

*Happy New Year! And a blessed Epiphany Sunday and season!  
We have come to worship the King, just as the wise men did so long ago. Welcome.*

## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP THIS WEEK

**Preacher/Liturgist:** Rev. David French

**Elder:** Mark Bowman

**Organist:** Randy Strakis

**Ushers:** Sat. 6:00-Dick & Cathy Collison;  
Sun. 8:00-Jeff Woolard, Chuck Music, Gerry Beck,  
Todd Meyer; Sun. 10:30-Dave & Nancy Sattler,  
Jeff & Noli Freel

**Greeters:** Sat.-Ed & Rosie Swanson;  
Sun. 8:00-Christa Pazera, Sophia Pazera;  
Sun. 10:30-Richard & Beth Lancaster

**Acolytes:** Sun. 8:00-Aeryn Ford, William Crum,  
Samantha Ford, Tyce Parker; Sun. 10:30-Brendan  
Hamer, Kiersten Guyer, Parker Rosi, Matthew  
Minjarez

*Lord Jesus, the Magi brought you precious gifts. Help me also give you my very best — always.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** David Ancil, Katherine Bickett, Kathy Bishop, Tommy Blake, Hal Bodkin, Tom Burkhardt, Jean Carr, Brent Dunlap, John Fulton, Carol Gray, Cindy Howard, Adam Hubner, Diana Koger, Judy Marks, Scott Meyer, Walter Miller, Steve Neff, Kim Nelson, Bob Nixon, Kurt Ostrander, Dan Schroeder, Connie Talbott, Rod Tietz, Steve Ulrich, Millie von Stein, & Ryan Woolard

**BAPTISMS:** We welcome Cory Joseph Caylor and Kenneth Gilbert Hawk into God's kingdom and our congregation through Holy Baptism. We rejoice at Cory and Kenneth's new birth through water and the Word.

**CONFIRMATIONS:** Congratulations to Cory Caylor, Jenny Caylor, Ken Hawk, and Rachel MacKinnon who are being confirmed at the 10:30 a.m. service this Sunday.

**DEATHS:** Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the following:

- ✠ Jean Johnson, grandmother of Rachel MacKinnon, who was called home on Sunday, Dec. 23
- ✠ Benjamin Heckert, uncle of Pastor Heckert, who was called home on Tuesday, January 1
- ✠ Irma Scheiwe, mother of Tammy Buess, who was called home on Wednesday, January 2

Please keep them in your prayers as they mourn their loss.

## ✠ ALTAR FLOWERS ✠

The altar flowers today are sponsored by Anda Schaaf in loving memory of Bob Schaaf's January 4 birthday. If you would like to sponsor flowers to commemorate a special day in your life, please sign up today -- the flower chart is on the closet door in the church office (near Nola's desk), or just call or e-mail the office for the date(s) you want. *We are currently seeking sponsors for the January weekends.* The cost of sponsorship is \$30 and you can take the flowers home after services to enjoy!

## ♥ NURSERY ♥

Have a little one crying or needing a diaper changed? We want you to know that the nursery/cry room is always open for your use during worship services. There is a television in the room so that you won't miss out on anything happening in the sanctuary. The nursery/cry room is P204 (yellow classroom).

## ☺ FELLOWSHIP TIME ☺

Everyone is invited to enjoy the fellowship and some light refreshments in the cafeteria immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Sunday service. **Many thanks to Karin Crum and Joy Plassard for providing the baked goods today.**

To help with our Sunday morning fellowship at St. James, we encourage families to bring in breakfast food to share with our congregation. This will allow church and school families to give back to their church family by sharing some tasty breakfast foods. Each week we will gather sponsor families to bring in food for the Sunday school hour. St. James has typically purchased between 6-9 dozen donuts each Sunday for this time. So instead of St. James purchasing the donuts, each family can sign up to bring in coffee cake, sweet rolls, fruit, bagels, etc. **Please make sure your donation is in the cafeteria before the 8:00 a.m. service each week** (food items may be dropped off in the cafeteria after school on Friday or during Saturday evening service). Please label the food items for Sunday morning fellowship.

