

## *From Pastor Aden's Desk*

### **ELIJAH IN REEDSVILLE?**

Elijah just had the ultimate in mountain top experiences. Elijah faced 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of Asherah in a showdown on Mt. Carmel. God Almighty was with Elijah and proved that the LORD alone is the one true God. What we might imagine being an empowering and encouraging event, actually resulted in Elijah's disappointment and discouragement. He saw only his hard work and a lack of the results he expected from it. He didn't see the actual blessing that God granted and so was disheartened. It took the Lord opening Elijah's eyes to the truth of 7,000 faithful believers in Israel who refused to follow those false gods. With his eyes opened by the Lord, Elijah found the strength and encouragement he needed to re-dedicate himself to the Lord's service. (You can recall the details of Elijah's experience in 1 Kings 18-19.)

God's blessings in our lives and ministries today aren't always as spectacular as they were for Elijah, but they can be just as difficult for us to see. Certainly they are just as important for us to see. Allow me to share a couple examples from our recent ministries at St. John-St. James to illustrate the point.

In the few years I've been here, we've sent over a thousand letters and made twice as many contacts in person or by phone to our members who aren't regular in their worship attendance. This was part of our Elders ministry, which if we're honest is a lot of work when we consider the preparation of the letters, the personal follow up on each member, and the tracking the whole process. It is fair to ask: Does the amount of resources used make sense in comparison to the fruit we reap? Are all of those who received letters back in the fold and actively serving with the rest of their SJSJ brothers and sisters? No. Will we need to reach out to most of them again in 2020? Probably. But God has used these efforts in the lives of many of them to renew their walk with the Lord. Many are back in worship with us regularly. Some have moved away, and God used these contacts to help establish some of them in a connection with a new church family. Our Elders ministry may not mean a huge jump in our worship attendance, but it's absolutely service to God and a blessing to God's family of believers. That's real value in what we are doing. It's real benefit to God's Kingdom. It's something that really matters to God's people and the lives of those families. God used us to do that!

Early in December we hosted a Nativity Scene Display as part of the Christmas in the Village event. Did all the non-members who looked at the nativity displays join our congregation? Not a one. Yet for those who attended, there was a joy and interest in the displays. There was an opening for us to help keep the focus on the true reason for Christmas. There was a useful opportunity for our members to and to share their memories of faith and family. It was a tangible way to support our community and welcome those who aren't normally with us for our regular ministries.

We may want the kind of blessings that Elijah wanted—new converts and new “members”. It is a God-pleasing desire, and the Lord may grant such blessings (He actually brought 18 new members into our church family in 2019.) But the Lord is the one who knows his plans for us and will grant blessings according to his all-knowing, all-wise, and eternal perspective. (Thank God for it!) We're like Elijah in many ways. The knowledge of the blessings God granted to Elijah's ministry weren't readily apparent to Elijah. Nor are many of the blessings that God grants SJSJ's ministries.

The truth is, we don't know the half of how God uses us. It takes trust, dedication, and eyes that are open to see (when we can) the blessings that come according to his purpose. Like Elijah, we can't dictate the fruit, we can only dedicate ourselves to the planting of it. God has a purpose for the Word he sends us to share, and it will achieve that purpose when it is shared. It will be his purpose and not necessarily ours.

God has privileged us to participate in the work of his Kingdom here in Reedsville. In faith, let's continue to give of ourselves and our time to do this valuable work in 2020. In wisdom, let's continue to see the opportunities the Lord has presented to us. In love, let's continue to ask the tough questions of each other to see how we can best use our resources in seizing these opportunities. In joy, let's continue to appreciate the blessings God does grant to our ministries in the year to come.

Pastor Darin Aden



## *From the Church President*

Are you ready for Christmas? As of this writing, we're all very busy getting ready for Christmas. When this newsletter arrives at your home, we can ask, "Were you ready for Christmas?" We do many things to get ready for Christmas. But the most important thing is that we get ready for the birth of our Savior. We want to be ready to welcome that little baby born in a lowly manger in Bethlehem.

