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SAINT JAMES

LUTHERAN CHURCH



Happy New Year

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year!

What are you looking forward to in the new year? Is there anything you are dreading?

Debbie and I are looking forward to a wedding in April and the usual set of adventures all year long.

We have some family and friends whose health and well-being sometimes cause us to worry.

In all of our joys and apprehensions, I am glad that I have a community of faith to support and encourage me.

My prayers for the new year include...

- That Saint James would be your community of faith in good times and in hard times, and
- That God's Holy Spirit would strengthen and encourage us all to be more faithful to each other and the work God has given us.

Peace, Pastor Bill

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Budget Hearing

January 15, 10:00 AM

Annual Meeting of Congregation

January 29, 10:00 AM

Christian Education

Preschool-5th Grade Wednesdays in January:

Date:	Lesson:	Meal:
Jan. 4	Jesus is Baptized	Chicken Nuggets, fruit, chips, dessert
Jan. 11	The Disciples	Pizza, fruit, dessert
Jan. 18	The Beatitudes	Deli sandwich bar, fruit, chips, dessert
Jan. 25	The Lord's Prayer	Hot dogs, fruit, dessert

Friends are always welcome!

Sundays after worship, grab a treat and go to the "Kid Zone" (blue table at South end of our fellowship space) for some fun crafts and table talk topics!

Confirmation Wednesdays in January:

Date:	Lesson:	Meal:
Jan. 4	Matthew 3:1-17	Pizza
Jan. 11	Matthew 4:1-17	Crock Pot Lasagna & Breadsticks
Jan. 18	Matthew 5:1-20	Pizza
Jan. 25	Matthew 6:7-21	Walking Tacos

The kids really dig desserts/sweets; if you'd like to provide something on a given Wednesday, please let Rebecca know...you will be very appreciated!

Fun Opportunity for 6th-9th Graders Lakeside Lock-In at St. John's Lutheran Church in Des Moines

When: Friday, 1/27 at 7:00 p.m.-Saturday, 1/28 at 7:00 a.m.

What: Camp songs, games, and activities led by Lutheran Lakeside staff

How can you help?: We need one adult chaperone for every 10 students that we send; please contact Rebecca if you are interested in either attending or chaperoning this fun event.

Christmas Program

What a great Christmas Program! Their hard work really paid off, & the kids received many compliments. Here are some pictures of our wonderful Shepherds!



Bible Study Opportunities

Attention Choirs!

The bell and adult choirs will be on break through January. If you have any questions, contact Deacon Larry.

We look forward to gathering again on February 1 to plan Lent & Easter services!

2023 Bible Study Schedule through March

All are welcome to join us for one or more of the following times:

- Sunday Fellowship Hour
- Monday 9am (in person)
- Tuesday 9am (Zoom)
- Wednesdays 7pm for Confirmation Students

Or, we have a weekly email with a "Do-It-Yourself Bible Study". Contact Linda, Steward@StJamesJohnston.org, if you would like to be added to this distribution list.

<u>Week beginning (Sundays)</u>	<u>Text</u>
January 8	Matthew 4:1-17
January 15	Matthew 5:1-20
January 22	Matthew 6:7-21
January 29	Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29
February 5	Matthew 13:24-43
February 12	Matthew 16:24-17:8
February 19	Matthew 18:1-35
February 26	Matthew 20:1-16
March 5	Matthew 22:1-14
March 12	Matthew 25:1-3
March 19	Matthew 25:31-46
March 26	Matthew 21:1-17

Synod Assembly 2023

We need two delegates (1 female and 1 male) on May 15 and 16!

- Will be held in the evenings on Zoom
- See Pastor or a member of Council for more information or to volunteer.