



St. James Journal

September 2010

SEPTEMBER'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

A WELCOME RECEPTION for Sarah Grant our Administrative Coordinator, will be held this Sunday, September 5, immediately following the 8:30 service. Come and welcome our newest member of the St. James staff!

PLEASE NOTE THE ABOVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE for September. The summer schedule continues one more Sunday, this Sunday, September 5. On September 12 there will be only one service at 9:30 AM. We resume our regular schedule September 19.

ALL KIDS ages three through 3rd grade will receive Bibles at the Rally Day Worship Service, on Sunday September 12 at 9:30. Pre-school through 2nd grade will receive SPARK story Bibles. 3rd graders will receive Good News Bibles. If you can't be there that day, call the church office to arrange a time to receive your Bible.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PICTURES will again be taken in September by Jason and Michelle Skarpness. If you haven't yet had your picture taken and are not scheduled in September, please call the church office today. All who come in to have their picture taken will receive a free 8 x 10 of themselves and a free directory. It is very important that all St. James members are included.

Pastor Paul's Ponderings

Sabbatical review

My sabbatical in June and July was certainly a memorable time! Thanks so much for the offer to take a sabbatical. In my 34 years as a pastor, this was a first for me. What a special time it was!

Typically, there are several aspects to a sabbatical: study, rest, travel, personal growth, increased prayer and devotional time, and a change of pace. All of those were part of my sabbatical and am grateful for that opportunity.

Travel highlighted the month of June

During June, Kathy and I traveled. The first week of the month consisted of travel to Colorado for our daughter Kristin's wedding. She and Greg Kottcamp were married at Lord of the Valley Lutheran Church in Granby, Colorado on June 5. Kristin and Greg asked me to take part as a pastor (and well as father of the bride!) in the ceremony. What a glorious day it was!

Kathy and I then headed for the Seattle area where we had the opportunity to visit with a retired ELCA pastor and his wife. At Tacoma, we saw the site of the hospital where Kathy was born.

A few days later, we departed from Vancouver for Alaska. Our first stop on the cruise was at Ketchikan where we visited with two ELCA pastors, saw the beautiful ELCA church there and toured a medium sized boat that is used for outreach to the natives of Alaska.

Other pastors and church staff at Juneau, Anchorage, and Fairbanks rounded out our visiting to get a better sense of the joys and challenges of ELCA congregations in a very different part of the country.

Holden Village, in the north central portion of Washington state, was our last stop. It is a wonderful retreat location! Many of you are familiar with the service Holden Evening Prayer, which, as you can guess, is rooted in Holden Village.

Study/reflection highlighted the month of July

In July, I studied scripture. My goal was to identify and study some Biblical passages that do not appear in our Sunday morning set of readings (the lectionary). Accordingly, during the three Sundays in August that I have preached, I featured texts that you would otherwise not hear on Sunday morning.

I also took a class at Luther Seminary in July. It was entitled "Reading the texts for the sake of hearing the Gospel." What a wonderful study of scripture and the application toward preaching came as a result of the class!

Of course, there is so much more that could be written about my sabbatical, but that is enough for today! Sometime in the coming weeks, Kathy and I will share some pictures using a slide show format, to give you yet a better idea of the sights along the way.

Thanks again for the opportunity to take the sabbatical! It truly was a restoring, renewing, and restful time!

News From Our Members

HOSPITAL NEWS:

Hospitalizations or surgeries of members of St. James since the last Journal... Richard Collins, Sherri Fitzgerald, Mary Levenhagen, Jeanine Marsters, Tomy Rick, Carren Schaer, Marlys Wendel.

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.

THANKS to everyone who contributed to "Back to School" in August. We will send 60 School Kits to Lutheran World Relief next spring, plus several large containers were sent to the Salvation Army for school children in our area. GREAT JOB!!

~ Karrie Frenz, Mission Action Co-Chair.

RECENTLY BAPTIZED...

Gage Alan Cameron, son of Robert Cameron and Heather Wendel, was baptized on Sunday, August 15. Congratulations!

RIVERSIDE CAMPERS SAY THANK YOU!!

Camp was a BLAST!! We sang, prayed, rode horses, played games, met new Christian friends, "I feel like God is really with us there and they help teach us to keep God in our life when we get back home". Thank you for supporting us by coming to the soup supper and kids store fundraisers. Thanks to WELCA for donating \$50 to each of us, and thanks to everyone who gave campership money. Can't wait to go back next year. Your friends, Riverside Campers.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to:

- Gladys Northrup on the death of her brother, Paul Foglesong. He died in Guthrie Center on August 24.
- Arlene Berrie on the death of her brother-in-law, Frank Turkal. He died in Bakersfield, CA on August 25.

GOD'S BLESSINGS AND BEST WISHES TO THE FOLLOWING:

- Parnell and Mary Peterson's 60th Anniversary, August 6.
 - Dale Plath's 80th birthday, August 6.
- Susan Clarkson's 50th birthday, August 13.
 - John Clarke's 80th birthday, August 21.
- Al & Carol Edwards' 50th wedding anniversary, August 21.
 - Ann Sletten's 60th birthday, August 22.
- Walter and Irene Ward's 63rd wedding anniversary, August 29.

If any names have been inadvertently omitted, please call the church office so that we can include the name in the upcoming Journal.

Congratulations to Cody Brandau, Ron and Myrna Jenson's grandson, for your success at the Mark Mann Invite at the Mason City Country Club!! Cody earned medalist honors for an even-par round of 72 that featured six birdies, which was his career best! Good job, Cody!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO TERESA, Ron and Myrna Jenson's daughter, for winning the contest for a "make-over" at NIACC. Her prize was a full ride to NIACC.



