



**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 those volunteers at LOL each Wednesday night. The kids are surrounded by wonderful mentors!

Thank you to Christin Flucke and her commitment to the confirmation ministry at St. James.

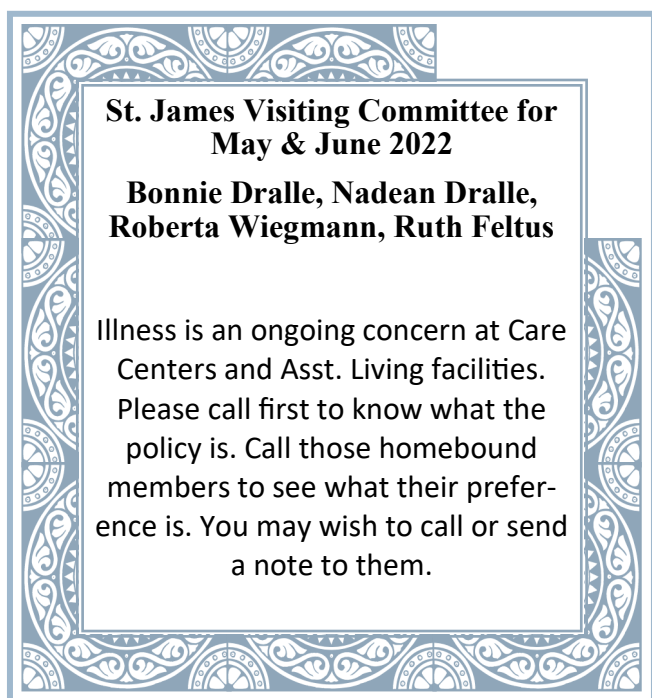
Thank you to the graduates at all levels of education for allowing St. James to hold you in prayer and welcome you home when we see you.



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!

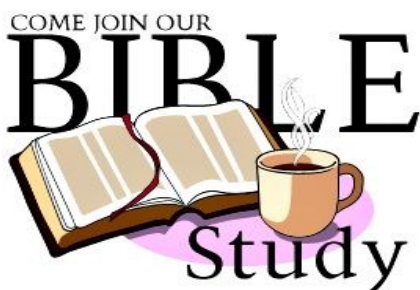
### ALLISON CARE CENTER WORSHIP

Worship with Holy Communion at the Allison Care Center is held on the 2nd Thursday of each month @ 9:15 A.M.



### THOSE NEEDING PRAYER

Marlene (Mrs. Rick) Miller, Sally Beltz, Rev. Paul and Eileen Schaedig, Joseph Thorne, Audrey Freese-mann, BJ Foster, Bill McDowell, Matthew Anderson, and Lyle & Norma Scroggin.



The W-ELCA May meeting will be held on Thursday, June 2nd at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Bonnie Dralle will furnish treats and guide the Bible Study. 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. **Fabric is needed to begin making more quilts in the fall.** The 95 quilts that were made and sent emptied the cupboards. Cotton fabric is preferred.

Wilder Day's is June 4 and once again W-ELCA will have lunch available. IF you can help, please call Deb McWhirter or Bonnie Dralle.

The 2022 June Gathering will be held at St. John's Lutheran in Nashua on June 18, 2022. It will be a half-day ses-

sion beginning at 8:30 and end with a noon lunch. Friends of the Family in Waverly was chosen for the in-kind gifts during the Gathering. The needs are: *towels & wash-cloths, twin xl sheets, notebooks, baby wipes and baby food, bras, underwear, socks (any size child or adult), paper products, cleaning products (any kind), body wash, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner and lotions.*

A container is placed by the church office for Friends of the Family. Thanks to all of you in advance for your support of this mission.

A few ladies met in May and rolled bandages. It was easy and fun. Did you know you can roll bandages and have lots of interaction with each other? Hopefully we will do this in the fall along with the quilting.

Enjoy the flowers you plant and your gardens. God blesses each thing we do to help others. Share your garden produce if you have more than you can eat with someone who is not able to garden.

Have a blessed Spring Bonnie Dralle, President



St. James extends its sympathy and prayers to Peg Shultz and family in the death of Peg's son, Ted. May the words of Isaiah be of comfort: ***Isaiah 41:10 Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.***



### VBS DATES: July 11-14 Note the change

**Pre-K K Students will attend Trinity Reformed from 9:00-11:00 AM. Students who are entering 1st-6th Grades will attend St. James Lutheran from 8:45-11:30. Registration forms are available at the local congregations. The VBS program will be Thursday at 6:30 PM preceded by a Walking Taco meal at St. James.**



St. James Christmas Cheer fundraiser project, with funds going to Visions of Well being for qualified families, is still on-going. The theme is "Spring into Christmas Cheer". 50 Envelopes with amounts that can be chosen by donors can be selected from the entry bulletin board 1-50. You choose which envelope or envelopes you wish and simply place that specific amount of money in each envelope. For example: You pick envelopes number 2 and number 29? Put two dollars in envelope number two and \$29 in envelope number 29. A drop box will be available for your return donation. As an added bonus, there will be 14 envelopes with special prizes within! The 14 random envelopes each have a gift card for the person who chooses that number!

