

St. James Journal

June 2010

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. outdoors.
 - Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the chapel.
- KRIB BROADCAST AT 8:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
Service, beginning June 9

A "NOISY" OFFERING for the local food bank will be received this Sunday, May 30. Whenever there are five Sundays in a month, the loose coins go to the local food bank.

SUMMER MID-WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES! Beginning *Wednesday, June 9*, we will be having a service of evening prayer each Wednesday at 6 PM. Weather permitting, worship will be held outside. (In case of rain, worship will be held in the chapel). Bring a lawn chair and come join us for a relaxing, uplifting, mid-week worship break! More information about worship services will be in your Sunday bulletins.

PASTOR JENI'S SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Barring emergencies, Pastor Jeni will have regular office hours from 9:00-12:00 Tuesday-Friday through the summer, as well as most afternoons.

SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN HOMECOMING will be performed at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Sunday, June 6 at 2:00 p.m. For more information please see the page in this Journal.

ST. JAMES SOFTBALL TEAMS play on Friday nights. There are no games this Friday due to band festival weekend. Play resumes on June 4. Note the enclosed calendar for schedules through out June.

Pastor Paul's Ponderings

Sabbatical questions and answers...

As you've been hearing, I will be on sabbatical in the months of June and July. About a year ago I first presented the idea to Pastor Jeni, knowing that my being absent from the office would greatly affect her work. As noted earlier, she wholeheartedly agreed with my idea. I then brought the matter to the Congregational Council and they approved the sabbatical proposal for the months of June and July of 2010. No doubt, there are various questions on this. What follows are some of the possible questions, along with various answers.

Where did the idea of a sabbatical come from?

Sabbatical comes from the word Sabbath, which, of course, we read about in the Bible. Many of us have heard about sabbaticals for college professors. A sabbatical for pastors is a more recent opportunity, though even amongst pastors it has been done now for a number of years. What prompted me to look closer at the sabbatical comes from my Head of Staff colleague group. Of the eight others in that colleague group, six have rather recently been on sabbatical or are currently on one right now.

What is the purpose of a sabbatical?

As noted in my column in the February Journal, "clergy renewal" is a good way to describe a sabbatical. A pastor's sabbatical generally consists of travel, study, prayer, and rest. I plan on including each of those areas in my sabbatical.

How did you determine the two month length?

Even though most sabbaticals for pastors are for three months (and my letter of call states that a sabbatical is offered for three months after five years), for various reasons I chose to arrange for a sabbatical of two months.

What will you be doing over those two months?

In the first month, Kathy and I will be traveling. The first destination point will be Colorado where our daughter, Kristin, will be married to Greg Kottcamp on the first Saturday of June. As noted earlier, we will also be traveling to Alaska where I will have the opportunity to interview some ELCA pastors, visit the Alaska Synod office, and worship in ELCA congregations. In July, I will be taking a class on preaching at Luther Seminary and, on my own, studying some scripture texts that are not part of the Sunday morning Bible readings schedule. (In August, I will preach three sermons using some of those less well-known texts.)

If you have further questions on my sabbatical, feel free to give me a call or send me an email. Since my sabbatical begins this Tuesday, June 1, I'll be here a few days, yet. Hope to see you Sunday!

News From Our Members

HOSPITAL NEWS:

Hospitalizations or surgeries of members of St. James since the last Journal...

Jerry Bahnsen, Ruby Easley, Sherri Fitzgerald, Jo Hanson, Jeanine Marsters, John McMurray, Betty Milbrath, Larry Olthoff, Don Plagge

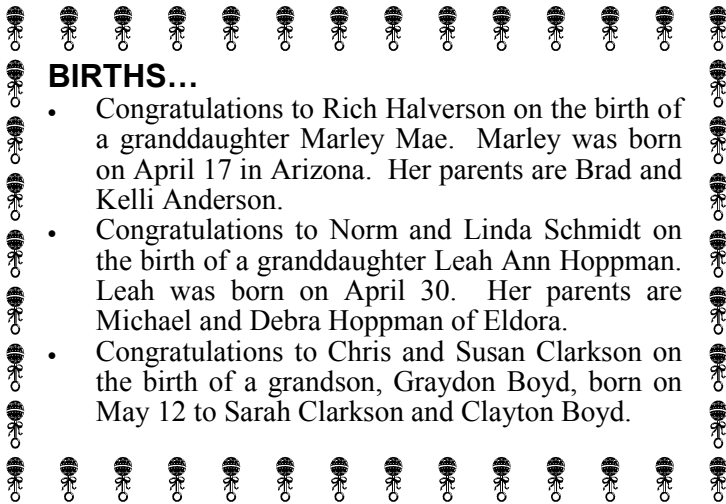
Please notify the church office whenever a member of St. James is hospitalized. Also, please call if anyone has been inadvertently omitted in the above list.