Christmas in the Village was held on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>. Our congregation hosted a Nativity Display in our Commons area. We had about 47 Nativity sets. A lot of people came to see our display. We thank the families who put this together and worked Friday evening and all day Saturday. Also, thank you to everyone who donated cookies for the event.

The past few months Church attendance has been up. We thank our Gracious God that more people are coming to hear God's word every Sunday. Bible Class attendance has also been good. We have room for more people at our Bible class which is held at 9:15 in the commons area.

Our voter's meeting will be held on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:15 in the commons area. Items on the agenda are: Elections, and Ministry Planning. The annual Cemetery Association meeting will also be held at this meeting. The nominating committee is busy working on finding people who are willing to have their names placed on the ballot for church council positions.

As 2019 draws to a close, I would like to thank our Called Workers and our Lay Workers for everything that they do for our congregation. I also want to thank all the volunteers who help in so many ways. Without all these volunteers our church would have a very hard time operating. Always remember this. Everything that we do for St. John-St. James, we're doing for our Lord. Every volunteer along with our workers is a very important part of our ministry here at St. John-St. James. As we look to 2020, there are a lot of things that we'd like to do in our ministry here. One of the biggest things is spreading the Gospel message to the people in our community.

And finally, Rod Bubolz is getting better but he still has a long road ahead of him to recovery.

Dan Duchow—Church President

## *Early Childhood News*

### **Early Childhood Program Preview Night**

The Early Childhood Program of St. John-St. James Lutheran School will be holding a program preview night on January 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6 PM. Children ages 3, 4 or 5 years by September 1, 2020, and their parents are invited. Children will have an opportunity to explore our classroom spaces, meet our teachers, and participate in a group activity. Parents will have the opportunity to meet the teachers and learn more about our program. Early registration will be available. Contact Mrs. Karla Aden with any questions regarding this event. [kaden@stjohnstjames.com](mailto:kaden@stjohnstjames.com) or 920-754-4432 (office phone) or 920-460-0597 (cell phone) Please share this information with anyone in the church or community who could utilize our program.





## Endowment Committee Report

From Endowment Committee: \$25,000 was disbursed from the Endowment Fund E into the general fund of the congregation. This brings to a total of about \$221,000 given to the general fund. God has truly blessed this account and we are hopeful another distribution can be made in June, 2020. We are seeing an increase in students going to Manitowoc Lutheran and synodical schools. Endowment Fund C was established in the Endowment Fund to help with tuition costs. Presently it is not keeping up with demand. Please consider giving to this fund in your future financial plans.

Dave Radue, Endowment Chair



## Evangelism Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, Christ the Lord!" Over the past weeks you have heard this many times. Unfortunately, there are many who have not heard or do not appreciate the importance of this message. God sent His Son to earth to be born, to live a perfect life, to suffer and die on the cross as our substitute and then to rise on the 3rd day! All this so that through faith we will live forever with Him in heaven! The mission of your Evangelism Committee is to reach out to as many people as possible with the good news of salvation.

We will also be working on a Prospects List. As guests fill out a Connection Card we have been contacting them and thanking them for worshipping with us. We are going to have a better way of following up on those who have expressed an interest in more information on our beliefs or our congregation or our school. We will follow up with a monthly mailing or other form of information.

Another project we will start has to do with new members. The Lord has blessed us with many new members. It is our prayer that we will be able to find ways to formally welcome them into our family and find ways to make them feel a part of what is going on at St. John St. James. One of the possibilities we have discussed is to have a family mentoring program where we would ask someone or family from our congregation to take them under your wing and help them get to know other members and to help them by answering any questions they may have. If you would like to be a part of this project or anything else we are doing please talk to me or watch the bulletin for our next meeting.

May God richly bless you in the new year and may He give us all the wisdom and courage to share the good news of a Risen Savior with as many as He sends our way!

Dennis Behnke, Evangelism Chair



Pastor Aden and the Staff at St. John—St. James Lutheran Church/School would like to thank everyone for all the thoughtful words, letters, cards and gifts given over the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ! We are above and beyond grateful to each and everyone for your kindness and generosity! May God bless everyone in the year 2020 and beyond and we wish you much love and kindness for the year ahead!



