

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sun:	11:45 AM 7:30 PM	Annual Voters Meeting Trustees Meeting
Mon:	7:00 PM	LWML Meeting
Wed:	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Bible Study Women's Bible Study
Thurs:	1:30 PM	Sarah Bible Study
Sun:	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM	Divine Service Bible Study Divine Service

SERVING TODAY

ELDERS:	<u>8:00 AM</u> Dean Koosman Jeff Diers	<u>10:30 AM</u> Tom Johnson Loren Wegner
USHERS:	<u>8:00 AM</u> Dick Zander Roy Bakeberg John Zander Brian Yager Pete Zimmerman	<u>10:30AM</u> Michael Thorson



Organist: Nancy Butterfass

Trinity VII – A human life's significance depends on the breath of God from the very beginning (Genesis 2:7), even when it looks like microscopic specks of dust. What comes from one's own or anyone else's cannot impair or improve upon it. So let us receive them all as gifts (Romans 6:23) from fertilization to forever, even in surprise pregnancies or with terminal diagnoses.

Attendance Sunday, July 27: 68 & 96 Communed: 108



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Equipping and Empowering Families and Students through Christ

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Worship Information: August 3, 2025, Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Divine Service p. 203 Hymns: 811, 561 (900, 622, 774) 819

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY... we remember Dorothy Anderson, Holly Kleve, Ruth Latzig, Anthony Love, David Lee, Marcella Yager, Carolyn Wackler, Jim Wackler, protection of the blessing of all life from conception to grave that God has precious created. Missionaries: Rev. James May and Family, Rev. Daniel and Kathy Conrad; those serving in the Armed Forces: Isaac Cain, Christena Dickens, Justin Hassa, Kelsey Hasz, Alex Hennen, Andrew Horsch, Brandon Maas, Blake Peterson, and Jacob Young.

TODAY'S SERMON...can be found in the information cart in the choir room.

CONGREGATION AT PRAYER...daily devotion guide can be found next to the bulletins.

ST. JAMES HAPPENINGS

WELCOME TO WORSHIP...The Lord's service to you through His gifts of Word and Sacrament are the means through which He offers the forgiveness of sin and nourishes your soul. Welcome! Thank you for being here. Please let us know how we may serve you. If you'd like to chat with Pastor Loder, consider giving him a call at 320-526-5245 or send him a message at revloder@gmail.com.

HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS...If you are a member of St. James, review p. 329 or the Ten Commandments in preparing to receive Jesus' body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins. If you are a guest, welcome! Communion at St. James is reserved for members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations. Please speak with Pastor Loder about Communion before participating. If you know you will be visiting, it is best to call during the week before. If you are not communing but wish to receive a blessing, come forward with your hands crossed on your chest. **Didn't have a chance to talk with Pastor about Communion before church?** If you're a member of an LCMS congregation, you are welcome to Communion, but please let Pastor Loder know where you go to church when you come to the Communion rail. Please fill out a communion registration card and hand to an Usher or put in the offering plate..

ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING...will be held today following our 10:30 Worship service and will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Items up for discussion are 2025-2026 Budget.

VBS AT BETHLEHEM...is August 4-8 from 2:30 to 5:30 for children as young as 3 (potty trained) to those entering 8th grade. Volunteers are welcome. To register or learn more about VBS at Bethlehem, contact Tricia at 320-492-4589 or tpn26@hotmail.com.

GROWING IN GOD'S GRACE...was the theme of the 41st Biennial Lutheran Women in Mission Convention held at Omaha, Nebraska in June. Members and guests are welcome to the St. James LWML meeting on August 4 at 7:00 PM in the school to hear President Barb Schmieg report on her convention experience. All women are welcome as we enjoy food and fellowship together.

COMPANION NEEDED...a female congregation member needs a female companion a couple days a week just for a few hours or what ever may work for your schedule. Somebody just to visit with and have a cup of coffee. If you have a few hours a week you wouldn't mind visiting, contact the church office for more details.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT...making a **Qualified Charitable Distribution** from an IRA as your offering to the church? Talk to your Financial Representative or Tax Advisor and see if contributing to the church and school through this plan could save you tax money while increasing your support to St. James. You can also use your **Required Minimum Distribution** as a charitable contribution in this way.

EMAIL UPDATES...for the Church email list are needed. If you have an update to your email address or don't receive the email news messages from Church, please get your email address to Michelle in the office or Pastor Loder.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP RETREAT...the Elders will be holding a men's retreat locally this year on Friday, August 8th. The primary location is the home of Bill Wickesberg at 5235 Imhoff Ave SW, Howard Lake. There will be a golf outing in the afternoon followed by a BBQ picnic starting at 5:00 PM. Also, pontoon rides and campfire. Attendees are asked to bring something to BBQ of their choice, beverage, and lawn chair. Sides, plates, and plastic ware will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.