Questions/Answers:

1. Do the foods have to be homemade? No, you are welcome to bring in homemade food, but you are also welcome to bring in purchased food.
2. Can an organization within St. James sponsor a week? Yes, we are strongly encouraging organizations, classes, etc. to support a week.
3. What if we don't get a sponsor for a week? Then we will order extra donuts for that week.
4. Will coffee and juice continue to be provided during this time? Yes, the normal coffee and juice will continue to be provided by St. James. The sponsors are just providing the food.

We are continuing the trial run of this donut hour supplement through the end of this year. Please sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094aa5af2aa7f49-sunday> if you want to help keep this going.

## ✝ SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES (9:15-10:15 A.M.) ✝

**LOST BOOKS?** led by Mark Bowman in the cafeteria. Ever wondered if some texts were intentionally excluded from the Bible and why? In *Lost Books?* the Men's NetWork looks at why some ancient writings failed to make the cut for inclusion, why other texts most definitely met the standard, and why others, including those "gospels" found in the last century, came up short.

**A DEEPER LOOK** moderated by Grace Gillespie in Room P202 (green classroom). This group discusses the Bible lessons (pericopes) which are read in church each Sunday. You are invited every Sunday, but will not be lost if you miss a Sunday. This is a casual class with lots of interaction. We pray for each other and care for each other. Join us today and every Sunday.

## ✂ SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:15-10:15 A.M.) ✂

Every week, we will meet in the sanctuary for the opening of Sunday school. The classes will then proceed to the following rooms:

- 2 Yr. Olds - Preschool: Yellow Classroom
- K - 2nd Grade (Lower Elementary): Orange Classroom
- 3rd - 5th Grade (Upper Elementary): Red Classroom
- 6th - 8th Grade: Church Office Conference Room
- High School: Church Office Work Room

**What are the 2 year olds - 5th graders learning about?** Starting with Genesis, we will work through the Bible in three years through major Bible stories from the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Acts. Students will learn and grow in faith alongside their peers as they explore the Bible, draw connections to the Small Catechism, and learn the traditions of the Lutheran Church. If you have questions about the Sunday school program, contact Rebecca Rowan at [rowanrm@gmail.com](mailto:rowanrm@gmail.com) or (423) 322-7326.

**What are the 6th - 8th graders learning about?** Led by Bill & Karin Crum each week, the class will aid students in their preparation for confirmation. The class has allowed for incredible discussion and participation by all who attend. The students WILL be in Scripture and the Catechism at EVERY meeting. The program we are using can be found at <https://steadfastlutherans.org/parish/lambsatpasture>. Ask to see your child's work after class!

## 📖 WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES 📖

**COFFEE CLUB** led by Pastor French on **Thursdays 7:00-7:45 a.m.** in the church conference room.

**THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY** led by Pastor Heckert on **Thursdays 7:00-8:30 p.m.** in the conference room. We are (a bit belatedly) back in action! Join us every Thursday night as we resume our study of Genesis! Come for the discussion and strengthening of your faith, but stay for the off-topic jocularly and Hebrew vocabulary lessons! See you there!

**MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST** led by Doug Schroeder on **Fridays 6:00-7:00 a.m.** at the Downtowner Restaurant. You can come for coffee or breakfast at 6:00 a.m. or just for the Bible study on the Scripture lessons for the coming Sunday which begins about 6:25 a.m.

## ⚙ TV & RADIO MINISTRIES ⚙

**ISSUES, ETC.:** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. You can listen live or on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

**LUTHERAN RADIO STATION - KFUE:** Listen to Worldwide KFUE.org, your radio station for practical Lutheran talk, daily Bible and Confession studies, current issues from a Lutheran worldview, and daily worship opportunities. All programs are archived at KFUE.org for 24/7 on-demand listening. You can also find our programming wherever you get your podcasts! Have a question or comment? Find us at @KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Call (800) 730-2727 or e-mail [letstalk@kfue.org](mailto:letstalk@kfue.org) to join the conversation on "Let's Talk!"

**LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO:** Music of the Church anytime at [www.LutheranPublicRadio.org](http://www.LutheranPublicRadio.org).

