

# St. James Lutheran Church

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

## Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



### WEEK OF AUGUST 7

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM



### NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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A Parish of the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## Welcome!

St. James is a house of prayer where all people can come to know the compassionate heart of Jesus. We are a community of Christians where you can belong before you believe. At Saint James the beauty of ancient worship and traditional spiritual practices transform contemporary lives. Join us as together we discover the sacred in the heart of the city. Our worship includes ancient and contemporary symbols and practices along with preaching and music to inspire you to follow Jesus in your daily life. We welcome both the spiritual seeker and seasoned disciple to find their home in God with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home or just exploring the life of faith, we hope you will walk with us on that journey of discovery.

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AUGUST 7, 2022  
10:00 A.M.**

### Introduction to Today's Worship

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## St. James Lutheran Church Online



Sunday Worship for will be live-streamed on YouTube beginning at 9:45 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.

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

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## ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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#### **Sunday, August 7**

10:00 am Worship

#### **Monday, August 8**

10:30 am Quilters Group

#### **Tuesday, August 9**

6:00 pm Church Council

#### **Sunday, August 14**

9:00 am Children's Sunday  
School

10:00 am Worship

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**07-Aug** Teresa Klauss

**07-Aug** Norma Mosley

**07-Aug** Ed Rand

**08-Aug** Sylvia Corl

**10-Aug** Connie King

**11-Aug** Lyle Glatz

**12-Aug** Robert Davis

**12-Aug** Renae Myers

**12-Aug** Wayne Williams

## UPCOMING DATES:

**Aug 28** Pastor Tony's  
Farewell and Godspeed /  
Luncheon

**Sep 13** Lively Leisures

**Sep 18** God's Work. Our  
Hands.

★ **HAPPY** ★  
**BIRTHDAY!**

# CHURCH NEWS

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**It was Monumental!!** Thank you to everyone who worked to make it a great success. Special thanks go to Mike Holt, LeeAnn Miller, and Christine Lovelace.





## HONOR AND CELEBRATE

*Together let's honor and celebrate the Retirement of our Pastor*

Reverend Tony Bradshaw

**Sunday, August 28, 2022**

St. James Lutheran Church  
Special worship service

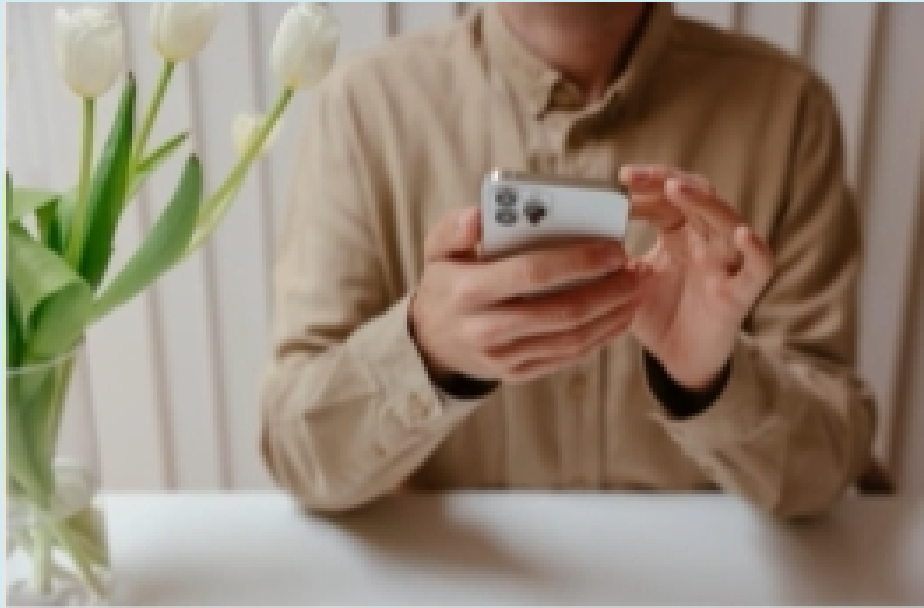
**Lunch Reception**

11:30 am in the church fellowship hall

Please make reservations by:  
Calling the church office 704-786-0166  
Emailing to [keith@sjnc.net](mailto:keith@sjnc.net)  
or online  
[Register Online](#)

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## CAN WE TEXT YOU?



