

# The Messenger

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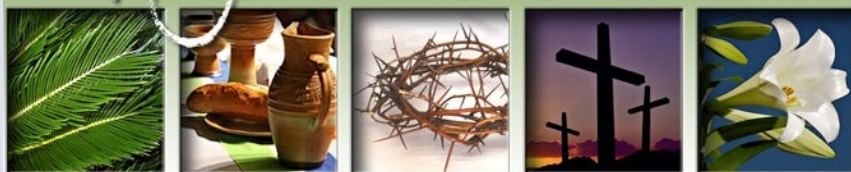
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## Holy Week Schedule



### **Maundy Thursday: Apr 6 - 7pm**

(Love one another is Jesus' mandate. He demonstrates by washing feet, offering a meal, breaking bread, and pouring wine.)

### **Good Friday: April 7 - 7pm**

(Jesus sacrifices himself on the cruelest of tortures - a wooden Roman cross. It is central to our worship of prayer and song.)



### **Easter Vigil: April 8th - 8pm**

(We join with Episcopal sisters & brothers at Holy Trinity, 1601 Raeford Rd.

We celebrate the ancient tradition of the church as we repeat God's stories of mercy, hope, and salvation. The sounds of "He Is Risen" we'll be on our lips and in our hearts.)



**Sunrise** at 7am  
**Breakfast** 8-9 am  
**Children's Easter Egg Hunt** 9 am  
**Festival Worship** at 10am

(We will gather outdoors as the weather permits. Bring your own chairs and blankets if needed. We will celebrate The Son Rising as the sun rises upon us. We celebrate in fellowship, food, and fun with a delicious breakfast followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. A festival of worship, featuring special music, and instruments, in our wonderfully decorated sanctuary.)

## REVIVE ALL

Have you ever been to a revival?

Growing up in the Methodist church, I have attended my share of old-time church revivals. My highly guilty conscience pulled me to my knees multiple times, and I was “saved” three times before I graduated from high school. However, during college my faith journey took a detour through Lutheranism, and I have been exploring the vistas of God’s daily grace ever since. I do not regret (nor do I mean to offend) those who speak of “accepting Jesus into your heart.” It’s a matter of theological perspective, I guess.



I’m not saying that spiritual revival is unimportant in our Christian faith life. Not at all. As Lutherans, we trust in God’s once-and-for-all saving action in our lives. Luther teaches us that our need for daily forgiveness, renewal, and revival is vitally important. (Remember that teaching about being simultaneously saint and sinner?)

So, now to the real point of my article.

Robert James is a good friend of mine here in Fayetteville. Recently, he was sharing about his prayer life the past year as we anticipated the “end” of Covid. “I began to include prayers for all those who were grieving and mourning losses due to the pandemic – a young couple whose wedding didn’t happen as planned; the family who said goodbye to their loved one without died with no family present; the long-anticipated prom that didn’t happen or graduation celebration that was different than hoped for; the five-year-old who never experienced the full wonder of going to kindergarten for the first time (and teachers and parents who adjusted to such life). And that was just the beginning of the list,” Robert said.

It wasn’t long before he realized several members of his congregation were praying the same thing. (By the way, he is Pastor of 1st Baptist on Anderson St.) As folks began praying together, they wondered aloud what could be done to help our community deal with our hurt, loss and grief. Revival? Most certainly, but that would only help 1st Baptist.

So, what about *revive all? Not just 1st Baptist, but all congregations throughout the city.*  
**REVIVE ALL!** *A vision for God’s work had been cast.*

*A picture of what Revive All might look like began to emerge: (8 consecutive nights, each with a different focus on grief, mourning and healing; Multi-generational; Music, games, activities, service projects, and food), and the resources needed: (Leaders, ushers and greeters; work group leaders; project coordinators; tents and equipment rentals; publicity; and many more details.) It quickly became obvious that this will be no small event and will require many more resources than they could commit. Perhaps this vision was not just for First Baptist to invite the community to come to their party, but for First Baptist to facilitate the community’s need for their own revival “party”.*

Some folks might say that Rev. James and First Baptist folks are a little off their rocker... that they’re naïve and idealistic about their capabilities... that the reach is a bit far. In a purely rational sense, I would probably agree. But they see a *BIG problem. And The Spirit is leading them in a BIG effort for healing grief and pain in our community.*

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**REVIVE ALL - Continued**



***And The Spirit is asking for our (St. James Lutheran's) help!***

*We have been called to help in a healing transformation of our community.*

I'm not sure in what form our help might come. But we have faithful, talented, and dedicated folks with gifts of leadership, teaching, music, serving, following, praying ... .

For now, here's a summary of the weeklong REVIVE ALL.  
Be on watch for more details soon.

