

St. James Lutheran Church

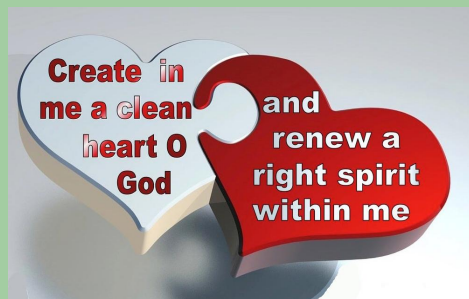
*"Growing in Christ Through Worship, Learning,
Fellowship, and Service."*

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF AUGUST 29

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.



IN-PERSON WORSHIP Sunday, August 29

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 29 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 29](#)

[Watch Livestream](#)



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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Sunday, August 29
9:50 am Live Stream Worship
10:00 am In-Person Worship
11:15 am Inquirer's Class

Monday, August 30
10:30 am Quilting Group

Sunday, September 5
9:50 am Live Stream Worship



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

29-Aug Eva Horton

10:00 am In-Person Worship

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Inquirer's Class:

August 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

29-Aug Marcia Klauss

30-Aug Carson Crainshaw

30-Aug James Hughes

30-Aug Hunter Huss

30-Aug Donna Sloop

01-Sep Kathleen Francus

02-Sep Kathryn Radcliffe

03-Sep Ken Hardison

03-Sep William Propst

04-Sep Kim Haberman

04-Sep Patrick Propst

CHURCH NEWS



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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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. Only a few weeks left!

[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 29 immediately after worship in the Fellowship Hall. The 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 A complete job description will be

provided upon request.

Cabarrus
Bilingual Preschool
at St. James

BILINGUAL PRESCHOOL

The Bilingual Preschool at St. James began this week with 13 students.

Please keep the teachers and staff in your prayers as they begin a new school year.

If you need to contact the Preschool, their new direct number is:
704-786-1063.

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 were 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

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



[Learn more about Lutheran World Relief](#)



At Lutheran World Relief, we envision a future where all people, in every corner of the world can live full, dignified lives.

Founded by Lutherans in the United States at the end of World War II, grounded in Lutheran theology and building on decades of experience, Lutheran World Relief tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being. We work with people based on need, regardless of race, religion or nationality and we do not evangelize. We provide aid in emergencies and help families restore their lives. We partner with communities to build and

Our History

In 1945, World War II left an estimated one-fifth of the world's Lutherans homeless. Here in the United States, Lutheran churches in at least 20 states mobilized to help in Europe through a new agency called Lutheran World Relief.

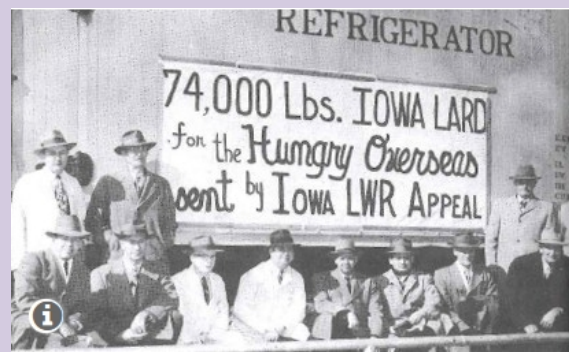


Photo taken in the 1940's.

Much has changed in nearly 75 years. But in thousands of congregations, in millions of offerings and in uncounted prayers, U.S. Lutherans continue to support Lutheran World Relief's work.

Lutheran World Relief was there in the late 1940s, when 800,000 Palestinians were forced from their homes by the creation of the

grow rural economies. We break the cycle of poverty, so families and communities can thrive. Our goal is to help people build self-sufficiency and create new community-owned approaches to problem-solving that will last long after our projects end.

state of Israel ... in the early 1950s when Hong Kong, Korea and Bangladesh and much of Asia was mired in strife ... during the 1970s and '80s, when civil wars and drought plagued Africa.

Today, Lutheran World Relief operates in East and West Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East, helping some of the world's poorest communities build the resilience they need to thrive.



Dear Partner in Ministry,

As we continue to turn a corner in our fight against COVID-19 in the United States, our neighbors around the world are suffering. Healthcare systems are collapsing in India. Neighbors in Nepal are crying out for more oxygen. Men, women and children seeking safety in Mali are forced into overcrowded camps, putting them at high risk for rapidly spreading coronavirus.

Access to the COVID-19 vaccine is rapidly changing our lives in the United States, and now the kindness of your congregation can deliver this same hope to our neighbors in some of the most forsaken corners of the world.

As a congregation that cares deeply for others, you are invited to join Lutheran World Relief and be part of the largest global health effort in human history and help those who would otherwise



Your gift today will reach your neighbors with the very least who are living in some of the most remote and forsaken regions of the world. Thank you for giving generously to save and change lives.

