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THOSE NEEDING PRAYERS

Jeff Dreier, Sylvia Schrage, Rick Radcliffe, Peg Shultz, Karen Short, Connie Wix, and Kirsten Tressel (Katie Idlers mother)



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.



September end

September offering income was $12,210,90 YTD: $83,384.56 Expenses: $7,283.44 YTD:$76,681.33



Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 1, 2026, at 2:00 a.m. local time.
At 2:00 a.m., clocks move **back one hour to 1:00 a.m.**

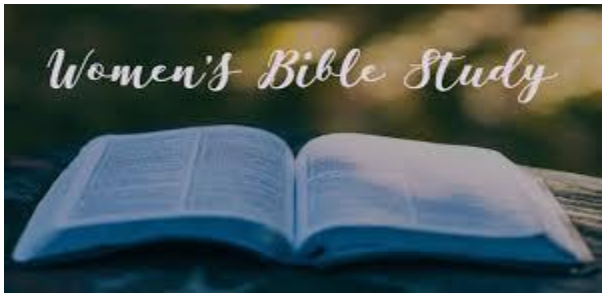


Ecumenical Thanksgiving service will be held Sunday, Nov. 22th @ 6:00 @ St. James Lutheran Church

St. James Visiting Committee for Nov. & Dec. 2026

Bonnie Dralle, Deb McWhirter, Nancy Davies, Karla Schmidt, Roberta Wiegmann

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.



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



St. James quilting will resume January 19th at 9:00. The quilting committee needs sheets for quilts this fall. Any condition, any size is fine. Just sack up and bring to the church! Thanks!



Nov. 1: Lulu Hummel & Owen Shaull

Nov. 8: Presley Abbas & Brylen Stanbrough

Nov.15: Steven Wangsness & Owen Shaull

Nov. 22: Lulu Hummel & Presley Abbas

Nov. 29: Brylen Stanbrough & Presley Abbas



Each Sunday School child is needed to help present the Christmas story at St. James on Sunday, Dec. 13. Each child is vital in telling the story. Practices will be Sunday Nov. 29, and Saturday Dec. 12th @ 9:30-11:30. There will be fellowship to follow the program with snacks and games!



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. 6. Order envelopes are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary or the church office.**

All Saints Day
Sunday, November 1, 2026

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.



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!



Members of the St James Call Committee may just spot you or your activity and include it in their video. This video will highlight St. James and the important ministries happening at St. James



St James Council Meeting Minutes 9/9/2026

Meeting was call to order @ 5:59 pm by Ted

Paula Anderson, Danny Bohlen, John Endelman, Ted Koester, Robin Lursen, Andrew Morton, Kiley Shear, Amanda Wehrhan

Absent: Greg Abbas

Devotions given by John

Changes to agenda: Randy Brinkman here for property committee, Call committee video, Syd Brinkman - newsletter

Motion to approve (MTA) agenda by Amanda, 2nd by Robin. MC.

REPORTS

Treasurer: Mindy Pecha

Months' income $10,142.45 expenses $ 5,328.36

Discussion: Payroll process upgrade no new information. Will notify when changes occur.

Pastor Kim not cashing checks/donating his time.

MTA taking funds from Music account to pay for shade motor for organ by John, 2nd by Andrew. MC

MTA report by Kiley, 2nd by John. MC.

Secretary: Paula

Discussion: None

MTA by John, 2nd by Andrew. MC

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education/Youth Ministry: No Report

Stewardship/Finance: No Report

Worship/Music: No Report

Memorial: No Report

Transition: Discussion: Met 9/6/26. Messages for lay Sunday covered for rest of the year. Bonnie 9/13, Deb 10/11, & Paula 11/8. Christmas program 12/13.

Need someone to reach out to other churches for Thanksgiving Eve service November 25.

Will Luther League be planning a Christmas Eve service? Kiley will check into this.

Deb will check with evangelism committee about new recipient for Noisy Offering.

Property: Discussion: The louvers have been caulked and repairs have been made. Lightening caused damage to the organ, sound board, video adaptor, air conditioning in the pastors office, and the laptop used for PowerPoint. Church has a $5000 deductible with insurance. Thus far there are bills from Dumont Telephone – $157.50, Butler County Computers – $187.23, Levsen Organ Company - $2,428.00. There are some items that need to be ordered to make repairs.

MTA that repair parts can be ordered and money will be transferred out of savings into building account (all bills related to lightening will be paid out of this account for ease of accounting) by Paula, 2nd by Danny. MC.

Call: Discussion: There is an option on the Synod website to have a video about our Church. Jay is checking into this for our Church. Jay will check on cost and discuss with call committee if they want to move forward.

Evangelism: Had meeting 9/8/2026. No report

Pastor's Report: Discussion: Synod has sent out an invitation for Disaster Response Volunteer training to be held Tuesday October 6 from 2:00 – 6:00 pm at St John's Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls. Register at thomasj@neiasynod.org

OLD BUSINESS

1. God's Work/Our Hands. 9/13/26. Discussion: Have put off at this time.
2. North Butler Schools use of St James for "Fallout" exercise. Discussion: Occurred 9/4/26.
3. Reformation Sunday/Conformation 10/25/2026. Discussion: Pastor Kim will confirm our students. Renae Salge will help organize.
4. Organ & sound system repairs. Discussion: See Property committee report.

New Business

1. Fall Festival. Discussion: In October
2. Thanksgiving Eve services. Discussion: Ted will reach out to other Churches.
3. Advent Services. Discussion: Would like to do lay led on Wednesday nights after community meal. Paula will check into this.
4. Compensation for St Peter pastor for conformation instruction? Discussion: Feel this would be appropriate. Perhaps at Christmas. Have students sign card. Further discussion tabled at this time.

5. Syd Brinkman – Microsoft will no longer support current newsletter software. Syd has requested Carson Lewis assist with setting up the CANVA layout.

Motion to Adjourn by Robin, 2nd by Kiley. Adjourned @ 6:38 pm.

Next meeting October 14, 2026@ 6:00 pm. Devotions by Danny.

Submitted by Paula Anderson, Secretary