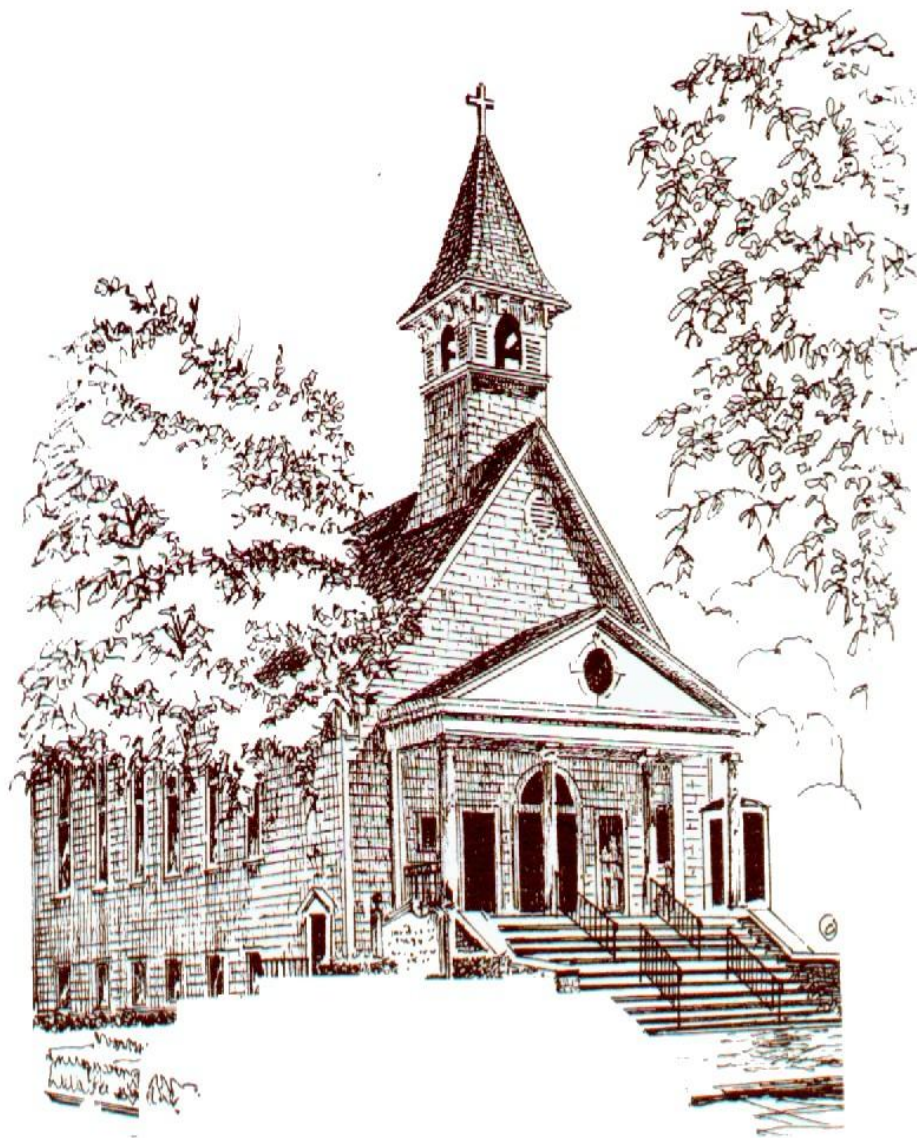




Saturday, August 30, 2025, 5:30 pm
Sunday, August 31, 2025, 8:30 am

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Changing lives with the love of God
to the glory of God*

Welcome Guests!

We're glad you're with us today!

We hope you'll introduce yourself to the Pastor at the Church door after worship today.

Worship Schedule

Our regular worship times are:

Saturdays at 5:30 pm

Sundays at 8:30 am & 10:00 am

Sunday School at 10:00 am September-June

Serving in the Lord's house today:

5:30: Carol Chirco / 8:30: Jim Sauer / 10:00: Sandra McIlveen

Altar flowers have been given- in memory of William Fisher, loving husband and Dad.
From, Tina and Alex Fisher

Pastor: Neil Mittelstaedt

Pastor: Conner Forbes

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Ministers: All the people of St. James

Prelude: Prelude on "Gift of Finest Wheat"

arr. C Callahan

Opening Hymn: God Himself Is Present



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him
2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
Trust-ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in
ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and
an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease-less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne
an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:
ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!
Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.
Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

Welcome and Invocation

Confession and Absolution

P Because we have faith in God's mercy, we dare to approach Him with confidence.

- Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination -

P Holy and merciful God,

C we confess our sinfulness and our offenses against You.
You alone know how often we have wandered from Your good ways, wasted
Your excellent gifts, and forgotten Your amazing love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are sorry and ashamed for all we have done
against You.

**Forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness, for the sake of
Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

P Hear the good news! "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that
whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." *[John 3:16]*
Jesus was given by His Father to save sinners, therefore, as a called and ordained
servant of Christ, and by His authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of your
sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. Aid us now, Lord, to enjoy Your presence, share our faith, and show
your ways.**

P Amen.

Hymn of Praise: This is the Feast



A This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Epistle Reading

Philemon 4-6

A The Epistle is from Philemon.

⁴Philemon, I always thank my God when I mention you in my prayers because ⁵I hear about your faithfulness to the Lord Jesus and your love for all of God's people. **⁶As you share the faith you have** in common with others, I pray that you may come to have a complete knowledge of every blessing we have in Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Reading

Luke 5:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, **"Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."** ¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Prayer of the Day

L Heavenly Father, You have put Your hand on us;

C You have baptized us into Christ, who lives and is on a mission,

L a mission to seek and save the lost.

C He said that mission is a lot like fishin'!

L Motivate us by Your Holy Spirit to get off the dock and into the boat.

C Send us to people living nearby;

L send us to make friends

C and share with them the love and faith You've put in our hearts;

L through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now

C and forever. Amen.

Hymn: On Galilee's High Mountain



1 On Gal - i - lee's high moun-tain Christ gave the great com - mand
3 His strength with - in my weak-ness Will make me bold to say
4 And not a - lone to na - tions In far - a - way re - treats,
5 That ev - 'ry - one He choos - es, For rea - sons of His own,



In words of strength and prom - ise Which all can un - der-stand:
How His re - deem - ing pow - er Trans-forms my stub-born clay;
But ev - 'ry - where I broad-cast His love through crowd-ed streets:
Will find in Christ his call - ing To live His love a - lone.



"All pow'r to Me is giv - en To do what I shall choose;
His touch of fire ig - nites me, With cour - age I am sent,
The lives that my life touch - es, How - ev - er great or small—
His pres-ence al-ways leads us Till time no more shall be;



There - fore I send My chil-dren, Their wit - ness I will use."
My tongue - tied si - lence bro - ken, With grace made el - o - quent.
Let them through me see Je - sus, Who served and saved us all.
Christ's strength, His love, His com-fort Give us His vic - to - ry.

Sermon: The Friendliness of Fishing

Apostles' Creed

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Currently, the offering plate will not be passed. There is a plate in the Narthex for you to place your offering. You may give to God and the work of His Church by mailing them in, but you can also give electronically by using the QR code below.



Offering Prayer

- L** Heavenly Father, You have generously blessed us in Christ,
- C** **and made us rich in gifts, spiritual and material.**
- L** We offer them back to You, O Father.
- C** **We trust you with everything.**
- L** Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen**

✠ Holy Communion ✠

To Our Guests Regarding Holy Communion:

Holy Communion is a gift Christ gives to His Church.

In it, He offers His true Body and Blood in and with the bread and wine.

It is the gift of Himself!

When received in faith, Holy Communion gives forgiveness, new life & salvation.

Those who receive the Lord's Supper at St. James Lutheran Church are baptized Christians, committed in their faith in Christ, who have been instructed in and believe these truths.

(We run classes both for young people and adults – everyone welcome.)

God bless you!

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



C And al-so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives You praise.

C **In the fullness of time You sent Your Son Jesus Christ to share our human nature,**

P to live and die as one of us,

C **to reconcile us to You, the God and Father of all.**

P He healed the sick

C **and opened the eyes of the blind.**

P He proclaimed the good news of Your kingdom to the poor and to those in need,

C **and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners.**

P He was the place on earth where people really met with You.

C **We give You thanks that He still receives struggling men and women, calling us friends,**

P for His perfect sacrifice has destroyed the barrier of sin and judgement,

C **and by raising Him to life You give us life for evermore.**

- P** Therefore with the angels and archangels, and with all the residents of heaven, we honor and glorify Your holy name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



Distribution

Distribution Hymn: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Refrain

You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat.
Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and
3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of
4 The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal
5 You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then self - less

heed his voice; So when You call Your
grat - i - tude That You should count us
Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one
tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -
let us be, To serve each oth - er

Refrain

fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.
wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.
loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.

Thank the Lord

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C A - men.

Announcements

Closing Hymn: Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
 2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,

The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
 The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.

The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
 Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,

The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
 Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.

The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
 With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;

Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
 U-nite us as one in this life that we share.

