



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.



February end

February offering income was \$9,969.76

YTD: \$20,090.85

Expenses: \$8,312.55 YTD: \$20,547.61

#### THOSE NEEDING PRAYERS

Travis Terry, Jeff Dreier, Sylvia Schrage, Ron Negan, and Rick Radcliffe



#### 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.



After worship on Palm Sunday, there will be coffee fellowship and intergenerational Stations of the Cross.



W-ELCA Bible Study will be held Thursday, April 2, at 9:30. We welcome your participation!

#### CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, March 28, will be GWOHouse at St. James. It's a clean up day beginning at 8:30. We will need many hands!



### ACOLYTE SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

- Apr. 5: 6:30-Luther League  
Owen Shaul & Presley Abbas
- Apr. 12: Henry Salge & Lulu Hummel
- Apr. 19: Wes Wangness & Braxton Buss
- Apr. 26: Carter Deuell & Brylen Stanbrough
- Mar. 29: Carter Deuell & Brylen Stanbrough



**The volunteers sew, fit for design and tie for security. They laugh, they chatter, they coffee. Yet what happens after all that? Where do these quilts go that are made with such love? The quilts will be boxed and driven by Joe Dralle (who deserves much thanks) and taken to Nazareth Lutheran, Cedar Falls, on Saturday, April 11. The boxes are put in a truck with many others, including assembled school kits and health kits, and head to a LWR distribution center. They are bundled, much like a bale of hay, and sent to grateful people around the world. The W-ELCA gather at their Spring Gathering at Nazareth Lutheran, to honor their accomplishments.**



First Communion will be on **April 2** during the Maundy Thursday service. Receiving a communion blessing this year are Lila Barnett, Emma Jo Schmidt, Kaylee Brinkman and Kiley Bergmann.

**St. James Visiting Committee for  
March & April 2026**

**Karla Schmidt, Paula Anderson,  
Deb McWhirter, Shirley Wubbena**

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



St. James Evangelism Committee will meet on April 6 but we wanted to highlight a few items to share with the membership. We want to thank all who participate in the bi-monthly Sunday potlucks - a great way to share good food & fellowship. And we appreciate all those people who have organized, prepared, & served Wednesday night meals. Any and all donations of time or food are greatly appreciated! We have FOUR more open meals on Wednesday nights to fill before the end of the school year. Please check the list and sign-up for a night.

We are holding a GOD'S WORK - OUR HOUSE - church cleaning morning on Saturday March 28. We will begin by 8:30 of any help for any amount of time is greatly appreciated. There will be jobs for any age or ability! Sunday March 29 will be coffee fellowship and tentatively plan a Stations of the Cross event following worship. And we are always looking for more members on Evangelism Committee or Volunteers to help with projects.



**April 19, following Sunday School**



St James Council Meeting Minutes – Date 2/11/2026

Meeting was call to order @ 6:08 pm by Ted.

Present: Greg Abbas, Paula Anderson, Danny Bohlen, Ted Koester, Robin Lursen, Andrew Morton, Amanda Wehrhan

Absent: John Endelman, Kiley Shear, Mindy Pecha

Devotions given by Ted

Electrical inspection and bug control added to agenda new business.

**Motion to approve (MTA) agenda will additions by Danny, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda. All Ayes. Motion carried.**

### REPORTS

*Treasurer:*

Months' income \$ 10,121.09 expenses \$ 12,235.06

Discussion: Motion to approve deferred to next meeting.

*Secretary: Minutes for January approved.*

### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Stewardship/Finance:* No report.

*Property:*

Randy Brinkman gave instructions on new chair lift to council members present. Indicates the price for the yearly inspection is \$ 525.00 with the Access Elevator Lift. He will call Schumacher Elevator to cancel any further services from them

**MTA cost by Andrew ,2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg. All Ayes. Motion Carried.**

Automatic door opener must be turned off when door is locked.

Discussion to put the Thermometer for the roof fund back out, since the goal has not been reached. This is to be a reminder for members to continue to give.

*Education/Youth Ministry:*

Will be painting in the nursery within the next several weeks.

Committee will be meeting within the next month.

*Worship/Music:* No Report.

*Evangelism:* No Report.

*Memorial:* No Report

*Transition:*

Committee of Deb McWhirter, Ted Koester, Kiley Shear & Paula Anderson met recently to discuss:

How to support supply pastors.

Deb will contact supply pastors for scheduling.

Having a Lay Sunday once a month.

Supper Church during Lent with a short service provided by church members.

Will review options discussed at last council meeting regarding what to do about keeping church within allotted time and contacting appropriate persons.

*Call:*

Jay Doeden chair, meeting 2/11/2026. Finalizing site profile. Committee active.

### OLD BUSINESS

Greeter responsibilities, usher schedule, devotion schedule.

Discussion: Reviewed greeter/usher responsibilities. These are posted. Joe Dralle will assume head usher duties for funerals. Usher schedule reviewed. Paula will contact previous non-council members to assure that they are willing to continue serving and will revise the current schedule. All council members assigned month for meeting devotions.

Luther League checking signer.

Kiley agreed to this at last meeting.

Status automated door opener.

This has been completed and is functional.

### NEW BUSINESS

Baird family request transfer membership.

Redeemer in Waverly.

**MTA by Paula, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danny. All Ayes. Motion carried.**

Supper Church 2/25, 3/4, 3/11 & 3/25 @ 6:15 pm.

Transition committee covered this.

Ash Wednesday (2/18) & Maundy Thursday (4/2) services.

Ash Wednesday/Holy Communion service will be held @ 6:15 pm. Team 2 ushering.

Maundy Thursday service time and ushering team to be determined.

Electrical inspection.

Insurance wants this to be done. Randy has called to set this up.

**MTA inspection and cost by Andrew, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda. All Ayes. Motion carried.**

Pest control.

Concerns voiced about pests. Randy obtained several payment options. First is every other month inspection/treatment @\$ 60/visit (\$360/year), if any problems they will return at no additional cost. Second is quarterly @ \$75/visit (\$ 300/year), if any problems they will charge for additional visit.

**MTA first option by Amanda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robin. All Ayes. Motion carried.**

Motion to Adjourn by Andrew, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda. Adjourned @ 6:53 pm

Next meeting March 11 @ 6 pm. Devotions by: Paula

Paula Anderson, Secretary