

# FROM PASTOR'S DESK

## The Gift of God—Freedom

Here's a story I heard:

There was a little boy visiting his grandparents on their farm. And he was given a slingshot to play with in the woods. He practiced in the woods, but he could never hit the target. Getting a little discouraged, he headed back for dinner.

As he was walking back, he saw Grandma's pet duck. Just out of impulse, he let fly, hit the duck square in the head, and killed it. He was shocked and grieved. In a panic, he hid the duck in the wood pile. As he looked up, he realized that his sister had been watching the whole episode. Sally had seen it all but said nothing.

After lunch that day Grandma said, "Sally, let's wash the dishes." But Sally said, "Grandma, Jimmy told me he wanted to help in the kitchen today. Didn't you, Jimmy?" And then she whispered to him, "Remember the duck?" So Jimmy did the dishes.

Later Grandpa ask if the children wanted to go fishing, and Grandma said, "I'm sorry but I need Sally to help make supper." But Sally smiled and said, "Well, that's all right because Jimmy told me he wanted to help." And she whispered again, "Remember the duck?" So Sally went fishing and Jimmy stayed.

After several days of Jimmy doing both his chores and Sally's, he finally couldn't stand it any longer. He came to Grandma and confessed that he killed the duck. She knelt down, gave him a hug, and said, "Sweetheart, I know. You see I was standing at the window, and I saw the whole thing. But because I love you, I forgave you. I was just wondering how long you would let Sally make a slave of you."

Here's what Romans 6 says:

**<sup>6</sup> For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin...<sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. <sup>13</sup> Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace... <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

I don't know exactly what's in your past. I don't know what sin(s) the enemy keeps throwing up in your face. But whatever it is, please think about this. Jesus Christ was "standing by the window." He has seen everything you have done. Because he loves you, he has forgiven you. Perhaps he's wondering how long you'll let the enemy make a slave of you. Romans 6 says you have been set from "**from the things you are now ashamed of.**" (v21) The Christmas story reassures us of forgiveness won by Jesus. He was named Jesus because he would "**save his people from their sins.**" (Matthew 1:21,25 and Luke 1:31, 2:21) As we start a new year, don't allow the Devil to enslave you with the guilt and regrets of the past.

These words from Romans more pointedly remind us that Jesus came to free us from Satan's control over us.

Through Jesus we have the motive and the might to resist the Devil and instead to offer ourselves in service to God.

We've just celebrated the incredible gift that we have received in Christ Jesus. When we remember what he has

done, his "**love compels us**" so that we "**no longer live for ourselves but for him.**" (2 Corinthians 5:14,15) Wouldn't

2025 be a truly Happy New Year, if we would spend it focusing what Christ has done rather than what we have?

Pastor Darin Aden

# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



## Presidents Newsletter Report January 2025

*So often when we pray it is asking God for help with something. We go to God in prayer during troubled times in our lives, and we should lean on Him for strength when there is pain, sickness, stress, turmoil or loss. Please remember to also spend our time in prayer with thanksgiving for the many blessings in our lives. He provides for our physical needs with food, clothing and shelter. He provides for our spiritual needs with His Holy Word, our church family, our called workers and the freedom to gather and worship in his name. He blessed each one of us by sending his Son to pay for our sins on the cross so that we may have the gift of eternal life in heaven. Even though we are all sinners and don't deserve it, still He pours out all these blessings on us. So go to God for support when life gets challenging, and he will always be there for you. But please remember to also go to God in Thanks for all you have!*

Here is a recap of the blessings he poured out on our ministry in the past year:

**New councilmen installed: Brad Busse and Dan Bubolz** were installed as the Worship Committee Chairman and the Stewardship Chairman. What a blessing to have them step forward and offer their time and talents to serve as leaders of our ministry.

**Prep Singers Concert** – The Luther Preparatory School Prep Singers put on a beautiful concert here on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Those in attendance were treated to a special night of moving spiritual music that will not be forgotten. Thank you to everyone who helped house the students, those that prepared and served the meal for them and everyone who helped accommodate them with their service.

