



St. James Messenger

Gather ♦ Study ♦ Serve



This Week

Sunday, May 25:

9:15 Crossroads Service
Coffee Hour after church

Tuesday, May 27:

5:30 Church Picnic Planning
7:00 Council

Wednesday, May 28:

9:30 Text Study

Next Week

Sunday, June 1

9:15 Communion Service

Tuesday, June 3

7:00 VBS Committee meeting

Wednesday, June 4

9:30 Text Study

Birthdays:

5/25 – Glen Butler

5/26 – Brenda Wagner

5/27 – Kristen Rafter

5/30 – Debra DeVantier

5/31 – William Zobrist

ST. JAMES NEWS

Sunday, May 25, 2025

The **cemetery committee** would like to continue to add low maintenance trees and greenery to the landscape. If anyone would like to share their trees, pines or any of the following greens from their garden, it would be greatly appreciated. Please keep in mind, our limited maintenance and open, exposed, areas create a challenge to ensure all transplants are successful, but we will try our best.

Preferred plants: Lilacs, pine trees, large trees, ornamental grasses, sedum, hydrangea, arborvitae, decorative shrubs

Please feel free to contact Michelle Gibson 716-308-3875 or Maureen Milleville 716-465-3724 if you have questions.

Thank you for sharing your garden.

There will be a **VBS Committee Meeting** on **Tuesday, June 3rd** at 7pm in the Grey Room at St. James. New committee members are welcome to join as well as those who are looking to volunteer too! You don't have to volunteer the whole week and time available is welcomed! Please reach out to Samantha North (716) 345-2490 if you have any questions!

SAVE THE DATE! St. James, St. Peter's & Holy Ghost are joining forces again this summer for VBS which will be held on July 20th - July 24th. Stay tuned for more details!

~Church Picnic Announcement~

Our Annual Church Picnic will be held on **Sunday, August 10, 2025.**

We will be holding a planning meeting on **Tuesday, May 27** at 5:30pm in the Grey Room. If you are unable to attend but would still like to help out, please contact Lori Haseley or Wendy Reddy.

Thank you!

YouthWorks: This summer St. James will be hosting YouthWorks mission groups. YouthWorks provides Christ-centered mission opportunities to help empower every teenager to know God and be like Jesus in the ways they love and serve others. We will host a new group (about 55 kids, 15 adults) each week from June 8th through August 1st, providing lodging and use of our facilities throughout the summer. This will mean that some areas will have limited access at times for the group's safety and privacy. Although the group provides their own meals, if anyone (or group) would like to provide a meal for our guests, a sign-up sheet is on the table outside the meeting room. **Clean-up:** To help make room for the YouthWorks mission group we will be clearing out certain areas of our campus. If you can stay after the Worship Service & Coffee hour today to help with this task it is appreciated.

Serving in God's House in
May

Trustee:

May 25th – Brian Milleville

Readers:

May 25th – Kristen Rafter

Organists:

May 25th – Janet Galvano

Coffee Hour: Brian & Judy
DeVantier

June

Trustee:

June 1st – Justin DeVantier

June 8th – Bruce Milleville

June 15th – Brian DeVantier

June 22nd – Andrew North

June 29th – Dave Antonelli

Readers:

June 1st – Mary Burgio

June 8th – Margaret Wittmeyer

June 15th – Stephanie Camidge

June 22nd – Kristen Rafter

June 29th – Judy DeVantier

Organists:

June 1st – Jenn Parris

June 8th – Janet Galvano

June 15th – Jenn Parris

June 22nd – Janet Galvano

June 29th – Jenn Parris

Attendance: 05/25/25: 100

Online 05/25/25: 48



Online Giving- ChurchTrac

General:	\$17, 146	Year to Date: \$62,482	Budget: \$175,000
Benevolence:	\$1,265	Year to Date: \$6,341	Budget: \$17,000
Capital Improvements:	\$535	Year to Date: \$2,536	Budget: None

COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Andrew Lutheran Church is having their annual congregational and community picnic on Sunday, June 1st from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm on the church grounds 3229 Upper Mountain Road, Sanborn, NY. Food will consist of Chicken chowder sold in bulk and by the bowl, along with Hot Dogs, hamburgers, Italian Sausage, pies, ice cream, and drinks. There will also be a basket raffle with the drawing at 1:30 pm.

Strawberry Social Picnic Meal at St. Paul's Blossom on June 18th from 4-7 pm. Food selections are Sahlen's Hotdogs, Baked Beans, German Potato Salad, American Potato Salad, Sweet Corn, Pop, and Strawberry Shortcake. There will also be a Bake Sale. Dine in or Take Out at the church 360 Main St. Elma 14059. All proceeds will go towards our rebuilding project.

Drive Thru Convenience Meal, Wednesday, Wednesday June 4th. Hope United Methodist Church, 2914 Upper Mountain Rd, Sanborn, **Polish Sausage, Sauerkraut, rye bread & DESSERT \$4.00 each.** Pick up meals 4:00 to 5:30p Wednesday, June 4th. Please call Hope United Methodist Church 716-731-9737 to reserve your meals. **RESERVATION DEADLINE Sunday, June 1st, by 12:00p**

Spaghetti and Lasagna Dinner – June 7th from 4-7 pm. at Zion Lutheran Church 1010 Michigan Ave. Niagara Falls, NY. 14305. the Spaghetti Dinner is \$12 and includes: Salad Bar, Spaghetti & 2 Meatballs, DiCamillo's Italian Bread w/butter & dessert. The Lasagna Dinner is \$15 and includes: salad bar, DiCamillo's Italian Bread w/butter & dessert. Coffee and tea are included. Reservations can be made at 716-201-9828.

Lutheran Charities is excited to announce registration is OPEN for this year's Annual Golf Classic being held Monday, June 30th at Pendelton Creek Golf Club in North Tonawanda! Your registration fee of \$150 per golfer, will include exclusive use of the golf course, lunch, green and cart fees, 1 hour of open bar and a buffet dinner. Non-Golfing Guests are welcome for \$50 which will include 1-hour open bar and buffet dinner. Also, try your luck at various contests, raffles and more! Details and registration information can be found online at www.WNYLutheranCharities.org, or by contacting the office: info@wnylutherancharities.org or call (716) 632-2623. There is also a flyer with more information on the bulletin board in the hallway. They are also looking for donations for the basket auction.

Serving in God's House Today:

Trustee: Chris Schimschack

Reader: Cassie Stumpf

Organist: Janet Galvano

Coffee Hour: Brian & Judy DeVantier

Serving in God's House Next Sunday:

Trustee: Brian Milleville

Reader: Kristen Rafter

Organist: Jenn Parris