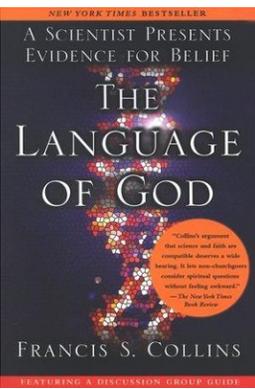


FALL BOOK DISCUSSION

October 8 & 15
6:30 pm



The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief.

Join us for a conversation on Faith and Science on Tuesdays, October 8th & 15th at 6:30pm in the Luther Room.

It has long been believed that science and faith cannot mingle. Or can they? Written for believers, agnostics, and atheists alike, The Language of God provides a testament to the power of faith in the midst of suffering without faltering from its logical stride. Readers will be inspired by Collin's personal story of struggling with doubt, as well as the many revelations of the wonder of God's creation that will forever shape the way they view the world

around them. And in the end, Collins argues for a faith that can coexist harmoniously with the science of today. We invite you to join us for this fascinating discussion.

THE SCHOOL YEAR IS OFF TO A GREAT START FOR OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION STUDENTS!



If you still need to register, please visit our website, www.stjamesverona.org

or contact Holly Parker at hparker@stjamesverona.org

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.



LOOKING AHEAD

October 8 & 15
 Fall Book Discussion

October 9
 6:00 pm
 New Member Dinner

October 20
 8:30 am
 New Members Received

October 20
 10:45 am
 Affirmation of Baptism
 Service (Confirmation)

October 27
 Reformation Sunday

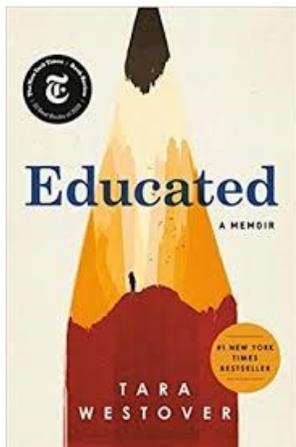
October 30
 Trunk & Treat

November 3
 All Saints Day
 Hope & Healing
 Dinner

SEPTEMBER BAPTISMS

Sacrament of Christian Baptism: Baylen Edward Feller, son of Mitchell & Miranda (Marx) Feller on September 7, 2019; Olson Erick Bradley, son of Brian & Nicole (Brunsvold) Bradley on September 8, 2019; Frederick James Voelker, son of Nicholas & Marisa (MacLaren) Voelker on September 22, 2019; Bryce Dennis Gile, son of Brian & Ashley (Patten) Gile on September 22, 2019; Sawyer Carl Patten, son of Peter & Brianna (Scoville) Patten on September 28; Timothy David Moldenhauer, son of Matthew & Cassandra (Lea) Moldenhauer on September 29, 2019.

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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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

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Susan Zimmer	Office Assistant
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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
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Lori Rudy Kristin Wills & Stacy Zimmerman	

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report for August 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).

