

Saint James Lutheran Church

FEBRUARY—2019

From the Pastor

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying: "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ab, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." (Jeremiah 1:4-6)

On the Sunday's after Epiphany we recall stories that reveal the identity and ministry of Jesus, and God's presence, power, and will at work in and through him. In doing so, in encountering or being encountered by the word of God, we are also reminded of our own identity and ministry as children of God.

There are however, so many other stories and people trying to tell us who we are or aren't, and what we are or aren't capable of, it is easy to forget God's infinite knowledge of and love for us and the world; forget we have been claimed (set apart) by God in the waters of baptism and anointed by the Holy Spirit to be about God's work; forget we are precious not because of anything we do, but because of who God is...and in forgetting, in seeing ourselves through the eyes of others, believe we are too young, too old, too busy, or too frightened to be of much use.

If we are to remember who we really are, we need to hear over and over the one story that shapes all other stories, and return to the one who is the Word made flesh. We do that each Sunday, but we also need to become more comfortable, more intimate with this story revealed in the Holy Scriptures so we can live it and share it with others.

There are four adult classes on Sunday morning's beginning at 9:00. We also offer a weekly Wednesday Eucharist/Bible study at 12:05. If you need additional information of these opportunities please speak with me or call the church office.

But I also want to make you aware of another opportunity. As part of our Wednesday evening dinners, beginning February 13, we will begin a Bible study on the Gospel of Luke.

You do not need to be proficient in the Scriptures and I can't promise I will be able to answer all your questions. But I can promise that as we study together, through the Holy Spirit, this word has the power to change us, and reform us and empower us to live out who we really are in Christ. Hope you will join us!

Pastor Tony

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| February 13 | Infancy Narrative (1:1-2:52) |
| February 27 | Preparation for ministry (3:1 – 4:13) |
| March 13 | Galilean Ministry (4:14-9:50) |
| March 20, 27 | Travel Narrative (9:51-19:27) |
| April 3 | Jerusalem Ministry (19:28-21:38) |
| April 10, 24 | Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension (22:1-24:53) |

BIRTHDAYS for the week of February 3 thru 9

February	3	Ray Faggart Hollis Weisel	6	Dan Matthews Mark Williams
	4	Kim Miller Randy Peterman Adam Brown	7	Emma Holt Doris Smith
	5	Anderson Shumate Ryan Williams	8	Jimmy Marlow



Included here are prayer requests for the month. We invite you to have your prayer requests listed by calling the Church Office at 704-786-0166, Ext. 0, sending an e-mail to debbie@sjnc.net or making a request online at our website, www.sjnc.net. Full listings for prayer list will be monthly with additions listed on a weekly basis. We will remove names after several weeks—if you wish to have your request to remain on list—please let us know.

Ann Marie (friend of Richard & Judy Benz)
Alex Barnhardt
Sandy Barnhardt
Betty Beeker
Richard Benz
Nickie Bergreen
Jessie Blackwelder
Lisa Booth (daughter of friend of Dave Burke)
Michelle Brown (friend of Gretchen Walker)
Noah Davis Clifton
Gloria Cole
Juanita Fitts
Edith Gonynor
Jane Gower (friend of Judy McAnulty)

Phyllis Harward
Robert Klaus (brother of Linda Hartsell)
Jimmy Marlow
Susan Murray (mother of Gretchen Walker & Laurie Miller)
Jerry Poole
Clary Phillips
Mac Ritchie (grandson of Joan & Buddy McEachern)
Heather Schwarz (daughter of Al & Dee Pieschel)
Doris Smith
Rese Tiller (friend of Judy McAnulty)
Charlie Vail (uncle of Francie Davis)
Kay Zimmerman (wife of Pastor Charlie Zimmerman)
Our homebound members and all in need of prayer



The Altar Flowers today are given by Dave Burke, Lisa and Julie to the Glory of God and in memory of Marian.

