



St. James Journal

Thursday, December 20th, 2018



Legal Announcement:

In accordance with state laws, this notice is to show that St. James Lutheran School, admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

Hot Lunch for the next week:

Monday, Dec 31 – No School

Tuesday, Jan 1 – No School

Wednesday, Jan 2 – Mini corndogs, hash browns, green beans, pear slices

Thursday, Jan 3 – Chicken noodle casserole, corn or carrots, peach slices, cheese slices

Friday, Jan 4 – French toast sticks, sausage patty, orange juice, applesauce, blueberry muffins

Recess Parents: (Noon Duty)

Weds: Open; **Thurs:** Layla Janssen; **Fri:** Amy Kroenke

School Mission Statement: Connecting people to the love of Jesus Christ in: Our families, Our community, Our world.

Lots of thank you need to be given... Thank you to Mrs. Black for another superb program. Thank you to the students for sharing their faith with all those friends, family, and even people who have no affiliation with our school. Thank you to the parents and congregational members who help support St. James so we are able to provide this unique worship opportunity. Thank God for sending His son to earth so we are able to celebrate His birth.

Christmas Program DVD – If you would like to order a copy of the Christmas Program DVD from December titled “Straight Outta Bethlehem,” please fill out the order form attached to the email. Then return it to the school office with your payment. I would like to have your orders by January 31st. The cost of each DVD is \$7.00. Checks should be payable to

St. James. When you do fill out the form, please make sure to note whether you would like the 5 PM program (L-Z and the Kindergarten) or the 7 PM program (A-K and the 1st grade class).

Joke: I was walking down the hallway with a stack of pizzas as I was singing a Christmas song. Mrs. Black was walking by me when she heard what I was singing. She said, “Mr. Kaiser, you are not singing that song correctly.” Not to start an argument, I politely disagreed with her saying that there is a Christmas song that speaks of pizza. She just shook her head.

To the Joel Delzer family, Merry Christmas from the St. James Lutheran School family.

You know how truly passionate I am for you to help foster your child’s faith. Please take every opportunity you can to have them attend church to worship OUR great God over the Christmas break. St. James has four services on Christmas Eve: 1:30 PM service (Celebration Service), 4 PM (traditional service), finally, 7 and 11 PM (Candlelight services). The 11 PM service will be having Communion. Finally, there will be a New Year’s Eve Service at 6 PM.

Mr. Berndt wanted his space in the Journal: he wanted me to remind all the Pep/Jazz band members that you have one more gig that is taking place on Friday, January 4th. The final pep band performance will take place at 6 PM. Please make sure that you bring your instruments to the gymnasium right after school. If you have any questions, please stop in and talk with him.

Small starts, hoping for higher numbers: This would be for the St. James MEN and Men-In-Training (Men from Grade Six on Up...) to the Garage Bible study. I have also heard that dinner is leaning towards a vat of chili. Beverages will also be served. Our next Garage Bible Study will be taking place on Sunday, January 19th, at the Marien family garage at

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5:45 PM (for dinner) and the Bible study at 6:30 PM. This will be on the third Sunday of each month. You and any man (friend, family, neighbor, co-worker) are invited to attend. Please think about having a positive impact on your son's faith life while building a stronger faith with God too. You do not need to be a member of St. James in order to attend this Bible study. Last meeting we studied Mary and Joseph. This meeting we will focus on Adam and Eve. **PS** – You may want to watch your speed when driving to the Marien household - Life Lesson #141.

Two ways that you are able to support the students of St. James. **A.** The first way has a small requirement that you need to be a Thrivent member. If you are (Erika Kaiser), please contact your Thrivent agent to make sure you have designated St. James as recipient for Thrivent Choice Dollars. Please and thank you. **B.** The second way is an avenue that any person who has ordered from Amazon should do (ESPECIALLY before online Christmas shopping takes place). Here is a code that you need to use as you order almost ANYTHING from Amazon. St. James will receive a small rebate back from Amazon. It will take you less than two minutes to complete. If you are shy when it comes to technology, please come into the school office. Either Mrs. Halstead or myself will help you mark St. James as non-profit that you wish to have your rebate credited. You can support St. James Lutheran Church every time you shop on Amazon. Enroll your Amazon account in [AmazonSmile](#) and select St. James Lutheran Church as your charity. Then remember to shop from [smile.amazon.com](#) (which has the same prices and selection as [amazon.com](#)) and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price on eligible AmazonSmile purchases to St. James. Thank you in advance for supporting St. James Lutheran Ministries.

Speaking of student absences, the Board of Education has reviewed the policy for student

attendance and made some changes to the attendance policy. They also have made changes to the Policy and Tuition Payment Agreement. I have attached what the revised attendance policy and Tuition Payment Agreement now read. If you have any questions about the policies, feel free to call me so that we may discuss the details.

A QUICK REMINDER TO EVERYONE --- I know that we all may be feeling the Christmas lag in finances. But I also want to make sure that everyone remembers that the end of the 2nd quarter is on January 18th. All payments for the first semester are to be submitted to the school office by that date. Thank you.

Punchline: She told me that the song is called "Let There be Peace on Earth," not "Let There be Pizza on Earth." I still like my version better.

To end the newsletter each week, I would like to make sure that you have a prayer you may share with your family. In addition to the prayer, if you would like to borrow a devotion book, I have devotions from little kiddos up to the older students in my office.

Prayer for the Week:

Lord, I thank You for coming to earth so You could redeem me. When I think of the extent to which You were willing to go in order to save me, it makes me want to shout, to celebrate, and to cry with thankfulness. You love me so much, and I am so grateful for that love. Without You, I would still be lost and in sin. But because of everything You have done for me, today I am free; my life is blessed; Jesus is my Lord; Heaven is my home; and Satan has no right to control me. I will be eternally thankful to You for everything You did to save me! I pray this in Jesus' name!

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