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.

GOD'S BLESSINGS AND BEST WISHES to

Dave and Rene Keiser who celebrated the 25th wedding anniversary on May 11. Congratulations!



BIRTHS...

- Congratulations to Rich Halverson on the birth of a granddaughter Marley Mae. Marley was born on April 17 in Arizona. Her parents are Brad and Kelli Anderson.
- Congratulations to Norm and Linda Schmidt on the birth of a granddaughter Leah Ann Hoppman. Leah was born on April 30. Her parents are Michael and Debra Hoppman of Eldora.
- Congratulations to Chris and Susan Clarkson on the birth of a grandson, Graydon Boyd, born on May 12 to Sarah Clarkson and Clayton Boyd.

SOMETHING SPECIAL...

Congratulations to World War II veteran Marvin Sletten who was among those on the Honor Flight that went to Washington, DC on April 17. The group saw many Washington landmarks including the World War II Memorial.

THANK YOU FROM BRETHREN...

Thank you for allowing us to share songs of Christ's love with you on April 11. Your affirming words were a blessing to us!

Thank you, too, for your continued prayer support and financial support that helps to fund this music ministry. Blessings to all of you as you work in His service!

BRETHREN

Joel, Steve, Don, Paul & Bev

RECENTLY BAPTIZED...

Ty Lloyd Duckert, son of Chad & Tammi Duckert, was baptized on Sunday, May 16. Congratulations!

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED...

We say goodbye to the following:

- Mike and Barb Nuehring who will soon be moving to Kasson, Minnesota.
- Russ and Phyllis Ruby who recently moved to Ankeny.

We pray God's blessings upon these couples in their new church home and new community.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the following:

- Brian & Janet Bechtel on the death of Brian's brother, Daniel Bechtel. Daniel died on May 17. A memorial service will be held in Sheffield in June.
- Shirley Madden on the death of her sister Marj Wilkins. Marj died on May 18. Graveside services were held in Nora Springs on May 21.
- The family of Jean Siewertsen. Jean died on March 13. Graveside services were held at Memorial Park on May 19.
- Delores Marsh and family on the death of Gordon. He died on May 24. The funeral will be at St. James this Saturday, May 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.



THANK YOU...

We want to thank everyone who attended our celebration, sent us cards, or wished us happiness on our 25th wedding anniversary. It meant a lot to us to know that so many people were thinking of us on our special day.

Arlin & Sandee Pals

WEDDING BELLS

God's blessing and best wishes to Andrew Portis and Sarah Welch who were married at Jester Park Lodge in Granger on this past Friday, May 21. Andrew is the grandson of Marilyn Monaghan. Congratulations!

ST. JAMES FAMILY...

I would like to thank all my friends, and Christian family at St. James. Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawl, cards, prayers, and concern. On April 13 I was moved to Covenant Rehab in Waterloo. It meant so much to me to be a part of St. James when I lived in Mason City.

Donna Wiltse

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CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

THE RICH AND ANDI HALVERSON YOUTH FUND is a fund available for youth attending Bible Camps, Mission Trips, and other Christian Youth Events. It is a service-driven fund, which means youth can do service projects in exchange for scholarships. Application forms will be available in the next couple of weeks. Contact either pastor for more information.

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

Hospice of North Iowa's annual memorial service will be held next week. Join us at First United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall, on Monday, June 7 at 6:00 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! Do you have time on your hands? Please consider giving 2 1/2 hours once a month at Twice Blessed Charity Shop! If you would like more information, please call St. John's Episcopal Church, 424-1300 Monday-Friday from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m., leave your name and phone number and a Board member will return your call directly.