**WORSHIP ANEW:** This 30 minute Lutheran television worship service includes the readings for the day, prayers, and a Lutheran pastor delivering a message that is one-on-one to the viewer. *Worship Anew* is aired each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. on WHMB-TV40. Visit [www.WorshipAnew.org](http://www.WorshipAnew.org) for more information about this exciting program!

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** “The Word Turned Toward” by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on January 6. People use their words to build bonds of trust with people they love. In Jesus, God does the same - He turns His Word toward us (John 1:1-18). *The Lutheran Hour* is heard every week in our listening area at 7:00 a.m. on station 720 AM, at 7:30 a.m. on 97.3 FM, at 9:04 a.m. on 107.7 FM, or at 10:00 a.m. on 97.3 FM. Have questions? Contact our LHM ambassador at St. James - Jerry Ripke at (765) 490-5254 or [jerryripke@gmail.com](mailto:jerryripke@gmail.com).

◇ GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ◇

**8TH GRADE JR. CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING:** Join Pastor French on **Sunday, January 6** in the fellowship hall from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. to go over details about your child’s quickly approaching examination and confirmation. Questions will be answered and responsibilities assigned as we prepare for this day of celebration in the spiritual life of your child.

**NEW BIBLE STUDIES COMING SOON:**

- *The Spirituality of the Cross* - this adult Bible study led by Pastor French will begin on **Sunday, January 13** from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall. To take part in this study you will need to purchase the \$15 book, *The Spirituality of the Cross*, written by Gene Veith, either on your own or by signing up in the west lobby by January 7 and Nola will order a copy for you. This book explains a Christian tradition that is rich, historic, and particularly relevant today. Yet hardly anyone outside of “Lutheran” circles—and sometimes not even within them—is aware of it. But in a time when Christianity has become confused with moralism, politics, and what Martin Luther called the spirituality of glory, the spirituality of the cross comes as a liberating, paradigm-shifting alternative. Please call Pastor French (765) 423-1616 with any questions you may have.
- The Women’s Monday Night Bible Study will begin on **Monday, January 14** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the conference room for a 9-week LifeLight study of Revelation. While the events of the present for the reader at times seem overwhelming, the visions experienced by the one who records the material go above and beyond the present and take into account all of history and show that God is in control of history. Please call Barbara Kirkpatrick at (765) 474-3715 for more information and to register. The deadline for ordering study guides is January 7.
- The Women’s Tuesday Morning Bible Study will begin on **Tuesday, January 15** from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall with the second 9-week LifeLight study of Luke. Blessings for the reader as you study Luke’s carefully researched account of Jesus’s life. Consider yourself on a journey with Luke to learn more about Jesus of Nazareth, whose body crucified for the forgiveness of our sins becomes the temple of the living God. Please call Jan Harris at (765) 448-9022 for more information and to register.

**POINSETTIA SPONSORS:** Thank you to everyone who sponsored a poinsettia for Christmas. The sanctuary looked even more beautiful with them. Please feel free to take your poinsettia(s) home today. They are sitting along the back wall of the cafeteria.

**HELP WANTED:** St. James is seeking a **snow blower operator** - must be available to clear the sidewalks and steps of the church and school buildings before 7:00 a.m. on snow days (and some evenings when necessary). Please contact Daphne Prather at 423-1616 with questions. Employment applications are available in the church office.

**YOU'RE MORE THAN A NUMBER AT ST. JAMES:** Have you noticed that your offering envelope number sometimes changes? Don't worry, because that will happen from time to time. The most important thing is that your NAME is on any donations you give to the church or school. Are you currently not receiving quarterly offering envelopes, but wish to start? No problem! Just send me an e-mail at [nhecht@stjameslaf.org](mailto:nhecht@stjameslaf.org) to let me know. Also of note, I'm e-mailing the 2018 giving statements to as many people as possible this year to reduce printing and postage expenses. Does the church office have your current personal e-mail address on file? (Statements will not be sent to work e-mail addresses.) Please send me an e-mail to be SURE. Thank you! ~ *Nola Hecht (Church Secretary)*

**HAND TOWELS AND DISHRAGS NEEDED:** Do you have any old hand towels or dishrags you no longer want? We'd love to have them! They make great dust rags. Donations will be gratefully accepted in the church office.

