

WEEKLY EVENTS

Mon:	1:00 PM	Naomi Guild
Tues:	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study
Wed:	8:20 AM	Chapel
	10:00 AM	Bible Study
	5:30 PM	Catechesis Check-in
	7:00 PM	Advent Evening Prayer
	8:00 PM	Worship Choir
Thurs:	1:30 PM	Sarah Bible Study
	5:30 PM	Community Meal
Sun:	9:30 AM	150 th Anniversary Service
	11:15 AM	150 th Anniversary Reception

SERVING TODAY

ELDERS:	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
	Harold Blanchette	Dean Koosman
	Bill Wickesberg	Joe Pehl
USHERS:	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30AM</u>
	Jack George	Derek Nikko
	Paul Lindahl	



Organist: Nancy Butterfass
Choir: 8:00 Worship Choir
 10:30 "Soon and Very Soon" Preschool

Advent II (Populus Zion) – Abortion and assisted suicide arise out of panic. The Advent Gospel offers something better: promise and patient anticipation. During surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis, Jesus Christ means that better days are coming (Malachi 4:1-2), redemption is drawing near (Luke 21:28), and we may welcome one another like the Lord Himself (Romans 15:7). Sufferings will end, but blessings accumulate. Breathe, trust, hope, and rejoice.

Attendance Sunday, November 30: 71 & 86 Communed: 91

Second Sunday in Advent December 7, 2025



St. James Lutheran Church

Christ at the Center. Truth in All Things.

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Worship Information: December 7, 2025

Divine Service p. 203 Hymns: 353, 336 (333, 355, 508) 337

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY... we remember Cheryl Moist, Darlene Yager, 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..

DECEMBER SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE: DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATION...This Advent we remember that *"the Word became flesh and dwelt among us"* (John 1:14). Christ comes to us still today through His written and spoken Word. Join us this month in the discipline of reading **one chapter of Scripture each day**. Whether it's Proverbs, a Gospel, or a combination of shorter books, let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly. Begin—or continue—the habit of daily meditation and be strengthened in faith.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE ST. JAMES GALA...held on Saturday, March 14, 2026. Tickets are on sale now and include dinner and entertainment. Reserve your spot with early-bird pricing of \$45/ticket. Prices increase by \$5 on December 20th. Call the school office at (320)543-2630 to reserve your tickets.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FOOD SHELF...monetary donations are needed to help stock our community food shelf. Your generosity helps purchase fresh and essential items for families in need. Contributions can be placed in the box located in the Narthex or through the church office.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION...mark your calendars for Sunday, December 14th, at 9:30 AM (one service that Sunday). Following the service will be an all-member picture, followed by a fellowship potluck. Please help us spread the word and invite your family and friends.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING...help us prepare the church for the Christmas season! We will be decorating on Saturday, December 13th at 9:00 AM and would love many hands to make light work. All ages are welcome. Come enjoy fellowship as we transform our worship space for the celebration of Christ's birth!!

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

CHRISTMAS CONCERT...The Litchfield Area Male Chorus invites you to "Sing a Song of Merry Christmas" on Thursday, December 4, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Annandale (331 Harrison St W) or Friday, December 5, at First Lutheran Church in Litchfield (703 S Sibley Ave). Both concerts begin at 7:00 PM with a free-will admission cost. Take a reminder card from the poster in the choir room.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA...hosted by the Howard Lake Lions today from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM for a delicious breakfast including pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, biscuits and gravy. Free will donation. Bring your camera for photos with Santa from 9 AM-11 AM!!

LIKE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS?...Delano Central Park has a nice drive-through light display. Not too far away to go to enjoy a little cheer. And while there, check out the new outdoor ice rink located up the hill from Central Park near the school complex.