



ANNUAL HOPE AND HEALING EVENT

November 3, 2019
6:00 pm—8:00 pm

St. James Annual Hope and Healing Dinner and Service will be held November 3rd, 2019. service has been going on for several years and it is especially for those of us that have experienced grief or loss of any kind. All of us see grief and loss differently so please be aware there are no exceptions to this invitation. The speaker this year is Kurt Patrick. His message will be “Coping with Grief through the Holidays.”

We will have dinner first, followed by the Service in the Sanctuary. There will be sign-up sheets in the notebook by the welcome desk as well as a “helper” list for the occasion.

ST. JAMES ANNUAL BAKE SALE AND LUNCHEON

Saturday, November 23rd from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Our Annual Bake Sale and Luncheon, sponsored by the Women of St. James, is on Saturday, November 23. For more information on how you can donate baked goods or volunteer, see page 6. Bring your family & friends to this special event.

Homemade baked goods will be for sale in the narthex including:

- Chloe Circle lefse
- Mary Circle pfeffernusse
- Pies
- Cakes
- Cookies
- Candy
- Breads

We will also be serving our delicious luncheon featuring:

- Hot ham sandwiches
- Macaroni and cheese,
- Fresh salads
- Homemade pies.

The luncheon cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for ages 10 and under.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE AND PIE FEST

Hosted by St. James Lutheran Church
Sunday, November 24 at 3:00 pm

The community Thanksgiving service will be held at St. James this year! For the past several years, four churches in the Verona community have gathered together to celebrate Thanksgiving in a combined worship service. This year, we are again joining with area churches for the service, and it will be held at St. James on Sunday, November 24, at 3 p.m.

See page 7 for more information.



LOOKING AHEAD

October 27
Reformation Sunday

October 30
Trunk & Treat

November 3
All Saints Day
Hope & Healing
Dinner

November 23
St. James Annual
Bake Sale and
Luncheon

November 10
Generosity Sunday

November 24
Commitment Sunday

November 24
Community
Thanksgiving Service

December 7
Carols & Dessert
St. James Annual
Christmas Concert



SEEDS TO BRANCHES: Exciting things are happening at St. James . . . and the Stewardship and Mortgage Reduction Campaign team wants to keep you informed! The Congregational Council voted to forge ahead with a combined campaign, and we set an ambitious goal of \$1 million with the breakdown listed:

- Stewardship - annual operating budget: \$616,500 (2019 budget)
- Staff support and retention: \$100,000 (over three years)
- Continuing mortgage payments for three years : \$426,000
- Debt reduction - decrease our mortgage principal by \$474,00, or more!

You should have already received a postcard in the mail which summarized our goals and reasons for undertaking this task. Fellow members will have an opportunity to share their faith stories with the congregation, special events will highlight our efforts, and we will strive to involve the entire congregation in this effort. November 10th has been designated as "Generosity Sunday" when campaign packets will be available for members, followed by "Commitment Sunday" on November 24th. Gifts and pledges will be presented during worship, with prayer cards available for everyone, including children and those who may have already made advance pledges.

We ask that you prayerfully consider participating in this effort to sustain and grow St. James' ministry efforts and activities. Every gift, no matter how small or large, will be received with great thanksgiving and put to work for future generations.

If you are interested in helping with this campaign in any capacity (mailings, Mission Moments or events), please contact Sue Zernicke (stewardship@stjamesverona.org) or Kim Feller (kimfeller@tds.net).

THANKSGIVING FOOD BAG RETURN

Don't forget to your return your filled grocery bag the weekend of November 2-3. Food will be distributed during the month of November at the Badger Prairie Needs Network. We thank you for participating in this Stewardship project.



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God's work. Our hands.

ST. JAMES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP

Saturday - 5:00 pm • Sunday - 8:30 am & 10:45 am

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday — 8 am to 4 pm
Wednesday — 8 am to 12 noon

STAFF

Kurt Billings, Pastor	Cell: 235-8122
Peter Narum, Pastor	Cell: 469-9625
Michelle Lichty	Parish Administrator
Barb Roberts	Office Assistant
Susan Zimmer	Office Assistant
Holly Parker	Director of Parish Education Ministries
Cindi Stampfli	Director of Youth Ministry
Paulette Spoon	Adult Choir & Handbell Choir
Susan Bubolz	Youth Choir Director
Rhonda Chalone,	
Alex Ford & Jim Erickson	Accompanists
Barb Rasmussen, R.N.	Parish Nurse/Visitation Coord.
Heather Pearl	Director, St. James Preschool
Lynn Hauski, Holly Parker,	St. James Preschool
Lori Rudy Kristin Wills & Stacy Zimmerman	

