

# St. James Lutheran Church

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

## Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



### WEEK OF AUGUST 8

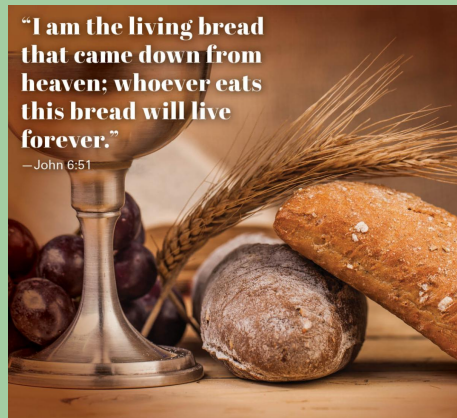
#### ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In

Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

**"I am the living bread  
that came down from  
heaven; whoever eats  
this bread will live  
forever."**

—John 6:51



#### IN-PERSON WORSHIP Sunday, August 8

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

In light of the upturn in new COVID cases, the Health and Safety Committee and Church Council are reviewing the latest recommendations of the CDC and NC Synod to develop guidelines for St. James. In the meantime, we strongly

encourage everyone to wear masks during worship.

## WEEKLY WORSHIP Live Streamed

Online Worship for August 8 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 August 8](#)

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## ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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#### Sunday, August 8

9:50 am Live Stream Worship  
10:00 am In-Person Worship  
11:15 am Inquirer's Class

#### Monday, August 9

10:30 am Quilting Group

#### Monday, August 10

6:00 pm Congregation Council

#### Sunday, August 15

9:50 am Live Stream Worship  
10:00 am In-Person Worship  
11: am Inquirer's Class

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Inquirer's Class:** August 8,  
15, 22, 29

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**08-Aug** Sylvia Corl  
**10-Aug** Connie King  
**11-Aug** Lyle Glatz  
**12-Aug** Robert Davis  
**12-Aug** Renae Myers  
**12-Aug** Wayne Williams  
**14-Aug** Mike Downs  
**14-Aug** Bill Grady  
**14-Aug** Ethan Wickliff

**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

**"God's work. Our hands." Sunday**



**Sept. 12**  
2021

### GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

On September 12 after church, let's gather for a quick meal in the fellowship hall then spread out as we perform God's Work with our

Hands. Each activity should take 2 - 3 hours. Please sign up below for one of these activities

- **Packing 50-60 Hygiene Kits**, up to 6 can sign up. Activity in Fellowship Hall. Marsha Klauss and Dee Pieschel lead activities 1 and 2.
- **Packing 50-60 Bags of Rice and 50-60 Bags of Dried Beans**, up to 6 can sign up. Activity in Fellowship Hall. Activities 1 and 2 are easily interchangeable.
- **Join the Quilting Group** as we knot quilts and pack them to ship to Lutheran World Relief warehouse. No sewing experience required. Golda Jay to lead this activity in the quilting room in the preschool wing on the first floor. Up to 8 can sign up.
- **Opportunity House, Painting a Room** 200 yards from the church on Corban Ave just past Spring St. Materials will be provided. Samantha Hillegass to coordinate. Up to 14 can sign up.
- **Families First and Feeding Kannapolis Hunger** combined activity. Debbie Wilkinson and Spencer Swain to coordinate. Up to 20 can sign up. We'll send you out in groups of 2 to visit some of our pre school families. More details regarding this activity to follow.

We will identify other activities of service as needed.

For children age 8 and up we believe each of the activities would be meaningful for the child. Each parent should determine if an activity is appropriate for their child. Please contact the lead for an activity if you have questions.

When you sign up, let us know what t-shirt size you would like. The t-shirts are yellow. If you want a new t-shirt, we will distribute t-shirts to all participants. We'll try to get your t-shirt to you before the 12th. Please wear your t-shirt to Church on September 12.

Questions, please call the church office 704-786-0166 or Mark Murphy 703-301-2816

Looking forward to GWOH on September 12.

[Sign Up for GWOH](#)

## 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.



## 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

signup online by clicking the link below:

[SignUp](#)



## ALTAR FLOWERS

Beginning August 15 altar flowers will be ordered through Pots of Luck on Church Street in Concord. The cost of two vases will increase from \$75 to \$100. You may continue to place a check in the offering plate and designate "Altar Flowers" in the Memo line. If you have special requests for flowers you may contact Pots of Luck directly at (704) 788-3310. If you have questions or concerns please contact Sandra Faggart or the church office.

## 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](mailto:sjlcjobs@gmail.com) A complete job description will be provided upon request.

## JULY MEMORIALS

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

**Betty Bell**



By Jean and Fuller Beasley  
By Al Brown (Cemetery Fund)  
By Wilbert and Carolyn Lyerly  
By Jim and Pat Weisel

### **Don Eng**

By Jim and Pat Weisel

### **Jimmy Marlow**

By Al Brown (Cemetery Fund)  
By Donald and Arlene Harris

### **Lee David Ballard**

By Ed and Betsy Ballard

### **Martha Kelley**

By Sam and Ellen Sain, Hildred Gilchrist  
By Jim and Pat Weisel

### **Phyllis Harward**

By Rod and Judy Armstrong  
By Jim and Pat Weisel

### **Ray Faggart**

By Jim and Pat Weisel

### **Richard Benz**

By Jim and Pat Weisel

### **Sandy Barnhardt**

By Jim and Pat Weisel

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

### **Pastor Tony Bradshaw**

By Jim and Pat Weisel

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**CHA COVID-19  
Vaccine Schedule**

# COVID-19 VACCINE INFO



Cabarrus Health Alliance's is  
Currently Vaccinating  
All Individuals 12 and Older.

