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Welcome to our new Music Director / Organist

Mr. Mark Tollefsen



Church of Mullins, SC.

Mark begins music leadership here at St. James on Sunday, August 11 at morning worship.

He is an accomplished musician, teaching at The University of North Carolina – Pembroke as well as having performed in venues around the world. Outside of academia, he was most recently the music director for Macedonia United Methodist

Perhaps his most impactful gift, though, is his soft-spoken and calming demeanor which can help ease the nerves of anxious choir members. Mark and his wife Jae Wan Kim are parents of a three-year-old son, Emi. Jay Won is also a professor of music at UNC-P as well as Music Director and Organist at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Fayetteville.

We encourage the congregation to be in prayer for Mark and his family, as well as St. James congregation, as we make this transition with Mark's musical gifts and leadership.

A welcome reception will be held soon.

If you missed her Bible study a few months ago, you'll have a couple more opportunities.

This study is a tremendous presentation of the sacrifice, determination, and faith of four women



Her Story is in The Stars

A collection of stories of Four Biblical women -
Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba
*And how their stories connect
with one another ...
with Jesus ...
and with each of us.*

**A one-day Bible Study
written and presented by
Anna Lisa Johannessen**



Saturday, August 24 ... 9:00 am - 2:30 pm
St. Lukes AME Church - Fayetteville

Saturday, September 7... 9:00 am - 2:30 pm
Cedar Falls Baptist Church - Fayetteville

Would you like to serve on our Congregation Council?

We are seeking interested members to serve on our congregation council.

This would be a 1 1/2 year position (till the end of 2025).

We meet every third Sunday. Contact Kevin Hoffmann for more information.

Property Team Update

Many thanks to Todd Burns, property team, and their helpers (Todd, Dave Runkle, Tom Liedig, Scott Marosek, Amanda and Hannah Rea, Lorraine Wittkorn [new addition], and Ed Samuelian) for hours of dedication and hard work.

Their accomplishments in the last couple of months:

- ◇ Replaced a hot water heater and dishwashers in the kitchen
- ◇ Cleanout of the storage shed
- ◇ Continuing work on restrooms near elevator,
- ◇ Maintaining landscape areas around the campus.
- ◇ Arranged the soon-to-come new replacement windows in the parsonage



Join us to for God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday



Light lunch after worship Sunday Sept 8th
(Contact: Ruth Ann Crecelius)

Then:

- We will tie comfort blankets in the quilt room in the annex (Contact: Marcia Katt)
- We will tie for quilts for Episcopal migrant workers in the quilt room in the (Contact: Penny Kendall)
- Assembling small gift bags for home bound members will take place (Contact: Tonie Neal)
- Children's card making activity (Contact: Mandy Rea)
- Car Parade for home bound members (Contact: Beverly Beale)

Vacation Bible School



August 8th - 11th

Th / Fr 6-8 pm

Sa: 9-12

Sunday will be a recap during worship

What's a Lutheran?

Law & Gospel ... Baptism ... Communion ...
Where Did Lutherans Come From (and why???) ...
The Creeds ... Prayer ... Worship ...
Lutheran Paradoxes



**A Sunday morning class for Adults
9:00 in Fellowship Hall**

I'm looking forward to your questions!

And your answers!!

Pastor John

Sunday, August 11

Prayer

Sunday, August 18

Luther's 6 Great Paradoxes

Sunday, August 25

Lutheran Worship Questions

It's WOODPECKER baseball time at Segra STADIUM! SAT. AUG. 10



The Woodpecker's will celebrate Arts In The Park Night, with special guest Brandon Lee Johnson, grandson of Roscoe and Brenda Killett. Brandon is a native of Fayetteville, and St. James, Come on out, enjoy the game, celebrate with Roscoe, Brenda, Brandon, and all the Hoodlins.

To reserve tickets, contact the church office by Thursday (Aug. 8), 10a.m. saintjameslutheran@gmail.com / 910-484-8052

Group returns from ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans



Our youth and leaders returned from New Orleans with excitement and smiles. The 2024 ELCA National Youth gathering is complete, except for the on-going activity of the Spirit's work.

They encountered God in so many ways – speakers at the Mass Gatherings, meeting new (and old) friends at worship and Synod events, trying new foods, visiting the St. Louis Cathedral, feeding the alligators, and engaging in serious friend-making, relationship-building conversations.

Check out the pictures on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Pictorial Directory Requests

We have had multiple and frequent requests for a pictorial directory over the last few years. There have been many changes in the makeup of the congregation - names and faces have changed. So, a directory would be incredibly helpful. But in order for an effective photo book to be developed, we will need a small group of people to make it happen. Are you interested in being a part of this ministry team? It will probably require several weeks of time, phone calls to make sure everyone is contacted and encouraged to participate, setting up appointments, be present during photo sessions, and help during the photo shoot sessions.

