



# St. James Lutheran School Newsletter

December 2, 2022

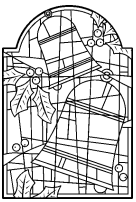
## Equipping and Empowering Families and Students Through Christ

### REMINDER

Two hour late start on Wednesday, December 7.

### RESCHEDULED CRAFT NIGHT

Come this Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 for Craft Night. The PTL has planned some great crafts for you to make with your child(ren). We hope for calmer weather this Tuesday!



**Here is the schedule for the December worship opportunities here at St. James.** Please join us as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child at Christmas.

December 7, 14, and 21

Advent Chapel services at 8:15 a.m.

December 7,14, and 21

Advent Worship at 7:00 p.m.

December 24: 4:15 and 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship services

December 25: 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Day Worship services

### children's program



### O Sing of Christ

Teachers and students have begun preparations for the Christmas program to be held at 6:30 p.m on December 15 in the church. Be sure to set aside time that evening to come and hear the joyous news once again of the Christmas story.

### Thursday, December 8

This month's Community Meal is a ham dinner with all the fixings. Come for some great food and fellowship. If you are able, help with set up, serving or clean up would be appreciated. You have received a Fast Direct email with a link to sign up for helping, or call the school office to sign up.



### Sunday, December 4

**Choir:**

10:30 a.m.

Preschool Choir

### Wednesday, December 7

**Advent Chapel:**

10:15 a.m.

Pastor Loder

7:00 p.m.

Advent Worship

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



† For proper preparation of our hearts as we go through Advent and anticipate Christ's second coming.

† For healing for all with illnesses especially Pastor Loeslie, Diane's husband, sister and cousin, Mrs. Olsen's brother-in-law, and Ms. Holz's father.

† For the homeless, unemployed, and underemployed to find shelter and work.

† For missionaries serving your church throughout the world.

† For all those serving in the military and their families.

† For all those who work to keep our communities safe and provide help in times of trouble or danger.

† For all who serve in government positions, to be guided by honesty and integrity.

† For safety as we travel on winter roads.

**Chapel Offerings** this year are designated for the family of Pastor Loeslie. So far this quarter we have reached a total of \$165.79.

### With the arrival of December, and colder

**temperatures, please** remember to have your child(ren) wear their warm coats, hats, mittens, snowpants, boots etc. for recess times. Any school closures due to weather, will be announced on local news stations. Look for HLWW District #2687. You will also receive a phone call through School Messenger.



**Next Week at St. James School:**

Fri., Dec. 2

Spirit Wear Day

Scrip orders due

Sun., Dec. 4

Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m.

Preschool choir

Tues., Dec. 6

**6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Craft Night Rescheduled**

Wed., Dec. 7

**Two hour late start**

9:30 a.m.

Prayer at the Pole

10:15 a.m.

Advent Worship Chapel

7:00 p.m.

Advent Worship

6:00 p.m.

PTL meeting

Thurs., Dec. 8

Library

5:30-7:00 p.m.

Community Meal

**At the front desk:**

- Scrip order forms
- December menus
- Church and school newsletters
- Yearbook order forms

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Laina Elsenpeter was born on December 3, 2013 in Maple Grove. Her parents are Dominic and Jessica, and she has two younger sisters, Livia and Lettie and one younger brother, Brody. Laina's favorite person in the Bible is Jesus, and math is her favorite subject in school. During her free time, Laina likes to build with Legos or play outside with friends. How to Train Your Dragon The Hidden World is her favorite movie and How to Train Your Dragon is her favorite TV show. Spaghetti is the food that Laina enjoys the most. If she could change the world somehow, Laina would see to it that everyone had food and water. When she grows up, Laina plans to be a home designer.

**Thanksgiving Food Drive Final Totals:**

Week 1: 175 items brought in. Grades 5-6 brought the most.

Week 2: 313 items brought in. Grade 2 brought the most

Week 3: 244 items brought in. Grade 4 brought the most.

Total donations: 732 items! Thank you everyone!

**From the Updated Handbook:**

**CURRICULUM** St. James' curriculum meets and exceeds the requirements for an approved school in the state of Minnesota. Our curriculum includes all the experiences of the student for which our school accepts responsibility. It provides for the spiritual, intellectual, social, and physical needs of every student. St. James' faculty evaluates portions of the curriculum each year with the purpose of providing the best instruction possible. The scope and sequence of the curriculum can be viewed upon request. The Word of God is the most important subject in our school curriculum. It is not only taught as a separate subject, but is also incorporated, when appropriate, in all subjects of the curriculum. It is our intent that students learn to connect and apply God's Word to every aspect of their lives as they learn to love God and love others. The curriculum consists of the following subject areas: **RELIGION:** Instruction centers on Biblical teachings and use of God's Word. Instruction also includes church history, missions, memorization, liturgy study, and Luther's Small Catechism. All students of St. James shall attend religious and catechesis instruction regardless of church home or affiliation. Memory work consisting of Scripture and the Small Catechism is assigned to all students as a means of the nurturing of faith and building a solid foundation for their lives as Christians. **LANGUAGE ARTS:** A complete language arts program is taught with instruction in Reading, Spelling, Phonics, English and Creative Writing.

**MATHEMATICS:** A transitional program of a thorough study from basic operations to major concepts essential for success on the high school level.

**SCIENCE:** Instruction includes concepts in life, physical, and earth sciences presented from a biblical perspective.

**MUSIC:** Music instruction includes music theory, music history, band, and choir.

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** A complete program of societal development involving history, geography, and government is taught with a distinct Christian perspective.

**ART:** Art instruction includes creative arts and crafts.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION/ HEALTH:** A structured program of instruction developing strength and skills, rhythm, recreation, health, and safety.

**TECHNOLOGY:** Tablets and Chromebooks are used in the classrooms for various assignments. Computer awareness, proper use of the computer, and the ability to use word processing, and other pertinent programs are taught.