Merry Christmas to you!



From the Church Council

At the May meeting of the church council Pastor Norm suggested to the council that we approve an appeal to some volunteer members to reach out to our homebound people and take Communion to them once a month following our communion service in church. P Norm and a helper do in-home communion visits but he felt that the regularly scheduled communion with those members would be very beneficial. So the Council is looking for groups of two who would be trained for distributing communion. With enough volunteers the number of visits would be less. Please consider this important mission of our congregation and contact the church office or Deb McWhirter if you and/or a friend would participate.



### **Omelet Breakfast**

**The Allison Lions Club will serve an Omelet Breakfast during Wilder Days, Sat June 4, from 7:30 AM to 10:00 AM at Wilder Park, Allison. Egg omelets will be made with ingredients of your choice such as cheese, ham, green peppers, and mushrooms. Other menu items are muffins, juice, coffee and milk.**

**Cost of the meal is \$10.00 for those over age 16, \$5.00 those 5 to 15, and children 4 and under eat free.**

**Profits go to support local scholarships, the Lion's Sight Screening Program plus many other state programs for the Sight & Hearing Impaired, and local Lion's sponsored programs. Thank You for supporting the Allison Lions Club.**



### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I want to thank all members who have stepped up to do so many things for St. James congregation so far this year! The response from many members has kept things running smoothly. Our attendance both in-person and on-line has been steadily increasing and we can't track the people who are watching on Cable channel 1004 but we are aware of many people who tune in. We've had some very exciting activities this year so far. Pastor Norm and helpers have been reaching out to homebound members with communion and visits. The Evangelism Committee has done May Bags to our people who cannot come to services but still need our attention. And WELCA continues to visit those members also every other month. Pastor Cal has continued to conduct worship with our members and friends at the Care Center and Elm Springs which has also been a blessing. And now we go into the summer months where people travel and may miss worship in person but

our financial needs continue so we appreciate all gifts to St. James

We are continuing our out-reach to Visions of Wellbeing Christmas Cheer project and there are less than 20 envelopes left to pick up for donations to this project so thank you to those who have participated so far and hopefully we'll reach our goal of donations to this worthwhile project. We look forward to our WELCA BBQ beef sandwich meal and Garden Club pie event on June 4. Plans are also continuing for our Community Vacation Bible School program July 11-14. Registration forms will be distributed at school and through the church office. And we are looking forward to a Wilder Park Worship Sunday on July 17. As Pastor Norm shares - "God is Good all the time" !

Summer Blessings!

Deb

### FROM PASTOR NORM'S STUDY:

#### *"The Fruit of Your Labor"*

The Apostle Paul wrote, *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, against such there is no law."* [Galatians 5:22]

**MY BAD:** Each year about the time—when the grass turns green and the flags are back in at the local golf course—I share with the congregation that I am serving how there is similarities between living our faith and playing the game of golf.

In their book ***In His Grip***, authors Jim Sheard and Wally Armstrong write, "The fruit of something is defined by Webster's dictionary as 'the result, product, or consequence of any action.' What is the 'fruit' of our golf game? Not the fruit of any one round, but the fruit over time?"

"For most people the fruit of golf is lasting friendships, the benefits of exercise, the satisfaction of improved skills and an appreciation for the beauty of nature. For some there may also be negative consequences such as lost friends, wasted time, poorly spent or lost money, and time that could better spent with family or at work."

"If we invest ourselves in our golf game in the right way and with the right attitudes, there's little question that we will enjoy the positive fruits of the game. It will be a blessing to us and we will be a blessing to those around us."

"This passage in Galatians suggests that the fruit of the Holy Spirit at work within an individual, over time, will be an increased level and quality of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control."

"With the help of the Holy Spirit, this fruit is demonstrated in our life as we allow our Heavenly Father to work in us. It is not so much what we do but rather what we let the Spirit do in and through us. When we allow the Spirit of God to change us and put us to useful service, we will begin to see the fruit of our labor."

