



Summer Worship Schedule

BEGINS MAY 24 & 25

Saturday - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 9:00 am



Congratulations First Communicants!

Marie Joy Bockelman	Monroe Emersyn Miller
Landyn James Canto	Jonathan Charles Montry
Evan Connell Chizeck	Audrey Hazel Peterson
Luke Joseph Hoffman	Vivian Lois Voelker
Halle Leslie Iserloth	Brooklyn Marie Wills
Cylar Steven Katzner	

Our summer worship schedule will begin on Memorial Day weekend. Services during the summer months will be on Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 9:00 am.



New members were received into the life of St. James on the weekend of May 17-18. We welcome them - each one is a gift from God!

(left to right)
 Mitch and Mackenzie Rogness, Ava and Arya
 Roseanne Adams and Ken Klitzke
 Ginny Richert
 Jan Marks
 Dan and Andrea Dettman, Calvin and Madelyn
 Linda Saeger
 Todd and Angie Wenninger-Cyr (tall couple in back)
 John and Morgan Matz, Johnny and Sadie
 Mal Stumpfig and Andrew Phillipson
 Bob Lind
 Not pictured: Dan and Carin Higgins; Janette Jenson



Congratulations High School Class of 2025!

Patrick Alt	Ian O'Connell
Lindsay Amell	Chloe Parker
Addison Edge	Cody Parker
Brady Geier	Emma Parker
Caleb Hallmark	Claire Sommers
Nathan Heil	Jackson Stampfli
Jaydon Hillstead	Clayton Streiff
Patrick Lindsey	Evan Thomas
Zach Mahaffey	Jackson Umhoefer
Julian Murphy	Will Wallace

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Saturday at 5:00 pm & Sunday at 9:00 am*

*Livestream on our Website and YouTube Channel.

From Pastor Peter

Last summer I presided at a burial at the cemetery of East Lemonweir Lutheran Church, about seven miles west of Mauston.

East Lemonweir Lutheran Church was founded in 1854, and was first served by Pastor H.A. Preus, who could come only once or twice a year. On his first visit he was literally carried across Brewer's Creek, as there was no nearby bridge. A member of the church, Knud Ormson, stayed the night on the opposite side to guard the horses and buggy.

Apparently 1854 was outlaw time in Wisconsin.

H.A. Preus eventually became president of the Synod of the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church (one of our predecessor bodies) for 32 years, as well as one of the seven pastors who in 1853 organized it. He was also there to lay a cornerstone at the founding of my alma mater, St. Olaf College.

The current structure that serves the community of East Lemonweir was built some years later. Painted above the outdoor entrance, in Norwegian, is the first verse from Ecclesiastes 5:

Forvar din Fod naar du vil gaar til Guds Hus.
("Guard your steps when you go to the house of God.")

"Guard your steps" is not a warning to keep people from tripping as they walked up the stairs. The verse continues: To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil.

Well, maybe it's a warning against tripping after all.

Think about it — that verse is what members of East Lemonweir see every time they enter, a simple reminder about conducting themselves as they entered worship where they would listen, week in and week out over years which turned into decades, the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In worship we "offer our sacrifice of thanks and praise," it is true. But we're foolish if we think worship is primarily what we do for God, rather than what God does for us. It's why everything we do begins with "receive," for God is the one who both gives life and then restores it. It's all a gift, from start to eternity.

We are no different from East Lemonweir Lutheran Church, once an outpost for new immigrants, struggling to find a place, build a space, and then live out the mission of welcoming and learning, gathering and serving.

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Renata Henry	Office Assistant
Susan Zimmer	Administrative Assistant
Barb Roberts	Card Ministry
Holly Parker	Director of Children & Family Ministries
Laura Smith	Director of Confirmation
Paulette Spoon	Adult Choir & Handbell Choir
Susan Bubolz	Youth Choir Director
Rhonda Chalone, Don DeBruin,	Accompanists
Jim Erickson, Carol Murphy	
Barb Rasmussen, R.N.	Parish Nurse/Visitation Coord.
Heather Pearl	Director, St. James Preschool
Holly Parker, Kari Poppen	St. James Preschool
Nicole Sudhoff, Kristin Wills & Stacy Zimmerman	

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From Pastor Peter, continued

In John 14.1 we read, *And the Word became flesh and lived among us.* In *The Message* translation that same verse reads: *The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood.*

Jesus is always coming to us and moving into our neighborhoods, at home and across the globe, where he dwells with us in community. And each congregation is a living and dynamic expression of God's presence in a specific place and time — a place that changes over time. Pastors come and go, but hold fast to the Word of God, the very Word, Jesus Christ, that holds fast to you.

