April 1  Easter, Day of Resurrection
6:30 a.m.  Sunrise Easter Service 
Weather permitting outdoors; bring lawn chair, blankets etc.

8:00 a.m.  Easter Breakfast 
Join us for a hearty breakfast prepared by Lutheran Men in Mission.

9:00 a.m.  Children’s Easter Egg Hunt 
Hosted by Middle School Youth

10:00 a.m.  Easter Festival Worship

Saint James Lutheran Church, 
Fayetteville, NC 
is a congregation of the ELCA

The Rev. Timothy Smith, Bishop 
North Carolina Synod Church Office 
1988 Lutheran Synod Dr. 
Salisbury, NC 28144-4480

Nearly 10,000 congregations and 65 
synods across the United States, Puerto 
Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands 
There are 202 NC Synod congregations.
It all started with such promise – the angel announcing to Mary that the child she would bear would be called Son of the Most High; the conviction of Mary that this child would be the embodiment of God’s promised justice, that the hungry would be filled with good things and the rich sent away empty; angels announcing his birth; thousands being fed; the sick healed; the dead raised. And then, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” It was over. The world hadn’t changed. Might still made right. How ridiculously naïve to believe that any reversal of the old order could come about. Hope is for the gullible. Looking at this broken man hanging utterly helpless, naked and broken on a cross, the powers and principalities, earthly and spiritual, death and the devil must have said, “You fool.” This, as St. Paul reminds us, is the wisdom of the world. And the world can present plenty of hard evidence that it is right: children killing children in horrific school shootings, 60 million displaced people – all of this supported by our rebellion against God, our idolatrous claim that we are in control and the world is ours. In the face of this and all of the suffering others cause and we cause others, we, too, might cry out, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

I believe that the beginning of Psalm 22 expresses the anguish of the psalmist and the anguish of our Lord, but there is more going on here. Citing the first words of a text was, in the tradition of the time, a way of identifying an entire passage. The psalm ends this way: “All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. ... Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.” This is the wisdom of God. Jesus’ crucifixion is the death of our death. His innocent suffering has reconciled all of creation to God. He has done it. We stake our lives on this. This year, Easter falls on April 1. We shall have come through the Lenten desert to the Easter garden. We shall say, “Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!” And we shall confess this and live this in the face of worldly wisdom that is based on death. Life wins. Love wins. And if the world wants to call us April fools, we are glad to claim that title.
In case you missed it, our ministry teams had tables set up to showcase their missions. If you are interested in joining any of our teams, email or call the church office: 910-484-8052
saintjameslutheran@gmail.com
Ministry Team Fair - March 4

George Sachno & Jim Schlenker

Priscilla Warren & Ruth Ann Crecelius

Mike & Kristin Halverson

Toireasa Hervey
Ministry Team Fair - March 4

Todd Burns

Jacque Yacobucci

Penny Kendell & Gail Frinak

Penny Kendell & Willa Porter
Hello St. James Family. Welcome to Spring! With the season change comes many new possibilities and opportunities to put your hands to work around your church campus!

_Around Campus…_

**South End HVAC Project:** Beginning April 2nd and over the following 4-6 weeks our entire HVAC system supporting everything south of the double doors to the Fellowship Hall will be replaced. This includes service to the Sanctuary and all the surrounding rooms! We ask for your patience and understanding as we continue our ministries and worship during this period. Of note, the nursery and lower level classroom will be relocated to the back portion of the Fellowship Hall.

**Other news and updates.**

- 1319 Ft. Bragg Rd house demolition. The house was demolished last month. Hip...hip...hooray!
- We continue to seek volunteers to prepare and paint the Office/Annex exterior trim. _Are you one of them?_ We have the materials.

**Calendar items:**

⇒ The next Property Ministry Team Meeting is _Monday, April 9th_ at 6:30 pm in the Annex.
⇒ The Property Ministry Team sponsored Church Work Day in April is cancelled, but we ask that you support one of the following two events on _Saturday, April 21st_. Please join us!
  ◊ _Agape Work Day_ at Camp Agape (1 hour from St. James, north west of Lillington, NC). Our project(s) is tbd.
  ◊ _Fayetteville Beautiful_. We will be cleaning Honeycutt Park and some streets near St. James Lutheran Church.
  ◊ Look for details and sign-up sheets in the church gathering space or contact Todd Burns if you are interested.

If you have talents, skills or interests in helping out with carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, or landscaping please contact any Property Ministry Team member.

Sincerely, Todd Burns - Property Ministry Team Chairperson. (910) 308-5431.

!!! SPECIAL NOTICE !!!

_If you are looking for a good contractor to do any of the following items:_

- Lawn Care
- Landscaping
- Tree Removal
- Pressure Washing
- Painting (interior and exterior)

Contact Karrie Hawkins at (910) 978-9105. Karrie provides the lawn care at Saint James and is highly recommended by the Saint James Lutheran Church Property Committee Team.
Prime Timers
We meet every first Tuesday for a potluck lunch and fellowship.

