

# St. James Lutheran Church

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

## Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



### WEEK OF AUGUST 22

#### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.



#### IN-PERSON WORSHIP Sunday, August 22

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 22 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 22](#)

[Watch Livestream](#)



## ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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#### Sunday, August 22

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

#### Monday, August 23

10:30 am Quilting Group

#### Sunday, August 29

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 22, 29

#### **God's Work. Our Hands:**

September 12

#### **Night Shelter:**



### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**23-Aug** Brittany Eaton  
**24-Aug** Lisa Burke  
**25-Aug** Audrey Baker  
**25-Aug** Will King  
**27-Aug** Abigail Bestler  
**27-Aug** Lily Kartheiser

September 19-25

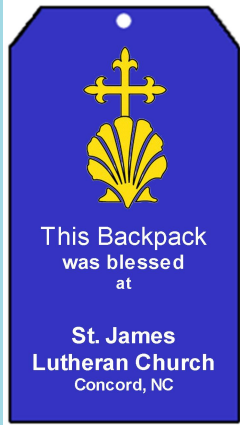
**My Father's House:**

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.

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**GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.**



**Sept. 12**  
**2021**

## **“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday**

Our congregation will soon engage in service work right here in our community. We are one of over 9,100 congregations participating in “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday, on Sept. 12. Across the country, thousands of members will engage in service work to make a positive change in our communities, build and deepen relationships and share God’s love. Join us as we do God’s work with our hands! Contact us for more information:

Packing Hygiene Kits

Yard Work at Open Door House

Packing Food Bags

Painting / Meal Bags at Esther’s Heart

Making Quilt Knots

Delivering Food to Preschool Families

Painting at Opportunity House

**St. James Lutheran Church**

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**Concord, NC 28025**

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**704-786-0166**



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God’s work. Our hands.

**Sign Up for GWOH**

# SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We are collecting School Supplies for the St. James Bilingual Preschool. Supplies may be brought on Sunday or during the week. We will be collecting through September 5.



## CABARRUS BILINGUAL PRESCHOOL

### 2021-2022 School Supply List

We need the following school supplies:

- Hand Soap
- Watercolor paint kits
- Dry Erase Markers
  - Markers
  - Paper Towels
- Disposable children's face masks
  - Lysol spray
  - Glue sticks
  - Band-aids
- Small cups (3-oz)
- Trash bags (13-gallon size)

## PRESCHOOL FOOD BOXES

Do you have an hour to spare on Thursdays at 2:00 pm? We are in the need



of volunteers to help distribute weekly food boxes to our Bilingual Preschool Families. The boxes will be delivered to the church by Feeding Kannapolis and our responsibility will be to hand them out to the families when they come to pick up their child. You can pick and choose the weeks that you can help. Only an hour of

your time is required.

[Sign Up Here](#)

## 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 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.

## 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.

# 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

CCM FOOD PANTRY--AUGUST

I mentioned last month that we working on plans to reopen the inside of our Crisis Center to clients. However, with the current resurgence of the COVID virus in our community, we have made the decision to postpone that step. Nevertheless, we have been working hard to reorganize our warehouse and pantry to better streamline our food service, no matter what model we are using. As we do so, we also are better able to identify our needs!



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:

- Canned Chicken
- Canned Corn
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Diced tomatoes
- Baked beans (pork & beans)
- Canned carrots, peas, potatoes and mixed veggies
- Toilet paper

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

## CHURCHWIDE NEWS

### ELCA WORLD HUNGER



**Creatively and  
courageously working  
toward a just world  
where all are fed**

Paul Jeffrey, ACT

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**HUNGER FACTS**

- 821 million people around



# World Hunger



More than 820 million people - that's about 11 percent of people in our world today - are hungry.

As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.

Working with and through our **congregations**, in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.



the world - that's more than 1 in 10 - can't access the food they need to live active, healthy lives.

- According to the most recent estimates, 736 million people live in extreme poverty on less than \$1.90 per day. That's 10% of the world's population.
- At some point in 2017 (the most recent year available), more than 40 million people in the United States were unsure where their next meal might come from.
- 39.7 million Americans were living in poverty in 2017. For a family of four, this means their annual household income was below \$25,094.



## **OUR IMPACT**

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger are making a difference. As a partner of churches, **social ministry organizations** and development and **advocacy** organizations, ELCA World Hunger helps reach communities most in need throughout the world. Our relationships in the U.S. and around the world create an infrastructure that allows us to be very cost efficient and effective — less than 15 cents of every dollar is used for program

# ELCA GOOD GIFTS

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## OUR APPROACH

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. – Matthew 25:35*

God richly provides for daily bread — the earth can produce enough food for everyone. Yet, many of our sisters and brothers still go hungry.

By providing immediate relief to those who are hungry, we meet basic needs and recognize the universal human right to food. But ending hunger is about more than food. By connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water, education, health care and sources of income, long-term, sustainable change can be accomplished.

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## WAYS TO GIVE

Your gifts help our church respond to hunger and poverty through hundreds of projects in more than 60 countries around the world, including the United States. These gifts are brought together with the skills, capacity and resources of local communities to make transformative change.

administration and fundraising.

In 2019, your support of ELCA World Hunger totaled over \$23 million

From Alaska to Alabama, from Chile to China, your gifts are hard at work helping our neighbors near and far break the cycle of hunger and poverty. Your generous giving makes it possible for ELCA World Hunger to be present throughout the United States and throughout the world. In 2019, we are supporting:

- Projects in 34 U.S. states and territories
- 63 countries, including the United States

From health clinics to microloans, food pantries to soup kitchens, advocacy to community organizing, your gifts are supporting meaningful solutions that get at the root causes of hunger. Learn more about **these innovative and effective projects** around the world.

## Make an online donation

[Online giving](#) is simple and secure.

## Give a monthly gift

Become a [Monthly Partner](#) and give automatic, monthly gifts in support of ELCA World Hunger. Visit the Monthly Partners page, click "I would like to choose an area for this gift to support" and select "ELCA World Hunger."

## Mail your donation

Make checks payable to ELCA World Hunger.  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
ELCA Gift Processing Center  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

## Give by phone

Call 800-638-3522 to make a donation with a credit card. Operators are ready to assist you Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Central Time.

## Give through your congregation

Make checks payable to your congregation, indicating ELCA World Hunger in the memo line, and place your gift in the offering plate.



## 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:

## Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Salisbury, NC

1908 Statesville Blvd  
Salisbury, NC, NC 28144  
(704) 636-8354  
Rev. William Battermann,  
Pastor



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*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

## YOUTH NEWSLETTER

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

### [Youth News - August](#)



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.cdglutheran.org](http://www.cdglutheran.org).

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 "booked" 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 doorsteps 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-

## 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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