



December end

December offering income was \$21,232.69

YTD: \$130,160.04

Expenses: \$27,825.75 YTD: \$356,524.94

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

Travis Terry, Jeff Dreier, Kent Gulick , Sylvia Schrage, Karen Bennett (Pr. Rebecca's mother), Ila Wangsness, Michael Salge, Eric Blumhagen, and Ron Negan



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.



W-ELCA Bible Study will be held Thursday, Feb. 5 @ 9:30



THANK YOU Di Miller for the generous donation of fabric. That donation will keep them sewing for awhile!

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Food & Fellowship is a FREE community meal offered at St James Wednesday nights from 5:00-6:30. Please come for the food and stay for the fellowship.

That being said, we NEED you to help in any way. For assistance call Deb McWhirter, 319-231-2667, for available dates, food ideas, anything you need, questions you may have, to make this happen! We really want to make this evening a success!



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

- Feb. 1: Lulu Hummel & Blake Wubbena
- Feb. 8: Henry Salge & Brylen Stanbrough
- Feb. 15: Owen Shaull & Carter Deuell
- Feb. 18: Ash Wednesday Braxton Buss & Presley Abbas
- Feb. 22: Wes Wangsness & Blake Wubbena

**St. James Visiting Committee for
Jan & Feb. 2026**

**Linda Thoreson, Kathleen Fisher,
Syd Brinkman**

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.



It's not too early to think about summer Bible camp! Information is on the foyer bulletin board about EWALU and soon Riverside will be posted too. EWALU has an "early bird" registration deadline of Feb. 28 with discount pricing.



Get in THE game spirit on Sunday, Feb. 8 by joining in a Soup-er Bowl potluck and snacks beginning at 11:00. Bring your favorite soup and snack to share! Get your game on!



St. James Council Meeting Minutes – December 17, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Jim Davies. Present: Danny Bohlen, Andrew Morton, John Endelman, Kiley Shear, Leslie Groen, Amanda Wehrhan, Robin Lursen and Mindy Pecha. Devotions given by Robin Lursen. Motioned by Leslie, second by Robin to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: November income was \$11,395.96 and November expenses totaled \$13,587.83. Motion by Andrew, second by Amanda to approve the Treasurer's report. All ayes. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Motioned by Amanda, second by Jim to approve the November 12, 2025, minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Stewardship and Finance: They met in early December and have a 2026 proposed budget that will be presented for council approval to be presented at the annual meeting.

Property Committee: Randy Brinkman was present and provided a project update. The new chair lift will be delivered and installed next week. The ADA door has been ordered and will be delivered in the next few weeks. The new bell tower louvers have been delivered and will be replaced in the spring. The new computers are installed and the new microphones in the balcony piano are installed. Motioned by Jim, second by Danny to purchase a second headset for pulpit supply to have a spare on hand. All ayes. Motion carried.

Education/Youth Ministry: Nothing new. They continue to work on nursery updates.

Worship Committee: Nothing new.

Evangelism: Have not met recently. Cookie exchange was well attended.

Memorial: Ted continues to add items to an ongoing list of items.

Old Business:

The counting policy updates have been working well. The council reviewed Jay Doeden's letter and decided to table it to next month with new council input.

New Business:

Leslie presented the 2026 Proposed Budget recommendations from the Steward and Finance Com-

mittee. Leslie shared the committee's questions and concerns around noisy offering, worship misc. line and parish misc line being over budget. Leslie shared Mindy's answers to the those questions. Motioned by John, second by Kiley to approve the 2026 Proposed Budget as presented be presented at the annual meeting for a congregational approval. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motioned by Robin, second by Andrew to approve Jim and Alyssa being on the 2026 Nominating Committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motioned by Amanda, second by Jon to approve the 2026 St. James Lutheran Church Council Recommendations. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motioned by Kiley, second by Alyssa to renew CD #2877 at Lincoln Savings Bank with a maturity date of December 19, 2025, for 12 months at a 3.6% rate. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motioned to adjourn made by Robin, second by Amanda. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m. Next meeting will be held January 21, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.