

# St. James Journal

Our Mission Statement:  
"We Proclaim and Practice Christ's Love"

August 2011

## SUMMER WORSHIP

7:30 AM Potluck Breakfast  
8:00 AM Outdoor Worship  
9:30 AM Outdoor Worship  
10:45 AM Indoor Worship  
KRIB BROADCAST AT 9:30 AM

## Pastor Paul's Ponderings...

### Crop Walk for World Hunger; Care for Others

Each fall, a Mason City Crop Walk for World Hunger is held. Each participant, including many confirmation students from St. James and Trinity and other churches, walk as a way of showing their support for hunger in the world. This wonderful ecumenical activity has been active in many communities through the years. In my first two parishes, we walked a total of ten miles, so it seems that we are just getting started when we cover the three or four mile route of recent years. Either way, though, many funds are raised through this important act of service.

This year's Mason City walk is on Sunday afternoon, October 2. We will be leaving from the Community Kitchen on North Monroe and ending there as well. We hope to have more adults walking in the walk—as noted earlier, many confirmation students are involved, and that is wonderful, but how good to get more adults involved as well.

Some of the funds raised go to feed hungry people overseas, and some of the monies are kept right here in our community for the needs of those down the block or across the street.

When you are asked to support someone who is walking for world hunger, I hope you'll give generously. If you aren't asked, I hope you'll ask Pastor Jeni or I who it is that needs a sponsor and then show support to that person or persons. Additionally, I hope you'll consider walking or encourage others to walk. Together, we can make a difference.



Thanks for all you do to care for others in the congregation. When one of you experiences a particularly challenging time, there are those who are willing and ready to show the love of Christ through compassion, concern, and a good listening ear to the needs of someone.

One of the ways in which you show compassion to other is to notify either of us pastors when a particular need arises. As I've said many times, I'd rather hear ten times that someone is in the hospital, than to not hear it at all because everyone has assumed that we have heard. So, keep up the good work!

**LOOKING FORWARD TO THE POLKA SERVICE AT ST. JAMES?** It's coming up the last Sunday in August...August 28th. Circle that date! Note the change of time in the outdoor service that day...there will be **ONE** outdoor service at 8:30 am. This change in time will allow our band to share music with a sister congregation in Kensett. Remember, August 28th at 8:30 pm. The potluck breakfast will be a half hour before the service. 'I hope you dance...'

### KOINONIA ROAD TRIP

We are planning a Sunday picnic at the Follmuth's at Lost Island Lake in Ruthven, Iowa. We will carpool from the church at 11 am on Aug. 7th. Bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share. We will plan on a rain date for the next Sunday, the 14th. The Slettens and the Follmuths are hosts, call them if you have any questions.

**RALLY DAY WILL BE ON SEPT. 11.** We will have one outside service that day, weather permitting, at 9:30 a.m. This will be the first day of Sunday School for the new school year.

**THE TWINS TRIP** for all who signed up, is on Saturday, August 27. If you'd like to go, but didn't sign up, please call the church office in the event of a cancellation.

**THE IOWA PARABLE SERMON SERIES** concludes this Sunday, July 31 at the three services. This week's sermon is entitled, "Football Hero from Adel!"

~Pastor Paul

# News From Our Members

## **HOSPITAL/SURGERY NEWS:**

Hospitalizations or surgeries of members of St. James since the last Journal... Ron Jensen, Arlin Pals and Lorraine Powell.

*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 Brian and Shelly Radcliff and family on the death of Brian's grandfather, Dale Radcliff and father, Terry Radcliff. Dale died on July 11. The memorial service was held at Trinity on July 13. Terry died on July 15. The memorial service was at Trinity on July 19.

*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.*

## **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.

**CHRIST IN OUR HOME AND PORTALS OF PRAYER** for July through September are available on the usher's table at the outdoor services and on the table near the chapel. Large print copies are available for those who prefer them.