His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
 Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing

To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
 Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

Postlude: "The Ash Grove"

setting, Robert Hobby

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUY A BIBLE FOR A PRESCHOOLER: \$10 buys a Children's Bible! Would you like to help us fund this amazing project to kick start a young one's spiritual journey? And how awesome for you to encourage our incoming parents to read the Bible to their children. You can buy 1, 2 or 10! It's up to you how many you want to bless! To give, just pay at stjlc.com/give and select the "Bibles-Preschool Fund" or you can place the form and cash/check directly in the offering plate in the narthex or send a check in an envelope to us at: St. James Lutheran Church, 230 Second Ave. St. James, NY 11780. Thank you for blessing God's Littlest Children! ~ STJLC Young Family Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES AND CHURCH PICNIC: Sunday school will resume on September 7th at the 10am service. Immediately following service there will be a picnic at Norway Hall. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be available. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and your lawn chairs. There will be a bouncy house and the chance to dunk both Pastors in the dunk tank!

MUSIC MINISTRY: Music is an essential part of worship at St. James Lutheran Church, and there are many opportunities for musicians and singers of all ages to participate. Rehearsals will be resuming soon:

Worship Band - Wednesday 9/3, 7:45pm-9pm

Chancel Chimes - Wednesday 9/10, 6:30pm-7:30 pm

King's Kids Choir (grades 3-8) - Sunday 9/14, 11:30am-12:15pm

COMING IN SEPTEMBER: a new sermon series: **FAMILY MATTERS** (Who am I in my family?)

Sept. 7: "I am a lover."

Sept. 21: "I am a grower."

Sept. 28: "I am a coach."

Oct. 5: "I am a sex educator."

Oct. 12 "I am not a slave."

MOMS BIBLE STUDY: starts again on Tuesday, September 9th. Join us at 7:30pm in the Upper Room for a study on marriage.

LADIES NIGHT OUT IS BACK: Our September event is wine glass painting. Ladies, we will see you in the Parish Hall at 7:30pm on Friday, September 12th. Cost is \$5. First time attendees are free! RSVP via stjlc.com/events

FAMILY DINNER: We are starting a new dinner club for Sunday school families! Our first Family Dinner is on Friday, September 19th at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$5 per

person with a \$20 family cap. Bring your kids and join us for food & fellowship! RSVP via stjlc.com/events

PINTS & PARABLES: is our Dad's group that starts right after Family Dinner! 7:30 pm in Pastor Neil's backyard. Join the Pastors for a beer, fire, and conversation.

LUNCH AMONG FRIENDS (L.A.F.): is a new monthly luncheon for church members and their friends who would like to get together to enjoy food, fellowship and fun with Pastor Neil and Carol. The cost is \$10 per person. The first Lunch Among Friends (L.A.F.) is September 24th at 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall. RSVP via stjlc.com/events or by emailing office@stjlc.com

TEENS OF FAITH: events will also be starting again in September! The combined middle and high school kick off event is Laser Tag on September 14th. RSVP to Pastor Conner. Middle school T.O.F. Youth Night is September 21st at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. High school T.O.F. Youth Night is September 28th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. There will be games, snacks, and Bible time at both events! Pastor Conner is excited to see you there!

GRIEFSHARE: Our GriefShare class will begin on Wednesday SEPTEMBER 10TH in the Youth Room. Time of sessions is 10AM to Noon. This 13-week program encompasses a 30 minute video seminar where you will hear insights from recovery experts. A group discussion will follow to discuss grief-related issues while you are getting to know others who understand what you are going through. Through discussion you will receive comfort and support. You will gain personal recovery tips for navigating your grief and discover the 6 signs of healing through your personal workbook. The topics that are covered include the following: Your grief journey; sadness and loneliness; fear and anxiety; anger; regrets; grief and your relationships; questions for God and many more topics will be covered in this Christian based program helping you move forward from mourning to joy. Participants pay no fees for the materials used in the GriefShare program thanks to the generous grant given to us by Saint James Funeral Home. If you are interested in GriefShare, please contact Ed Spear. 631-873-6429

HELP WANTED: Paid Position - Church Cleaning Crew. Part time, flexible schedule, cleaning church and preschool, includes set up and general cleaning. Must be at least 16 years old, NYS working papers required. For more information contact Ed Spear 631-873-6429

PRESCHOOL HUGGERS NEEDED: Would you like to join the Sweetest Ministry in Town? Then consider being a Preschool HUGGER this September and October! What is a HUGGER? A hugger is an extra set of hands in the classroom during the first few weeks (mornings only) of preschool. Huggers come alongside the teachers and help settle our newest little 2 and 3 year old friends who might be missing their mommies and daddies. The program is flexible - you pick a morning(s) that works best for you! Contact Director

Meredith Johansson at meredithpreschool@stjlc.com or text 631-766-3142! It's a great day at Pre-K!