Next Week's Readings February 10

First Reading:	Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]
Gradual:	Psalm 138
Epistle Reading:	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Holy Gospel:	Luke 5:1-11

Christian Education

Children's church is in need of assistants for the months of March, April, and May. You would need to be available between 10:15 a.m.—10:45 a.m. during worship—only 2-3 times a year. Children's church is located in the preschool hallway—rooms 109 and 111. Please contact Renee Hughes at 980-613-3297 or church office at 704-786-0166 for details and let us know if you are willing to help with this amazing ministry to our children and families.

Christian Education is asking for small Spring-like tea pots and clear or white cake pedestals for a project in May. If you have one or two of each or both that you could share for that month, please contact Renee Hughes at 980-613-3297 or the church office.

Parish Fellowship/Anniversary Committee

WELCA: Esther Circle meets Monday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m. Hostesses are Barbara Merrell and Theresa Steel with Barbara Merrell having the program. **Mary Magdalene Circle** meets Tuesday, February 5 at 10:30 at the church in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Nights Together: Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. with program following. Reservations are helpful and can be made on pew pads located on your church pew on Sundays; online; or call the church office. Suggested cost: \$6 per person / \$20 per family. *We invite everyone to join us.*

Menus for Wednesday Nights Together in January:

February 13	—	Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Fruit, Dessert, and Drink
February 27	—	Ham, Potato Casserole, Salad, Fruit, Dessert, and Drink

Lively Leisure's Luncheon Schedule:

February 19 at noon—at the church with the Rev. Dr. Tom Ridenhour presenting the program

Chair/Mat Yoga: Wednesdays from 1:00—2:00 p.m. Angie Buchanan is the instructor. The cost is \$3.00 a class. Come and join us! For information, please call Angie @ 704-467-3321.

Property

Property Committee just wants to make everyone aware that we may lose us of our Garden Lot parking at some point for a period of time while our columbarium is under construction. Please be aware if there is signage noting for you to park elsewhere.

Social Ministry



It may be too early—to say GOOD JOB—but we think not! Our Rise Against Hunger meal packing event is scheduled for this Saturday and has not happened yet. But your Social Ministry Committee feels so positive about this ministry and so thankful for the volunteers who have signed up. We just want to thank you in advance. It is going to be a grand day doing “God's Work: together to provide for those that need us most.

Your Social Ministry Committee will be hosting another opportunity for outreach —**HAITIAN HERITAGE...**is an organization primarily medical teams that travel to Haiti to provide health care, awareness, and training to the people of Haiti. They go on average 2 to 3 times a year and take multitudes of items with them. They have asked for our help with the assembly of Hygiene Kits. We are going to assemble as many kits as possible following worship on Sunday, February 24. We will have a lite lunch and then will get to work. Social Ministry will provide the items needed we just need volunteers to assemble. Please plan to join us.

At some point—we hope to share more with you about Haitian Heritage by inviting Thomas Hall and Sabine Gurrier to present to us about their ministry and the impact it is having in Haiti.

Cabarrus Immersion Preschool at St. James

Brrr. Several weeks ago on a cold day, a member at St. James noticed some children really needed warmer jackets. They went to the teacher, got every size of every child, dropped their plans for the day and returned with jackets, shoes, socks, and more for every child. They were presented to the children and it was Christmas all over again for them. Thank you!

More excited news, Families First was awarded a grant from the Early childhood Foundation of Cabarrus County and the children are receiving music instruction using the Orff Approach twice a week for 30 minutes. Please visit <https://aosa.org/> for more information on the amazing impact on preschool age children. Please be on the lookout for opportunities to enroll your children or any of your friends next year who are interested in an immersion program delivered at enhanced levels with the highest standards.

Friends, teachers, and parents love this time of year. Why? The “light bulbs” are going off indicating children are ready for Kindergarten! Our children are boldly running to share with their teachers and volunteers new concepts, social-emotional, fine motor skill accomplishments, and more. They are so proud of themselves! Even more amazing, over half of the children will be with us for another year and can you believe it, they are already ready! We praise God for your prayers, the environment you provide, volunteers, and His goodness. There are many ministry opportunities the St. James Preschool Committee and Families First have identified at their recent planning meeting. Some examples include several book drives at key times of the year., conversational English with moms during a “coffee hour”, and reading to children. Be on the lookout for these ministry and heartwarming opportunities. God bless you!



