

News From Our Members

HOSPITAL NEWS

Hospitalizations or surgeries of members of St. James since the last Journal... Margaret Christensen, Ed Meyer, Irene Ward and Walter Ward.

Please notify the church office whenever a member of St. James is hospitalized. Also, please call if anyone has been inadvertently omitted in the above list.

WHEN THERE IS ILLNESS IN YOUR FAMILY please notify the church office or one of the pastors. Also, a periodic update on their health is appreciated. We want to pray for those who are facing health issues.

Congratulations!

Jason and Emily Snyder on the birth of a son, Jonathan James. Jonathan was born on October 25. He was 9.4 lbs and 21 inches long.

SOMETHING SPECIAL...

- Congratulations to Hunter Dingman, Zach Hendrickson, Nathaniel Janssen, and Brady Tilkes for winning a basketball tournament November 21st in Waverly. This is the second consecutive year they have won this tournament.
- Congratulations to Verlyn Gourley who was recently named Marine of the Year, 2010, by the North Iowa Marine Corps League.
- Congratulations to Chuck Harris whose 80th birthday was celebrated on November 27.



OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to:

- Verna Anderson and family on the death of her husband, Glenn "Bud" Anderson. He died on November 10 in Mason City, IA. The funeral was at St. James on November 13.
- The family of Vergie Havig who died on November 3. The funeral was at St. James on November 8.
- The family of Karen Lien who died on November 15. The funeral was at St. James on November 18.
- Sylvia Pahl on the death of her sister-in-law Bonnie Biggs. Bonnie died on November 2, at the Nora Springs Nursing Home. The funeral was held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Charles City.
- Sandie and Arlyn Pals on the death of Sandie's brother Tom Stricker. Tom died on November 23. The funeral was at Holy Family on November 29.
- Martha Shahan and Sara Kral & family on the death of Martha's sister Vicky Bowman-Hall. Vicky was the victim of the convenience store shooting in Algona on November 15. The funeral was held on November 22.
- Sandy Theede on the death of her mother, Evelyn Knickerbocker. Evelyn died on October 26. The funeral was on October 29.

When there is a death of a family member, please call the church office so that we may make a note of it in an upcoming Journal. Also please call the church office if a name has been inadvertently omitted.

TO BETTER ACQUAINT YOU WITH OUR NEW MEMBER...

Mikayla Ahrens

106 West River St.

Mikayla joined St. James on September 19. She enjoys singing, playing clarinet and bass guitar. She also enjoys playing volleyball, softball and running track. She is in the National Honor Society. She was baptized at Rock Falls Methodist Church. She enjoys St. James very much.

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POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias are requested to beautify the sanctuary.

Poinsettias may be ordered through the church office for \$9.00 each.

Orders with payment need to be turned in by Sunday, December 19.

I would like to provide _____ (quantity) poinsettia(s)

My/Our Name _____

To be place in honor of _____

To be place in memory of _____

Attached is \$ _____ (\$9.00 each)



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BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP:

A support group for all breast cancer patients (including spouses and/or support persons) will be held the first Sunday of each month at 4:00 PM here at St. James. For the month of December the group will meet in the Friendship Room. Please bring a dozen decorated cookies for a cookie exchange.



For questions, please contact Millie at 424-3360 or Kathy at 424-4997

SCRIPTURE READERS

If you are unable to read on the scheduled Sunday please call someone else and exchange with them. If a change is made, please call the church office.

	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	10:45 AM
December 5	George Arduser	Donna Kellogg	Kathy Nelson
December 12	Donna Martin	Linda Watt	Ernest Thompson
December 19	Suzan Larson	Becky Miller	
December 26	Lou Cira		

ST. PAUL OFFERING "PRESENT TO PARENTS" FREE CHILD CARE EVENT

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 329 East State Street, Mason City is offering parents in the community the 'present' of free childcare on Saturday, December 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Childcare volunteers will provide crafts, stories, songs, and games for children ages 3-12 as well as a morning snack and light lunch. Pre-registration is requested; space is limited to 25. For more information, or to register, the church office at 423-7749 or Cindy Dahl at 420-2889, or download the registration form from the St. Paul website stpaulmc.com.

BE WATCHING FOR INFORMATION

regarding the new Smile Ministry at St. James!



FULL COLOR 2011 CALENDARS are now available. The beautiful calendars feature Bible verses and scenic photos. The calendars, which sell for \$6, are on a table near the choir room.

CANCELLATIONS: If school is **CANCELLED** or there is an early release because of inclement weather, **ALL** St. James Youth Programs (including confirmation) will also be cancelled. Java with Jesus will not meet if there is a late start because of inclement weather. All cancellations and postponements will also be announced through the St. James Facebook page.

