

St. James Journal

Our Mission Statement:

"We Proclaim and Practice Christ's Love"

July 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's Jeni's Thoughts...

When I think back on some of my best childhood memories of church, many of them come from Vacation Bible School. Whether at my own church, or as a visitor at the numerous other VBS's we were able to attend, I always loved that week where we immersed ourselves in stories, songs, games and crafts as we learned more about Jesus. I loved that week where for a few days, the church belonged to its littlest members as we were invited to be loud and messy and have lots of fun!

VBS is a tradition that has stood the test of time. The formats may have changed over the years. The songs may have changed. Yet still, this summer as has been the case for so many summers before, thousands upon thousands of young people will attend VBS all over the world to be loud and messy, have lots of fun, and hear the story of Jesus!

This year, I encourage you to bring your kids/grandkids/nieces/nephews/neighbors to VBS here at St. James. Again this year, counselors from Riverside Bible Camp will be leading the youth and it promises to be a GREAT time. There are details about VBS located in the newsletter. Please take a look at those details and register SOON! Pre-Registration is required for Bible School so Riverside knows how many counselors to send.

The entire congregation is encouraged to come to our VBS kick-off BBQ/picnic on Sunday, July 17, as well as the VBS Celebration Pool Party on Saturday, July 23 (Again, details on both of these events can be found in this newsletter.). These are great chances to celebrate VBS and also gather together for some great summer fellowship!

Another lasting memory that we create for our youth here at St. James is our annual Mission Trip. I ask for your prayers for all attending the Mission Trip this year to SonRise Camp in Anderson, Indiana (just outside of Indianapolis). We leave on Sunday, July 24. More information is located in the newsletter about ways you can support our Mission Trip youth.

The journey of faith begins early in our lives. As a congregation, it is our call to create places for that faith to be developed. May we continue to find ways to tell the story of Jesus to our members both young and old, as well as create opportunities for mission and service to others so that together we may all proclaim and practice Christ's love!

~Pastor Jeni

A SUMMER POTLUCK BREAKFAST will be held Sunday mornings at 7:30. Bring your own table service and a dish to share such as an egg dish, sausages, fruit, muffins, and coffee cake.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS, JULY 16. An Adult Confirmation Class, originally scheduled for June, will be held on Saturday, July 16, from 9:00 AM to 3 PM. If you, or someone you know, would like to take the class to be confirmed or as a "refresher", please contact Pastor Paul.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL... This year Riverside counselors will be coming to put on our Vacation Bible School at St. James, July 18-21. For a registration form, call the church office.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION will be on Wednesday evening, July 20, from 7:00 to 8:30.

NEW MEMBERS will be received at the services on Sunday, July 31. If you would like to join St. James please talk to either of the pastors.

MATCHING FUNDS FOR ASBESTOS REMOVAL A member of St. James will be generously matching dollar for dollar contributions to the Asbestos Removal Fund up to \$2,500 for a total goal of \$5,000. Contributions need to be received by July 15. The matching funds cover donations already given. To make a contribution you can use the specially marked envelope that was in your June Journal or simply mark your gift "Asbestos Removal."

News From Our Members

HOSPITAL/SURGERY NEWS:

Hospitalizations or surgeries of members of St. James since the last Journal... Don Abrahamson, Fred Barlow, Dorothy Buss, McKenzie Myers, Lorraine Powell and Nancy Wise Runnels.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Karen Paulsen who retired on June 10 from FRC, where she had worked the last 14 years.

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.



YOU ARE INVITED TO

Jerry and Marilyn Butters
50th Wedding Anniversary
Open House

at the Senior Citizens Center in Mason City
from 4-7 PM on Saturday, July 16

RECENT COLLEGE GRADUATES

- Laura Barkema graduated from Wartburg May 29 with a BA in Biology and History. She plans to attend University of Pittsburgh next year to work towards her Masters in health and medical librarianship.
- Ashley McLaughlin graduated from Wartburg on May 29 with a BA in Music Education.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to

- Lucille Feldhus on the death of her sister Hazel Hollingsworth. Hazel died on May 8. The funeral was in Eldora on May 11.
- Lu Hahn and Sandy and Dan Flugge on the death of Chuck Hahn, son of Lu and brother of Sandy. Chuck died on June 19. The committal service was at Elmwood on June 25.
- Lori and Rick Jorgensen and family on the death of Lori's father, Eugene Bertelsen. Eugene died on June 13. The funeral was in Thornton on June 16.
- Linda Marshall and family on the death of Bill Marshall. Bill died on June 15. The funeral was at St. James on June 18.
- Marilyn Schmidt and family on the death of her son-in-law Roger Spear. Roger died on Saturday, June 4; the funeral was on June 7.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Kristi and Mike Myers and family on the birth of a baby girl, Kaylee Rose, born on Friday, June 24. Grandparents in the congregation are Merv and Ann Sletten; Great-grandfather is Marvin Sletten.