**Examination/Confirmation**—Saturday, May 4th here at St. John St. James the following 8th graders were confirmed in their faith; Hadley Bastian, Fredrick Busse II, Madeline Keil, Robert Krepline II, Zachary Prochnow, Tyler Ross, Adeline Schisel, Evelyn Schrubbe, Ryan Zimmerman, Christopher Zuberbier. We pray that God will continue to guide these young men & women.

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**—The school year opened and kicked off the school's 150th Anniversary celebration. As part of the anniversary, the MLC Choir presented a concert in our church.

**Kelly Loberger** was installed as our teacher during the worship service on August 18<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to have Kelly on our staff to help with teaching our children in the way of our LORD. Welcome Kelly!

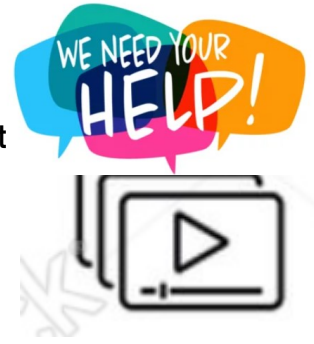
**Custodian position filled - Dan Vogel** has been hired as our custodian and has taken over school custodial responsibilities. Please welcome Dan to our team!

**School roof repairs** – When a portion of the school roof needed repairs at a cost of \$36,700, our members stepped up and donated over \$32,000, including a matching fund of \$10,00 from an anonymous donor. Thank you to all who supported this needed repair.

**Photo directory**— Thank you to everyone on the directory committee for using their time and talents to make the new directory come together. The new directory will be ready soon.

**Gary Bernhardt, Church President**

St. John-St. James is looking for individuals that would be interested in helping with the AV booth. We are hoping to get enough volunteers to set up a schedule. We are looking to update the software to make it more "user friendly". If you are 16 or older and you are interested to help serve at SJSJ, please contact Worship Committee Chairman Brad Busse at 920-450-1094.



# MISSION NEWS

## Annual LWMS Convention

The 62nd Annual LWMS Convention 'Sowing the Seeds of Faith' will be held June 26-29, 2025 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Details to register for the convention can be picked up from the west office.

The Paperland Circuit is working with Beaver Dam Circuit (and other circuits) for a shared Lamers Bus Trip to the convention. The bus would leave DePere on Monday, June 24th and return Monday, June 30th. If any ladies (and men) are interested in attending the convention and would like to be transported by bus, please pick up more information from the west office.



## CAMM

The Central Africa Medical Mission oversees a permanent clinic called the Lutheran Mission Rural Health Centre in Zambia on the same property as one of the Lutheran churches of Central Africa. CAMM also operates the Lutheran Mobile Clinic in Malawi, which travels to four different villages throughout the week. The buildings used in these villages serve as clinics during the week and churches on Sundays. Both clinics are run by national health care workers. Prior to clinic work starting for the day, a brief devotion is given to all who attend. Both clinics focus on providing Christian counseling and testing for HIV, education and treatment for malaria, immunizations, wellness education, and treatment of minor injuries and illnesses. By partnering with the Lutheran Church of Central Africa and WELS missionaries, CAMM provides help for the spiritual and physical needs of the people of Zambia and Malawi. Gifts will allow CAMM to continue touching the lives of close to 80,000 individuals on an annual basis. Monetary donations (checks payable to Central Africa Medical Mission) can be mailed to WELS Gift Processing, N16 W23377 Stone Ridge Drive, Waukesha, WI 53188. A monthly newsletter is posted on bulletin boards in the church entrance and commons.

# SJSJ School 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary News

SJSJ SCHOOL 150TH ANNIVERSARY

BIG DAY, MARCH 2, 2025

Our school's Anniversary Big Day is coming up soon. It will be held on March 2, 2025

