



# St. James Lutheran School Newsletter

February 6, 2026

## Christ at the Center Truth in All Things

### Estimation Contest Results:

Monday-candies in a jar. Actual total 68; closest estimation was 67 by both Bryce Koosman and Lillian Doten

Tuesday-pom poms in a jar. Actual total 488; closest estimation by *Eddie Estrem* was 396.

Wednesday-rubber bands in a jar. Actual total was 92; *Natalie Eckhoff* estimated exactly 93.

Thursday-paper clips in a jar. Actual total was 453; *Fischer Eckhoff* estimated exactly 459.

Friday-candies in a jar. Actual total 90; closest estimation by *Hadley Diers* was 89.

We have some students who are VERY good at estimation!

### Get your tickets for the Gala coming up on Saturday

#### **March 14. Deadline is February 28 for tickets.**

Dressing to the theme of Glitz & Groove, Back to the 70's is highly encouraged.

Donations for the auctions could be themed baskets, handmade items, or offers for services that you could provide. These are due by February 27, so that the booklet can be printed with all the accurate information.

Entertainment by David Malmberg, a comedian/ventriloquist 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 19 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.

### February 15 – Family Bowling 2:30-4:30

Last Friday, forms for purchasing tickets went home to each family. Cost is \$10.00 per person which includes 2 hours of bowling and shoe rental. Payments may be brought to the school office to reserve your tickets.

### **Sunday, February 8**

8:00 a.m. Grades 3-4 Choir

### **Wednesday, February 11**

**Chapel:**  
8:20 a.m. Pastor Loder

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

- † 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-in-law and brother-in-law, Mrs. Kotila's niece, and Pastor Loeslie.
- † For all pastors, teachers, and missionaries as they serve the Lord where they have been placed.

**Chapel Offerings for the mission work of the Minnesota South District:** Total so far: \$39.84 in third quarter.

**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.

**Our St. James students** brought in a total of 686 items for the local food shelf as our service project during National Lutheran Schools Week. Thank you all for being generous to help those who are struggling financially.



Because we reached the goals of 250 and 500 items, students had both pizza and ice cream treats on Friday.

### Community Meal, February 12

A link to sign up for helping with the February community meal was sent out this week. Menu is fried chicken, potatoes, coleslaw, and assorted desserts.

## Upcoming at St. James this week

### Sunday, Feb. 8

8:00 a.m. Grades 3-4 Choir

### Wednesday, Feb. 11

8:20 a.m. Chapel

5:30 p.m. Catechesis in the gym

### Thursday, Feb. 12

Library

5:30-7:00 p.m. Community Meal

### Sunday, Feb. 15

10:30 a.m. Grades 1-2 Choir

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

### Monday, Feb. 16

**NO SCHOOL President's Day**

7:00 p.m. Board of Education meeting

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

**Reminder that tubing at Powder Ridge is rescheduled for Wednesday, February 18. Payment of \$16.00 per person is due by that morning.**

**Super Bowl Party:** Everyone is invited for our Family Super Bowl Party at 5 pm on Sunday, Feb. 8th in the School. Details: Potluck style dinner and minute-to-win-it games will be played at halftime (as the halftime show will not be shown). You may come for a short time or stay for the whole game. The gym will be open for the kids the whole time along with toys/sports equipment. Contact Jeff or Leisha Diers for questions 320-510-1407.

### **Garage Sale**

We will be holding our 4<sup>th</sup> garage sale this April, but we are extending the days this year! The dates are April 23-25, Thursday to Saturday, with drop off on Wednesday April 22 starting at 4 pm. These items will NOT be accepted: Cribs, mattresses of any kind, home medical equipment, i.e. CPAPs, TVs, or VHS tapes. These items will be rejected. All kitchenware should be clean upon drop off. Please use good judgement with furniture and clothing- if it has stains, tears, or is tattered, please do not bring it to school. We can make special arrangements for those who cannot attend drop off the night before. We're also looking for volunteers for set up and take down if you are interested in helping, even for a short time. (The Volunteer Sign up that Pastor sent out at the beginning of the school year has options for helping at the garage sale.) We will also need a few more 8-foot tables and clothes hanging racks. All proceeds benefit St. James school. Please text or call Kelly with any questions -612-978-1445.

## NLSW MOMENTS



Friday's table of donations. (note all the full boxes underneath from the previous days!)



Above, fifth and sixth grade boys try out hole #2.

At left, Lucian tries to navigate hole #3.

**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.