As we prepare to say our good-byes, as Betsy and I cross the river into retirement, know I will depart so very grateful for your welcome, your kindness, and your sharing in the Gospel over the years. Thank you, and God bless you all.

Your partner in the Gospel,
— Pastor Peter



FAREWELL PASTOR PETER & BETSY
Celebrate the Memories

**Sunday
June 1st**

**9:00 Worship
10:00 Reception**

A circular photograph of Pastor Peter and Betsy is centered on the poster. The background is a vibrant purple and pink bokeh with a golden sparkly path at the bottom.

On Sunday, June 1st (Pastor Peter's last official day), the congregation will celebrate his many years of service to St. James by hosting a reception following the 9:00 am service. In keeping with Pastor Peter's wishes, this will be the only event held in his honor. Please mark this date on your calendar and join us as we show our support for Peter and Betsy's caring ministry over the years.

Pastor Narum Farewell Gift: Undue Medical Debt

Please help us reach our goal of \$10,000 to help ease \$2.4 million dollars worth of medical debt. It is a marvelous way to give and significantly and positively impact the lives of others.

UNDUE
Medical Debt

Undue Medical Debt, a 501c3 Non-Profit, identifies people facing financial hardship (earnings are four times below the federal poverty level and who have medical debt that is 5 percent or more of their annual income) and uses your gifts to purchase discounted medical debt at an average of \$1 for \$100 of debt. Those individuals then receive a letter notifying them that their debt has been forgiven, tax-free. The debt relief can then help restore their credit, pay for basic necessities, and save for financial goals.

UMD acquires debt in large bundles from providers like hospitals and physician groups, as well as from collection agencies and debt buyers, millions of dollars at a time for a fraction of the face value. This means your donation relieves about 100x or more its value in medical debt. Please send or place in the offering plate your check made out to St. James Lutheran Church, and include "Undue Medical Debt" on the memo line. You may also [give online](#) on the website.

Thank you for your support as we say farewell and godspeed to Pastor Narum!

Here's a [video link](#) that explains the UMD process we can use as well.

From Pastor Jerry

An Interim Pastor's Thoughts about Summertime Worship

St. James is in the middle of a process for calling a new lead pastor. In my view, this makes the next few months especially important for our life together at church. It so happens that the next few months are also summer months, and sometimes worship attendance drops off.

Would you be willing to strengthen your worship commitment this summer? For one thing, it is simply good to be together as a community of faith. We need to see each other during the summer months.

But it's also important for our life with God. Relationships stay strong when we take time to be in each other's presence. It's no less so with God. Worship life is our chance to be in God's presence, hearing God's word and sharing in the meal that Jesus hosts for us.

I understand that we are also in God's presence while we vacation, especially in the beauty of God's creation. And summertime is important for our rest and renewal. I'm not suggesting you skip your vacation. But when you are home, please know that our gathering for worship is truly important, and that our community life will be strengthened by your presence.

It's possible that a congregational meeting to call a pastor will take place this summer. Such a decision requires the resources of our faith, and worship is how we keep those resources strong. Thank you.

— Pastor Jerry Buss



A yellow poster for a drive-in dinner. On the left is a large red arrow pointing down and then right, decorated with blue and yellow dots. To the right of the arrow, the text reads: "St. James Drive-in Dinner" in a red, cursive font. Below this, in a smaller black font, are the words "BURGERS", "BRATS", and "HOT DOGS". To the right of the arrow, the text reads: "WEDNESDAY JUNE 11TH" in large blue letters, "5:30 - 7:00 pm" in smaller blue letters, and "St. James Lutheran Church 427 S. Main St. Verona, WI 53593" in black letters.

It's time for the Drive-in Dinner! It will be held on Wednesday, June 11th from 6:00-7:30 pm. The dinner - hamburgers, brats, hotdogs, chips and more - is served by youth. You can sit in your car or bring a blanket and/or chairs and sit outside. Free-will donations will be accepted. The proceeds from this event go towards funding youth programming such as Youth Group events, camp scholarships, holiday parties and more. We can't wait to see you there!

