

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.



IN-PERSON WORSHIP Sunday, September 19

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 September 19 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 September 19](#)

[Watch Livestream](#)



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

An Adult Sunday School class will be offered on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Cook Fellowship Classroom. Frank Irvin will be teaching and everyone is invited. Please have a Bible or Bible App ready because we're going to look outside the texts listed in the lesson.

[The Passover - Study Guide](#)

[Passover Scripture Readings](#)

ON THE CALENDAR

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Sunday, September 19

9:00 am Adult Sunday Schl
9:50 am Live Stream Begins
10:00 am In-Person Worship

Monday, September 20

10:30 am Quilting Group

Wednesday, September 22

7:00 pm Mutual Ministry

Thursday, September 23

6:30 pm Bible Heroes

Sunday, September 26

9:00 am Adult Sunday Schl
9:50 am Live Stream Begins
10:00 am In-Person Worship

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Salvation Army Night
Shelter:**

September 19-25

My Father's House:

September 20-22



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

19-Sep Trevor Matthews

20-Sep Peter Muniz

20-Sep Camron Trott

20-Sep Carson Trott

22-Sep John Patterson

22-Sep Patricia Propst

23-Sep Annette Propst

24-Sep Lois Marlow

24-Sep Andy Yoos

CHURCH NEWS

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

MY FATHER'S HOUSE September 20-22

St. James / St. Johns Lutheran will be hosting My Father's House Ministry,



Sept. 20-22, 2021. St. James will provide the dinner meals on Mon., Sept. 20 and Tues. Sept. 21.

There are presently 5 adults and 5 children in the Ministry. Two additional families are expected to move into the Ministry in the next two weeks so the number will change. If you can provide an item for the meal for Sept. 20 or Sept. 21, please let Sylvia Corl know and she will be glad to pick up the item from your home and take it to MFH. Thanks so much for your help with this needed Ministry.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.



Thank you to all our God's Work. Our Hands. volunteers. We packed Hygiene Bags, packed Food Backs, tied Quilt Knots, and painted at Opportunity House. We had about 40 participants who did God's Work with Their Hands.

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

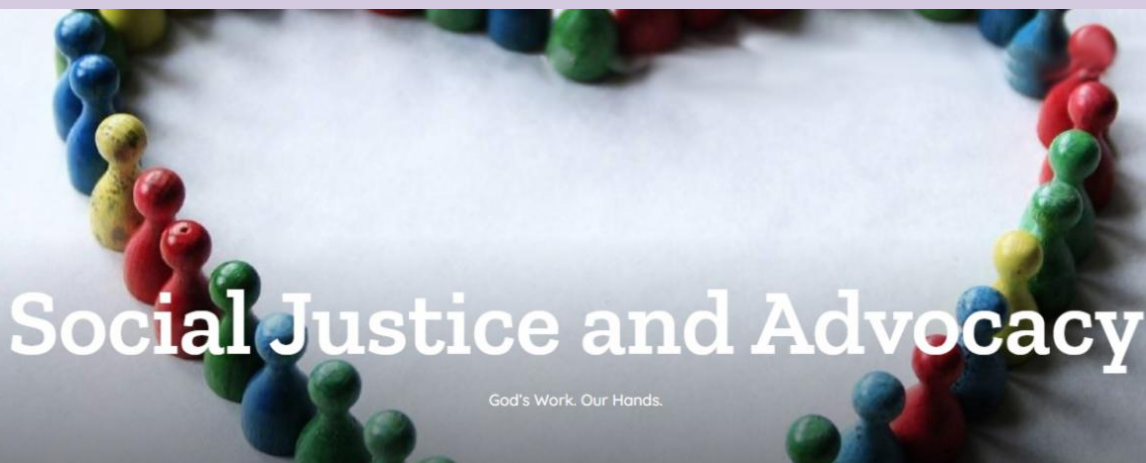
Our current big needs are:

- 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

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ADVOCACY



"The witness of this church in society flows from its identify as a community that lives from and for the Gospel."

"Faith is active in love; love calls for justice in the relationships and structures of society. It is in grateful response to God's grace in Jesus Christ that this church carries out its responsibility for the well-being of society and the environment."