## St. John-St. James Worship Committee Newsletter Report

**Last Meeting Date: December 9th, 2019**

- We will be scheduling an usher meeting for February 16<sup>th</sup> between services to discuss adding these new duties to the job description;
  - ⇒ Posting service hymns will be added to the ushering job description.
  - ⇒ Filling candle oil.
- The committee is working with ladies aid to create an alter guild job description.
- Funeral services setup volunteer list has grown and we now have ample coverage for on call funeral setup.
- The committee purchased 52 new chairs with fabric padded seats and backs and two carts with casters for storage and transporting. We also purchased a chair dolly to move the blue stacking chairs more easily. The heavy wire framed chairs will be moved to the garage on the east end of the parking lot, to be used only for larger events in the future.
- There are plans to move the staging inside to make it safer and easier to set it up when needed.
- Next meeting –February 3rd at 5:30pm?

~Gary Bernhardt / Worship Chair

## *My Scrip Wallet . Com Information*

Introducing Myscripwallet.com where earning rebates is easier than ever.

The updated mobile site pairs the power of ShopWithScrip.com with the convenience of ordering on-the-go—making MyScripWallet.com your one-stop shop for all things scrip. Go to <https://blog.shopwithscrip.com/myscripwallet-is-new-and-improved> to see the new features in action.

**Enroll and Set Up Online Payments with (PrestoPay™)** - Families can now enroll right on MyScripWallet.com. You can also instantly link your bank account, if paying online is enabled for your organization. The updated MyScripWallet allows families to pay by check, but paying online is perfect for ordering on-the-go.

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## Worship Committee and Worship Committee Sub-Groups

The role of the Worship Committee in St. John—St. James Lutheran Church is to help formulate plans and guide decisions regarding our worship ministry. Familiar with principles of Christian worship, they will seek to reach and maintain a standard of excellence in worship practices and services with concern for our mission to promote the spiritual growth of our members and to provide a welcome atmosphere for those seeking a place of worship.

The duties of the Worship Committee are as follows:

- ◇ Help to ensure all worship services are run smoothly and efficiently.
- ◇ Oversee worship service logistics (i.e. bulletin prep, altar prep, communion set up and ushering teams)
- ◇ Give input on new worship ideas while respecting our congregation's worship heritage and traditions. (Examples: contemporary worship, worship folders format, use of projection screens, etc.) (This may include surveying the congregation for their input.)
- ◇ Lead evaluation of worship services and offer feedback to pastor, organists, directors, musicians, and others participating as leaders in worship.
- ◇ Oversee the Audio/Video needs and volunteers for worship.
- ◇ Anticipate budget expenses, particularly changes, and make recommendations to the Treasurer in anticipation of forming the next annual budget.
- ◇ Anticipate special services, help establish dates and times of services and ensure worship logistics are taken care of.
- ◇ Help to encourage and support new musicians in the development and use of their musical gifts in our worship services.

The Worship Committee participants will serve a one-year term with no restrictions in the number of terms and members of the committee shall possess all the qualities of a Christian leader as outlined in 1 Timothy: 1-10. Also, regular attendance at our worship services is necessary for service of this committee.

Just a few things the Worship Committee has done this past year:

- ◇ Recruiting of additional ushers
- ◇ Creation of sub committee - Music committee
- ◇ Creation and utilization of our ministry plan
- ◇ Scheduled and held usher meeting
- ◇ Recruited people for the funeral "on call" set up needs
- ◇ Ordered new chairs and carts to assist with funeral setup and tear down
- ◇ Recruited additional church cleaners



L-R - Terry Prochnow, Larry Boettcher, Gary Bernhardt, Dave Hoida, Dave Hoepfner. (Arle Olp - not pictured)



***"What a blessing to serve our Lord and our congregation as we utilize the time and talents God has given us. This committee has faithful caring men dedicated to carrying out God works. The creation and utilization of our Ministry Plan has been a great tool. It has helped to give us a clear path and the ability to accomplish what we set out to do. We ask for God's guidance as we continue to develop and enhance our worship services. "***

***Gary Bernhardt, Worship Committee Chair***

## Decorating Committee

The Decorating Committee helps plan and guide decisions regarding design and decorating in the facilities of St. John St. James. Their job is enhance areas for worship and fellowship and to provide a welcome feel without hindering the ministries they seek to enrich. Those on the committee serve a one year term with no restrictions in the number of terms.