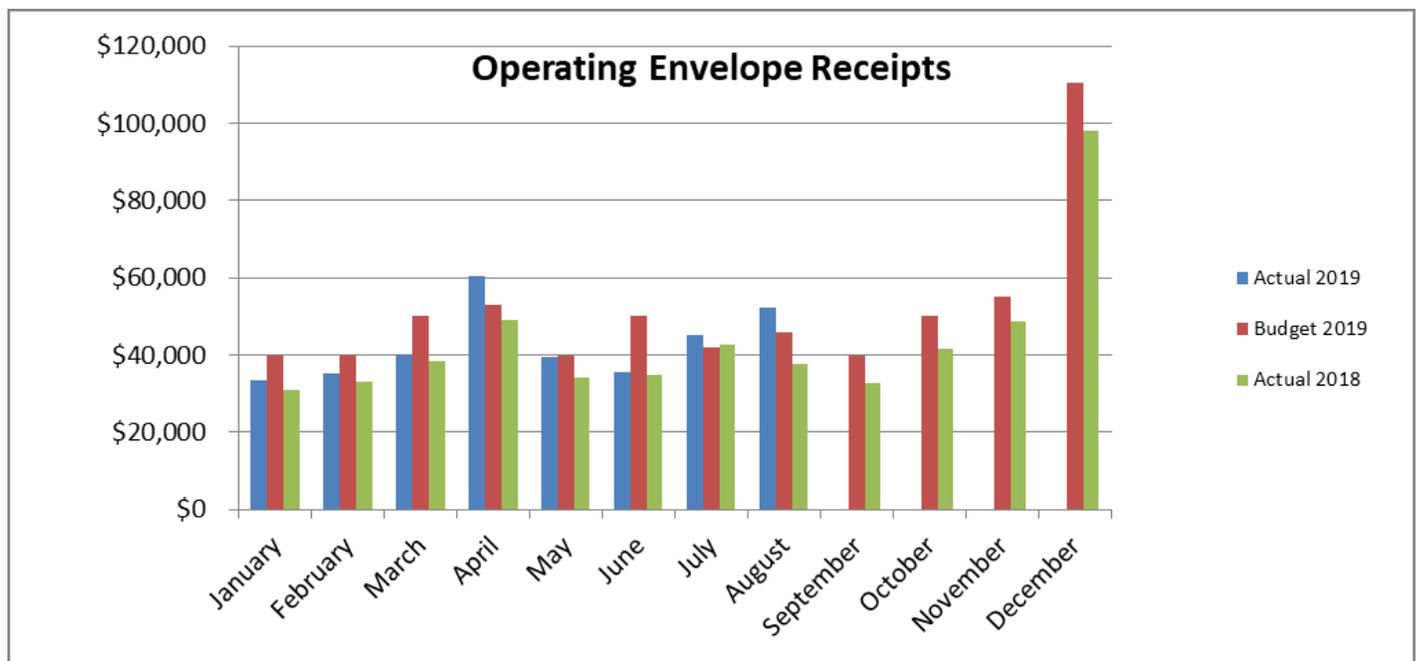
<u>Year to Date Receipts</u>	<u>Actual</u>	vs.	<u>Budget</u>	<i>Increase (Decrease) from Budget</i>	
Offering Envelopes	\$342,125		\$361,000	(\$18,875)	(5.2%)
Other Receipts	<u>\$ 15,290</u>		<u>\$ 15,756</u>	<u>\$ (466)</u>	
Total	\$357,415		\$376,756	(\$19,341)	(5.1%)

Aug 2019 Attendance: 762
Aug 2018 Attendance: 785

Year to date 2019 Attendance: 9,544
Year to date 2018 Attendance: 9,833

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

Presentation of Bibles

Thank you to the Women of St. James for providing Bibles for our three year old and third grade children!



Coming Up in Sunday School & Confirmation

Date	Spark (Age 3-Grade 4)	Connect (Grades 5-6)	Confirmation	Other Special Happenings
October 6	A Seed of Faith Luke 17:5-10	Unit 1: Beginnings Fall	Genesis	<i>Youth Choir & Handbells begin Confirmand Lunch & Rehearsal</i>
October 13	Ten Men Healed Luke 17:5-10	Unit 1: Beginnings Suffering	Family Time Matters	
October 20	Jacob Wrestles Genesis 32:22-31	Unit 1: Beginnings Flood	Exodus	<i>Affirmation of Baptism Service at 10:45</i>
October 27	Sunday School Movie & Pajama Day		Community Building & Make-Up Lessons	Reformation Sunday
November 3	Zacchaeus Luke 19:1-10	Unit 2: The Prom- ise Covenant	The Law	All Saints Day Hope & Healing Dinner



ST. JAMES CHURCH PICNIC & FALL KICKOFF
Thank you to all who brought a dish to pass and all who attended!



YOUTH MINISTRY

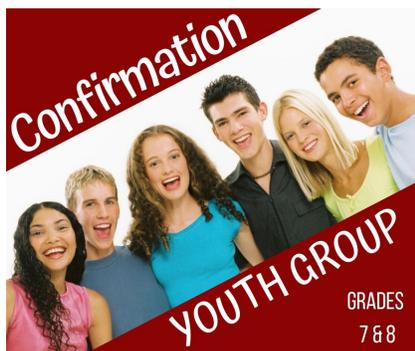
This fall, St. James Youth Group will have more options, more variety, and more time for fun, faith, and friends! There will be THREE youth groups, and those groups can participate in different activities throughout the month. See below for details.

