



St. James Lutheran School Newsletter

March 20, 2026

*Christ At The Center
Truth In All Things*

Palm Sunday Music

All the choirs here at St. James have been preparing special music for Palm Sunday, March 29. Families may choose which service to attend (or both if you wish). The special music will be at the very beginning of each service. Students should gather in the choir room (northwest corner of the narthex) when they arrive at church. Following the singing of the processional piece, students will then be dismissed to sit with their families. We hope to see lots of you there to begin our journey with Christ through Holy Week.

FROM the PTL:

Next PTL Meeting- Wednesday, April 1 at 6:00.

If you or someone you know has children eligible for preschool in the fall of 2026, registration is

open and there is still room in both the three year old and four year old preschool classes. Simply contact the school office to get the paperwork in place. Tuition rates for preschool 2026-27 are: \$1600.00 per year for the 5 mornings a week 4 year old sessions. \$1300.00 per year for 4 mornings a week for 4 year olds and \$1000.00 per year for the 3 year olds 3 days a week sessions.



Tuition rates for 2026-27 are as follows, the same as last year: \$1800.00 per student in grades K-8 for members of St. James and \$2500.00 per student in grades K-8 for those who are not members of St. James. Remember to pay registration before April 1. K-8 fee is \$125.00, preschool fee is \$75.00. After that date, the fees double.

Worship opportunities:

Wed., March 25 7:00 p.m. Vespers
Sun., March 29 Palm Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Holy Week vespers 3/30, 3/31 & 4/1, at 7:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday, 4/2: 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday 4/3: Tre Ore service Noon – 3:00 p.m. and Chief service at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 4/4: Easter Vigil at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 22	
8:00 and 10:30 a.m.	Worship services
Wednesday, March 25	
7:00 p.m.	Lenten service
Sunday, March 29	
8:00 and 10:30 a.m.	Worship services
Choir:	
Both services	All choirs
Wednesday, April 1	
8:20 a.m. chapel	Pastor Loder
7:00 p.m.	Lenten service
Thursday, April 2	
7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday service
Friday, April 3	
Noon-3:00 p.m.	Tre Ore Service
7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Chief Service
Saturday, April 4	
6:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil Service
Sunday, April 5	
8:00 and 10:30 a.m.	Easter services

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



- Thank you, Jesus, for taking our punishment on yourself and giving us the free gift of salvation through faith in you.
- Thanks for the opportunities to worship you freely.
- Thanks for the blessing of homes and families.
- Thanks for the gifts of sight, hearing, taste, smell, and touch which we often take for granted.
- For safety and health for all our families over spring break.
- For all who are dealing with health concerns, especially Mrs. Olsen's father-in-law, and brother-in-law, Mrs. Kotila's niece, Lily Baker's grandpa, and Pastor Loeslie.
- Thanks for the multiple means we have to communicate with one another and help us to use those means in ways that help each other and build each other up, rather than tear down, insult, or misinform.

Upcoming at St. James:

Sat., March 21-Sun. March 29 **Spring**

Break

Sun., March 22

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



Wed., March 25

7:00 p.m. Lenten service

Sun., March 29

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. All Choirs



Mon., March 30

Classes resume to start 4th quarter

Wed., April 1

8:20 a.m. Chapel

6:00 p.m. PTL meeting

7:00 p.m. Lenten service

Thurs., April 2

Library

Fri., April 3

No School – Good Friday

School Website: www.stjameshl.org/school

At the reception desk:

- * Lunch menus
- * Newsletters



The Rock, Paper, Scissors challenge

ended at breakfast this morning. Dorothy Koosman and Calvin Diers were the last 2 students with beads. And the winner was..... Dorothy Koosman in kindergarten!

We pray all our families have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable spring break. See you back here on March 30 for the final quarter of 2025-26.

We will be holding our 4th 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 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. 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.

Coming on April 18:



Duo Jeremiah and Vanessa Gamble bring a dozen beloved hymns to vibrant life – featuring gorgeous acapella singing and richly realized characters. This timeless musical is an inspiring reminder that there are things worth singing about forever. Get your tickets now for the 3:00 p.m. performance in the St. James Church. Adults \$15.00, Children \$10.00.

Looking to sell 100 tickets by Friday, March 27. If we don't have enough sold by then, the show will be cancelled. As Michelle will be heading out on vacation, **call Pastor at 320-526-5245 for tickets, or email revloder@gmail.com.**

Our science fair on March 17 was a great success!

Thanks to the students for all their hard work in putting the displays together and for all the parents and



grandparents who came to view the projects. Rowan Johnson is demonstrating her project, a battery operated vehicle pulling different weights to show that the lighter the weight, the further it could be pulled.