



## OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS



Today Preacher—Pastor Darin Aden

Music — Charmaine Wagner

Call Meeting 9:15am in the Commons / Sunday School 9:05am

**150TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS**—There are still a lot of Anniversary mementos available. They would make wonderful Christmas presents. They are a nice memory of our school's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Cost is \$10.00 ea. or 3/\$25.00. They're available in the west office and the school office. Make checks payable to St. John St. James. The quarter war is underway. The totals for the quarter war is, 0-33, \$21.29; 34-66, \$209.14; Over 67, \$381.91. Total so far; \$612.34. / We will have a section in our Anniversary Booklet titled “**Memories**” If you or family members have memories of our school, we'd like to hear from you. You can send it to Amanda at [aschrubbe@stjohnstjames.com](mailto:aschrubbe@stjohnstjames.com) or Dan at [dduchow@stjohnstjames.com](mailto:dduchow@stjohnstjames.com). You can bring in a paper copy if you wish. If you can't type, just bring in a written copy and we'll type it for you.

**SCHOOL ROOF PROJECT**—The school roof project has been completed in the amount of \$36,695.86. Total received to date is \$32,019.42; a balance of \$4,676.44 remains. Thank you for your support of this project.

**SHOP WITH SCRIP**—The SJSJ Scrip Program would love to help you with your Christmas shopping! SCRIP gift cards make excellent gifts. If you are not familiar with our SCRIP Program, please contact the school office for more information or visit [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com). The enrollment code for our organization is: A755918L7794. Please remember that if we do not have what you need in our inventory or you need a large amount, we can certainly order it and have it available for you within a week. **SCRIP UPDATE: We now have Walmart \$10 & Amazon \$10 cards available for a limited time!**

**CHRISTMAS CANDY BAGS** - We will once again be putting together Christmas candy bags for the children of our church & school to be handed out on Christmas Eve. If you would like to make a donation towards the candy, apples, oranges, etc. for the bags, please leave it in the jar in the West Office of Church.

**GRIEFSHARE**—GriefShare is a program to help people who are grieving the loss of a loved one whether recent or in the past. Each session is about 2 hours long. There is a short video on various topics presented by people who have gone through the grieving process and mental health experts. There is then group discussion time, though sharing is not required. Between each weekly session there is a workbook that has daily exercises that point you to God's Word and help you work through your grief. We will be having the GriefShare program starting Thursday January 9th to April 10th from 2:30 to 4:30 PM. We will be meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 916 Pine St, Manitowoc, WI in the church office conference room. The entrance is across the covered area from the church entrance. If you are interested in getting more information or know someone who we should personally invite please contact Larry Verlinden at 920-323-2297 or [verlinden@comcast.net](mailto:verlinden@comcast.net). You also can get more information or register at the GriefShare website [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org). Please register by January 2nd so we can make sure we have enough workbooks. We will be charging \$20 per person to cover the cost of workbooks. People are free to join our group at any time during the GriefShare cycle.

**CHURCH CLEANERS** —We are looking for cleaners who would like to form their own team, please contact Pat Olp or Amanda Schrubbe at the church/school office. The current schedule allows a team to clean 3-4 times a year.

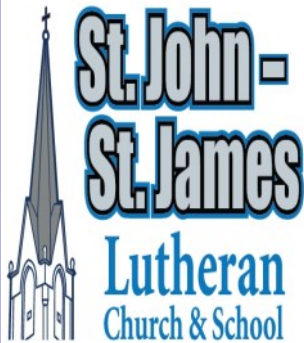
**POINSETTIA ORDERS**—Thank you to everyone who ordered a poinsettia this year. Our church and gym are going to look amazing for Christmas! As a reminder, if you ordered a blue or white poinsettia, you are welcome to take it home with you after the 5:30 pm Children's Service in the Gym on December 24<sup>th</sup>. If you ordered a red one, you may take it home with you after the Christmas Day Service at 9:00am. Plastic sleeves to protect the poinsettias when you transport them are available in the west office of church. Please leave the brown saucers under the poinsettias. Thank you again!