**“COMFORT, COMFORT MY PEOPLE, SAYS YOUR GOD” (ISAIAH 40:1):** Is there someone in your life who has a need to be comforted? Is there someone you can share a joy with? You are invited to choose a card (or more) to share with anyone who would welcome a friendly note. Free cards are located on the counter in the west lobby.

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR:** *Life Thoughts* are designed to help pastors and congregations see the church year through the lens of the sanctity of human life; they are based on the appointed readings from *Lutheran Service Book*. **January 6** – The Heavenly Father welcomed outsiders into His household at Christmas (Matthew 2:1, 11). He even escorted them toward His nativity and incarnation by an extraordinary gesture. His loving grace held the magi as precious as His own Son, regardless of their origin and location. God's favor shines the same way upon unborn ones, even in their sometimes unfavorable circumstances. And His forgiveness embraces all sinners—even those with histories checkered by violence against life.

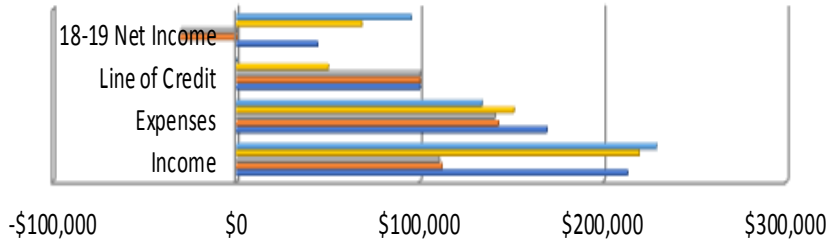
**“LIFE QUOTES” FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE ([www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)):** “For Christians, then, ‘too many people’ is impossible. Each additional person affords another opportunity to love and give in the way that brings God Himself the highest joys. And in the neediness of every neighbor more, we encounter and embrace Christ Jesus (Matthew 25:40).” *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life*

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Matt. 2:11** – “**And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.**” Worship and the giving of gifts go together. This makes sense because God is the great Giver of every good gift, and we worship Him and desire to grow into His image. We receive His gifts in worship and then, being conformed to the likeness of His image, we imitate His generosity.

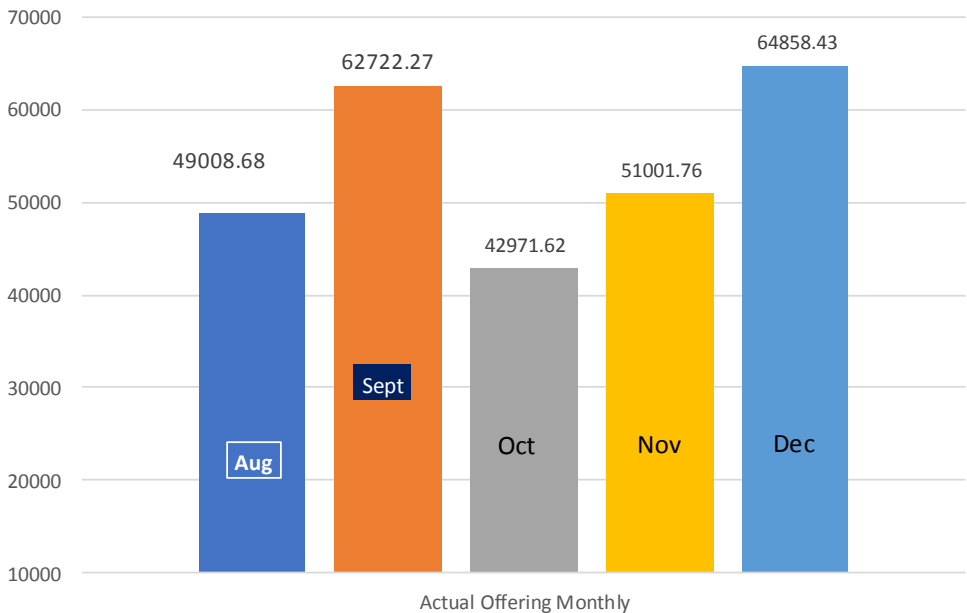
**\$ FINANCIAL NEWS FROM MINDY SCHLOTMAN \$**

