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THOSE NEEDING PRAYERS

Jeff Dreier, Sylvia Schrage, Rick Radcliffe, Peg Shultz, Karen Short 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.



August end

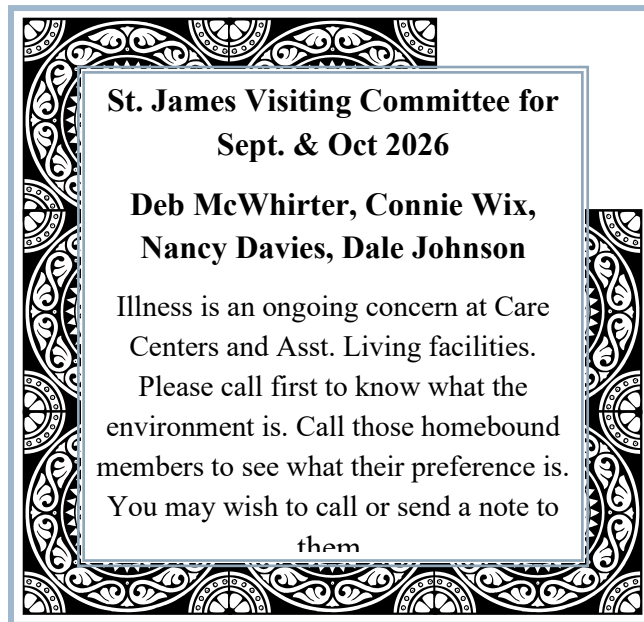
August offering income was \$9,724.63

YTD: \$71,173.66

Expenses: \$5,328.36 YTD: \$69,397.89



October 31 is TRUNK OR TREAT in Allison. Look for more details as the month comes to an end.



W-ELCA Bible Study will be held Thursday, Oct. 1 at 9:30. We welcome your participation!



St. James quilting will resume October 20 & 21 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!



St. James will have a booth at the **Harvest Moon Festival** at Wilder Park on **Saturday October 3**. Mark your calendars to come out to this community event and enjoy a family friendly time.



Oct. 4: Presley Abbas & Owen Shaull

Oct. 11: Steven Wangsness & Owen Shaull

Oct. 18: Lulu Hummel

Oct. 25: Presley Abbas



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

October 25th 5 young people will participate in the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism at St. James 9:00 worship service. God's blessing to Braxton Buss, Carter Deuell, Henry Salge, Wes Wangsness and Blake Wubbena as they live out their faith in Christ.

Food & Fellowship
a free community meal



FOOD & FELLOWSHIP meals began September 9 from 5:00-6:00. We will be looking for volunteers to make food, help in the kitchen and even take over a Wednesday night as a family, friends, a committee, everyone is welcome to participate. There are funds available to assist with the cost of the meal. A freewill donation is accepted at the meal. Please contact the church office or Deb McWhirter if you have questions or are interested in helping.

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.

Transition Committee

St. James Transition Committee is responsible for finding supply pastors while we wait for a new Pastor to be called to St. James. Committee members are Paula Anderson, Katie & Jeremy Idler, Kiley Shear and Deb McWhirter.

As you are aware, Pr. Kim Smith has been helping us for close to a year and we greatly appreciate his time spent with us. He has agreed to stay on indefinitely until we receive a candidate to call. On the Sundays he's not with us we are calling a short list of supply pastors to help us as they are available. We also have chosen to have a Lay person led service one Sunday a month. We are thankful for those who have volunteered to help to date. This requires some "volunteers" to lead worship, do some readings, on occasion a children's message and special music is always a plus. We are reaching out now to ask for volunteers to help on the lay led Sundays with a script supplied for the worship service. We have sign up sheets in the entryway of the church and would greatly appreciate your help with any of the readings, music, and if you feel so inclined to share a message that may be special to you. Up to this point we have called several people to help but any and all of you are welcome to sign up and volunteer. Or you could call any of the committee members to ask questions or offer suggestions. Please consider adding your voice to our worship.

Dear St. James Family

As I write this letter this morning, the calendar reminds me that tomorrow is the first day of fall. It is hard to believe that a summer of town celebrations, afternoons at the pool, family campouts and fishing trips "Up North" are behind us. The signs of fall are out there though. School has started, lots of football on TV, the sweet corn stands are gone and I see combines and grain carts parked outside the machine sheds.

Harvest will soon be in full swing. That means late nights in the field, large machinery on our roadways and trips to the parts counter to keep machinery working. Let's have some patience when driving and keep the wellbeing and safety of our farmers in our prayers.

The next few months are also a busy time for St. James. Our Wednesday evening community meal has started. The WELCA Fall Festival is upcoming, confirmation on Reformation Sunday is in the works, and of course Thanksgiving activities and then the Advent season.