Spencer Swain

Be sure to join our St. James Lutheran Church Facebook and Instagram groups—send Jeremy Jay any pictures and/or articles you would like to have posted at jeremy@pbnjay.com.

CCM Pantry Needs

Sugar Free Items, Low Sodium Items, Instant Potatoes, Corn, Canned Fruit other than Pears, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Carrots, Spaghetti Sauce, Toilet Paper, and Bars of Soap

Our Stewardship:

**Contributions & Receipts for:
January, 2019—\$30,312.00**

**Average per Sunday —\$7,578.00
(\$7,827.00 needed per week)**

\$\$ CONTRIBUTE ONLINE \$\$

You may make contributions online by visiting our website at www.sjnc.net. You may contribute toward your pledge or to a designated fund. Look for the link “**On-Line Giving**” on the St. James home page.

February 3 is Scout Sunday

The promise of scouting is adventure, learning, responsibility, leadership and service to others. Scouting gives young people the great outdoors, promotes lifelong friendships, and builds character. St. James Lutheran Church is blessed with a rich Scouting tradition, which began in 1929. Today we celebrate the anniversary of Scouting in America, known as Scout Sunday.

Cub Pack 91 serves boys and girls from 1st Grade through 5th. Four are members of the St. James congregation.

We have several trips this year including a ski trip in February, and a trip to the USS Yorktown in March where scouts will camp on the ship. We are in the process of preparing for our Pinewood Derby races. The Cub pack has participated in many of the service projects with the Boy Scouts, including landscaping, serving at the Night Shelter, and flag replacement at cemeteries. Jeremy Jay is the Cubmaster.

Pack 91 meets on Monday nights from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and we are accepting new members.

Troop 91 serves young men in our community from age 11-18. Camping, hiking, leadership training and service to others is the heart of the program. Outings this year include participating in Rail camp at the NC Transportation Museum, a snowboarding trip and Summer Camp Barnhardt. Two of our signature service projects are replacing flags at local cemeteries with the American Legion, and hosting a community wide food drive. Tommy Propst is Scoutmaster.

To date, 91 young men from Troop 91 have earned the rank of Eagle, Scouting's highest honor.

Troop 91 meets on Monday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and accepts members throughout the year.

Ship 91 is a Venture Scouting program that specializes in aquatic activities. Sea Scouting is offered to both young women and men ages 14—21. Sea Scouting focuses on boating education, skills, navigation, and safety. We have several outings planned on the water this year, including an overnight cruise. The Ship assists the Power Squadron in events on Lakes Norman and Wylie, as well as island clean up on Lake Norman. John King is the Skipper.

Ship 91 meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

All the leaders, parents, and scouts of Pack 91, Troop 91, and Ship 91 are grateful for the personal time, financial assistance, and prayers of the congregation.



Honorariums/Memorials

The following Memorial has been given to the Glory of God and in memory of *Gloria Fisher* by:

- * Anna Barbara Fisher

The following Memorials have been given to the Glory of God and in memory of *Peggy Faggart* by:

- * Neta Helms
- * Jane Perry Liles
- * Cynthia Petrea

The following Memorial has been given to the Glory of God and in memory of *John Kelley* by:

- * Cynthia Petrea

The following Memorial has been given to the Glory of God and in memory of *Dr. and Mrs. H.W. Barrier* by:

- * Nancy Faggart

Youth and Family

If you haven't made your Valentine's Dinner reservation to support the Youth Ministry of St. James and Calvary, it's not too late. Fill out your reservation slip (ask an usher for a form) and drop it in the offering plate or you can call the church office and make your reservation. You will not regret joining us for this very special evening. The dinner is always delicious, the desserts are fabulous and the service is the best in town. Join us on Friday evening, February 8 at 7:00 in the fellowship hall of Calvary for this very special Valentine's Dinner experience. We hope to see you there.

