

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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LESSONS FOR THE WEEK *(Links in blue)*

First Reading [Amos 8:4-7](#)

Psalm [Psalm 113](#)

Second Reading [1 Timothy 2:1-7](#)

Gospel [Luke 16:1-13](#)



Saint James Lutheran Church

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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AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 18, 2022
10:00 A.M.**

Introduction to Today's Worship

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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.

[**DOWNLOAD WEEKLY BULLETIN**](#)

[**WATCH THE LIVESTREAM**](#)



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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Sunday, September 18
9:00 am Children's Sun. Sch
9:15 am Parish Choir
10:00 am Worship
11:30 am God's Work. Our Hands
4:00 pm Youth Gathering

Monday, September 19
10:30 am Quilter's Group



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

19-Sep Trevor Matthews
20-Sep Peter Muniz
20-Sep Camron Trott
20-Sep Carson Trott

Wednesday, September 21

7:00 pm Parish Choir
9:30 pm College Online

Friday, September 23

6:30 pm Parent's Night Out

Sunday, September 25

9:00 am Children's Sun. Sch
9:15 am Parish Choir
10:00 am Worship
2:00 pm Confirmation
4:00 pm Youth Gathering

22-Sep John Patterson

22-Sep Patricia Propst

23-Sep Annette Propst

24-Sep Lois Marlow

24-Sep Andy Yoos

UPCOMING DATES:

Oct 2 Installation of Interim

Pastor Craig Saltzer

Oct 4 Mary Magdalene

Circle

Oct 8 Blessing of the

Animals 10:00 -12:00

Oct 9 Installation of Call

Committee

Oct 12 & 26 Wednesday

Nights Together

Nov. 12 Rise Against

Hunger Meal Prep

CHURCH NEWS

FROM PASTOR TONY & DEBBIE



--I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:3-6)

To the saints in Christ who are at St James,

You may have never noticed, but there was a picture on a shelf in my office of the children from my first call spelling out the word "thankful," and as I now reflect upon not only our last month's together and my final Sunday at St James, but the eight years we shared together, the word that comes to mind is thankful.

I am so thankful for the life we shared and for your generosity and patience as we served our Lord Jesus together and grew in trust and

love of God and one another. I am thankful for the leaders and staff, for all those who offered their gifts in our life of worship, learning, fellowship, and service, for those with whom we shared ministry, and of course for the wonderful sendoff and the amazing cards and gifts you poured out upon Debbie and me.

As you now begin to discern and search for your next pastor, you remain in our prayers, and while we will miss you, we are excited for what lies ahead for you and us, confident that the one who began a good work among us will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ...and for that, we say thanks be to God!

With thanks and love, your brother and sister in Christ,

Tony & Debbie Bradshaw

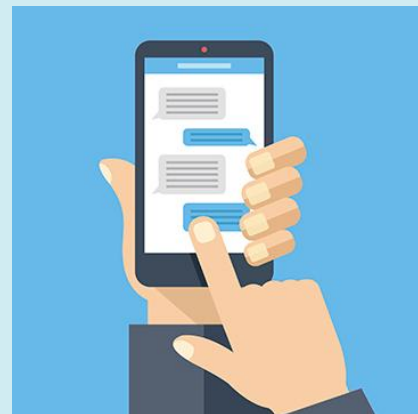
PASTORAL NEEDS

If you have a pastoral need during this interim time, you may call the church office 704-786-0166 during office hours or Congregation President, Ann Blackwelder 704-796-0015 after hours.

TEXT MESSAGES OPT IN

We are excited to set up text messages for St. James. This is yet another way to keep you connected with all the exciting events that are coming!

If you have received a welcome text from St. James, then we have your cell number. If not, then you can "Opt In" using the link below.



You will have the option to "opt out" at any time and should receive no more than 4 messages per month.

[**Opt In for Texts**](#)

SCOUT POPCORN SALE

This Sunday, September 18th, our scouts

will be selling popcorn In the portico area of the church. We will have products on hand ranging for \$10 to \$20 and appreciate any donations.

Proceeds from our sale go towards activity fees and outings. This is a one time sale and we always appreciate the kindness and support of Saint James Lutheran Church.






It's back!!! Wednesday Nights Together is returning in October. We will gather for food and fellowship and a short Bible study led by our interim, Pastor Saltzer. Please make reservations to help with planning the food.

5:30 pm
Church Fellowship Hall

October 12, 26
November 9, 30

Make your reservation online or by calling the church office 704-786-0166.

FREE WILL OFFERING



[Sign Up Now](#)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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.

September Children's Church September 18

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

LECTOR/INTERCESSORS

Sep 18 Mark Murphy
Sep 25 Christine Ruff
Oct 02 Gretchen Walker
Oct 09 Kim Haberman

WORSHIP LEADERS

Sep 18 Mac Mullins, Sem
Sep 25 Mac Mullins, Sem

Pastor Craig Saltzer begins as
Interim Pastor on October 2

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Sept 18 N/A
Sept 25 N/A
Oct 02 Jodi Ramirez

GREETERS

Sept 18 Sylvia Corl
Sept 25 Jean Beasley
Oct 02 Joyce Smith



*The Charlotte Chapter of the
American Guild of Organists presents*

the annual progressive dinner

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2022
AT 6:30PM
CONCORD, NC

Calvary Lutheran Church
Central United Methodist Church
St. James Lutheran Church



*Registrations for dinner are required.
Please visit www.charlotteago.org for more information.*

[Register](#)

SOCIAL MINISTRY

**GOD'S WORK. OUR
HANDS SUNDAY**
September 18

On September 18 after church

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



Sept. 18
2022

join us for God's Work. Our Hands. GWOH is a nationwide ELCA activity providing an afternoon of service to those in our community. Immediately after service, we will offer a bag lunch in the fellowship hall. During lunch find the Group

Leader for the activity you have signed up for to let them know you are present.