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CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

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AS WE END this beautiful summer and return to routines, remember that God's work goes on all year long. Your presence and gifts are needed to enable the church to be strong and vibrant throughout the entire year! When you are away, please consider bringing in or sending your offerings before you go. Thank you!!

CAMP GREEN TREE

The circle of life continues... Camp Green tree offers youth, ages 7-14, the opportunity to meet others who have experienced the death of a loved one. The camp is sponsored by Hospice of North Iowa. For more information contact 641-422-6208 or 1-800-297-4719.

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 are available now. Contact Pastor Jeni for more information.

MAKING SENSE OF SCRIPTURE will be presented by Dr. David Lose, Luther Seminary a week from Sunday, September 12 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the McCaskey Lyceum at Wartburg College in Waverly. The presentation will be followed by refreshments and informal table conversation at the Chapel Commons. This event is open to both lay and rostered participants. There is no registration fee. Free will donations will be accepted.



CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

RIVERSIDE BIBLE CAMP'S ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, September 18— Sunday, September 19
9:00 AM on Saturday— 12:00 on Sunday.

This is a retreat for all ages! Come by yourself or bring a friend, a daughter, a mother, a sister! We'll learn from God's Word, laugh, pray and play together! The weekend is filled with amazing things. Flyers are on table in the Narthex.

RIVERSIDE FALL RECHARGE 2010

Everything New

Juniors (Grade 4-6) Oct. 15-17

Junior High (Grades 6-9) Oct. 22-24 and Nov. 5-7

Senior High (Grades 9-12) Nov. 19-21

Join in a weekend of fun, worship, great music, and Bible studies. Flyers on table in Narthex.

Register today!

THE SALVATION ARMY offers a Tutor Plus+ program that is to the parents of elementary school aged children. It is a free after school program, where children can get help with their homework and have the opportunity to learn about God, build friendships, play fun games, learn using the computer lab, eat healthy snacks, make cool crafts and have a blast in the gym or play outside on the new playground equipment. They are in need of adult volunteers to help supervise the free play time. If you would be interested in volunteering please contact Mona Meade @ 641-424-4031. You could volunteer for one day a week or for five days a week. The hours are from 2:00 PM—6:00 PM. Please feel free to call even if you have questions.

St. James Education News

Join us this fall for **EXCITING NEW PROGRAMS**

for all youth from
age 1 through High School!!!

Storytime for toddlers
WOW and WNL for k-6th Graders
Middle School Youth Group
Tuesday morning High School Cabin Coffee Club
High School Youth Group

AN ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS will be held a week from Saturday, September 11, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. If you have never been confirmed or would like to take the class as a refresher class, please contact Pastor Paul..

RALLY DAY is September 12th where children Preschool through 3rd grade will receive Bibles. First day of Sunday School is September 19th from 9:30AM -10:30AM. Kindergarten through 6th grade will be taught by all adult teachers. Preschoolers will be using the Spark Curriculum taught by Abi Koehler. This year there will be a Camp Store on special Sundays for attendance. Bring your Bibles every Sunday and earn a point! Preschoolers will be in the room upstairs, Kindergarten-4th graders will be in the Sunday School Rooms, 5th-6th Grades will be in the Youth room downstairs and the 7th-8th graders are encouraged to attend church and take sermon notes, light candles, or staff nursery. A fun and exciting year is planned!



THE SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY will

resume on Sunday, September 19 at 9:15 AM. The second portion of Acts will be the basis for the Bible study led by Norm and Linda Schmidt.

Calling All Confirmation Small- Group Leaders

Please contact Pastor Jeni if you feel a calling to help our youth grow spiritually. Confirmation leaders are necessary for our confirmation program to be successful.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED for

either 5th and 6th grade or Kindergarten—4th Grade. Adults please call Becky Miller at 423-5886 if interested.

Fall Bazaar

Saturday October 30
8-1 PM

~Crafts~Food~Fun~
~Bake Sale~Raffle~
~5k walk/run ~

This is a great event!!

It is a fun morning but requires a few people working together. None of the tasks are time or labor intensive, we simply need people willing to step forward to share their gifts and take part. Give me a call and let's get started!

~ Thanks, Diane Francis
421-1576 or 430-2228

Several committees to participate in:

- * Food
- * Bake Sale
- * Raffle
- * Decoration
- * 5K walk/run
- * Publicity



WE RECYCLE AT ST. JAMES! Accordingly, you are asked to not put anything recyclable in any of the garbage containers at church.

The locations for recyclables are as follows:

- Paper and non-corrugated cardboard —Board Room
- Plastics, glass, metal—Fellowship Hall kitchen
- Corrugated Cardboard—At the top of the steps in the Fellowship Hall kitchen
- Pop cans and bottles—at the base of the steps near the church offices

Thanks so much for doing your part to care for God's creation. You are encouraged to recycle at home, too.

THE HAWKEYE HARVEST FOOD BANK appreciates all donations. A box is in the narthex for you to place donations brought to church.

COPIES OF THE LUTHERAN are on one of the narthex tables.

THE JOURNAL IS AVAILABLE ONLINE at the St. James' website www.stjamesmc.org

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION BREAD is available for anyone with gluten/wheat allergies. This alternative communion bread is free of gluten, wheat, dairy products, eggs, sugar, nuts, and corn. If you would like this bread, please visit with one of the pastors on Sunday morning prior to any of the services.

THERE ARE SEVERAL DATES AVAILABLE to sponsor radio broadcasts this year. Sign up on the sheet by Sarah's office. Consider sponsoring our Sunday morning broadcasts in honor or memory of someone special.

