

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5

FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.



IN-PERSON WORSHIP

IN-PERSON WORSHIP Sunday, September 5

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 5 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 5](#)

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ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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Sunday, September 5
9:50 am Live Stream Begins
10:00 am In-Person Worship

Monday, September 6
Office Closed—Labor Day



**BIRTHDAYS THIS
WEEK**

Sunday, September 12

9:50 am Live Stream Begins
 10:00 am In-Person Worship
 11:15 am God's Work. Our Hands

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

God's Work. Our Hands:

September 12

Night Shelter:

September 19-25

My Father's House:

September 20-22

Rise Against Hunger:

November 13

- 05-Sep** Simon Lovelace
- 05-Sep** Ashleigh Matthews
- 06-Sep** Sophie Horton
- 06-Sep** Trey Horton
- 06-Sep** Dylan Urso
- 06-Sep** Paul Winterhalter
- 08-Sep** Laura Overby
- 08-Sep** Edith Propst
- 09-Sep** Dianne Lambert
- 10-Sep** Ryan Patterson
- 10-Sep** Alisa Wickliff
- 10-Sep** Libby Williams
- 11-Sep** Riece Pittar

SEPTEMBER 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 10:00 am In-Person Worship	6 Labor Day Church Office Closed	7	8	9 2:00 pm Preschool Food Boxes	10	11
12 10:00 am In-Person Worship 11:00 am God's Work. Our Hands 4:30 pm Youth Cookout	13 10:30 am Quilting Group	14 6:00 pm Congregation Council	15 9:00 pm College Online	16 2:00 pm Preschool Food Boxes 6:30 pm Bible Heroes Pre-2 nd 7:00 pm Bible Heroes 3 rd - 5 th	17	18 Youth Fundraiser at Georgie Jeanes Antiques and Gifts
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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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God’s work. Our hands.

Sign Up for GWOH

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

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)



AUGUST MEMORIALS

To the Glory of God and

In Loving Memory



Jim Allison

By Al Brown (Cemetery)
By Margaret Garrison (Cemetery)
By Will and Ann Gillon
By Sue Hartsell
By Susan Miller (Columbarium)
By Wayne and Libby Williams

Sandy Barnhardt

By Mike Coltrane
By John and Fay Homes

Jimmy Marlow

By Margaret Garrison (Cemetery)

Phyllis Harward

By Margaret Garrison (Cemetery)

Richard Benz

By Will and Ann Gillon

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



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:

[Sign Up](#)

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.

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!

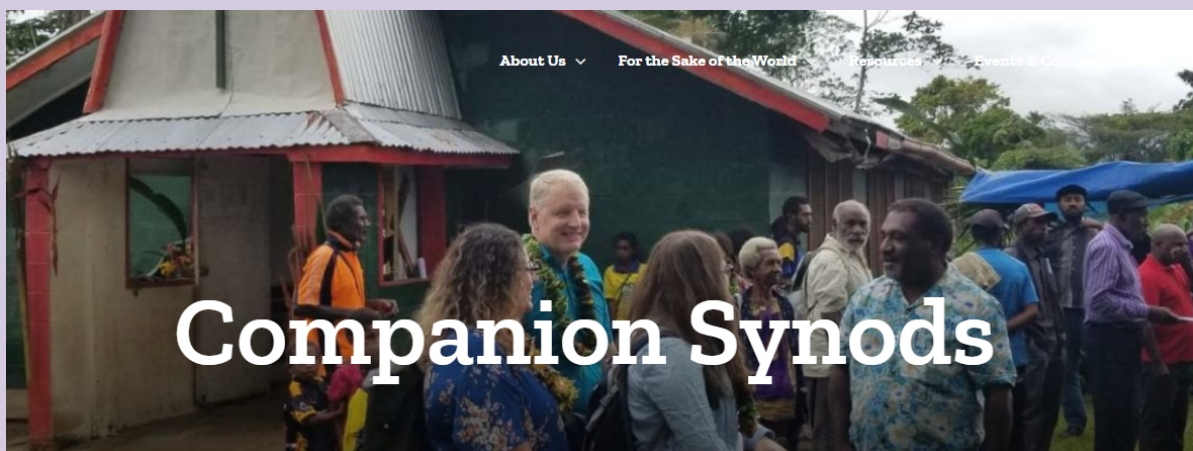
Donations can be dropped by the church during office hours. Pull up under the Portico and call the office. 704-786-0166

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



[Learn more about Companion Synods](#)

We respect one another's uniqueness within our common Lutheran faith. Our relationships

Relationship together as siblings in Christ is rooted in accompaniment which promotes the values of mutuality, inclusivity, vulnerability, empowerment, and sustainability.



together mutually strengthen us to deepen our commitment as communities of faith, building up the body of Christ. Every synod of the ELCA is partnered with a Companion Synod. The North Carolina Synod has two: the Yabim District, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea, and Iglesia Luterana Costarricense (the Costa Rican Lutheran Church).



Yabim District, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea (ELCPNG)

Papua New Guinea is a stunningly beautiful place with stunningly beautiful people! The North Carolina Synod is blessed to be in a companion relationship with the Yabim District, located in and around the city of Lae. The ELCPNG has 17 districts which are similar to ELCA synods. Each district is divided into circuits, like NC Synod conferences. Each



Iglesia Luterana Costarricense

The Costa Rican Lutheran Church (ILCO) was founded on August 22, 1988, to promote the integral mission in the country, where a Gospel that calls to build signs of the Kingdom is preached, through the diaconia (social action) in urban communities and rural areas. The action of the Lutheran Church in Costa Rica is embodied in the reality of the poor and marginalized, to build justice and peace between human beings and the environment. In all the

district is led by a District President, similar to a synodical bishop.