[Click to Here Schedule a  
1st or 2nd Dose](#)

## [COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment](#)

Walk-ins welcome, appointments optional.  
*Protecting the least and most vulnerable among us.*

- For transportation assistance to a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic **704-920-2246**.
- For homebound individuals or those having issues scheduling a COVID-19 vaccine appointment please call CHA's Call Center at **704-920-1213**.
- If you need help in scheduling, please contact the church office.

## CHA COVID-19 Vaccine Schedule

Date	Location	Address	Time
August 9	Performance Learning Center	4521 Weddington Rd, Concord, NC	12:00pm - 6:00pm
August 12	Cabarrus Health Alliance	300 Mooresville Rd, Kannapolis, NC	2:00pm - 6:00pm

## 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

An illustration showing a healthcare worker in a green uniform and mask administering a vaccine to a young child. The child is also wearing a mask. The scene is set against a circular background.

### Vaccinations – A Reflection by Bishop Tim

*Let each of you look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:4 (NRSV)*

I learned a tough lesson right after college when I traveled to spend the summer working with medical missionaries in West Africa. Children in remote villages were dying by the hundreds of dysentery from dirty water. We had plentiful pills that would almost instantly save those children's lives. I'll never forget those mothers with sick children, and I was full of gratitude to be a bearer of healing and hope. How naïve I was, how presumptuous, to assume that they would trust me, a white stranger, with their little ones. No amount of pleading could convince them to let us give their dying children that medicine. I watched many of them die in their mothers' arms while I held what would have saved their lives in my hand. I had always thought how terrible it would be to be surrounded by horror and death and not be able to do anything about it. I learned that summer of 1982 that it's even worse to be able to help, to save lives, but be misunderstood, mistrusted, and rejected by the underinformed and misinformed.

Fast forward to early August of 2021. The synod office has had almost a full-on opening of back to normal—meaning, of course, pre-pandemic. How devastating is it, on so many levels, to realize so quickly, so starkly, that this virus is far from done with us? Oh, it could be. We have, as with measles, polio, and many other diseases that ravaged, one magic bullet that can eradicate COVID's threat: a vaccine. It's plentiful, free, increasingly proven safe, and amazingly, as vaccines go, effective. But fewer than half of all eligible Americans are fully vaccinated, and astoundingly, half of those claim that they do



not plan to be. It's their right. But is it their right to be transmitters of the Delta variant and even worse, incubators for future variants against which our current vaccines do not provide protection? If it is indeed their legal right, it is not the way of Jesus. I'm addressing this to folks who claim to follow Jesus, and any way you slice it, he's way less interested in your individual rights than in the common good and the last, lost, and least.

United Methodist Church Bishop Ken Carter of Florida, where the virus is in a phenomenal spike, wrote last week:

*We are here to love our neighbor. We love our neighbor as an expression of our love for God. The whole law (Torah) can be summarized in this way. Our love extends especially to the most vulnerable. Jesus was a healer. The cross was laying down one's life for one's friends. We place the needs of others before our own. We choose life rather than death. The body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.*

He concludes with this remark with which I profoundly resonate:

*That the church in the United States cannot say unambiguously that masks and vaccines are outward and visible signs of an inward and spiritual grace reveals how far we have drifted from the core mission of discipleship in the way of Jesus, who was a teacher, healer, and sacrificial servant.*

In his July 29 press conference, the governor did not announce a mask mandate for the state of NC, despite double-digit COVID+ numbers and the biggest surge in the virus since February. But I get it. It's so hard to roll it back once people feel that they've endured their purgatory and have now been set free from their previous shackles. I have a very full dance card this fall trying to catch up on several things we couldn't do last year, including seven funerals. I will be at the very least wearing a mask. Many are resisting such a reintroduction of any suggested guidelines. Pandemic fatigue is real. Nobody wants to go back. But denial is not only not our friend. It is deadly. This week, the NC Synod Re-Gathering Task Force is meeting to reconsider possibly issuing COVID Re-Gathering Guidelines again after lifting them all in late May. Synod staff might face new travel and participation restrictions as well. Dang and double dang!

I do not wish to shame the unvaccinated. We are people of grace, right? Nothing I say in anger or disgust changes minds. All I know to do is encourage, invite, and inform that the vaccine is the way out of this mess and the best way to be a disciple of Jesus. That's not my political opinion. It's sound theology as well as scientific and medical fact. Just like care for your neighbor above your own individual rights is the way of Jesus.

Jesus understands our frustration and lament. “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing.” Last week one of our grandchildren sharply reminded me that I couldn’t make him do something. He was right. But I tried really hard to help encourage and empower him to choose to do the right thing. Eventually, he did. So, we plead. We love. We encourage. We inform. We lament. We wait. And we rejoice with each new vaccination decision.

**Walking with you,**

*Jim*

**NC Synod Bishop**



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change to the world  
through the power of  
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## 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:

## **New Bethel Lutheran Church Richfield, NC**

21746 Rogers Road  
Richfield, NC 28137  
704-754-3553  
Rev. Glenn C. Reichley



*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**

**Throughout Summer** Servant Days

## **CHURCH RESOURCES**

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support throughout the year.

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