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Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9:00-2:00pm
Friday Closed

Adult Bible Study

Sunday 9:15am;
Thursday -1:30pm
Sept. -May

Sunday School

9-10:15am Sept.—May

St. James Worship Service

Sunday 10:30 am
Wednesday 5:30 pm

St. Paul's Worship Service

Sunday 8:00 am
Bible Study 9:00 am

Organists

Mrs. Sharon Lutz
Mrs. Tracey Draper

***Congregations of the Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod
October 11, 2020
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

Our Mission

"Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In with the Lord!"



St. James Lutheran Church



*St. Paul's Lutheran Church
N15296 19th Ave. Nekoosa, WI 54457
(New Miner)*

The Members of St. James and St. Paul's
welcome you to the family of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Rev. Roger A. Erdman, Pastor

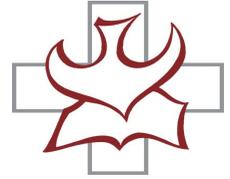
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Sunday Worship services at St. James are broadcast live by Mauston radio WRJC AM 1270 and 92.9FM

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Hymns-803-510-435-636 (sts. 1-4, 8)-683



Pre-Service Prayers (see inside front cover of LSB)

As We Gather

Clothed in the Righteousness of Christ, We Partake of His Wedding Feast

By His cross and resurrection, the Lord has swallowed up death forever, and by His Gospel He “will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth” (Is. 25:8). Therefore, “let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation” (Is. 25:9). On the mountain of the Lord of hosts — in His Church on earth, as in the kingdom of heaven — He has made “for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine” (Is. 25:6). It is the royal “wedding feast” of the Son of God, “and everything is ready” (Matt. 22:1, 4). Thus, His servants are sent into the highways and byways to invite and gather as many as they find, “both good and bad,” to fill the wedding hall with guests (Matt. 22:8–10). In Holy Baptism, He clothes them all in the “wedding garment” of His own perfect righteousness (Matt. 22:11). Therefore, “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God,” and “rejoice in the Lord always” (Phil. 4:4–6).

Ringling of the Bells

Hymn of Invocation: LSB #803 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

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Psalmody

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

³He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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Collect of the Day:

P: Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:4-13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

Hymn of the Day: LSB #510 "A Multitude Comes from the East and the West"

Sermon: "A Special Invitation"

Text: Matthew 22:1-14

Nicene Creed

Offering: Please sign the record of fellowship pad found in each pew so we know who is worshipping with us today. *(Temporarily the offering is collected at the back of the sanctuary at both congregations. Please sign the record of fellowship pad found in each pew so we know who is worshipping with us today.)*

Prayer of the Church: General Prayer 2 (See Insert)

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The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table all who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is professed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, must first speak with the pastor or the elder. For those who are in need of non-alcoholic wine, that is provided in the middle of the tray. Also, if you are in need of a gluten-free wafer please speak to an elder or the pastor before the service.

Distribution Hymns:

LSB #435 "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

LSB #636 (sts.1-4, 8) "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

Post-Communion Canticle-Pg. 211 "Nunc Dimittis"

Benediction– Pg. 212

Hymn of Departure: LSB #683 "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

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Those Serving in our Worship Today:

Preacher, Lector and Celebrant—Rev. Roger Erdman

Organist—(SP)— Mrs. Tracey Draper

Organist—(SJ)—Mrs. Sharon Lutz

Elder for the Month of October-Thomas Emanuel

Trustee for the Month of October-Gerry Ganther

St. James Altar Care for the Month of October-Karin & Gerald Ganther, Penny Oens

St. Paul's Altar Care for the Month of October-Donna K. & Lori Klein

Radio Sponsor—Sandy Harry

Flowers—Pastor & Tammy-In honor of 9th Wedding Anniversary

Special Needs for October

At this time the VA is not accepting donations

Necedah Food Pantry– Any non-perishable food item

Want to prepare for next week's worship?