Just a little theological reflection for all who walk by faith,

***Pastor Norm***

**SIDEBAR:** I work hard at maintaining my holiness, even if it means doing it 9 holes at a time!!!

May 13, 2022

From: St. James Stewardship and Finance Committee

To: St. James Members:

At our recent Council Meeting which was held on May 9<sup>th</sup>, we reviewed our monthly and YTD financials (as we do each month). The Council made the decision to have a letter put in our monthly newsletter that gives a few more details as to where we are to date, and what some of our projects are for 2022.

YTD, we are very close to being at a “break even” as far as income and expenses go. Our giving are on budget and this is greatly appreciated by all. We had been running at a nice margin through 3 months of the year, but had a large expense of Building Insurance hit us in April, which got us back to break even. We continue to carry a strong balance on deposit which will cover any shortfalls for the year, but wanted everyone to be aware where we are through the first 4 months of 2022. Summer months are always a challenge for churches with attendance and this can also affect our giving. As most of you know, we do have the ability to set up automatic giving to St. James which is done monthly, and automatically comes out of your designated deposit account. Very simple to do, so if you have the desire to set this up, please contact the church office and Syd will direct you to the forms that are needed. (I personally have been doing this for several years and it gives me peace of mind that my giving are not affected if I’m unable to attend a church service)

We do have a couple of projects on the horizon, with one being kitchen remodeling of our Parsonage. We are hopeful to be able to fill our Call and get a full time pastor hired in the future and would like to get this remodeling done before that happens. Our Building Committee and Council went through the parsonage and all agreed that some updating is needed. Our Council is reviewing bids and may make a decision fairly soon. If you want more info on the amount, etc, please let us know so this can be shared with you. We may also discuss this at one of our upcoming church services. If you have the desire to fund part of this project, that would be greatly appreciated so give that some prayerful thought.

The other project will be to shingle our Church, which will be a considerable amount. Building committee has been getting bids on this also. More to come at a later date.

As mentioned, we just wanted to keep you informed on how we are doing financially and what may be upcoming over the next few months. If you have any questions, feel free to contact a Council member.

Thanks

St. James Stewardship and Finance Committee

Dana Uhlenhopp, Chairman



#### Financial Report for April

Income	Year to Date
\$14,695.22	\$57,037.92
Expense	
\$21,508.96	\$57,476.41

(April expenses include yearly insurance payment)





## St. James Church Council Minutes – May 9, 2022

President Deb McWhirter called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Present: Deb McWhirter, Bonnie Dralle, Denny Wiegmann, Dana Uhlenhopp, Scott Bruns, Ted Koester, Jeremy Idler, John Heeren, Jill Ford, and Mindy Pecha, Treasurer. Meeting opened with devotions from Ted.

Agenda was reviewed. Motion to approve agenda from Scott, seconded by Bonnie. Motion carried.

### REPORTS:

Pastor's written report was reviewed. Pastor Bauer feels that St. James would benefit from developing a group of lay leaders (Eucharistic Ministers) to serve communion to shut-ins. These individuals would be trained and equipped for this task. Currently there are 12-15 people receiving communion in their homes and approximately 17 more at the care center. More volunteers, both men and women, would be very beneficial. A sign-up sheet will be posted.

Motion by Dana, seconded by Scott to accept and approve pastor's accountable allowances submitted. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Monthly income, expenses, and insurance payments were reviewed. Motion to approve report by Bonnie, seconded by Jason. Motion carried.

Secretary's report: Motion to approve April minutes by Bonnie, seconded by Jeremy. Motion carried.

### Standing Committee Reports:

Education: Vacation Bible School will be held July 11-14, 2022. Registration forms are available. Trinity Reformed Church is planning a second VBS shortly before school starts that will be held in the early evenings.

Evangelism: May baskets were delivered. Envelopes for Christmas Cheer donations are available on the bulletin board. Plans are being made for a Sunday service to be held at the Wilder Park Chapel with a brunch following. Golf carts will be available to take people from parking lot to the chapel.

Stewardship & finance: YTD giving is down. Reminder to continue giving during the busy summer months. Automatic pay is still available.

Youth ministry: The LOL program went well and hopefully will continue in the fall when school starts again.

### Old business:

Call committee update: No updates or news.

Parsonage updates: Decision tabled regarding what/when to work on kitchen.

### New business:

June 5 church service will celebrate Pastor Cal's 55-year ordination anniversary. Lunch following.

Confirmation will need a new instructor this fall.

Evangelism committee will look into having a float in the Allison Days parade.

Allison Days committee is requesting donations. Motion to give \$50 from Ted, seconded by Denny. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn from Scott, seconded by Jason. Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held June 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.