



# St. James Lutheran School Newsletter

December 20, 2024

## Equipping and Empowering Families and Students Through Christ

### Keep in Christ 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 this morning for our Christmas Program, "Peace on Earth".

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 \$258.10 for Love Inc. The goal set by the student council is \$400.00 for this quarter.

Please save the long tubes from your Christmas wrapping if you have some. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will put those to use in January when they construct their mini golf courses for National Lutheran Schools Week.

### Sunday, December 22

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

### Tuesday, December 24

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

### Wednesday, December 25

9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Divine Service

### Sunday, December 29

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

### Sunday, Jan. 5

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

### Monday, Jan. 6

7:00 p.m. Epiphany Service



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

*God's people* † 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.

*in prayer* † 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. Kotila's niece, Amanda, Mrs. Olsen's father, Kayden's grandfather, and Pastor Loeslie.

† 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. 21- Sun., Jan. 5

**Christmas Break**

Merry  
Christmas!

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Worship



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Sun., Jan. 5

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Mon., Jan. 6

**8:00 a.m. Classes resume**  
7:00 p.m. Epiphany Service

Wed., Jan 8

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

Thurs., Jan 9

Library

Fri., Jan. 10

Spirit Wear Day

**To kick off the New Year,** our Student Council will be holding a Penny Harvest during the month of January. It will start on the 6th, when we are back from break, and end on the last day of National Lutheran Schools week, Jan 31. All the proceeds will go to The Howard Lake Police Department to use for new equipment.

There will be a bucket upstairs in the hallway that the kids can put their donations into. There will also be a bucket in church for donations as well.

Our goal for the end of the month is 600 lbs.! This is about \$1,200! If you have any loose coins laying around, have your student bring it to school to help raise money for our local police.

If we reach our goal, there will be an assembly on the 31st, where several of our teachers have volunteered to get a pie to the face! Weekly updates on progress will be sent out to keep you all up to date on where we are at.

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

St. James Student Council

**Christmas Character Day**

Rudolph, Mary and Christmas Tree – otherwise known as Eden, Lilian, and Cora.



Chapel Family activity – using chopsticks to unpack a container of yarn. Ms. Holz’s group at work.



Cindy Lou Who: alias Hannah.

**Mr. Baumann's chapel family** doing the minute to win it chopsticks and yarn.



Grades 3-4 Choir: From Heaven Winging



**Christmas 2024 Peace on Earth**

True PEACE came to the world through Jesus; first in the humility of a manger, and later through the humility of the cross. By dying for your sin and rising from the grave for your death, Jesus earned PEACE for all. As forgiven children of God, we are blessed to love God and love others through our regular devotion to Word and Sacrament as well as service and relationships. May this PEACE which passes all understanding be with us all.

Grades 5-8: Gentle Mary Laid Her Child



Grades 7 and 8 with one of their art projects – apple head people.