RECYCLE CELL PHONES: HELP WOMEN, RAISE MONEY... Women of ELCA has teamed with Women's Funding Network (of which we are a member organization) in an ongoing effort to recycle phones, help women, and raise money at the same time.

Money raised will be used to: Support programs that lift women and families out of poverty; help support women-led solutions to the most pressing global issues, from climate change to economic security; and provide 911 emergency phones for senior citizens and people at risk.

How it works: Roughly 60% of cell phones sent in will be refurbished and resold. A percentage of the revenue generated from resold phones is invested in programs that lift women and families out of poverty. A portion of the phones not sold will be programmed to dial 911 and donated to domestic violence survivors and other people at risk. The remaining cell phones will be recycled according to EPA standards.

PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR PHONE USING THE TOTE IN THE BELL TOWER!

St. James News

CONFIRMATION CLASS PHOTOS, taken by Jason Skarpness, are on the table by the lighted bulletin board in the narthex.

PHOTOS OF OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS are on the lighted bulletin board in the narthex. Two photos, a current one and a baby or toddler picture, can be seen there.

COLLEGE GRADUATES:

- Abby Nuehring graduated from University of Northern Iowa on May 8 with a degree in Finance.
- Andrew Portis graduated cum laude from Creighton University, School of Law on May 14. Andrew is the grandson of Marilyn Monaghan.

DONATIONS of clean wash cloths would be appreciated.

Please place in church office.

RIVERSIDE BROCHURES/REGISTRATION FORMS are located on the table next to the chapel. Feel free to take one if you are interested in Riverside Bible Camp this summer! **ALSO**, a meeting will be held for those who are considering attending Riverside this summer to talk about funds available through the church.

ST. JAMES HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, 2010

Ben Bechtel will be attending University of Iowa and is undecided on a major.

Courtney Busch plans to attend Minnesota State in Mankato next year to swim and is uncertain regarding her major.

Kinsey Cornick will be attending St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN and major in Biology and Chemistry.

Natasha Hadacek plans to attend UNI this fall for a future in Dentistry.

Clint Hain will be attending NIACC for a year and then transfer to Iowa State to get a degree in Biology.

Mitch Hain plans to attend NIACC for a year and then transfer to Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon to take their Lineman Program.

April Jennings-Stoyles will be attending NIACC for two years and study Web Design.

James Kay plans to attend the University of Iowa and major in Pharmacy next year.

Courtney Keiser will be attending the University of Iowa to become a Biomedical Engineer.

Audrey Korth plans on going to NIACC to study Pre-Law and then transfer to the University of Minnesota.

Heather Lemke will be attending NIACC to become a Radiologist.

Blake Lybbert plans to attend UNI to study Communications.

Robby Mahoney will be going to University of Iowa to study History.

Ryan Martinson plans to attend NIACC to study Building Trades.

Justin Metli will be attending Iowa State to be a Physical Therapist.

Ethan Miller is considering either NIACC or ISU to study Engineering.

Jennifer Nelsen plans to play basketball at NIACC for two years and then transfer to UNI to study Psychology.

Katherine Ollman will be attending Luther College and major in Vocal Music Education.

Erika Olthoff will be attending NIACC to obtain an Associate of Science degree.

Vanessa Pearson plans to attend UNI.

Emerald Schlie will be attending NIACC and then transfer to Iowa State for Medical Tech.

Brooke Stecker plans on going to NIACC for one year and then transfer to UNI and study Interior Design.

Melanie Steele plans to attend NIACC and study Psychology.

Allison Ulstad will be attending the University of Iowa and major in Mass Communications and Spanish.

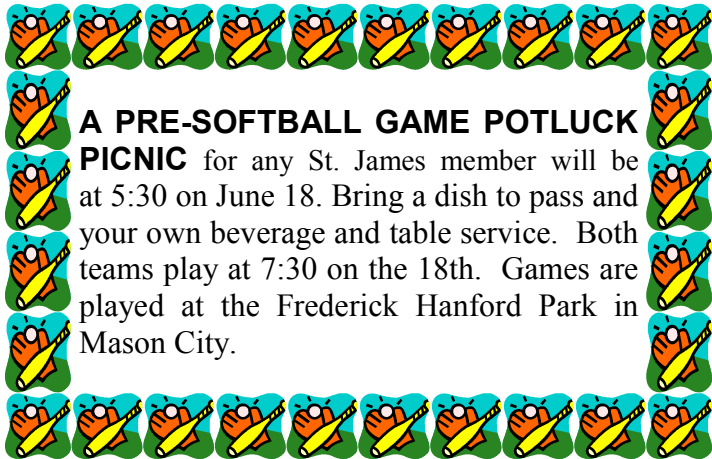


Please notify the church office of any errors or omission in this list.

