

Growing in Relationship with our...

NEIGHBORHOOD

outreach@stjameslutheran.org

Sewing Group

Thursdays, Jan 8 & Feb 5 @ 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Join a group of faithful crafters who make teddy bears and quilts for children in need for our community partner organizations. Bring a lunch!

ProjectFRESH

Help provide fresh produce to local food pantries. This season, we're focusing on **CITRUS + the staples** (apples, onions & potatoes). Bring on Sundays or swing by the **Drive-Thru Drop Off** dates on Saturday, January 17 & February 21 from 10:00 am - Noon.

"Pack the Place" for COOL Ministries

Wednesday, January 21 @ 5:00-9:00 pm

Come to dinner at **Tangled Roots** Craft Beer & Kitchen in Vernon Hills and 10% of the proceeds go to the COOL Food Pantry.

FOR THE KIDS

Pajama Night

Saturday, January 10 & Friday, February 13 @ 5:00-8:00 pm

Pre-K through 6th graders, come in your pajamas for a night of fun while parents get an evening to themselves! We'll make pizza and bake some cookies, then pile up in blankets for a movie.

RSVP: mackenzie@stjameslutheran.org

Sunday School

Sundays at 9:15 am

Pre-K through 6th graders are invited to nurture their spiritual growth each Sunday morning. Lessons follow the weekly lectionary providing continuity to the Worship service, opening doors for family discussion. Children join their parents for Worship and Communion.

Note: Sunday School resumes on Sun, Jan 11.

Register Now for the second semester



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WINTER 2026

JANUARY THROUGH MID-FEBRUARY

**Growing in Relationships
this season**



ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH
LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy New Year and a blessed season after Epiphany to all. The light of Christ has come into the world, shining and calling all nations to "come, let us adore him." As the holiday bustle fades, we enter a new year with gratitude for the blessings God brings in Jesus' name and for the quiet joys of this season between seasons.

During this time, communion classes will be offered for those wishing to learn more, especially for children seeking a deeper understanding of God's grace in the holy supper. We also conclude our financial year and look ahead together at the Annual Congregational Financial Meeting following worship on January 25, 2026.

This pause before Lent invites reflection: **What is your heart craving now?** Perhaps it is deeper connection, with small groups beginning in January. Perhaps it is serving the church during the winter months, or supporting neighbors through ProjectFresh with your time, talents, or resources. Beyond resolutions, take time to pray about how God is calling you into deeper relationship within our church community.

Many blessings on this New Year and thank you for being church together,



Join us each Sunday for Worship at 10:00 am

Staffed nursery available at 9:00 am

Adult Sunday School, 9:00 am

Children's Sunday School, 9:15 am

Sunday School resumes on January 11, 2026

FAITH MILESTONES

New Member Welcome Class

Sunday, Feb 1 after Worship

We will be welcoming new members during Worship on Sunday, February 15 at 10:00 AM.

Communion Celebration Classes

Dates and Times - TBD

Please contact office@stjameslutheran.org if interested.

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JESUS

discipleship@stjameslutheran.org

Prayer Group

Saturdays, Jan 10 & Feb 14 @ 9:00 AM

St. James Singers

Sundays, Jan 25 & Feb 22

All singers are welcome to join on the fourth Sunday of the month. Rehearsals are the third and fourth Sundays before Worship.

Small Groups

Finding God in the Garden

In-Person: Weds at 7:00 pm at St. James. Jan 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb 4, 11

Virtual: Tues at 7:00 pm via Zoom, Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb 3, 10

Books available for \$20.

"The Chosen" Watch & Study

Watch an episode and discuss. Dates & Times to come. If interested, please email mackenzie@stjameslutheran.org

Adult Study

Meets each Tues morning at 10:30 am at St. James

Growing in Relationship within the... CONGREGATION

connect@stjameslutheran.org

Family Game Night

Saturday, Jan 31 @ 5:00-7:00 PM

Watch for signups

Winter Work Day

Saturday, Feb 21 between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm

Join us at church for various work projects around the building and property.

Annual Financial Meeting

Sun, Jan 25 after Worship