***REVIVE ALL will occur May 14–21 @1st Baptist on 201 Anderson St.), with events, activities, and services planned for each day.***

***Sun., May 14, 6:00. GATHERING THROUGH GRACE.***

*A worship time of joy and thanksgiving for God's gift of grace to us through Christ. A variety of musicians and worship leaders will be a major part of the service.*

***Mon. May 15, 5:30-7:30. FAITH AND FAMILY.***

*We will worship through fun (bouncy houses and games!), Crafts and biblical storytelling. We will end with a worship service geared for families, led by Rev. Sarah Mears of Barton Baptist church in Raleigh.*

***Tue., May 16, 6:00. COMMUNITY.***

*Worship focuses on the need for community, and will include personal stories and music.*

***Wed., May 17, 6:00. IN MEMORIAM.***

*A memorial service for all that has been left ungrieved, we offer a chance to mourn, cry, and lament to God for help.*

***Thu., May 18, 6:00. CHRISTIAN UNITY.***

*A worship time with an invitation to consider what brings us together in Christ.*

***Fri., May 19, 6:00. REPENTANCE & COMMITMENT.***

*We remember our commitments made to God throughout our lives – at consecrations or baptism, marriage, to congregations, etc.*

***Sat., May 20, morning.*** *Working in small teams, we will spread throughout the city serving our neighbors in various ways. We will have lunch together and have a time of sharing where we experienced the Spirit's presence.*

***Sun., May 21, morning.*** *Our worship at St James will focus on "living revived lives." (Affirmation of Baptism is tentatively scheduled for this Sunday as well.)*

There will be many ways to participate, -, music, children's games and activities, worship leadership and assistance, parking attendants, food serving, service projects, publicity, prayer and comfort ministry, cleanup and preparation, and more. Talk to me about how you feel the Spirit leading you to be a part of this healing event!

Thankful for you and God's grace,  
Pastor John

# Social Ministry: Donations for April

We are collecting for three different causes.  
You can place your donations in the boxes provided in the Gathering Space

<b>MIGRANT WORKER KITS</b>	<b>FOOD ITEMS</b>	<b>SCHOOL SUPPLIES</b>
Personal Hygiene Items     Deodorant / Soap Shampoo / Conditioner Disposable Shavers Shaving Cream Toothbrush / Toothpaste Wash Cloths Combs Small Towels Lotion	(Single Serving/Small Size)  (Include plastic fork/spoon and napkin in each food kit)  Pork and Beans Vienna Sausage Stew Beef / Canned Meat Spaghetti Chili with Beans Cheese / Saltine Cracker Fruit Cups / Pudding Cups Cookies Drink Boxes	Paper / Pencils / Pens Pencil Sharpeners Rulers Crayons Erasers Etc.  <u>Note:</u> Use gallon, half-gallon and quart zip storage bags to place items in. Divide items as equal as possible to form each kit.

A collection of colorful, decorated Easter eggs in various patterns and colors, including blue, yellow, pink, green, and orange, arranged in a border at the top and bottom of the text area.

***First Annual Egg-citing Egg  
Decorating Competition!***

**Crack open some fun and show your egg-decorating creativity!**

**Scramble it up and create a themed scene or an individual egg.  
Call your peeps and make it a group or family affair!**

**Eggs can be plastic, hard boiled, paper mache, chocolate, etc.  
Glitter, googlie eyes, paper, paint ... any medium.**

**Submissions should be displayed in the gathering space by  
9:00 a.m. Easter morning to be considered for judging.**

## **Crop Walk – Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

In 2023, we continue fighting against disease, disaster, displacement and other challenges that leave people hungry. Join with us as we raise funds to help neighbors near and far get the meals they need for today and sustainable food security for tomorrow. Look for the sign up table in the gathering space.

A poster for the Cumberland County Crop Hunger Walk. It features a background of a crowd of people. The text is centered and reads: 'WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.' at the top, followed by 'Cumberland County CROP HUNGER WALK' in a mix of script and bold sans-serif fonts, then 'APRIL 2, 2023' and 'FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA' at the bottom.

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

*Cumberland County*  
**CROP HUNGER WALK**

APRIL 2, 2023

FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA



Gentlemen,

Fellowship, community service, and spiritual growth are components of everything we do. All Men are invited to join us **every Sunday morning at 9:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall or for breakfast and Bible Study.

Events in April include:

- \* The monthly **“Theology on Tap”** gathering is on **Wednesday, April 5th** from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. We’ll be on the back lawn at St. James. Mark your calendars...come join us for good food, great beer (or tea) and the comradery among *Christian Men!*
- \* The monthly **LMM Business Meeting** is **Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall).