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Lauren Danielle Logan, daughter of Ben and Kiley Logan was baptized on June 12. **Congratulations!**

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU!!

Ashley Geesman, daughter of Tim and Diane Francis left for Burkina Faso, Africa on June 8th. She will be serving 28 months with the Peace Corps. During this time she will be teaching secondary math and science and coordinating a girls empowerment club. This is a very exciting time for her. Ashley has asked that you pray for her good health and safety. She also asks for prayers that her service be valuable to the communities she is serving. If you are interested in following Ashley she has started a blog. The address is:

Ashleyinwestafrica.blogspot.com Thanks so much!!

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July Softball Schedule for St. James Lutheran Church

Games are at the Fredrick Hanford Park
23rd St. SW Mason City, Diamonds #1, 2, 3



July 1—Game starts at 6:15 PM on Diamond #3 against 1st Baptist Church

July 8— Game starts at 7:30 PM on Diamond #2 against 1st Congregational UCC

July 15—St. James does not play

July 22—Game starts at 7:30 PM on Diamond #3 against Galilean Lutheran Church

July 29—Open Date

The team as of June 17th game, has a record of 3 wins and no losses! Keep up the good work!

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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
July 3	George Arduser	Dianna Francis	Cynthia Tompkins
July 10	Suzan Larson	Alexys Pederson	Nancy Moen
July 17	Linda Schmidt	Chris Frenz	Carmen Madson
July 24	Rich Tompkins	Hal Pohlman	Linda Paulsen
July 31	Lynn Christensen	Mike or Colleen Syverson	Sue Ollman

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

July 10

August 7

October 9

November 20

December 4 & 11

Radio

July 31

September 11 & 25

October 16

November 13 & 27

December 11 & 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.

BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS...

There were 12 persons who came to give blood recently. Eight units were collected.

Thank you to all who came to give blood or encouraged others to come.

OFFICE HOURS

The church office hours are

**Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to Noon and 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM
Friday 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.**



SUMMER WORSHIP ADVENTURE!

This summer, we have an extra-special adventure for you! Each week watch for our MYSTERY FRIEND, SOLOMON in the bulletin and find the letter by his picture. Write down that letter every Sunday—and at the end of the summer, unscramble ALL the letters to solve a mystery phrase! All children who guess the mystery phrase will have their name put into a drawing for a special prize! All Sunday School-aged children (3 years through current 6th graders) are eligible to enter!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.... VBS will be July 18-21. Children that will be entering grades 1-6 will attend camp from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM and will need to bring a sack lunch every day. Three year olds and younger 4 year-olds and older 4 and 5 year-olds will have their classes from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. There will be childcare at the church beginning at 7:45 each morning before Vacation Bible School. The VBS theme is "Restored." Transportation is available if needed. We are asking for a \$10.00 donation per child, with a \$20.00 maximum fee per family. Scholarships are available upon request. Registration forms need to be completed and returned to the church office with payment by July 1. There will also be a swimming pool party at the MC Aquatic Pool on Saturday morning, July 23rd from 10:00 AM to noon.

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SALAD RECIPE LUNCHEON BOOKLET

WELCA wants your salad recipes!

Our 2011 salad luncheon has been such a success that we want to make available all of your wonderful salad recipes for our congregation and visitors.

Please email recipes to:
sherrifitzgerald1965@gmail.com or
drop them off at the church office.
(If handwritten, please print the recipe.)

Please submit recipes by July 15.

We are looking forward to
your overwhelming response!



Thanks,
The WELCA board



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

will be part of the three services on July 17.

Come join in on that special July
celebration of our Lord's birth!



PRAYER SHAWL



We will meet for our summer get together
on Monday, July 18th at 6:45 pm.
See you there!

KOINONIA ROAD TRIP

We are planning a Sunday picnic at the Follmuth's at Lost Island Lake in Ruthven, IA. 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 Sletstens and the Follmuths are hosts, call them if you have

THANKS ...

To Jerry Butters, Marlin Deike, Dave Frenz, Ray Groth, Harold Hansen and Don Plagge for changing the light in the nave.

CAKE PANS / SALAD BOWLS

To all who have brought cakes and/or Salads to funerals, please pick up your dishes/pans in the main kitchen. Thank you! Sherri ~ Kitchen Coordinator

ATTENTION POLKA BAND PLAYERS!

At some point in the future, we will have a practice for the Polka Band Service, which will be towards the end of August. 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!

THE AUGUST JOURNAL deadline is Monday, July 18 by 1:00 PM.