A SUMMER POTLUCK BREAKFAST is held Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m. Bring your own table service and a dish to share such as an egg dish, sausages, fruit, muffins, coffee cake, etc. The potluck breakfast began last Sunday.

PASTOR PAUL will be on sabbatical in the months of June and July. Details on the sabbatical are in his article elsewhere in this *Journal*.

AS PASTOR PAUL'S SABBATICAL BEGINS, it is especially important that you call or notify Pastor Jeni or the Church Office if you or someone you know is hospitalized or in need of a pastoral call. Thanks!



A PRE-SOFTBALL GAME POTLUCK PICNIC for any St. James member will be at 5:30 on June 18. Bring a dish to pass and your own beverage and table service. Both teams play at 7:30 on the 18th. Games are played at the Frederick Hanford Park in Mason City.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL / ST. JAMES SOFTBALL BAKE SALE will be held on Sunday, June 6. Support both events by bringing something yummy to sell and stay and purchase something.

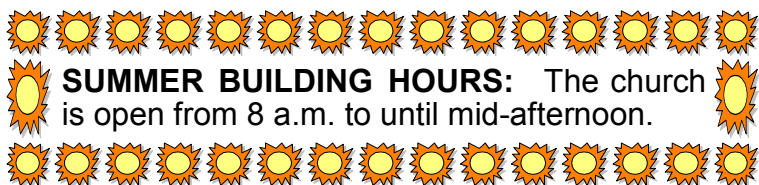
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL...with counselors from *Riverside Bible Camp* will be held here at St. James July 26-29 for kids entering 1st grade through 6th grade! **Pre-school children** will attend from 9-11:30 for their own Bible Camp!! There will be childcare available at the church beginning at 7:45 each morning **before** VBS. *Please call the church office to sign up for early childcare.* There will also be transportation to daycares available **following** VBS--*you will need to get a form from the church office if you need transportation.* The theme for this year's VBS is "GROW."

SCRIPTURE READERS		
	8:30 AM	10:00 AM
May 30	Marvyl Ransom	Hal Pohlman
June 6	Jeanette Priebe	Linda Paulsen
June 13	Corrine Bolz	Becky Miller
June 20	Judy Clarke	Carol Edwards
June 27	Linda Schmidt	Liz Kellogg
July 4	Suzan Larson	Sue Ollman

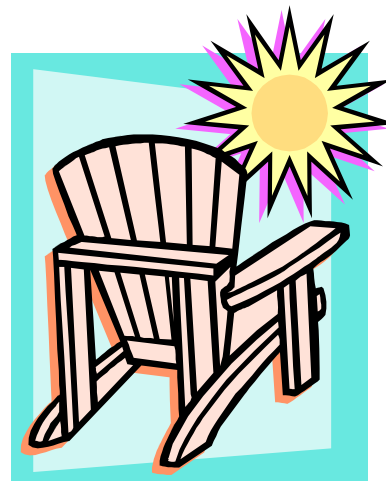
If you are unable to read on the scheduled Sunday please call someone else and exchange with them. If a change is made, please call the church office.

To sign up, you will **NEED** to complete a registration form. Those were mailed out in your newsletters in May. Please contact the church office if you did not receive one or if you need extras. We are asking for a \$10 donation per child (\$20/family maximum). There are scholarships available upon request. Please return your registration forms and payment to the church or member of the Education Board as soon as possible. ***This should be a VERY fun and exciting VBS! Don't miss it!!***

On Friday, July 30, we will have an end of VBS celebration with a pool party at the MC Aquatic Pool from 8:30-10:00 PM! All are welcome!



SUMMER BUILDING HOURS: The church is open from 8 a.m. to until mid-afternoon.



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