

## WEEKLY EVENTS

<b>Mon:</b>		<b>Church Office Closed</b>
<b>Wed:</b>	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study
<b>Thurs:</b>	9:00 AM	Bible Study
<b>Sun:</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Divine Service Bible Study

## SERVING TODAY

<b>ELDERS:</b>	<u>8:00 AM</u> Jeff Diers Joe Pehl	<u>10:30 AM</u> Tom Johnson Loren Wegner
<b>USHERS:</b>	<u>8:00 AM</u> Dick Zander Roy Bakeberg John Zander Pete Zimmerman	<u>10:30AM</u> Mike Thorson



**Organist:** Nancy Butterfass

The Day of Pentecost – When it comes to issues such as abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and euthanasia, man always thinks that he knows best. It is easy to create our own justification, for like the people at the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11), we want to “make a name” for ourselves. Yet our sin and rebellion only bring confusion and division. But God sent us the Holy Spirit on Pentecost (Acts 2) that we would speak with one voice the truth of the Gospel: that Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay for our sins and by His resurrection has set us free, even from the darkness that lurks in our past. The Spirit “teaches us all things” – all that Jesus has done for us — that our “hearts would not be troubled or afraid” (John 14). Thus, we pray as in Psalm 143:10: “Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground!”

Attendance Sunday, May 17: 123 & 87 Communion: 136



# St. James Lutheran Church

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**Worship Information: May 24, 2026, The Day of Pentecost**  
Divine Service p. 184 Hymns: 501, 497 (500, 650, 496) 503

**IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY...** we remember Nancy Diers, Pastor Loder, Mary Jo Painschab, Blake Peterson (Deployed on the USS Mason), Chris Yukel, , protection of the blessing of all life from conception to grave that God has preciousy 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, Alex Pettit, 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](mailto: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 it to an Usher or put in the offering plate..

**OFFERING AND EXPENSES...**as of the end of April. Total receipts are \$865,079, total expenses \$827,044 with a balance of \$38,035.

**SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE...** Read one book of the Bible. The more you read, the more you want to read. What begins as discipline becomes delight. Take encouragement: the Lord Himself is feeding you through His Word, strengthening your faith and building you up in Him who is the head of the Church, even Christ.

**VBS SAVE THE DATE...**August 3 - 6, 9 am to noon. This year's theme will be Emerald Crossing - An Irish Adventure through Psalm 23. Keep an eye out for more information, registration, and a call for volunteers.

**VACATION AND/OR CAMPING?...**While it's great to take some time for rest and relaxation, we don't take a vacation from God's service for our souls. Please consider choosing places that allow you to worship on Sunday mornings. If you need some help finding a church, chat with Pastor Loder or go to <https://locator.lcms.org/>

**ROAD CONSTRUCTION...**will start soon on 10th Street, which is between the church and our parking lot. During the construction, the lot will be usable, but you will need to use the crosswalk to get to the west doors of the church, as the east doors will be closed. The sidewalk will also be removed and replaced. To access the church office, please use the back door. You can park in the driveway.

**FAMILY POTLUCK...**join us today right after bible study for a potluck. Please bring a dish to share and a chair, also any games you might want to play. Join us for a afternoon of fun and fellowship.

**LUTHERAN WITNESS...**is a magazine published by the LCMS filled with stories of faith, Synod and District News. If you would like to receive this magazine, please contact the church office and pay the \$28 yearly subscription price before May 25<sup>th</sup>. You can find a form to fill out in the May newsletter and a box to place them in in the Narthex.

**SUMMER SCHEDULE...**begins today, May 24th. Divine Service at 9 am followed by Bible Study. What a blessing it will be to worship together as one congregation. Service will be followed by some Fellowship and then all are invited to stay for Bible Study.

**SUMMER VACATION...**for Sunday School will begin next Sunday, May 24 and end on Labor Day weekend Sunday, September 6. Bags of Sunday School lessons and activities will be available in the narthex at the beginning of June for ages 3 to 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Blessings to all our children for a great summer while continuing to be in God's Word every day. See you back in Sunday School on Rally Day, September 13!