



St. James Lutheran School Newsletter

January 23, 2026

Christ at the Center Truth in All Things

National Lutheran Schools Week begins Monday
with a chapel service at 8:20 a.m.

Dress codes for the week:

Monday: Spirit Wear/ Maroon & Gold Day

Tuesday: Class Color Day

7th-8th blue

5th-6th red

3rd-4th green

1st -2nd purple

K & Preschool orange

Wednesday: Snow Gear Day

Thursday: Sports or Hat Day

Friday: Cozy Day Special pizza lunch- mini golf day

The PTL is preparing estimation contests for the week. Students will be able to test their estimation skills at lunch each day.

Sunday, Feb. 1: K-8 Choir at 10:30 service to wrap up the week.

Remember to send in your payment of \$16.00 per person for Powder Ridge by Wednesday morning.

The bus will be leaving between 8:30 and 8:45 a.m. that morning. We should be back to school around 2:00.

Fast Direct has been updated to show the changes in next week's menu. If you are following a paper copy, make the following changes for next week.

Monday: Sloppy joes

Tuesday: Taco Max Snax

Wednesday: Sack lunches

Thursday: Baked potato bar

Friday: Pizza

Our service project for NLSW is gathering items for the local food shelf. They are currently in need of personal hygiene products such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash, laundry soap, dish soap, deodorants, tooth brushes, toothpaste and feminine products. They could also use canned meats, side dishes like Knor pasta or rice sides and baking supplies.

Goals for total items brought in: 200 items will be ice cream treat for lunch; 500 items will be pizza for lunch; 750 items will be movie day; 1000 items will be getting to pie teachers in the face.

Sunday, January 25

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Advanced Band

Monday, January 26

Chapel Service:

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 life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus, our Savior.
- † Thanks for the many ways we have to communicate with one another, and help us to use them wisely.
- † Thanks for bus drivers, paras, school cooks and janitors that each make our school days better.
- † For those who are ill especially Mrs. Olsen's father-in-law and brother-in-law, Mrs. Kotila's niece, and Pastor Loeslie.
- † For all our St. James families to find their peace and confidence in God's love for us.
- † For those in government positions to serve faithfully and with wisdom.
- † Thanks for Lutheran preschools, elementary schools, high schools, universities, and seminaries where God's Word is taught daily.



February 5 Parent Teacher Conferences – look for the link in your Fast Direct email to sign up for a conference time and/or help with the meal for the teachers that night.

Thank you to St. John's Lutheran Church in Buffalo for choosing us to receive the money they collected in their Christmas offerings for Missions. It's a blessing to have support from others who value Christian education.

Save February 15 to have fun bowling with the St.

James family at Huikkos in Buffalo from 2:30-4:30
Ticket information will be sent home next week with the students.

February 19: Flip Flopping in February: for our 3 and 4 years old and Kindergarteners. We will have a bounce house in the gym and many other activities for the youngsters to enjoy. You are welcome to invite friends who are also 3 or 4 years old or in Kindergarten to join us.

Upcoming at St. James:

Sun., Jan. 25

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Advanced Band

After late service: Quarterly Voters Meeting for St. James Lutheran Church

Mon., Jan. 26

8:20 a.m. Chapel

Spirit Wear/Maroon & Gold

Tues., Jan. 27

Class Color Day (see page 1)

Wed., Jan. 28

Snow Gear Day Tubing at Powder Ridge

Thurs., Jan. 29

Library

Sports or Hat Day

Fri., Jan. 31

Cozy Day - special pizza lunch-mini golf

Sun., Feb. 2

10:30 a.m. K-8 Choir

At the reception desk:

* School newsletters

*menus

*Girl Scout information

All are invited to join us on March 14 for this year's Gala - "Glitz & Groovy" fundraiser with dinner, silent auction, live auction, entertainment, and more. Tickets can be purchased at a price of \$50 each by contacting the school office (320-543-2630).

Child care will be available for children that are toilet-trained. Early registration for child care is required.

The gala committee gratefully accepts donations for the silent and/or live auctions. Donation ideas include gift cards, services, unique experiences, - every contribution makes a meaningful impact for our school. There is even a "Basket Board Idea Sheet" in the choir room for inspirations. Be sure to have all donation to the school office by March 2, 2026.

Chapel total for third quarter: \$11.00 for the MN South District missions.



Contact the school office if you would like a statement of tuition or child care payments for your 2025 tax forms.

Student of the Week:



Dorothy Koosman was born in Waconia on June 1. Her parents are Brad and Hope and she has an older sister, Eden, and an older brother, Emerson. Daniel is her favorite person in the Bible and recess is her favorite part of the school day. Robogobo is her favorite thing to watch on TV and Lilo and Stitch is her favorite movie. During her free time, Dorothy likes to play, dance, color and do art things. Oranges and apples are foods Dorothy enjoys eating most. If she could change something in the world, she would have it rain hotdogs with ketchup so we could eat them. Dorothy plans to work in a pet store when she grows up.

Pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 8 from 8 am to 12 noon at the Rockford Township Hall at 3039 Dauge Ave SE, Buffalo. Cost is \$8.00 per person. Children 3 and under are free. This a fundraiser sponsored by the Wright County 4-H to put up a new food stand at the Wright County Fairgrounds.

As we are in the midst of **COLD WEATHER**, be sure to send your students with coats, hats, mittens, boots, etc. so they can be safe outdoors.



Looking back to warm days like when we had our Outdoor Ed day in September.

When there are school closings, you will be notified three ways: through a Fast Direct email, a phone call through School Messenger and a post on Facebook. If you are not receiving the phone calls, please be sure to contact the school office so that we can make necessary corrections.