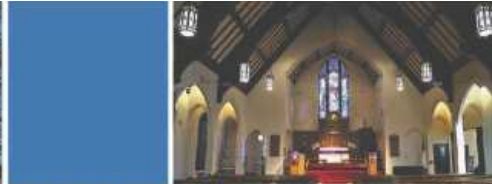
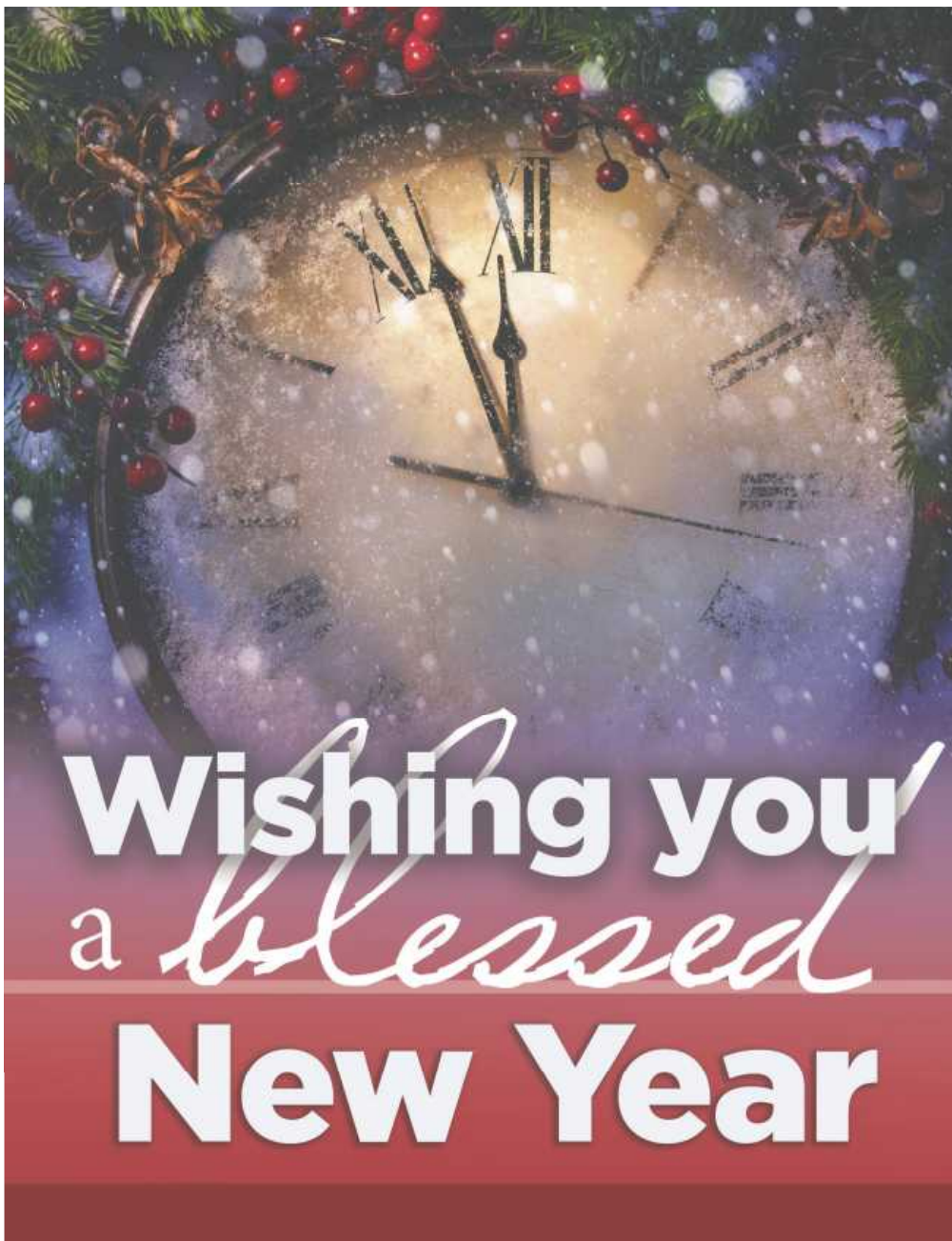


December 29, 2019

First Sunday after Christmas



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**Wishing you
a *blessed*
New Year**

WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional Style

Saturday 5:30 PM
Sunday 7:30 & 9:00 AM

Radio Broadcast 9:00 AM
WTCH960 AM / WTCH96.1 FM

Contemporary Celebration (Gym)
Sunday 10:30 AM

Senior Service
3rd Wednesday at 11:00 AM

**SPECIAL ORDER OF SERVICE
NO HOLY COMMUNION**

Preacher:.....Rev. Mark Drenkler
Liturgist: Rev. Steve Schauder

TRADITIONAL SERVICE

SERVICE HYMNS

- Opening.....#367(st.1-3)
- Reading I#370(st.1&2)
- Reading II#366(st.1&3)
- Reading III#361(st.3&4)
- Reading IV#332(st.1-4)
- Reading V#380(st.1&2)
- Reading VI.....#364
- Reading VII.....#374
- Offering #358(st.1-5)
- Closing..... #358(st.8,13-15)

Music By: Jo Richter
Sue Moede



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WE WELCOME all our visitors to St. James and pray your worship with us is uplifting and enriching. Members and visitors, please, fill out the care cards provided for you in the hymnal racks and pass them to the outside aisles during the sermon hymn. If there is anything we can do for you, please ask one of the ushers or the volunteer in the Connection Center and they will be happy to assist you.

FELLOWSHIP: Refreshments are available on Sunday mornings from 8:15—9:00 AM in the Narthex, and outside of the gym before Celebration from 10:00—10:30 AM.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated during all Worship Services on the first and third weekends of the month, and at all Senior Services the third Wednesday of the month.

GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION WAFERS are available at all services during communion weekends for those in need of them. Please see a Lay Minister before the service to let them know of your request.

PARENTS WITH CHILDREN: Children are always welcome to worship with us. Children's bulletins and Blue Bags are available. There is a Mother's Room with a changing table located by the restrooms in the narthex.

PRAYER CIRCLE: Prayers have to be prayed to be answered! Call the church office at 715-524-4815, or fill out a blue prayer request card available in the pews or the information areas.

SENIOR SERVICE: Designed for our senior members, but anyone may attend. Every third Wednesday of the month at 11:00 AM with Holy Communion.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

WEEKEND READINGS

Special Service of Lessons & Carols

THIS WEEK'S SERMON THEME: *"The Savior We Seek"*
Lessons and Devotions Followed by Song
by Rev. Mark Drengrer

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

Please join us Tuesday, December 31st at 6:00 PM for a special service with Holy Communion before we ring in the new year. This service will also be radio broadcasted.

NEW YEAR'S EVE READINGS

Old Testament: Isaiah 52:7-10
Epistle: 1 Peter 2:4-10
Holy Gospel: John 9:1-12

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Lutherans for Life, in cooperation with Wisconsin Right to Life, will sponsor an ad in the Market Messenger stating our pro-life position. We hope to gather signatures from members of our area churches to support the signature ad. Representatives for Lutherans for Life will be located in the Narthex for the next couple Sundays to collect signatures. We are asking a donation of \$3.00 per name to cover the cost of printing and that you PRINT your name. The theme of the pro-life emphasis this year is "Did God Really Say...?". Thank you for your support.

RIGHT-TO-LIFE MARCH

Wisconsin Right-to-Life is sponsoring a MARCH FOR LIFE on Sunday afternoon, January 19th, beginning at 1:00 PM at the Community Hall in downtown Shawano. Those able and willing will march to the courthouse and back, after which refreshments will be served and then a short program will follow.

PASTORAL CARE

If you are hospitalized and desire a pastoral visit, you will need to contact the church office. Because of HIPAA laws the hospital does not give out information and even a hospital worker saying they will contact your pastor does not necessarily mean that it happens. HIPAA law does not recognize a person's nickname, so please let the pastor know of the person's given name as well.

THE GIFT OF GENEROSITY

During this Christmas season, we would like to thank everyone who has supported St. James this past year with their time, talent, and financial contributions and we look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. The deadline for 2019 contributions is Dec. 27th. Please consider a special tax-deductible donation to the church for 2019, and clearly state this on your envelope so it can be applied correctly. Thank you and God's Blessings!

CELEBRATION SERVICE

WE PRAISE GOD

“Angels from the Realm of Glory”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP

BAPTISM

Renley James Yeomans

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WE PRAISE GOD

“Angels from the Realm of Glory”

FIRST READING & MESSAGE

Genesis 3:1-8, 13-15

SONG OF PRAISE

“What Child Is This?”