For questions contact any of the following:

Todd Burns, (910) 308-5431, burnst37@gmail.com.  
Dave Runkle, (910) 308-8803, drunkle@nc.rr.com

## Property Ministry Team News

Hello St. James Family!

Welcome to Spring! Your Property Team continues to try and stay on top of the maintenance and other requirements across our campus.

### Around the Church property...

- **South End HVAC Lower Level Build Back Project Update;** After months and months....and months the majority of the major carpentry work is completed. Some trim work, drywall finishing and painting remains. We ask for your continued patience and understanding.
- **Church Office Floor Project.** We're excited and extremely grateful for the donation allowing us to replace the carpet flooring throughout the Church Office!
- If you have completed your home projects and are able to get out, feel free to stop by at your convenience and do a little weeding of the many planting areas around our Church property. Every little bit helps.

### Calendar items:

- ⇒ The next Property Ministry Team Meeting is **Tuesday, April 18th** at 6:00 pm in Room 127 and via Zoom.
- ⇒ The next scheduled group Work Day is **Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 8:30 am.
- ⇒ The next scheduled Honeycutt Park clean up is also on **Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**, but starts at 7:30 am at Honeycutt Park on Devers Street.



Prime Timers has been cancelled for April.  
Meetings will resume Tuesday, May 2nd at Noon.

## LYO 2023 - Lutheran Youth Organization

Our Youth had a great time at the LYO Gathering February 24-26



The Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) of the North Carolina Synod is open to all youth are members of any NC Synod ELCA congregation in grades 6-12. Every year, Lutheran youth across North Carolina gather in February for an assembly.

At LYO Assembly, youth spend time with each other in small groups, singing with the band and growing in faith.

The strength of LYO in North Carolina comes from the youth themselves. LYO is always youth-planned and youth-led. As adult leaders we work hard to create an environment that nurtures and grows faith and develops all youth as leaders.



Michael McClenahan, Hannah Rea, Amanda Rea, Aaron Thomas and Ian Gibson.

Thank you!

I want to thank the members of the Saint James congregation for the many kind thoughts, words of encouragement and prayers as my husband and I embark on this new phase of our lives. Saint James became my home Church in 1991. I enjoyed participating in several different ministries and working with so many wonderful people.

My heart is sad to be leaving my church family and Saint James, but joyous to be able to move near family in Asheville.

Grace and Peace,  
Catherine Earle





**Synod Assembly** is June 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> in Greensboro.  
Council is looking for voting members from Saint James.  
If you are interested in attending, email the office at [saintjameslutheran@gmail.com](mailto:saintjameslutheran@gmail.com)



It's that time again! Our scout troop's annual BBQ and Fried Chicken Dinner will be Tuesday, April 4 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm here at the church.

You can eat here or carry it out. **Tickets are \$12 each.** You can purchase them in the gathering space on Sunday morning before and after church from Ian Gibson.

If you have a business that would like to purchase lunch deliveries on the same day, contact Dave Runkle (910.308.8803 / [DRunkle747@gmail.com](mailto:DRunkle747@gmail.com)) to arrange free delivery. There is a minimum of 10 plates required for lunch, and it is BBQ only.

All meals are served with potato salad, cole slaw, and a dinner roll.

2022 Mission Support

Thank You

for committing to walk together



to the members of

St. James

of the North Carolina Synod  
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
in grateful appreciation for giving

\$ 9,000.00

for Mission Support beyond the congregation  
for synod and churchwide ministries of the ELCA.

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America





Our 10:00 Sunday worship service is being streamed live, and is also available for later viewing. Click [here](#) to watch



**Tech folk are also needed to help with audio and video controls. Training is available. Contact office or Pastor John.**

**Assisting Ministers**

- 4/02 - ..... Jason Lorentzen
- 4/09 7 am-..... Allan Winter
- 4/09 10 am ..... Ruth Ann Crecelius
- 4/16 - ..... Jordan Slaymaker
- 4/23 - ..... Jason Lorentzen
- 4/30 - ..... Allan Winter

**Lectors**

- 4/02 - ..... Valerie Brewer
- 4/09 7 am- ..... Todd Burns
- 4/09 10 am ..... Gary Crecelius
- 4/16 - ..... Delores Schiebe
- 4/23 - ..... Sue Rink
- 4/30 - ..... Bill Rettmann

**Communion Assistant**

- 4/02 - ..... Charles Lee & Nancy Oliver
- 4/09 7 am-..... Tonie Neal
- 4/09 10 am ..... Nancy Oliver
- 4/16 - ..... Lela Pell
- 4/23 - ..... Valerie Brewer
- 4/30 - ..... Delores Schiebe