REMINDERS

SMITHTOWN FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: The pantry has continued to be very busy during the month of July into August. In July, the pantry serviced 189 families! Thank you to all who have generously donated time, food and hygiene products! At this time, there is a need for hygiene products, soups, ravioli, granola bars, cereal and spam. Donations may be left in the Narthex RED bin. Monetary donations can be sent directly to the Smithtown Emergency Food Pantry, PO BOX 1663, Smithtown, NY 11787. The pantry will continue to be open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays from 10-1200. They will close on Saturday, August 30th. For the month of August, the pantry will be open Wednesday evenings 6-9 pm. Volunteers are needed to stock and hand out food. For more information, call Jeanne Harmer, 631-484-5203 or Liz Wagner, 631-862-7508. "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32

OUR SAVIOR NEW AMERICAN SCHOOL: is looking for a secondary Math teacher and secondary Science teacher for the upcoming academic year. If you or someone you know would be interested in this position, you can reach out to Principal Wil Stelzer by emailing him at wil.stelzer@osnas.org or by calling the school at 631-588-2757.

SIGHTS & SOUNDS OF LANCASTER PA: Join us as we journey back in time, to experience the show NOAH at the Sight and Sound theatre in Lancaster, PA on October 1st and 2nd. We will be going by coach motor bus and sightseeing the Amish countryside, a movie presentation of JACOB, the show NOAH and more. Accommodations have been made for one night at the Heritage Inn and breakfast/dinner, taxes and gratuities, all admissions are included. All this for only \$369 pp. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Haase at 631-241-6066. This will be a very exciting trip and is open to everyone. So Come Along and have a great time as we go back in time.

GIVING WITH SUBSPLASH: In order to ensure the most secure and seamless experience, we will be transitioning to a new giving platform. **We will be moving from Vanco to Subsplash.** This change will help us manage resources more effectively, at less cost, and make it even easier for you to support the mission of our church. Visit stjlc.com and click on the tab that says "Give" for full directions on how to make the switch! If you need assistance, please email Luann at luann@stjlc.com or call 631-584-5212. If needed, you may make an appointment for help!

CHURCH OFFERINGS: If you do not use our electronic offering service, you may mail your church offering to the Church Office, 230 Second Ave, St. James, NY, 11780. Thank you for your continued support of our church!

TO ORDER ALTAR FLOWERS: Call Connie Marohn at 862-7123 after you have signed up for your requested date in the Altar Flower Book in the Narthex. Please use an Altar Guild envelope located in the Narthex to place your check for \$25.00 for *each* Bouquet payable to St. James Lutheran Church Flowers and the wording you wish printed in the bulletin. Place the envelope into the offering plate or mail to 230 Second Ave., NY 11780. Envelopes must be received by Monday for the subsequent weekend

Peek at the Week

SUNDAY August 31

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

10am Worship/Children's Church

MONDAY September 1

1pm Piecemakers (Youth Room)

TUESDAY September 2

7:30pm Mom's Group (Upper Room)

WEDNESDAY September 3

7:45pm – 9pm Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY September 4

FRIDAY September 5

8am Morning Prayer (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY September 6

9am – 1pm Farmers Market (Big Parking Lot)

5:30pm Worship (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY September 7

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

10am Family Worship/First day of Sunday School/Church Picnic at Norway Hall after 10am service

St. James Lutheran Church

ADULT EVENTS

Fall 2025

THE CHOSEN:

Tuesdays

7:00 pm in the Parish Hall

Lessons from the life of Jesus!

Thursdays

10 am - 12:00 pm in the Youth Room

Lessons from the life of Jesus!

LUNCH AMONG FRIENDS (L.A.F.):

Wednesday, September 24th, October 22nd, November 19st

12:30 pm in the Parish Hall / \$10 per person

RSVP using the QR code on the events tab at stjlc.com or by
emailing: office@stjlc.com

Enjoy lunch, fellowship, fun with Pastor Neil and Carol!

LADIES NIGHT:

Ladies Night Out

7:30 pm in the Parish Hall

Friday, September 12th,

October 3rd, November 14th

EGGS, BACON, BIBLE:

Saturdays @ 8:00 am

Norway Hall

A Men's Group led by Pastor Neil.

St. James Lutheran Church

FAMILY EVENTS

Fall 2025

FOR MOMS:

Mom's Bible Study

7:30 pm @ the Church office
Every Tuesday!
*Discussion, friendship,
& prayer.*

Ladies Night Out

7:30 pm in the Parish Hall
Friday September 12th,
October 3rd, November 14th

FAMILY DINNER:

September 19th, October 17th, November 21st

6:00 - 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall / \$5 per person, \$20 family cap
Food & community time with other families!
Men's group starts immediately after!

FOR DADS:

Pints & Parables

7:30 pm • Pastor's Backyard
Friday's after Family Dinner!
Sept 19th, Oct 17th, Nov 21st

FAMILY CHURCH:

Sundays @ 10 am

Church Sanctuary
Sunday School during church
& Cafe afterwards.

RSVP for these events using the QR Code on the events tab at stjlc.com