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Congregational Life

BREAD BAKERS NEEDED!

Many of you appreciated having baked bread for Holy Communion during the Lenten season. Some have asked whether we might continue to share bread in this way. In response, we plan to offer baked bread at worship one weekend per month during the summer. If you are able to help with bread baking, please contact the church office at 608-845-6922. The recipe is below. Thank you!

LUTHER SEMINARY'S COMMUNION BREAD RECIPE

Sift dry ingredients (important!) **together three times:**

2 c whole wheat flour
1 c white flour
1 & 1/4 tsp baking powder
1 & 1/4 tsp salt

Stir in 4 tsp oil. Set aside.

Mix wet ingredients together until dissolved:

3/4 cup + 2 Tbsp very hot water (minimum of 180 degrees F)
3 Tbsp honey
3 Tbsp molasses

Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and mix well. Dough should be slightly sticky. Do not knead.

Divide into four balls and flatten each into a 1/4 inch thick disk.



With a knife, score the top of each loaf into eight pie-shaped sections, so that the sections can be more easily broken off while serving. Alternatively, you could score a cross onto the loaf.

Lay the loaves on a baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Remove from oven and brush the tops of the loaves with oil. Bake an additional 5-8 minutes. Let cool.

Yield: four 8 oz. loaves. Each loaf serves 60-70 people, depending upon the size of the piece given. The loaves freeze well.

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST THANK YOU

Chloe Circle would like to thank the congregation for their support of the Palm Sunday Breakfast held recently. Donations of pastries, milk and juice were greatly appreciated. A special "thank you" to the current Confirmation Class for their assistance in serving, clearing tables and cleaning up following the breakfast . . . too many to name! The two parents who assisted - Michelle and Peter - were especially helpful in directing the students and generally doing whatever needed to make the breakfast successful. Chloe served 177 (a record), and raised almost \$1,000 with the matching funds from Thrivent. Chloe Circle would not be able to host this event without the support and generosity of the congregation. Thank you, again!



LENTEN & EASTER THANK YOU'S

Thank you to our youth and adult singers and ringers, as well as our worship accompanists, for their time and music during the Lenten and Easter seasons. And thank you to the many congregational singers who joined in on the Hallelujah Chorus on Easter morning! Musicians of all ages enrich our worship. We are grateful!

Thank you to the groups and individuals who supported our Wednesday Lenten suppers. And, a special shout out to the adult vocal and handbell choirs, youth and their families, Community Meal crew, Mary Circle, and Mary Feldt for their assistance.

Congregational Life

CALL COMMITTEE NEWS!

The Call Committee met with our Synod representative in early April to debrief on the first round of interviews and provide additional feedback on future candidates. The committee felt the meeting was a very positive step in continuing to refine our “look-fors.” We will continue to work with the Synod through this process and are eagerly awaiting a new round of candidates. Given the busy Easter season, we knew there would be a bit of a wait in hearing back from the Synod representative, however, we are confident that God is at work in this process. We invite continued prayers from the congregation and thank you for entrusting us to do this important work for St. James.

Jim Erickson is Retiring!

Jim has been a faithful pianist at St. James over the past 11 years. He will be retiring at the end of May, and his last weekend with us will be May 24 and 25, when he will be the accompanist for both Saturday and Sunday services. Please join us for worship that weekend. If you are present on May 25, please come to the Fellowship time following Sunday's 9:00 am worship, and thank Jim for sharing his musical talents with us! We are grateful.

— Paulette Spoon, Music Director



FREE

**Community
Meal**

**WEDNESDAY
June 4 at 6:00 pm**

Save the Date!

The St James Women's Retreat for 2026 will be held March 7-8 2026 at Holy Wisdom Monastery. The Retreat Committee is currently exploring possible topics with a new presenter. Stay tuned for details and plan to join us.

Men's Group

The Men's group meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 pm at Paddy Mac's in Verona.

Quilting Group

The Quilters meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 9:00 am. Interested members are invited to attend.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 9:30 am. All are welcome to join!