We are excited to set up text messaging for St. James. This is yet another way to keep you connected with all the exciting events that are happening! We do have cell phone numbers for some of you but there are many that we do not have. You will have the option to "opt out" at any time and should receive no more than 4 messages per month.

Interested? Click the button below to provide your cell phone number so that we can add you to our text message list. If you are not sure whether we have your cell phone number, please complete the link below.

[SIGN UP NOW](#)

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## MUSIC AT ST. JAMES



Sing Ye to the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously!  
Exodus 15:21

# Music at St. James

Concord, North Carolina

*"Those who sing pray twice"* spoke St. Augustine, great 5th Century Bishop.

The words of hymns are prayers and, when we sing them, we add to them a further dimension of honor and praise. Fifteen times the scriptures tell us to "sing to the Lord."

Music is an integral and vibrant aspect of our worship service at St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church. Our music program is lead by Cantor, Organist and Director of Music Mr. Scott F. Foppiano.

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## PARISH CHOIR

*Membership is open to anyone in grade 7 (with parental commitment and support) through adult*

Choir members are parishioners and community volunteers who generously contribute their time and talents to serve God by leading congregational singing through hymns, service music and anthems. They also offer choral anthems from a diverse range of traditional and sacred music. The St. James Parish Choir has a long-established, very fine reputation and legacy of musical excellence and leadership in our worship. The choir provides music at the 10 AM service each Sunday. The choir also sings at special, additional Holy Day Liturgies such as Christmas and during Holy Week.

Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM in the choir room. Our Sunday warm-ups are at 9:15 AM. Our choir members sing together, pray together, and laugh together.

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## HANDBELL CHOIR

*Membership is open to anyone in grade 6 (with parental commitment and support) through adult*

A Handbell Choir is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of a church music ensemble. A beginner, with good instruction, can learn to play bells and have a gratifying musical experience in a relatively short period of time. At the same time, bells can offer the

challenge of learning a new instrument to the experienced musician. The ringers work together to achieve a common goal of excellence in the performance of church music. And, we have fun... just ask any of our ringers!

Rehearsals: **TBD** depending on member availability

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## TREBLE CHORISTERS

*Membership is open to young singers in grades 3 through 8*

The Treble Choristers are trained using the methods of the Royal School of Church Music, of which St. James is a proud and long-time affiliate. They learn solid, healthy vocal technique as well as music reading and theory skills, establishing a firm foundation for a lifetime of music making. The Choristers will sing once per month, as well as special services throughout the year. A vocal placement appointment with the Director of Music is requested prior to admission in the choir.

Rehearsals: **TBD** depending on the re-establishment of this choir

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### **THE ONLY REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN ANY OF OUR CHOIRS INCLUDES:**

1. A realistic commitment to the rehearsal and Sunday schedules (especially regarding youth) and
2. Basic music reading skills. All else can be learned along the way!

### **PRIVATE MUSICAL INSTRUCTION**

Lessons in piano and/or organ are available through the Director of Music. Beginning piano students in grade 3 or above are welcome, as are beginning or returning adult students. Organ students are strongly encouraged to have piano experience and ability to read a musical score.

For further information about any of the musical programming above, or to join, please contact: Organist and Director of Music, Scott Foppiano, at 704-985-5591 text/cell or [scottfop@gmail.com](mailto:scottfop@gmail.com)

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Children's Church during worship will be on the first three Sundays of each month. It will be designed for children up to the second grade. We hope to expand to every Sunday as more volunteers are identified. Our youth director, Mike Holt, will be leading this ministry. Martha Matthews will be facilitator on the second Sunday of each month.

