

St. James Lutheran Church

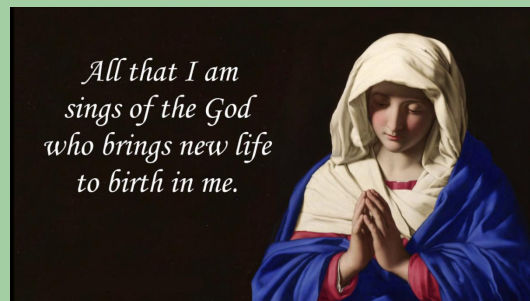
*"Growing in Christ Through Worship, Learning,
Fellowship, and Service."*

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF AUGUST 15

MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS



Mary's role is not limited to giving birth to Jesus and mothering him in his childhood. In John's gospel, she is among the women standing near the cross; in Acts, she is among the disciples awaiting the gift of the Spirit. Through all that happened she continued to see how God was at work through her son, keeping the ancient promises to her ancestors, brushing aside the rich and powerful, and focusing on those as poor and powerless as Mary herself.



IN-PERSON WORSHIP Sunday, August 15

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 strongly encourage everyone to wear masks during worship. There will be no

congregational singing at this time.

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 15](#)

[Watch Livestream](#)



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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Saturday, August 14

5:30 pm Richard Benz Memorial Service (Music begins at 5:15)

Sunday, August 15

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

Monday, August 16

10:30 am Quilting Group

Sunday, August 22

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Inquirer's Class:

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

15-Aug Charlotte Davis

16-Aug Patty Propst

17-Aug Michael Bestler

18-Aug Helen Jones

18-Aug Sam Jones

19-Aug Jim Harris

21-Aug Meagan Lambert



August 15, 22, 29

God's Work. Our Hands:

September 12

Night Shelter:

September 19-25

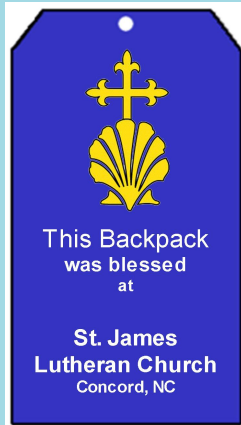
My Father's House:

September 20-22

Rise Against Hunger:

November 13

CHURCH NEWS



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

A "Blessing of the Backpacks" will be held on Sunday, August 22 during worship. Bring your backpacks to be blessed and receive a key tag to attach. Key tags will be available in the office if you are unable to attend on the 22nd.

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



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.
- **OPEN DOOR HOUSE** - Yard work including trimming, mulch spreading, clear out brush and debris, and weeding at Open Door House. Please bring work gloves, shovel, or loppers or small saw, and a rake. The house is on Spring St near Cabarrus. Coordinator for this project is Marcia Klauss.
- **ESTHER'S HEART MINISTRY** - Two picnic tables and door trim to paint. Package 60 homeless meal bags. New location is: 728 Jackson Terrace St SW Concord 28027. It is just off Old Charlotte Road across from Whataburger. Coordinator is Juanita Fitts.
- **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.

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

[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 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.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Beginning August 22 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 A complete job description will be provided upon request.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

BLESSING BOX

September

What is the Blessing Box? It's a box that is located in Rotary Square that is stocked with food and other necessary items (List Below) available to those in the community.



St James has agreed to stock the Blessing Box during the month of September. You can place items in the box yourself or you can drop them off at the church. Mark Murphy will be the contact person for any questions.

- Canned goods / Crackers / Cereal
- Bags of rice / Ramen / Pasta
- Peanut butter / Jelly
- Granola bars / Raisins
- Fruit snacks / Pudding cups / Fruit cups
- Baby food / Bottled water
- Other non-perishables
- Shampoo / Soap / Deodorant
- Toothbrush and toothpaste



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:

[SignUp](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS

YOU HAVE A **SPOT.** | TAKE YOUR **SHOT.**

COVID-19 vaccines are available to everyone 12 and older.

Protecting the least and most vulnerable among us.