Community
Blood Drive
St. James



Saturday
May 31
8 am - Noon

St. James is a popular location for American Red Cross Blood Drives with the Preschool Activities Room as a great space for this community event. Please mark your calendar for the next blood drive on Saturday, May 31st from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm and schedule an appointment to donate blood by calling **1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)** or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org). Rapid Pass is another timesaver to complete some of the screening questions in advance. Visit [RedCrossBlood.org/Rapid Pass](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) for more information. So, if your healthy body allows you to donate blood, this is a great way to help others at no cost to you, and it takes less than an hour of your time. May is also Trauma Awareness Month as accidents can happen at any moment so let's keep blood readily available for patients when seconds count. Chloe Circle hosts the blood drives here at St. James and home-baked treats along with other snacks are available. Special Note: Please enter through the Preschool doors to the north of the usual entrance to the church. The Blood Drive is held in the Activities Room located inside the Preschool entrance. We look forward to a successful blood drive and appreciate your participation!



Congregational Life



“Prayground” Coming to Worship This Summer!

We’re excited to share a new initiative we’ll be exploring this summer: a “Prayground” within our worship space. As a church, we are committed to making worship accessible, welcoming and meaningful for all, including our youngest members, and we believe that incorporating a dedicated space for young children can enhance the worship experience for everyone.

What is a Prayground?

A Prayground is a designated space near the front of the sanctuary where young children can experience worship through age-appropriate materials and tools that will help keep them engaged in what is happening — materials such as children’s Bibles and books, coloring/drawing materials, soft toys and manipulatives, and items related to the scripture theme such as smooth stones, feathers, shells, etc.

Why a Prayground?

- Children learn to worship by being IN worship. They acquire the “language” of worship by listening to and observing the words the adults around them say, especially through the rituals, repetition and music of worship. In addition, children are able to process what they hear more effectively when they have something to do with their hands.
- Praygrounds help children access worship.
- They help parents access worship, especially for churches who are not able to staff a nursery.
- They can be a useful tool that makes it clear that children and families are welcome and have a place in the sanctuary.
- Children can see what is going on and remain more engaged, attentive and respectful.

We understand that there may be some concerns about noise or distractions. We are planning to thoughtfully design the prayground with quiet activities and materials that will minimize disruptions to the worship service.

Over the past ten years, churches in the area and across the country have successfully added praygrounds to their worship spaces. One example is Grace Lutheran Church in Apple Valley, Minnesota. Helpful information and photos can be found on their website: <https://graceofav.org/prayground/>

We are excited about the potential of the prayground to enhance our worship experience and create a more welcoming and inclusive space for all members of our congregation. Please feel free to share your thoughts and questions with us as we move forward with a trial run this summer. We are grateful for your support and look forward to working together to create a space where everyone feels loved and welcomed!

Thank You Note from The Beacon



Dear Becca and St. James Outreach Crew,

We wanted to thank you for all of the time and effort you put into making a lunch meal for our guests here at The Beacon!

Your chili, salad, trail mix bags, cornbread, and brownies were a huge hit! It certainly takes a village to support our most marginalized and vulnerable individuals and you definitely rose and surpassed the challenge!

We look forward to partnering with you in the future!

Thank you so much!

— Alisha Henning

Madison Jail Ministry Notes

In 2001 the St. Pat's parade moved from State Street to the capitol square.

This is a tale of workers from the county jail working with deputies on the capitol square to ensure the safety of everyone there. St. Pat's parade was to grace the square without a clue on how to prepare. So jail workers, on the day before, unloaded barriers by the score. And, by parade day's early light, they came to set the barriers right. Cacophonies of bands and clans and sound announced, "It's time to march around." At all traffic intersections, jail workers stood tall, granting safe passage for one and all. 'Twas the day they shut the traffic down and all the bands were playing and all the clans were praying in Irish their prayers were saying dia, muire, agus padraig duit - it's true (translated: God, Mary and Patrick be with you).

If you would like to donate, checks can be mailed to:
Madison Area Jail Ministry
P.O. Box 8885
Madison, WI 53708-8885

To learn more, visit: madisonjailministry.com. Thank you for your past and future support!

— John Gallagher

From the Parish Nurse...

May, 2025. This month holds many celebrations, flowers blooming, the promise of new growth and a reminder of our risen Christ.

We have recently acquired a new AED. It is located in the narthex by the main entrance to the sanctuary. It is in a case with signage above it.

