



St. James Lutheran School Newsletter

May 15, 2026

Christ At The Center Truth In All Things

Graduations:

Preschool Moving Up Ceremony is Tuesday, May 19 at 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria.

The Kindergarteners will celebrate their graduation on Thursday, May 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. Parents, grandparents, and special friends are welcome to join us.

Please join us on Thursday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate our graduating eighth graders, Emma Cardinal, Lillian Doten, Logan Frich, Odin Johnson, Olivia Koosman, Oliver Nikko, and Evan Smith. If you are planning to attend, an RSVP to the school office would be appreciated so that we can have adequate seating and food for all.



Lost and Found: The Lost and Found items are on display in the cafeteria. We have collected an amazing array of hats, sweatshirts, socks, gloves, etc. Check to see if any missing items for your family

happen to be there. Anything still left after the last day of school will be donated to charity.

End of Year Tuition: We ask that all outstanding balances be paid, or a plan worked out with the office for payments. If you have any questions about your account, please contact the school office.

Correction:

From last week's eighth grade spotlight, please note that Logan Frich splits his residence between his mom, Sarah in Howard Lake, and his dad, Dan in Waverly.

Be sure to come next Tuesday, May 19th at 6:30 p.m. for the end of the year band concert! Both our St. James bands play group pieces, and many of the students perform solos, duets, and trios. Alumni of St. James, family members, and friends join in for one piece at the end.

Sunday, May 17

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Worship services

Choir:

8:00 a.m.

Grades 3-4 Choir

Friday, May 22

Closing Chapel

1:00 p. m.

Pastor Loder

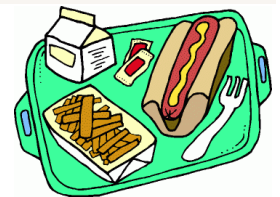
In Our Prayers: This upcoming week please add these prayer requests to your daily prayer time:

- † For health and safety for our students and teachers as we near the end of the school year.
- † Thanks for listening to our prayers and always giving us what's best for us.
- † Thanks for the assurance that Christ's ascension gives us that Christ is reigning in heaven, seated at the right hand of the Father.
- † For those displaced by floods, wildfires, and storms.
- † For fellow Christians who live in parts of the world where it is dangerous to profess Christ.
- † For those who are in need of your healing power, especially Pastor Loder, Mrs. Estrem's mother, Mrs. Kotila's niece, Mrs., Olsen's father-in-law and brother-in-law, Miss Sonia's father, and Pastor Loeslie.
- † For those serving in our military and their families.



Lunch payments

Parents please check your lunch account through Howard Lake Waverly Winsted and get all balances paid by May 31.



Chapel: If you are able to fit it into your schedule, please join us for closing chapel on Friday, May 22 at 1:00 p.m. End of the year awards are handed out after the chapel service.



Upcoming Events at St. James

Fri. May 15

10:00 a.m. Field Day grades K-4

Sun., May 17

8:00 a.m. Grades 3-4 Choir

Mon., May 18

7:00 p.m. Board of Education

Tues., May 19

10:00 a.m. Preschool Moving Up

6:30 p.m. St. James Band concert

Thurs., May 21

10:00 a.m. Kindergarten Graduation

7:00 p.m. Eighth Grade Graduation

Fri., May 22

1:00 p.m. Closing Chapel

Treats by the PTL

School website: stjameshl.org

At the front desk:

- School newsletters
- Lunch menus



Eighth Grade Spotlights:

Olivia Koosman has attended St. James preschool through eighth grade. She lives in rural Howard Lake with her parents, Andrew and Suzann and younger brother, Bryce. She chose Psalm 34:1 as her confirmation verse: *I will bless the Lor4d at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.* She has

participated in softball, basketball, volleyball and band. Olivia's favorite part about her years at St. James is the teachers and people. Her favorite memory has been her chapel buddies and teachers. Games, friends and teachers are the parts she will miss most next year. If Olivia could change something in the world, she would put a stop to hate against religion. In the fall, Olivia will attend HLWW and hasn't decided on a career yet.



Oliver Nikko has attended St. James from preschool through eighth grade. He lives in Woodland township with his parents, Derek and Mary, older sister Vivan and younger sister, Clara. His confirmation verse is Hebrews 10:23: *Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.* Oliver has participated in track and field this year. His favorite part about St. James is the small classes, and his favorite memory is playing four base on Fridays. The "super nice people" and lots of study hall time are the things Oliver expects to miss most next year. If he could change something in the world, he would have no more math classes. Oliver will be attending HLWW in the fall and plans to go into excavating or being a mechanic as a career.



Evan Smith has attended St. James from first through eighth grades. His parents are Duane and Tess Smith and he lives in rural Howard Lake. I John 4:19 is the Bible verse he has chosen: *We love because he first loved us.* Evan has participated in football as an extracurricular. His favorite part about St. James has been playing four

base, which is also what he will miss most next year. If he could change something in the world he would start a professional four base league. Evan will attend HLWW in the fall and plans to go into the family business, Canvas Works, after he graduates.

Thank you to Jack George for keeping the grass mowed around the school and church. Thank you to Jordan Holmquist for the weed whipping and handling the maintenance tasks that pop up around the school and church. We truly appreciate your help and diligence in keeping up with these jobs.



Yearbooks will be handed out next Wednesday to those who have paid for them.

Grades 5 and 6 visited the Minnesota History Center on Thursday the 14th.



Students said one of the best exhibits was going in an actual plane from WWII. It was set up so that you felt like you were really flying in the plane.



Others found the section on mining really interesting. Students could "set off TNT" in the mine and use jackhammers to break off rock.

They also learned about James J. Hill and his ownership in the railroad industry during the early years of Minnesota.



Two pictures from field day today.
Hannah doing the triple jump.



Concession stand crew.