Our next meeting is April 2nd at Noon

Prime Timers is a group of active, fun loving people 50+ a years old and above who meet the first Tuesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall of Saint James for a delicious pot luck buffet.

After the meal, an interesting program is enjoyed, usually a guest speaker or some kind of entertainment.

April Hosts: Penny Kendall & Brad Dunning

Our guest speaker this month is from Cape Fear Valley Hospice

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Coffee & Conversation

Hosts

April 01 - Fellowship Team (Easter)
April 08 - Youth: Team 2
April 15 - Lutheran Men
April 22 - Youth: Team 3
April 29 - Endowment & Finance
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 for breakfast and Bible Study.

Events in February include:

- LMM prepared and served Easter Breakfast, Sunday, April 1st, 8 am.
- Our monthly “Theology on Tap” gathering is on Wednesday, April 4th, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Make note of our location change this month...we’ll be at Mac’s Speed Shop, 428 N. McPherson Church Rd. Mark your calendars…come join us for good food, great beer (or tea) and the comradery among Christian Men! Free/complimentary appetizers, soda, and tea.
- Our monthly LMM Business Meeting is Sunday, April 8th, 9 am (Fellowship Hall).
- North Carolina LMM Annual Gathering is Saturday, April 14th in Matthews, NC.
- Our monthly (third Tuesday of every month) Brown Bag Bible Study, is Tuesday, April 17th. 11:30 am to 1 pm, Fellowship Hall. Bible Study starts promptly at 12/noon and ends NLT 12:45pm. Bring your own lunch. Coffee, water and lemonade will be provided. . Bible Study Facilitated by tbd.
- Agape Work Day is Saturday, April 21st. Look for details and sign-up sheet.
- Fayetteville Beautiful is Saturday, April 21st. This will include Honeycutt Park Cleanup at 352 Devers St. Details and a sign-up sheet will be available at the church.
- One Year to Live Retreat, April 20-22 at Tracy’s Camp in SC.

Below is an overview of events throughout 2018.

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For questions contact Todd Burns, (910) 308-5431 or burnst37@gmail.com.
April 4th at 6 pm
All women are invited!

Every month we gather for fellowship and a meal.
This month join us at Antonella’s Italian Ristorante - 300 Hay Street.

RSVP to me text, call or email by Monday 4/3

Sharon Mathis
910-273-6530
or sassy460@yahoo.com

REMIND Text Program

Are you on the texting program for the congregation? Sign up is easy, there are no group texts, and it’s a great way to help the congregation communicate easier.

Simply text @8bhg3 to the number 81010 from your cell phone and voila, you’re listed. Thanks for the help!
30th
CROP Hunger Walk

* Sunday, April 22, 2018
5K & 1Mile Routes

Raising money & Awareness for Hunger Relief
through Second Harvest Food Bank of Southeast NC
& Church World Service.

Walk to make GOOD NEWS headlines!
Walk to show the great Heart of our community!
Come together to set records of Compassion!

Details at www.CumberlandCropWalk.org
or contact CumberlandCropWalk@gmail.com or 910-818-9938
Starting at Evans Metropolitan AME Zion Church
301 N. Cool Spring St. Fayetteville
Kids Assistance Program - KAP

The ALMS HOUSE coordinates with the Hope Mills area school social workers to provide packs of food items each Friday for those children who might otherwise have nothing to eat over the week-end.

If you would like to help provide food for these children, the following is a list of items that are put into those bags (no substitutes, please.)

- Bottle of Water
- Single Serving Box of Cereal
- Gummy Fruit Snack
- Individual Juice (please - only 100% juice - not “juice flavored”)
- Pack of Cheese & Crackers **NO PEANUT BUTTER** (allergies)
- Beef Jerky Stick
- Ramen Noodles
- **Chef Boyardee** microwaveable or pop-top can pastas
  (spaghetti & meat balls; Beefaroni; Lasagna; Beef Ravioli)
- Individual Size Carton of Shelf-Stable **Milk**
- Spoon
- Also needed are 1 gallon zip-lock (freezer) bags
  and tall kitchen garbage bags

These items can be delivered to the ALMS HOUSE at 3909 Ellison Street, Hope Mills, NC, Tuesday thru Friday from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

Or put in the bins outside of our the Fellowship Hall At Saint James

Tax Deductible Cash Donations are accepted.
Check may be made to The ALMS HOUSE – designated “KAP”
Visit our website at [http://almshousehopemills.com](http://almshousehopemills.com)
Upcoming Fundraisers

April 28

**Rummage – Garage – Yard Sale** … It can be part of our Lenten discipline. We’ll be asking folks to gather and donate good condition items no longer needed or used around your house. And we’ll offer it for re-sale/re-use, and someone else benefits.

