

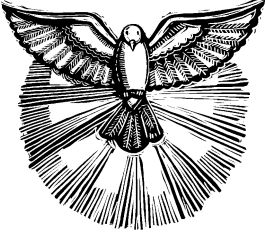


St. James Lutheran School Newsletter

May 1, 2026

Christ at the Center Truth in All Things

Confirmation Class 2026



Emma Cardinal, Lillian Doten, Logan Frich, Clay Hendrickson, Olivia Koosman, Oliver Nikko, Lane Sparkman, Carly Stueven and Morgan Stueven. will be confirmed this Sunday, May 3 at the 10:30 service. We thank

God for their proclamation of faith and ask that through the Holy Spirit, they will continue to be faithful in Word and Sacrament.

Spread the word! If you know of a family looking for a Christian education for their children, let them know about us. Registration is open for the 2026-27 school year.

REMINDER for May 15: EVERYONE NEEDS A SACK LUNCH THAT DAY. There will be no hot school lunch served.

From the PTL: Next week is Staff and Teacher Appreciation week-- help us celebrate the incredible people who make our school such a wonderful place! Consider donating an item to make next week extra special for our school staff and teacher. Sign up here: www.signupgenius.com/go/805084DA8A92AA31-63862250-staff#
Thanks!

Field Day, Friday, May 15: for grades K-4. Parents and grandparents or special friends are all welcome to join us for a day of outdoor activities. There is no makeup day, so we hope for good weather on the 15th. The PTL will be sponsoring a concession stand for snack type items. Upper grade students will be helping with some of the events and the concession stand at times.

2026-2027 Calendar

The calendar for next year has been sent digitally to your FastDirect email. Paper copies are available at the front desk.

Sunday, May 3

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Worship services

Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 6

Chapel:

8:20 a.m.

Pastor Loder

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

- † Thanks for the beauty of spring.
- † Thank You, God, for the grace You show us every day.
- † For God's tender care for Mr. Dahl's father, Mrs. Olsen's father-in-law and brother-in-law, Mrs. Kotila's niece, and Pastor Loeslie.
- † For missionaries serving around the world.
- † For Christians living in the parts of the world where being a Christian is dangerous.
- † For all students to stay focused and do their best during these last days of the school year.
- † For those serving in the military.
- † For favorable weather so that farmers can plant their crops.
- † For the many people impacted by storms in recent weeks.



The preschool classes made May baskets to give to each staff member today. Thank you for helping us celebrate the day.

Upcoming at St. James School:

Sun. May 3

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Worship services
Confirmation at the 10:30 service

Wed., May 6

8:20 a.m. Chapel
6:30 p.m. PTL meeting

Thurs., May 7

Library

Sun. May 10

10:30 a.m. Grades 5-8 Choir

Wed., May 13

8:20 a.m. Chapel

Thurs., May 14

Library

Fri., May 15

K-4 Field Day

NO SCHOOL LUNCH – SACK LUNCHES FOR ALL

Sun., May 17

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

Mon., May 18

7:00 p.m. Board of Ed meeting

Tues., May 19

10:00 a.m. Preschool Moving Up Ceremony
6:30 p.m. Band concert

Thurs., May 21

10:00 a.m. Kindergarten Graduation
7:00 p.m. Eighth Grade Graduation

Fri., May 22

Last day of school

1:00 p.m. Closing Chapel

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Preschool Moving Up

The preK students in Ms. Holz's class will celebrate moving- up to kindergarten on Tuesday, May 19, at 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. A small reception will follow on the playground if the weather is nice, or in the classroom in the event of rain.

Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony: A special Kindergarten Graduation will be held on Thursday, May 21st at 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria to celebrate these students' achievements.

2025-26 Graduation Ceremony:

The St. James Lutheran School 8th Grade Graduation will be held on Thursday, May 21st in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m.



Eighth Grade Spotlight:

Lillian Doten lives in Howard Lake with her dad, Brandon. Her mom is Jennifer and she has two sisters, Haily and Kayla. She has attended St. James for third through eighth grade. Lillian chose Isaiah 43:2 for her confirmation verse: *When you pass*

through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned." She has participated in band and helped with scorekeeping at home games. Her favorite part about attending St. James has been the taco max snack lunches, nice teachers and classmates. Lillian's favorite memory of St. James is confirmation class. Seeing friends everyday will be what she will miss most about St. James. If she could change something in the world, Lillian would put an end to the hate towards others. She will attend HLWW next year and plans to be an ultrasound technician someday.

As the end of the school year rapidly approaches,

please be certain to check your family's accounts, both tuition and lunch, so that you can make whatever final payments are needed. If you have any questions about tuition or child care, please contact the school office. If you have questions about your lunch account, please contact the HLWW lunch program.



Another sign of spring has arrived! The eggs in the preschool incubator have hatched.



Three St. James students participated in the Encore Ensembles Honor Band Festival and concert on Saturday, April 25 at Concordia Academy in Roseville, MN. Congratulations to 7th grader Lila Hennen (flute), 6th grader Audrey Ogle (clarinet), and 6th grader Tanner Koch (trombone), who were selected to participate with forty-five other 6th-10th grade private school and homeschool band students from around the greater metro area. After a full day of rehearsals and sectionals, they performed an evening concert of fun, challenging music under the direction of Ms. Laura Doeblner, representing our school and community very well! Favorite pieces included: *Skygazer Fanfare* by Randall Standridge, *A Builder's Dream* by Adrian Sims, and *Fireball!* by Brian Beck. Fine Arts Expo 2026

Spring Concert/Fine Arts Expo 2026

Thank you to all who listened to our music, viewed our artwork, supplied treats, or in any way helped our event be more joyful. Spirit Wear Winners: Hadley Diers in 4th grade and alumna, Sophie Salmela.

A few pictures from that afternoon that have been shared with us.

Advanced Band



Kindergarten Choir



Grades 1-2 Choir



Grades 3-4 Choir



Grades 5-8 Choir