**Ushers**

- 4/02 - ..... Roscoe Killett, Gary Eissinger
- 4/09 7 am- ..... Tonie Neal, Kathleen Heinrich
- 4/09 10 am ..... Gary & Joan Eissinger
- 4/16 - ..... Ruth Ann & Gary Crecelius
- 4/23 - ..... John & Gayle Frinak
- 4/30 - ..... Roscoe Killett & Gary Eissinger

**Acolytes**

- 4/02 - ..... Aaron Thomas
- 4/09 7 am-..... Hannah Rea
- 4/09 10 am ..... Nate Stockham
- 4/16 - ..... Gabriel Thomas
- 4/23 - ..... Hannah Rea
- 4/30 - ..... Wade McLamb

**Greeters**

- 4/02 - ..... Joanie Eissinger
- 4/09 7am - ..... Tonie Neal
- 4/9 10 am ..... Barbara Azzarelli
- 4/16 - ..... Nancy Oliver
- 4/23 - ..... Delores Schiebe
- 4/30 - ..... Kathy Behling

## Upcoming Zoom Meetings

Click on the times to connect

**Property Team - 2nd Tuesdays**

(Meeting ID: 829 6466 1925 / Password: 977528)

[6:00 pm](#)

**Men's Bible Study - Sundays**

(Meeting ID 821 9445 9989/ Password: 442495)

[9:00 am](#)

**Fellowship & Conversation - Tuesdays**

(Meeting ID: 837 4730 9659 / Password: 588450)

[7:00 pm](#)

## THANKS FOR SHARING RESOURCES



We appreciate every gift that is received, and we attempt to make wise decisions in how we use and invest these funds.

Thanks for on-going financial giving.

You can support our ministries by scanning the code or online

Click [here](#)



# Around the Parish



One of the gifts that the Christian community shares with others is praying for those with special needs or concerns. Call the Church Office or fill out the green form in the pew racks to let us know of prayer needs.

The list in the weekly bulletin is intended to be for persons in immediate crisis. Generally those names will be changed after 3 weeks.

The newsletter has our long term prayer list which is updated as you tell us.

Please keep us informed so that we can share accurate information with the Saint James community.

## Remember These

### **People at Home or in Care facilities** (restricted mobility)

- Charlotte Davis
- Claudia Doyle
- Shirley Johnson
- Lorraine Breisch
- Brenda Killett

## Prayer Concerns:

- ◇ Joe & Dara Lehner
- ◇ Angel Davis
- ◇ John Tucker
- ◇ Beth Sessoms
- ◇ Diane Stulz
- ◇ Carolyn Uchtorff
- ◇ Julie Kuhrt
- ◇ Julie Murthy
- ◇ Ellen Blocker
- ◇ Sherieda Peasley
- ◇ Darcy Dapra
- ◇ Chad Smyre
- ◇ Orose Family
- ◇ Delores Schiebe

## Military Members

(\* *Deployed*)

- Luke Steffen
- Riley Broding
- Grant Alexis
- **Earl Stockham \***
- Nikki Rettmann
- Jessie Hewins
- Ben Schollett
- Brandon Berry
- **Darian Dix \***
- Joshua Trogdon
- Kelly Steenrod
- David Oliver
- Bella Fish
- Sarah Fox
- Rob Whitt
- Austin Hilken
- Dan Gibson
- Tristan Bonde  
(former member at Ft. Campbell)



<b>Hobbs, Darcy-Ava</b>	4/1
<b>Gibson, Ian</b>	4/3
<b>Schollett, Joseph</b>	4/3
<b>Johannessen, Anna Lisa</b>	4/5
<b>McLamb, Clayton</b>	4/5
<b>Snyder, Abigail</b>	4/8
<b>Eberle, Michael</b>	4/9
<b>Halverson, Tommy</b>	4/10
<b>Mathis, Sharon</b>	4/11
<b>Trogdon, Joshua</b>	4/12
<b>Bullard, Rosa</b>	4/13
<b>Wilson, Daulton</b>	4/14
<b>Stockham, Aiden</b>	4/15
<b>Orose, Erin</b>	4/16
<b>Thomas, Tawan</b>	4/17
<b>Walters, Sigrid</b>	4/17
<b>Rink, Susan</b>	4/19
<b>Breisch, Lorraine</b>	4/25
<b>Runkle, David</b>	4/26
<b>Schollett, Thomas</b>	4/28
<b>Crecelius, Gary</b>	4/29
<b>Gibson, Dan</b>	4/29
<b>Rettmann, Schalehn</b>	4/29

## Anniversaries



**The Messenger is a monthly newsletter of  
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All are welcome to worship each Sunday at 10 a.m.  
Holy Communion is celebrated every week.

**Should you have an emergency or need Pastoral Care, contact  
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