With all this going on, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved! As we compete with other congregations for a pastor, (yes, our church profile is online and candidates review it when looking for a congregation to call home) it is more critical than ever that each of us finds a way to participate. There are multiple options to consider where you could serve including participation on Sundays as a greeter, usher, communion assistant, reader or giving the sermon during a Lay led service. Uncomfortable in front of the congregation? We have windows to

glaze and paint and numerous other maintenance items if that is your skill. I am sure the usual leaf raking group would not be disappointed if the leaves magically disappeared. Most of our committees are always looking for members and new church council members will be needed in January. Or just come to worship as a family.

Each of you represents the future of St. James. Those before us shaped and nourished this church for those members who follow. Between now and the conclusion of Advent season, I challenge each of you to find one way you will get involved with your church, no matter how large or small that may be. Our strength is in our membership!

Ted Koester, Council Chairman



**ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH, ALLISON
FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL LUNCH**

DATE: Tuesday, October 27, 2026
TIME: 12:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: St. James Lutheran Church
Parish Hall, Allison, Iowa
SPONSORS: St. James Lutheran Church
Women of the ELCA

You are invited to the Harvest Festival Lunch at St. James Lutheran Church, at 421 North Main, Allison Iowa on Tuesday, Oct. 27th beginning at 12:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The lunch will be held in the Parish Hall which is handicap accessible.

**Menu: Lasagna
Caesar Salad and Garlic Bread
Assorted Bars and Beverages
Carry-Outs are available, call 319-267-2274.
The Meal is a Free-Will Offering
Bake Sale and Craft Items are available for purchase
Proceeds are used for mission projects.**

**WOMEN OF ST. JAMES HARVEST FESTIVAL
TUESDAY OCTOBER 27, 2026**

Listed on the following pages are the items and/or workers that are needed for the festival.

Please check and see if you are asked to furnish or work for the festival. There will be lunch, bake sale, craft and produce table that day. If you have

anything to donate for any or all the tables it is appreciated. Please have your donation for craft table priced. Bake sale items that sell well are breads & pastries, party mixes, pies (no refrigerator ones), small cakes and cookies. Produce table-all garden items, plants (but nothing that has to be refrigerated.) Craft table-all kinds of things you make.

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP
IN MAKING THE FESTIVAL A SUCCESS.**

MENU

LASAGNA

SALAD

BREAD STICKS

ASST. BARS

BEVERAGES

Lunch is a freewill offering

PUBLICITY: Syd Brinkman & Daleth Pothast

DECORATE TABLES: Tables will be decorated on Monday morning 9:00 and to set up the kitchen for serving. If you have a fall arrangement or item for use on the tables please bring it along for the decorating.

CUTTING BARS AND KEEPING TABLE FULL: Nadean Dralle and Mary Aissen

WAITRESS AND CLEAN TABLES, HELP WITH TRAYS IF SOMEONE HAS A NEED: Robin Morton and Laney Beadle

WORK AT CRAFT AND PRODUCE TABLE: Connie Wix, Bonnie Dralle

SERVE SALAD & CIRCULATE IN KITCHEN: Karla Schmidt & Donna Buss

SERVE LASAGNA: Deb McWhirter & Stacy Wangsness

MAKE AND SERVE BEVERAGES: Amy Siemens

DISHWASHERS: Syd Brinkman & Barb Eckhoff

WORK BAKE SALE TABLE: Linda Thoreson, Deb Lines

CRAFT & PRODUCE TABLE: Connie Wix & Bonnie Dralle

CASHIER: Roberta Wiegmann

ONE 19 OZ. CAN COUNTRY TIME LEMONADE: Sue Heeren, Paula Anderson, Donis Dralle, Natalee Wedeking, Lori Buss, Kathy Bruns, Amy Deuell

BREAD STICKS – ONE 6 oz. box frozen cheese/garlic: Georgene Clark, Cindi Johnson, Taylor Brinkman, Alyssa Endelman, Billie Buss, Sharon Niehaus, Sidney Duster, Bethani Shaul, Renee Salge, Lisa Morris, Crystol Harms, Amanda Wehrhan, Katie Idler, Avery Morris, Connie Wix, Nan Carlsen, Teresa Ackerman, Riley Haan, Stacy Wangsness.

16 OZ. FINELY SHREDDED FIESTI BLEND CHEESE: Melisa Wubbena, Elaine Allison, Elaine Reese, Becky Schrage, Chris Eckhoff.

ONE 16OZ BOTTLE DRESSING: Beth Endelman (ranch), Vivian Green (ranch), Jennifer McCready (thousand island), Sheila Wangsness (thousand

island), Tina Miller (french), Robi Endelman (french), Carly Pollack (olive garden), Lisa Russell (olive garden).