Here is a list of the events for that day

1. There will be one service at 9:00 in the gym.
2. Pastor Mark Schroeder, our Synod's President will be the guest preacher.
3. There will be fellowship and viewing historical displays from 10:30 to 11:00.
4. A potluck meal will be served at 11:00.
5. A short program will follow the meal.
6. Following the program you can view the historical displays.
7. We are looking for members to donate school historical displays for that day.
8. More information will follow on this.
9. We are still looking for members to write memories for our Anniversary booklet.
10. Email them to Amanda at [aschrubbe@stjohnstjames.com](mailto:aschrubbe@stjohnstjames.com) or Dan at [dduchow@stjohnstjames.com](mailto:dduchow@stjohnstjames.com). If you don't type, bring in a written copy and we will type it for you.
11. Watch future bulletins for sign up sheets for food and attendance.
12. If you have family members who have moved away and are planning to come, please sign them up so we can get an accurate count for the meal
13. Our quarter war is underway. It will end on March 2nd, the big day



## Serving You in January

### Communion Set-Up/Take Down:

Suzanne Bubolz, Amanda Schrubbe, Evelyn Schrubbe

### Flower Committee:

Judy Mangin, Jenny Janke

### Church Cleaners:

**Dec 23 - Jan 5:** Terry/Karen Prochnow, Dale Barnard, Rod Bubolz

**Jan 6 - 19:** Adam/Melissa Bubolz, Andy/Rebekah Bubolz, Nick/Amanda Schrubbe,  
Ray/Suzanne Bubolz

**Jan 20 - Feb 2:** Arlie/Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon

### Usher Schedule:

**Sunday, Jan 5 at 8:00am**— Mel Mangin, Tim Mangin, Jamie Mangin, Gary Waack

**Sunday, Jan 5 at 10:15am**— Terry/Karen Prochnow, Randy/Sandy Waack

**Sunday, Jan 12 at 8:00am**— Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Chuck Kiehn, Bob Baribeau, and  
Isai Rumayor

**Sunday, Jan 12 at 10:15am**— Dave Hoida, Judy Hoida, Shawn Behnke, Erick  
Zimmerman, and Ryan Zimmerman

**Sunday, Jan 19 at 8:00am**— Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Chuck Kiehn, Bob Baribeau, and  
Isai Rumayor

**Sunday, Jan 19 at 10:15am**— Dave Hoida, Judy Hoida, Shawn Behnke, Erick  
Zimmerman, and Ryan Zimmerman

**Sunday, Jan 26 at 8:00am**— Dan/Paula Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene Rosera,  
Nathan Rosera, Jeff Doemel

**Sunday, Jan 26 at 10:15am**— Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz,  
Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke

## Serving You In February

### Communion Set-Up/Take Down:

Arlie/Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon

### Flower Committee:

Mary Busse, Karen Prochnow

### Church Cleaners:

**Jan 20 - Feb 2:** Arlie/Pat Olp, Mary Fenlon

**Feb 3 - 16:** Gary/Deb Bernhardt, Joe/Judy Hoyer

**Feb 17 - Mar 2:** Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Dan/Paula Bubolz

### Usher Schedule:

**Sunday, Feb 2 at 8:00am**— Dan/Paula Bubolz, Gene Wagner, Eugene Rosera,  
Nathan Rosera, Jeff Doemel

**Sunday, Feb 2 at 10:15am**— Glen Behnke, Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz,  
Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke

**Sunday, Feb 9 at 8:00am**— Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog, Brad Busse, Jade Busse,  
Marshall Kirkpatrick

**Sunday, Feb 9 at 10:15am**— Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik,  
Delton Kasten, Nathan Kasten

**Sunday, Feb 16 at 8:00am**— Dan Duchow, Jeff Herzog, Brad Busse, Jade Busse,  
Marshall Kirkpatrick






**Sunday, Feb 16 at 10:15am**— Paul Kiekhaefer, John Brodtke, Jeremy Foytik,  
Delton Kasten, Nathan Kasten

**Sunday, Feb 23 at 8:00am**— Jim Matznick, Tom Sebo, Norman Pantzlaff, and  
Gary Bernhardt

**Sunday, Feb 23 at 10:15am**— Nick Schrubbe, Ray Bubolz, Adam Bubolz, Bill Hillmann,  
Matt Hillmann, and Jonathan Schrubbe





