

Week at a Glance

Sunday December 14

8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Fellowship
10:00 am Sunday School
11:45 am Christmas Luncheon at
Calvary in Erlander
Hall

Monday December 15

10:00 am Bible Study at Calvary
or via Zoom
4:00 pm Stewardship/Finance

Tuesday December 16

2:00 pm Women's Circle
6:30 pm Bible Study at church or
via Zoom

Wednesday December 17

7:00pm Council at church or via
Zoom

Thursday December 18

Friday December 19

9:00 am Office closed

Saturday December 20

10:30 am Café Women's Bible
Study

Sunday December 21

8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Fellowship
Children's Christmas Program

Birthdays

Reed Carlson	12/18
Stacy Merrill	12/19
Steven Resch	12/20

Anniversaries

Dave & Sharon Stack	12/20
Amy & Mike Bower	12/21
Ruth Anne & Bill Hartman	12/21

Pastor Knowles will be using his cell phone when contacting members of the congregation. 815-866-9595

If you have announcements next week, please contact the church office no later than Monday prior to the Sunday when you want the announcement to appear.

Donald Knowles	Pastor
Trish Myers	Office Administrator
Dr. John Hildreth	Musical Director
Doug Nelson	Treasurer
Office Hours	9 am–2 pm, M-Th

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St. James Lutheran Church

Announcements
December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent



10:00 am
Fellowship Hall

Bible Study – Matthew

Bible study led by Pastor Knowles is on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. If you would prefer a daytime study, come on Monday mornings at 10:00 am at Calvary in the Upper Room. The *Zoom* links are on the St. James website.



Meetings

4:00p Stewardship/Finance in person or via *Zoom*
7:00p Council at church or via *Zoom*

Women’s Circle

Tuesday, December 16 @ 2:00 pm Women’s Circle
Saturday, December 20 @ 10:30 am Café Women’s Bible Study

Thank You

Special thanks to all the volunteers from St. James, All Saints, and Calvary who helped with organizing, setup, serving, and clean-up for the Potluck Luncheon on November 30.

Great food and fellowship were enjoyed by all!

Altar Poinsettias

We will be ordering Poinsettias to decorate the altar during the holidays. The cost is \$15. All orders must be in by Monday, Dec. 15 to ensure Christmas Eve delivery. Order forms are in the back of the sanctuary or call Trish at 309-786-0503.

<i>Those Serving</i>		
	December 14	December 21
Minister	Pastor Don Knowles	Pastor Don Knowles
Organist/Pianist	Dr. John Hildreth	Dr. John Hildreth
Worship Assistant	Stacy Miles	Stacy Miles
Lector	Stacy Miles	Christmas program
Counters	Todd Gann Dave Renneke	Rhea Frank-Cottingham Linda Ryden
Sound Booth	Bob Ryden	Mike Olinski

Last Sunday’s Worship

Attendance	
Operating Fund through October	83.3% of the year
Income	84.1% of the budget
Expenses	79.1% of the budget
Local Food Pantries this year	\$ 1,365
World Hunger + Lutheran World Relief	\$ 2,990
Disaster Relief	\$ 2,000
Rescue Mission meals served on November 12	60

Prayers

- ◆ Terri Warren
- ◆ Jane Massey
- ◆ Bill Knowles
- ◆ Brad Hubbard