



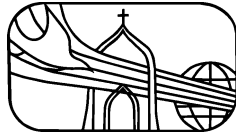
# St. James Lutheran School Newsletter

February 7, 2025

## Equipping and Empowering Families and Students through Christ

### Hearts for Jesus:

This year's offerings will help Project Ingate which provides Christian Education training for third world countries. Each classroom has a collection box where students can place their offerings.



### Estimation Contest Results:

Monday-pennies in a jar. Actual total 267; closest estimation by *Olivia Koosman* was 283.

Tuesday-sticks of gum in a container. Actual total 97; closest estimation by *Oliver Nikko* was 100.

Wednesday-cotton balls in a container. Actual total was 127; *Rowan Johnson* estimated exactly 127.

Thursday-length of several shoelaces tied together. Actual length was 227 inches; *Harper Salmela* estimated exactly 227.

Friday-Legos in a jar. Actual total 1289; closest estimation by *Lila Hennen* was 1120.

We have some students who are VERY good at estimation!

### Get your tickets for the Gala coming up on March 8. Tickets must be purchased before Feb. 24.

Dressing to the theme of Ebony and Ivory is highly encouraged.

The deadline for donating items for the silent auction is Friday, February 21. Donations could be themed baskets, handmade items, or offers for services that you could provide.

Entertainment by The River Rats Dueling Pianos at 8:00. Tickets are \$50.00 each and can be purchased by contacting the school office. Optional childcare will be provided for children that are toilet trained. Early registration is required for childcare.

### Flip Flopping in February



Thursday, February 20 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

our 3 year olds, 4 year olds and Kindergarten students are invited to come enjoy a bounce house and lots of other activities in our gym. Students are welcome to bring friends who are also 3 or 4 years old, or in Kindergarten.

### Sunday, February 9

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Grades 3-4 Choir

St. James Band

### Wednesday, February 12

#### Chapel:

8:20 a.m.

Pastor Loder

**In Our Prayers:** This coming week please add these requests to

- † Thanks for warm homes and warm clothes.
- † Thanks for the extraordinary love shown for all people by Jesus, to become a man, take our punishment, and conquer death by His resurrection.
- † For hearts and minds that put God first in our lives.
- † For those who live in danger because of their faith in Jesus.
- † For those who are ill especially Mrs. Olsen's father, Mrs. Kotila's niece, Amanda, and Pastor Loeslie.
- † For all pastors, teachers, and missionaries as they serve the Lord where they have been placed.

### Go Bowling with the PTL

Sunday, February 16 at Huikkos in Buffalo from 2:30-4:30. Forms went home with the youngest or only child today to purchase tickets. Cost is \$10.00 per person which includes 2 hours of bowling and shoe rental. Tickets must be purchased by February 12<sup>th</sup>. Your family gets to have fun and St. James gets part of the ticket cost back from Huikkos.

**Chapel Offerings for Love Inc:** Total so far: \$66.86 in third quarter.



**Remember to log in to Fast Direct** to register your child(ren) for the 2025-26 school year. It's a simple click in the Yes box at the bottom of your home page to register. To register a new student, contact the school office.

**CORRECTION; Early registration is \$125.00 for grades K-8 and \$75.00 for preschoolers if paid by April 1.**

**Upcoming at St. James this week**

**Sunday, Feb. 9**

8:00 a.m. Grades 3-4 Choir  
10:30 a.m. St. James Band

**Wednesday, Feb. 12**

8:20 a.m. Chapel  
Deadline to order bowling tickets

**Thursday, Feb. 13**

Library

**Sunday, Feb. 16**

2:30-4:30 Bowling at Huikkos in Buffalo

**Monday, Feb. 17**

**NO SCHOOL President's Day**

7:00 p.m. Board of Education meeting

**School Website:** [www.stjameshl.org/school](http://www.stjameshl.org/school).

**Scrip orders are due on February 21.** You can use these cards for yourself, or give them as gifts to others. Your family receives a percentage of each card's worth as a credit for next year's tuition.

**NLSW MOMENTS**



**Night of Hope**, a free event, hosted by St. John's Lutheran Church in Buffalo on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 7-8:30 pm. In response to the great need for mental health support in our community, Night of Hope will center around honest conversation and practical guidance about mental health and finding our hope in Christ. Author and therapist, Heidi Goehmann, and author/poet, Tanner Olson, will be sharing and teaching about mental health topics and Blake Flattley, singer/songwriter, will be leading music. You can find more details about what they do at this link: <https://www.writtentospeak.com/night-of-hope>. The event is for all ages, including youth, parents, grandparents, and anyone who wants to learn more about mental health or support someone who struggles with it. Prior to the evening's event, at 5:30 we are hosting a Wellness Resource Fair featuring organizations and vendors that have resources helpful for mental health and community connections. (Gideon the Comfort Dog, ACT United, Wrapped in Love, local Christian counselors, financial guidance, Timber Bay, 2B Continued, and more!) The resource fair will open to the public up at 5:30 pm and go until about 6:45 pm. There will also be a meal available during the resource fair for \$5.

**Thank you to the parents** who provided the fantastic meal for the teachers last night during conferences. It is very kind of you, and greatly appreciated.

**Volunteers needed:** If you are able/willing to help with snow removal on school and church sidewalks, please give us your cell number as the best means to contact you. Generally shoveling begins about 6:30 a.m. so that sidewalks are cleared for teachers and students. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve.



**Each class had a chance to use the golf course during the school day on Friday.**

## Penny Harvest Success

Great work everyone – we collected a total of 431 pounds of pennies which adds up to \$743.40!! That meant pies in the face for 10 staff members. YUM!



## Preschoolers after golfing



**Thank you** to Mason Glessing for delivering the ice cream machine, to Jenna Davis for organizing ice cream and picking up the machine at the end of the week. Thanks to Mary Nikko for making sure we had the mix and bowls from which to eat the ice cream. And thank you to ALL the parents who help our staff with many projects and activities not only during NLSW but all year long.