

## St. James Lutheran Church Mission Statement

~To connect people to God and one another, welcoming all and changing lives!~



Children of God,

Welcome back to school! The start of September is an exciting and busy time, especially for students and families. I pray God's presence meets all our educators, students and families with each backpack zip, pen click, and school bell ring. On Sept. 8 we will have "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday. Please join us for a short communion worship in the Parish Hall at 9am, followed by service projects. There will be tasks for all ages! The week after that we will kick-off the program year on Rally Sunday, Sept. 15. Join us for worship at 9:00am, followed by Sunday School at 10:00am. After worship, our fellowship time will include "Tell Your Story." Stay for coffee, treats, and a Q&A with one of our members.

As we begin a new program year, we will also begin a new sermon series. The Worship & Music Committee and I thought it would be fun to learn together through the lens of Biblical characters we do not hear about very often in the lectionary or Sunday School: Introducing a sermon series titled "You Don't Hear That in Sunday School." This 6-Week series will teach us about people with impactful stories and messages, including the boy who fell out of a window during a long sermon, a small miracle at a construction site, and God's call of bold and faithful women.

The series schedule:

Sept. 15: Eutychus: Stay Awake for God's Word

Sept. 22: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: Through the Fire

Sept 29: Lydia: The Bold, Hospitable Business Woman

Oct. 6: Moses: God is Calling... and Calling

Oct. 13: Elisha's Friend: A Construction Project & Small Miracle

Oct. 20: Deborah: Godly Confidence and Courage

As the new program year begins, we are all encouraged to consider the ways God is calling us to learn, grow and serve this year. I pray that these stories may inspire and encourage us in our faith journeys and remind us that God has been, is, and will continue to be at work among each of us, as individuals and as one body of Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Rebecca



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.



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 each Sunday of the month.



BINGO will be hosted by St. James at the Care Center Thursday Sept. 19. Come play at 1:30.



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.

To those who have assisted with funerals

To ALL those who educate and guide the children

To those who will soon brainstorm fundraising ideas



### 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.

**St. James Visiting Committee for Sept. & Oct. 2024**

**Deb McWhirter, Nancy Davies, Deb Blockhus, Connie Wix, Dale Johnson**

Illness and COVID are an ongoing concern at Care Centers and Asst. Living facilities. Please call first to know what the policy is. Call those homebound members to see what their preference is. You may wish to call or send a note to them.



**HARVEST FESTIVAL!!!!**

The St. James Harvest Festival will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 17th in the Parish Hall. We are going to offer Chicken Noodle Soup for lunch along with Beef-burger sandwiches, chips and assorted bars. There will be a Bake Sale Table, Crafts Table and Produce Table. If you have a craft you like to donate or bake goods and produce, we would love to have them to sell. All proceeds go toward our mission projects. Volunteers will be needed to work and/or donate items for the meal and will be contacted via postcard.



St. James W-ELCA will resume Bible Study with Deb McWhirter on Thursday, Sept. 5th. @ 9:30. Roberta Wiegmann will provide refreshments.



This Photo by W-ELCA

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR SCHOOL KITS and PERSONAL CARE KITS**

It is time to get supplies for the school kits that are sent to Lutheran World Relief. Stores are having great sales on school items. Listed below are the things needed for our kits. Thank you in advance for your support.

- 12" centimeter/inch wood ruler
- Blunt Scissors
- 70 Sheet Spiral Wide Line Notebooks
- 5 Ballpoint Black & Blue Pens (**no advertising**)
- Pencil Sharpeners
- 4-5 oz. bar of soap
- Toothbrushes (sealed)
- Large nail clippers
- Wide heavy combs

**A CONTAINER FOR THE ITEMS IS UNDER THE FOYER TABLE**



	July end	
	Monthly	YTD
Income	\$10,470.98	\$81,911.53
Expense	\$11,311.80	\$109,015.04

**God's work. Our hands.**

**Sunday September 8, 2024 9:00am**

Join us for a day of service! We will have a short worship service with communion in the Parish Hall and then head out to service locations. Service projects for all ages! Lunch to follow.



St. James office closed Monday, Sept. 2 in honor of Labor Day



Wednesday night **Food & Fellowship meals** will begin on **Wednesday September 18**, the same day as the beginning of the LOI after school program. Volunteers are needed to prepare food, help serve and deliver meals to homebound friends. Funds are provided for the meal preparation and meal ideas and recipes have been prepared if you need help with that. Join with a friend, committee, or family member to work together on the meal. Please consider helping with this project.

**THOSE NEEDING PRAYERS**

Travis Terry, Tracy Hoodjer, Deb Hummel, Lois Silver, and Deb Steere.



St. James will have a booth at the **Harvest Moon Festival** at Wilder Park on **Saturday October 5** from 2:00 - 4:00. Mark your calendars to come out to this community event and enjoy a family friendly time.

**WOMEN OF ST. JAMES  
HARVEST FESTIVAL**

**Tuesday, September 17, 2024**

**11:00-1:00 PM**

Listed on the following pages are food items you are asked to bring for lunch to be served at the Harvest Festival. Workers are also needed for that day. We will have a produce, craft and bake sale table. If you have anything to donate items for the bake sale or produce table or a monetary gift it is appreciated.