SALAD GREENS & MAKE CANDLES: Nancy Davies.

TWO 6 OZ. CHEESE/GARLIC CROUTONS: Linda Thoreson, Deb Hummel, Misty Hummel, Lori West, Melissa Schmidt

BARS-RECIPE IS TAKEN FROM ST. JAMES COOKBOOK: Felicia Schrage Lemon Bar pg.259; Di Miller Raisin Cream bar pg.268; Shirley Wubben Pumpkin Bar; Amy Siemens Pecan Bar pg.267; Karla Schmidt Brownies; Roberta Wiegmann Zucchini Bars pg. 271; Deb McWhirter Gluten Free Bar.

If (in error) you have been asked to furnish more than one item please call Bonnie Dralle 319-493-4404 so a correction can be made.

It is impossible to ask everyone to bring something or work. If you haven't been asked, please consider furnishing a bake sale item.

A BIG THANK YOU, IN ADVANCE, TO EVERYONE WHO MAKES THE FESTIVAL A SUCCESS. FUNDS GENERATED ARE USED FOR MISSION PROJECTS.



St James Council Meeting Minutes – Date August 12,2026

Meeting was call to order @ 6:00 pm by Ted

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

Absent: John Endelman, Kiley Shear, Amanda Wehrhan

Devotions given by Greg

Changes to agenda: Information from Synod about Postville fire, in memory Alice Roelfs Harms. Organ repair to new business

Motion to approve (MTA) agenda by Andrew, 2nd by Danny. Motion carried (MC).

REPORTS

Treasurer: Report given by Mindy Pecha

Months (June/July) income \$41,363.36/ 8014.44, expenses \$6824.70/ 4496.18

Discussion: Payroll process upgrade will be a new platform within current program. Paperwork has been completed. This will not change how payroll is currently done.

MTA report by Andrew, 2nd by Greg. MC.

Secretary: Paula

Discussion: None

MTA by Andrew, 2nd by Danny. MC.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education/Youth Ministry: No report.

Stewardship/Finance: No report.

Worship/Music: No report.

Memorial: A gift of \$25,120 was given by the family of Alice Roelfs Harms.

Transition:

Meeting and texting as needed, in order to make sure that Lay Sunday has members to assist. The first Sunday in August as lay led also, as the Pastor that had been contacted was unable to attend.

Property: The louvers have been installed. Caulking from outside, needs to be done on the south. There were cracks noted on the parapet wall and Belltower. These will need to be followed up with in the future.

Lightning strike over the weekend caused the AC in pastors study to stop working. The copy machine and internet went down due to a breaker, but were restored. The organ is not working, the company will assess the problem later this week.

Call: No new information. Jay Doeden has updated several times during worship.

Evangelism: No Report

MTA all committee reports by Danny, 2nd by Andrew. MC

Pastor's Report: Congregation received a letter from the Synod requesting Financial donations for all of the community who are out of work. The Synod has met with community leaders to help determine needs. A copy of the letter was in the bulletin.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Joint Service with St Peter at Wilder Park on August 16, 2026 @ 10:00 am.
Discussion: Ted has the sound system ready to go. Andrew and Greg will assist him Ted has the sound system ready to go. Andrew and Greg will assist him with getting this set up out at Wilder Park on Sunday. The service will be moved to the church if it is raining. St. Peters will provide food.
2. God's Work/Our Hands, Sunday September 13, 2026.

Discussion: Nothing planned at this time. Evangelism committee usually makes the plans for this occasion.

3. North Butler Schools use of St. James for 'Fallout' exercise.

Discussion: This will occur after school starts.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Reformation Sunday/Confirmation

Discussion: Pastor Slick in Greene would like to have all the young people confirmed in Greene. A family member of the confirmands would like to see if Pastor Kim would be willing to confirm our students. Would also ask Scott Bruns to assist, as he has worked with these young people.

2. Fall Festival

Discussion: Scheduled in October.

3. Organ Repair

Discussion: Organ was recently cleaned and there were several recommendations regarding care of the organ. The estimated replacement value for the organ is \$608,835. Ted will follow-up to make sure our insurance is up to date. It is recommended that the organ be thoroughly cleaned, which will involve taking the organ and the pipes apart. The estimated cost for this is \$23,625. Ted will talk with the Stewardship/Finance committee regarding this. This would require a vote by the church membership. The other recommendation is a replacement for the shade motor. Our current motor can no longer move the shades properly. The cost for the motor is \$3,900.

MTA replacement of the shade motor by Paula, 2nd by Andrew. MC

Motion to Adjourn by Andrew, 2nd by Danny. Adjourned @ 6:52 pm.

Next meeting September 9, 2026 @ 6:00 pm. Devotions by: John