

FROM PASTOR NORM:

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One hundred is the number of weekly worshippers on average a congregation must have to afford its own full-time minister.

Pre-Covid numbers at St. James for the year of 2019 = 101 Average Weekly

Post-Covid numbers at St. James for the year of 2021 = 65 Average Weekly

I just thought you needed to know!

In Christian Love,
Pastor Norm

From the Council President

So many things are happening at St. James and September has been the kickoff for many activities. A big thank you to Pastor Bauer for encouraging and pushing us to "God's Work - Our Hands", an outreach program through the ELCA. Sunday September 11 was a very special day for many of us. Through the leadership of Jay Schrage, who reached out to people for projects, lined up team captains for the projects and through a Thrivent Action Team grant, many community projects happened. For all those who took part in any way - thank you! And for those of you who were unable to join in that particular day, we will do this kind of project again and look forward to more "bringing the church to the community". John Heeren and our Food committee did a great job with lunch. A special thank you to Fawn Wiebke for taking photos and sharing all that's happening on our FB page.

Other things happening in September included Rally Day Sunday which was another big success. The Education committee did a great job of reaching out to our youth and planning a great kickoff! The church looked very festive and ice cream sundaes were a nice treat. We are also kicking off the second year of LOL - the Wednesday after school program for youth. Confirmation begins also and we will be serving another Food & Fellowship informal meal every Wednesday evening through November from 5:00- 6:25 pm between LOL & Confirmation. There are leaders for each Wednesday evening meal but volunteers are welcome to help anytime. Contact the church office to find out who is leading the meal each week if you'd like to volunteer.

Our Luther League kids are working with St. Peter's church in Greene on a joint Luther League program with the help of Billie Buss & Erin Mulder. All High school youth are welcome to join in!

Thank you to everyone who helps in any way to make programs and events happen at St. James. So many behind the scenes people work to do so much and it is greatly appreciated.



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.



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.

Thank you to the many who volunteered For God's Work, Our Hands. What a success!

Thank you to the volunteers who organized a memorable Rally Sunday. Our spirits were uplifted and the ice cream wasn't bad either!

Thank you to the many volunteers who help with LOL. The children are so excited each week to just have fun!

Thank you to the many who have stood in the kitchen preparing meals for the community. An act of love!

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

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.



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!

**St. James Visiting Committee for
September & October 2022**

**Deb McWhirter, Pr. Cal Fick,
Connie Wix**

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

able to visit dwindles. If you would like to spend sometime visiting, **PLEASE** contact the church office or Bonnie Dralle. You've touched their lives in ways you'll never know!

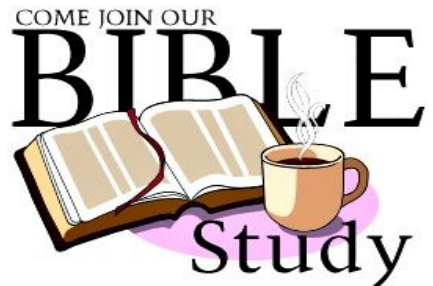
Harvest Blessings Bonnie Dralle, President



August	
Income	Year to date
\$12,770.745	\$104,293.12
Expense	
\$9,232.77	\$97,908.45

THOSE NEEDING PRAYER

Sally Beltz, Rev. Paul and Eileen Schaedig, Audrey Freeseemann, BJ Foster, and Matthew Anderson.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Thank You just doesn't seem like enough to say to everyone who prepared the meal for the Harvest Festival, donated food items for the meal and the bake sale, who made a financial contribution and for those who decorated inside and out giving visitors a feeling of Fall. It was great to visit with those who enjoyed a meal or were able to utilize a carry-out.

The W-ELCA October meeting will be held on Thursday, October 6th at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Linda Thoreson will guide the Bible Study and furnish treats. The Gather magazine is used for the Bible study and if you do not receive one, Syd will furnish you with a copy of the study. Please take note the Gather now has 2 months in the 6 issues so you will receive 6 issues instead of 10-12 issues as before. Please join us!

It is because of you the Harvest Festival is a success each year. The approximate \$1,000 will be used for mission projects. It takes many hands to make this happen and we could not do it without you. Thanks again.

School supplies are being collected and can be placed in the tub under the foyer table. A list of items is printed on pink colored paper. Thank you in advance for your gifts which will be given to Lutheran World Relief.

Bonnie Dralle, Pres. Deb McWhirter, Coordinator

The September-October Visiting List is printed for you in the first column of this page. Those who enjoy home visits continues to grow while those who are

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The congregation will honor Pr. Bauer's 25th Anniversary of Ordination on Sunday Oct. 16. There will be a light reception following worship for a time of greetings.

Thank You!

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and concerns following my knee surgery and recovery. This wasn't in my summer *to do* list but doing okay now. Thanks again Joe Dralle

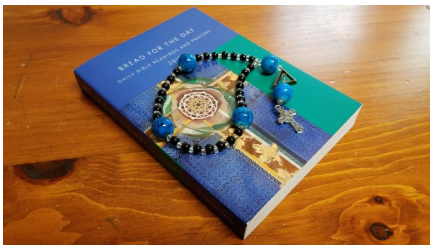
St. James-Words can not express our appreciation for all that you did on Sunday at Elm Springs. Our windows are shiny and we also noticed other extra jobs were completed. Thank all the workers for us!! And thank you for thinking of helping us here!