**OFFERING ENVELOPES**—The 2025 Offering envelopes are available to be picked up in the west office and back of the church. They are in alphabetical order for easy pick up. Please pick them up at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

**JANUARY/FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER**—Please submit any articles/reports you would like included in the upcoming newsletter to Pat Olp ([polp@stjohnstjames.com](mailto:polp@stjohnstjames.com)) by Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!

**CHURCH PICTURE ORDERS** - Church picture orders have arrived! Please stop in the West Office in the back of church to pick up your order. It will be another few months before the church picture directories are available. Stay tuned!

**CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION** Church Phone: 920-754-4568 Website: stjohnstjames.com



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**Times of Worship:** Sunday 8:00am & 10:15am ~ Adult Bible Study & Teen Bible Study /Sunday School 9:05am  
**Send Bulletin Information to** [aschrubbe@stjohnstjames.com](mailto:aschrubbe@stjohnstjames.com); [jsheahan@stjohnstjames.com](mailto:jsheahan@stjohnstjames.com)  
**Wednesday Deadline**

**SCHOOL OFFICE INFORMATION:** School Office Phone: 920-754-4432

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**Office Hours :** 8:00am – 3:00pm M-F Scrip available for purchase during office hours.

**Sunday, December 15, 2024**

**SERVING YOU THIS WEEK** ■ **Sunday, December 15 8:00am Ushers**— Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, Gary Bernhardt **10:15am Ushers** — Nick Schrubbe, Jonathan Schrubbe, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann, Matt Hillmann ■ **Flower Committee** — Pat Olp, Joan Sheahan ■ **Church Cleaners 12/09– 12/22** — Shawn/Melissa Behnke, Sheri Lau

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**PRACTICE**—Choir practice will be held on Wednesday, December 18 and will have a practice on Monday December 23. Practices will begin at 6pm. Church members in 9th grade and older are welcome to join. No choir experience needed. Please contact Kristen Hillmann [khillmann@stjohnstjames.com](mailto:khillmann@stjohnstjames.com) for more information.

**ADOPT A FAMILY** - St. John-St. James is collecting donations to purchase Christmas gifts for a family in need who lives in Manitowoc County. We have been assigned a family with 4 children this year and need your help to make their Christmas a blessed one! If you would like to shop for & donate a specific gift, please pick up a tag from the board in the back of church or the school commons. Cash donations & gift cards (SCRIP) are also welcome. Please drop off your donations (**unwrapped**) in the collection boxes in the back of church or the school commons by **Sunday, December 15th**. (Gift receipts are appreciated!)

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**— Luther Prep Christmas Concert on Sunday, 12/15 at 3:00pm or Thursday, 12/19 at 10:00am in the gym. 1300 Western Ave, Watertown. Or watch on livestream at [lps.wels.net/apps/pages/lpsconcertsstream](https://lps.wels.net/apps/pages/lpsconcertsstream)

**USHERS**—A copy of the Ushers schedule is available in the west office of church, for those that wish to have a paper copy of the schedule. Volunteer ushers are needed for the upcoming Children’s Service in the Gym on Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 am and the Candlelight Service on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. If you are willing to help usher, sign-up sheets are located in the west office and also on the usher podium.

**Church Attendance**

**Sunday, 12/08 8:00am — 201 10:00am — 191 TOTAL — 392**

<b>OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE</b>				
<i>12/8/24</i>				
<b>FUND</b>	<b>NEEDED WEEKLY</b>	<b>GIVEN THIS WEEK</b>	<b>WEEKLY Over/(Under)</b>	<b>FISCAL YTD Over/(Under)</b>
General Fund	\$ 13,734.00	\$ 8,251.93	\$ (5,482.07)	\$ (103,210.51) *
Synod	\$ 597.00	\$ 102.00	\$ (495.00)	\$ (4,483.50)
MLHS	\$ 452.00	\$ 73.00	\$ (379.00)	\$ (2,849.50)
Building Fund	\$ 2,312.00	\$ 3,940.00	\$ 1,628.00	\$ 33,336.06
			Goal \$3,000 Wkly	
				*Taken in \$32,420

Building Fund Memorials —\$ 45 / Roof Repairs — \$ 165 / Door Collection MLHS Lancer Singers — \$ 750