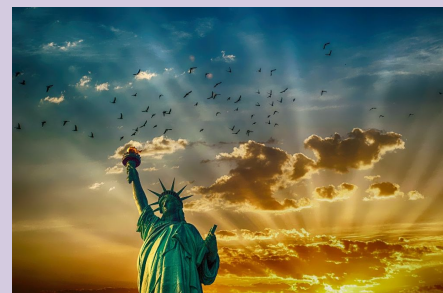
As always, we especially seek low sodium items, no-added-sugar items, and whole grain items.

CHURCHWIDE NEWS

FREE IN AMERICA, FREE IN CHRIST

Bishop Tim Smith

*"For freedom Christ has set us free.
Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit
again to a yoke of slavery."* —Galatians 5:1



“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.” —from the second paragraph of the **Declaration of Independence**

Dependent is a bad word in our culture denoting weakness and subservience. Independence, which our nation celebrates this week, is strength and freedom. Who wouldn't choose the latter? Well, Christians, for one! When Joshua finally led the Israelites across the Jordan and into the promised land after 40 years in the wilderness and having before that been in bondage to Pharaoh in Egypt for generations, he did not say, “Isn't it good finally and completely to be free?” No, he realized that the true choice is which “god” we choose to serve. The first commandment given to Moses 40 years earlier on Mt. Sinai after escaping through the Red Sea was clear about priorities. The center of our lives is not to be any other god than the Lord God who brought us out of the land of Egypt and later raised Jesus from the dead. That one, and most especially not the god of self.

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LUTHERAN SERVICES CAROLINAS



With the Help of Thousands of Volunteers, Donors, and Advocates

- protects children through foster care
- advocates for those battling severe and persistent mental illness
- fosters independence in those with disabilities
- helps children find loving adoptive homes
- welcomes refugees seeking sanctuary
- assists those affected by disasters



- improves the lives of many other vulnerable populations facing extraordinary life challenges
- helps survivors of human trafficking

[Learn More about Family Services](#)



[Learn more about Senior Care](#)

LSC also offers a wide range of residential options and services to North Carolina seniors including:

- vibrant retirement communities
- quality rehabilitation and skilled care nursing services
- assisted living residences
- at-home care and nursing services
- adult day services
- caregiver support

[Lutheran Services Carolinas Be the Light Campaign Video](#)



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. Mark's Evangelical
Lutheran Church
China Grove, NC**

[Learn More About
St. Mark's](#)



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

Throughout Summer Servant Days

[Read Sunday's Cool](#)

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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