

## WEEKLY EVENTS

<b>Tues:</b>	Parish Nurse in Office 9:00 AM Circuit Pastors Conference
<b>Weds:</b>	8:10 AM Chapel 4:30 PM Public School Confirmation 6:30 PM Youth Group 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study 8:00 PM Worship Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thurs:</b>	11:00 AM Care Center Communion 1:30 PM Sarah Bible Study
<b>Fri:</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> Meals on Wheels
<b>Sun:</b>	8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship

## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Ethan Peterson	Aleah Lanars
<b>Junior Usher:</b>	Alyssa Stoll	Isabella Wellnitz
<b>Elders:</b>	Tom Johnson	Mike Stueven
	Harold Blanchette	Jeff Diers
<b>Ushers:</b>	Martin Latzig	Mark Diers
	Burton Horsch	Jeff Diers
	Tom Krohn	Al Montgomery
	Steve Weber	Jeff Kilpela
	Malachi Loder	Peter Zander
		Chris Zander

**Organist:** Nancy Butterfass  
**Choir:** 10:30 "As with Gladness Men of Old" 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Epiphany I/Baptism of Our Lord** – John's baptism convicted every human being – "Jerusalem and all Judea" (Matthew 3:5-6). No physical incapacities excused anyone. Jesus' baptism consecrates every human being. God, in giving His Son, identifies with us at our weakest and embraces us at our worst. Even when we don't resemble anything our Maker intended, He doesn't call us "unwanted" or "better off dead." Instead He declares, "This is my beloved [child], with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). In this newness of life, Christians can also welcome the least among us. *Lord, construct Your kingdom of little ones like us. Amen.*

**Attendance January 5:** 110 & 99 **Communed:** 106

## First Sunday After the Epiphany

Sunday, January 12, 2020



### Worship Information:

**8:00:** Morning Prayer p. 235 (Con./Abs. p. 151)  
Hymns: 406 v. 1-4, 406 v. 5-7, 917

**10:30:** Divine Service p. 151  
Hymns: 406 v. 1-4, 406 v. 5-7 (402, 594, 601) 917

## St. James Lutheran Church

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**IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY...** we remember Darlene Strohschein, Karen Blanchette, Delores Glessing, Kalyn Hatcher, Doris Luhman, Lavonne Stueven, Erma Hechsel, Carolyn Ittel, Marcella Peterson, caregivers, persecuted Christians, Missionaries: Rev. James May and Family, Nyla Nelson, Rev. Daniel and Kathy Conrad; our nation's leaders; those serving in the Armed Forces: Kelsey Hasz, Justin Hassa, Jacob Young, Andrew Horsch, Marin Jones, Christena Dickens, and Brandon Maas; for all who have come to worship today and for those members who are absent.

**TODAY'S SERMON...**can be found in the information cart in the choir/mail room.

### ST. JAMES HAPPENINGS

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP...**We are blessed as we have been gathered by the Holy Spirit to receive God's grace through Word and Sacrament. May the peace of God's love through His Son's life, death, and resurrection give you comfort this day. Guests are invited to sign the guest book in the entry. If you are interested in learning more about our confession of faith and doctrine, please feel free to contact Pastor Loder at 320-543-2766 or revloder@gmail.com.

**CATECHISM READING...**1<sup>st</sup> Commandment and Meaning

**HOLY COMMUNION...**will be served at our 10:30 AM service today. Out of sincere love for you and our desire to uphold Scripture's teaching concerning the Lord's Supper, communicants at this altar are to be in full confessional fellowship with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. **(See LSB p.329 for personal examination).** Visitors, please introduce yourself to the pastor or an elder before communing. If you are not communing this day but desire to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest as you kneel at the altar. Children are encouraged to accompany parents to receive a blessing.

**USHERS NEEDED...**men, women, teenagers, individuals or families are all welcome to usher. Sign up with one of the teams in the service of your choice. Sign up sheet is in the narthex. If you have questions, please contact an Elder.

**THANK YOU...**to Pastor and the congregation for their prayers and support during the recent illness and death of our mother Eliza Haag. Blessings, Eliza's Daughters and their families.

**MEMORIAL...**was received in memory of Hilda Ullrich and Bernita Lindahl (Mother of Teresa Schmieg) We are blessed they remember us in the Christmas season of giving.

**PASTOR OUT OF THE OFFICE...**Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. He will be at training. Please contact Vicar or the church office with any emergencies.

**THE ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING...**will be held on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 12:00 PM in the school cafeteria. A potluck dinner will follow the 10:30 AM worship service with the annual meeting after that. The election of Officers will take place and year-end reports given.

**GIVING STATEMENTS...**for 2019 have been placed in your church mailboxes. If you find any discrepancies with your giving figures, please come to CORRECTION NIGHT on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the church office. The Finance Board will be present to reconcile statements. All giving information is private, recorded for budget purposes, and to supply those who contribute with a statement for tax purposes. NO members contributions are published in a book or disclosed to other members.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE...**is Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 AM. If you have something, you'd like to add to the newsletter this month please have it to Michelle by then.

**THANK YOU...**to everyone that donated food or money for the food shelf. We were able to donate 371 pounds of food and \$460.00. AWESOME JOB!!

**LWML JANUARY MEETING...** will be Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

**JUMPING IN JANUARY...**You and your 3-6-year olds are invited to join us in our gym on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00 pm for our annual Jumping in January event. We will have a bounce house and other activities for your young ones to run off some energy. Hope to see you there!

### COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

**ST. JOHNS WINSTED COMMUNITY MEAL...**will be hosted on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 PM at St. Johns church basement. Free will donation.

**THIS WEEK ON KFUE...** begin studying the book of Joshua on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), continue in the Gospel of Matthew on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and hear words of comfort on Moments of Assurance (weekdays at 12:00 p.m. CT).

**MAYER LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL...** is pleased to announce an indoor walking opportunity for all. Join us every Tues. and Thurs. mornings from 6:30 am to 8:00 am in our field house. Stay for fellowship afterwards while you enjoy a warm beverage and a treat by the fireplace. Please enter through the front main entrance