

Saint James Lutheran Church

MAY—2019

An Easter message from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Getting a phone call in the middle of the night is never a good thing. I remember the second time my father had open-heart surgery. It was a long procedure and a difficult one, and after it was done the doctor called us to his office and said, “There’s been some bleeding. We’ll let you know, but you should go home now and rest.” And so going home that night, I listened for a phone call in the middle of the night and was awakened only to find out it was morning and it was birds singing, not the phone ringing. My father had made it through the night, and in fact he did recover from the surgery.

This is the joy we feel at Easter, but magnified. All of the hope that had been dashed on Good Friday, the terrible pressure of grief, the terrible pressure of knowing there was no future in the world, only on Sunday to be greeted not by the ringing of a telephone announcing death but the loud clear singing of alleluias. This is the joy we have, and it’s a promise so strong that even when we do die, even when we do confront death, we have the hope and the assurance of eternal life.

Easter makes it possible for us, even at the grave, to sing alleluia.
Christ is risen. Alleluia.

Happy Easter, dear church.



The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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God's work. Our hands.

Saint James will be receiving new members in June. If you are interested in becoming a member, or in becoming more involved in our shared life, or are curious about what Lutherans believe about Jesus, the sacraments, the bible, etc...please contact the church office or speak with Pastor Tony.

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.

BIRTHDAYS for the week of May 5 — 11, 2019

May 5 Julie Burroughs
6 Bryson Ziegler
Malinda Allison
Anthony Wyatt
8 Sandy Barnhardt
9 Anne Readling

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

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.

Alex Barnhardt
Ralph Barnhardt
Sandy Barnhardt
Family of Betty Beeker
Richard Benz
Jessie Blackwelder
Lisa Booth (daughter of friend—Dave Burke)
Michelle Brown (friend—Gretchen Walker)
Angie Buchanan
Noah Davis Clifton
Gloria Cole
Linda Corzine (daughter—Mary Edith Jarvis)
Tony Eury
Juanita Fitts & family (upon the death of her sister
Nancy Jane Wilson)

Edith Gonynor
Phyllis Harward
Robert Klaus (brother— Linda Hartsell)
Jimmy Marlow
Clary Phillips
Mac Ritchie (grandson—Joan & Buddy McEachern)
Rosie Schieber and her son (son being deployed to the
Middle East)
Heather Schwarz (daughter —Al & Dee Pieschel)
Doris Smith
Charlie Vail (uncle—Francie Davis)
Kay Zimmerman (wife—Pastor Charlie Zimmerman)

Our homebound members and all in need of prayer



The Altar Flowers today are given by Al and Dee Pieschel to the Glory of God giving thanks to the Lord for their church family.

Next Week's Readings May 12, 2019

First Reading:	Acts 9:36-43
Gradual:	Psalm 23
Epistle Reading:	Revelation 7:9-17
Holy Gospel:	John 10:22-30

Please note—Garden Lot Parking

Garden Lot will not be accessible for parking for approximately a month beginning May 12 due to work on parking lot (columbarium project). An Usher will be available at Garden Lot Entrance/Door on May 5 and Portico Entrance/Door May 12 on until completion to assist if needed.

Christian Education

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon/Tea to be held on Sunday, May 19 following our service. We could not have come this far without you—our leaders. So, to recognize your commitment and love of teaching, we will begin around 11:15 a.m. following service and finish up about 12:15 p.m. The theme of the luncheon will be centered around a “tea party” idea. To celebrate this special occasion, it would be great if everyone could dress up in their finest “tea party” attire with hats and anything else that you would consider festive.



This get-together is for fun and fellowship so be sure to mark your calendars. We will need an RSVP for Cindy so she will know how much food to prepare. Sunday School, Nursery, and Children’s Church Teachers - please call or e-mail Debbie in the church office and let us know if you plan to be with us on Sunday, May 19. Additionally, we are looking for teachers and assistants for Children’s Church for our summer months (July, July, and August—we have a teacher for August—needing an assistant). If you are willing to assist, also please contact the church office.

Christian Education Committee would like to thank everyone that donated eggs and candy and for our volunteers that helped prepare and participated in our Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt. Approximately 19 children with an additional 3 families from the community attended.

