



**The St James church office would appreciate announcements for the bulletin by Weds. morning for the weeks printing. Articles for the months newsletter are due by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. The church office is open M-TH 8:00 AM-12-noon.**



Currently St. James is holding public worship via YouTube, and Dumont Cable channel 1004. If you need assistance accessing worship virtually, please call the church office. Worship with Holy Communion will occur the first and fourth Sundays of the month. During public worship, communion will be distributed at the communion rail with the option of taking communion in the pew if a member so desires. Thank you for joining us in creative means as we continue to worship!



It takes many people to keep this congregation running smoothly and efficiently. Thank you to the many members who have given of their gifts. It makes our worship services special and inviting to attend. Your service shows in our communities as a witness to mission and it is appreciated.

Thanks to the one who plants and waters the outside flowers. It is so uplifting to see color!

There were many opportunities to volunteer in the month of May-Thank you so very much!

We have said many "farewell's" in the month of May. St. James will always be your home and we hope to meet up again soon.

Thank you Ted for the attention to the lawn care at the parsonage. The Church lawn looks great too Charlie!

Thank you for your patience in advance as we worship together the next few months in unconventional ways.

**St. James Visiting Committee for  
May & June 2023**

**Bonnie Dralle, Nadean Dralle,  
Roberta Wiegmann**

Illness is an ongoing concern at Care Centers and Asst. Living facilities. Please call first to know what the policy is. Call those homebound members to see what their preference is. You may wish to call or send a note to them.

**THOSE NEEDING PRAYER**

Rev. Paul Schaedig, Audrey Freeseemann, Alice Schwab, Bill McDowell, Daleth Pothast and Jennifer McCready.



On Thursday, June 1 we will have our monthly Bible study at 9:30 a.m. in the kitchen of the Parish Hall. We use the Gather magazine for our Bible study. All are invited to attend. We have great discussions as we study God's word. If you do not get the Gather, Syd can furnish you with a copy of the lesson. Of course there is always coffee and a snack. Bible study and snacks will be given by Deb McWhirter.

**IMPORTANT INFO TO ALL ST. JAMES GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:** If you are planning on attending school to further your education W-ELCA awards a \$150 scholarship to help you. There is an application form you need to fill out and it can be obtained by contacting Deb McWhirter.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL!!!!** The St. James Harvest Festival will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> in the Par-

ish Hall. We are going to offer lunch and this year there will be a Bake Sale Table, Crafts Table and Produce Table. We are looking forward to returning to our normal festival. If you have a craft you like to donate or bake goods and produce, we would love to have them to sell. All proceeds go toward our mission projects.

The Northeastern Iowa Women of the ELCA will hold their 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering at Trinity Lutheran in Belmond on June 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm.

**ALLISON DAY EVENT** will be held on Saturday, June 3. W-ELCA will have their BBQ Sandwich lunch that day. Garden Club will also be with us to serve their homemade pies. Volunteers will be needed. If you can help please call Deb McWhirter.

**SEWERS & CUTTERS:** Summer is a good time to cut squares and sew them together for the fall quilting days. Fabric is in the sewing cupboards in the Parish hall. Thanks in advance for helping.

The list of members unable to be out and about continues to grow. Help is needed to visit these members. The women visit each member who is homebound, once every two months. Those who presently visit find this a rewarding experience and are so glad they did the visit. Please give this prayerful consideration and join those who already visit. If you would like to help call Bonnie at 319-493-4404.  
God's Blessings Bonnie Dralle



**NO ACOLYTES THIS SUMMER**



**ALLISON CARE CENTER WORSHIP**

Worship with Holy Communion at the Allison Care Center is held on the 2nd Thursday of each month @ 9:15 A.M. Thanks to all who lead this service.



April

	Monthly	YTD
Income	\$15,107.46	\$50,359.34
Expense	\$50,447.76	\$103,188.00

### COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As this report is being put together, we are preparing for the final Sunday that Pastor Bauer is here at St. James. He has been a Godsend for us, challenging and leading us to be better and more active in the happenings at St. James, reaching out to others, thinking outside "the way we've always done this" and giving us plenty to reflect on. We will miss both he and Carol but it's time for them to truly enjoy "retirement". We look forward to welcoming Pastor Rebecca, Tim and the boys to our church family by August and should reflect on PBauer's comments in last month's newsletter about caring for a new pastor. In the meantime we are again faced with finding Sunday Supply pastors and with many options not available, we are also going to plan's B & C with worship ideas. Look forward to creative things being planned. We appreciate all the support and help when people step up to do when needs arise.

*thank you*

Norma Scroggin and the family of Lyle Scroggin would like to extend their deepest appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy they received. It is delightful to hear from so many people and welcome so many friends and family. Thanks to the many hands who prepared lunch and provided unexpected services to make the day easier.

