

St. James Journal

November 2010

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 AM Traditional Worship
9:15 AM Bible Study
9:30 AM Contemporary Worship
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Traditional Worship

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

7:00 AM Men's Breakfast
3:30 PM WOW
5:30 PM Meal
6:15 PM Confirmation
6:15 PM Wednesday Night Live
6:15 PM Bible Study
6:15 PM Worship Band Rehearsal
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

THE ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR is this Saturday, October 30 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The schedule of events for the day is inside. Come join in the fun!

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

THE ANNUAL THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE will be on Wednesday, Nov. 24, at 7:00. It will be followed by pie served in the Friendship Room.

STANDARD TIME resumes a week from Sunday, November 7.

REFORMATION DAY is this Sunday, October 31. As we celebrate the Reformation you're encouraged to wear red.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY is a week from Sunday, November 7. All St. James members who have died in the last year, and those whose funerals/memorial services have been conducted by a St. James pastor, will be remembered and honored at the three services that day.

RAKING OF THE CHURCH GROUNDS will be held this Saturday morning, October 30th, beginning at 9:00 AM

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN SING IN CHURCH this Sunday for Reformation Sunday. Children will meet in the chapel prior to the church service and then sit with parents after singing.

Pastor Paul's Ponderings...

An exciting Fall at St. James

There are so many special things going on at St. James that I won't begin to include them all. However, I'll touch on some of the highlights.

Rally Day on September 12 was a special highlight. As Pastor Jeni included in her column in the last Journal, we unveiled the new St. James vision statement that day as well as giving Bibles and Story Bibles to all of our pre-school through third grade members.

Our **Sunday School students** sure have shown a lot of excitement in their growing and learning this Fall. What a special delight it has been to see so many smiling faces each Sunday. Of course, our Sunday School only happens through the strong commitment of teachers, helpers, parents and grandparents who bring the children, and many more "behind the scenes" workers.

Since Rally Day we've had quite a number of **visitors at worship** on Sunday mornings. I hope you've had a chance to meet some of them. It makes such a positive impression on prospective members when they are warmly greeted by a number of people.

The photo shoots for Pictorial Directory have continued in September and October. I extend a hearty thanks for the many who had their picture taken. It really does mean a lot! We look forward to the completed book. We'll keep you posted on its projected completion date.

Each year about this time, the **annual Stewardship campaign** is underway. The Relay method was chosen by the Stewardship Board, since last year's program was so successful. If you haven't seen the "Mailbag" yet at your home, please call the church office so that materials can be mailed to you. Thanks to all who have helped with this massive project in so many ways.

We've had an **Adult Confirmation** this Fall, and soon will celebrate the gift of **baptism** for three children. That would be in addition to the three baptisms at St. James in September.

There were fifty of us who made the exciting **trip to Target Field** on October 2. Cheering the Twins on to a victory in the bottom of the ninth inning created a lasting sports memory.

The upcoming **Fall Bazaar** will, no doubt, be a special time, too. Thank you so much to all who will be helping that day, and thanks to all who have helped already!

As mentioned at the beginning of this column, I won't begin to enumerate all the special things happening at St. James, but I have touched on some of the highlights. Thanks for all you do to keep St. James as a vibrant, caring, and renewing place to experience the love of Christ our Savior and Lord!

News From Our Members

HOSPITAL NEWS

Hospitalizations or surgeries of members of St. James since the last Journal... Corrine Bolz, Margaret Christensen, Ron Dannen, Walt Fuller, Nate Gunderson, Ron Jensen, Jeanine Marsters, Betty Milbrath, Lorraine Powell, Shirley Solberg, Mark Tlusty, Irene Ward and Iola Whipple

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.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to:

- Lance Smith and family on the death of Lance's mother, Ruby Smith. She died on October 6 in Dallas, Texas. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery on October 23.
- Pastor Ernest Thompson and family on the death of Mildred. She died on October 23. The funeral will be on October 28.
- Dar Wade and Irene Thompson whose sister/sister-in-law, Delores Schroeder, died on October 16. A memorial service will be on Saturday, November 6.