The Decorating Committee also does the following:

- Oversees worship service decorating for special services or seasons as they deem necessary.
- Helps organize and inform us of opportunities to decorate for special services or take down decorations when appropriate.
- Communicate with the Flower Committee of the Ladies' Aid to coordinate any decorating planned for the sanctuary.
- Give input on remodeling and update needs by request of the Council or on their own initiative.

Such input may involve evaluation, investigation, and obtaining samples, quotes, etc. to make their recommendations. The Council will be responsible to prioritize, implement and fund such projects as they see fit and other committees may seek their input on decorating specific areas of the facility or their assistance in preparing for specific ministry events.



## Music Committee

The role of the Music Committee is to function as a sub-committee of the Worship Committee to assist them in formulating plans for special music in St. John St. James' worship ministry. The Music Committee will seek to reach and maintain a standard of excellence in our worship music and services with a concern for our mission to promote the spiritual growth of our members and to provide a welcome atmosphere for those seeking a place of worship.

Music Committee will have a one-year term with no restrictions in the number of terms and duties include but are not limited to:

- Coordinating organists for worship services (ensure organists are scheduled when needed and communicate special music plans)
- Coordinate an annual schedule for special music for worship services (examples: choirs, outdoor service, contemporary songs/services, vocalists, instrumentalists)
- Direct the introduction of new liturgy music, new Psalm settings, and new music selections to the congregation utilizing our various musical groups (they should give special consideration to the seasons of the church year & mid-week services). They will help introduce the New Hymnal.
- Help to encourage, support, and schedule new musicians in the development and use of their
- musical gifts in our worship services.
- Anticipate special services, help establish dates and times of services and ensure worship logistics are taken care of (including musicians in our congregation and outside the congregation within our fellowship for worship services or special concerts).
- Assist the Worship Committee in evaluating special music needs (equipment & resources) while respecting our congregation's worship heritage and traditions.
- Lead the evaluation of worship music and musicians and offer feedback to organists, musicians, and others participating as leaders in worship. (They should consult the Worship Committee.)
- Facilitate meeting the Audio/Video needs and volunteers for special music in worship services (power point, bulletins, etc.)
- Anticipate budget expenses, particularly changes, and make recommendations to the Worship Committee regarding special music resources & musician compensation.

Music Committee Members are as follows: Pastor Aden, Phil & Abby Stuebs, Judy Mangin, Kristen Hillmann, Marilyn Lentz, Gary Bernhardt and Nikki Kiesow

~ Sub-committees continued on next page.



### **Communion Set-Up/Communion Take-Down Teams**

When serving on a Communion Set-up/Take-down Team, some of the duties involved would be:

- Setting up the communion ware on the communion table in front of church prior to each worship service when communion is served.
- Pouring wine and restocking communion wafers prior to each worship service when communion is served. (This includes between Sunday morning worship services.)
- Taking down the communion table, washing all communion ware, and storing communion ware until the next service.

It takes approx. 20-30 minutes to do each of these tasks.

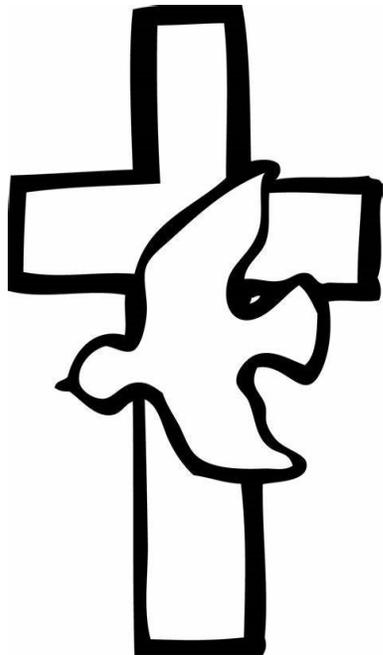
We currently have 3 Communion Set-up/Take-down Teams and are looking for 2-3 volunteers to form another team to add to the schedule. The more teams we have will help reduce the amount of times per year each team will be scheduled. Please consider volunteering to serve in this way!