Call the church office for more info or to sign up to help: 910-484-8052

Fellowship opportunity for the women of Saint James!



Eugene Peterson, author of The Message (The Bible in Contemporary Language) interprets Matthew 5:13 "Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage".

Our monthly breakfast group (**Salty Women**) meets on Thursday, August 8 at 9am at Maple Street Biscuit Company in the Freedom Parkway shopping center.

Collectively, we can envision where God might be leading us with this verse from Matthew and discuss how to proceed.

If you are interested, please let Ruth Ann know: 910-309-1007

Men's Fellowship



Come join us every first Wednesday 5:30 pm - 8 pm on the back lawn of St. James for brats, beans, and beverages. If you are coming, let Dave Runkle or Todd Burns know in advance.

Next: Wednesday, August 7

Weather plan is in the Annex/Entrance across the parking lot.

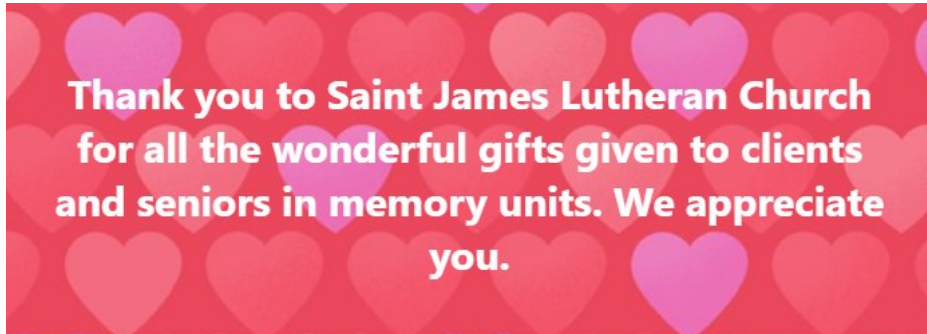
Join us every first Tuesday, at Noon!



Potluck Lunch in our Fellowship Hall
August 6th



Home Health Care Service · Retirement & Assisted Living Facility · Senior Center



The hand made sensory blankets and bibs were beautiful!
Thank you!!

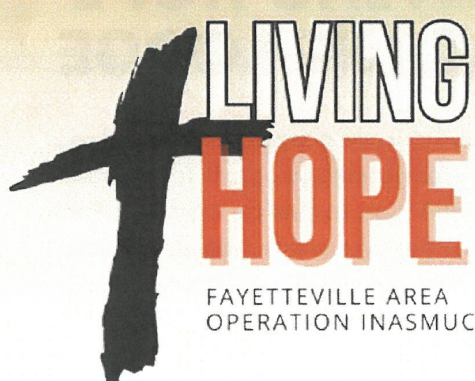
Carolina Rehab Center of Cumberland




This fantastic group of ladies from St. James Lutheran Church supplies us with fidget blankets for our residents.

We appreciate the time and effort that goes into making these.






LIVING HOPE
FAYETTEVILLE AREA
OPERATION INASMUCH



FINDING REST **HOOSING CHANGE** **Igniting HOPE** **GROWING RESILIENCE**

A 4-Phase Program For Men Committed to CHANGE



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Matthew 25:40

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WHO WE ARE

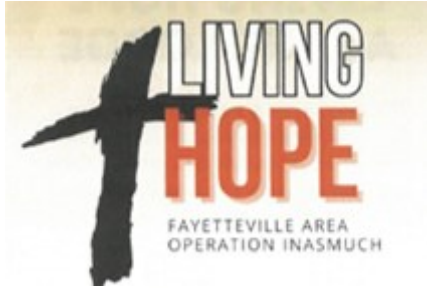


Fayetteville Area Operation Inasmuch is a Christian, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Since 2007, we have served homeless and struggling people a hot, nourishing, home-cooked breakfast each weekday morning. After breakfast, we provide a wide variety of human, health, and educational services tailored to the needs of the homeless community.



INASMUCH EXISTS TO BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS AMONG THE BROKEN, HURTING, AND HOMELESS, BY OFFERING RELIEF, RECOVERY, AND RESTORATION OF HOPE.

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HOW CAN YOU GIVE HOPE?

The men in the Living Hope program are breaking the cycle, defying the odds, and changing the trajectory of their lives. Will you support them in their effort?

Finding Rest \$25

Covers the basics for one day in The Lodge

GOAL: 500 monthly sponsors

Choosing Change \$100

Adds life skill classes and additional counselors/training staff for one week

GOAL: 100 monthly sponsors

Igniting Hope \$1,000

Adds group and individual counseling sessions for 15 people/month

GOAL: 10 monthly sponsors

Please contact us today if you'd like more information on how you can impact our community for Christ.