Isaiah 45:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

Daily Readings for this week: Week 39 (91)*

11th Come to the Lord's House

12th 1Th 4:1-18

13th 1Th 5:1-28

14th 2Th 1:1-12

15th 2Th 2:1-3:18

16th 1Tm 1:1-20

17th 1Tm2:1-15

***The number in parenthesis represents the week of the Readings as found in The Lutheran Study Bible under the Two-Year Reading Plan**

Prayers for those in our family of faith and those close to us...

St. James Members

Those who are Homebound or in a Care facility

Gertrude Kirtz

Those with special concerns....

Charlene Sitas

Tyler Burke

Lindy and Joyce Hanson

Alvina (nee Pollock) O' Connor

Daryl Fabian

Linda Randall

Vivian Elliott

St. Paul's Members

Those who are Homebound or in a Care facility

Eleanor Van Meter, Jim Winters

Those with special concerns...

Denna Winters, Mary Lou Trutt,

Gregg Winters (Son of Sharon Winters)

Mary Shear (Sister-in-law of Donna Klein)

Troy Winters

Glen Skibba

Leann Winters (wife of Dale Winters)

Karen Smedbron (Daughter of Delores Smedbron)

Todd Wallender (Patsy Wallender's son)

Ginny Link

Delores Smedborn

Judy Ahlers (Sister of Deb Ennis)

Dave and Judy Berna (son-in-law and daughter of Gert Kirtz)

Marilyn Fuss (Megan's friend)

Karen Roy (Friend of Bonnie Augustynowicz)

Montey Stratton (Cousin of Christina Fischer)

Ed Kindschi (Sandy Harry's Nephew-in-Law)

Nikki Ravenscroft (Friend of Christina Fischer)

Darold Hamburg (Friend of Amanda Hatfield)

Christine Dietz (ex-wife of Peter Taraban)

Ginny Link

Ken Finke (Brother of Deb Ennis)

Donna Wick (sister of Bill Gatzke)

Delaney Kraemer (Friend of the Fischer Family)

Daniel O' Connor (husband of Alvina (nee Pollock) O' Connor).

Brad Bever (TJ Oens Coach)

Robert Gurrath (Friend of Cathy Crabtree and Eugene Crabtree)

Jeff Bourassa (Friend of Cathy Crabtree)

Janice Salamone (Friend of Cathy Crabtree)

Those who grieve...the family of Lois Lazeration

Those who grieve... the family of Amber Ploughoeft (Granddaughter of Milt and Cindy Smith)

Those who are persecuted for Christ's Sake.

Pastor Ryan and Emily McDermott & their family .

Remember in Prayer: If you have a prayer request for yourself or a loved one, or are hospitalized either by an emergency or by planned care, please inform Pastor Erdman as soon as possible by calling his cell 920-312-2079, via his email pastor@stjamesnecedah.com or call the church office at 565-7252 and the information will be given to Pastor Erdman. Anyone who needs to reach Pastor Erdman, whether it is an emergency or non-emergency situation, please contact him by calling the church office at 565-7252 or his cell 920-312-2079.

Our Gifts to God for September 30th Oct 4

St. James

Offering (Envelope & Loose)	\$ 2,391.00
Sanctuary Painting/Lamp Refurb.	0.00
Radio Sponsorship	\$ 80.00
Other Gifts	\$ 150.00
<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
Total Gifts to God	\$ 2,631.00

Attendance: 9-30 (8) and 10-4 (27)

St. Paul's

Plate	\$ 0.00
<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>\$ 736.00</u>
Total	\$ 736.00

Attendance: 11

**THROUGH GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE,
HE CALLS FOR AND ENABLES OUR
FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP.**

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various



Week of Oct 11-Oct 17

St. Paul's

Worship Service: 8:00 am w/c

St. James

Worship Service: 10:30 w/c

Monday-(SP) Ladies Aid at 6pm

Wednesday—(SJ): Worship @ 5:30pm with Holy Communion

Thursday-(SJ) Bible Study 1:30pm

Saturday-LLL Breakfast 8am-10am-Fall Harvest Dinner 4pm-7pm Take Out & Delivery Only