If you have any questions, please contact one of our current team members: Delmare & Connie Knier & Family, Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe, Michaela Bubolz, Karla Aden, Chantel Bastian, and Joan Sheahan. If you would like your name added to a Communion Set-up/Take-down Team, please contact the church office at 920-754-4568.

**~Amanda Schrubbe—Communion Set-up/Take-down Team Member**

### **Altar Guild**

**We currently are looking for team members to form an Altar Guild. If you would be interested in participating with-in the Altar Guild please let us know by speaking to Pastor Aden or calling the office (920-754-4432 or 920-754-4568) if interested.**



Dear St. John-St. James Lutheran Church,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I want to write on behalf of the entire church for remembering us here in Aiken, SC. We joy with you in God, our Savior, that we have his Son to redeem us, and in the partnership we have with you across all these miles in that gospel. I am reminded by it what powerful faith and special people live in there in Reedsville and am inspired by it to continue the work here with a renewed passion myself. (Some of you may remember me coming by during the season of Lent in a preaching rotation from Trinity in Brillion.)

Furthermore, we thank you for the door offering you sent us. What God has done through this gift, and others like it is incalculable. As a young church, we rely on the generosity of others to continue to nurture us. We pray here that as we continue to grow, we may soon be able to do the same for others that always more may share with us the gospel of Jesus!

Lord grant you faith, hope, and love in 2020 as he always faithfully does by his Spirit through the Word.

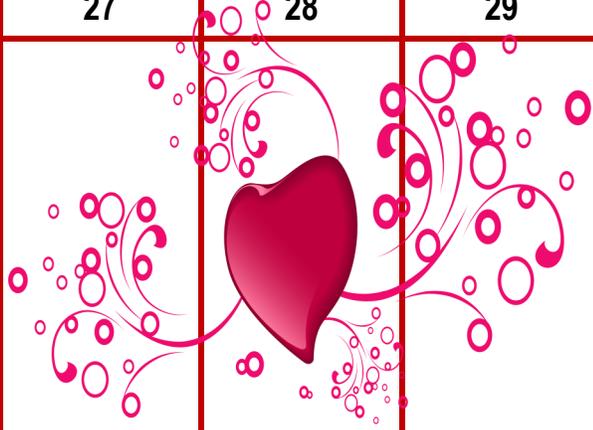
In Christ's grip,

*Pastor Jonathan Bourman*  
Pastor Jonathan Bourman

# January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				School Resumes	Basket Ball Rantoul and Sturgeon Bay	C boys (3-4th grade) Basketball Scrimmage Day at Brillion
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:00 am Worship Service 9:05 am Sunday School 9:05 am CREW Class No 9:05 am Adult Bible Class 10:15 am Worship Service	6:30 pm CEC Meeting  7:00 pm Elder's Meeting				Basket Ball at SJSJ with Rantoul and Luxemburg	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:00 am Communion Worship Service 9:05 am Sunday School 9:05 am CREW Class 9:05 am Adult Bible Class 10:15 am Communion Worship Service	6:30 pm Church Council Meeting		6:30 pm Praise Choir Practice			Basket Ball at Two Rivers
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:00 am Worship Service 9:05 am Sunday School 9:05 am CREW Class 9:05 am Adult Bible Class 10:15 am Worship Service	6:00 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting  No Ladies Aid Meeting in Jan.	Early Dismissal at 11:50 am	6:30 pm Praise Choir Practice		Basket Ball A boys only at Two Rivers	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
8:00 am Communion Worship Service 9:05 am Sunday School 9:05 am CREW Class 9:05 am Adult Bible Class 10:15 am Communion Worship Service	6:30 Spiritual Growth Committee Meeting		6:00 pm EC Program Preview  6:30 pm Praise Choir Practice	3:00 – 6:30pm Parent/Teacher Conferences	11:50 am Early Dismissal 12:00 – 2:00pm Parent/Teacher Conferences  Basket Ball—SJSJ Hosts Kiel	

