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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.

September end

September offering income was \$7,401.34

YTD: \$89,947.89

Expenses: \$12,900.98 YTD: \$266,564.69

THOSE NEEDING PRAYERS

Travis Terry, Jeff Dreier, Kent Gulick , Sylvia Schrage, Karen Bennett (Pr. Rebecca's mother), Ila Wangsness, Donna Fick and Michael Salge



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.



Education/Youth Ministry will be purchasing baskets and bins to place toys throughout the sanctuary. In addition, they would like to update the nursery by removing the unsafe crib, adding small furniture and painting. Below is an Amazon link for purchasing "wish list" items for this space. You can send the items directly to St. James @ 421 Main Street Allison.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3EFBJD1RKVEJA?ref=wl_share

WE WANT TO KNOW! How can the church best communicate with you? Email? Friday email? Text? Newsletter? Website? We are sincere..What do you see and read? office@stjamesallison.com

319.269.3657



St. James W-ELCA Bible study will be held on Thursday, November 6. This study will be a group study and is the Nov. lesson in the Gather magazine. The fellowship begins at 9:30, in the Parish Hall.

Part of the time together will be discussing and selecting an Advent service for Elm Springs on Saturday, Nov. 29th, set a time to make St. James candles and discuss the W-ELCA cookbook. Christmas gifts for the homebound will be ready by Nov. 29th.

THANK YOU

Thank you from St. James W-ELCA to all who attended, ate, worked/furnished items for our annual Harvest Festival. It was a slower day than before but it was also a success. Enough funds were generated to send donations to our mission projects-all because of **YOU!**

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Food & Fellowship is a FREE community meal offered at St James Wednesday nights from 5:00-6:30. Please come for the food and stay for the fellowship.

That being said, we NEED you to help in any way. For assistance call Deb McWhirter, 319-231-2667, for available dates, food ideas, anything you need, questions you may have, to make this happen! We really want to make this evening a success!



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Nov. 2: Blake Wubbena & Carter Deuell

Nov. 9: Lulu Hummel & Owen Shaull

Nov. 16: Braxton Buss & Brylen Stanbrough

Nov. 23: Henry Salge & Wes Wangsness

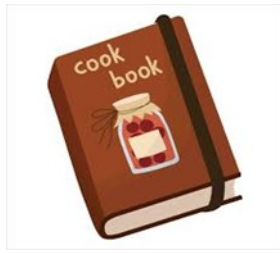
Nov. 30: Presley Abbas & Lulu Hummel



Each Sunday School child is needed to help present the Christmas story at St. James on Sunday, Dec. 14. Each child is vital in telling the story. Practices will be Sunday Dec. 7th, Wednesday Dec 10th at 5:30 (eat at church at join the practice) and Saturday Dec. 13th @ 9:30. There will be fellowship to follow the program with snacks and games!



The congregation would love to hear YOUR voices in a casual choir singing favorite hymns. Choir singing is planned for Sunday, Nov. 9 with practice to be held that Sunday at 8:15. Please contact Shirley Wubbena @ 641.330.7903 for more information!



The St. James W-ELCA is requesting your submission of 3 or 4 of your favorite recipes. Recipes should be turned in by January 5. If your recipe has been published elsewhere, please give credit to the creator. We'd love to have the cookbook ready for the 2026 Harvest Festival. A box for your recipes will be on the entry table by the parish hall. Thank you in advance for all the good recipes we know you have. Remember Lutherans have some of the best cooks!



GET CREATIVE

The Evangelism Committee will be holding a Christmas Tree decorating contest. A small 2-4' tree can be decorated to share throughout the church for display by Dec. 6. There will be a vote the week of Dec. 7-14 and a prize for the winner.



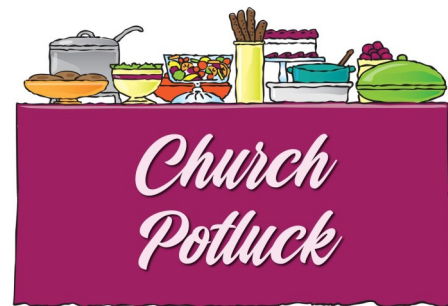
There is a longstanding practice at St James during the Advent season of donating poinsettias to be placed in the chancel in honor or memory of loved ones. They are ordered from the Allison Variety Store through the church office for \$12.00. Deadline to order is **SUNDAY DEC. 7. Order envelopes are available on the**

**St. James Visiting Committee for
Nov. & Dec. 2025**

Bonnie Dralle, Roberta Wiegmann, Shirley Wubbena, Nancy Davies, Connie Wix & Deb McWhirter

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.

table in the back of the sanctuary or the church office.



The Evangelism Committee is hosting a potluck following church and Sunday School on Nov. 16 beginning at 11:00 a.m. Bring a dish and come and share a fellowship time.



The Advent season will soon be upon the church. Can you help us set up and fluff the trees? We'd like to decorate on Sunday, Nov. 30th and if there are new ideas-we'd love to incorporate them into our worship space. We are not afraid of change!