NEARBY CLINIC LOCATIONS

- [Sam's Club](#) - 2421 Supercenter Drive, Kannapolis
- [Walmart](#) - 2420 Supercenter Drive, Kannapolis
- [Carolina Medical Clinic](#) - 1000 Copperfield Blvd, Concord
- [Atrium Health Cabarrus](#) - 460 Medical Park Dr., Concord
- [Walgreens](#) - 1310 S Cannon Blvd, Kannapolis
- [Walgreens](#) - 1495 Concord Pkwy, Concord
- [Walgreens](#) - 525 N Cannon Blvd, Kannapolis
- [Harris Teeter Pharmacy](#) - 1245 Concord Pkwy Concord
- [CVS Pharmacy](#) - 931 Concord Pkwy, Concord
- [CVS Pharmacy](#) - 44 Branchview Dr, Concord
- [CVS Pharmacy](#) - 520 N Cannon Blvd, Kannapolis
- [McGill Family Medicine](#) - 202d McGill Ave Concord
- [Cabarrus Health Alliance](#) - 300 Mooresville Rd, Kannapolis
- [Moose Pharmacy](#) - 1113 N Main St. Kannapolis
- [Cannon Pharmacy North](#) - 1402 N Cannon Blvd, Kannapolis

If you need help in scheduling, please contact the church office.

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

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

[Learn more about Lutheran Disaster Response.](#)

We are a church that is a catalyst, convener and bridge builder. Lutheran Disaster Response collaborates with other disaster response organizations and religious entities in the United States and around the world. This enables the greatest stewardship of resources and maximum impact of response. We are a welcome partner because we respect the perspectives and strengths of others.

We recognize that every disaster is local. Because of this, we believe every response needs to be rooted in the community; we work to accompany that community from immediate relief through long-term recovery. In our international work we partner closely with companion churches and other Lutheran and ecumenical relief agencies to make sure local needs are being addressed and met. In the United States, we work through our extensive affiliate network and other partners to address these same concerns.

Lutheran Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.



Disaster Relief in the United States

GEORGIA

The State of Georgia in the past two years has had several disasters and is reaching out to volunteers who wish to help restore hope, to give strength and provide healing to our state's residents. We have opportunities in Albany, where straight line winds and a F3 tornado struck coastal Georgia, has witnessed the effects of Hurricane Matthew and Irma and other parts of our state has seen the effects of a large hurricane and some smaller tornadoes. We are looking for volunteers who have willing

strives to help the church continue to be church in the midst of disaster — following Christ's call to bring hope and healing to our neighbor in need. Some key areas of work include:

- Providing emotional and spiritual care for people who have been affected by a disaster and for leaders who respond to a disaster
- Coordinating volunteers through our local affiliates
- Assisting refugees in a holistic way by meeting the varied needs of the community
- Promoting disaster risk-reduction by helping communities build their assets thereby reducing the effects of likely disasters
- Providing long-term recovery efforts by addressing the unmet needs months or even years after a disaster strikes

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hearts, in good health, generally 16 years of age and older and have a variety of skills.

Volunteers specifically who have skills in construction including roofing, framing, demolition, drywall hanging and finishing, trim, siding, insulation, painting are welcomed to join us and help lead less skilled but willing volunteers in our recovery. To learn more about opportunities, please contact Sabrina More, at sabrina.more@weinspirit.org or 229-291-0022.

TEXAS - HURRICANE HARVEY

Please contact Jessica Vermilyea with Upbring Disaster Response by emailing jessica.vermilyea@upbring.org for available opportunities.

MISSISSIPPI

In January of 2017, a tornado ripped through Hattiesburg, Mississippi causing four deaths, over 50 injuries and extensive damage to local infrastructure and hundreds of homes. The Southeastern Synod and other partners are seeking volunteers to help survivors get back into their homes. Please contact the South Eastern Synod Disaster team at (615) 483-3060 or [sesdisasterresponse@gmail.com](mailto:sedisasterresponse@gmail.com) to learn about volunteer opportunities in Southeast Mississippi.