**WEEKLY OFFERING:** 12/03/18 - 12/09/18: \$12,494.62      12/10/18 - 12/16/18: \$10,976.50  
 12/17/18 - 12/23/18: \$10,114.00      12/24/18 - 12/30/18: \$13,252.00

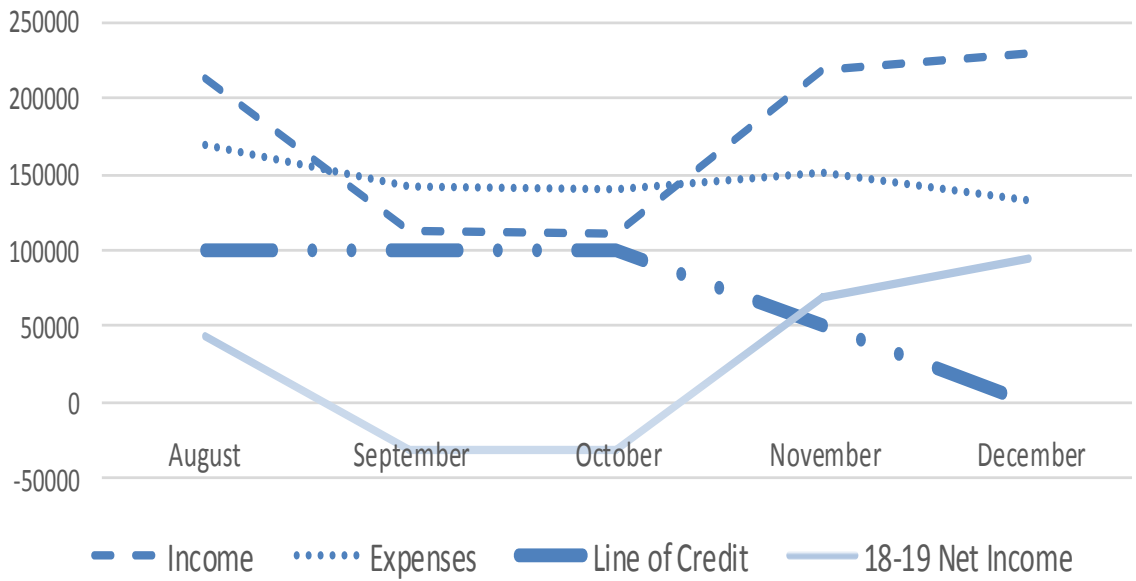
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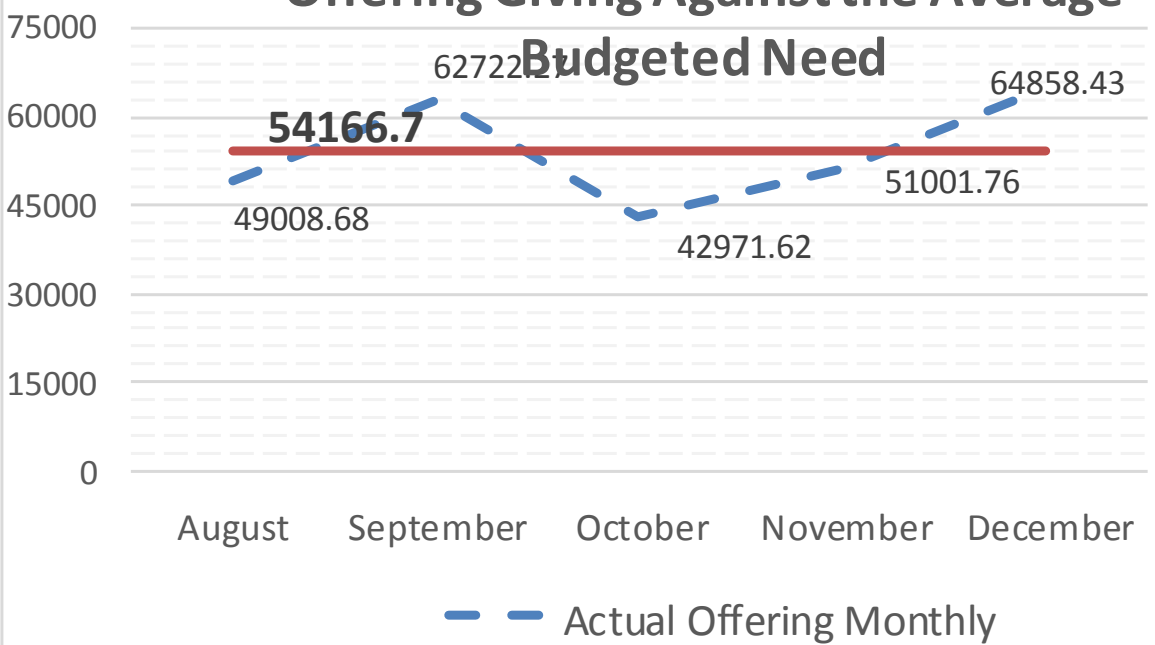
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October	110510.66	141005.96	100000	-30495.3
September	111958.45	142732.77	100000	-30774.32
August	213219.3	169157.5	100000	44061.8



