

WEEKLY EVENTS

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| Mon: | 7:00 PM | School Board Meeting |
| Tue: | 7:00 PM | Leadership Council Meeting |
| Wed: | 8:20 AM | Chapel |
| | 5:30 PM | Catechesis Check In |
| | 7:00 PM | Women's Bible Study |
| | 8:00 PM | Worship Choir |
| Sat: | 9-12:00 PM | Private Confession/Absolution |
| Sun: | 8:00 AM | Divine Service |
| | 9:15 AM | Bible Study/SS/Catechesis |
| | 10:30 AM | Divine Service |
| | Voters Meeting Following 10:30 Service | |

SERVING TODAY

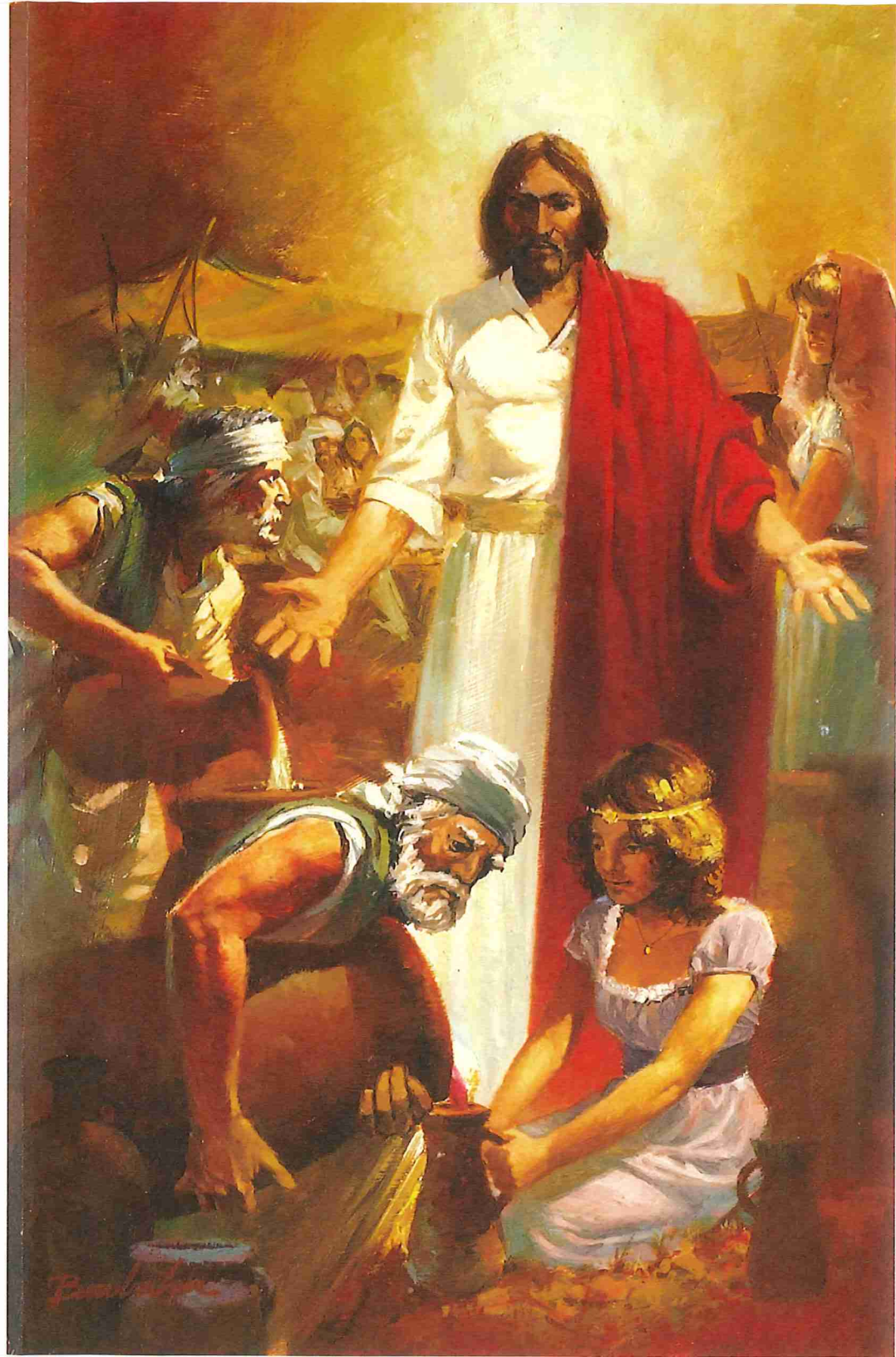
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| ELDERS: | <u>8:00 AM</u> | <u>10:30 AM</u> |
| | Bill Wickesberg | Tom Johnson |
| | Harold Blanchette | Joe Pehl |
| USHERS: | <u>8:00 AM</u> | <u>10:30AM</u> |
| | | Mark Diers |
| | | Jeff Diers |
| | | Al Montgomery |
| | | Peter Zander |
| | | Chris Zander |
| | | Jeff Kilpela |
| | | Mike Sparkman |



Organist: Molly Loder
Both: 8:00 "The B-I-B-L-E" Preschool

Epiphany II – Life issues such as infertility, surprise pregnancy, or terminal diagnosis can loom like six stone jars (John 2:6). They remind us of our imperfections and our need for cleansing. As at Cana, Jesus still compassionately intervenes. He makes life issues speak instead the sweetness of His miraculous but mysterious salvation from the shadows of death. Let us delight to proclaim it lest the stones shame us by their crying out.

Attendance Sunday, January 11: 92 & 124 Communion: 124



St. James Lutheran Church

Christ at the Center. Truth in All Things

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Worship Information: January 18, 2026, Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Divine Service p. 151 Hymns: 512, 688 (409, 637, 620) 828

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY... we remember Jim Ittel, Cheryl Moist, Darlene Yager, Chris Yukel, Carolyn Wackler, Jim Wackler, 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.

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..

JESUS PRAYED THE PSALMS... When Jesus prayed, He prayed the Psalms. On the cross He cried, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Psalm 22), and "Into Your hands I commit My spirit" (Psalm 31). After the Last Supper, He and His disciples sang the Psalms traditionally used at Passover. If the Lord Himself prayed these inspired words, how much more may we learn from them! Continue this month's discipline by praying a Psalm each day, letting Christ's own prayer book shape your faith and your words.

VOTERS MEETING... will be held Sunday, January 28th following our 10:30 Service. During our meeting, we will hold discussion and vote on participating in the Vicar program again this year. Your input is important as we consider this program again for our congregation. All members are invited to participate.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2025... have been placed in your church mailbox. If you notice any discrepancies or have questions, please contact the church office or our finance directors Chris Koosman and John Zander.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT... for the 8th Annual Saints Gala on March 14, 2026. Tickets are \$50 per person and includes dinner and entertainment. Contact the school office at 320-543-2630 to reserve your tickets.

THE GALA COMMITTEE... gratefully accepts donations for the live and silent auction. Donation ideas include items, services, gift card or unique experiences--- every contribution makes a meaningful impact for our school. If you are interested in donating, please contact the school office or check out the "Basket Board Idea Sheet" located in the Choir Room. All donations must be received by March 2, 2026.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST... Sunday, February 8 from 8-12 PM at the Rockford Township Hall, 3039 Dauge Ave SE, Buffalo. Wright County 4-H is fundraising for a new 4-H Food stand Building at the Fairgrounds!! Cost is \$8.00, 3 years and under are free. Pancakes, eggs, sausages, juice coffee, and milk will be served.