Sunday October 18, 2020

St. Paul's

Worship Service: 8:00 am n/c

St. James

Worship Service: 10:30 am w/c

Life Thoughts:— Jesus Christ has already swallowed up death forever. It belongs to Him and Him alone. He reserves the right to provide life to us on His terms and decide in His time when we die. His death and resurrection have freed us from needing to seek it for ourselves or for anybody else. His peace and presence, promises and power pass us not only into death's shadow but through it—without ever setting up residence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19 REMINDER: Since the COVID-19 cases have spiked now that we are in the summer months, it is important that we follow the precautionary means available to us. These measures for the most part were agreed upon at the May 20 the St. James and St. Paul's Joint Council Meeting. Presently, we are asking that you: 1) follow a every other pew seating arrangement with the recommended social distancing of six feet within the pews, apart from unrelated families; 2) A FACE COVERING IS REQUIRED (required by Governor Tony Evers executive orders: #1 and #82) – disposable masks are available at both St. James and St. Paul's; 3) at St. James disposable gloves are available in the fellowship hall for those desire to wear them; 4) hand sanitizer is available at both St. James and St. Paul's; 5) disinfectant disposable wipes are available at St. James to wipe down the Lutheran Service Book and/or the area where you are seated; 6) it is highly recommended that no hand shaking take place until further notice; 7) we will be practicing social distancing at the Communion Altar; 8) before and after the worship services kindly keep your visiting to a minimum inside, weather permitting visit outdoors. If you do not feel comfortable worshipping on Sundays, there is the Wednesday evening worship service at 5:30 pm. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you. Pastor Erdman

Facebook Worship Service Streaming: As COVID-19 continues to inhibit some people from attending worship services, Facebook streaming of St. James's Sunday, 10:30 a.m., worship services will continue until further notice. As we continue with Facebook streaming, we thank Fred Fischer III for making this possible. Thank you.

Thank You from Palmer Peterson—Thankfulness for all the prayers, calls and cards when he was sick.

Mark your calendars-Fall Harvest Dinner-St. James October 17, 2020 Please sign up for work & donations . Sheets are on the easel board in the Fellowship Hall.

NEW BIBLE STUDY: There is a new Bible Study coming up at St. James, beginning Sunday, October 4. The study is titled: *Called to Vote: A Christian's Approach to Elections*. It runs through the Sundays of October. This study is not intended to lead you to a particular candidate or the sweep of any party platform. Rather, this study provides congregations and pastors with a tool that is designed to spark a thoughtful biblical conversation about voting in a democracy. The time 9:15 a.m. Thank you.

St. Paul's Ladies Aid-The next meeting for St. Paul's Ladies Aid will be **Monday, October 12, at 6pm** in the church. Meetings are held once a month on the 2nd Monday.

(SJ) Sanctuary Painting:-The Church Council approved the painting of the Sanctuary at it's August 25 meeting, accepting a bid of \$3,100.00 for the project. If you are able to make a special donation toward this needed project please do so by marking "painting " on your offering envelope. Thank You!

(SJ) Our first Women's Bible Study will be held on Monday, October 19 at 6PM. Please join us for a wonderful time of learning about and sharing God's Word. Due to Covid 19 we WILL be following the precautionary means available to us using masks, hand sanitizers and social distancing. If you have any questions, please contact me at 608 548-0214 or email me at jumpriver52@yahoo.com. I look forward to seeing you soon! Debby Ennis

BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY: The next Breakfast Bible Study will take place on Saturday, October 17 from 8:00 to 10:00. At this time the breakfast will not be a full cooked meal. Rather, it will be much simpler with a few bakery items brought in. The Bible Study focus will again be in the Book of Revelation. COVID-19 restrictions will apply with those supplies available.