

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF JULY 25

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of



which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.



IN-PERSON WORSHIP

IN-PERSON WORSHIP Sunday, July 25

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 25 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 25](#)

[Watch Livestream](#)



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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Saturday, July 24

9:30 am Visitation for Martha Kelley (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 am Music begins for Memorial Service
11:00 am Martha Kelley Memorial Service

Sunday, July 25

9:50 am Live Stream Worship
10:00 am In-Person Worship

Monday, July 26

10:30 am Quilting Group

Wednesday, July 28

Youth Return from

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

25-Jul Tom Grady
25-Jul Laurie Miller
25-Jul Justin Monk
26-Jul Kirby Bryn
26-Jul Elizabeth Hurley
26-Jul Al Pieschel
27-Jul Janet Patterson
29-Jul Luke Baker
29-Jul Noah Clifton
29-Jul Julianna Popovici
29-Jul Jim Steel
30-Jul Jay Cruse

Mission/Beach Trip

Sunday, August 1

9:50 am Live Stream Worship
10:00 am In-Person Worship
5:30 pm VBS Dinner (Calvary)
6:00-8:15 pm VBS (Calvary)

30-Jul Hudson Davis
30-Jul Kyle Moran
31-Jul Amy Clifton
31-Jul Jo Ann Fowler
31-Jul Allison Irvin
31-Jul Jill Irvin
31-Jul Derek Myers

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



FROM THE PASTOR

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works

among all peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods. (Psalm 96:1-4)

Both during the pandemic with the recorded worship services and since we have returned to live worship, the two questions I have heard most are: "Why are we not singing?" and "When are we going to resume singing?" It is completely understandable that we miss singing in worship. Music plays an important part in Lutheran liturgy; it enriches our worship life together. Luther himself commended music as an "excellent gift of God;" a gift I suggest, like everything we have, that is to be used for the enjoyment of life with God, the praising of God, and the work of God's kingdom.

And from that perspective, while we have not been singing as a congregation, in our transition from preludes and postludes only, to the playing of a recorded hymn, to a live soloist during worship, we have been singing a new song...a song of blessing God's name; a song of salvation; a song declaring God's glory and marvelous works;

a song of loving and serving God and loving and serving our vulnerable neighbors, by refraining from adding our voices to the music.

This choice was not forced upon us by the Governor, the North Carolina Synod, or the National Church. Other churches responded differently, but the Council and I prayerfully discerned that for St. James, this was the most faithful response to the call to love our neighbors as ourselves.

It is in that same love that beginning August 1 we will sing (as a congregation) a hymn at the conclusion of worship. Masks are encouraged during singing, but not required. Those who are uncomfortable with live singing may leave after the final blessing and before the hymn.

We hope to continue this opportunity for singing and pray we are able gradually to return to a full service and more singing in the fall, but that will be contingent upon infection rates and further recommendations from the CDC, the Governor, and the Synod.

Thank you for your prayers and patience, and God's peace as we continue this journey together.

Pastor Tony

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER AT ST. JAMES?



In preparation to receive new members in September, St. James we will be offering an inquirers /new members class August 8, 15, 22, and 29 immediately after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Each session will end by noon and childcare will be provided. Whether you are interested in becoming a member or are new to our community and would like to know more about our ministries and why Lutherans do what they do we invite you to join us. Please contact the church office or Pastor Tony if you plan to attend or if you can't attend but would like more information about becoming a member.

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.



SALVATION ARMY NIGHT SHELTER

September 19-25

We will be providing meals for the guests at the Salvation Army Shelter of Hope. Sign-ups coming soon. If you have any

questions or want more information, contact Mark Murphy. You can sign up online by clicking the link below:

COMMUNITY NEWS

CCM FOOD PANTRY--JULY



The CCM Food Program is beginning to make plans to for moving to a new, hybrid model for our Crisis Center Food Pantry. This new model will allow for more ministry to take place in our "interview" process, and will allow our clients to have some choice again in the foods they receive. Please be in prayer for us as we work through these plans. More details in August! In the meantime, 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