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

THE TWINS TRIP

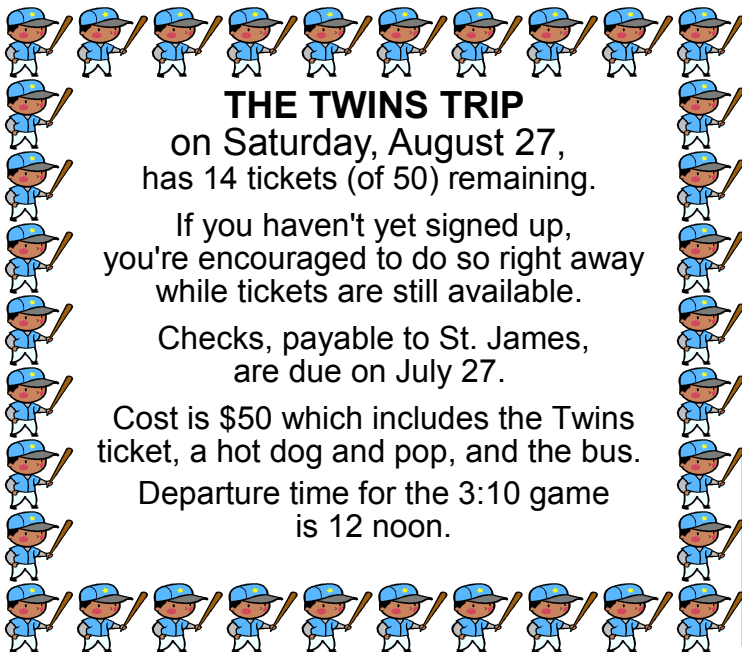
on Saturday, August 27,
has 14 tickets (of 50) remaining.

If you haven't yet signed up,
you're encouraged to do so right away
while tickets are still available.

Checks, payable to St. James,
are due on July 27.

Cost is \$50 which includes the Twins
ticket, a hot dog and pop, and the bus.

Departure time for the 3:10 game
is 12 noon.



BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

There will not be a breast cancer meeting in July because of the July 4th weekend. For questions, please contact Kathy at 424-4997 or Millie at 424-3360.



PASTRY PUFFIN ORDERS

If you haven't picked up yours, please do as soon as possible. There are quite a few left. 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.

CAR WASH!! Our Mission

Trip youth will hold a car wash in the St. James Parking Lot on Saturday, July 9 from 9 AM-2 PM. Come and get your car washed AND support our youth as they prepare for the Mission Trip to SonRise Camp in Indiana.



VBS Kick-Off Picnic/BBQ
Sunday, July 17
12:30 PM



Join us as we celebrate the beginning of VBS week with a BBQ Picnic for the whole congregation! Hot dogs will be provided (if you would like hamburgers, bring your own and we'll grill 'em!), as well as drinks. You are invited to bring chips, salads, and desserts to share.

There will be LOTS of field games for ALL ages, including bean bag toss, hop scotch, ring toss, and water balloon toss. If you have a rope you could provide for tug of war or sacks for a 3-legged race, please talk to Pastor Jeni or a member of the Youth and Family Board.

THE FALL BAZAAR will be October 15. Please mark your calendars and plan ahead. Save your garden goods for our country store!!!! Please make a few extra and help out the with the Fall bazaar. Some things you could start saving are: Jelly and jams, canned veggies or fruits, honey, potatoes, onions, pumpkins, squash or sweet potatoes, salsa or spaghetti sauce, hot fudge sauce and anything you make homemade & would like to share.

WE PROCLAIM AND PRACTICE CHRIST'S LOVE

“DESIGN A T-SHIRT” CONTEST! Design a logo that illustrates our mission Statement, and you could see **YOUR ART** on the new St. James t-shirts! **This isn't just for kids!** All ages are invited to participate. Check out the online Youth Journal for May for contest guidelines, ask Pastor Jeni or check with the office. Help us get the word out about our St. James Mission!!



MISSION TRIP STOCK SALES: You can help our youth traveling this summer to Indiana by purchasing stocks in support of their trip. Stocks are available for \$5 per stock (you can buy just one or as many as you would like!). Purchase of a stock is also invitation to a “Stockholders’ Meal” after the Mission Trip to hear about the experience. Stocks will be sold after the 8 and 9:30 worship services on July 3, and July 10.

MISSION TRIP BLESSING: We will have special prayers for our Mission Trip youth during the 9:30 worship on July 24 as they prepare to leave for Indiana. On July 31, they will present highlights from their trip to the congregation.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION DEADLINE is this Friday, July 1. Registration is required for Bible School so Riverside knows how many counselors to send.

GIVING TREE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- Empty Toilet Paper Tubes
- 1 Loaf of Bread
- Finger Paints
- 1, 4 pack of food coloring
- 1 package of cookies
- Jar of Grape Jelly
- 1 roll of masking tape
- Jar of Peanut Butter
- Package of multi-colored construction paper.
- Yellow tissue paper
- Purple tissue paper
- Blue tissue paper
- Red tissue paper
- Plain unlined white paper



If you are able to bring one of the above items, please contact the church office and then have your item here by July 10. Thank you!