St. James,

FANTASTIC blood drive St. James! We registered 11 donors and collected 10 units of blood. We also had one first time donor. Thank you for introducing them to blood donation. With the 10 units we collected the lives of up to 30 hospital patients can be saved.

Thank you again for hosting us and helping us save lives. I look forward to working with you again.

~The Blood Center

THE STEWARDSHIP BOARD would like to say a big THANK YOU to the route leaders and the congregation for making this year's Pony Express Stewardship Drive a success. We feel very pleased with the results of the campaign.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Saturday, December 18, 2010

9:00 AM—11:00 AM

Sunday, December 19, 2010

Between Services

St. James Lutheran Church


Cookie & Candy Walk \$3.00 per pound

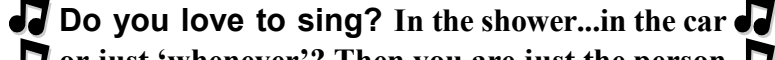
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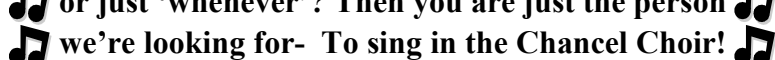
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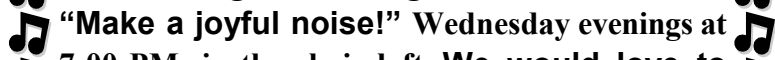
**Come and take your picture with Santa
(Saturday Only)**









Do you love to sing? In the shower...in the car


or just 'whenever'? Then you are just the person


we're looking for- To sing in the Chancel Choir!


"Make a joyful noise!" Wednesday evenings at


7:00 PM in the choir loft. We would love to


have you!

SPECIAL MUSIC IN DECEMBER...Do you

 have family members home for the holidays who

 would be interested in doing special music at

 Christmas or anytime in December?

 If so, call Cynthia Tompkins, 423-1903 or

 e-mail garnitures@hotmail.com



THRIVENT "CHOICE DOLLARS" can be directed to

 St. James. If you have Thrivent Insurance and have re-

 ceived a letter from Thrivent about Choice Dollars, you're

 encouraged to ask Thrivent to direct those dollars to St.

 James. You can do so by calling 1-800-847-4836. If you

 received a letter, but it has been misplaced, call Thrivent to

 request the Choice Dollars information you need. If you

 have any questions on this program, ask Sue Ollman or Pas-

 tor Paul

THE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

are from 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Monday thru Friday.

JANUARY'S JOURNAL deadline is
Monday, December 20th, by 1:00 PM.

BULLETIN ARTICLES
are due on Thursday by 10:00 AM every week.

WELCA

Prayer Shawl

Our Prayer Shawl ministry at St. James has exceeded all we hoped for. Since its start 15 months ago, 55 shawls have been given out. They are "a hug from God" to comfort or help celebrate a special occasion. Sickness, loss of loved one, new baby, loss of home in a fire, or surgery are a few of the reasons that individuals have written in our Prayer journal when they've taken a shawl. Anyone can take a shawl, for any reason and for anyone needing "a hug".

Our group meets monthly to crochet or knit together and pray over finished shawls. All are welcome to join us. We have participants who can teach others how to knit or crochet. You don't have to be extremely talented, in fact, it took me 14 months to finish my first shawl. Check out the table in the narthex or better yet, come to our next Prayer Shawl gathering in January.

Gals, who have been coming: Why don't you join us at the WELCA Christmas dinner since we aren't meeting in December. We can be a part of a fun evening, it could be our Christmas party, as well.

Kathy

We could also use your prayers for this ministry at St James. Donations to buy supplies are welcome.

Women of St. James

WELCA Christmas Dinner
"CHRISTMAS SPIRIT OF GIVING"
Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Dinner at 6:00 PM Catered by Butcher's Steak House
Program by Ruth Miller
Business meeting and
Sign up for 2011 Prayer Partners

Cost of Tickets: \$6

If unable to purchase a ticket at church but would like to come please call the church office 423-4702, or Donna martin at 424-8739 and leave a message, or email Rhonda Hanson at mrhansonmn@mchsi.com to make your reservation and you can pay that evening of the dinner.

Reservation Deadline: December 3, 2010

WELCA will be selling Fair Trade coffee products on Sunday, December 12. This will be your chance to get Christmas gifts that you need.



COFFEE ORDER FORMS are now available on the WELCA bulletin board if you need items. (You can still call Donna or Suzanne directly if you rather do that.) Place completed orders in the WELCA box located in the board room across from Sarah's office.

WELCA

THANKS ST JAMES FOR SUPPORT!