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Elise Taft, President	437-7954
Dennis Beres, Vice President	845-9305
Mark Krebsbach, Treasurer	438-6424
Jim Ruder, Secretary	212-6742
Desiree Canto	646-599-7021
John Walker	845-8732

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report for September 2019 *Respectfully Submitted by Mark Krebsbach, Treasurer*

General Fund

The 2019 General Fund Budget of \$643,500 was approved by the Congregation at the semi-annual meeting on February 3, 2019. This represents a 17.3% increase from 2018 actual receipts and a 14.8% increase from the 2018 budgeted amounts. This increase was needed in order to fund the building mortgage payments that started January 2019. The 2019 budget includes \$616,500 from Operating Envelopes and contributions received through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).

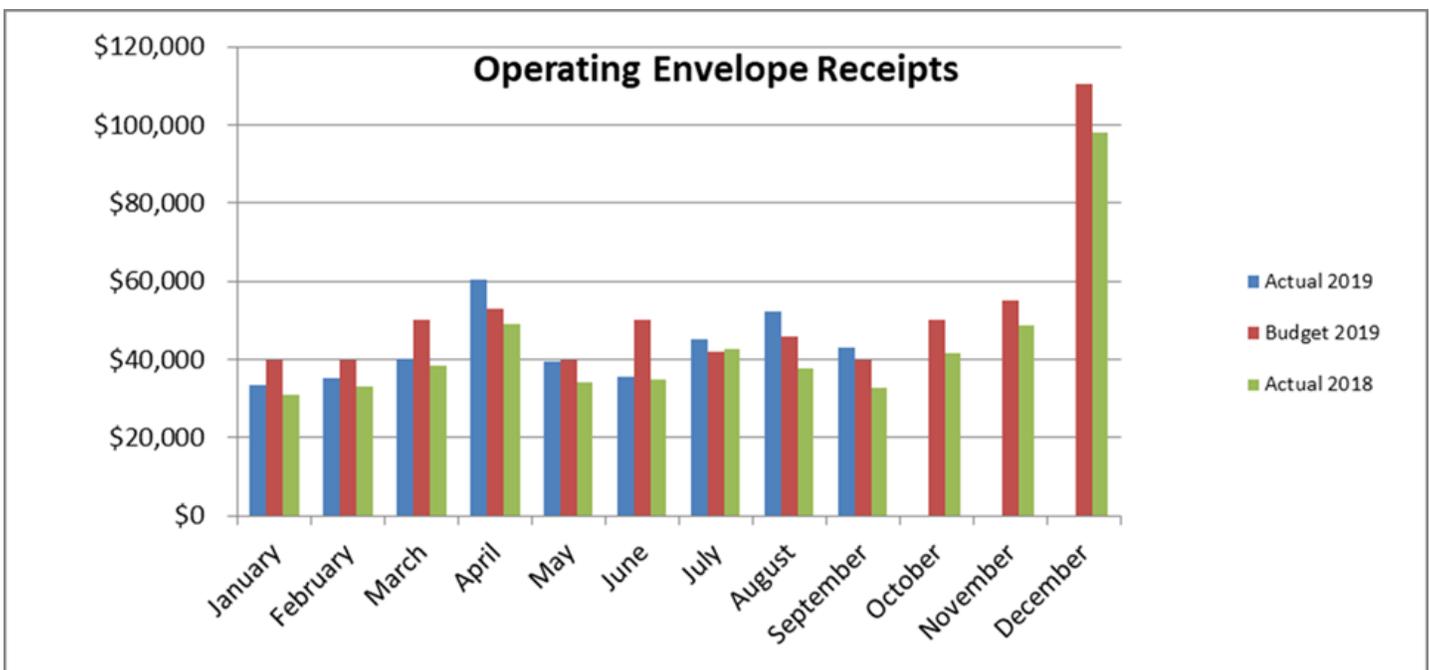
<u>Year to Date Receipts</u>	<u>Actual</u>	vs. <u>Budget</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease) from Budget</u>	
Offering Envelopes	\$385,278	\$401,000	(\$15,722)	(3.9%)
Other Receipts	\$ 16,960	\$ 17,673	\$ (713)	
Total	\$402,238	\$418,673	(\$16,435)	(3.9%)

September 2019 Attendance: 1,288
September 2018 Attendance: 1,266

Year to date 2019 Attendance: 10,832
Year to date 2018 Attendance: 11,099

This is an exciting and very important time for St. James. Our church is alive with energy. We have a wonderfully assembled group of staff and volunteers. We have this beautiful new space. With God's help, I believe we can all rise to the budget challenge in the year ahead. In 2019, more than ever, we all need to consider an increase to our general fund commitment to St. James Church. By doing so, it will allow us to continue to pay for and maintain our building, continue to fund our wonderful staff's wages and continue to provide the ministry programs we all enjoy. As always, thank you so much for your generous gifts of time and financial support of St. James Church.