## **CORRECTIONS FROM THE JULY JOURNAL...**

- The correct spelling of Lucille Feldhus' sister—Hollingworth. The correct date for the funeral—May 14.
- Kaylee Rose, daughter of Kristi and Mike Myers, was born on Thursday, June 23, not June 24.

*We apologize for the errors. Whenever you see an error in the Journal or a bulletin, please call the church office. Thanks!*

**THE HAWKEYE HARVEST FOOD BANK** appreciates all donations. A box is in the narthex for you to place donations brought to church. Cash donations can be sent to 22 N Georgia Ave Ste 14.

**GOD'S BLESSINGS AND BEST WISHES** to Tara Fitzpatrick and Phil Dimitros who were married at St. James on July 23. Congratulations!

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO...**

- Jerry and Marilyn Butters who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 16. They celebrated with an Open House that day at the Senior Center.
- Carmen Madson who retired on July 1. Carmen was registrar for Mason City High School for 24 years.
- Jayden Ott and the Central Springs High School Varsity softball team who advanced to the state tournament.
- Lexy Pederson and Tricia Noeterman and the Mason City High School Varsity softball team on their many successes this season.

## **THANK YOU'S...**

- ~ Vicki Austin and Kathy Nelson for taking photos at the Pet Blessing Service.
- ~ Delores Bowers for setting up and taking down pictures in the lighted sign in the narthex.
- ~ Patti Florman and Sandy & Jay Thede for replacing yellow non skid strips on the steps in the gym.
- ~ Shirley Hain for filling in for Sarah in the office and for keeping the member news updated on the bulletin board.
- ~ Chuck Harris for removing graffiti from the main entrance informational sign.
- ~ Mark Kramer for removing graffiti from the brick on the church.
- ~ Marcia Menke for having the four inside flags professionally cleaned.
- ~ Bea and Bruce Pennington for the new American flag on the flag pole.
- ~ Charles Strandberg for refinishing and painting the southwest outside door by the sacristy.

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
SUNDAY August 21st  
4:00 PM—6:00 PM  
Sloppy Joes, Beans, Chips  
And OF COURSE — ICE CREAM!!  
  
Music by the St. James Polka Band  
Tickets \$6/ Person  
  
Hot music and cold ice cream...a great combination for the hot weather we've been experienc-

**THE WINGS OF HOSPICE GARDEN PARTY** with a memorial butterfly release will be on Sunday, August 7 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM at Serenity Garden. Location of this event will be at the Hospice Home 232 2nd St. SE. There will be refreshments, music, a brief program, butterfly release, and fellowship with other families, Hospice staff & volunteers. Please call Carol Bruns at 428-6210 for additional information or to purchase a butterfly.



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**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
August 7	Parnell or Mary Peterson	Lori Jorgensen	Liz Kellogg
August 14	Norm Schmidt	Ann Sletten	Kim Platts
August 21	Corrine Bolz	Chris or Susan Clarkson	Ernest Thompson
August 28	Donna Martin (8:30, 1st Reading)	David Jacobson (8:30, 2nd Reading)	Donna Kellogg

## THE FLOWER AND RADIO BROADCAST CALENDARS FOR 2011

are on the bulletin board near Sarah's office. The dates that are still available for sign up are:

Flowers  
December 4 & 11

Radio  
September 25  
November 27  
December 18



The flower sponsorship is \$21 and the radio is \$45.

**You can sign up by writing your name in a slot or by calling the church office.**

**BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** For all Breast Cancer Patients (including Spouses and/or Support Persons). The Breast Cancer Support Group will celebrate its **1st Anniversary on August 7th**.



Shari Showalter, Nurse Case Manager, will be the guest speaker and will present a casual talk on Breast Cancer 101 with questions and an open discussion. She will also share the Breast Cancer Centers stats.

Following the meeting a potluck will be held for all those attending. People are asked to provide their own table-ware with a dish to pass and a dessert. Coffee and water will be furnished. Meeting will be held **August 7th at 4 PM** in the Friendship Room. If you have any questions please contact: Millie 424-3360 or Kathy 424-4997.