Our Youth Worship is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, February 10 at 5:00. This is a very relaxed, youth and family friendly worship service that is open to all ages. Come and join us.

Youth Mini Mission Trip will be the weekend of February 15-17. We will be heading to Clarkesville, Georgia to serve a Christian Camp. We jump in and help where we are needed, from trimming and catching up on undergrowth to painting, we go to make a difference and have fun doing it. And, the food is excellent. If you haven't signed up for this weekend adventure, please do so. We will be putting our faith into action and it wouldn't be the same without you.

The Amish Experience will be here before you know it and you will not want to miss this. The dates are April 22 - 26. We will be going to Pennsylvania for a week to live with an Amish Family. It's great opportunity to experience faith though a simpler life. This experience is open to both Jr. and Sr. High Youth.

Girl's Small Group meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 and Guy's Small Group meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. Come and join us.

College Online is designed just for those college students that might need a short break from the books on Wednesday evenings at 9:30. This is an opportunity to see your friends online, catch up and share in a conversation around current events and where is God in all of this. All are invited, just Contact Mike at the church office and I'll add you to the list.

College Mission Trip - Mark your calendars May 13-16 for our College Mission Trip where we head to Clarkesville, Georgia for days of serving and setting the camp up for summer. More hands make light work. We would love to have you join in.

It's time to start thinking about the Youth Ministry Summer Experiences. Sign up and mark your calendar for the:

Jr. High Beach Trip	June 23 - 25
Sr. High Beach Trip	June 25 - 29
Jr. High Mission Trip	July 7 - 12
Sr. High Mission Trip	July 14 - 20

Link to Youth Newsletter (from Mike) - <https://clconcord.org/newsletter-1>



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Worship Assistants February 3, 2019

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BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Randy Peterman

ALTAR GUILD

Linda Hartsell and Debbie Davis

FLOWERS

Dave Burke, Lisa, and Julie

GREETERS

Esther Circle

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Today:

Kathryn Radcliffe & Reggie Hardister

Next Week:

Kathryn Radcliffe & Laura Overby

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Today:

Sandra Faggart

Joyce Osborne

Dianne Lambert

Next Week:

Lois Marlow

Lanny Baker

Tom Ridenhour

LECTORS

Today:

Jeremy Jay

Next Week:

Frank Irvin

INTERCESSOR

Today:

Francie Davis

Next Week:

Beth Downs

ALTAR SERVERS

Today:

Acolyte: Campbell Overby

Next Week:

Acolyte: Nina Folino

CHILDREN'S CHURCH/ MUSIC MINISTRY

Today: Laura Overby & Lisa Folino

Next Week: Laura Overby &

Lisa Folino

The Parish Events

SUNDAY, February 3

9:00 Sunday Church School
9:00 Scouts—Fellowship Hall
9:00 Parish Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Choral Eucharist
Scout Sunday

MONDAY, February 4

10:30 Quilting Ministry
6:30 Cub/Boy Scouts
7:00 Esther Circle

TUESDAY, February 5

10:30 Mary Magdalene Circle
(Fellowship Hall)
1:30 Anniversary Committee
5:30 Executive Committee (Parlor)
6:30 Social Ministry (History Rm)
6:30 Girl's Small Group

WEDNESDAY, February 6

12:05 Noon Eucharist Service
1:00 Chair/Mat Yoga
5:30 Wednesday Night's Together
6:30 Guy's Small Group
9:30 College Online

THURSDAY, February 7

NO meetings/events planned

FRIDAY, February 8

7:00 Youth Valentine's Dinner
Fundraiser (Calvary)

SATURDAY, February 9

10:00 Celebrating Sobriety

SUNDAY, February 10

9:00 Sunday Church School
9:00 Parish Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Choral Eucharist
11:15 Worship & Music Comm
5:00 Youth Worship

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