



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.

November end

November offering income was \$11,395.96

YTD: \$108,927.35

Expenses: \$13,587.83 YTD: \$328.699.19

THOSE NEEDING PRAYERS

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



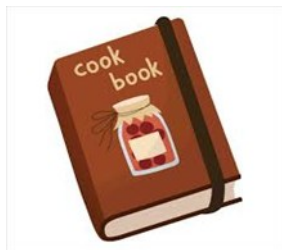
W-ELCA Bible Study will be held Thursday, Jan. 8, at 1:00 due to a morning conflict.

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.



Thank you to the best volunteers there are! It's been a transitional season in the congregation and yet you make yourself available. Blessings in the New Year-the congregation is counting on you!



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!

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!

**St. James Visiting Committee for
Jan & Feb. 2026**

**Linda Thoreson, Kathleen Fisher,
Syd Brinkman**

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.



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

Jan. 4: Wes Wangsness & Lulu Hummel
 Jan. 11: Blake Wubbena & Owen Shaull
 Jan. 18: Braxton Buss & Henry Salge
 Jan. 25: Presley Abbas & Brylen Stanbrough



St. James will hold its Annual Meeting Sunday, Jan. 18 immediately following worship. If you serve as chair of a committee, please have your reports to the office by Sunday, Jan. 11 so that the report book can be assembled. Thank you! There will be a call for a vote on constitutional changes.



The Altar Guild is looking for another volunteer to serve. If you can help out for one month a year, please call Linda Thoreson at 319.267.2472



St. James Council Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Jim Davies. Present: Leslie Groen, Ted Koester, Alyssa Endelman, Danny Bohlen, Andrew Morton, Robin Lursen, Amanda Wehrhan and Aimee Duell. Devotions given by Alyssa Endelman. Motioned by Andrew, second by Alyssa to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: October income was \$15,185.90 and October expenses totaled \$48,546.67. Motion by Leslie, second by Andrew to approve the Treasurer's report. All ayes. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Motioned by Amanda, second by Jim to approve the October 8th minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Stewardship and Finance: They will be meeting in the next few weeks to discuss the 2026 Budget.

Property Committee: Jim said we need an exterminator, and Aimee will provide a name. The new lift will be installed in December and the ADA operator door will also be installed soon.

Education/Youth Ministry: They have received everything requested on their Amazon wish list for the nursery updates and will be requesting additional items. They will be painting the nursery and repurposing the furniture.

Worship Committee: They are working on advent liturgy and will be adding in a few more contemporary hymns. The Children's Program is on December 14th.

Evangelism: They hosted a Trunk or Treat booth, are collecting winterwear for North Butler schools, and there is a potluck on November 16th. They are also hosting a festival of trees event and would like Christmas trees setup by December 6th. During fellowship on December 14th there will be a Christmas cookie exchange. They are also working on a possible live nativity scene.

Old Business:

Council decided the Christmas Eve service would be at 6 pm. Kiley and Leslie will assist high schoolers with the Christmas Eve service.

New Business:

Motioned by Leslie, second by Aimee to approve the purchase of two new computers for the office and balcony. There is a Windows update that is no longer supported on the old computers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Karla Schmidt was present and asked about making a change to the counting offering policy regarding check copies. Options were discussed and Ted will work with Karla to find a solution to present to the council.

Jay Doeden provided a letter to council to consider. He would like to address church attendance and participation.

Ted asked for items or projects to be added to the Memorial Fund suggested project list. Leslie mentioned possible Alter Guild items and will contact Linda Thoreson.

Deb McWhirter asked council to consider moving from 12 to 9 church council members. She explained it would require amending the constitution and two congregational votes. Motioned by Robin, second by Andrew to move forward with plans to reduce church council from a 12 to a 9-member body. All ayes. Motion carried.

Jim mentioned end-of-year reports and provided a list of recommendations that will be needed to be reviewed/approved for 2026.

Motioned to adjourn made by Andrew, second by Alyssa. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m. Next meeting will be held December 10th, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.