### THANK YOU...

We would like to thank our friends from St. James church for all the cards and well wishes on our 50th Anniversary. Your kindness and thoughtfulness has meant a lot to us.

Jerry and Marilyn Butters

### THE SEPTEMBER JOURNAL

deadline is Monday, August 22 by 1:00 PM.

### BULLETIN ARTICLES

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

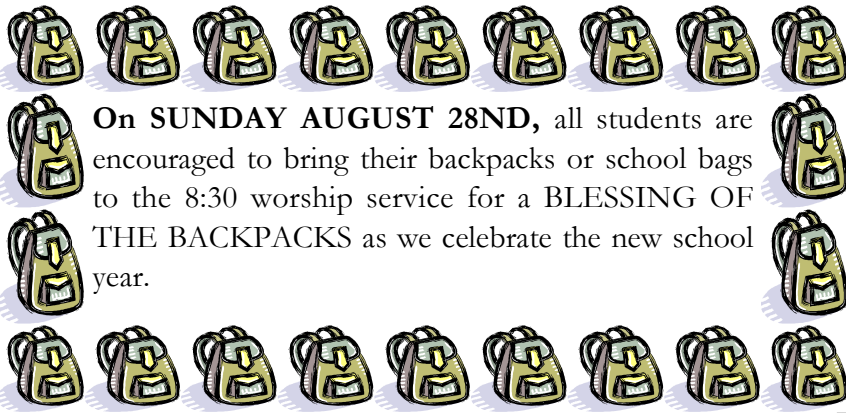
### ALL PASTRY PUFFIN ORDERS NEED TO PICKED UP BY AUGUST 15.

Any left after that time will be available for purchase. They are in the Fellowship Hall kitchen's freezer. If you haven't paid for yours please do so when you pick them up. Thank you.

**OFFICE HOURS** The church office hours are **Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to Noon and 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM. On Friday the hours are 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.**

*At times the gym door and Maple Drive doors will be locked. Please use the main entrance at those times.*

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On **SUNDAY AUGUST 28ND**, all students are encouraged to bring their backpacks or school bags to the 8:30 worship service for a **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS** as we celebrate the new school year.

**THE MASON CITY HAWKS** 12 and under baseball team finished the season at 46-8. Along the way they won five tournaments in Iowa and Minnesota. They finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state at the Iowa USSSA Baseball Tournament in Des Moines. Members of St James on this team are Hunter Dingman, Zach Hendrickson and Nate Janssen. Congratulations!

**FOUR BUS TICKETS ONLY FOR THE TWINS TRIP ON AUGUST 27** are still available. If you haven't signed up, but would like to purchase Twins tickets on your own, we have four seats on the bus remaining. Cost for the bus ride only is \$22.00. The bus leaves from the church parking lot at 12 noon. To sign up for the bus ride only or if you have any questions please visit with Pastor Paul .

**AS YOU ARE ENJOYING** this beautiful, warm summer, remember that God's work goes on all summer long. Your presence and gifts are needed to help make the church to be strong and vibrant throughout the entire year! When your are away, please consider bringing in or sending your offerings before you go. Have a wonderful summer!!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS** with Rally Day, September 11th and regular classes begin September 18th.



## BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY

Help us help others go back to school with the supplies every child needs by picking an item on the list and bringing it to church with you on July 31st or August 7th

This year we will be sending supplies to the local Salvation Army and also to Lutheran World Relief, which sends school kits overseas.

## ATTENTION POLKA BAND PLAYERS!

At some point in the future, we will have a practice for the Polka Band Service, which will be August 28. Anyone who has played or is interested in playing...we welcome you! So...dust off those instruments and get ready to polka! Contact Cynthia at 423-1903 or leave word at the church that you're interested and we'll get together. Looking forward to a 'joyful noise' and lots of fun!



- Notebooks (wide ruled)
- Folders
- Notebook paper (wide ruled)
- School box (pencil box)
- Glue/Glue sticks
- Pencils
- Pens (red black or blue)
- Erasers (large & pencils toppers)
- Colors
- Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Scissors
- Rulers
- Kleenex