WEST VIRGINIA

Volunteers are needed to assist survivors of the 1,000-year flood that hit West Virginia in June 2016. The recovery effort is expected to take 3-5 years. Most



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LUTHERAN DISASTER RELIEF AROUND THE WORLD

- **Asia-Pacific Disaster Response**
- **U.S. Severe Storms**
- **Hurricane Response**
- **Middle East Crisis**
- **U.S. Wildfires**
- **Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**
- **U.S. Tornadoes**
- **U.S. Flooding**
- **South Sudan Relief**
- **Middle East and Europe Refugee Crisis**
- **AMMPARO: Protecting Migrant Minors**

Lutheran Disaster Response
Give where needed most

GIVE NOW

of the immediate needs that volunteer teams will address will be in rebuilding. If you have a team that would like to schedule a trip, please contact Community Lutheran Partners' Executive Director, Rev. Sherri Schafer by visiting <https://www.clp-online.org/volunteer>.

LOUISIANA

Please contact Jessica Vermilyea with Upbring Disaster Response For available opportunities, email jessica.vermilyea@upbring.org.

CAMP NOAH

A special ministry for children affected by community trauma/disaster Camp Noah is a resiliency and preparedness program for children in communities impacted by disaster. Teams travel to sites all over the US. Groups or individuals may register for this week-long mission trip. For more information call (800) 987-0061

PUERTO RICO

Lutheran Social Services of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean Synod will be partnering to host a volunteer rebuild/repair program for the survivors of Hurricane Maria. For information on how to volunteer, please contact is Everidys Concepcion at econcepcion@sslpr.org.

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Lutheran Social Services of the Virgin Islands will be hosting a three-year volunteer rebuilding program to provide construction assistance to survivors of Hurricanes Irma and Maria living on the island of St. Croix. For

information on how to volunteer,
please email Chris Finch
at c.finch@lssvi.org.



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. James Lutheran Church Rockwell, NC

131 W Main St (13.81 mi)
Rockwell, NC, NC 28138
(704) 279-3150
Rev. John Woodard, Pastor

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St. James Lutheran](#)



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

Check out

[Sunday's Cool - End of Summer](#)

YOUTH NEWSLETTER

Here is a special edition newsletter featuring the Youth Mission trip and upcoming events.



MISSION 2021 WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

This Special Edition of the Calvary/St. James Youth News is dedicated entirely to the Youth Mission and Beach Trip. Some pictures will be shared here, but to see all the fun, check out the slideshows on Calvary's Website www.sjnc.com.

For as long as I can remember, we have never received a phone call before our Mission Trip to let us know what kind of project we would be doing on an upcoming mission trip, this was a first. We received a call on the Thursday before we were to leave on Sunday, letting us know that we would be serving at the home of an elderly couple named David and Carol. There, we would be doing a little landscaping, trimming hedges, and building a wheelchair ramp for Mrs. Carol, as she experienced a stroke a short time back and was having difficulties walking. Due to the stroke, it appeared that a wheelchair was going to be part of their life in the near future. And then, these words followed, "but you have to get up their driveway first."

We were told that it was very steep and with a little head start and with us "hooking" it, we should be fine. The first three attempts at the driveway after arriving on Sunday was not successful.

7:00AM Breakfast time on Monday morning came quickly. We ate, packed up the van and off we go heading for our worksite. We arrived at the steep gravel driveway. We pulled in,

back up to the other side of the entrance road, all of the youth in the first van climbed into the very back of the van and held on tight. Off we go, heading up the driveway as fast as we could. The further we went, the slower the van moved and then, we came to the left turn in the driveway. The van came to a crawl while the youth in back were yelling encouragement, slowly, the van crept around the curve, it finally caught traction and off we go for the remainder of the driveway. The second van followed the same route as the first and arrived safely at the top. Victory was sweet.

The work began on the new wheelchair ramp. The youth worked hard the entire week. They ran the weed eater down both sides of the driveway, trimmed hedges, and cut back limbs that were hanging over the drive, all the way back to the road. They repaired a set of back dormers with railings while we were there.

We worked from around 8:30 to 4:00 each day except for Thursday, we celebrated finishing the ramp around 5:30. While we were there, Mrs. Carol fell twice during the night, one of her falls was on Wednesday evening and re-

Youth News - August

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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ST. JAMES STAFF

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