Please have your newsletter submissions to Cindy by February 10, 2020. You can email your newsletter submissions to [cbubolz@stjohnstjames.com](mailto:cbubolz@stjohnstjames.com) or drop them off in the office. If you have questions or comments please feel free to call Cindy at 920-754-4568. Your feedback is always welcomed and I hope you enjoy our newsletter!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>FEBRUARY 2022</h1>						
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8:00 am Worship Service 9:05 am Sunday School No 9:05 am CREW Class No 9:05 am Adult Bible Class 9:15 am Voter's Meeting 10:15 am Contemporary Worship Service 11:15am PTO Meeting	5:30 pm Worship Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm CEC Meeting 7:00 pm Elders Committee Meeting		6:30 pm Praise Choir Practice		A girls Basketball Tournament at MLHS	A girls Basketball Tournament at MLHS
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
8:00 am Communion Worship Service 9:05 am Sunday School No 9:05 am CREW Class 9:05 am Adult Bible Class 10:15 am Communion Worship Service A Boys Basketball Tournament @ MLHS	6:30 Spiritual Growth Committee Meeting		*3:15 pm Ash Wednesday Service w/ Communion *4:30-6:00 pm Lenten Meal *6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service w/ Communion			



*Serving You in January*



**Sunday, January 5, 2020**

**8:00 am Ushers**—Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, Gary Bernhardt ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Andy Bubolz, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill & Matt Hillmann, Nick Schrubbe, Zac Bubolz ■ **Church Cleaners**—Dennis Behnke, Yvonne Wenzlaff, Gail Denor ■ **Flower Committee**—Jenny Janke & Judy Mangin ■ **Organist**—Charmaine Wagner.

**Communion Sunday, January 12, 2020**

**8:00 am Ushers**—■ Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack, Josh Aden ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Terry Prochnow, Bob & Fred Busse, Erwin & Jon Waack, Randy & Dereck Waack, Karen Prochnow, Todd Hickmann, Mary Busse, Sandy Waack ■ **Church Cleaners**—Dennis Behnke, Yvonne Wenzlaff, Gail Denor ■ **Flower Committee**—Jenny Janke & Judy Mangin ■ **Communion Set-Up**—Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe, Michaela Bubolz ■ **Organist**—Judy Mangin.

**Sunday, January 19, 2020**

**8:00 am Ushers**—■ Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack, Josh Aden ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Terry Prochnow, Bob & Fred Busse, Erwin & Jon Waack, Randy & Dereck Waack, Karen Prochnow, Todd Hickmann, Mary Busse, Sandy Waack ■ **Church Cleaners**—Dr. Buchner and Corey/Sarah Marohn ■ **Flower Committee**—Jenny Janke & Judy Mangin ■ **Organist**—Judy Mangin.

**Communion Sunday, January 26**

**8:00 am Ushers**—Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Gary Bernhardt, Chuck Kiehn, Bob Baribeau ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Roger Hoida, Dave Hoida, Bill Ebert III, Deven Krepline, Howard Haese ■ **Church Cleaners**—Dr. Buchner and Corey/Sarah Marohn ■ **Flower Committee**—Jenny Janke & Judy Mangin ■ **Communion Set-Up**—Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe, Michaela Bubolz ■ **Organist**—Kristen Hillmann.



*Serving You In February*



**Sunday, February 2, 2020**

**8:00 am Ushers**—Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Gary Bernhardt, Chuck Kiehn Bob Baribeau ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Roger Hoida, Dave Hoida, Bill Ebert III, Deven Krepline, Howard Haese ■ **Church Cleaners**—Shawn and Melissa Behnke ■ **Flower Committee**—Mary Busse & Karen Prochnow ■ **Organist**—Charmaine Wagner.