The Yabim District is led by Pastor Yasam Aiwara. Lutherans are the second largest Christian denomination in PNG where they faithfully witness to God's grace which justifies us through faith.



Over 1400 inhabited islands. Over 800 distinct languages. An independent country since 1975. Over 1,000 anthropological-distinct cultures. 27% Roman Catholic, 21% Lutheran, 11% Other Christians.

Along with the Amazon basin, home to some of the last remnants of Stone Age civilizations. Six degrees south of the Equator. Stunningly beautiful natural tropical paradise. Abundant natural resources including gold and oil. Crocodiles, snakes, and the Bird of Paradise—both the plant the the actual bird. High crime. Highest domestic violence rate in the world. Deep governmental corruption. Virtually non-existent infrastructure. 80% of inhabitants have no electricity or access to clean water. Unbelievably hospitable people. Deep vulnerability to development and exploitation by businesses of other nations. These are a few of

activities of the Church, the aspects of gender equity, democratic participation, and autonomous organization are taken into account. ILCO has 12 pastors, but is present in 30 communities benefitting 5,000 people.



Eight Was a Magic Number

Eight was a magic number Mission Team 2018 from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Hickory, just returned from eight days in Costa Rica building on their more than ten-year relationship with ILCO staff (Iglesia Luturana Costarricense) and reconnecting with members in three of its faith communities.

First, our group of eight walked and talked with members of La Carpio, a faith community outside of San José that ministers primarily to Nicaraguan immigrants. We played with, prayed with, and created memories for the children attending Casa abierta, the remaining daycare run by ILCO. As we exchanged hugs and giggles and captured their smiles in photos, we were reminded of Jesus's admonition that "whomever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child

some of my amateur observations after spending a couple of weeks in Papua New Guinea (PNG) last month (plus another week of travel to/from).

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will never enter it.” (Luke 18:17) The fabric and sewing supplies that we brought to participants in the women’s program was a small contribution to them toward self-sufficiency.

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Dear friends,

Just last night the remnants of Hurricane Ida barreled through the Northeast, leaving devastation in their wake. New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey were hit with historic flash flooding and tornadoes touched down in Maryland and New Jersey. Homes and subways filled with water, and cars were swept away. The death toll is expected to rise, and authorities continue to work on restoring transportation services.

Meanwhile, information regarding the extent of the destruction in

Louisiana and parts of Mississippi continues to trickle in, and the damage will undoubtedly be more severe than we know today. In Louisiana, some evacuees have been told not to return because many areas remain without electricity and people are struggling to find gas, food and clean water. With power lines down and communication hindered, many are waiting for relief in dangerous 90-degree heat. Lutheran Disaster Response is developing plans to accompany on-the-ground partners, including social ministry organizations and synods, in the areas impacted. Immediate needs are expected to include food and shelter, while long-term recovery could include helping people repair or rebuild their damaged homes.

With your support, hurricane survivors will know they're not alone. This is an important part of Christ's call on our church. To stay up to date on our ongoing response, follow Lutheran Disaster Response on [Facebook](#) or visit our [website](#).

Thank you.

In Christ's service,

The Rev. Daniel Rift

Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Fund
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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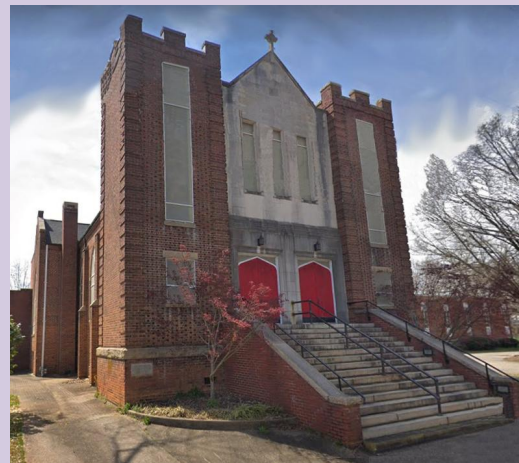
WE ARE THE BRANCHES

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:

Haven Lutheran Church Salisbury, NC

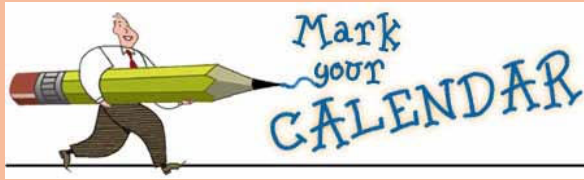
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Rev. Ed Harper

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Haven 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.

YOUTH NEWS



SEPTEMBER YOUTH CALENDAR

- 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

FALL FEST FUNDRAISER

The youth will be participating in the Fall Festival at Georgie Jeanes Antiques and Gifts by selling hot dogs, slushes and popcorn. Please come out and support the youth ministry by enjoying a good old hot dog and a drink.

Georgie Jane's Antiques & Gifts
FALL FEST
SAT | SEPT 18 | 10-6
1865 Warren C Coleman Blvd
Concord, NC
.....
Calvary and St James
Youth Fundraiser
30+ VENDORS
PUMPKINS
HOT DOGS
NC Apples
Fall Flowers

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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