



St. James Messenger

Gather ♦ Study ♦ Serve



This Week

Sunday, January 18

8:00 Adult Sunday School
9:15 Service w/communion
10:30 Sunday School
10:45 Confirmation class

Tuesday, January 19

7 pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, January 20

9:30 Text Study

Thursday, January 21

6:30 Text Study
7:00 150th Anniversary Committee meeting

Next Week

Sunday, January 25

8:00 Adult Sunday School
9:15 Crossroad Service
10:30 Sunday School

10:45 Confirmation class

10:30 Coffee Hour

Tuesday, January 27

7 pm Church Council

Wednesday, January 28

9:30 Text Study

Thursday, January 29

6:30 Text Study

ST. JAMES NEWS

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Women's Bible Study – Tuesday, January 20, 7pm. we will begin a new study entitled “Genesis-Old Places, New Faces”. Please see Margie or call her at 731-3681 if you have any questions. New people are always welcome!

2026 Offering Envelopes and Contribution Statements are ready to be picked up. They are on the table in the hallway in front of the grey room.

150th Anniversary Committee Meeting Wednesday, January 21 @ 7PM in the Gray Room.

St James Annual Fellowship Meal

Save the date!!! You don't want to miss this event full of good old fashioned Faith, Fellowship and Fun! Join us on **Saturday February 7, 2026** Start time @ 5pm for Appetizers, Dinner @ 6pm. To purchase your tickets look for Bruce and Debbie Milleville outside the grey room every Sunday starting January 4th through January 25th, 2026.

Adult tickets \$10...Children (6-12) \$5... 5 yrs. and under Free. The main meal and beverages will be provided, we ask that you bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Don't forget to bring some games! If you became a new member in 2025 we would love for you to join us as our guests.

 **Snow:** Our winter weather season is upon us. Please see TV Channels 2 and 4 for any Church Closings as a result of poor weather conditions.

BIBLE IN A YEAR

Every year I am asked for a recommendation for some sort of “Bible in a year” reading plan. Last year we followed a chronological reading schedule. This year I am recommending something a little more technological. It will require loading an app on your smart phone or tablet. This is a free app without advertisements. Use the following steps to get started:

1. Scan the QR Code above to load the app on your device.
2. Once loaded and set-up, select “Plans”.
3. Under “Year-Long Bible Plans,” select “BibleProject / One Story That Leads to Jesus.”
4. Select “Start Plan”.

That's it. The plan includes daily readings and devotionals, as well as over 150 animated videos to bring the biblical books and themes to life that reveal the Bible as one unified story that leads to Jesus. I hope you will join me this year as we read through the Scriptures and grow ever closer to our Lord and Savior.

Online Giving- ChurchTrac



**Serving in God's House in
January**

Trustee: 01/18 – Bruce
Milleville
01/25 – Justin DeVantier

Readers:

01/18 - Joshua Haseley
01/25 - Kristen Rafter

Organists:

01/18 – Jenn Parris
01/25 – Janet Galvano

Greeters:

Bruce & Debbie Milleville

Attendance: 1/11/26 -114

Online 1/11/26 - 33

Birthdays

1/22 – Bruce Milleville

Choir & Bell Choir – There will be no Choir or Bell Choir practice for the month of January.

Our annual audit will be conducted on **Sunday 2/8/26** after church service in the meeting room across from the gray room. Please have your financial reports for 2025 ready at that time. Thank you.

Community Events

Laurie M. Bauch OTR/L - I am the volunteer coordinator of the Trinity Lutheran Church Respite Ministry. We meet twice a month to provide free respite for caregivers and support for those living with dementia. I am also a Positive Approach To Care (PAC) Trainer and Consultant. I am certified to offer PAC curriculum dementia care training to groups and individuals. In cooperation with Trinity Respite (Host) and a grant from Thrivent, I am offering a "Getting to Know Dementia Community Series" to develop awareness of dementia as people live in the community and ways we can support. This series is interactive using video, discussion and activities to support learning skills as well as information. Cost is a free will offering for this 3 session series. It will be held on 3 Saturdays-February 7,14,21 from 9am to 12:15 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church 67 Saxton St., Lockport, NY. To register: Contact Laurie Bauch, OTR/L @ Alongsidethee.com or call 716-946-4227. More info on the flyer on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Holy Ghost School Open House-January 20th 6:00-7:30. They have Preschool-8th Grade, Christian Values, Servant Leadership, Art, Music, & Athletics, and Rigorous Academics. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

St. Paul's Lutheran, in Wilson, NY, a sister congregation in the LCMC as of 2024, has lost their shepherd of 36 years. Pastor Ronald A. Haefer passed away on Sunday December 28th. Please keep the congregation in your prayers as they grieve this loss and as they prepare to seek a new pastor.

Update on Meredith Roberts – She and her family thank everyone for their prayers on her new liver journey. Praise God, she finally came home.

40 Days for Life vigil- Our Spring Vigil will take place beginning Ash Wednesday, February 18 through Palm Sunday, March 29. To date, 40 Days for Life has saved more than 26,000 known babies.

We need your help to get the message out so we can load the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood in North Tonawanda with prayer and fasting as well as intercession with aid. Please help us by bringing new people to the Casting the Vision event on January 29th at 7 pm at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, North Tonawanda. **RSVP to Kristen Jorg @ 231-286-8685**

Serving in God's House Today:

Trustee: Bruce Milleville

Reader: Joshua Haseley

Organist: Jenn Parris

Altar Care: Carolyn & Chipper

Greeters: Bruce & Debbie Milleville

Serving in God's House Next Sunday:

Trustee: Justin DeVantier

Reader: Kristen Rafter

Organist: Janet Galvano

Greeters: Bruce & Debbie Milleville

Coffee Hour - Bruce & Debbie Milleville