This also means we're looking for more volunteers to help supervise, lead activities, and join the fun! No experience necessary and you do not need to have a youth enrolled in the program to share your talents. Watch for emails and announcements about more ways to support Youth Ministry at St. James.



Club 456 (Club Four-Fifty-Six)

This is our new Junior Youth Group program designed for 4th, 5th, and 6th grader students.



Confirmation Youth Group

This group will continue their faith journey outside the confirmation classroom.



High School Youth Group

This group will focus on having fun through faith leadership and mentoring.



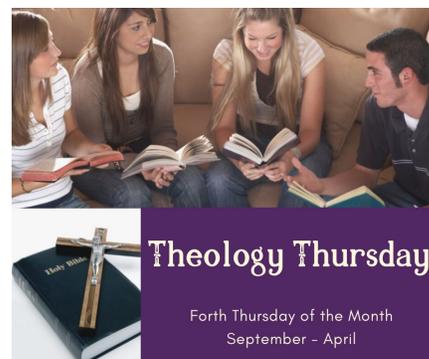
All three groups are invited to join on the **1st Monday of the month** from 6:00–7:30 pm. Youth will get together to work on service projects, learn leadership, teamwork, autonomy and problem solving skills.



All three groups are invited to join on the **2nd Tuesday of the month** from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Run, jump, play and have fun with friends. We will have tag-style games that encourage burning energy.



Wacky Wednesday is for Club 456 and the Confirmation Youth Group on the **3rd Wednesday of the month** from 5:30-7:30 pm. A meal will be provided and we will have a devotion, guest speakers, and team building.



All three groups are invited to Theology Thursday on the **4th Thursday of the month**, but will have separate activities. Theology Thursday is a quiet time to gather, reflect, learn, review, and worship together. Confirmation students may be able to work on makeup lessons during this time.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group is in full swing for all 4th-12th graders. New this year, we have four different Youth Group sessions every month. As we continue to grow, so does our need for volunteers. Please consider sharing your time and talent with the youth of St. James. There is a link on the St. James website under Youth Ministry for the full Youth Group schedule and a link to sign-up as a Youth Group helper. If you have any questions or would simply like to learn more, please contact Cindi at cstampfli@stjamesverona.org.

Coming up in October

Monday, October 7th from 6:00-7:30 pm - On a Mission Monday! Join your friends as you plan and carry out community service projects within your community. We will meet in the Dining Room. A snack will be provided. All 4th through 12th graders are invited and friends are always welcome!

Tuesday, October 8th from 6:00-7:30 pm - Tag Tuesday! Fill St. James with laughter and joy as you run and play. We will meet in the Youth Lounge (lower level). A snack will be provided. All 4th through 12th graders are invited and friends are always welcome!

Wednesday, October 16th from 5:30-7:30 pm - Wacky Wednesday! It's all about fun, faith, and friends. We will meet in the Dining Room. Dinner will be provided. All 4th through 12th graders are invited and friends are always welcome!

Thursday, October 24th from 6:00-7:30 pm - Theology Thursday! A youth Bible study focused on finding connections for today's teens and tweens. We will meet around the fireplace. A snack will be provided. All 4th through 12th graders are invited and friends are always welcome!

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP 2020

Plans for the St. James High School Mission Trip 2020 are already underway! We will be traveling to Loveland, CO from July 12 - 17, 2020. We will be using Group Mission Trips Week of Hope program again this year. Students will provide community service in and around Loveland. We plan to fly out this year and will need to start raising funds soon. If you think you may be interested in attending the Mission Trip, please email Cindi at cstampfli@stjamesverona.org. You may also visit St. James website and view more information under the Mission Trips tab.

YOUTH MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

St. James Youth Choir

St. James Youth Choir will resume rehearsal on Sunday Oct.6 @10:45 under the direction of Sue Bubolz. This choir is a fun loving group of young Christians praising God with joyful songs. The choir welcomes new members in first grade and older.

Youth Handbell Choir

The youth handbell choir is looking to welcome new and returning handbell ringers. Are you interested, but maybe a little apprehensive? Give it a try! It is a fun musical experience in a small and unique ensemble. Youth from 6th grade through high school are welcome.