SECOND READING & MESSAGE

Genesis 15:1, 5-8

SONG OF PRAISE

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

THIRD READING & MESSAGE

Isaiah 7:10-14; Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

SONG OF PRAISE

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

FOURTH READING & MESSAGE

Luke 1:26-38

SONG OF PRAISE

“Savior of the Nations Come”

FIFTH READING & MESSAGE

Matthew 1:18-23

SONG OF PRAISE

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

SIXTH READING & MESSAGE

Luke 2:1-16 (KJV)

SONG OF PRAISE

“Away in a Manger”

SEVENTH READING & MESSAGE

Galatians 4:4-7; 5:13-14

SONG OF PRAISE

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

CREED OF CHALCEDON

KIDS KOINS FOR THE KINGDOM & RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Kids Koin for The Kingdom are being collected for SAFPARC—to help provide food for those in need over the Christmas season.

SONG OF PRAISE

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” LSB #358 (st.1-5)

TIME FOR PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” LSB #358 (st.13-15)

BIBLE STUDIES & CHURCH GROUPS

VISUAL FAITH MINISTRY

Our Visual Faith group invites you to join us in the new year! No artistic talent required! Find out more about praying in color. Together we will explore visual faith tools such as Visual Prayer and Bible Journaling. Our next get-together will take place Tuesday, January 14th from 5—7 PM, in the meeting room. Come when you can! Join the fun today by connecting on Facebook. Search “Visual Faith Community – Shawano County WI.”

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Youth ages 6th—12th grade, are invited to join us for Bible Study on Sunday evenings from 6-7 PM. Meet in Room 112 in the church basement. Open Gym afterwards from 7:00-7:30 PM.

We will not have Bible Study on December 29th.

YOUTH EVENT (6TH-12TH GRADES)

Saturday, Jan. 11th: “Church Olympics”
6:30—8:30 PM. Meet in the Youth Room.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School classes Dec. 29th. We resume classes on January 5th! Happy New Year!

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“The celebration of Christmas and the celebration of Epiphany are celebrations of life, infant life. The salvation of the world, your salvation, began with conception, and the Christ child, your Savior Jesus, passed through every stage of life that you did, including many stages where it is legal in our country to destroy nascent life. Yes, we can adduce many passages from Scripture (and many insights from secular science) to prove that there is no essential difference between the embryo you once were the child or adult you are today; but the greatest demonstration that all life is sacred comes from Christ Himself, whose journey to the cross began in the womb of Mary.” Rev. Christopher Maronde, pastor of Saint John Lutheran Church, Decatur, Indiana – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •
www.lutheransforlife.org

CHRISTMAS CLEAN UP

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped decorate the church so beautifully! We really appreciate your help! After Christmas, we will be looking for people to help take down and put away the decorations. This date has been scheduled for January 12th, after the 9:00 AM service. We welcome all volunteers!

“GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY”

A Study of Philippians— Isn't it great to get a letter or email from someone who loves you? It lifts our spirits and fills our hearts with joy. That is what Paul meant to do when he sent his letter to the people of Philippi. In the end he tells them to *rejoice always!* Is that possible?

You are invited to come and find out as we study our way through Paul's letter to the Philippians during the month of January. This four-session study will be led by Pastor Steve on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 AM and Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM. Class sessions will meet in Room 112 and last one hour. This would be a great way to begin the New Year! Resolve now to study God's Word!

- January 8/9: *Praying with Joy!*
- January 15/16: *Complete Joy!*
- January 22/23: *No Greater Joy!*
- January 29/30: *The Secret Joy!*

MONDAY NIGHT DARTBALL

The Monday night dartball league will be starting again on Mon. Jan. 6th @ 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria. Veteran throwers from last year hopefully will return and are encouraged to bring a friend. Anyone interested in joining or questions, please contact Ken Longmire, 920-639-2280.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

“VDMA”

Guest Speaker: Pastor John Nunes
From the days of the prophet Jeremiah to our own, some things haven't changed all that much. There's still corruption, violence, injustice, tragedy, and suffering. That's the bad news. However, “the Word of the Lord endures forever.” So does God's love for us in Jesus Christ. (Jeremiah 23:24)

Tune into Sunday morning's message at 7:30AM on WTCH/960 AM and also at 10:00AM on WRVM/102.7 FM on your radio.

“WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE”

A Communion Workshop for all 5th-7th Grade Families
SAVE THE DATE(S):

- Saturday, March 7th: 9 AM—3 PM (Parts 1 & 2)
OR
- Sunday March 8th: Noon—3 PM (Part 1)
- Sunday March 15th: Noon—3 PM (Part 2)

Welcome to the Lord's Table is a workshop for families to help fulfill the promises made at Baptism to prepare your children for Communion.

CHURCH & COMMUNITY GROUPS

THERE IS STILL TIME TO DIRECT YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS !!!!

Please do not forget to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars - you need to choose the organization to which you want to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars every quarter/year (it no longer happens automatically). **For Assistance, call today at 800-847-4836 or visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice and register for account access.** St. James Church, St. James School and St. James Early Childhood Center are some of the many organizations to choose to benefit!

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

"The Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) is in progress, and offers a one-time payment during the heating season (October 1-May 15) to Wisconsin residents to make their energy bills more affordable. If you haven't already applied for energy assistance this heating season, go to www.co.shawano.wi.us click on the "HOME ENERGY+" logo. Or contact 715-526-4740."

P.A.C.K.

A **Planned Act of Christian Kindness** is a reflection of what Jesus freely gave to us all. His words, actions, and the ultimate sacrifice He made on the cross was for our salvation and freedom. Board of Christian Outreach invites you to participate in PACK. What acts of Christian kindness are you spreading now?

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE: *Help a neighbor with shoveling.*

SPONSOR A PRESCHOOLER

We are looking for help to sponsor three families sending their children to our 3-year-old preschool and 4K programs. 3-year-old, 3 days a week preschool is \$85 per month, and 4K everyday is \$115 per month. Any help is appreciated! We are looking for individuals who can sponsor one month or a student for the five months of second semester. Currently, there are no scholarships available to students at this age. If you have any questions, please direct them to Emily Schwartz, ECC Director, at 715-524-5422. Thank you for your consideration.

ST. JAMES GALA FUNDRAISER

We would like to thank everyone who attended, donated, and/or prayed for the annual St. James Dinner Gala Fundraiser event. We exceeded our goal this year, and will be able to donate \$20,000 to the school to help with essentials not covered in the budget, **PLUS** an additional \$5,000 for unexpected expenses! Thank you ALL!

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all volunteers who dedicated their time to pack, sort, and load 6 semi trucks (approx. 9,500 boxes) with clothes, medical supplies, quilts, sleeping mats, school supplies, and other donated items. God's blessings for a successful 2019 and to everyone who donated to support our mission at St. James. If you are interested in donating or volunteering, please contact Jim or Judy Oberstein at 715-201-0283.

DECEMBER 29TH—JANUARY 5TH

SUN	MON	TUES	WED
29 7:30 Worship *9:00 Worship 10:30 Celebration (Gym)	30 NO SCHOOL 5:30 Bell Choir 5:45 Praise Team 7:00 St. James Choir	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE NO SCHOOL *6:00 Worship (HC)	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR'S NO SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED
THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
2	3 12:00 Bulletin Deadline for Jan 12th	4 YAC CAN COLLECTION 5:30 Worship (HC)	5 YAC CAN COLLECTION 7:30 Worship (HC) *9:00 Worship (HC) 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Celebration (Gym) (HC) 4:00 Friends & Fellowship 6:00 Youth Bible Study (112)

