

St. James Lutheran School

Newsletter

May 25, 2023

Equipping and Empowering Families and Students through Christ

Preschool moving up was held on Thursday, May 18. The students walked to the kindergarten room, got balloons and then were congratulated by the rest of the student body on their way to church for the rest of the ceremony. Class members are: Olive Davis, Jude Lipelt, Dean Merges, Clara Nikko, Amelia Nowak, Harrison Rehmann, Jonah Reich, Michaela Reich, Carly Stoll, Trey Wahl, and Declan Zillmer.



Kindergarten Graduation, May 24, 2023. Moving to first grade are: Remington Brown, Logan Cardinal, Ian Davis, Lucas Dickens, Natalie Eckhoff, Lettie Elsenpeter, Porter Heller, Katie Koch, Sawyer Kuck, Tilly Laage, Preston Meehan, Isaiah, Reich, and Harvey Young.



Sunday, May 28

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Worship Services

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

- † Thanks for rain and sunshine, blooming flowers and leafed out trees.
- † Thanks for all the blessings of another school year at St. James where students and staff can grow in their faith and knowledge of the Savior.
- † For our eighth graders moving on to high school, that they would keep Christ at the center of their lives and be salt and light to everyone they meet.
- † For students, their families, and our staff and their families to have a safe and fun summer keeping Christ at the center of life.
- † For all pastors, missionaries, and teachers that they would faithfully teach the Gospel message of Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension.
- † For all who are ill, especially Mrs. Olsen's brother-in-law, Sawyer K., Ms. Holz's father, Diane's cousin, the Elsenpeter's grandfathers, Pastor Loeslie, and Pastor Schoenfeld.



Board of Education: next meeting June 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Parents Remember to check your lunch balances with HLWW to be certain you are paid up. You may pay online with them or send a check payable to ISD #2687 to Mrs. Butterfass in the school office.

End of Year Tuition All outstanding balances need to be paid. This will allow us to prepare our records for the next school year. If you have any questions about your account please contact the School Office.

THANK YOU!!

To everyone who has helped make this school year better for us all. We've been blessed with willing volunteers to sit at the front desk, help in the classrooms, listen to students read, chaperone field trips, mow the lawns, shovel the snow, help with events like craft night, book fair, fine arts festival, the gala, field day, etc., etc. We so appreciate your readiness to help in our ministry here at St. James.



Breakfast on the Farm: June 10 from 7a.m.-1p.m. at Goldview Farms. Free will pancake breakfast served from 7-12. Park at HLWW high school lot and ride the shuttle bus to the event. Petting zoo, live music, food samples, ag experts, farm tours, machinery – all there to enjoy.

Website: www.stjameshl.org/school



Lost and Found: The Lost and Found box is located just inside the 1918 doors (where students leave at the end of the day). Check to see if any missing items for your family happen to be there.

Anything still left after the last day of school will be donated to charity.

Publishing House is offering a summer reading program again this year. Set up a family account at cph.org/reads. Select from reading lists for all age ranges. Log any book you read this summer, whether it's on a reading list or not. The program runs from May 31 through August 12.



FREE Movie Night in the Park Thursday, June 22 at 8PM at Central Park (by splash pad and Yager Field in Howard Lake). Movie being shown is Minions: The Rise of Gru.

The St. James Band gave their final concert Tuesday.



Both beginner and advanced bands performed separately and as one band. There were also several solos, duets and even a trio. For the final piece friends and family of the band members who play an instrument joined in. Thank you to Mrs. Loder for teaching and encouraging these young musicians all year. Well done everyone!



Field day fun!



Accuracy throw for second grade



3 Legged race for first grade.



Triple jump for fourth grade.



Bean bag toss for third grade.



Jump rope for kindergarten.



The obstacle course for chapel families.

Thanks to the teachers, 5-8 grade helpers, the PTL, and all the parents and grandparents and special friends that helped to make Field Day 23 a great day, despite the chilly temperature!

Congratulations!

This year's graduates are Zoe Johnson and Grace Duske. God's blessings to you as you move on to the next stage of your education.



First and Second graders visited the Oliver Kelley farm.



Pumping water was one of the tasks students could try.

Sawing wood was another big job on a pioneer farm, that the students put their muscle to.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK: Grace Duske lives in rural Waverly with her parents, Eric and Tina and younger brothers, Micah and Jeremiah. She has attended St. James since sixth grade. A favorite Bible verse of hers is Psalm 28:7 *The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to*

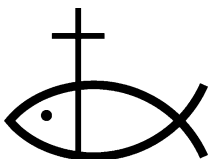


him. Grace has participated in volleyball, basketball and softball at HLWW as well as helping with field day here at St. James. Her favorite part about attending St. James is getting to know kids from different grade levels better and reading to the second graders. Her favorite memory of St. James is when Pastor lost a bet with the class and had to take them to DQ. Grace will miss most how welcoming and thankful everyone is at St. James. If Grace could change something in our world she would have people treat each other better. She plans to attend HLWW in the fall and wants to be a large animal vet in the future.



Zoe Johnson has attended St. James since sixth grade. Her family includes her dad, Colter, mom, Amanda, younger sister, Rowan and younger brothers, Odin and Oliver. A favorite Bible verse of hers is Romans 12:21 *Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.* During her years

at St. James, Zoe participated in volleyball and basketball at HLWW and helped with field day here at St. James. Her favorite part about attending St. James is hanging out with friends and the life skills class. Her favorite memory of St. James is going to the store for life skills and going to DQ. Her friends are what she will miss most about St. James. She will be attending HLWW in the fall and is planning a career in architectural design.



Scrip cards will still be available during the summer.

Simply contact Angie Wellnitz at 952-686-1785 or Nancy Butterfass at 320-543-2924 to place an order.



The seventh grade class wrote a play in English class and then performed it for the kindergarten and first grade classes. The animals in the zoo (Alex, Lillian, Kylie, Micah, and Rowan) run by zookeeper (Noah), wanted to gain their freedom. The baby monkey was able to get out of his cage and steal the keys from a sleeping zookeeper and set all the animals free.

Grades 7 and 8 visited the Minnesota Zoo on May 22.



The staff of St. James Lutheran School pray that it is a safe and relaxing summer for everyone. See you in the fall!!