May 20

**Houston Hoe Down** -
Meal & celebration following worship fun and fellowship.
Silent Auction - Games - Activities

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**Yard Sale - April 28**

Recycle, Re-Use, Re-Purpose!!!
Be a part of the Houston Youth Gathering, and help with a Giant Yard Sale Fundraiser!

FIRST - We need donations of gently used items that still have some “miles” left in them. Bring them to the annex building at the church, Mon-Thu mornings (8:30—12:30), OR on Sunday mornings. (If you have larger items, or need help loading and transporting, let us know – we’ll try to help with that!)

SECOND – Tell your friends and neighbors about the event on Sat. April 28.

THIRD – Come on Sat. Apr. 28 and find your own special Re-use and Re-purpose item to take home and use and enjoy!!!

SATURDAY, April 28 …
Yard Sale! Refreshments! Fun! Fellowship!

*All proceeds will help fund the Youth Gathering trip in late June!*
Ladies, we have an opportunity to go see Pat Aanrud and Lynn Romyn. Our Savior Lutheran Church, in Southern Pines, will be hosting our Spring Conference. That is where they attend church, now that they have moved to Southern Pines.

Heads up: we host the Fall Conference in October. So maybe they will attend our time together.

The date for the Spring Conference is April 14th, Saturday, 9:30AM until about 2PM. The trip is only about an hour and when we car pool it is a good visiting time. See Jacque or Tonie for information about meeting us at St. James, to car pool. We can leave about 8AM, leaving our cars at church. The program will be over after lunch, so back home quickly. Information on our hall bulletin board, as well. Please make plans to attend.

If you haven't heard, our One Day Retreat was delightful, so I know this will be as well. I really enjoyed seeing where in the Bible so many of our hymns had been taken from. The program will be "Called to be Global Sisters. Seeing each other with new eyes." Should be good. Our Savior has always been very gracious, so I'm sure we will have a good time.

As soon as we receive registration forms, I'll send them to you in email, or they will be on the bulletin board in the hall.

~ Tonie Neal

We recycle ink cartridges and use the proceeds to further our ministries. You can drop them in the bin outside of the Fellowship Hall.

We now accept credit cards

Square

You can donate with your credit card

Click [here](#) or use QR Code
BOLD WOMAN of St. James Lutheran Church

Peggie Jackson has been a Bold woman all her life especially when she left her home in Somerset, PA at the age of 22 to serve her country and enlisted in the Women’s Army Artillery Corp. After boot camp she was stationed at Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She met and fell in love with her future husband, Preston Jackson, who was also stationed there. Peggie married Preston in 1944, then she and Preston moved to Fayetteville, his hometown, and started their family. They joined the St James Church family in 1953 when the church was still young and growing. Together they reared 7 children who were all very involved in church activities especially the youth group. She served many meals to the youth at St. James and cooked meals at Camp Dixie when her children were in the youth group then called "Luther League" and later when it was called "Lutheran Youth Fellowship". Her specialty was her version of Sloppy Joes (hamburger patties in a special BBQ sauce she made from scratch and served on a hamburger bun).

During the summer months she enjoyed gardening and canning and always shared her bounty. She is an excellent cook and baker and shared her talent by helping to provide meals for sick members, new mothers and families at funerals. She was one of the founding members of the St James quilting group that is still going strong today. She unraveled the hems of countless sheets and washed and ironed them to use as backing for quilts and she tied many quilts sitting at her kitchen table. She has been a faithful member of Prime Timers, continually working to keep St. James a vibrant community of believers. From serving meals for Love Lunches and the Fellowship Ministry, to being on the WELCA State Mission Growth Ministry. She is known for her years of service on St James Council and for preparing kits for Lutheran Family Services.

Peggie loves the Women of the ELCA -WELCA, was an active member of Sarah Circle and weekly Bible Studies and she attended annual gatherings in Hickory. One of the memories she has shared was the time she and Theda Suggs were attending the gathering and was tasked with putting together packets for the ladies attending. They were up half the night, stuffing envelopes for these ladies to receive their materials at the meeting the next day. Peggie said she was so tired the next day, she fell asleep during the business meeting and missed the vote. She was embarrassed, but it was a good laugh.

She served as the point of contact for the St. James Prayer Chain using the telephone to keep members in touch with each other, sharing good and bad news, about our church family. She has indeed been a Bold Woman her in her faith, service and family following the path God has led her. We at St James are grateful she was led here.
Our former Staff House next to the office/annex building was demolished Friday, March 9th. We were able to salvage various items including windows and doors.