## 12 Month Profit & Loss - Church and School



## Offering Giving Against the Average Budgeted Need





- 6 - David McClannen
- 7 - Grayson Northington, Jonathan Strakis
- 8 - Joyce Dost, Beverly Larson
- 9 - Cruze Guyer
- 10 - Bob Klaiber, Ruth Lerch
- 11 - Tammy Buess
- 12 - Connie Petzing, Sara Ripke, Ronda Troemel,  
Katherine Wilcox



8 - Todd & Angela Brewer (19 years)



Todd Brewer, Lauren Knowles, Ken Lah,  
Deb McDole, Lana Theesfeld

*Please take a moment to sign the Record of Fellowship pad today.  
The birthday, anniversary, and baptismal birthday lists are generated from those records.  
Bless you as you celebrate!*

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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|-----------|---------------------|---|
| Sun. 1/6  | 08:00 AM - 09:00 AM | Worship (C)   |
|           | 09:15 AM - 10:15 AM | Adult Education/Sunday School, 8th Grade Jr. Confirmation<br>Parent Meeting |
|           | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM | Worship   |
| Mon. 1/7  |                     | <i>No Scheduled Events</i>  |
| Tue. 1/8  |                     | <i>No Scheduled Events</i>  |
| Wed. 1/9  | 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM | 7th & 8th Grade (Public School) Confirmation Classes                        |
| Thu. 1/10 | 07:00 AM - 07:45 AM | Coffee Club   |
|           | 05:30 PM - 06:30 PM | Bell Choir Rehearsal  |
|           | 06:30 PM - 07:30 PM | Adult Choir Rehearsal   |
|           | 07:00 PM - 08:30 PM | Thursday Night Bible Study  |
| Fri. 1/11 | 06:00 AM - 07:00 AM | Men's Bible Breakfast   |
| Sat. 1/12 | 06:00 PM - 07:00 PM | Worship   |



## PORK FOR PARKERS

Pre-order your meal NOW!



A meal will consist of

- 1 Slab of Ribs
- 8 oz. Potato Salad
- 8 oz. Baked Beans

\$20.00 per meal

## What is this about?

Tina Parker and her children had a fire in their home at Thanksgiving time. Unfortunately they lost almost everything. As her St. James family, we would like to help them during this difficult time.

Thrivent Financial is sponsoring an Action Team with Teresa Dukes-Flint as the leader.

**Chris Northington will be preparing pork ribs in January 2019. The date of delivery will be determined soon. Possible dates include the latter part of January or just before Super Bowl Sunday. He is able to prepare no more than 40 dinners (for take out), so you will want to pre-order yours right away. (If you have ever tasted Chris's smoked pork, then you know what a great cook he is!)**

To place your order, please complete the form below and include your \$20 for each meal.

This offer is only available while supplies last.

Please turn in your order **no later than January 10, 2019** to Nola Hecht in the church office.

(St. James Lutheran Church, Attn: Nola Hecht, 800 Cincinnati Street, Lafayette, IN 47901)



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ # of Meals \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**All proceeds from this sale will be given to the Parker family.**

**For more information, contact Teresa Dukes-Flint at [tdukes90@comcast.net](mailto:tdukes90@comcast.net) or Mary Prill at [meprill@comcast.net](mailto:meprill@comcast.net).**