

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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LESSONS FOR THE WEEK *(Links in blue)*

First Reading [Amos 6:1a, 4-7](#)

Psalm [Psalm 146](#)

Second Reading [1 Timothy 6:6-19](#)

Gospel [Luke 16:19-31](#)



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.

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 25, 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.

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ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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Saturday, September 24
8:00 am Youth Apple
Picking (*meet at Calvary*)

Sunday, September 25
9:00 am Adult / Children's
Sunday School
9:15 am Parish Choir
10:00 am Worship
2:00 pm Confirmation



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 27-Sep** Jeff Faggart
- 27-Sep** Tommy Propst
- 28-Sep** Francie Davis

4:00 pm Youth Gathering

Monday, September 26

10:30 am Quilter's Group

Wednesday, September 28

7:00 pm Parish Choir

9:30 pm College Online

Sunday, October 2

9:00 am Adult / Children's
Sunday School

9:15 am Parish Choir

10:00 am Worship-
Installation of Pastor Saltzer

11:15 am Reception for
Pastor Saltzer

4:00 pm Youth Gathering

28-Sep Miles Marlow

28-Sep Chris Miller

30-Sep Jo Eng

30-Sep Katie Popovici

01-Oct Chase Lineberger

01-Oct Conner Lineberger

01-Oct Donae 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

**CHILDREN'S
SUNDAY
SCHOOL**



Children's Sunday School with grades 3-6 in mind, from 9:00 – 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall. We will read a Bible story and perhaps work on a craft. Join us!

A new class will begin in October for ages K - 2nd grade. Watch for details.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church during worship is designed for children up to the

second grade. Our youth director, Mike Holt, will be leading this ministry. Martha Matthews and Christine Lovelace will also be assisting in this ministry.

September Children's Church September 25 - Christine Lovelace



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Flex Classroom - 9:00 am

Adult Sunday School will resume this Sunday. Meet in the Flex Room (Cook Class) at 9:00 am. We will watch a Chip Ingram video and then discuss as a group.

Chip Ingram is an American Christian pastor, author, and teacher. He is the founder, teaching pastor, and CEO of *Living on the Edge*, an international teaching and discipleship ministry. A pastor for over 30 years, Chip is the author of many books.

CHURCH NEWS

FROM YOUR CONGREGATION PRESIDENT



Dear Members of St. James,

Exciting things are happening at St. James! We are looking forward to our new interim, Pastor Craig Saltzer, beginning his service at St. James. His first Sunday with us will be October 2. On this Sunday we will have his installation service during worship, followed by a reception in the fellowship hall.

Your Church Council has appointed a call committee. The committee members are:

- Frank Irvin
- Nick Lovelace
- Chris Miller
- LeeAnn Miller
- Gretchen Walker
- Cheryl Webb

The call committee, seeking God's will for the congregation through prayer, interviews, consulting of references, and conversation with one another, will recommend a Pastoral candidate to the Congregation Council for their consideration. We will have a rite of installation service for the call committee Sunday, October 9.

Please continue to pray for your pastor, your leadership team, your call committee, the staff of St. James and all of those in need, as we continue our journey in faith.

Sincerely,
Ann Blackwelder
President, St. James Congregation

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.



RECEPTION FOR INTERIM PASTOR

On Sunday, October 2, a reception is being planned in the church fellowship hall following the installation of our interim pastor, Reverend Craig Saltzer at the 10:00 service. Everyone is invited to attend.

We will be serving Saint James Lutheran Church's fabulous punch and cookies.

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 PUMPKIN SALE

10:00 AM



On Saturday, October 2 & 9, our scouts will be selling pumpkins in Rotary Square. This is a big fundraiser for our Scouts. Please consider supporting Troop 91.

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.



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER

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



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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

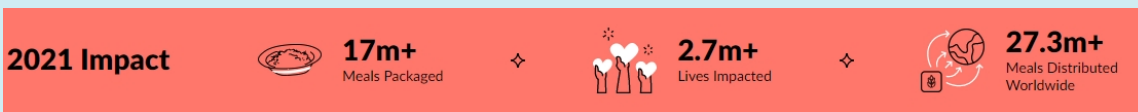
Saturday, October 8
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Blessing of the Animals held In Honor of
St. Francis of Assisi.



Please bring your pets to be blessed on Saturday, October 8, 10:00am to 12:00m at Far-Fetched Farm, 335 Brafford Road, Concord, NC 28025. All are welcome!

Sponsored by St. James Lutheran Church
104 Union Street S, Concord, NC 28025
Rain Date: To be determined



St. James will be packing 10,000 meals on **Saturday, November 12** from 10:00 a.m. until noon. We need between 50-60 people to help pack the meals. We also need 5 people who are willing to come early to setup and 5 people to stay late to take down.