We have 5 activities to choose from.

1. **FOOD BAGS / HYGIENE KITS:** Filling 100 bags with rice and 100 bags with dried beans. We will also assemble about 50 hygiene kits. Activity is in the Fellowship Hall. The lead is Jeff Gilbert.
2. **QUILTING KNOTS:** Quilting Ministry in the education building of the church on the first floor. Golda Jay is the lead.
3. **OPPORTUNITY HOUSE:** Opportunity House is located one block from St James on Corban Ave, next to Carolina Courts. We will be sorting and organizing donated items and other items in their inventory. Samantha Hillegass is the lead
4. **FAMILIES FIRST:** We will complete two landscaping projects. Address is 985 Central Drive NW. Chip Popovici is the lead.
5. **BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS** Write encouraging welcome back to school notes and attach to a snack! History Room at St. James. Mark Murphy is the lead.

Please use the sign up link below or on the church webpage. Also order your GWOH T shirt when you sign up for an activity. We are using the same T shirt design as last year. Please call Mark Murphy 704-301-2816 with questions.

[SIGN UP FOR
GWOH](#)

BLESSING BOX

For the month of **September**, St James has the opportunity to stock the blessing box at Rotary Square. Items can be put directly into the box or left in the red Blessing Box bin that is just inside the rear door of the church.



Please see the list of items below. Thank you for being a blessing in our community. 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



COOPERATIVE
CHRISTIAN
MINISTRY

CCM FOOD PANTRY

Thank you SO much to all the churches and organizations who sponsored food drives for us this summer! You made it possible for us to continue to serve hundreds of our neighbors with nutritious food. In July, we served a total of 626 households through our Crisis Center, in just 15 days. Across the total program, we served a total of 880 households. Not the same numbers as in June, but still substantial, considering that a lot of the pantries were not open the first week of the month. This month, we've noticed that we're serving a LOT more brand new households who have never come to CCM for help before. The effects of inflation and skyrocketing housing costs are taking a harsh toll on a lot of our lower income neighbors!

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

- Cereal
- Any kinds of canned vegetables, including corn, green beans, carrots, potatoes, mixed, peas
- Dried Pinto Beans
- Baked Beans
- Canned Fruit (except fruit cocktail)
- Any kind of Canned Meats (except tuna!)
- 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.

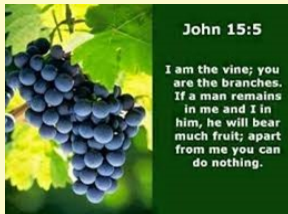
MY FATHER'S HOUSE September 19-21

St. James/St. John's Lutheran will be hosting My Father's House Ministry, September 19, 20, and 21. St. James will provide the dinner meals on Monday, September 19 and Tuesday, September 20.



If you can provide an item for the meal for September 19 or 20, please let Sylvia Corl know. She's glad to pick up the item from your home and take it to MFH. Thanks so much for your help with this needed Ministry.

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

St. James Lutheran Church Fayetteville, NC

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Fayetteville, NC 28305
Pastor John Locke



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RAO | COMMUNITY HEALTH presents

2ND ANNUAL

CARE VILLAGE

It takes a village to make an impact.



Saturday | September 17, 2022

Boys & Girls Club of Cabarrus County

247 Spring St. NW, Concord, NC 28025

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Food | Music | Cooking Demos
Exercise Classes | COVID-19 Vaccines
HIV Testing | Health Screenings
Wellness Services & More!

RAIN OR SHINE | FREE TO THE PUBLIC

In partnership with:



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF CABARRUS COUNTY



CABARRUS
HEALTH
ALLIANCE

What is the NAMI Peer-to-Peer Education Program?

NAMI Peer-to-Peer is an 8-session recovery-focused course for adults with mental health conditions.

- Free and confidential
- Held weekly for two hours
- Led by peers with mental health conditions
- A great resource for information on mental health and recovery
- Offers respect, understanding, encouragement and hope
- Builds on the strength and resilience of participants

NAMI Cabarrus, the local organization of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, will offer NAMI Peer-to-Peer beginning October 14, 2022. It will be held on Fridays from 6 pm – 8 pm, online.



Participant Perspectives

“NAMI Peer-to-Peer is uplifting, life-saving and an eye-opening experience that changed how I see myself.”

“The biggest thing I gained from this class was to become my own advocate and best friend.”

“Seeing my peers’ strength and dedication to their recovery was personally meaningful.”

Contact us to register for NAMI Peer-to-Peer!



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About NAMI

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation’s largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI (Affiliate Name) is an affiliate of NAMI (State). NAMI (Affiliate Name) and dedicated volunteer members and leaders work tirelessly to raise awareness and provide essential education, advocacy and support group programs for people in our community living with mental illness and their loved ones.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Calvary—St. James

January



UPCOMING DATES

- **College Online** September 21, 28
- **Youth Gathering** September 18, 25
- **Parent's Night Out** September 23
- **Confirmation cluster at Kimball** September 25



PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

WHEN: Our September Parent's Night Out will be on Friday Night, September 23 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm

WHERE: Calvary Lutheran Church

WHAT: We will have a pizza dinner, games, God Time and a movie. We will be showing "UP", rated PG.

SIGNUP: Please complete the form below to sign your child up to participate. This is for ages 3 years through 5th grade.

**SIGN UP
NOW**

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

- **Keith Sutton**, *Parish Administrator* [Email](#)
- **Jill Irvin**, *Financial Administrator* [Email](#)
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