The following shows the 2019 Operating Envelope Receipts in comparison to the Budget and Prior Year:



YOUTH EDUCATION

Confirmation: Family Time Matters

On October 13th, Pastor Kurt led an engaging presentation on "Faith & Science" for the first Family Time Matters of the school year. Family Time Matters will take place four times this school year and is a great way for students and parents to connect as they learn and grow together in their faith.



Sunday School: The Birthday Club Service Project

To celebrate birthdays at Sunday School, students are encouraged to bring the number of coins that represents their age. They place the coins in a jar and pick a small gift from the birthday basket. Donations are then used to purchase gifts for Badger Prairie Needs Network's Birthday Club. Last year we were able to purchase and donate the gifts pictured to help make birthdays special for children who are less fortunate.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive"
Acts 20:35

Coming Up in Sunday School & Confirmation

Date	Spark (Age 3-Grade 4)	Connect (Grades 5-6)	Confirmation	Other Special Happenings
November 3	Zacchaeus Luke 19:1-10	Unit 2: The Promise Covenant	The Law	All Saints Day Hope & Healing Dinner
November 10	The Saducees' Question Luke 20:27-38	Unit 2: The Promise Jacob & Esau, Jacob to Israel	Ruth	
November 17	God's Love is Forever Luke 21:5-19	Unit 2: The Promise 12 Sons	Prophets	
November 24	The Day Jesus Died Luke 23:33-43	Unit 2: The Promise Joseph	Psalms	Verona Community Thanksgiving Service



**It would be *WISE* to mark your calendars for our
Children & Youth Christmas Program!**

**December 15, 2019
8:30 am**

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group kicked off our full line-up in October! We decided on a couple of community service projects during our On a Mission Monday Youth Group. We had a talented guest join us in a game of catch during Tag Tuesday. We enjoyed breakfast for dinner together on Wacky Wednesday and took a closer look at Reformation as it relates to us today during Theology Thursday.



4th - 12th Grade Youth Group Schedule

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					01	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

11/4/19 (6:00-7:30 pm) - On a Mission Monday

11/12/19 (6:00-7:30 pm) - Tag Tuesday

11/20/19 (5:30-7:30 pm) - Wacky Wednesday

No Theology Thursday - Happy Thanksgiving

All 4th through 12th graders at St. James are welcome to join any of the Youth Groups at any time. Friends are always welcome!

To find out more about Youth Groups at St. James or to volunteer with this fun group of young people please contact Cindi at cstampfli@stjamesverona.org.



ST. JAMES CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Receive, grow and give with us!

SHARE YOUR TIME AND TALENT WITH THE YOUTH OF ST. JAMES

Please consider spending a few hours per year enriching the lives of our youth. There are several opportunities to help our youth programs continue going strong. No experience necessary. Please visit the Youth Ministry page to sign up today.

Planning for the 2020 St. James High School Mission Trip is already underway! We will be heading out to Loveland, Colorado next July 12-17th.

This Mission Trip will be similar to the Grand Rapids trip taken last year. We will be engaging in community service through Group Mission Trips Week of Hope. Stay tuned for more information. Contact Cindi at cstampfli@stjamesverona.org with any questions.



WOMEN OF ST. JAMES

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Holiday bake sale items include Chloe Circle lefse, Mary Circle pfeffernusse, as well as pies, cakes, cookies, candy, breads and much more.

The luncheon menu includes hot ham sandwiches, macaroni and cheese, along with a wide selection of fresh salads and homemade pies. **The luncheon cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for ages 10 and under.**

We invite all members of the congregation to make one or more special treats to sell at the bake sale and/or a salad or pie to serve at the luncheon. Special calling to all lefse makers and pfeffernusse bakers – please consider making lefse or pfeffernusse to sell at the bake sale as these items sell out quickly and more are needed!