Sincerely Judy Ott and the Elm Spring tenants

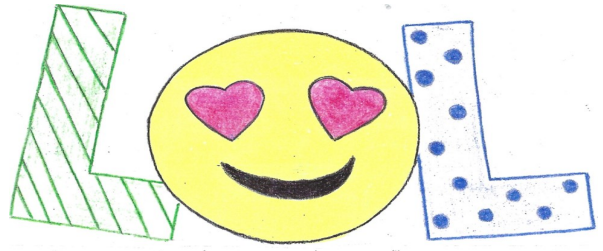
Thank you for all the prayers during Joseph's illness. They were appreciated by his entire family and by Joseph. Thank you for the cards and other gifts after his death. I know there is nothing better to ease ones pain in the death of a loved one, than a family like all of you are. God bless all of you. Bonnie



Aaron Joseph Idler, son of Jeremy & Kathryn Idler, was received into the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on September 25th. Wyatt's sponsors are Rev. Kyle and Alexandra Barton and Matthew Tressel. Congratulations to Jeremy, Katie and Casey as they welcome Aaron.



Devotional materials for Oct.—Dec. are now available on the narthex table or in the office. Please pick up your favorite(s).



LIVE ON LOVE

The community after school program has begun for grades 1-6 Wednesday, September 21, hosted by St. James. The afternoon will run from 3:30-5:00 while school is in session. NO SCHOOL-NO PROGRAM! Offered are adult supervision, different activity centers and snacks. ALL are welcome. Contact Nancy Davies (563.422.8255) or Daleth Pothast (319.415.9683) for additional information.

If you can help as a mentor or provide snacks, there is a sign up sheet on the foyer table or chat with Daleth or Nancy.



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, October 30th, 4 young people will participate in the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism. God's blessing to Preston Debner, Rowdy Groen, Brennan Steere and Hannah Wangsness as they live out their faith in Christ. Look for their "Visual Faith Project". We will try to remember to take pictures and include them in further publications!



Acolyte Schedule for October

- October 2-Preston Debner & Walker Buss
 - October 9-Rowdy Groen & Isaac Endelman
 - October 16-Brennan Steere & Wrigley Endelman
 - October 23-Hannah Wangsness & Wade Wangsness
 - October 30-Cora Barnett & Jarrett Shear
- Please contact a fellow student to switch if you have a conflict!

St. James Council Meeting Minutes September 14, 2022

President Deb McWhirter called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Present: Pastor Bauer, Deb McWhirter, Jeremy Idler, Ted Koester, Dana Uhlenhopp, Jason Shaull, Mystic Hummel, Scott Bruns, Jill Ford, and Mindy Pecha-Financial Administrator. Also present for the meeting: Bethani Shaull and Steve and Robin Morton. Meeting opened with devotions and prayer from Deb.

Agenda was reviewed. One item added to new business re: extending Pastor Bauer’s contract. Motion to approve agenda by Jason, seconded by Jeremy. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Pastor Bauer gave his report and discussed with the council the possibility of remaining at St. James beyond the end of his contract at the end of October. Pastor indicated he would be able to extend his contract through May 2023. Scott moved to accept Pastor’s report and approve his accounting expenses, seconded by Jeremy. Carried.

Treasurer’s report was given by Mindy for the months of July and August. July income was \$10,759.72 with expenses of \$8,121.02. August income was \$12,770.45 with expenses of \$9,232.77. Motion to approve reports from Dana, seconded by Ted. Motion carried.

Secretary’s report: Motion to approve July minutes by Ted, seconded by Scott. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports:

Education: Rally Sunday to be held September 18 with a sundae bar afterwards. All Sunday school positions are filled.

Evangelism: God’s Work, Our Hands was a great success. Thank you to all of the volunteers who worked and helped

our community. Food and Fellowship meals will be held on Wednesdays from 5:15-6:30 between LOL and confirmation. These meals are free and will be held through November 30th. The public is welcome.

Bethani Shaull suggested having James Aissen, a musician from Clarksville, perform a holiday program at St. James open to the public. She will contact him to see if he is available on November 27th, the First Sunday of Advent, for a 2:00 p.m. show, or an alternative date of December 4th if he’s not available on November 27th. Payment will be made by the church with a free will offering at the event.

No formal reports from the Property or Stewardship & Finance committees.

Worship & Music: Robin Morton addressed the council regarding the shortage of organists/musicians during the upcoming winter months. Vivian Green was contacted and agreed to play one Sunday a month and to fill in if/when necessary. Katie Idler has also agreed to play and will accompany on guitar. There may be an occasional Sunday when there is no organist or musician available. The committee is working on a copyright license for the “Praise” hymnals so the music can be displayed on the screen during services.

Youth Ministry: LOL, confirmation classes, and Sunday School are all beginning soon. St. James Luther League is currently holding combined meetings with St. Peter’s Luther League.

OLD BUSINESS:

Call committee: No news or updates.

Tree in front of parsonage was taken down.

Training for home communion is done and will be starting the first Sunday in October. Additional volunteers are still needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee lists were reviewed and updated.

Basement kitchen ideas: Pastor Bauer suggested removing kitchen items and setting up a rec room for the kids. Cost to demo/remove current kitchen items will be looked into.

Council approved purchasing the copyright license for “Praise” book and will ask Syd to also check into the cost of a license for the “Whirl” videos.

Council discussed and voted to have Pastor Bauer stay on as interim pastor, including adding 5 additional hours each week for confirmation. Motion to approve from Ted, seconded by Scott. Carried.

Brett and Susan Langfritz requested transfer of their membership to their current church in Wisconsin. Motion to approve from Dana, seconded by Deb. Approved.

Motion to adjourn from Scott, seconded by Ted. Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held October 12, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.