Mark your calendars: Patrick Anderson, EMT Chief, of Fitchrona, has generously offered to come and demonstrate **"Hands Only CPR" and how to use our new AED, on June 22 at 10:30** after our 9am service. It will take place in the narthex.

We will continue to have Blood Pressures taken the second Sunday of each month after the 9:00 service in the church office.

We continue to play a fun, brain testing, laughter producing, socializing game of **Trivia** every Thursday night at 6:30, at Ten Pin Alley. We call our team, "Still Climbing the Hill Gang!!" Please consider joining this fun time. We can always use some more brain power or fun socialization. I've enclosed a recent photo of one of our winning nights. We've had one First Place and two Third!!!

Enjoy your Spring, God's Blessings,

— Barbara Rasmussen, RN. CPN.



Blood Pressure Checks



Blood pressure checks will be held on June 8, July 13, and August 10 at 10:00 am in the church office.

Congregational Life



Spring Clean-up Day is June 21

Please save the date for our congregational spring clean-up day.
We will need lots of hands to help with our list.



BADGER PRAIRIE NEEDS NETWORK

BPNN is in need of
egg cartons (one dozen size)
and clean brown paper grocery bags.

Please drop them in the grocery cart
at the church entrance.



Thursdays
6:30 pm
Ten Pin Alley

Summer Weekly Bible Study



Thursdays | Beginning June 5 | 10:00 am

Join us as we discuss the scripture readings
for the upcoming weekend.

Weekly Bible Study this Summer Begins June 5

You are invited to gather at the church on Thursdays at 10:00 am for a Bible study beginning June 5th. This will be a conversational look at the readings for the upcoming Sunday, led by Pastor Jerry. Each week will be distinct, so there's no worry if you miss a session. If there is interest in an evening study as well, please talk with Jerry.



You're invited!

Interfaith Peace Working Group presents:
**Gaza and the West Bank: A Struggle for
Survival Amid Genocide**

with Rev. Khader el-Yateem



WHEN?

Thursday, May 29 | 7 PM, CT

WHERE?

**Midvale Community Lutheran Church
4329 Tokay Blvd, Madison**

[REGISTER HERE](#) or with QR CODE



Israel's extreme violence in Gaza and the West Bank is uprooting entire communities, destroying homes, displacing civilians, many of them children, and depriving inhabitants of food, water, shelter and medical care. This violence is putting the continued existence of the entire Gazan people at risk and making each day a struggle for their survival. The question is no longer when peace will come, but whether the people of Gaza and the West Bank will survive long enough to see it. This presentation aims to shed light on the lived experiences of Palestinians under siege, the international silence surrounding their suffering and the resilience they continue to show in the face of what many are calling a slow, unfolding genocide. It will also lift up some of the resistance to Israel's action in Gaza that is going on around the world.

Rev. El-Yateem, a highly respected Arab-American leader and community organizer, was born in Bethlehem in 1968 and emigrated to the United States in 1992. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, and a bachelor's degree from the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo. One of Rev. El-Yateem's primary focuses is promoting open dialogue and unity, especially among Christians, Jews and Muslims.

Rev. El-Yateem serves as Executive Director for Service and Justice at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Prior to this appointment, Rev. El Yateem served as the Assistant to the Bishop and the Director for Evangelical Mission in the Florida-Bahamas Synod of the ELCA.

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Summer Camp Savings Program

Summer Bible camps are transformational experiences that offer a safe environment for campers to build independence, learn new skills, make new friends and grow in their faith.

St. James supports children, youth and families by offering a \$100 discount on any 2025 summer Bible camp program. **Contact Holly Parker at hparker@stjamesverona.org by June 1st** to take advantage of this discount or inquire about other financial assistance for Bible camps.



Vacation Bible School August 4-7, 9:00 am - 12 noon For ages 3 through 103!

VBS is truly an experience for all generations! Adults and teens have just as much fun as the kids...if not more! Together, we will enjoy songs, stories, crafts, games and snacks that will bring us closer to God and each other! Camper registration is almost full, but we do open up more spots if we have enough volunteers! Areas we need help include:

- Crew leaders or assistants
- Bible Adventures story station
- Craft station
- Games station
- Video station
- Snack station
- Decorating & set-up
- Take-down & clean-up
- Scuba Celebration - set up, serve, clean-up and help with activities
- Snack & supply donations - requests will be emailed & posted in June & July.