In addition, because St. James is hosting the Community Thanksgiving Service with a pie fest following the service on Sunday, November 24th, we are in need of many more pies for both weekend events.

There is a signup board in the Narthex to sign up for pies, baked goods, and luncheon food donations. There is also a suggested price list for bake sale items by the signup board and please price your bake sale items.

Please sign up!

Bake sale and luncheon items can be delivered to the upstairs church kitchen area on Friday, November 22nd before 4:00 pm and to the Narthex on Saturday morning from 8:30 am until 10:30 am.

Most importantly, come to the event! Bring friends, relatives, and neighbors to attend and enjoy all the goodness! The proceeds from the Bake Sale & Luncheon will help our Women's organizations award funds to local charities, fund both children's Bibles and high school scholarships, support the Women's Retreat, and many other causes benefitting women and families in our congregation, our community, and beyond.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

If you have put someone on the Military Prayer list, please email their current address to office@stjamesverona.org or call the church office. Chloe Circle sends care packages annually to military on our prayer list.

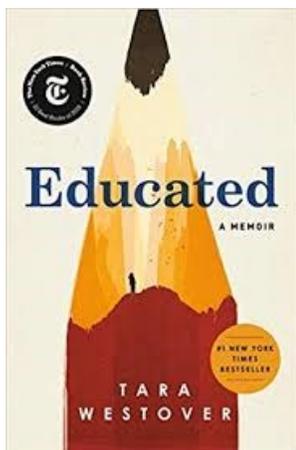


SAINT JAMES WOMEN'S RETREAT

Save the Date
April 18—19, 2020

The Saint James Women's Retreat for 2020 will be held on April 18-19, 2020 at Holy Wisdom Monastery in Middleton. This is the weekend after Easter. We are thrilled to announce that Sara Knueve has agreed to lead our Retreat again. We will begin planning specifics on topic and activities next Fall. Mark your calendar and watch for details!

MUSIC & EDUCATION



ST. JAMES BOOK GROUP

The St. James Book Group will discuss the book *Educated* by Tara Westover on Sunday, November 17th at 5:00 pm. Here is short description of the book from Tara's website:

Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, she prepared for the end of the world by stockpiling home-canned peaches. In the summer she stewed herbs for her mother, a midwife and healer, and in the winter she salvaged in her father's junkyard.

Her father forbade hospitals, so Tara never saw a doctor or nurse. Gashes and concussions, even burns from explosions, were all treated at home with herbalism. The family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when Tara's older brother became violent.

Then, lacking a formal education, Tara began to educate herself. She taught herself enough mathematics and grammar to be admitted to Brigham Young University, where she studied history, learning for the first time about important world events like the Holocaust and the civil rights movement. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home.

Educated is on sale at the Welcome Center for \$15.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Please mark your calendars: **Carols and Dessert, our annual St. James Christmas concert**, will take place on Saturday, December 7, at 5 p.m. Join the choir... bring a dessert... or simply come and listen. We hope you will find time to celebrate the sounds of the Christmas season with us!

HOLIDAY CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN NOVEMBER 3!

The vocal choir for *Carols and Dessert*, our St. James Christmas concert, will rehearse on Sunday afternoons in November and early December. We will meet in the sanctuary, at 4 p.m., on November 3, 10, and 17, and December 1. Rehearsals last one hour. We will NOT meet on November 24, the afternoon of the community Thanksgiving service. *Carols and Dessert* will be take place on Saturday, December 7, at 5 p.m. Please join us! Contact Paulette Spoon at spoonp@charter.net if you have any questions.

FROM THE PARISH NURSE...

Barbara Rasmussen, RN.,CPN

November, 2019 is here already!! It's hard to believe the cold weather will soon be here and we are more likely to stay home and indoors. Part of the Parish Nurse Ministry has taken on a new venture. We have started a "Trivia" night. It offers those of our St. James community to get out of the house, socialize with others outside of church, use our wits in conjunction with a group, and get to know each other better. This first



group is known as,

“Wise, Wonderful Seniors” and we

meet at Monks in Verona at 7:00 pm on Mondays. Everyone has told me they really enjoy it.

God's Blessings,
Barbara, Parish Nurse

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Checks will be held on November 10, in the church office. All are welcome to come!



I would be happy to add you to the group or assist you on starting another group on a different night or at a different place in Verona. There is another establishment that hosts “bingo” if that's more to your liking. If you have interest in socializing outside of church and want to meet more parishioners, and try your wits, please send me an e-mail at: brasmussen@stjamesverona.org.



