



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.



January end

January offering income was \$10,121.09

YTD: \$10,121.09

Expenses: \$12,235.06 YTD: \$12,235.06

THOSE NEEDING PRAYERS

Travis Terry, Jeff Dreier, Sylvia Schrage, Karen Bennett (Pr. Rebecca’s mother), and Ron Negan



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.



W-ELCA Bible Study will be held Thursday, March 5, at 9:30. We welcome your participation!



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

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 MARCH

- Mar. 1: Lulu Hummel & Owen Shaul
- Mar. 8: Braxton Buss & Carter Deuell
- Mar. 15: Wes Wangsness & Henry Salge
- Mar. 22: Presley Abbas & Blake Wubbena
- Mar. 29: Carter Deuell & Brylen Stanbrough



The Synodical W-ELCA will hold their convention on June 20th at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Mason City. Registration forms can be picked up in the church office. Forms are also available in the church office for Continuing Education Scholarship, Nomination forms for officers and Board members, and Scholarship form for a convention first-time attendee. Please give your participation some prayerful thought.



Most weeks a noisy offering is collected at St. James to the delight of young and older. There have been many projects over the years-local, regional and global. This time we will collect for ThreeHouse, a campus ministry on the UNI campus welcoming all to be in community with one another, exploring ideas of faith, identity and future. ThreeHouse is supported by several denominations . All are welcome. All are loved. No exceptions.



Holy Communion instruction will be on **Sunday, March 1 at 1:00** at St. Peter in Greene, where we’ll create pottery and learn about Holy Communion. We will also meet on **Sunday, March 8** during Sunday School. First Communion will be on **April 2** during the Maundy Thursday service. Please consider whether your child is ready to receive Communion instruction. It’s important that this decision is made as a family, as you know your child best! If you feel it’s the right time for your child to learn more about Holy Communion, they are welcome to join! Please contact Ted Koester, Council President, if you have any questions.



St James Council Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 1025 by Jim Davies (Exited after election of officers). Present: Paula Anderson, Ted Koester, John Endelman, Danny Bohlen, Greg Abbas, Andrew Morton, Kiley Shear. Absent: Amanda Wehrhan, Robin Lursen.

Devotions given by Danny Bohlen.

Motion to approve (MTA) agenda by Kiley, Second by John. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Treasurer’s: MTA – Danny, 2nd – Andrew. All ayes. Motion carried.

Secretary’s: MTA December minutes– Kiley, 2nd – Andrew. All ayes. Motion carried.

John made a motion to add “discussion on worship” to the agenda, 2nd – Kiley.

Election of Officers:

President – Ted Koester, Vice President – John Endelman. Motion by Kiley, 2nd – Andrew. All ayes. Motion carried.

Secretary – Paula Anderson. Motion by Danny, 2nd – Ted. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer – Danny Bohlen.

Standing Committee Reports:

Reviewed committee membership with council members.

Stewardship & Finance – Danny

Short discussion regarding CD's/investing. Consult Dana for recommendations.

Property- John & Paula

Education/Youth Ministry – Amanda

Evangelism – Kylie & Robin

Worship/Music - Andrew

Memorial – Ted will review committee makeup for February agenda

Pastor's – None

Old Business - None

New Business

Ted will establish devotion schedule, usher schedule and duties.

Kylie volunteered to be the signer for the Luther League checking and savings acct.

Discussion regarding church going over allotted time. What can be done to avoid this. Options included:

No children's sermon or special music on communion Sundays.

Shorten the number of verses sung with a hymn.

Discontinue passing offering plates.

Move noisy offering to another time during the service.

Discontinue sharing of the peace.

Decrease communion to once a month. Motion by Andrew, 2nd – Danny. 6 ayes/1 nay. Motion carried.

Discussed Transition committee needing to meet to establish how to assist with obtaining supply pastors and lay led services.

Determined that council meeting will be the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday February 11, 2026 at 6:00 pm. Devotions by Ted. Instruction on how to use the new lift will occur at 5:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn was made by Andrew, 2nd - Ted. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Paula Anderson, Secretary

