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WELCOME HOME will be a multi-generational gathering time

WELCOME HOME – a place for belonging and acceptance, for faith formation and prayerful

study, for laughter and play. St James congregation has always been a “place” to feel at home.

Because of the transient nature of Fayetteville and the presence of military families, relationships are important. In the last few years, a variety of factors have complicated our ability to develop relationships as we would like.

WELCOME HOME will be a multi-generational gathering time where those relationships that support and stimulate our growth in faith can occur. Activities, programs, games, faith time, and food are being planned for the third Friday evenings during the summer (June 16, July 21, and August 18).

Save the dates!! Mark them on your calendar! More detailed information will be coming soon via email and web site.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THE PLANNING AND/OR EVENT TEAMS, PLEASE SEE the Welcome Home table in the Gathering Space following worship today. Or call the church office, and you'll be put in touch with the correct



The Via de Cristo movement originated as *Cursillo*® in the late 1940s in the Spanish Catholic church and moved to the United States in the late 1950s. The Ministry began in the Lutheran church following laypeople and clergy attending a Catholic Cursillo in 1971, both in Iowa and Florida. The first Lutheran sponsored weekends were held in 1972 in Iowa and Florida and have now been held in over 30 states and some foreign countries.

Via de Cristo is the Lutheran expression of this method which is currently being used in many denominations including Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Reformed churches.

A number of folks from St. James have been involved in Via de Cristo over the years. The congregation has benefitted as they have shared from the leadership that came through their growth in faith.

Lynn Hoffman, a member of Eastern North Carolina Via de Cristo team, will be at St. James June 4. She will share the story of VDC, encourage participation, and have registration information available.

My name is Lynne Hoffman and I am one of the Outreach chairs on the Eastern North Carolina Via de Cristo. I worship at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Cary, NC and have been a member there for approximately 10 years now. I am originally from Long Island, NY and moved to North Carolina in 2007. I firmly believe that God had led me here to the place that introduced me to Via de Cristo in 2012, where I made my weekend at Camp Agape in Fuquay Varina, NC. My life has been forever changed by that move in the most positive and joyous of ways!

I have two children; one lives in Florida with his wife, Leighann and seven year old daughter Grace. The other lives in Virginia with her husband Will and one year old daughter, Lyra. Much of my time outside of my church and Via de Cristo responsibilities involves visiting my children and grandchildren, who light up my world.

My work life experience was in customer service and then purchasing. I worked in the Supply Management field for 20 years before retiring from Corporate Supply Management in 2020. Retirement suits me as I am now able to devote more time to my passion, Via de Cristo.

I look forward to worshipping with you at St. James on June 4th and hope we will have the opportunity to learn more about VDC and each other!

Blessings to each and every one of you!

Lynne Hoffman

ViaDeCristo Outreach

Thanks to our generous donors we were able to update the carpet in the office.
Here are some pictures of the makeover.



Social Ministry - Item of the Month

We are collecting the following food items for Alms House:

- ⇒ Canned fruits
- ⇒ Canned meats
- ⇒ Hot dogs (bring to Alms house directly)
- ⇒ Ground Beef (bring to Alms house directly)



You can place non perishable items in the collection bin outside of our Fellowship Hall or bring to Alms House at 5512 W Patterson St, Hope Mills, NC 28348



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I just wanted to take a moment and thank you for providing Cape Fear Valley's Alzheimer's Program with fidget blankets. They are so beautifully made and so well thought out. All the families that received a blanket, have provided wonderful feedback as to the calming affect they have on their loved one.

I wanted to tell you about my personal experience with one of the blankets. I have a sister who is eighteen months older than me. She has Down Syndrome which, by default, leads to early onset Alzheimer's Dementia. She was very high functioning in life and worked in an art studio for adults with intellectual disabilities. She is fascinated by the blanket and enjoys working all the parts. When she takes a nap, it is placed across her lap at arms length so she can "fidget" with all the parts. It is very soothing to her.

Again, I want to thank you for all your hard work and kind thoughts regarding this helping this very special population.

Best Regards,

Nancy Davis, MSW, LCSW-A
Alzheimer's Care Navigator
Cape Fear Valley Health System
Senior Health Services

AN IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER

Beginning Sunday, June 4, our new safety policy will go into effect here at St. James.

