**St. James Messenger**

**Gather ⬨ Study ⬨ Serve**

**Sunday, January 21, 2024**

**This Week**

**Serving in God’s House Today:**

Trustee: Bruce Milleville

Reader: Danielle Nemi

Organist: Jennifer Parris

Altar Care: Carolyn and Marshal Chapin

Communion Assistant: MaryAnn Kowalski

**Sunday, January 21:**

8:00 Adult Sunday School

9:15 Communion

10:30 Children’s Sunday School

10:45 Catechism

**Tuesday, January 23:**

7:00 pm Council

**Wednesday, January 24:**

9:30 am Text Study

**Thursday, January 25:**

6:00 pm Bell Choir

6:30 pm Text Study

7:30 pm Choir

**Friday, January 26:**

8:30-10:30, 3-5 Office Hours

**Next Week**

**Serving in God’s House Next Sunday:**

Trustee: Brian DeVantier

Reader: Kristen Rafter

Organist: Janet Galvano

Altar Care: Carolyn and Marshal Chapin

**Sunday, January 28:**

8:00 Adult Sunday School

9:15 Contemporary Worship

10:30 Children’s Sunday School

10:45 Catechism

**Tuesday, January 30:**

**Wednesday, January 31:**

9:30 am Text Study

**Thursday, February 1:**

6:00 pm Bell Choir

6:30 pm Text Study

7:30 pm Choir

**Friday, February 2:**

8:30-10:30, 3-5 Office Hours

***ST. JAMES NEWS***

**Communion Class -** If your child is in grades 4-6 and you feel they are ready to participate in the Lord's Supper, Pastor will be holding Communion Classes on Saturdays from February 24th through March 16th from 10am-12pm. Parents are encouraged to sit in on the classes. A sign-up sheet is on the table outside the meeting room. Last day to sign-up is Sunday February 4th.

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| **Finance Committee** **End of Year 2023 Budget Summary** |
| **Fund** | **Receipts/Contributions** | **Budget** |
|   |   | Approved Budget for 2023 |
|   | December  | Year To Date |
| General | $34,173 |    $193,331 | $172,000.00  |
| Benevolence | $1,475 | $18,251 | $15,000.00 |
| Capital Improvement | $3,095 | $14,520 |       None |

**2023 St. James Annual Report** - Anyone who needs to submit a report, please do so as soon as possible. Financial reports will be audited after service on January 28.

**2024 Offering envelopes** are on the table by the gray room, ready to be picked up. Please note that this year there are no designated special fund envelopes in the front of your box. Instead, there is an additional line marked “OTHER” on your weekly envelopes if you wish to contribute to a particular fund. Please mark accordingly if so desired. Here is a list of “Special Funds” most used: Caring friends, Endowment fund, Local Hunger, Lutheran Charities, Memorial fund, Niagara Gospel Rescue Mission, Niagara Lutheran Health Systems, and Young Life. See Donna Driess with questions.

**2023 Individual Contribution Reports** are on the table in the gray room entrance. Please pick yours up at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

**Save the Date: Fellowship Meal** We are looking at Saturday, February 3rd for a simply delicious meal and fun and fellowship!! Tickets are on sale now. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Details: 5:00 Appetizers, 6:00 Dinner, Adults- $10.00, Child- 6-12 - $5.00, 5 years and under-free.

***COMMUNITY NEWS***

**Holy Ghost Lutheran School** will host an Open House on Tuesday, January 23 from 6:00-7:30 pm for pre-school through grade 8.