



St. James Lutheran School Newsletter

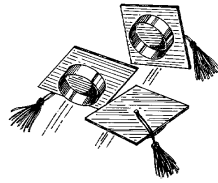
May 12, 2023

Equipping and Empowering Families and Students through Christ

Preschool Moving Up Ceremony is this next Thursday, May 18 at 10:00 a.m. in the church. A small reception will be held after the ceremony.

Kindergarten graduation is on Wednesday, May 24 at 10:30 a.m. in the church.

Eighth grade graduation is on Wednesday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



Our new chapel offering total is: \$287.89 to assist the family of Pastor Loeslie. There are two chapel services left for this quarter.

Tuesday, May 23, at 6:30 p.m. is your opportunity to enjoy music by our St. James band. Mrs. Loder and the students have been preparing a variety of music to share.

End of Year: As the end of the school year approaches, all outstanding balances need to be paid or arrangements made for a payment plan. This will allow us to prepare our records for the next school year. If you have any questions please contact the school office.



Many families have already used their Fast Direct account to enroll their students for next year. Thank You!! If you have not had a chance to complete this yet, please do so in the next couple weeks. If you have questions simply contact the school office. 320-543-2630.

Also spread the word that there is still room in every grade for new students to enroll for next year.

LIBRARY MEMO:

All library books must be returned or paid for before report cards will be issued to any student(s) who is/are missing a book.

VBS preparations are underway. Watch for information for registering soon. There is still room for more volunteers. Contact Patty Diers at 320-543-2242 if you are willing to help out.

Sunday, May 14

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Worship Services

Choir:

8:00 a.m.

Grades 1-2 Choir

Wednesday, May 17

Chapel Service:

8:15 a.m.

Pastor Loder

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

- † Thank you for warm days to enjoy the arrival of spring.
- † Thank you for our families and friends.
- † Thank you for food and shelter and taking care of our daily needs.
- † Thanks especially for our salvation through faith in Christ.
- † Thanks for successful surgery for Sawyer K.
- † Thanks for the many ways we can communicate with one another and help us to use them wisely.
- † For those who are ill especially Mrs. Olsen's brother-in-law, Ms. Holz's father, the Elsenpeter's grandfathers, Diane's cousin, Pastor Loeslie, and Pastor Schoenfeld.
- † For all students to stay focused on schoolwork through the end of the year.
- † For compassionate and understanding hearts in our interactions with everyone.
- † For all serving in the military.
- † For police officers, EMTs, and firefighters who help to protect us and keep us safe.
- † For those in government positions to make wise decisions.

Scrip orders are due on May 18

Your family, or the family of your choice receives credit toward next year's tuition when you purchase gift cards through this program. Father's Day is coming soon as well as graduations. A gift card might be just what you need for those occasions.

We hope for sunny warm weather on Friday, May 19 so that the K-4 Field Day can take place.

Parents, grandparents, and special friends are welcome to join us on the ball fields east of the school building for all the activities planned for that day. The PTL will again be having a small concessions stand for students to purchase.

Upcoming at St. James School:

Sun., May 14

8:00 a.m. Grades 1-2 Choir

Mon., May 15

7:00 p.m. Board of Ed meeting

Wed., May 17

7:30 a.m. Prayer at the Pole

8:15 a.m. Chapel

Thurs., May 18

Scrip orders due

Library

10:00 a.m. Preschool Moving Up Ceremony

Fri., May 19

Grades K-4 Field Day

Sun., May 21

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

Mon., May 22

Grades 7-8 Field trip to the MN Zoo

Tues., May 23

Grades 1-2 Field trip to the Oliver Kelley Farm

6:30 p.m. Band concert

Wed., May 24

10:30 a.m. Kindergarten Graduation

7:00 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation

Thurs., May 25

Last Day of School

1:00 p.m. Closing Chapel

In the Office:

- School and church newsletters
- Menus



First place in the Shuttle Run

Team members Riley Bickmann, Eric Zimmerman, Lane Sparkman, Jax Erickson, Oliver Nikko, and (not pictured, Dylan Shusta).

Students of the Week



Aurora Moorhouse is in the kindergarten class this year. She was born on October 14 in Waconia. Her parents are Ethan Moorhouse and stepmom, Lexi, Mom Brittany DeGroot and stepdad Cody DeGroot. She has a stepsister, Ariella DeGroot and a new baby stepbrother. Aurora's favorite person in the Bible

is Jesus and religion is her favorite subject in school. In her free time, Aurora enjoys gymnastics, dance, and riding snowmobiles and ATVs. Her favorite TV show is Miraculous or Bluey and her favorite movie is Princess and the Frog. Cheeseburgers are the best food according to Aurora. When she grows up, Aurora plans to be a hair dresser.

Isaiah Reich is also in kindergarten this year. His birthday is October 7, and was born in Waconia. His family includes his mom, Kelly and stepdad, Adam, older brothers, Micah and Noah, and younger brother, Jonah. His favorite person in the Bible is Isaiah and library time is his favorite part of the school day.



Isaiah's favorite food is cake, favorite TV show is Spongebob, and favorite movie is Minions. Jonah likes to fish, dig for treasure, have campfires, and go camping, 4-wheeling and snowmobiling in his free time. If Isaiah could change something in the world, he would have ice cream fall from the sky and have all animals well taken care of. When he grows up, Isaiah plans to help people by giving them boat rides and feed them fish.



Grades 5 and 6 get ready for their opponent in the tug of war at the Track and Field Day at Mayer Lutheran High last week. Logan Wellnitz, Owen Mild, Emma Cardinal, Lily Koch, Eric Zimmerman and Waverly Stueven were the pullers.



Lily Koch placed fifth in the 200 meter run at the track meet in Mayer last week. Thanks to all the students in grades five and six for representing our school.



Results from grades 7 and 8 Track Meet

Noah Teske-Holmgard placed fifth in the mile run. Thank you seventh and eighth graders for your sportsmanship and participation.

Concordia Publishing House is again sponsoring a summer reading program.

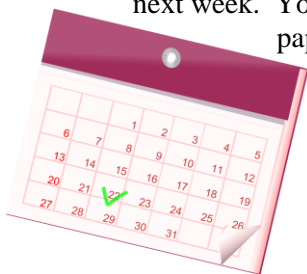
Simply create a family account at cph.org/reads. Readers are challenged to read 1,000 minutes of books about Jesus over the summer. Everyone who completes the challenge will be entered for a chance to win. The program runs from May 31-August 11.



Upcoming changes for the lunch program next year.

The state legislature passed a law that all students will receive free lunches and free breakfasts next school year. If a student gets milk for their sack lunch, an extra milk with their school lunch, or an extra entrée, their family account will still be charged for those items, so do keep an eye on your family account for that reason. We will provide more information on just how the breakfast program will work at back to school night in August.

The calendar for next school year will be available next week. You will receive a digital and paper copy. Please keep one or the other for easy reference as to upcoming events for the 2023-2024 school year.



Learning how pioneers carried buckets of water years ago was part of the day for third graders at Pioneer Park in Annandale as well as what a school room was like then.



More memories of grades 5-6 at Ney County Park earlier this month.