## Summer Theme: The Lord's Prayer

### August Children's Church

August 14

August 21



## GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS SUNDAY

September 18

On Sunday September 18 let's gather after church for a lunch then proceed to our work sites for the God's Work Our Hands event that Sunday afternoon. We'll have 4 -5 activities available you can sign up for. Look for details soon. God's Peace, Social Ministry Committee.

## THIS PAST SUNDAY

	July 31	July Average
<b>Stewardship</b>	\$2111.83	\$6,037.35
<b>Attendance</b>	74 In-Person 57 -Online	79- In-Person 60 - Online

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

CCM FOOD PANTRY  
JULY





In June, at the Crisis Center Food Pantry, we served 774 households, which are the same kinds of numbers we served during the lockdown late Spring 2020. Through our whole Food Program we served 1,364 households! We reopened the week of July 11 to record breaking numbers. For that week we served a record 294 households, including a record high of 82 on July 12. Fortunately, because of a lot of great church and neighborhood food drives, and the opportunity to purchase about 5 pallets of wholesale food from Second Harvest Food Bank, we have had sufficient food for all those folks!

Our new SmartChoice program at the Crisis Center enables our clients to order which non-perishables they want for their families, restoring the client-choice we had pre-Pandemic. They even can pre-order their food from home before coming to the pantry to pick up! Not only does this help to restore some client dignity, it also helps to reduce waste, as families will get the food they know they will eat and enjoy. One little side note though, **we are once again using a LOT of plastic grocery bags. So we welcome donations of those, as well as food!**

Currently, the pantry items we are in biggest need of are:

- Cereal
- Baked Beans
- Any kinds of canned vegetables, except corn (green beans, carrots, potatoes, mixed, peas)
- Dried Pinto Beans
- Canned Fruit (except fruit cocktail)
- Any kind of Canned Meats (except tuna!)
- Dried Pasta (except spaghetti)
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Pasta Sauce
- Soup
- Toilet Paper and Paper Towels

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

These items can be dropped off at the Portico Entrance during office hours.

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**OPPORTUNITY HOUSE  
NEEDS**

Opportunity House is in need of the following items:

- Paper goods
- Toilet paper
- Towels (can be slightly used, includes beach towels.)
- Cloth wash cloths



Clients at Opportunity House take showers and they are in need of the towels & wash cloths. Items can be dropped off at the church. Please label for Opportunity House

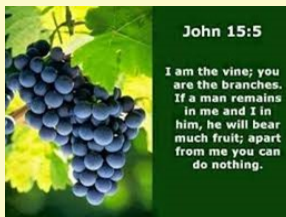
Dear St. James Family,

Thank you so much for your generosity. Together, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of our homeless community. forever grateful,



The Esther's Heart Team

## CHURCHWIDE / COMMUNITY



### 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.

*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*

641 Critcher Dr,  
Lexington, NC 27295  
Pastor Thomas  
Coggins



**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
Welcome, NC**

## SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Big Brothers. Big Sisters is sponsoring a School Supply Drive. During VBS this next week, we will be collecting needed items to help our local students as school begins. A labeled tote will be in the portico for your donations.



- 24 Pack Crayola Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- #2 Pencils (presharpened)
- Black Expo Dry Erase Markers
- Plastic 2-Pocket Folders
- Post It Notes
- Wide Rule Loose Leaf Paper Packs
- Fiskars Scissors
- Wide Rule Composition Notebooks
- Colored Pencils
- Headphones/Earbuds
- 1-inch Binders
- Highlighters
- Index Cards



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# YOUTH MINISTRY



## UPCOMING DATES

Youth Ice Cream Gathering August 21

## 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

- Rev. Tony Bradshaw, Senior Pastor [Email](#)
- Keith Sutton, Parish Administrator [Email](#)
- Jill Irvin, Financial Administrator [Email](#)
- Scott F. Foppiano, Organist / Director of Music [Email](#)
- Mike Holt, Youth and Family [Email](#)

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