



St. James Lutheran School Newsletter

September 6, 2024

Equipping and Empowering Students and Families Through Christ

The St. James School Newsletter will be sent as a PDF to your Fast Direct Mail. We will not be sending paper copies home for each family. There will be a few paper copies available at the front desk and at the church for those who prefer that format.

Volunteering opportunities

- ***We are looking for any parents who would be willing/available to help with the breakfast time in the mornings. Time frame would be 7:35-8:00. Duties would include tallying which students have taken a breakfast, handing out milk, etc.
- ***Coming in once a week to listen to students read
- ***Being a substitute for those who sit at the front desk over the noon hour to answer the phone and door.
- ***Monitoring the lunchroom for one of the teachers so they would have some prep time.
- ***Monitoring the playground/recess time for a teacher to give them some prep time.
- ***Sharing your talents or expertise in some area with a class or two once in a while.

PTL NEWS

The first meeting of the PTL for this school year was held on Wednesday, September 4. The next meeting will be on October 2. All parents are welcome to attend these meetings to share ideas and talents, or just learn more about what the PTL does.



We welcome new students: Lydia Kurtzhals in sixth grade, Judah Kurtzhals and Kayden Woods in fourth grade, Grace Kurtzhals and Aiden Ricci in first grade, Wyatt Wrobbel in kindergarten, and

Amelia Kilpela, Naomi Love, Marley Skelly, Thea Wagner, Adaline Workman, Addie Young and Mia Young in preschool. We are glad to have all of you joining our family here at St. James and pray for a great school year for all.

THANK YOU to the dedicated lawn mower who kept the church and school grounds clean and neat all summer.

CHAPEL: This year's chapel offerings will be going to **Love Inc.** This is a local organization which offers clothing and household items donated by caring community people for purchase at prices much lower than retail stores.

Sunday, September 8

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Worship Services

Chapel Service: Wednesday, September 11

8:20 a.m. Pastor Loder

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

- † Thanks for the blessings of a new school year.
- † Thanks for the volunteers who graciously give of their time and talent to help our staff and students.
- † For all students and staff, to grow in faith and knowledge day by day throughout this year.
- † For all who are impacted by recent hurricanes, storms, and wildfires.
- † For the family of Rev. Mark Loder at the passing of his mother.
- † For all in need of healing especially Kayden's grandpa, and Pastor Loeslie,
- † For those who are homeless or unemployed.
- † For those serving in the military.
- † For God's care for St. James church and school families and staff.



LUNCHES: Although all students are able to have a free breakfast and a free lunch each day, it is a good idea to make sure you have your family account set up with HLWW. If you do not already have a lunch account, contact Michelle Johnson at the high school (320-543-4600). Each morning the students will be asked if they are having hot lunch, or brought their own, so that our cook will have the right amount of food prepared. The only charges made to your account this year will be: \$.50 for a carton of milk to go with a lunch brought from home, or if the student wants a second milk to go with their school lunch. Grades 5-8 are able to purchase a second entrée at a cost of \$2.00.

By going to the school website and using the Lunch payment tab, families can do online payments directly to HLWW. If you prefer to use checks for lunch payments, please make them out to ISD #2687, and drop them off in the school office. We will then deliver the check to HLWW.

As always if you would like to join your son or daughter at lunch, let the office know by 9:00 a.m. Cost for an adult meal is \$5.00 and may be deducted from the family account as long as there is money in the account.

Parents of 5-8 graders: Have a chat with your sons and/or daughters in grades 5-8 about considering being part of something new here at St. James this year. We will be starting a student council. Pastor Loder will meet with all interested students on Monday, Sept. 9 at lunch time to give further details. We hope for a good group to help make decisions and plan activities for our student body.

Next Week at St. James School:

Sun., Sept. 8

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Worship Services

Tues., Sept. 10

3:00-4:30 p.m. VB practice

Wed., Sept. 11

8:20 a.m. Chapel

3:00-4:30 p.m. VB practice

Thurs., Sept. 12

Library

3:45 p.m. Home VB vs. Trinity Waconia

Sun., Sept. 15

8:00 a.m. Grades 5-8 Choir

Available at the front desk:

- school calendars
- lunch menus
- yearbook order forms
- school newsletters
- Girl Scout information

THE SCRIP PROGRAM

Check out the order form available on the Fast Direct site under Links. You pay the face value amount for the gift cards and get the full value of the cards when using them at the corresponding businesses. The percentage listed in the % column is the amount that is then credited to your family tuition account for the 2025-2026 school year.

Make your selections and turn in the form and the payment (checks made out to St. James Lutheran School) to either the school or church office by September 20. We will send in a group order once each month. THANK YOU!!

Remember

to check out the website at www.stjameshl.org On the site under the school tab you can find links to the Fast Direct site and the lunch payment site, along with the weekly newsletter, and PTL information.

CHOIR/SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE

Each family has received a choir schedule for this year in PDF form through Fast Direct emails. Each school choir sings approximately once a quarter in a Sunday morning service here at St. James. Choir directors will give students any special instructions they may need about arrival times, where to sit etc. We hope as many as possible can come each time they are scheduled to sing and help us give God praise.



Yearbook order forms for the current school

year may be turned in to the school office. Cost is still \$14.00 per book.



Parents of preschool and second graders don't forget to make milk payments for the milk your students drink at morning snack time. Thanks for those of you who have already paid!



First Day back as 7th and 8th graders!



The new 5th and 6th graders



The mighty Kindergarten class!



Each day now starts with a devotion for everyone in the cafeteria at 8:00 after breakfast.

