

# St. James Journal

January 2011

## THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00 AM Worship with Communion  
10:00 AM Worship with Communion

## THE SUNDAY RADIO BROADCAST

on KRIB, 1490AM, is at 9:30 a.m.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

JAN. 9, 16 & 23

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

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** will be on Sunday, January 30, beginning at 10:45 AM. Snow date is February 6. Board reports for the Annual Report are due in Sarah's office by January 4. The Annual Report will be assembled on January 21 at 1:30 p.m. It will be ready to be picked up at church on January 23.

**JANUARY 30 - NO 10:45 SERVICE** due to the Annual Meeting.

**POINSETTIA PLANTS** may be picked up whether or not you provided a poinsettia. You may take one more or more plants. The last day to pick up a poinsettia is this Sunday, January 2.

**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.

## Pastor Jeni's Thoughts...

### Epiphany Blessing

On January 6, we celebrate The Epiphany in our Church Year. Twelve days after Christmas, Epiphany is the day we remember when the wise men saw the star shining overhead, and went to visit Jesus. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother (Matthew 2:10-11). In the home, Christ is met in family and friends, in visitors and strangers. In the home, faith is shared, nurtured, and put into action. In the home, Christ is welcome.

This day of Epiphany, or another day during the season of Epiphany, has long been used by many people as a chance to gather with friends and family and bless a home. To ask for peace and joy for all who enter that home.

I encourage you to think about adding this tradition in your family. Whether you have just moved or have lived in a house for 50 years, it is always good to ask God's blessing upon it. As we begin a new year, it is especially nice to ask for renewed blessings on your home and family.

There are several ways you can do a house blessing. You can call on a pastor to come bless a house, or you can use a simple formula. One traditional component of an Epiphany house blessing has been an inscription in chalk over the main door of the home. The traditional inscription is in the form "20 + C M B + 11"—"2011" refers to the year the inscription is made; the initials stand for the Latin blessing "Christe mansionem benedicat" ("Christ, bless this house") and also for the legendary names of the magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar). This tradition can be adapted for any blessing for a home.

There are many readings and prayers you can use for this sort of blessing. A very simple house blessing might look something like this:

**GREETING :** May peace be to this house and to all who enter here. By wisdom a house is built and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures. *See Proverbs 24:3-4.*

**READING:** As we prepare to ask God's blessing on this household, let us listen to the words of scripture.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."  
*See John 1:1-4, 14, 16.*

**PRAYER :** O God, you revealed your Son to all people by the shining light of a star. We pray that you bless this home and all who live here with your gracious presence. May your love be our inspiration, your wisdom our guide, your truth our light, and your peace our benediction; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then everyone may walk from room to room, praying and blessing the house and even sprinkling with water, perhaps using a branch from the Christmas tree.

Merry Christmas! May you find peace and joy during this blessed season and may your home be filled with much love in the new year.

~Pastor Jeni

# News From Our Members

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Hospitalizations or surgeries of members of St. James since the last Journal... Jerry Bahnsen, Jerry Butters, Ruby Easley, Lavonne Golbuff, Jonathan Snyder, Luetta Walk, 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.*

**THERE ARE NUMEROUS MEMBERS OF ST. JAMES** currently living with cancer and other serious illnesses. Please remember them in your prayers. Thanks so much!

### **SOMETHING SPECIAL...**

Congratulation to Rich and Cynthia Tompkins on the birth of grandson Trayl James. He was born to Troy and Jessica Feustal at Burnsville, MN on November 15.



## **OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to:

- The family of Esther Borcharding. Esther died on December 26. The funeral was on December 29.
- Martha Helland and family on the death of Martha's sister Delores Benson. Delores died on November 24. The funeral was held in Cherokee, Iowa on November 29.
- The family of Shirley Solberg. Shirley died on December 4. The funeral was held at St. James on December 10.

*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'S...

### **WORSHIP BAND:**

You, in the Worship Band, add so much to the Contemporary service on Sundays. Thank you for your gifts of time and musical abilities, Sunday after Sunday. It really enhances the middle worship service.