*Fall Harvest Soup & Sandwich Lunch  
Tuesday, Sept. 17 11:00-1:00  
Chicken Noodle Soup  
Beefburger Sandwiches/Chips  
Asst. Bars and Beverages*

**PUBLICITY:** Syd Brinkman, Deb McWhirter, Dalletth Pothast

**DECORATE TABLES:** Everyone who can is asked to bring a fall decoration for the tables and to decorate in other places. This will take place on Sunday, Sept. 15. The custodian will help to arrange tables and chairs

**PREPARE & SERVE CHICKEN SOUP:** Deb McWhirter

**Bring 2 (12.5 oz.) canned chicken breast meat. Please have the item to church by 9:00 am Monday, Sept. 16:** Becky Schrage, Amy Siemens, Karla Schmidt, Deb Uhlenhopp, Kathy Bruns, Robi Endelman, Cami Crawford-Miller.

**Bring 2 boxes or cans low sodium chicken broth. Please have the item to church by 9:00 am Monday, Sept. 16:** Barb Eckhoff, Linda Heller, Jeanette Franken, Sue Heeren, Beth Abbas, Deb Hummel, Missy Debner, Samantha Bergmann

**Bring 2 Bear Creek chicken noodle soup mix. Please have the item to church by 9:00 am Monday, Sept. 16:** Jill Ford, Vivian Green, Kristi Barnett, Connie Wix, Roberta Wiegmann, Cindi Johnson, Taylor Brinkman

**PREPARE & SERVE BEEFBURGERS. Tuesday morning Sept. 17 at 8:00 a.m.:** Donna Buss

**PREPARE 1# OF GROUND BEEF, COOKED & DRAINED. Please have the item to church by Monday, Sept. 16:** Glenda Miller, Donis Dralle, Lynn Allison, Shirley Wubbena, Kathleen Fisher,

Robin Morton, Daleth Pothast, Lori Bohlen, Nancy Davies, Beth Endelman, Deb Blockhus, Teresa Ackerman, Robin Lursen, Linda Thoreson, Kiley Shear, Felicia Schrage, Bonnie Dralle, Donna Buss, Lisa Beadle, Kim Schrage, Bethani Shaull, Aimee Deuell, Tiffany Stanbrough, Crystol Harms, Lisa Morris, Renee Salge, Sharon Niehaus, Syd Brinkman, Billie Buss, Alyssa Endelman, Pr. Rebecca Baird

**2 Boxes Soda Crackers: Please have your crackers at the church by 9:00 am Monday, Sept. 16.** Amanda Wehrhan, Katie Idler, Paula Anderson

**Bring 3 large finely chopped onions. Bring to church by 9:00 am Monday, Sept. 16:** Kristi Anderson, Lisa Russell, Carly Pollock

**Bring 2 (32 oz ) bottles of ketchup. Bring to church by 9:00 am Monday, Sept. 26:** Deb Lines

**2- 32oz. JARS SLICED HAMBURGER DILL PICKLES. Please have at the church by 9:00 am Monday, Sept. 16.:** Melissa Schmidt

**Cutting Bars and replenishing the table. Please be at church by 9:00 am Tuesday, Sept. 17:** Nadean Dralle, Mary Aissen

**Bring 1 pan of bars but nothing refrigerated. Bring to church by Tuesday, Sept. 17, 9 AM:** Mary Aissen, Leslie Groen, Georgene Clark, Nadean Dralle, Cindy Johnson, Lois Silver

**Bring 1 box of assorted single bags of potato chips. Bring to church on Monday, Sept. 16:** Lori West, Chris Eckhoff, Mystie Hummel, Elaine Risse, Kristi Lammers, Lisa Eberline, Renee Salge. **(J&C will order them for you or they are available at Walmart).**

**WAITRESS & CLEAN TABLES. Help with those who have a need.** Stacy Wangsness, Robin Morton, Laney Beadle **Please be at the church by 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 17.**

**DISHWASHERS: 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept 17:** Felicia Schrage, Barb Eckhoff, Deb Uhlenhopp

**CASHIER:** Karla Schmidt

**POUR BEVERAGES:** Pr. Rebecca Baird

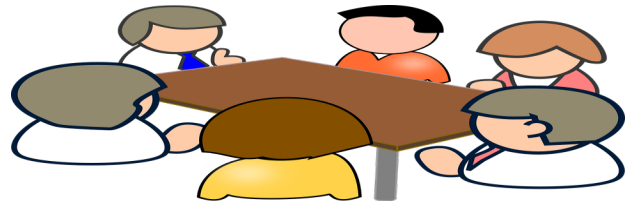
**WORK AT CRAFT AND PRODUCE TABLE. Please be at the church by 9:00 am Tuesday, Sept. 17:** Connie Wix, Nancy Davies

**WORK BAKE SALE TABLE:** Linda Thoreson, Deb Lines, Roberta Wiegmann **Please be at the church by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 17.**