Parish Fellowship/Anniversary Committee

WELCA: Esther Circle meets Monday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. hosted by Joyce Osborne in the Fellowship Hall at the church. Marvene Rose will have the program. **Mary Magdalene Circle** meets Tuesday, May 7, at 10:30 at the church in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Nights Together: Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. with a Bible Study following dinner on May 8 and a program by Atrium Health Care on May 22. 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 May:

- May 8 — Pork Tenderloin, Roasted Potatoes, Salad, Fruit, Dessert, Bread, and Drink
- May 22 — Baked Potato, Salad, Fruit, Dessert, and Drink
with a “Hello Gang” program sponsored by Atrium following dinner

Wednesday—May 22: Come experience an innovative game called “Hello” that makes conversations about living and dying and what matters most to you easy and even fun. If you can answer these questions, you can play this game!

*What music do you want
to be listening to on your
last day alive?*

*If you needed help going to the bathroom
today, who is the first person you
would ask to help you?*

*In order to provide you with the best care
possible, what three non-medical
facts should your doctor know about you?*

Who would you never be able to ask?

**Plan to join us for Wednesday Nights Together dinner at 5:30 and then our program will follow at 6:00 p.m.
RSVP for food and booklets—704-786-0166 or e-mail debbie@sjnc.net**

Lively Leisure Luncheon Schedule:

May 21 at noon—with Dr. Gary Freeze presenting the program. (see information to hear Dr. Freeze on page 4 with Anniversary Committee News)

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. *Please note there will not be a class on May 1 but hopefully will resume on May 8.*

Anniversary Committee



Lively Leisures,

together with the St. James Lutheran Church 175th Anniversary Committee,

proudly presents

Dr. GARY FREEZE

**Williams R. Weaver Professor of Humanities
Catawba College**

Lively Leisures Guest Speaker

May 21, 2019

12:30-1:30 p.m, including Q&A

King Fellowship Hall

Dr. Freeze, a longtime member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Salisbury, is a recognized and honored expert on North Carolina history, including the history of Cabarrus and surrounding counties. In particular, he has written extensively on the social history of Catawba County, including the Lutheran roots surrounding the founding of Lenoir-Rhyne University. In addition to authoring an eighth-grade social studies textbook on North Carolina history, Dr. Freeze has created a major exhibit about the Andy Griffith Show for the Mt. Airy Museum of Regional History.

In his Lively Leisures appearance he will review much of the founding history of St. James. His talk will include a new source about Rev. Adolph Nussman that was recently found in the papers of Benjamin Franklin.

If you are not a member of Lively Leisures, we invite you to attend the post-luncheon lecture at 12:30. Please RSVP to 704-786-0166 or debbie@sjnc.net for seating. Questions, please call Jimmy Summers—704-782-4982.

Honorariums/Memorials



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

- * Don and Jo Eng
- * Dale and Barbara Merrell (Columbarium Fund)

The following Memorials have been given to the Glory of God and in memory of *Wilbur and Veda Shifley* by:

- * Nancy Faggart (Cabarrus Bilingual Preschool)
- * Dale and Barbara Merrell (Columbarium Fund)
- * Wilson and Edith Propst



CCM Pantry Needs

Please note the need — CCM is running low on food compared to this time last year. Please help us to help CCM as they continue to serve our community.

Sugar Free Items, Low Sodium Items, Cereal (ideally with a whole grain as first ingredient); Canned Fruit (ideally with no added sugar); Canned Tomatoes; Canned Carrots; Canned Chicken and other canned meats besides tuna or spaghetti & meatballs; Pasta

Our Stewardship:

Contributions & Receipts for:
April, 2019
\$26,151.50
Estimated per Sunday
\$6,537.87

(\$7,827.00 needed per week)

\$\$ CONTRIBUTE ONLINE \$\$

You may make contributions online by visiting our website at www.sinc.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.

Cabarrus Immersion Preschool at St. James

The children and families are just so grateful and happy about the new playground equipment.
Thank you St. James!

As the kids transition to summer...Families First is offering a Music Camp to be held at the Central Drive Preschool location. If interested, please contact Aurora Swain at aurora@familiesfirstcc.org or 864-378-9603.

The Graduation Ceremony for all three preschools will be held at All Saints Episcopal on June 10 at 11:00 a.m. We invite you to join us. If anyone is interested in giving a graduation gift to a student or students at our St. James Preschool—they love books, pencils, crayons, and school supplies. If you so desire to do so—please leave in bin marked Cabarrus Preschool Supplies in the portico area.

The St. James Preschool Committee will also be collecting as an on-going need: liquid soap and trifold towels for the preschool. Bin will remain in portico area for those desiring to donate.

Piedmont Choral Society—Spring Concerts

Piedmont Choral Society, your 65 voice community choir, presents its free spring concert on Friday, May 17th—7 pm at Calvary Lutheran Church, 950 Bradley Street, (off Branchview Drive, NE) and Sunday, May 19th—3 pm at Forest Hill United Methodist Church, 265 Union Street, North, Concord.

