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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.



THOSE NEEDING PRAYERS

Jeff Dreier, Sylvia Schrage, Rick Radcliffe, Pr. Jerry Laehn and Dennis Johnson



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.

March end

March offering income was \$11,562.09

YTD: \$31,652.94

Expenses: \$7,057.21 YTD: \$27,604.82

LAST LOL AND MEAL WILL BE HELD MAY 13th. There will be cookout that night served by the LOL gang so bring your lawn chairs, grab a picnic table, and be ready to get “roasted and toasted”.

SCHOLARSHIP-The Northeastern Synodical Women offer a scholarship for women who are interested in getting a post graduate degree. This is education beyond a 4 year degree. If interested, check in with Syd at the church office and she can supply you with



W-ELCA Bible Study will be held Thursday, May 7 at 9:30. We welcome your participation!

IMPORTANT INFO TO ALL ST. JAMES GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: If you are planning on attending school to further your education W-ELCA awards a \$150 scholarship to help you. There is an application form you need to fill out and it can be obtained by contacting Deb McWhirter.



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE FOR MAY

- May 3: Blake Wubbena & Owen Shaull
- May 10: Henry Salge & Lulu Hummel
- May 17: Wes Wangsness & Braxton Buss
- May 24: Presley Abbas & Brylen Stanbrough

SENIOR SUNDAY



Sunday, May 17, St. James will honor High School Seniors and other graduates. St. James seniors are Preston Debner, Rowdy Groen, Brennan Steere, and Hannah Wangsness. If you have a student in your family graduating, please let the church office know.

WILDER DAYS



The St. James W-ELCA is again hosting our annual BBQ Beef Sandwich meal in cooperation with Allison Garden Club who will be featuring pie by the slice. The meal will be served on Saturday May 30 from 11:00 - 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall. We look forward to seeing many join us that day for the meal. All proceeds from the sandwich meal go toward W-ELCA mission projects.

St. James Evangelism committee is planning an entry in the Allison Days parade that same day joining in the Celebration of USA 250 years and St. James 135th year. We will be looking for volunteers to help assemble the entry - more information will be shared closer to the event.

**St. James Visiting Committee for
May & June 2026**

Bonnie Dralle, Roberta Wiegmann, Nadean Dralle, Karla Schmidt

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.

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School will conclude for the summer May 10 by singing in church, children's message and a brunch to follow the service. Come to church, stay for treats and see you all in the fall!



Just a note to say thanks! from your St. James Parish Adm. It was recently Adm Professionals Day and, although I don't think much about it, others do. I'm grateful for your kindness, your continued encouragement and the cooperation when I ask. You are all the best, and want the best for this congregation and our community. We are all wading through this together.



St James Council Meeting Minutes – Date 3/11/2026

Meeting was call to order @ 6:37 pm By Ted

Present: Paula Anderson, Danny Bohlen, Ted Koester, Robin Lursen, Andrew Morton

Absent: Greg Abbas, John Endelman, Kiley Shear, Amanda Wehrhan

Devotions given by Paula.

Changes to agenda:

Old Business: Add Usher Schedule

New Business: Add Care Center Service, Nan Carlsen request to join church.

Motion to approve (MTA) agenda by Paula, 2nd by Andrew. All Ayes, Motion Carried (MC).

REPORTS

Treasurer: Report given by Mindy Pecha

January Income: \$10,121.09 Expenses: \$ 12,235.06

February Income: \$ 9,969.76 Expenses: \$ 8,312.55

Discussion: Insurance bill will be coming soon. Danny to get all CD numbers, dates due and current rate of return.

MTA treasurer report by Andrew, 2nd by Danny. All Ayes, MC

Secretary:

Discussion: Addendum added.

MTA February Secretary Report by Robin, 2nd by Danny. All Ayes, MC.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Stewardship/Finance: No Report

Property: Pest inspection contract done. Electrical inspection will occur later in the summer.

Education/Youth Ministry: No Report

Worship/Music: Had a meeting.

Evangelism: No Report

Memorial: No Report

Transition: Nothing new.

Call: Ministry site profile sent. Had an interview, candidate accepted position elsewhere.

Pastor's Report: None

OLD BUSINESS

Lenten Supper Church: 3/11, 3/25 @ 6:15 pm.

Maundy Thursday Service/First Communion: 4/2 @ 6:30 pm.

Team 1 to usher.

Ministry Site Profile approved via e-mail.

Usher schedule: Paula has talked to previous members of the ushering teams to see if they are willing to continue to serve.

Discussion:

Divide church members into one of the 4 teams.

Divide church members into one of 5 teams

Have church members as a sub list

Go back to 6 teams with church members and several teams with only one council member

Have sign-up sheet to assist with ushering.

Will continue with 4 teams. Paula will provide a list of church members available to fill in. A signup sheet will be posted for those wishing to assist as greeter/usher.

Easter: Team 3 will do early service and Team 2 will do 9:00am service.

NEW BUSINESS

Ted will be out of town most of April (including April meeting 4/8). John will be point of contact and will conduct that meeting and approve payroll.

Care Center Communion Service:

Discussion: Want to continue this mission. Becoming more difficult to obtain a pastor to do this once a month. If we ask pastors that fill in for us, we would need to financially compensate them. Could a lay person from the congregation &/or communion kit team provide this service. Volunteers to assist with music, message, and communion. Could service be set another day of the week? Ted will look into some of these options.

Nan Carlsen has requested to join our congregation by moving her membership.

MTA by 2nd by Andrew. All Ayes, MC.

Motion to Adjourn by Andrew, 2nd by Robin. Adjourned @ 7: 18 pm.

Next meeting April 8, 2026 @ 6 pm. Devotions by: Amanda

Paula Anderson, Secretary