St. James
Community
Meal

Wednesday, November 6

Our November menu is Shepherd's Pie, Salad, Bread & Butter, Dessert plus coffee, milk, and lemonade. All are welcome to attend!

Community Meal — New Volunteers Invited!

The Community Meal, held the first Wednesday of each month, could use more volunteers during part or all of the event. There are certain months throughout the year that our usual crew are not available, so it is helpful to have additional helpers to fill in. The meal, prep setup, serving and cleanup typically lasts from 4:30 until 7:30 pm at the latest. Volunteers are able to work any part or all of the event. If you are interested, please sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Julie Farmer at big4dfan@yahoo.com.

ST. JAMES PRESCHOOL RECOGNIZED



In October, St. James Preschool was recognized at the state level for our implementation of the Pyramid Model. Three sites that participate in the Verona Area Pre-K Program (there are 13 sites total that participate) were recognized. There were only 24 sites from the state that were recognized. Pyramid Model promotes the social and emotional well-being of children. We work with children and families in all the classrooms to teach and support each child's social and emotional growth. Heather attended a special luncheon that honored St. James Preschool along with other sites. We are proud of this recognition!

Pre-K went on a field trip to Fischerdale Holsteins Dairy Farm in Verona. The kids were able to milk a cow, go for a hayride, drink some milk, see the milk truck getting filled with the milk plus more all while they were there learning about dairy farming. Thank you to Joe and Sarah Sarbacher for hosting the Pre-K class!



Fundraisers:

Last chance to get your Bucky Books. They will be available for sale through 11/10 at the Welcome Center or contact Heather at sjp@stjamesverona.org. Books are \$35 apiece.

PARISH NOTES



We remember in our prayers – **Members of St. James:** Jack Bisek, Judy Borgwardt, Carol Couillard, Harriet Instefjord, Ed Kindschi, Monica Pechan, Lorlene Pulver, Jim & Candy Nerge, Charles & Ruby Reuter, Orin Strand, Cookie Thompson, Doug Wahl, and Larry Yeske. **Friends of St. James:** Sandra Aschbrenner, Anita, Jack Callahan, Jennifer, Amber Hagen, Susan Kennedy, Kathy Kolpaneau, Steve K., Mark, and Carisa Thomas. **Relatives of Members:** Helen Abplanalp (mother of Chuck Abplanalp), Don & Georgi Anderson (parents of Jackie Johnson), John Bittrich (father of Elise Taft), Ady Clemens (cousin of Chery Vroman), Angie Dyer (sister of Mary Fauble), Lyn Elver (sister of Lorlene Pulver), Bruce Fleury (uncle of Mike Piché), Debbie Giesfeldt (cousin of Mark Giesfeldt), Pearlene Glasrud (sister-in-law of Karen Wolf), Brad Haferman (brother-in-law of Sandy Saether), Barb Halminiak (mother-in-law of Lauri Halminiak), Barb Hanson (sister of John Volker), Bob Johnson (brother of Bruce Johnson), Steve K. (Uncle of Brett Weiss), Hillary Knobloch (niece of Sandy Saether), Al Miller (brother-in-law of Cookie Thompson), Sally Mueller (sister of Susan Mueller), Gail Piché (step-mother of Mike Piché), Jamie Sachtjen (niece of Sue Zimmer), Andrew Scheeler (brother of Zach Scheeler), Dorothy Scheeler (mother of Zach Scheeler), Tom Severson (father of Rebekah Jonjak), Don Waalen (father of Karen Breitnauer), and Julie Wiegel (cousin of Barb Rasmussen).

In Residence: **Four Winds** - Zelma Danna; **Noel Manor**—Alfred & Lorena Gerbitz, Dale & Audrey Hagen, James Hatch, Audrey Kunstmann, Marilyn Le Moine, Maureen Rand, Chuck & Marilyn Roun, Jim Schumann, Ernest Stuber, Bob Syvrud, & Cookie Thompson; **Oakwood West** – Lorine Kahl. **Willow Pointe** - Betty Burgenske.

Serving in the Military: Harry Zimmer, Donovan Mabe, Judy Watters, TJ Becker, Wyatt Breitnauer, Nicole, Dylan, Andrew Zenz, Evan Spoon, Scott Halstead, Hannah Tordoff, Bryan Tordoff, Casey Biggins, Casey Pulver, David Pulver, and Shandra Pulver.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of John Morton as they mourn his death.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Verona, WI 53593-1492

