



St. James Lutheran School Newsletter

January 16, 2026

**Christ at the Center
Truth in All Things**

REMINDER: No Bussing on Monday, January 19
If you need any help with transportation, please contact the school office. We are here to help.

National Lutheran Schools Week is almost here!

Let's Make a Joyful Noise Psalm 98:4

Please note that chapel will be held on Monday, January 26 at 8:20 a.m. to kick off our week of celebration.

Our student council has designated this dress code for that week.

Monday Jan. 26 Spirit Wear/Maroon and Gold

Tuesday Jan. 27 Class Color Day (colors TBD)

7th & 8th graders blue

5th & 6th graders red

3rd & 4th graders green

1st & 2nd graders purple

Kindergarten & Preschoolers: orange



at

Wednesday Jan. 28 Snow Day Tubing
Powder Ridge for grades K-8 from 9:30-12:30.

Thursday Jan. 30 Sports or Hat Day

Friday Jan. 31 Cozy Day

Throughout the week there will be estimation contests in the cafeteria.

As a service project during National Lutheran Schools Week we will be conducting a drive for items that our local food shelf is in need of: hygiene products such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash, laundry soap, dish soap, deodorants, toothbrushes, toothpaste and feminine products. They could also use canned meats, side dishes like Knorr pasta or rice sides and baking supplies.

End of quarter

Today, January 16, is the end of second quarter. Report cards will be ready for viewing on the Fast Direct site sometime on Monday.



Sunday, January 18

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Worship Services

Choir:

8:00 a.m.

Preschool Choir

Chapel Service: Wednesday, January 21

8:20 a.m.

Vicar Hallock

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

- † Thanks for the salvation won for us through Christ's death and resurrection.
- † Thank you for the daily blessings we receive, such as food, clothing, warm houses, electricity, running water, friends, and families.
- † For those who are ill, especially Mrs. Olsen's father-in-law and brother-in-law, Mrs. Kotila's niece, and Pastor Loeslie.
- † For the people who have lost loved ones and or homes to the severe storms and fires in so many places.
- † For Pastors, Vicars, Missionaries and Teachers as they work to teach others about the gift of salvation through Jesus.
- † For Christians living in places where it is dangerous to profess their faith.
- † For the homeless and unemployed.
- † For policemen, firefighters, EMTs and all who serve our communities.
- † Help us to look for ways to serve our families, our friends, and our neighbors.



Monday, January 19th starts a new quarter, a fresh start in many ways. We ask that you encourage your child(ren) to be attentive to their assignments, especially memory work. Learning God's word intentionally so that it is stored in our hearts and minds helps us meet the challenges of daily life which is a vital part of who we are as a Lutheran school.

Be sure to check your Fast Direct mail next week for links for the upcoming parent teacher conferences the first week of February. There is also a link there for helping with the meal for the teachers during conference times.

Upcoming at St. James:

Sun. Jan. 18

8:00 a.m. Preschool choir

Mon., Jan. 19

No Bussing

Third quarter begins

7:00 p.m. Board of Ed meeting

Wed., Jan. 21

8:20 a.m. Chapel

Thurs., Jan. 22

Library

Sun., Jan. 25

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Advanced Band

School Website: www.stjameshl.org/school.

At the reception desk:

- *Lunch/Breakfast menus
- *Newsletters
- *Girl Scout information

Wright County 4-H is sponsoring a pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 8 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Rockford Township Hall at 3039 Dauge Ave SE, Buffalo. Cost is \$8.00. Children under 3 are free. They are raising funds for a new 4-H Food Stand at the Wright County Fairgrounds. There will also be a silent auction held during the breakfast. For more information go to: <https://z.umn.edu/wenewfoodstand>.

Plan ahead to attend the Flip Flopping In February by the Early Childhood Department

Thursday, February 19th, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the St. James gym. A time especially for our 3 and 4 year olds and Kindergarten students to come together for a chance to play, bounce, run, and jump. You are welcome to bring a friend who is also 3, 4 or in Kindergarten.



Remember to periodically check the lost and found box just inside the 1918 doors.

There's quite a variety of hats, sweatshirts, mittens, etc. in it.



A representative from Wright Hennepin shared electrical safety information with the third grade class this past week. Students learned about the dangers of coming into contact with power lines and about the special gear that Wright Hennepin technicians use to keep themselves safe.

St. James Gala – Glitz & Groove

Saturday, March 14 is the date. Be sure to reserve your tickets sooner rather than later. Ticket prices are \$50.00 which includes your meal, both silent and live auctions, and the entertainment by comedian and ventriloquist David Malmberg.

Social Hour begins at 4:30 p.m.

Silent Auction between 4:30 and 6:45 p.m.

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Live Auction at 7:00 p.m.

Entertainment begins at 8:00 p.m.



Student of the Week:

Amelia Kilpela is part of the Kindergarten class this year. She was born on February 10 in Hutchinson. Her parents are Jeff and Maria and she has five older siblings, Annalie, Lucas, Addy, Max, and Henrik. Her favorite person in the Bible is Jesus, and recess is her favorite part of the school day. The

TV show that she enjoys most is Jesse and the best movie according to Amelia is Rapunzel. Cereal is her favorite food and when she grows up, she plans to be a veterinarian.