Chuck Warren removing windows March 8th.
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)

- Mickey Kanode
- Donna Voelker
- Angel Warren
- Norma McNally
- Ellie Kuhn
- Lillian Lee
- Marion Hess
- Beverly Koenitzer
- Peggie Jackson
- Sarah Catherine Combs
- Peggie Ann Jackson

**People whose families and friends have requested long-term prayer for them:**

- Jennifer Chaplin
- Cayla Chaplin
- Patrick San Miguel
- Rodrick Jones
- Ellie Kuhn
- Antonia Dobbs
- Lynne Lewis
- Mary Lou McDaniel
- Charles Utterback
- Angel Davis
- Richard Williams
- Nanette & Len Heffelfinger
- Raymonde Bonsoir
- Clay Goodson
- Dennis Pope
- Nancy Brady
- Lisa Confer
- Rachel Daye
- Joseph Weeks
- Lisa Heller
- Ronnie Jordan
- Matthew Faour
- Melanie Denny
- Ann McAllister

**Military Members**

- Dylan Gloria*
- Riley Broding *
- Joshua Trogdon
  (basic training)

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- Lee, Lillian 4/2
- Carpenter, Catrina 4/3
- Gibson, Ian 4/3
- Jackson, Peggie W. 4/5
- Johannessen, Anna Lisa 4/5
- McLamb, Clayton 4/5
- Fish, Abigail 4/8
- Halverson, Tommy 4/10
- Mathis, Sharon 4/11
- Trogdon, Joshua 4/12
- Bullard, Rosa 4/13
- Wilson, Daulton 4/14
- Freund, Erin 4/16
- Walters, Sigrid 4/17
- Rink, Susan 4/19
- Breisch, Lorraine 4/25
- Runkle, David 4/26
- Crecelius, Gary 4/29
- Gibson, Dan 4/29
- Maslanka, Tiffany 4/30
Worship Leaders

Greeters

4/01 (sunrise).......................... Tonie Neal
4/1 (10 am)............................ Dar Heller
4/08................................. Catherine Earle
4/15................................. Lorraine Breisch
4/22................................. Barbara Azzarelli
4/29................................. Delores Schiebe

Assisting Ministers

4/01 (sunrise).......................... Steve Hohman
4/01 (10 am).......................... Allan Winter
4/08................................. Steve Hohman
4/15................................. Brad Dunning
4/22.................................. TBA
4/29................................. Allan Winter

Communion Assistants

4/01 (sunrise)...... Tom Rosser, David Runkle,
........................................... Ruth Ann Crecelius
4/01 (10 am)...... Gary & Ruth Ann Crecelius,
........................................... Maddy Crecelius
4/08................................. Jim Schlenker
4/15.............. Tonie Neal, Laura Walters,
........................................... George Sachno
4/22................................. Brad Dunning
4/29.............. Elliott Fish, Georgia Martin,
........................................... Anna Lisa Johannessen

Ushers (In Sanctuary)

4/01 (sunrise). Steve Hohman, Gary Eissinger
4/01 (10 am)......... Gary & Joan Eissinger
4/08........ George Sachno, Laura Walters
4/15.............. Steve Hohman, Tom Rosser
4/22................. Gary & Ruth Ann Crecelius
4/29............... Bill & Elizabeth Chavers

Acolytes / Crucifer

4/01 (sunrise).......................... Hannah Rea
4/01 (10 am)......................... Charlie Halverson
........................................... Zofia Osterman (Crucifer)
4/08................................. Elijah Myers
4/15................................. Clayton McLamb
4/22................................. Aiden Stockham
4/29................................. Caitlin Blank

Lectors

4/01 (sunrise).......................... Tonie Neal
4/01 (10 am).......................... Brad Dunning
4/08................................. Georgia Martin
4/15................................. Aiden Stockham
4/22................................. Dan Erickson
4/29................................. Chuck Warren

Security / Rover

4/01 (sunrise).......................... N/A
4/01 (10 am).......................... Tom Rosser
4/08................................. Marcia Katt
4/15................................. Roscoe Killett
4/22................................. Tom Rosser
4/29................................. Todd Burns

AudioTech

4/01 (sunrise).......................... Frank Vittoe
4/01 (10 am).......................... Bill Vittoe
4/08.................................. TBA
4/15.................................. TBA
4/22.................................. TBA
4/29.................................. TBA

Greeting Card Volunteer for April
Fran DeSilva

Altar Guild for April
Sarah Parrish, Jacque Yacobucci
The Messenger is a monthly newsletter of Saint James Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 53276; Fayetteville, NC 28305.

All are welcome to worship each Sunday at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated every week. Sunday School is 9 a.m.

Should you have an emergency or need Pastoral Care, contact Pastor John Locke: Cell (704) 530-9969 or jpl406@gmail.com. Thank you.

Church Staff Office hours are 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mo-Th. Phone: (910) 484-8052 | 24 hour answering machine.

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