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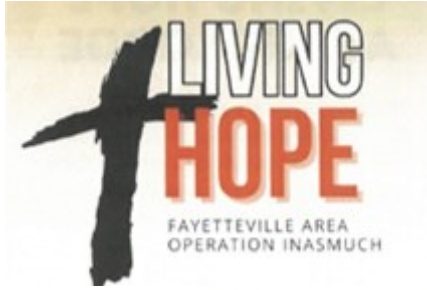
LIVING HOPE AT THE LODGE

The Living Hope program at The Lodge is a *transformational program* for homeless men who want to change their lives. Each man commits to create realistic financial, social and spiritual goals, become drug and alcohol-free, get a job, and treat others in the program with dignity and respect.



We acknowledge the men who move to the next program phase through a promotion ceremony and celebration.

More on next page



PHASE 1



In Phase 1, *Finding Rest*, men may only need a quick place to stay to catch their breath and get their bearings. They can meet with case managers, get referrals to other services in the community, and decide if they want to attend life skills classes.

PHASE 2



Choosing Change means that the men have decided to make a change and are choosing to attend like skills classes and workcall each day. This is a monumental step toward living a better life, abandoning old paths, and desiring different results.

OUR GOAL IS TO HELP MEN BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT, OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT AND OVERCOME ANY ADDICTION OR TRAUMA THEY MAY BE EXPERIENCING.

PHASE 3



**Igniting
HOPE**

Igniting Hope is a 90-120 day process is designed to bring healing to hearts, minds, and relationships to more effectively handle life's problems and pain. This phase provides opportunities to start making some income by performing off-site jobs that go beyond the expected workcall assignments, in addition to opportunities to work toward certifications from FTCC or Miller-Motte.

PHASE 4



Growing Resilience is the final phase where it's time to start looking ahead. Once the men in this phase obtain a tax-paying job, it's time for them to start saving to meet some of their financial goals. In addition to more freedom from living on Frink St., they also get greater opportunities to excel and exponentially increase their chance of success.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Does it really happen? Here in North Carolina? Are you sure?

Human Trafficking is the abuse of children, women, and men for their bodies and labor. It’s modern-day slavery. This isn’t an overseas problem, it’s happening right here in American and across North Carolina.

This is why *Magnolia Hope* was started. Magnolia Hope is an off-campus residential program, at an undisclosed location, under the umbrella of Falcon Children’s Home & Family Services with one goal: helping victims of human trafficking and restoring hope into their lives. Magnolia Hope is a long-term residential program serving teens from domestic child sex trafficking. They focus on providing trauma-informed therapies, on-site schooling, life-skills training, art & health classes, and much more.



Items we will be collecting are:

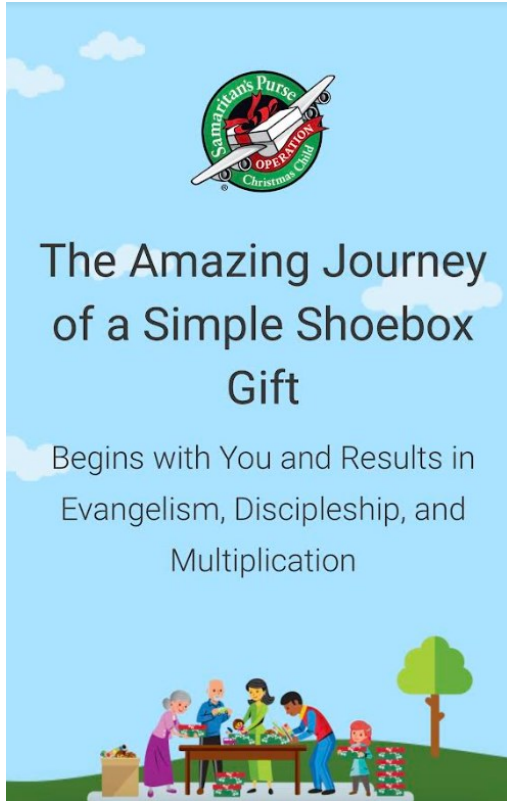
- Shampoo (for Caucasian and Ethnic hair types)
- Loofas
- Toothbrushes
- Body Wash
- Flossers
- Body Spray
- Hair ties
- Conditioner
- Lotion
- Facewash
- Tampons

- Jewelry making supplies. *If you have any you no longer need, please consider donating. What is most need at this time: clasps and charms.*

We will be collecting during August and September 1st thru September 8th (God’s Work Our Hands Day)

If you were asked to provide something different from list, please put in container for social ministry items or hand it to me at your convenience. Thank you in advance for providing items to help girls who very much need “God’s Love”. God’s Work with Our Hands.