The only doors that will be available for entrance to the building will be the three main doors in the gathering space. All other doors will remain locked (from the outside only).

The Cumberland County Sherriff's Department is encouraging all churches to review their safety policies. Because of the increasing levels of random violence across our country, St. James Congregation Council approved a policy regarding how we might respond if we experienced an active shooter situation.

Please be assured that THE SHERRIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS NOT GIVEN ANY WARNING OR REASON TO BELIEVE THAT SUCH A SITUATION IS IMMINENT.

This policy will help us be safer in such an event, however. We will be distributing more information as time goes along. Thanks for your cooperation, understanding, and patience.

Thank you

We wanted to thank the congregation for their support, concern and prayers during these last two months. We appreciate the effort, in providing a beautiful service for the celebration of our dear Julie. The preparation of the church, music and lovely reception helped us in our grieving for the loss of our daughter.

Jim and Linda Schlenker

Thank you

for the many prayers during my recent encounter with breast cancer.

I am now completely cancer free.
I know I am very blessed.

God certainly answers prayers!

~ Delores Schiebe



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.



Potluck Lunch - Every first Tuesday of the month.

Join us June 6th at Noon!



North Carolina Synod
ELCA

St James has been able to make a gift of \$1,750 through our Patterson Endowment Fund

Dear friends,

Our pastors and deacons across North Carolina are indebted to you for your investment in their financial wellbeing. **Thank you so much for your gift to our synod's Lifeline Fund.**

Since 2017, through the Lifeline Fund, we have assisted over half of our active rostered ministers with grants to reduce their debt. Your generosity furthers this mission. It is tangible grace and love, sent directly to lenders to pay down education debt.

Assisting Ministers

6/04 Ruth Ann Crecelius
6/11 Allan Winter
6/18 Jason Lorentzen
6/25 Jordan Slaymaker

Lectors

6/04 Delores Schiebe
6/11 Bill Rettmann
6/18 Valerie Brewer
6/25 Jane Boelke

Communion Assistant

6/04 Lela Pell
6/11 Tonie Neal
6/18 Sue Rink
6/25 Hannah Rea

Ushers

6/04 Gary & Ruth Ann Crecelius
6/11 John & Gayle Frinak
6/18 Roscoe Killett, Gary Eissinger
6/25 Tonie Neal, Kathleen Heinrich

Acolytes

6/04 Aaron Thomas
6/11 Victoria Orellano
6/18 Gabriel Thomas
6/25 Hannah Rea

Greeters

6/04 Joan Eissinger
6/11 Barbara Azzarelli
6/18 Kathleen Heinrich
6/25 Erika & Glenn Stockwell

Nursery

6/04 Rob & Kelly Whitt
6/11 Kathleen Heinrich, Tonie Neal
6/18 Jeff Hoffmann
6/25 Lisa Law, Heather VanDervoort

Rover

6/04 Todd Burns
6/11 Ed Samuelian
6/18 Tom Liedig
6/25 Dave Runkle

Upcoming Zoom Meetings

Click on the times to connect

Property Team - 2nd Tuesdays (June 6)

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

[6:00 pm](#)

Congregation Council (Sunday—June 18)

(Meeting ID: 867 0951 0008 / Password: 103028)

[11:30 am](#)

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

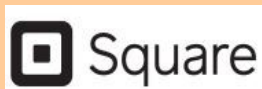


We appreciate every gift that is received, and we attempt to make wise decisions in how we use and invest these funds.

Thanks for on-going financial giving.

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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
- ◇ Ellen Blocker
- ◇ Orose Family
- ◇ Jim & Linda Schlenker

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



McLamb, Cynthia	6/6
Porter, Warren	6/8
McLamb, Shelby	6/16
Myers, Keyarah	6/16
Vittoe, Frank	6/20
Burks, Megan	6/23
Slaymaker, Meghan	6/23
Pell, Lela	6/24
Eissinger, Gary	6/26
Whitt, Emelia	6/27

Anniversaries



Herman & Amy Allison	6/5
Bill & Diana Vittoe	6/18
Paul & Erin Orose	6/19

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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
Pastor John Locke: Cell (704) 530-9969 or jpl406@gmail.com .**

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