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!

- Terry Hjelle and Kama Anderson are parents to a baby girl, Payton Jo, grandparents are Mike and Jackie Hjelle. Payton was born on October 5th. She was 8 lbs 6 oz and 20 1/2 inches long.
- Chris and Susan Clarkson on the birth of a grandson, Issaaq Yuusuf, born to Seth and Emily Clarkson on October 24. He was 8 lbs.

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THRIVENT "CHOICE DOLLARS" can be directed to St. James. If you have Thrivent Insurance and have received 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 Pastor Paul

A 90TH BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE for Claudia Paulson will be held in the Friendship Room on Sunday, November 7th from 1:00 PM –4:00 PM.

Please join Claudia and her family in this celebration.

No gifts please.

Dear St. James Lutheran Church,

I would like to share with you the amount that came in through the Crop Hunger Walk held on Sunday, October 3rd. The total amount raised was \$3,634.30. The portion received from your church was \$623.80. I thank you for walking. Your walking made a difference.

I hope you enjoyed the experience and plan on participating in next year's walk.

Peace and Grace,

Pastor Jim Stiles, First United Methodist Church

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THE RADIO MINISTRY for 2010 still has available Sundays. The sign-up sheet is to the right of the door to the Sarah's office. The following Sundays are available: Nov. 14, 21, and 28, and Dec. 5, 12, and 26. The broadcast is on KRIB every Sunday at 9:30 AM.

2011 FLOWER AND RADIO MINISTRY sign up sheets are now available next to the church office. Flowers are \$21 and sponsoring the radio broadcast is \$45

THE CONGREGATIONAL RELAY RESPONSE is the method being used for this fall's Stewardship Program. All members of St. James should have received a mail bag containing the *Time & Talent* sheet and the *Estimate of Giving* card. If the mail bag hasn't reached you yet, please call the church office so we can get the material to you.

THE BRIDGEBUILDER TASK FORCE will soon be adding a few members. If you would like to serve on that Task Force, please contact chair Steve Post or one of the pastors.

PLEASE PICK UP BOWLS, COOKIE SHEETS, CAKE PANS, ETC, in the bell tower entrance. All items need to be picked up by Monday, November 8. Please check today if a item might be yours.

RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE BAZAAR

Do you have something unique you believe would be a great item to raffle?? Or, would you (and maybe some friends) be willing to put together a theme basket?? Please call Diane at 421-1576.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Please have your child write their first and last name on their offering before turning them in. If you haven't received Sunday school envelopes for 2010, please contact Sarah at the church office. Thank you!

OFFERING ENVELOPES numbers are reassigned every year. Please only use 2010 envelopes for 2010. If you need offering envelopes for 2010, please contact the church office. Thank you.

ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS

When you travel south for the winter months, please contact Sarah in the office with your winter address before you leave. Thank you!

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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 November the group will meet in the Fireside Room. The speaker



for November 7 will be Mary Meggers, a licensed massage therapist, and she will be speaking on 'Using Essential Oils'

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
November 7	Parnell Peterson	Kevin Longcor	Jean Groth
November 14	Val Dornbusch	Chris Frenz	Nancy Moen
November 21	Jerry Hackbart	Susan Clarkson	Gene Larsen
November 28	Mary Peterson	Laurie Haugen	Linda Paulsen

FELLOWSHIP TIME

is part of the Sunday schedule each week. You're invited to participate in this fellowship prior to the 8:00 AM service, and between the other services for this time of fellowship, coffee, juice and other refreshments. Contributions of a dollar or two help defray the cost of supplies. Feel free to bring food to share with others such as fruit and carrot sticks.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Mikayla Ahrens was confirmed at the 9:30 service on September 19.
Welcome to St. James!

8x10 Pictures for those who had pictures taken by Skarpness Photography for the Pictorial Directory, may be picked up on the table in front of the Fireside Room in the narthex.

BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. JAMES

A blood drive at St. James will be held on Wednesday, November 10, from 2:30 until 5:00. Please call Sarah at the Church office to make an appointment.

We hope you can donate blood that day. If you can't, please encourage someone who can.
Thanks so much!

Thank offering services will be November 21st. Ladies we hope you have been putting your coins in your boxes for all the blessings you have received. If you do not have a box please pick one up. They are on the table in the narthex on the East wall.

~ Karrie Frenz, Mission Action Co-Chair

KONONIA upcoming event will be on Sunday, November 7th. We are planning a Progressive Supper starting at 5:00 pm at the home of Don & Jeanette Priebe, 16226 300th St, Mason City.

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SIMPLY GIVING

The *Simply Giving* program is designed to help you conveniently make contributions to St. James. Through *Simply Giving*, your contributions are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account. You determine the frequency of your automatic payment—weekly, semi-monthly or monthly.

Why sign up?

- Convenience – Payment will still be made if you are out of town or on vacation.
- Security – No checks are needed which means no lost or stolen checks.
- Environmentally friendly – Save on checks and envelopes.

What if I prefer the idea of bringing an offering envelope to worship?

You can still place an offering envelope in the offering plate. You can either write “Simply Giving” on your envelope or place a special sticker, available in the church office, on your envelope.

How do I sign up?

Fill out an Authorization Form available on one of the tables in the narthex. You will need a voided check and the date that you would like to have your giving withdrawn. When you are finished filling out your form, give it to Sarah in the church office or place it in the offering plate and Sarah will take care of the rest.

MONDAY EVENING VOLLEYBALL will resume this coming Monday, October 4th. All interested in playing volleyball are encouraged to come to the St. James Gym on Monday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. People of all ages, high school and above, are welcome! No experience necessary! Whenever you have a free Monday night consider this special opportunity at St. James.

Come for great fellowship and exercise.

WE WOULD LIKE TO HELP all elementary students to be warm and dry this winter! We can do this by collecting winter gear for students to use at school when needed. They are in need of the following clothing items for both boys and girls:

- Sweatpants
- Socks
- Mittens or gloves

(No scarves, please)

If you can help by donating new or gently used items please drop them off in the Bell Tower. There is a wicker basket for these items. This will be greatly appreciated by the schools and students. Thanks for your help in doing this.

PORTALS OF PRAYER AND CHRIST IN OUR HOME for October through December are available on the tables in the narthex. A few copies still remain.

THE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are from 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM Monday thru Friday.

DECEMBER’S JOURNAL deadline is Monday November 22nd, by 1:00 PM.

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

SOMETHING SPECIAL...

Rhonda Hanson was honored during Customer Service Week at Mediacom as The Regional Customer Service Representative of the Year. She was given her award at a ceremony in Cedar Rapids on October 8, 2010.

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THE SCHEDULE FOR THE FALL BAZAAR

THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:30-8:00 AM 5k walk/run registration

8:00 AM walk begins

8:00-10:30 AM breakfast....

coffee cake, cinnamon rolls, bagels, fruit, yogurt, coffee and milk

Peruse the many tables of unique and handmade crafts, delicious home baked breads, cookies, fudge, pies and much more. Visit the raffle table and take a chance.

11:00-1:00 PM lunch....

Turkey casserole, green beans, autumn salads and desserts of the season.

1:00 PM raffle drawing

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!

SAVE THE DATE:

St. James Women of the Church.

You are invited to attend
the WELCA Christmas Dinner
on Tuesday, December 7, 2010

at 6:00 PM.

There will be a meal and program.

Watch for more details and
times for ticket show.

AN ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS will be held on Saturday, November 6, from 9 AM to 3 PM. If you or someone you know would like to take the class to be confirmed or enroll in the class as a "refresher", please contact Pastor Paul.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION will be on Sunday evening, Nov. 21. If you, or someone you know, would like to join St. James please mention it to Pastor Paul or call the church office. New members will be received at the worship services on Dec. 5.