**Communion Sunday Service, February 9, 2020**

**8:00 am Ushers**—Dan Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene & Nathan Rosera, Jeff Doemel, Jacob Bubolz ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim & Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke ■ **Church Cleaners**—Shawn and Melissa Behnke ■ **Flower Committee**—Mary Busse & Karen Prochnow ■ **Communion Set-Up**—Knier Family ■ **Organist**—Judy Mangin.

**Sunday, February 16, 2020**

**8:00 am Ushers**—Dan Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene & Nathan Rosera, Jeff Doemel, Jacob Bubolz ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim & Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke ■ **Church Cleaners**—Terry/Karen Prochnow, Dale Barnard and Rod Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee**—Mary Busse & Karen Prochnow ■ **Organist**—Charmaine Wagner.

**Communion Sunday, February 23, 2020**

**8:00 am Ushers**—Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog, Lucas Behnke, Lynn Behnke ■ **10:15 am Ushers**—Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik, Delton & Nathan Kasten ■ **Church Cleaners**—Terry/Karen Prochnow, Dale Barnard and Rod Bubolz ■ **Flower Committee**—Mary Busse & Karen Prochnow ■ **Communion Set-Up**—Knier Family ■ **Organist**—Kristnen Hillmann.

**6:30 pm Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020**

**Ushers**—Ken Mack, James Kiesow, McCoy Mack, Jeffrey Robley ■ **Organist**—Charmaine Wagner.

## *Ash Wednesday Worship and Lenten Meals*

Ash Wednesday falls 46 days before Easter and is a time when Christians prepare themselves for Easter and are invited to deeper faith, stronger community, and a closer connection to God.

St. John—St. James Lutheran Church offers two Ash Wednesday worship services to start your Lenten journey on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 pm and 6:30 pm.

SJSJ Lenten meals also start on Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> and go until the 6<sup>th</sup> Lenten Service on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. The meals will be served from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. If interested in organizing, preparing and cleaning up after the Lenten meals there will be a sign-up sheet in the West office of Church.

Don't miss the opportunity for good food and great fellowship during this Lenten season! Again, our Lenten Meals will start the Wednesday, February 26 after the 3:15 pm Ash Wednesday service and continue for 6 weeks which brings us to Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please invite friends to join our Lenten worship services as well as our Lenten Meals!



### *New Contemporary Worship*



The goal for our new Contemporary Worship(10:15 am on the first Sunday of every month) is to pump the Congregation up. Contemporary Worship can make you feel more emotionally charged about worshiping Christ and therefore helps the congregation experience a more meaningful Worship Service. For lack of better words, it is a pep rally for the spiritual side of you that is mentality toned down, and can be, in a sense, a more emotional, uplifting experience to have. It can give you a little more excitement in your Worship routine and provide a different side of your commitment to Christ....

Please join us in learning together a new way to worship! Our Contemporary Worship Services will be held on the first Sunday of the month starting February 2<sup>nd</sup>, and only at the 10:15 am Service.



### *SJSJ Night at Fun-set Boulevard*

**FUNSET BOULEVARD®** is a Family Entertainment Center located in Appleton, Wisconsin! Along with over 100 Video and Arcade Games, Funset offers even more unique family fun including Laser Force Laser Tag, Bumper Cars, a Carousel, Train Ride, Giant Kid's Playground and, Mini Bowling, \*Mini-Golf and Batting Cages (\*seasonal), a Hollywood Themed Restaurant with Great Pizza, Kid's Meals, and so much more.

SJSJ Night at Funset Boulevard is an exciting opportunity for all of our SJSJ families to go out and have a great time on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-10:00 pm! Wristbands can be purchased in the SJSJ church/school office for \$3.00/ person. This is an awesome discount from the regular price of \$10.95.

Wrist bands give you unlimited access to softplay, carousel, bumper cars and train & laser tag. In addition, you can purchase a large pizza at regular price, and receive \$5.00 off the pizza and get an additional 20 free game tokens.

Wristbands must be purchased for all persons going on rides and those who will play in the soft play area. They also must be purchased in advance and are only good for that evening. Only a set number of wristbands are available, so please plan ahead. Also, for food, or tokens for the games please don't forget we have SCRIP for Funset Boulevard available to purchase in the office. Please purchase your SCRIP soon as it will go very fast!

