



St. James Lutheran School Newsletter

December 19, 2025

Christ at the Center

Truth in all Things

Keep in Christ in Christmas

We encourage our families to make time to attend services at St. James or those of your own church to praise our gracious God and share in the JOY of Christmas over the Christmas break.

Thank you to everyone who joined us last night or this morning for our Christmas Program, "God Loves Me Dearly". It was wonderful to share the special message of Christ coming as a baby to be the Savior of the world with so many family and friends.

The teachers and staff of St. James School would like to thank you for all that you do to make our lives more JOYful. Thank you for entrusting your children to us. We pray that you and your families will have a most blessed Christmas and New Year!! God be with you all.



Our 1-4 grade students submitted Christmas drawings to the Howard Lake Herald. Look for some of those to be appearing in upcoming editions of the local newspaper.

Chapel Offerings: So far second quarter offerings total \$105.51 which will go to the work of the church as a whole through the Minnesota South District Office.

There are just 2 weeks left in the second quarter. This is a good time to be sure all assignments have been completed. The Fast Direct site is a quick and easy way to see if any work is missing.



Sunday, December 21

8:00 a.m. Divine Service
10:30 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 24

4:15 p.m. Divine Service
7:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols Service

Thursday, December 25

9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Divine Service

Sunday, December 28

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

Sunday, Jan. 4

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

Tuesday, Jan. 6

7:00 p.m. Epiphany Service at Bethlehem, Middleville
Epiphany

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

- † Thanks and praise for sending Jesus into our world as a baby at Christmas to live a perfect life and take the punishment we deserved.
- † For hearts and minds that remember to put Jesus at the center of our celebrations.
- † Thanks for living in a country where we can celebrate Christmas freely and without fear of punishment.
- † Thanks for the blessings we receive daily such as food, clothes, home, family, and so much more.
- † For all of our St. James family to have a blessed and safe Christmas and New Year!
- † For those who are ill especially Mrs. Olsen's father-in-law and brother-in-law, Ms. Brundin's friend, Tim, and Pastor Loeslie.
- † For Mrs. Diers' husband Mark as he recovers from surgery.
- † For those who must work on the holidays, such as the police, caregivers, doctors, nurses, EMTs, firefighters, farmers, and clergy.
- † For those serving in the military, especially those who must be away from their families.
- † For missionaries near and far, that they may be kept safe wherever they are serving and reach many people with the saving word of the Gospel.
- † For students and staff as we strive to be disciples of Jesus and serve Him daily.

Next Weeks at St. James:

Sat. Dec. 20- Sun., Jan. 4

Christmas Break

Merry
Christmas!

Sun., Dec. 21

8:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Program

Weds., Dec. 24

4:15 p.m. Divine Service
7:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols Service

Thurs., Dec. 25

9:00 a.m. Christmas Day
Worship



Sun. Dec., 28

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

Sun., Jan. 4

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

Mon., Jan. 5

8:00 a.m. Classes resume

Tues., Jan. 6

7:00 p.m. Epiphany Service at Bethlehem,
Middleville

Wed., Jan. 7

8:20 a.m. Chapel
6:00 p.m. PTL meeting

Thurs., Jan 8

Library

Fri., Jan. 9

Spirit Wear Day

The fifth and sixth grade boys basketball team for 25-26. Back row: Ragnar Grotte, Owen Davis, Tanner Koch, Bryce Koosman, Noah Reich. Kneeling: Eddie Estrem, Bradley Dickens, Emerson Koosman. Not pictured, Bentley Krueger. The boys finished their season with a record of 6-2. Great work guys!!

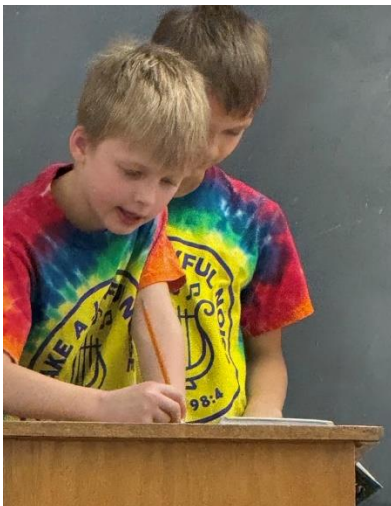


Grades K-8 practicing for their song to help St. James Lutheran Church celebrate it's 150th anniversary. Lila Hennen played flute, and several 7th-8th graders added hand chime accompaniment to the voices.



Sixth graders, Nayvie Laage, Audrey Ogle and Cora Glessing

searching for their candy canes Friday morning.



Third graders Preston Meehan and Harvey Young getting ready to be pastors preparing for Advent devotions.

Mr. Dahl and some third graders decked out for Christmas.



Lila Hennen, Olivia Koosman, Emma Cardinal, Kennedy Sparkman, and Lillian Doten playing “Go Tell It On the Mountain” as preservice music.

Christmas clothing modeled by some of the fifth -eighth graders.



“God Loves Me Dearly” played by fifth and sixth graders before the program.

Closing song of the Christmas program: “God Loves Me Dearly”.



Tanner Koch, Micah Reich, and Logan Frich playing “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” before the service.

Thank you to everyone who took time out of their Friday, to join us for the Christmas program. We pray that you all have a blessed Christmas, resting in the certainty that God loves you dearly.