Contact Holly at hparker@stjamesverona.org to volunteer or register!

Sunday School Highlights!



Children, Youth & Families



First Communion Bread and Banner Making

A great time was had by all!
A special thank you to the parents
who were able to help!



Youth Group Serving Soup and High School Mentorship Team Retirement Party



Saint JAMES PRESCHOOL



Verona Area
Pre-K
Partnership in Early Learning

Preschool Sunday:

Thank you to the congregation for the donations from our supply list, Amazon list, and monetary donations for the Preschool Scholarship Fund. We enjoyed sharing some preschool fun/activities with you on May 4th. St. James Preschool is lucky to have the support of the church and congregation as we continue our ministry of fostering a love of learning in our communities' youngest learners.



Preschool Job Opening:

St. James Preschool is looking to hire a new teacher for the 2025-2026 school year and beyond. We are looking for a teacher to fill the lead Pre-K teacher position. This position is about 22 hours a week paid as a salary position. A teaching license that qualifies for that position is required (Heather can assist with what qualifications are needed). Please contact Heather Pearl at sjp@stjamesverona.org if you are at all interested in applying or want more information.

Teacher Appreciation:

The first full week of May was Teacher Appreciation Week. St. James Preschool is extremely lucky to have Stacy Zimmerman, Kari Poppen, Holly Parker, Kristin Wills, and Nicole Sudhoff as dedicated and amazing teachers. Each day they are dedicated to their job, each other, the kids, and families.

Preschool Happenings:

The kids are very busy playing, learning, and spending time outside. We are starting to wind down our school year. It is fun to celebrate the kids and how much they have grown this school year. We would like to thank Paulette Spoon and Sue Zernicke for volunteering in the preschool this school year.



Financial Update

Measure of Our Commitment – thru April 30, 2025

For the first four months of 2025, we are BOTH on track with giving and spending is also within the expense budget. This is a great start to the year and **THANK YOU** for your continued contributions to the General and Seeds/Building Funds. With summer approaching, the church is still here! Feel free to use the on-line giving options that are part of the weekly E-News as another choice for the summer months.

YTD Operating Envelopes Receipts are **FAVORABLE** to budget by \$1,033 or +0.5% and are also running ahead of the prior year by \$11,911 or +6.6%. With YTD expense spending in line with budget, the net result of receipts less expenses is at \$6,896 YTD, which is **FAVORABLE** to budget by \$3,414.