The first fall rehearsal will be on Sunday, October 6, from 10:45-11:30, in the church's lower level music room. Look for the bell tables or listen for the handbells. We rehearse approximately three times per month, on Sunday mornings, and a schedule will be provided for the rehearsals and worship performances. We have a wonderful group of youth returning, but we would love to see some new ringers as well!

Youth Instrumentalists

Do you play an instrument? Piano? Sax? Flute? Trumpet? Other? We appreciate the participation of youth in special music during church services and for Christmas. Individual opportunities or group ensembles will be created to fit your schedule. Please contact Paulette Spoon at spoonp@charter.net if you are interested or have questions.

FROM THE PARISH NURSE...

Barbara Rasmussen, RN.,CPN

ANNUAL HOPE AND HEALING EVENT

November 3, 2019

I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone who is a member at St. James, and their families and friends about the upcoming **Hope and Healing Dinner and Service**. This 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.

A written letter of invitation will be sent to those of you who have been in our prayers for the past two years. Please come again as some of us weren't able to come last year or still would appreciate the closeness of community and the message of our speaker.

The speaker this year is Kurt Patrick. His message will be "Coping with Grief through the Holidays."

The event is **November 3rd, 2019 from 6:00 pm–8:00 pm**. 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.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Hope and Healing Dinner and Service.

God's Blessings,

Barbara, Parish Nurse

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF DONATIONS

The Women of the church would like to thank the congregation for all their recent donations over the past few months for our efforts in completing the following Lutheran World Relief Donations: 32 Quilts, 96 School Kits, 60 Personal Care Kits, and 21 Baby Care Kits.

The quilts and kits were delivered to the LWR Boxcar on Saturday, September 14, 2019. Thank you to all who contributed their time, talent and items in helping to serve in the Lord's work. It is greatly appreciated!



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Checks will be held on October 13, in the church office. All are welcome to come!



ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR SEEKING MEMBERS

Adult Handbell Choir: The adult handbell choir rehearses on Monday evenings and rings for worship services approximately once per month. We are recruiting one or two additional ringers this year. Previous ringing experience would be helpful, but is not required. The ability to read a music line and understand time signatures and counting is needed. Please contact Paulette Spoon if you are interested in ringing. Thank you!

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!



Saint JAMES PRESCHOOL



Verona Area
PreK
Partnership in Early Learning



Fundraisers:

Bucky Books are available for purchase at the Welcome Center for \$35. The preschool receives \$15 profit for each book sold!! There are a lot of great coupons in the Bucky Books. In fact you will save more than \$35 when using the book. Check one out at the Welcome Center to see all the savings!

Trunk-or-Treat: Wednesday, October 30th at 6:00

This year we are inviting the congregation, kids and adults, to our annual Trunk-or-Treat event. Trunk-or-Treat is when we line cars up in the parking lot and then the kids go Trick-or-Treating from trunk to trunk (or if raining, it will be held in the sanctuary and kids go Trick-or-Treating from pew to pew). It is such a fun event. More information will be going out in an email or in announcements so keep your eye open for this!

Verona Area Kids Expo:

The Verona Area School District First Five Years program is putting on a Verona Area Kids Expo on Saturday, November 2nd from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. The event will take place at the Verona Area High School and is open to all families. Kids will enjoy games and activities. Families will also have the chance to learn about preschools, childcare facilities, after-school programs, recreation programs, elementary school choices, and more. For more information you can go to verona.k12.wi.us/Kids_Expo



PARISH NOTES



We remember in our prayers – **Members of St. James:** Jack Bisek, 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, Deb B., Jack Callahan, Gary, Jennifer, Amber Hagen, Susan Kennedy, Steve K., Mark, and Carisa Thomas. **Relatives of Members:** Helen Abplanalp (mother of Chuck Abplanalp), Don & Georgi Anderson (parents of Jackie Johnson), Larry Becker (father-in-law of Kelly Becker), 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), Brad Haferman (brother-in-law of Sandy Saether), Barb Halminiak (mother-in-law of Lauri Halminiak), Barb Hanson (sister of John Volker), 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), 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 Roum, 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.

Sacrament of Christian Baptism: See page 2.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Jeffry Schubert as they mourn his death.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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