Info: kayy2000@gmail.com or 704-699-6053

Youth and Family

St. James Lutheran church will recognize and honor Winter 2018 and Spring 2019 graduates on Sunday, June 2, 2019.
The church will host a reception in the King Fellowship Hall after the 10 a.m. worship service.

Graduates, please e-mail a photo and any of the following information to debbie@sjnc.net by May 17.

- * School you will graduate and any honors
- * Degree earned (for post-secondary graduates)
- * 1-2 sentences describing any continuing education plans (school, major, etc.)
- * 1-2 sentences on any job plans
- * Any other pertinent information that you want to share

May 1	6:30 Guy's Small Group	May 19	5:00 All Youth Game Day
May 5	5:00 - 7:00 All Youth Service Event at Calvary	May 21	7:00 Girls' Small Group
May 7	7:00 Girl's Small Group	May 22	7:00 Guy's Small Group
May 8	6:30 Guy's Small Group	May 26	NO Youth—Memorial Day
May 12	No Youth, Mother's Day	May 28	7:00 Girl's Small Group
May 14	7:00 Girl's Small Group	May 29	6:30 Guy's Small Group
May 15	6:30 Guy's Small Group	June 2	5:00 Youth & Family Cook Out/Form Signing Gathering @ Propst Farm

This coming Sunday, May 5 from 5:00 to 7:00 we will have a service event open for all youth. The two beds that we built will be going to their new home very soon and we already have another request for another bed so we will be building two more beds and planting the garden. We need everyone to come out in force to accomplish the goal. Hope to see you Sunday afternoon.

Galatians 3:28 says, *"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."* That statement, **"one in Christ."** is a very powerful statement. It means that we, as children of God and followers of Jesus, are a community that comes together with a purpose of growing in relationship with God and each other and for going out into the world to share the good news.

The "one in Christ", means that there is no longer any differences between the Jews and the Gentiles, the slave or the free, the male or the female, nor are there any differences between those from St. James or Calvary, we are one in Christ! We are one Youth Ministry that enjoys each others company, that enjoys making new friends and welcomes those that have never been involved in youth ministry. We are one that enjoys experiencing the Spirit outside of the walls of the church. We are the one Youth Ministry that enjoys working together on mission trips and growing in our faith on retreats. We enjoy making a difference to others by growing fresh vegetables and giving them to those in need. We are the one Youth Ministry that makes beds so that a children in Cabarrus County no longer has to sleep on the floor of their home. We are the one Youth Ministry that is always looking at new avenues where we can make a difference to others.

We are a Youth Ministry that tries to make a difference in the lives of others as well as our own and we would like for you to travel down this journey of faith with us. We have several opportunities for this to happen this coming summer and the door is wide open for you to walk through and become part of the ministry. You are invited to attend the Jr. High Beach Retreat starting on June 22 and going through June 25 and we have openings available for the Jr. High Mission Trip on July 7 through July 13. For the mission trips this year we will be heading to Tennessee, about 40 minutes outside of Gatlinburg. We will serve for four days and then on Friday we will take the day off and head to Dollywood for a day filled with fun and excitement and it wouldn't be the same without you being there. And there is more good news; we have always stood behind the statement that funding should never determine who can participate in the ministry and who cannot. In fact, we applied for and just received a grant that has been set aside just for this purpose, so funding is available, just quietly and with the highest of confidentiality, let us know and you will be good to go.

Our One In Christ Youth Ministry is welcoming, accepting, open to all youth and that means you can invite your friends to join in as well. I'd love to have the chance to talk more about the ministry that we have available and will be happy to stop by for a short visit and bring you all of the information you will need for the upcoming summer and answer any questions you may have or, stop by St. James on Wednesday afternoons or anytime on Thursdays, I'll be there and will be excited to meet you and your family.

