



St. James Lutheran School Newsletter

February 14, 2025

Equipping and Empowering Families and Students through Christ

Reminder – No School Monday, February 17.

Saints Gala March 8

Be sure to reserve your ticket for the upcoming Gala by February 24.

Social Hour: 4:30

Silent Auction: 4:30-6:45

Dinner 5:30

Live Auction: 7:00

Entertainment: 8:00

Your \$50.00 ticket includes the catered dinner, plus the performance by The River Rats Dueling Pianos concludes the evening.

Optional childcare is provided for children that are toilet trained. Early registration for childcare is required.

Contact the school office to get your ticket reservation.
320-543-2630

Donations for either the silent or live auctions are due on February 21st. Items may be brought to the school office, or simply let the office or one of the Gala committee members know what you are donating.

Flip Flopping in February is next week!

All three- year- olds, four- year- olds and anyone in Kindergarten is invited to come to our gym Thursday, February 20 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for a time to run, jump, hop, bounce, and have fun with other kids. Parents get a chance to connect with other parents of early childhood kids and have a warm, safe place for the little ones to run off their energy. Spread the word to anyone with children in those age categories.

Hearts for Jesus Update

Preschool: Week 1 \$10.38 Week 2 \$8.93
Kindergarten: Week 1 \$0 Week 2 \$20.26
Grade 1: Week 1 \$26 Week 2 \$12.49
Grade 2: Week 1 \$20.21 Week 2 \$15.00
Grade 3: Week 1 \$27.02 Week 2 \$6.51
Grade 4: Week 1 \$20.26 Week 2 \$20.41
Grades 5-6: Week 1 \$0 Week 2 \$160.70
Grades 7-8: Week 1 \$0 Week 2 \$80.00
Total for weeks 1 & 2: \$402.43

These offerings will all go to World Vision Ignite, an organization that helps train Christian educators in third world countries.



Sunday, February 16

8:00 & 10:30

Worship services

Wednesday, February 19

8:20 a.m. Chapel

Vicar Totenhagen

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



- † For those who are dealing with health issues, especially Mrs. Olsen's father, Mrs. Kotila's niece, Amanda, and Pastor Loeslie.
- † For Spirit filled hearts to show God's grace to friends, family, coworkers, and everyone we meet.
- † For doctors and nurses who work diligently to take care of all who are sick.
- † For Christians who are in prison or shunned by their families because of their faith in Christ.
- † For missionaries and their families as they work to spread the Gospel.
- † For safety in travel over winter roads.
- † For those in areas where severe weather is occurring.
- † For those serving in the military.
- † Thanks for family and friends.
- † Thanks for those who serve our communities such as, police, firefighters, and EMTs.
- † For wisdom for all elected officials.

Chapel Offerings Update:

Our total so far for second and third quarters is \$31.48. Love Inc. will receive all our chapel offerings this year.



**Just a
Reminder...**

24 through March 28.

As you look ahead into March, please remember that **we will have school here at St. James on Friday, March 21.** HLWW has that day off so there will be no bussing. Families will need to provide their own transportation to and from school that day. Our spring break will be from March

Upcoming at St. James:

Sun., Feb. 16

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship services
2:30- 4:30 p.m. Bowling at Huikkos

Mon., Feb. 17

No School **President's Day**
7:00 p.m. Board of Education meeting

Wed., Feb. 19

8:20 a.m. Chapel

Thurs., Feb. 20

Library

Fri., Feb. 21

Scrip orders due

Sun. Feb. 23

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

At the reception desk:

- Lunch menus
- Scrip orders
- Newsletters
- Girl Scout information

Registration for 2025-26

At the bottom of your home page on Fast Direct, you simply click the 'yes' button to register your child(ren) for next year. The registration fee is \$125.00 per student in grades K-8 and \$75.00 for each preschool student if paid **before April 1**. After that date the fees double.

Also looking ahead to next year

Because of the class size numbers at this time, we are looking at combining grades 1 and 2 next year. Mrs. Olsen will be the teacher. And, if you know of anyone interested in either the open Kindergarten position or 7th-8th grade position for next year, please have them send their resume to Pastor Loder.

Did you read Pastor's email on Fast Direct about the possible changes in the state's budget in regard to nonpublic schools? Contact information is included in that email for your chance to make your voice heard in the legislature as they work out budget details.

Heavenly Father,

Give both parents and teachers wisdom to know what their children need. Give them patience so that their children learn to be patient. Help them to love their children so their children can know how to love others. Teach them to know they are part of God's family, adopted through Baptism. Amen.

Student off the Week



Grace Kurtzhals joined the first grade class this year. She was born on November 21 in Northfield, MN. Her parents are Aaron and Naomi and she has an older sister, Lydia, and an older brother, Judah. She has three people in the Bible that she likes the most, Queen Esther, Rebecca, and Mary. Art

is Grace's favorite part of school and either tacos or pizza are her favorite foods. In her free time, Grace enjoys jumping on the trampoline and riding bike. When she grows up, Grace plans to be a nurse.

The St. James Band were part of the 10:30 worship service at St. James on February 9 to help celebrate Transfiguration.



Thursday, February 13 was the 100th day of school for this year. Mrs. Chabot's kindergarten class had many special activities to celebrate that milestone. One of them was during snack time. That's A LOT of counting to 100!!

