

## Emphases of our Teams and Committees

The ministry of St. James is diverse and works best when many people strive together to achieve the goal of growing in faith and serving in love. Many of the activities of the congregation are carried out by teams and committees working together.

### Worship

*We center our life together in worship.*

*Some of the ways we do this are:*

**Worship Planning Team**– Creatively plans for the many aspects of worship

**Altar Preparation Team**- Prepares the altar and chancel area for worship.

**Visual Arts Team**– Seasonally displays art works in gallery

**Music Ministry**– includes the Adult Choir and individuals who provide music for worship

### Missions

*We serve others in love.*

*Some of the ways we do this are:*

**Global Missions** - through the ELCA such as missionary support.

**Local Mission**– such as Habitat for Humanity, Adopt-a-Highway, Meals on Wheels, etc.

**Hunger Concerns**– Local food pantry, Rescue mission, CROP Walk, etc.

**African Ministry Team**– Works together in ministry with refugees from Africa.

### Education

*We learn about our faith.*

*Some of the ways we do this are:*

**Youth and Children Ministry**- Plans Sunday School, VBS, family events, etc.

**Adult Education Team** - Plans Adult Forum on Sunday mornings and small study groups during the year.

**Confirmation Ministry** - Empowers a young person to live an active life of faith as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

### Resources

*We use the gifts God gives us to strengthen ministry*

*Some of the ways we do this are:*

**Property Team**- Maintains the building and property

**Finance/Stewardship Team**- Advises the congregation concerning our financial resources.

**Endowment Fund Committee**- Manages the Endowment fund

**Memorial Committee**- Oversees Memorial gifts and requests

### Hospitality and Caring

*We care for each other and for the world.*

*Some of the ways we do this are:*

**Welcoming Team**– Assists with invitation, hospitality, Sunday fellowship, and public promotion of our ministry

**Fellowship Team**- Plans and carries out friendship events within our church and into the community.

**Wellness & Caring Team**- Works to improve physical and spiritual health for our members by visits, cards, etc.

**Home Communion Team**- Distributes Holy Communion to our members who are homebound.

### Additional Ministries at St. James

*We strive to build relationships.*

*Some of the ways we do this are:*

**Congregational Council** – Oversees the mission of the congregation and conducts the necessary business.

**Women of St. James** – Numerous women's groups work together to grow in faith and service

**Mutual Ministry Team** – Provides support for the pastor.

**Personnel Committee** – Provides support and evaluation of our staff.

**Cub Scout Pack** – We sponsor Scout Pack #250