I'm excited about the possibilities and I hope to hear from you soon. Peace, *Mike*

This Month at Saint James

MAY - 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:30 Singing Srs (Coltrane Life Ctr) 12:05 Chapel NO Yoga today 6:30 Guys Small Grp 7:00 Parish Choir	2	3	4 10:00 Celebrating Sobriety
5 9:00 SCS 9:45 Choir robes for service 10:00 Choral Eucharist 5:00—7:00 All Youth Service Event at Calvary	6 10:30 Quilting Grp 6:30 Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00 Esther Circle (F. Hall)	7 10:30 Mary Magdalene Circle (F. Hall) 1:30 Anniversary Committee 5:00 Executive Comm 6:30 Social Ministry (History Rm) 6:30 Property Comm (Parlor) 7:00 Girls Small Grp 7:00 Sea Scouts	8 10:30 Singing Srs (Concord Place) 12:05 Chapel 1:00 Chair/Mat Yoga 5:30 Wednesday Nights Together 6:30 Guys Small Grp 7:00 Parish Choir	9	10	11 10:00 Celebrating Sobriety
12 9:00 SCS 9:00 Choir Reh. 10:00 Choral Eucharist <i>Happy Mother's Day</i> NO Youth	13 10:30 Quilting Grp 6:30 Boy/Cub Scouts	14 1:30 CROP Walk Meeting (History Rm) 6:30 Council (History Rm) 7:00 Girls Small Grp	15 NO Singing Srs. 12:05 Chapel 1:00 Chair/Mat Yoga 6:30 Guys Small Grp 7:00 Parish Choir	16	17	18 10:00 Celebrating Sobriety
19 9:00 SCS 9:00 Choir Reh. 10:00 Choral Eucharist Baptism— Audrey Baker 11:15 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon/Tea 5:00 All Youth Game Day	20 10:30 Quilting Grp 6:00 Boy/Cub Scouts (F. Hall)	21 12:00 Lively Leisures w/ Dr. Gary Freeze 1:30 Anniversary Committee 7:00 Girls Small Grp 7:00 Sea Scouts	22 10:30 Singing Sr.s (Universal) 12:05 Chapel 1:00 Chair/Mat Yoga 5:30 Wednesday Nights Together w/ "Hello Gang" program sponsored by Atrium 6:30 Guys Small Grp 7:00 Parish Choir	23	24	25 10:00 Celebrating Sobriety Betty Beeker Memorial Service
26 9:00 SCS 9:00 Choir Reh. 10:00 Choral Eucharist Boy Scout Cook- Out after worship NO Youth	27 Memorial Day Holiday Church Office closed	28 1:30 Anniversary Committee 7:00 Girls Small Grp	29 10:30 Singing Sr.s (Brian Center) 12:05 Chapel 1:00 Chair/Mat Yoga 6:30 Guys Small Grp 7:00 Parish Choir	30	31 NC Synod Assembly Greensboro	

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May 5, 2019

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Tony Folino (704-791-0435)

ALTAR GUILD

Ann Blackwelder and Laura Patterson

FLOWERS

Al and Dee Pieschel

GREETERS

Mary Magdalene Circle
(Samantha Hillegass)

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Today:

Kathryn Radcliffe &
Joy Lineberger

Next Week:

Kathryn Radcliffe & Laura Patterson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Today:

Margaret Garrison
Kenny Propst
Dale Merrell
Next Week:
Dave Burke
Kim Haberman
Frank Irvin

LECTORS

Today:

Elizabeth Hurley
Next Week:
Francie Davis

INTERCESSOR

Today:

Kim Haberman
Next Week:
Marvene Rose

ALTAR SERVERS

Today:

Acolyte: Lily Kartheiser
Next Week:
Acolyte: Deb Bradshaw

CHILDREN'S CHURCH/ MUSIC MINISTRY

Today: Renee Hughes &
Meghan Kuly

Next Week: Renee Hughes &
Meghan Kuly

The Parish Events

SUNDAY, May 5

9:00 Sunday Church School
9:45 Parish Choir robes for service
10:00 Choral Eucharist
5:00 Jr. Youth (Calvary)
6:00 Sr. Youth (Calvary)

MONDAY, May 6

10:30 Quilting Group
6:30 Cub/Boy Scouts
7:00 Esther Circle (F. Hall)

TUESDAY, May 7

10:30 Mary Magdalene Circle
(F. Hall)
1:30 Anniversary Committee
5:00 Executive Committee
6:30 Social Ministry (History Rm)
6:30 Property (Parlor)
7:00 Sea Scouts
7:00 Girl's Small Group

WEDNESDAY, May 8

10:30 Singing Seniors (Concord
Place)
12:05 Noon Eucharist Service
1:00 Chair/Mat Yoga
5:30 Wednesday Nights Together
and Bible Study
6:30 Guy's Small Group
7:00 Parish Choir
9:30 College Online

THURSDAY, May 9

NO meetings/events planned

FRIDAY, May 10

NO meetings/events planned

SATURDAY, May 11

10:00 Celebrating Sobriety

SUNDAY, May 12

9:00 Sunday Church School
9:00 Parish Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Choral Eucharist
Happy Mother's Day

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