The annual Fall Bazaar was a huge success. A perfect day for the 5k walk/run, great participation and lots of fun! A delicious breakfast and lunch, many craft and bake sale shoppers, and a few risk takers at the raffle. Thank you to the congregation for providing the foods for meal preparation and serving, bake sale items, raffle items and Country Store products. Bravo to those who helped in the kitchen, or at the various tables, to those who set up or cleaned up, for many hands make light work!

Kudos to Bill and Sherri and Sarah for their steadfast support and flexibility through these major events.

Thanks and gratitude to committee members:

Rhonda Hanson-food
Pam Loeckle-publicity
Judy Nessett-raffle
Mary Witte-Bake Sale
Kim Ostrander-5k

A special thanks to the ladies who spend many hours throughout the year making crafts and planning for this annual fundraiser.

And finally thanks and great appreciation if you attended, for it is the participation and the fellowship that keeps us doing it year after year!



Results for the Second Annual 5k Bountiful Harvest Walk/Run are:

The overall winner and 1st place for the youth participants was Rachel Cervantes with a time of 28 minutes. Second place youth participant was Nicole Patrick with a time of 35 minutes. First place adult participant was Becky Miller with a time of 28 minutes, 50 seconds. Melinda Sanchez was the second place adult participant with a time of 29 minutes, 40 seconds. There were a total of 25 registered participants for this year's race.

THE WINNERS FOR THE FAIR TRADE COFFEE HOURLY DRAWING

DURING THE BAZAAR 9:00 AM Linda Trask, 10:00 AM Dar Wade, 11:00 AM Karen Ruter, 12:00 PM Pam Eden and 1:00 PM Marlys Wendel.

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★ **ELEMENTARY TREE OF NEED** ★

★ The Tree is up once again in the Narthex. I have talked to a couple of the elementary schools in Mason City ★
★ and have asked them what their needs are. Socks, boy and girl underwear, sweatpants and hats are in need. ★
★ At the present time they do have a large supply of mittens and gloves. They are also not able to use scarves ★
★ because of the dangers on the playgrounds. If you can help with their requests please help decorate the ★
★ tree. I will be delivering the items to the schools the first week of January. We thank you for your support ★
★ in the cause. ★

~Mary Witte and WELCA Board ★



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT ST. JAMES will be on December 19 at 5:00 PM with a beef burger supper to follow. Special visitor at supper is expected to arrive. Children can just wear nice church or Christmas attire. The program is titled "A Celebration of Christ's Birth". There will be practices at the church on Saturday, December 12th and Saturday, December 19 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Please plan on attending if possible. Please bring your volunteered food item to the kitchen by December 19. Thanks! If questions, call Becky Mill Miller—423-5886.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 26 AND JANUARY 2. Sunday School will resume on January 9, 2011. The children are doing GREAT at Sunday school in attending and bringing their Bibles and offerings on a regular basis! We are having a very good year! Still in need of adult Sunday school and high school helpers for next session: January—May 2011. Great fun and very rewarding experience! Please let Becky Miller know if you can help volunteer-641-423-5886. Sunday school is from 9:30—10:30 AM VBS will be again in July 2011 with Riverside Campers here for a week of great fun and learning! The Children's Christmas program offering will go towards cost of VBS for 2011.

Special thanks to the teachers and high school helpers for making this year so successful. Your help in teaching and dedication to the Sunday school program at St. James is greatly appreciated!

Sunday School Teachers:

Carrie Braun
Amy Halverson
Abi Koehler
Jeannie Lemke
Angie McEachran
Becky Miller
Sandy Pippo

High School Helpers:

Savannah Drumheller
Molli Koehler
Sadee Koehler
Tricia Noterman
Lexi Pederson
Samantha Radcliffe
Scott Radcliffe

CONFIRMATION PARENTS are strongly encouraged to check their son or daughter's sermon notebook (located on the shelf next to the Jesus statue in the narthex) and keep updated on sermon notes. Confirmation students need 15 sermon notes for the year. Please make sure they are keeping up! Thanks for your participation!

THANK YOU...

We, the family of Mildred Mae Thompson, wish to thank Pastor Paul Nelson and Pastor Jeni Bohls for their faithful pastoral care for her in the hospital in the hours before her death. We also are especially grateful for the message of Christian hope and comfort they brought at her funeral service and at the visitation the evening preceding. Our thanks also to members of St. James Lutheran Church for your kind expressions of sympathy in cards received and expressed in person or written notes. All monetary gifts given as memorials received from members of St. James Lutheran Church are being returned to St. James for use in carrying out its mission and service for Christ.

~Pastor Ernest Thompson, sons and their families