YTD Operating Envelopes

Variance

Actual
\$191,033

Budget
\$190,000

Dollars
\$1,033

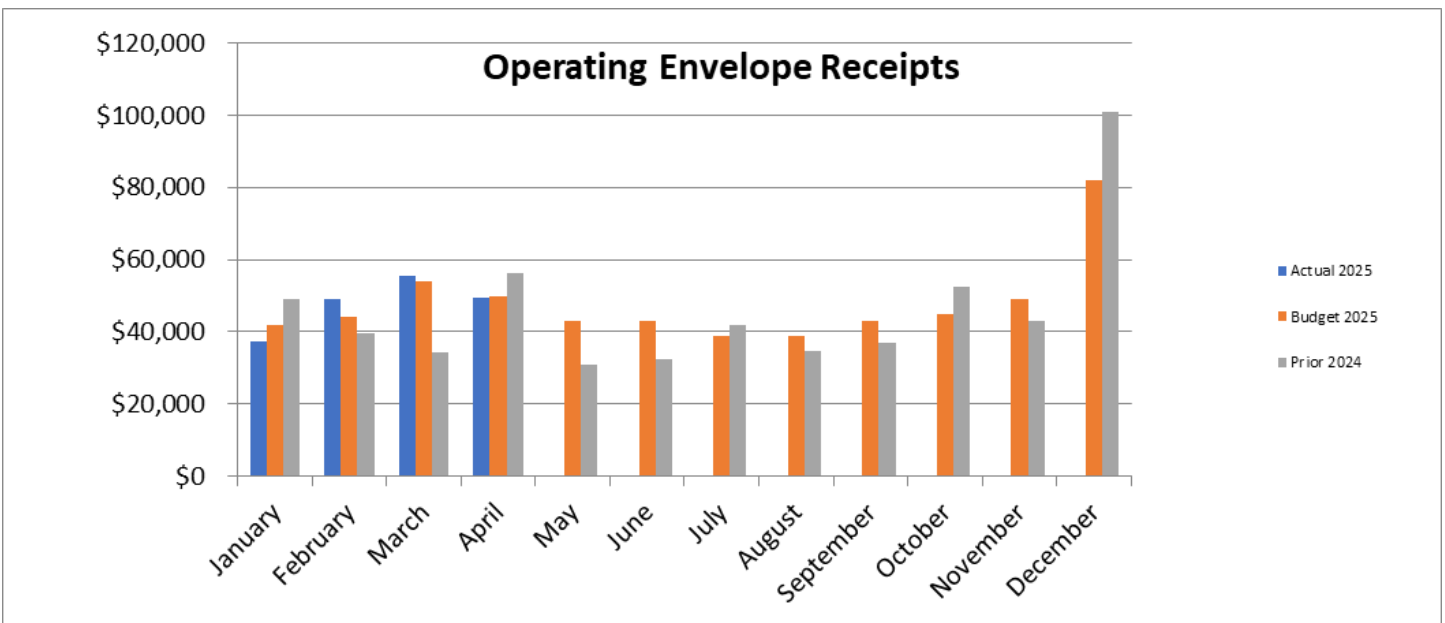
Percentage
+0.5%

Actual
\$191,033

Prior Year
\$179,122

Dollars
\$11,911

Percentage
+6.6%



The Seeds & Building Fund balance at 4/30/2025 is \$73,996, and the current mortgage balance is \$1,456,338. The Seeds/Building budget is set up to fund the monthly mortgage payment of \$9,304 per month and any excess contributions greater than the mortgage payment remain in the Building Fund to use if needed to cover a shortfall or to build up to make an additional principal payment annually.

YTD Seeds/Building Fund Contributions

Variance

Actual
\$33,342

Budget
\$37,216

Dollars
(\$3,874)

Percentage
-10%

With Gratitude to All at St. James,

— Kim Feller, Treasurer

PARISH NOTES

If you have someone that you would like to add to this prayer list please email (office@stjamesverona.org) or call the church office (845-6922) or fill out a form which can be found at the Welcome Center at St. James.

We remember our members in our prayers, especially, Vince Weiland, Chuck Roum, Loretta Docken, Ed, Helen Granquist, Marilyn, Monica Pechan, Judy and Andrew, Jay Wilson, Orin and Pat Strand, Anne Forseth and Larry Yeske.



We also remember Bruce (brother of Karen Wolf), Larry Hamm (father of Christine Kemnitz), Dustin Olmschenk (nephew of Nancy Steinemann), Marty Pulver (brother of Renata Henry), Mary Volker, (sister of John Volker), Archer Yob (great-nephew of Renata Henry), Marsha Zahasky (sister of Mary Walker), Lori Deegan (mother of Bryan Deegan) and friends, Dierdre, Sam, Ina, Camille, and Susan Kennedy.

Sacrament of Christian Baptism: Ava Marie Rogness, daughter of Mitchell and Mackenzie Rogness and Grant William Ebert, son of Robert and Lindsay Ebert.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of Karen and Doug Wolf at the death of their sister-in-law Pearline Glassrud, Tom and Kari Fitzgerald at the death of his father Dr. Jack T. Fitzgerald, Bonnie Hayden, Nancy Frederick and Arlene Larson at the death Delores Bryant, the families of Marilyn Mauer, Clifton Erstad and Errol Erstad at the deaths of Clifton and Errol, the family of Delores Becker at her death, and

Bob Lind at the death of his wife Jeanie.

In Residence: Four Winds – Candy Nerge. **Noel Manor** – Dick and Helen Dignan, Dale Hagen, Lloyd Hornbacher, Carol and Jim Path, Peggy Papenfus, Chuck and Marilyn Roum, John Scharer, Jim Schumann, Don Zelle, Audrey Huseth, and Charles and Gloria Widish.

Serving in the Military: Gavin Bazala, Wyatt Breitnauer, Bryan and Hannah Tordoff, Evan Spoon, Jake Storch, Cyrus Pechan, Jenn Parchem, Kelsey Sweet and for Shelby Breitnauer serving in the Peace Corps.

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