DONATE



IN THE NEWS

Lutheran World Relief and IMA World Health respond to the earthquake in Haiti

be forgotten gain access to a COVID-19 vaccine.

Please [watch the video](#) below and find [more information](#) here about how you can share your love.

Today and always, none of the work we do would be possible without your congregation's generosity. Please contact me if I can be of any assistance to you or your congregation. Until your love reaches every neighbor.

Rev. Lisa Kipp

Sr. Manager, Congregational Engagement

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BALTIMORE — Staff from Lutheran World Relief and IMA World Health, both of the Corus International family, are assessing damage from the Aug. 14 Haiti earthquake, urgent needs and how to most efficiently respond.

Lutheran World Relief and IMA World Health have committed an initial \$100,000 to the emergency response, which will likely focus on providing support for essential health services, as most of Corus' programs in Haiti are focused on health. As critical needs are being determined, the organizations are exploring the possibility of a joint response with other INGOs; coordination with international organizations and the government is central to response planning.

"There are huge medical needs, people who are wounded and in need of care," said Glen Bouchard, IMA World Health country director in Haiti. "Already, the food situation was tenuous. Markets and the infrastructure have been badly damaged. Even getting clean water is a challenge."

The magnitude of the disaster is still emerging, Bouchard said. "The full impact on many of the earthquake-affected areas is yet to be determined as they remain inaccessible. Most of the urgent needs will multiply as they become more visible and tangible," he said. "Unfortunately, this disaster is not getting due attention and international media has focused on concurrent major humanitarian crises in other parts



of the world. We are far from getting the commitments of resources that the 2010 earthquake received, though the needs are dire."

HOW TO HELP

Online: lwr.org/help-haiti

Phone: +1(800) 597.5972

Mail: Lutheran World Relief

PO Box 17061

Baltimore, MD 21297-1061



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:

Grace Lutheran Church Salisbury, NC

3020 Grace Church Road
Salisbury, NC 28147
Office: (704) 857-8641
Rev. Jerome Cloninger Pastor



[Learn More about
Grace 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

SEPTEMBER YOUTH



Sept. 12 4:30 pm Youth Cookout

Sept. 15 9:00 pm College Online

Sept. 18 TBD Youth Fundraiser at Georgie Jeanes Antiques and Gifts

Sept. 19 4:00 pm All Youth Gathering

Sept. 22 9:00 pm College Online

Sept. 29 9:00 pm College Online

YOUTH SERVANT DAYS



Just as we planned and hoped for, A Big Servant Day came our way and we accepted the challenge.

What is a Servant Day? On our way back from a Mission Trip, the Youth shared in a conversation about another successful mission trip where we accomplished our goal. But, that wasn't the end of the conversation. We questioned ourselves as to how can we take what we have learned over many years of participating in the mission trips and applying what we have learned at home? How can we create a mission trip at home and help even more that might need a helping hand? So, we started our plan by contacted those that are in the field, Social Workers, who are seeing the needs of others firsthand. Once they see the need, they will contact us and then we will make a visit to see how we might be able to share our talents. We also have partnered with McGill Baptist Church Youth Ministry in helping make this happen.

Just as planned, we received the call for one of the Social Workers about a single mom who has really tried to make a better home for her two girls. She has worked really hard, saved and with the help of family, was able to put vinyl siding on her home and new windows as well but, she needed a little help with her deck, and so we served. We took on the major task of taking down and replacing a deck with a roof. Our adventure started on a Thursday with a total of 9 people jumping in to make a difference, and so we started by tearing off the roof, then the deck. We worked that day until 5:00.



Friday came with 3 people showing up to serve and we called for the reinforcement of a friend and for an hour and a half, we were a mighty group of four. We finished taking down the deck, put up an anchor board on the home and started digging holes for the posts. 5:00 came, all but one of the first shift went home, and two powerful friends made up second shift. We finished the framing for the deck and closed down around 8:00 that evening.



Saturday came and with it came a powerful force from the McGill Baptist Youth Ministry and the pace picked up. Framing on the new roof went up, railings and pickets, steps and rails. We worked until 5:00 and took Sunday off.



Monday and Tuesday two gentlemen came and then a third to assist with the loose ends, railings going down the steps, capes were placed on the railings and new tin went up on the roof. We were done by 1:00 on Tuesday.



Our adventure created a new ministry that involved a lot of people in order to make this happen. It started with a Social Worker and it quickly grew to be intergenerational, while including three churches and two denominations. Jesus said to “Love Your Neighbor”, and He also said, to “Go”. And so we went to show the Love of Christ. What a combination of success. You all shared your time and your talents so that a single mom with two girls could enjoy the benefits of a new deck with a roof. Congratulations! We did a very good thing.



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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