# January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
			NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>8:00am</b> Sunday Worship <b>9:05am</b> Adult/Teen Bible Study <b>10:15am</b> Sunday Worship	CLASSES RESUME  <b>5:30pm</b> Worship Committee Mtg		<b>7:00pm</b> B-Girls Basketball @ Kiel	<b>6:30pm</b> Anniversary Committee	<b>4:00pm</b> A-Boys Basketball @ Wayside  <b>5:00pm</b> B-Girls Basketball @ Brillion  <b>6:00pm</b> B-Boys Basketball @ Algoma	
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>8:00am</b> Sunday Worship w/Communion <b>9:05am</b> Adult/Teen Bible Study <b>10:15am</b> Sunday Worship w/Communion	<b>6:30pm</b> Church Council Meeting	<b>5:00pm</b> A-Boys Basketball @ Luxemburg <b>7:00pm</b> B-Boys Basketball @ Luxemburg			<b>Lancer for a Day</b>  <b>5:00pm</b> B-Girls @ First German <b>6:00pm</b> B-Boys @ Newtonburg <b>7:00pm</b> A-Girls @ Kiel <b>8:00pm</b> A-Boys @ Newtonburg	
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
<b>8:00am</b> Sunday Worship w/Communion <b>9:05am</b> Adult/Teen Bible Study <b>10:15am</b> Sunday Worship w/Communion			<b>4:30pm</b> A-Girls Basketball @ St. Paul - Green Bay		<b>B-Team Basketball Tournament @ MLHS</b>  	



# February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					 <b>B-Team Basketball Tournament @ MLHS</b>	
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<b>8:00am</b> Sunday Worship <b>9:05am</b> Adult/Teen Bible Study <b>10:15am</b> Sunday Worship	<b>5:30pm</b> Worship Committee Mtg	<b>6:00pm</b> EC Program Preview			<b>2:00pm</b> PEP RALLY 	<div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>A-Team Basketball Tournament @ MLHS</b> </div>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<b>8:00am</b> Sunday Worship <b>9:05am</b> Adult/Teen Bible Study <b>10:15am</b> Sunday Worship					<b>1:00pm</b> LLS Choral Festival starts @ MLHS <b>6:00 pm</b> Concert begins 	
23	24	25	26	27	28	
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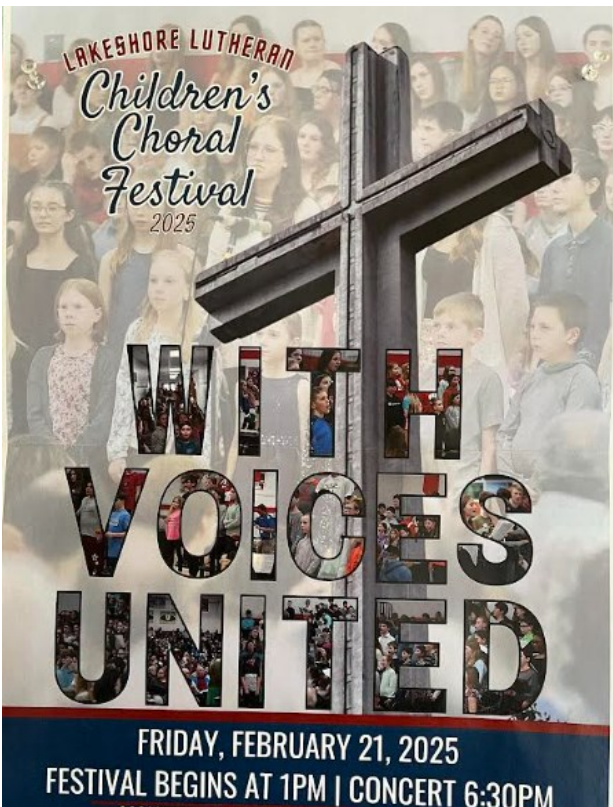
## Ushers Needed

St. John-St. James is looking for members to add to our Usher Schedule. We have had some ushers that are no longer able to serve due to age or health reasons. There are several teams with small numbers that need help.

Please consider stepping up to help serve at SJSJ. Contact Worship Chairman Brad Busse at 920-450-1094.



## *Coming Up at MLHS...*



SAVE THE DATE!  
JANUARY 12, 2025



The Church/School office is open  
7:30 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Friday  
on days that school is in session. Scrip is  
available to purchase during these hours.





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