NC WOMEN OF THE ELCA

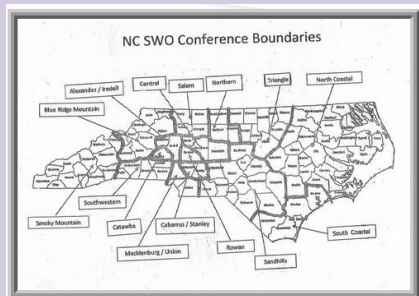


[Learn More about NC Women of the ELCA](#)

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The North Carolina Synodical Womens Organization (NC SWO) provides support, events and services for congregational expressions that meet in some 200 ELCA congregations across N.C. These units gather in groups, sometime in "circles," for study, advocacy, service and fellowship. Much of the work of

As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

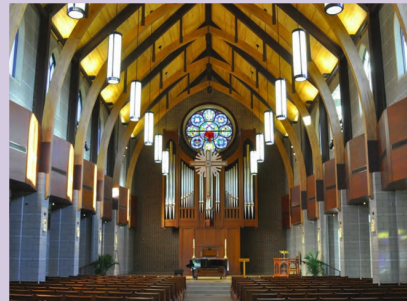


NC Women of the ELCA Conferences

Our NC SWO is divided into **15 geographical conferences** to better provide localized services to congregational expressions. Each conference holds spring and fall gatherings for fellowship, Bible study and to conduct its business, including the election of its leaders. Each conference is led by a **President**. The **Director for Communication** provides secretarial work and record keeping. The **Treasurer's Assistant** handles the finances of the conference.

The name of each conference listed below will link you to information about its leaders, the names of all the congregations in the conference and also notices and information about upcoming events.

the statewide organization is done through its committees. These committees meet twice yearly at Committee Day events. Contact our president if you are interested in serving at the state level.



WELCA Annual Gathering

The NC Women of the ELCA Officers and Board met and decided, with support from Conference leaders, to have a one-day Annual Gathering in-person this year. St. Mark's Lutheran in Mooresville will host the Gathering on Saturday, September 18, 2021. The Gathering will be for voting members only and all coronavirus safety protocols will be followed. Each church is asked to send a representative to vote in the election of officers and board members and vote on the 2021-2022 budget.

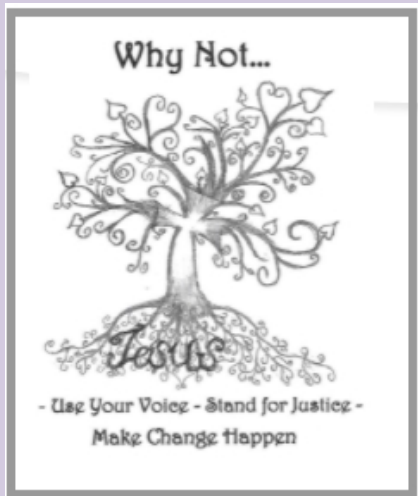
Please notify Lorri Monterose from St. Mark's as soon as possible so they can plan accordingly. Here is the

[NC Annual Gathering Registration 2021](#)

St. James has two Women of the ELCA

The conferences are:

- [Alexander / Iredell](#)
- [Blue Ridge Mountain](#)
- [Cabarrus / Stanly](#)
- [Catawba](#)
- [Central](#)
- [Mecklenburg / Union](#)
- [North Coastal](#)
- [Northern](#)
- [Rowan](#)
- [Salem](#)
- [Sandhills](#)
- [Smoky Mountain](#)
- [South Coastal](#)
- [Southwestern](#)
- [Triangle](#)



Circles

Esther Circle

The Esther Circle meets on the first Monday evening of the month at 7:00 pm in the home of members. Chairman is Sandra Faggart. Our ongoing projects are donating items to CCM each month, monetary donations to Project Noah and Salvation Army, and contributions to CVAN and NC Disaster Relief.

Mary Magdalene Circle

The Mary Magdalene Circle meets the first Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am in the fellowship hall of the church. Chairman is Jean Beasley.

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. Luke's Lutheran
Church
Mount Ulla, NC**

[Learn More About
St. Luke'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 24-28 All Youth Mission Trip
Extension to Kure Beach
Throughout Summer Servant Days

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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