Funset Boulevard address: 3916 W College Ave • Appleton, WI 54914 • 920-993-0909

## *For Your Information*

**Ministry Planning Voters Meeting**—There will be a special voter's meeting held on February 2, 2020 at 9:15 in the commons area. Items on the agenda are Elections, Ministry Planning and the annual Cemetery Association meeting will also be held in the same meeting. Please join us!

**Member Emails & Current Phone Numbers**—The church/school office will be putting member emails and phone numbers into the new membership database very soon. This is a very good device for us to use and will allow us to contact you if we need to cancel a church service, if there is an emergency, if a question arises or etc. There will be a sheet in the West church office with the information we have for you at the present time. Behind your name and address there will be a line for an email address and a line for a phone number. If we have your correct information you can put an ok by it and will not update it, but if you have a new phone number or address we can be up to date and know we have your correct information. Please help us in up dating your information it will be of great value to us and will give us a great communication tool that will greatly benefit everyone!

**St. John—St. James Blue Jay's Concession Stand**—Help is still needed in the Concession Stand for Friday, January 10th & Friday, January 31st. If you would be willing to help out for just one time slot, we would be closer to covering all shifts needed. If you can help please contact Becky Busse at [becky.busse@yahoo.com](mailto:becky.busse@yahoo.com) or 1-920-973-0470.

**B-Team Basket Ball Tournament**—On, Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> will be a B-Team Basket Ball tournament in the St. John—St. James Lutheran School Gymnasium. If you have some time to spare and would like to help Mr. Stuebs out at the ticket or scoring tables please contact him at [pstuebs@st.johnstjames.com](mailto:pstuebs@st.johnstjames.com) or 920-860-9241.

### **MLHS CALL UPDATE**

- Miss Charis Scharf was called to serve in our music department and she has accepted the call!
- Mr. Corey Marohn was called to be the Lakeshore Lutheran Schools curriculum developer. Mr. Marohn would also serve part-time at MLHS as our learning coordinator, and he has accepted the call!
- Mr. James Otto accepted the call for English!
- Mr. Joel Burmeister was called for Director of Mission Advancement and has returned the call. On January 4<sup>th</sup> there was a Special Call Meeting. Look for update in next week's bulletin.
- Miss Katie Huebner was called for English. She currently serves at West Lutheran.
- Thank you for keeping all of these men and women and their families in your prayers.

**INCOMING FRESHMAN REGISTRATION** - Class of 2024-Attention all current 8th graders, freshman registration at Manitowoc Lutheran High School is on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm or Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm. Please contact Ryan Holper with any questions that you may have. [rhooper@mlhslancers.org](mailto:rhooper@mlhslancers.org).

**BUSING AT MLHS FOR 2020-2020** - MLHS is excited to share that starting next school year, busing may be available for the Newton, Chilton, Brillion, Sheboygan and Kewaunee Area. There is also busing available for students in the Manitowoc School District Limits and Two Rivers. For more information contact the main office at MLHS, 920-682-0215.

# Blue Jay Page

## Grandparents day at St. John—St. James Lutheran School!



**So much fun!  
Check out our  
Blue Jay's  
Grandparent's  
Day Photos that  
was held on  
November 5,  
2019!**





## Thanksgiving Brunch

On Wednesday, November 27th, St. John—St. James prepared a Thanksgiving Brunch for the staff and themselves before the Thanksgiving break!

Please take a look at the fun they all had! We absolutely cannot wait for next year's Thanksgiving Brunch!





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### **Church/School Office Hours:**

Monday—7:30 am to 3:00 pm  
Tuesday—7:30 am to 3:00 pm  
Wednesday—7:30 am to 3:00 pm  
Thursday—7:30 am to 3:00 pm  
Friday—7:30 am to 3:00 pm



**Sunday Worship—8:00 am and 10:15 am**  
**Wednesday Lenten Worship—3:15 pm and 6:30 pm**  
**Wednesday Lenten Meals—4:30 pm—6:00 pm**