~Cynthia

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

**THANKS TO EVERYONE** who calls and serves at funeral luncheons. Your help is much appreciated.

~Sherri Fitzgerald, Kitchen Coordinator

**THANK YOU** to all who worked on the outdoor Nativity: Don Priebe for sanding; Diane and Anna Francis for priming and a special thanks to Carol Edwards for her artful painting of the nativity figures.

### **CHANCEL CHOIR:**

A huge Thank You to the Chancel Choir for all of your hard work in preparation for our Christmas Concert. You did such a beautiful job and because of the bad weather, I hope that we had a large radio audience to enjoy your efforts. It was wonderful and truly a gift to our congregation.

~Cynthia

### **YOUTH CHOIR:**

What a great job on your first time singing in the Youth Choir in church! Loved your bell ringing...good job, Bethany! I know that each one you was so much fun for our congregation to listen to and watch, as you sang our song with your smiling faces. I'm really proud of all of you!

~Cynthia

**THANK YOU** to Terry Beavers, Val Dornbusch, Carol Patterson, Carren Schaer, and Odella Vosburgh for helping in putting the December Journal together.

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**JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
JAN 2 8:00 & 10:00 AM  
JAN. 9, 16, 23 Regular schedule

**ON JANUARY 12, CAPTIVE FREE** will be here for a Family Night program and concert.  
This is a GREAT event for all ages!

Invite your friend and neighbors and join us to hear the Word proclaimed  
through the ministry of this traveling Youth Encounter Team.

The program begins at 6:15. Confirmation and Wednesday Night Live students will be attending.  
Everyone is also encouraged to come early for our Wednesday Night Supper!

The ministry of Captive Free is funded by our donations.  
They do not charge us to come, but take up a free-will offering.

If you aren't able to make it to the event,  
there will be baskets out the Sunday before  
where you can leave a donation for their ministry.

Thank you!!!



# St. James News



## BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

will not meet in January.

## ADULT OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2011

are on a table in the narthex. If you don't find yours there, please let Sarah know and you will be issued a box.

## THE FLOWER AND RADIO BROADCAST CALENDARS FOR 2011

are on the bulletin board near Sarah's office. You're encouraged to sign up while most dates are still available. *We especially need sponsors for January and February.*



**THE ST. JAMES JOURNAL** is available on the St. James Website, [www.stjamesmc.org](http://www.stjamesmc.org). Previous *Journals* are also available on the website. To access an edition of the *Journal* simply click on "Newsletter" and then click on the date of the *Journal* that you are looking for. To access the calendars, click on calendar on the bottom right hand corner of the home page.

If you would rather not have your copy of the Journal mailed, but would prefer to access it only online, please call Sarah at the church office to have your name removed from the mailing list.

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** is part of the Sunday schedule each week. You're invited to participate in this fellowship prior to the 8:00 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, carrot sticks, and so forth.

## THE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

## COPIES OF THE LUTHERAN

are on one of the narthex tables.

**FEBRUARY'S JOURNAL** deadline is

Monday, January 24th, by 1:00 PM.

## BULLETIN ARTICLES

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

## 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	10:00 AM
January 2	Parnell Peterson	Chris Clarkson

	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	10:45 AM
January 9	Dar Wade	Laurie Haugen	Jean Groth
January 16	Rich Tompkins	Ann Sletten	Gene Larsen
January 23	Lynn Christensen	Liz Kellogg	Carmen Madson
January 30	Lori Jorgensen	Becky & Sydney Miller	

**PRAYER SHAWL** will be meeting one week later than usual on Monday Jan 10th at 6:45 PM at church.

**WELCA BOARD** (Old and New Board!) will meet Tuesday, Jan. 11th at 7 PM at the church.

**COMMUNION** is distributed to the homebound twice a month—once by a layperson and once by one of the pastors. If you are not currently receiving communion but would like to, please contact the church office.



## THE NEXT "NOISY OFFERING"

will be on January 30.

The coins given that day will go to the Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank.

Whenever there are five Sundays in a month, the fifth Sunday "noisy offering" is collected.

## THE HAWKEYE HARVEST FOOD BANK

appreciates all donations. A box is in the narthex for you to place donations brought to church.

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**IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LANDLINE PHONE** and use your cell phone as your main line, please let the church office know.