St. James Council Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Jim Davies. Present: Amanda Wehrhan, Robin Lursen, Leslie Groen, John Endelman, Ted Koester, Andrew Morton, Kiley Shear, Aimee Duell, Alyssa Endelman, Mindy Pecha, Randy Brinkman and Pastor Rebecca Baird. Devotions given by Pastor Rebecca. All ayes. Motion carried. Motioned by Aimee, second by Alyssa to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: August income was \$14,938.93. August expenses totaled \$13,496.61. Motion by Ted, second by Robin to approve the Treasurer's report. All ayes. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Motioned by Pastor Rebecca to approve the August 13, 2025, minutes with edits, second by Kiley. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motioned by Pastor Rebecca to approve the September 3, 2025, minutes with edits, second by Aimee. All ayes. Motion carried.

Property Committee: See old business for quotes on ADA items

Education/Youth Ministry: Amanda shared they will be purchasing baskets and bins to place toys throughout the sanctuary. In addition, they would like to update the nursery by removing the unsafe crib, adding small furniture and painting. Motioned by Amanda, second by Alyssa to approve painting a mural in the nursery to be completed by Aimee Duell this fall. Alyssa suggested utilizing unused Sunday School funds to cover the costs of materials, toys, etc.

Memorial Committee: The ADA items will be purchased with Memorial Funds.

Worship & Music: Recently met and made service selections.

Pastor Rebecca's Report: This past month Pastor has been completing general housekeeping of administrative tasks and good-byes since announcing her resignation. She has also been preparing the conclusion of call liturgy for the Sept. 28th service. Pastor Rebecca mentioned the funeral for Pat Feltus on August 27th, she officiated Madison Klingenberg's wedding on September 6th and will be officiating Michaela Shear's wedding on September 20th.

Old Business:

Randy provided information related to ADA items including a replacement lift and push button handicap door. The ADA compliance updates will be purchased with Memorial Funds. Ted explained the council could approve the handicap door because it is under the purchase threshold, but the new lift is over and

requires a congregational vote. Dates were discussed told had a congregational vote for the combined ADA items. Motion by Kiley, second by Ted to set October 5th for the congregational vote. All ayes. Motion carried

Ted will create a sign-up sheet for worship duties to be reviewed next month.

New Business:

Microphones – Jay Doeden has offered to fund new microphones and offered written suggestions. Alyssa will reach out to Jay for additional suggestions and vendors for getting quotes.

Roof Committee – There will be a roof dedication on the September 21st and the committee would like to wrap-up even though the goal has not been met. Council discussed options to continue offering and accepting roof donations in the future to reach the goal. Motion by Kiley to dissolve the roof committee following the September 21st dedication, second by Andrew. All ayes. Motion carried.

Pastor Rebecca and Jim discussed the use of a Transition team consisting of a group of 5 to 6 individuals to assist with pulpit supply, congregational worship helps, funerals, hospital visits, Sunday School, etc. Pastor Rebecca suggested reaching out to individuals with leadership roles on committees to help. She also mentioned Steve Bracket will talk to Council about this next month.

Jim read through constitution and found that offering counters should not be an officer in the church; therefore, Ted cannot be both a counter and Vice President. Amanda has volunteered to take over as Vice President. Motion by Andrew, second by Kiley to replace Ted with Amanda as Vice President of Church Council. All ayes. Motion carried. Jim also shared concerns with Pastor Rebecca leaving and needing help and support to get through the months ahead.

Pastor Rebecca asked for six readers during the conclusion of call liturgy service on Sept 28th – Need to have reading parts. Amanda, Robin, Aimee (including Carter and Ava) and Kiley volunteered.

Church Council held an exit interview with Pastor Rebecca. She provided an insightful prospective for St James to utilize during the call process.

Motioned to adjourn made by Andrew, second by Aimee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m. Next meeting will be held October 10th at 5:30 p.m.

Congregational Meeting for Chair Lift and ADA Door Opener

October 5, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by Council President Jim Davies. Randy Brinkman from the presented the quotes and recommendations from the Property Committee. The quotes up for approval are as follows:

Lift – Access Elevator & Lifts Inc, Des Moines: \$46,450.00; if we take the old lift out, they will deduct \$1,000, bringing the total to \$45,450.00. We can dispose of the old lift in the metal recycle bin by the school bus barn. There is only one quote for this as Access is the only one in our region that works in Iowa.

ADA Door Opener

1. Walsh Door & Security, Des Moines: \$5,125.00 installed less electrical work
2. DH Pace, Des Moines: \$3,080.00 installed less electrical work

Electrical – Wedeking Electric: \$1,987.33

Final Proposal

Lift - Access: \$46,450.00 + tax \$3,251.50 = \$49,701.50

ADA Door Opener – DH Pace: \$3,080.00 (tax included)

Electrical - Wedeking Electric: \$1,987.22

Total for whole project: \$54, 768.72

Less removal if we remove and dispose: (\$1,000.00)

TOTAL: \$53,768.72

Discussion was held on the project. There were questions on the weight limit (600# - which is the highest weight rating), placement of the lift (where current one is) and using memorial funds that were designated for the ADA updates. Motion was made by Deb McWhirter to proceed with a vote to approve all three aspects of the final proposal for a total of \$53,768.72. Paula Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Kathy Bruns then made a motion to vote by show of hands versus a paper ballot. Jason Shaull seconded the motion. Motion Carried. President Davies asked for a show of hands for in favor. All present raised hand in favor, no opposed. Motion carried for the project.

Linda Thoreson made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Danny Bohlen.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectively,

Kiley Shear