**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.**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN ASKED TO FURNISH AND/OR WORK, WE HOPE YOU WILL DONATE ITEMS FOR THE BAKE SALE (breads, pastries, party mixes, pies small cakes & cookies), AND/OR THE CRAFT TABLE (all kind of things you make) AND PRODUCE TABLE (all garden items, plants). PLEASE DO NOT BRING ITEMS THAT NEED REFRIGERATION. ANY WAY YOU CAN HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. ST. JAMES W-ELCLA**



St. James Council Meeting Minutes – August 2024

Meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m. by Jim Davies. Present: Leslie Groen, Amanda Wehren, Aimee Deuell, Mystie Hummel, Danny Bohlen, Jason Shaull, Taylor Salge, Financial Administrator Mindy Pecha and Pastor Rebecca Baird. Devotions given by Danny Bohlen.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's report was provided by Mindy prior to the meeting. June income was \$299,494.60 with \$10,470.98 being regular income and \$289,023.62 from the sale of the parsonage and total expenses of \$11,311.80. Motioned by Jim, second by Aimee to approve the Treasurer's report. All ayes. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: July minutes were reviewed. Motioned by Mystie, second by Amanda to approve the Secretary's Report. All ayes. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports:

Stewardship and Finance: The committee met prior to the Board meeting to discuss proceeds of the parsonage sale and starting a capital campaign for the new roof. The committee recommended the following

with the parsonage proceeds: 1. Transfer \$30,000 back into the checking account as a reimbursement of what was spend on the parsonage kitchen, 2. Leave \$62,000 in savings to have on hand for the down payment on the roof, split the remaining funds into a few CD with varying duration and interest rates.

Property Committee: The new outside steps by the kitchen have been installed. Discussed signing the roof contract now vs. later. Motioned by Jason to sign and submit the roof contract, second by Mystie. All ayes. Motion carried.

Education/Youth Ministry: They meet this month and Scott Bruns and Amy Wubbena will be teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School. LOL and confirmation will begin again on September 18<sup>th</sup> and Rally Sunday for Sunday school classes will be on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Mystie Hummel will be helping with Luther League and Pastor has only more 'Play on the Playground' day in August and had 11 in attendance.

Worship & Music: They are making plans and Pastor Rebecca is working on a sermon series called "You don't hear that in Sunday school."

Evangelism: They met and discussed Food & Fellowship starting up again this fall with August 21<sup>st</sup> being the first and a Family Fun Night. God's Work, Our Hands needs ideas for projects and Evangelism will be participating in the Harvest Moon Festival at Wilder's Park and Trunk or Treat in Allison.

Pastor's Report: Pastor shared recent and upcoming activities including several visits to sick or hospitalized members. She also had her first wedding on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and two funerals. She also wanted to share that all the local pastors have collectively put a policy in place for the Good Samaritan Fund.

Old Business: Volunteers for LOL are still needed, Mystie will be helping Pastor Rebecca with Luther League and they will meet on the first Wednesday of the month. The council already moved on signing the roof contract.

New Business:

Council reviewed the Stewardship & Finance recommendations for the proceeds from the sale of the church parsonage. Motioned by Aimee, second by Danny to direct Mindy Pecha to take the following

actions:

Transfer \$30,000 from savings to checking as reimbursement for the parsonage kitchen.

Transfer \$62,000 into a 9-month CD

Transfer \$60,000 into a 12-month CD

Transfer \$60,000 into a 15-month CD

Leave approximately \$102,000 in savings with \$62,000 earmarked for the down payment of the roof contract.

The council also discussed beginning a "Raise the Roof" capital campaign including the possibility of using pledge cards, temple talk and discussing other ways to reach out to the congregation for financial support.

Council reviewed bank accounts and approved the following authorized signer changes:

Motioned by Leslie, second by Jason to update the Sunday School Account ending in 7359 authorized signers to be Alyssa Endelman and Mystie Hummer and we wish to remove Kendrick and Lindsey Renken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motioned by Leslie, second by Jason to update the Community Bible School Account ending in 7595 authorized signers to be Daleth Pothast and Taylor Salge and we wish to remove Pastor Jeffrey Blank and Robin Morton. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council discussed ideas for adult fellowship including a potluck and starting an adult Bible study a few times per month. Pastor will also be continuing the "Tell your Story" and is need of new volunteers to tell their story. Syd will be sending a letter out to update church membership records and Jim asked about getting a new church directory.

Motioned to adjourn made by Mystie, seconded by Danny. Meeting adjourned 6:24 p.m. Next meeting will be held August 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

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**Sunday School time!**

Join us for Rally Sunday  
**September 15**  
9am Worship  
10-11am Sunday School  
10:15-10:45am - Fellowship time,  
"Tell Your Story"

The graphic features a blue book with a cross on the cover, three colored pencils (blue, yellow, green), and three balloons (blue, orange, green) tied together with a string.

Join us on Rally Sunday to kick-off a new year of programming! Please stay after worship for "Tell Your Story," a time to hear a story from one of our members about faith and life.