

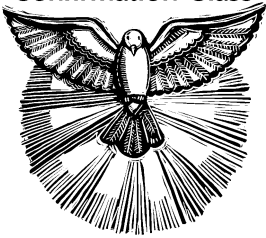


St. James Lutheran School Newsletter

May 2, 2025

Equipping and Empowering Families and Students through Christ

Confirmation Class 2025



Riley Bickmann, Gavin Goranson, Brycen Guenningsman, Adeline Kilpela, Lily Koch, Logan Wellnitz, and Eric Zimmerman will be confirmed this Sunday, May 4 at the 10:30 service. We

thank God for their proclamation of faith and ask that through the Holy Spirit, they will continue to be faithful in Word and Sacrament.

Spread the word! If you know of a family looking for a Christian education for their children, let them know about us. Registration is open for the 2025-26 school year.

Staff Appreciation Week is May 5- May 9. There are plans in place. You should have received a note from your child(ren) about how to contribute. If not, contact Amy Laage to offer your help.

REMINDER for May 16: EVERYONE NEEDS A SACK LUNCH THAT DAY. There will be no school lunch served.

Scrip orders need to be in by May 14 so that cards arrive before we send the kids off to summer vacation. During the summer months you can contact Mrs. Butterfass at 320-543-2924 to put in an order for Scrip cards.

Community Meal: Come and enjoy a spaghetti or chicken alfredo meal on Thursday, May 8 starting at 5:30 p.m. If you are able to help with set up, serving, or clean up, contact the school at 320-543-2630.

Field Day, Friday, May 16: for grades K-4. Parents and grandparents or special friends are all welcome to join us for a day of outdoor activities. There is no makeup day, so we hope for good weather on the 16th. The PTL will be sponsoring a concession stand for snack type items. Upper grade students will be helping with some of the events and the concession stand at times.

Sunday, May 4

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Worship services

Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 7

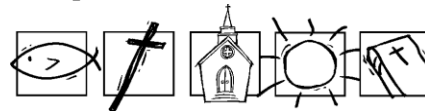
Chapel:

8:20 a.m.

Pastor Loder

In Our Prayers: This upcoming week please add these requests to your daily prayer time:

- † Thanks for the beauty of spring.
- † Thank You, God, for the grace You show us every day.
- † For God's tender care for Mrs. Olsen's niece and newborn son, Miss Sonia's father, Mrs. Kotila's niece, Amanda, and Pastor Loeslie.
- † For missionaries serving around the world.
- † For Christians living in the parts of the world where being a Christian is dangerous.
- † For all students to stay focused and do their best during these last days of the school year.
- † For those serving in the military.
- † For favorable weather so that farmers can plant their crops.



Mark your calendars for May 17th starting at 10 am for SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY. As a part of your stewardship as a member of St. James, consider volunteering some time to come and help spruce up the church, school, and cemetery grounds. From weeding to window cleaning, there's much to be done with which you can help!

Bring any equipment that you think would be helpful. Lunch will be served at noon.

2025-2026 Calendar

The calendar for next year has been sent digitally to your FastDirect email. Paper copies are available at the front desk.

As the end of the school year rapidly approaches, please be certain to check your family's accounts, both tuition and lunch, so that you can make whatever final payments are needed. If you have any questions about any of your accounts, please contact the school office.

Upcoming at St. James School:

Sun. May 4

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Worship services
Confirmation at the 10:30 service

Wed., May 7

8:20 a.m. Chapel
6:00 p.m. PTL meeting

Thurs., May 8

Library
5:30 Community Meal

Sun. May 11

10:30 a.m. Grades 1-2 Choir

Mon. May 12

Grades 5-8 field trip to MN Zoo
Grades 5-67 field trip to the MN Capitol

Tues., May 13

Grade 3 field trip to Pioneer Park
Grades 5-6 field trip to Ney County Park

Wed., May 14

Scrip orders due

8:20 a.m. Chapel
6:30 p.m. Staff Appreciation

Thurs., May 15

Library

Fri., May 16

K-4 Field Day
NO SCHOOL LUNCH – SACK LUNCHES FOR ALL

Sun., May 18

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship services

Mon., May 19

7:00 p.m. Board of Ed meeting

Tues., May 20

10:00 a.m. Preschool Moving Up Ceremony
6:30 p.m. Band concert

Thurs., May 22

10:30 a.m. Kindergarten Graduation
7:00 p.m. Eighth Grade Graduation

Fri., May 23

Last day of school
1:00 p.m. Closing Chapel

Visit us at: www.stjameshl.org/school.

At the front desk:

- Menus
- School and Church newsletters
- Scrip order forms
- Girl Scout information

Preschool Moving Up

The preK students in Ms. Holz's class will celebrate moving up to kindergarten on Tuesday, May 20, at 10:00 a.m. in the church. A small reception will follow on the playground if the weather is nice, or in the classroom in the event of rain.

Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony: A special Kindergarten Graduation will be held on Thursday, May 22nd at 10:30 a.m. in the church to celebrate these students' achievements.

2024-25 Graduation Ceremony:

The St. James Lutheran School 8th Grade Graduation will be held on Thursday, May 22nd in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m.



Eighth Grade Spotlight:



Adeline Kilpela lives in rural Howard Lake with her parents, Jeff and Maria, older siblings, Annalie and Lucas, and younger siblings, Max, Henrik, and Amelia. She has attended St. James for preschool and then again 4th-8th grades. Her confirmation verse is: *Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to*

what is good. Romans 12:9 While a student here, Addy has been active in our band, and has participated in community drama productions. Her favorite part about attending St. James has been the National Lutheran Schools Week activities. Her favorite memory of St. James days is the field trips to history museums. She will miss most her 6th and 7th grade friends. If she could change something in the world, she would have Jesus return quickly. Addy will attend Dassel Cokato high school in the fall and hasn't yet chosen a career path.

Fine Arts Expo 2025

Thank you to all who listened to our music, viewed our artwork, supplied treats, or in any way helped our event be more joyful. Spirit Wear Winner: Camden Meehan from 4th grade.

Beginner Band



Grades 1-2 Choir



Advanced Band



Grades 3-4 Choir



Preschool Choir



Grades 5-8 Choir



Kindergarten Choir



K-8 Choir