JANUARY 2020

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>* denotes Radio Broadcast WTCH 960AM, WTCH 96.5 FM (HC) denotes Holy Communion YAC denotes "Youth Acclaiming Christ Youth Group"</p>						
5 YAC CAN COLLECTION 7:30 Worship (HC) *9:00 Worship (HC) 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Celebration (HC) 4:00 Friends for Fun 6:00 Youth Bible Study	6 5:30 Bell Choir 5:45 Praise Team 6:30 Dartball (Caf.) 7:00 St. James Choir	7 9:00 Staff	8 8:15 Chapel 9:00 Bible Study (112) 4:00 Confirmation 4:30 ECC 6:30 Directors	9 2:00 Tabitha 6:30 Bible Study (112)	10 <u>12:00 Bulletin Deadline</u> <u>For Jan 19th</u>	11 7:30 Zumba 5:30 Worship 6:00 Youth Olympics
12 7:30 Worship *9:00 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Remove Décor. 10:30 Celebration 6:00 Youth Bible Study	13 5:30 Bell Choir 5:45 Praise Team 6:00 Stephen Ministry 6:30 Dartball (Caf.) 7:00 St. James Choir	14 9:00 Quilters 9:00 Staff 5—7 Visual Faith 5:50 ECC Staff	15 8:15 Chapel 9:00 Bible Study (112) 11:00 Senior Service (HC) 4:00 Confirmation 6:30 6 Boards	16 6:30 Bible Study (112)	17 <u>12:00 Bulletin Deadline</u> <u>For Jan 26th</u>	18 7:30 Zumba 5:30 Worship (HC)
19 7:30 Worship (HC) *9:00 Worship (HC) 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Celebration (HC) 5:45 Garage Bible Study 6:00 Youth Bible Study	20 NO SCHOOL 5:30 Bell Choir 5:45 Praise Team 6:30 Dartball (Caf.) 7:00 St. James Choir	21 9:00 Staff	22 8:15 Chapel 9:00 Bible Study (112) 4:00 Confirmation	23 6:30 Bible Study (112)	24 <u>12:00 Bulletin Deadline</u> <u>For Feb 2nd</u>	25 7:30 Zumba 5:30 Worship 6:30 Italian Dinner
26 7:30 Worship *9:00 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Celebration 6:00 Youth Bible Study	27 NLS WEEK 5:30 Bell Choir 5:45 Praise Team 6:00 Stephen Ministry 6:30 Dartball (Caf.) 7:00 St. James Choir	28 9:00 Quilters 9:00 Staff 7:00 Cel. Committee	29 8:15 Chapel 9:00 Bible Study (112) 4:00 Confirmation	30 6:30 Bible Study (112)	31 <u>12:00 Bulletin Deadline</u> <u>For Feb 9th</u>	

SPONSORSHIPS & CONTRIBUTIONS

BAPTISMS

Renley James Yeomans, daughter of James & Amber Yeomans, was baptized on December 29th, 2019, at the 10:30 Celebration service. Sponsors: Dalee Kruzicki, Casey Korth, Alisha Hopfensberger, and Jessica Sweicichowski.

SPONSORSHIPS

The Radio Broadcast has been sponsored in loving memory of Sandy Montour, who passed away 30 years ago on December 29th, by Elaine Montour.

SPECIAL GIFTS

\$50 has been giving to St. James School in memory of Art, Lydia, and Jim Vomastic. by Betty Medo and Sue Qualmann and families. Art would have celebrated his birthday on Christmas day.

TABITHA CHRISTMAS GIFTS 2019

Shawano County Lutheran Missions Society	\$	250
Lutherans For Life		100
Camp Luther—Every Kid to Camp		400
Concordia Seminary Food Pantry		300
St. James Lutheran School, Education Fund		2,000
Rev. Mark Drenkler		200
Rev. Steve Schauder		200
Rev. Roy Rinehard		200
Radio Broadcast Fund		405
Orphan Grain Train		300
Lutheran World Relief & Human Care		500
Adam Ellis		100
Kathy Bubolz		50
Mark Richard		50
Missionaries Elliot & Serena Derricks		100
Lutheran Bible Translators		100
St. James Lutheran School, Kitchen		500
Seminary Student (Adopt A Student)		300
		\$6,055

PLEASE NOTE

Attendance numbers and contributions figures were not available at the time this bulletin went to print. The information is available at the Connection Center or the information area outside Celebration.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE		
12/18—12/22		
Senior Service	11:00 AM	50
Advent Midweek	3:30 PM	39
Saturday	5:30 PM	
Sunday	7:30 AM	
	9:00 AM	
Celebration	10:30 AM	
TOTAL ATTENDANCE		

CONTRIBUTIONS	12/15/19	MTD
Home Envelopes		10,111
Cash/Plate		321
Thrivent Choice	0	0
School Tuition	0	0
Alumni	0	0
ECC/Preschool		3,519
DECEMBER COLLECTIONS		13,951
Missions		334
Adopt-a-Student	0	0

OFFERING ENVELOPES

2020 offering envelopes are available for pick up in the Narthex. Thank you!

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

December 29 Tabitha

FOR THESE WE PRAY

ILLNESS

Arline Raasch	Richard Siewert
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