St. James will always be our home church.

Blessings Norma Scroggin and family

### Dates to Remember in June

June has many special events that you might want to put on your calendar. Please read carefully so you know to "Save the Date".

June 2-3: Wilder Days. W-ELCA BBQ lunch 11:00-12:45

June 9-10: Synod Assembly Luther College, Decorah

June 17: Synodical Women of NEIA Gathering Trinity Lutheran, Belmond

June 24: Ordination of Rebecca Baird Wartburg Chapel, Wartburg College, Waverly

June 25: Reception for the Baird family at St. James

June 27-29: VBS 9:00-1:00 At Wilders Park, Allison



### COMMUNITY GARDEN

**St. James is looking for enthusiasm to help create and care for a community garden. If that your passion, call the church office at 319-267-2274 to add your name to a list of helpers.**



**Rebecca Baird, the called pastor of St. James, will soon be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. The service will take place at the Wartburg Chapel on the Wartburg College campus, Waverly with Bishop Kevin Jones presiding. A reception will follow. The Ordination invitation will be available soon and will be published for the congregation. It is our privilege to pray for the Baird family as they continually go into new norms of life and service to the church and community.**



## **St. James Council Meeting Minutes**

### **May 10, 2023**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Deb McWhirter. Meeting opened with prayer. Present: Deb McWhirter, Mystie Hummel, Dana Uhlenhopp, Jason Shaull, Scott Bruns, Duane Folkerts, Jill Ford, and Mindy Pecha – Financial Administrator.

The agenda was reviewed. Deb added one item to new business. Motion to approve agenda as amended by Scott, seconded by Mystie. Motion carried.

#### **REPORTS:**

**Treasurer's report** given by Mindy. Lots of expenses paid last month for the parsonage and ministry insurance. Monthly expenses totaled \$50,447.76. Total income was \$15,107.46. April cantors have been paid. January-March have not been paid yet but will be taken care of as voted on and approved at the Annual Meeting in January. Discussion resumed regarding moving money into bank accounts/CDs earning higher interest. Dana checked on available options and as voted on and agreed by the council, the following changes will be made: 12-month CD of \$60,000 at 4.5%, New Companion savings account with initial balance of \$30,000, and the remaining balance of approximately \$48,000 to be left in the checking account along with our existing CD of \$35,426. Two of the following three people can sign the TCD and savings account forms: Jeremy Idler, Mindy Pecha, and Karla Schmidt. This would also cover any other new accounts opened in the future. Pastor Bauer will be recognized during the May 14 service and breakfast. Motion from Dana to spend \$250 on a gift from the congregation, seconded by Jason. Motion carried.

**Secretary's report:** April minutes were reviewed. VBS will be held at Wilder Park rather than Bristow campsite. Motion to approve minutes by Scott, seconded by Mystie. Motion carried.

#### **Standing Committee Reports:**

**Education Committee:** Last Sunday School until fall will be held May 14 with games, etc.

**Evangelism:** Committee delivered May baskets. Working on brunch for May 14 following the service. Other upcoming events are being planned and will be listed in the bulletin.

**Property:** No meeting. Duane was approached and asked about the condition of the church roof. There may be other options available to avoid the \$40,000 cost of removing old

shingles. Deb will follow up with the property committee about requesting bids and checking other options.

**Stewardship & finance:** No meeting held. Dana suggested sending a midyear letter to the congregation with a recap of financials with our full-time pastor starting. Current finances are okay but giving will need to continue. Our next big project will be the roof which is extensive.

**Worship & music:** No report.

**Youth ministry:** No report. The last LOL will be held May 17 along with the last food & fellowship.

#### **Old Business:**

Cantors will be paid for January-March.

Still working on supply pastors for June-July. Weeks with no pastor available, other options will be considered including having a service with people's favorite hymns, lessons, liturgy, and no sermon. If visiting pastors bless the sacraments, communion could be given on a week without a pastor.

No word on Poet grant application yet.

#### **New Business:**

Request for donation from North Butler Little League. Motion to donate \$50 by Jill, seconded by Jason. Motion carried.

Welcome/shower for Baird family will be held Sunday, June 25, following the church service. Pastor Baird will be ordained on June 24 @ 1:00 at the Wartburg Chapel. She has asked Deb to present her for ordination. Open to the public.

Synod assembly to be held June 10th in Decorah. Deb is registered as a delegate.

Letter from City of Allison about sewer price increases. No action needed.

Leslie Groen contacted Deb regarding the possibility of an election polling site being held at the church rather than the courthouse basement. More information is needed and a vote by the congregation would be necessary in making this decision.

Motion to adjourn made by Scott, seconded by Jason. Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held June 14, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.