

FROM PASTOR NORM:

“622”

Dinner Church

Lent began on Ash Wednesday on February 22, 2023. So for the next forty days the Christian Church prepares for Holy Week with our Lenten disciplines of repentance, prayer and worship.

During the month of March, St. James Lutheran Church will once again have mid-week services in the fellowship hall. We begin our Wednesday evenings with a meal served from 5:00 to 6:15 +/- pm. This is a great time to enjoy delicious food, lively conversation and a sense of community.

622 Dinner Church will begin at 6:22 pm [+/- 7 minutes] – **get it?** Most of us have heard about dinner cruise or a dinner train, but we will be doing “**Dinner Church.**” A time with some singing, some liturgical chaos, maybe some noisy children, and a contextual sermon.

Katie Idler will once again lead us in singing some praise songs, we will have a very short liturgy, a single reading, and a short reflection [+/- 7 minutes]. This year’s mid-week Lenten theme is “**Habits Jesus Taught.**”

So, mark your calendar for St. James’ **622 Dinner Church** and get fed physically as well as spiritually.

In Christian Love,

Pastor Norm

From the Council President

The church council and call committee held a joint meeting with St. Peter's Council from Greene on February 15 at St. James. The purpose of the meeting was to collaborate in things we could do together to make each other stronger. We are not focused on combining or even sharing a pastor (or team ministry) but focused on strengths of each congregation that could be shared with the other congregation. We are currently sharing Luther League programs and also received supplemental help with confirmation. We have listed different areas that we could focus on and those ideas will be shared with both congregations in the near future. We will look for input from all members in this endeavor. If you have questions about this please reach out to any council member.

The Kidz Zone project was dedicated in January and we are adding more things as funding comes in. We are also looking forward to a Lenten season with Wednesday evening meals and short service open to all the community. Please consider participating in these evenings.



The Church Council voted at our January meeting to offer two pews, some older 8' tables and small wooden chairs for sale, donation, or gift to any member who may be interested. These are items that have been in storage for some years and we feel it's important to repurpose them to people who could use them. Please contact a council member or church office for more information.

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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 20th 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.

Wednesday nights are full of joy and fellowship. Thanks to all!

Thanks Pr. Bauer for sticking with us! You've been our guide, encourager and mentor. Thank you

Thank you for the gift of patience and discernment as we wait...

LUTHER LEAGUE MISSION TRIP

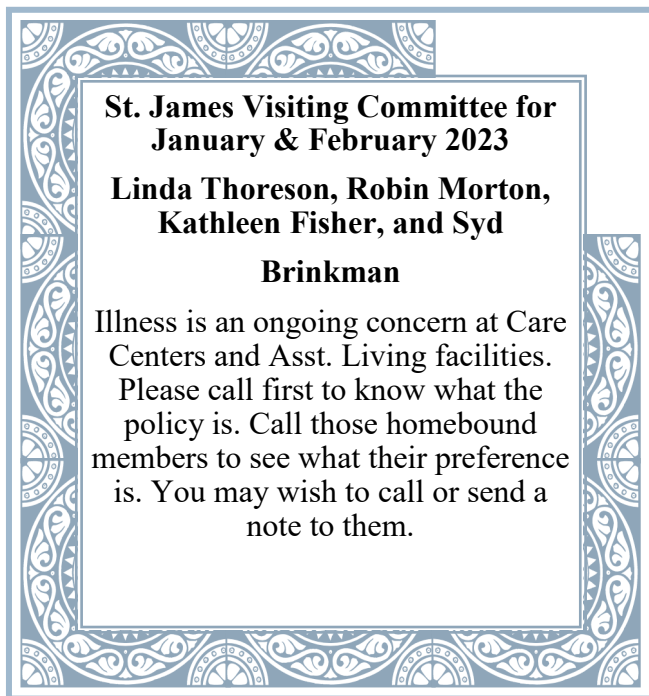
Do you know where the students are going?

Do you know how much it costs per student to go?

Have you asked about the fundraising projects?

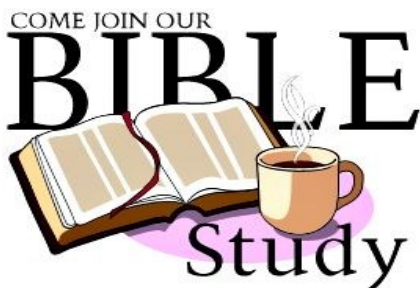
Who is all going?

We are proud of our students for doing mission work. They want to share about their fundraising efforts and their trip experiences. They will answer all your questions. It's all a part of shared ministry!



THOSE NEEDING PRAYER

Rev. Paul and Eileen Schaedig, Audrey Freeseemann, Austin Greenough and Bill McDowell.



When you read this article we will have had our foreheads marked with ashes to remind us of dust we came and to dust we will return. However, there is no fear in this reminder. When this happens you and I will already be enjoying life with our Savior forever. What a wonderful thing to look forward to.

On Thursday, March 2nd 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 Shirley Wubena.

National Quilting Day will be Saturday, March 18th.

In the 75 years of quilting for LWR over 28 million quilts have been made by faithful women and men. "Those who sleep under a quilt, sleep under a blanket of love." A chart of where 2022 quilts were sent is on the table under the bulletin board. I think many 2023 quilts will be going to those affected by the earthquake. Ladies keep up your good work!! The love you sew into the quilts are felt by those using them. God's blessing to all of you.

Sewing on Tuesday, March 21 and Wednesday, March 22. Sewing, tying and cutting begins at 9:00 am and finishes at noon. Help with non-sewing jobs are needed so don't be shy in coming. Just being with others is uplifting and enjoyable.