If you would like to make a donation to help cover the cost of the meals, checks can be made payable to St. James with "Rise Against Hunger" in the Memo line.

SIGN UP NOW

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

LECTOR/INTERCESSORS

Sep 25 Christine Ruff
Oct 02 Gretchen Walker
Oct 09 Kim Haberman
Oct 16 Needed

WORSHIP LEADERS

Sept 25 Mac Mullins, Sem
Pastor Craig Saltzer begins as Interim Pastor on October 2

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Sept 25 N/A
Oct 02 Jodi Ramirez
Oct 09 Ashley Cline

GREETERS

Sept 25 Jean Beasley
Oct 02 Joyce Smith

*Thank
you*



GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

On Sunday the 18th, 40 volunteers gave willingly of their their time to help our neighbors. The bags of rice, beans, and hygiene kits were delivered to Cooperative Christian Ministry. Thank you all.

TASKS COMPLETED

1. Filled 100 one pound bags of rice
2. Filled 100 one pound bags of pinto beans
3. Filled 50 hygiene bags
4. Worked on quilts
5. Prepared 50 bags that included snacks and encouraging notes for the children who participate in Big Brothers / Big Sisters
6. Organized and sorted donations at Opportunity House
7. Completed two landscaping projects with our partners at Families First.

SALVATION ARMY NIGHT SHELTER

Thank you to the volunteers who provided dinners the week of September 18-24 to guests at the Salvation Army Center of Hope Night Shelter. You brought smiles of appreciation at the Shelter.

FAMILIES FIRST IN CABARRUS COUNTY

On behalf of Families First in Cabarrus County, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for your generous donation of \$5,000. Your gift helps our organization support the most vulnerable families and children of our community.

With appreciation, Aurora Swain, Director of Operations

SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

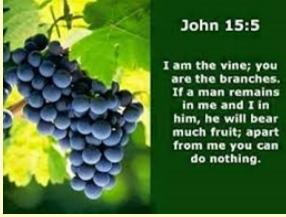
In the CCM Food program, our numbers remain high and we continue to serve a LOT of households who are new to CCM. Our inventory is getting critically low!

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

- Any kind of canned vegetables, especially green beans and corn
- Diced Tomatoes
- Dried Pinto Beans
- Any kind of canned beans (Baked, black, pinto, kidney, etc.)
- Canned Fruit (except fruit cocktail)
- Any kind of Canned Meats (except tuna!)
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Pasta Sauce
- Toilet Paper and Paper Towels

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

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

Grace Lutheran Church Thomasville, NC

15 Unity Street
Thomasville, NC 27360
Pastor Cassie Overcash



Learn More about
[Grace Lutheran Church](#)



join us for a
COMMUNITY MEETING

OCTOBER 10, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
30 UNION STREET N

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AND
STREETScape PROJECT**



**PARKS AND RECREATION
GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND**





*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](#)

YOUTH MINISTRY

Calvary—St. James

January



UPCOMING DATES

- **College Online** September 28
- **Youth Gathering** September 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

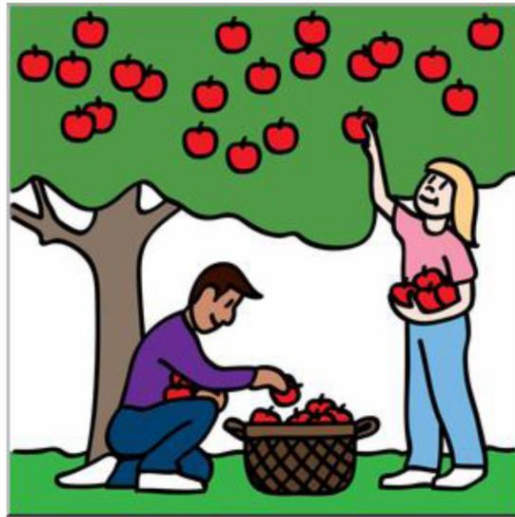
WHERE: Calvary Lutheran Church

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



THE YOUTH MINISTRY AND FRESH APPLES!

The Youth Ministry will be heading to the mountains of North Carolina to pick apples as a fundraiser this coming Saturday, September 24. These apples will be hand-picked fresh, right off the tree. Varieties include Golden Delicious, Red Delicious, and Granny Smith. Apples will be available for a donation to the Youth Ministry. They will be available for pickup at Calvary on Sunday, right after both worship services or between 4:30 and 5:30 that afternoon or you may pick them up on Monday from 9:00 to 4:00. If you would like to place an order, please let Mike Holt know so that we can package them separately. Thank you in advance for supporting the Youth Ministry of St. James and Calvary.



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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- **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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