The Church in Society: A Lutheran Perspective, 1991

The Church and Society Social Message



Affordable Housing and Homelessness

"We, too, participate in and are responsible for society's brokenness. Yet, confident of God's forgiveness, we are daily renewed, so we might turn from what dehumanizes people to accept anew responsibility for justice. Through the Gospel and the Holy Spirit, people with and without housing alike are incorporated into the church, God's new community founded on grace and faith, not on society's view of success or failure. The Gospel does not provide ready-made solutions to homelessness. God's love in Jesus Christ does, however, move us to care for homeless people as God cares for all. Christians who have shelter are



Environmental Justice

"Given the power of sin and evil in this world, as well as the complexity of environmental problems, we know we can find no "quick fix"—whether technological, economic, or spiritual. A sustainable environment requires a sustained effort from everyone. The prospect of doing too little too late leads many people to despair. But as people of faith, captives of hope, and vehicles of God's promise, we face the crisis"

Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice, 1993

called to care, called to walk with homeless people in their struggle for a more fulfilling life and for adequate, affordable, and sustainable housing.”

Homelessness: A Renewal of Commitment, 1990

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Immigration

“Recalling that our families were once the “stranger”—and remembering our Lord’s call to love our neighbor as ourselves—can expand our moral imagination, enable us to see the new “stranger” as our neighbor, and open us to welcome today’s newcomers.

Our church also has a history of hospitality for refugees. Following World War II, when one out of every six Lutherans in the world was a refugee or displaced person, Lutherans, with the participation of 6,000 congregations, resettled some 57,000 refugees in the United States.”

“Immigration, refugee, and asylum policies express who we are as a nation, influence the nation’s future character, and affect the lives of millions of



ELCA Votes

“Government remains God’s gift because it is intended to do what churches, families, individuals, and businesses cannot do on their own: protect and coordinate the well-being of individuals, communities, and creation. Some people object to the church involving itself in matters related to government, in “politics.” Taking partisan stances is not the church’s role, but “politics” has to do with negotiating how the benefits and burdens of living in a society are shared. Politics is key to self-governance.”

“ELCA social teaching, consistent with classical Lutheran thought, recognizes the ambiguity that civil government at all levels can be a force for good or for evil—or, most accurately, both in some combination. This realistic view of

people. We encourage our members, in light of our history and our ministry with newcomers, to join with other citizens in our democratic society to support just laws that serve the common good.”

-A Social Message on Immigration, 1998

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government holds in tension the failures of our shared political life with the recognition that God intends for government to protect all people and to enable human societies to flourish (Romans 13:1-7). This realistic view establishes a fruitful middle ground between idolatrous endorsement of government or its policies and cynical rejection of the good it provides. ELCA social teaching holds that all residents of the United States have a responsibility to make government function well—not to abandon our democracy but to engage it in a spirit of robust civic duty. For Lutherans, this responsibility is lived out as a calling from God, expressed in the discipleship described in our baptismal promises. It is based on our understanding of how God governs human society.”

-A Social Message on Government and Civic Engagement in the United States: Discipleship in a Democracy, 2020

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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:

**Prince of Peace
Lutheran Church
Salisbury, NC**

3070 East NC Hwy 152
Salisbury NC 28146
704-857-9588

[Learn More about
Prince of Peace
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 CALENDAR

- Sept. 19** 4:00 pm All Youth Gathering
- Sept. 22** 9:00 pm College Online
- Sept. 29** 9:00 pm College Online

WELCOME TO SUNDAY'S COOL




These are baby sea turtles hatching at the beach. Just as soon as climb out of the sand they start their long journey to a place in the ocean where they can eat sea grass, jelly fish, hide and grow. In about 10 years, the girl sea turtle will return to the same beach where they were born and they will lay their eggs.

It is amazing to watch the little baby turtles head out to the ocean and start swimming. But what I'd like to point out are the little tracks they leave in the sand. They are small but you can see them. Think about this if you will. The tracks show a direction they are heading in, towards the sea. The tracks also show where you have been. As they crawl to the ocean, they are leaving a mark in the sand. We also leave a mark in the sand when we walk on the beach.

But, did you know that we leave our tracks even when you cannot see them. Wherever we go, we leave our tracks and people can see them, even when we look and they cannot be seen on the floor. What do our tracks look like? Our tracks look like kindness, love, helping, respect, friendly, warm, caring and the list can go on and on.

We want to leave tracks that are like the tracks that Jesus felt for us to follow. So get ready and start leaving good tracks wherever you go. Love One Another!



SUNDAY'S COOL

Below is a link to this week's Sunday's Cool. Check it out!

[Read 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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