If you know someone who would like to join this mission work please bring them along-anyone is welcome. Fabric is always needed and all donations appreciated. Cutting and sewing of quilt squares is also needed. Thank you to those who are sewing quilt squares together. As you can see there are several things not requiring sewing skills. Give this mission need some prayerful thought.

LWR quilt gathering will soon be here. An item needed to fill School Kits is **70-80 sheets of Wide Lined Spiral Notebooks. 16 kits are sent and many notebooks are needed. NO LOOSE PAPER.** Items needed for **Personnel Health Kits are Heavy Duty Combs.** Spring Gathering is April 15 at Redeemer Lutheran in Waverly. Quilts and Kits are taken that day. We will pack all our donations the week before the Gathering. A huge thank you in advance for supporting our LWR Mission Project.

HARVEST FESTIVAL!!!! The St. James Harvest Festival will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 19th in the Parish 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 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.

W-ELCA 2023 Yearbooks are available and are on the table under the bulletin board. Dates of Bible study and other things we do are in the book.

God's blessings, Bonnie

HOLY



COMMUNION

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.



January

Income	January	YTD
	\$11,273.41	\$11,273.41
Expense	\$18,573.51	\$18,573.41

(includes payment on flooring in Kidz Zone

Income received for this in December)



ACOLYTES FOR MARCH

March 5: Isaac Endelman & Wrigley Endelman

March 12: Savanna Hummel & Tanner Lursen

March 19: Gavin Schrage & Jarrett Shear

March 26: Nadelyn Stanbrough & Wade Wangsness

April 2 (Palm Sunday): Conner Wubbena & Cora Barnett



LENT

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Wednesdays March 1, 8, 22, 29 will be LOL, Food & Fellowship then Dinner Church @ 6:22.

Spring Break is March 13-17 so there are no activities on Wednesday night.

The meal on March 22 is served by the Luther League in support of their mission trip to Montana. PLEASE support them in a "Big Sky" way!

Sunday, March 4, the First Communion class will make their pottery at St. Peter beginning at 4:30. First Communion class will be held March 19 and March 26, during the Sunday School hour, with the final class on April 1-Making communion bread with Bonnie Dralle during the Sunday School hour.



Thanks to the generosity of the McWhirter family, a new refrigerator has been placed in the Kidz Zone for ALL to use. There are LOL treats, Luther League snacks in there and maybe a S.S. something or 2. This fridge is a welcome addition to the space. THANK YOU McWhirter family!

No Confirmation classes during Lent!



St. James Council Meeting Minutes February 8, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice President Dana Uhlenhopp. Present: Dana Uhlenhopp, Pastor Bauer, Mystie Hummel, Aimee Deuell, Jim Davies, Duane Folkerts, Jason Shaull, Leslie Groen, Jeremy Idler, Jill Ford, and Financial Administrator Mindy Pecha.

Prior to addressing the agenda, Erin Mulder from St. Peter, along with Kaycee Wiebke and Mollie Buss, addressed the council regarding a Luther League mission trip to Bozeman, Montana July 15-22, 2023. A total of 15 kids plan to go including four from St. James. Erin gave some details and indicated that they are looking for 3-4 service projects to complete during their trip. Two vans have been rented. St. Peter requests some support/fundraising assistance from St. James to help fund this trip. St. Peter collects cans for redemption and pick up cans at River Days. They are holding a Lenten meal on Ash Wednesday, February 22. St. James is holding a Lenten meal on March 22. The cost is \$900 per child. One more chaperone is needed so anyone from St. James who is interested in chaperoning the trip can contact a council member to let them know. Luther League continues to meet once a month alternating between St. James and St. Peter.

Erin also provided information regarding the First Communion pottery projects. The cost is \$10 per child and there are six children from St. James participating. First Communion will be held on March 4th.

The agenda was reviewed. Items regarding the Youth Ministry discussion, boiler inspection, and the First Communion pottery project were added to new business. Motion to approve agenda from Leslie, seconded by Jason. Motion carried.

Reports:

Treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed. January income was \$11,273.41 and expenses totaled \$18,573.51 which included some one-time expenses for the Kidz Zone. Motion to approve report by Jason, seconded by Jim. Motion carried.

Secretary's report: January minutes reviewed. Motion to approve by Jeremy, seconded by Leslie. Motion

carried.

Pastor's report: Written report was reviewed. Pastor Bauer's last Sunday preaching at St. James will be May 21.

Standing committees:

No meetings held or reports received.

Youth Ministry: Luther League plans to provide \$400 per child for the four St. James kids going on the Montana mission trip. Other fundraising ideas were discussed including the March 22 Lenten meal, possibly designating noisy offering funds and/or a special offering. Council will review this item again at the May and June meetings to see if more money is needed to fully fund the trip.

Old Business:

Call committee update. Council agrees to continue discussions with Greene and share ideas for calling and possibly sharing a pastor or other services. A meeting will be held between the councils on February 15.

Parsonage updates. The kitchen remodel continues. Light fixtures and some of the new cabinets have been installed.

Basement kitchen. Update from Mindy re: expenses.

Repurposing of pews/tables. Add to weekly announcements that anyone in the congregation interested in purchasing one of the pews, please contact a council member.

New Business:

New copy/printer/scanner proposal moved to March meeting agenda.

First Communion Pottery expense: Motion from Leslie, seconded by Aimee for the council to approve payment of \$60. Motion carried.

Boiler: Inspector coming on the 15th.

Accept transfer to St. James of Kory, Laci, Olive, and Violet Hummel. Motion to approve from Duane, seconded by Mystie. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn from Leslie, seconded by Jill. Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held March 8, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.