**WHEN RECYCLING BOXES** please break them down before putting them in the stairwell in the kitchen. Thank you.

**MONEY AND FAITH IN MOTION** is a practical, biblical guide to managing your money. There are seminars two hours long available for \$35 per person. Contact CCCS of NE Iowa at 421-7619 to sign up.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER AND CHRIST IN OUR HOME** for January through March are available on the tables in the narthex.

**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.



**BEAUTIFUL FULL COLOR 2011 CALENDARS** are now being sold at half-price for \$3.00. Net proceeds will help support this summer's Mission Trip. The calendars are on a table in the narthex. This year's calendar is especially colorful! Only two calendars remain.

## Youth News

### MISSION TRIP NEWS

Watch the bulletin and newsletters for upcoming announcements about the 2011 Summer Mission Trip. All you currently in grades 8-12 are eligible to go!

**WEDNESDAY EVENING YOUTH PROGRAMS** begin again on January 12 (for WOW, Wednesday Night Live and confirmation). Toddler Storytime begins on January 11 at 9:30 AM. There will be no Java and Jesus (Tuesday morning coffee group) in the month of January.

**YOUTH IN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL** are needed to staff the nursery each Sunday morning during the 9:30 service. If you would be willing to serve in this way, please sign up with Pastor Jeni.

**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.

**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 postpone-

**1ST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION** will be held on January 22. There will be TWO sessions offered (students only need to attend one!). The first session will be held from 9-11:30 and the second one will be held from 1:30-4:00. 3rd graders should be receiving a letter in the mail this week with a sign-up form. Those who did not get a letter, **AND** those older than 3rd grade who have not yet had instruction should talk to Pastor Jeni or call the Church Office to sign up.



# *St. James New Members*

## **TO ACQUAINT YOU WITH OUR NEW MEMBERS ...**

**Tony and Kathy Buhr** 422-0145

**Adam, Ryan, Issac**  
1033 6th St SE

Tony is employed by Manpower where he is the branch manager. Kathy works in radiology at Mercy. They enjoy sports, coaching and scrapbooking. They are involved in Mason City Parks and Rec and the Mason City Chamber of Commerce. They find St. James to be friendly and warm.

**Alyse Hesley** 641-860-0951  
506 S. Tennessee Place  
Apt 1

Alyse works for Principal Financial Group. Her hobbies include singing, reading and exercising. She is married to Travis, a member of St. James. St. James is very friendly, she states.

**Gloria Hesley** 424-4581  
1610 N. Hampshire Ave

Gloria works for Good Shepherd Health Care Center. She loves to read, garden, and take walks with her dog. Her children are Travis and Alyse Hesley. She says that Pastor Paul and Pastor Jeni, as well as many members, have made her feel very welcome. She is excited to become part of a wonderful church!

**Joe and Rose Lee** 512-5129  
**Zach, Jasmyne** 512-5142  
1421 N Quincy Ave

Joe works for IMT in Garner as a welder and Rose works at Bushman Poultry in Charles City, where she does data entry. Zach is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade; Jasmyne is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student. As a family they are involved in archery (3-D and target) and they also enjoy camping and riding bikes. They are Mohawk Archery members. Their impressions of St. James is that it is a very friendly church and very welcoming!!

**Kimberly Platt** 224-213-3310  
1526 7th Place SW

Kim works for Marshall and Swift as a counter employee and doing other tasks. Her interests include antiques, sports, family, friends, music (all except twangy country!) and she collects thimbles. Her daughter, Kari Meyer lives in North Carolina with Kim's granddaughter, Kylie who is 8 months old. She thinks St. James has a great environment, is friendly, very welcoming and has opportunities for involvement, if one chooses.

**Mike and Cindy Rumeliote** 424-6921  
Madison  
1537 N. Carolina Place

Mike is employed by CP Rail and Cindy works for Principal Financial Group. Madison is seven years old and in the second grade. Mike's hobby is trains. Cindy likes to spend time with her family. Madison liked to dance, read and play. As a family they like to go camping, ride bikes and go on nature hikes. Madison is involved Girl Scouts. They find St. James to be very welcoming and friendly for a big congregation. They like that the pastors take the time to get to know you and they think the Sunday school is good.