See Marcia Katt for questions: 910-322-8037



Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. It is a hands-on way for you to bless children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, personal care items, school supplies, and fun gifts.

Jane Boelke 651-636-3336 is contact person.

Please save any empty adult size shoe boxes and bring to church. We have included a list of items that are requested. There is also a list of items that will NOT be accepted. This is a great way to show God's Work throughout the world.

Shoeboxes can be brought anytime. Items to fill boxes will be collected September 8, 15, 22 and 29.

More details on the September newsletter!

What NOT to put in a Samaritan's Purse shoebox:
Candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds, fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); medications or vitamins, liquids or lotions; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers.

For children around the world, a shoebox is often their very first gift. Given together with the Good News of Jesus Christ, it communicates God's love to a boy or girl in need. So, it is important to make sure your gift is ...

- FUN** —includes a "wow" item and other quality toys
- FULL** —packed to the brim with additional school supplies and personal care items
- PERSONALIZED** —prayed over and contains a note and photo, which are often the child's favorite items!

Recycle your ink cartridges and help support Saint James

We are collecting used desktop ink cartridges. NO Xerox type toners.

Place them in the marked bin outside of the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you!



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.

Receive Text Updates



If you are not currently on our email news list, sign up on our website: <https://saintjamesfay.org/>

To receive text messages instead, here is how to sign up

To receive messages via text,

**Text @8bhg3
to 81010**

You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe @8bhg3'.

Trouble using 81010? Try texting @8bhg3 to (910) 401-3357 instead.

Assisting Ministers

8/04 Ruth Ann Crecelius
8/11 Allan Winter
8/18 Jane Boelke
8/25 Jordan Slaymaker

Lectors

8/04 Gary Crecelius
8/11 Glenn Stockwell
8/18 Matthew Shealey
8/25 Nancy Oliver

Communion Assistant

8/04 Sue Rink
8/11 Jane Boelke
8/18 Paula Burns
8/25 Delores Schiebe

Ushers

8/04 John & Gayle Frinak
8/11 Gary & Ruth Ann Crecelius
8/18 Tonie Neal, James Peterson
8/25 Sharon VanPelt, Joan Eissinger

Acolytes

8/04 Angelus VanDervoort
8/11 Victoria Orellano
8/18 Aaron Thomas
8/25 Nate Stockham

Greeters

8/04 Erika & Glenn Stockwell
8/11 Linda Stellfox
8/18 Kathleen Heinrich
8/25 Joan Eissinger

Rover

8/04 Paula Burns
8/11 Ed Samuelian
8/18 Tom Liedig
8/25 Todd Burns

Nursery

8/04 Colleen Tlichich, Erika Stockwell
8/11 Sue Rink, Kathy Brown
8/18 Kevin Hoffmann,
8/25 Brittany Sterling, Kathleen Heinrich

Upcoming Zoom Meetings

Click on the times to connect

Property Team - (August 13)
- 2nd Tuesdays

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

[6:00 pm](#)

Congregation Council (August 18)

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

[11:30 am](#)

Men's Bible Study - Sundays

(Meeting ID 821 3488 9583 / Password: 257977)

-not meeting during August – will return Sunday, September 1st

[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
- Brenda Killett

Prayer Concerns:

- ◇ Joe & Dara Lehner
- ◇ Angel Davis
- ◇ John Tucker
- ◇ Beth Sessoms
- ◇ Ellen Blocker
- ◇ Orose Family
- ◇ Thomas Oliver
- ◇ Mark & Ann Mabe

Military Members

(* *Deployed*)

- Earl Stockham
- Jessie Hewins
- Joshua Trogdon
- Darian Dix
- Kelly Steenrod
- David Oliver
- Bella Fish
- Rob Whitt
- Dan Gibson
- Tristan Bonde
- Jacob Rea
- Zach Turner *



- 8/01 Deb Martin
- 8/11 Jacque Yacobucci
- 8/12 Larry Schiebe
- 8/13 Nichole Rettmann
- 8/15 Amy Allison
- 8/17 Heather VanDervoort
- 8/17 Loraine Wittkorn
- 8/21 Dan Runkle
- 8/24 Suzie Wilkinson
- 8/24 Elizabeth Slaymaker
- 8/30 Valerie Brewer
- 8/31 Stella SanMiguel

Anniversaries



- 8/04
Chandra & Michael McClenahan
- 8/10
Anna Lisa & John Locke
- 8/20
Janet & Ricky George
- 8/21
Amy & David Burks