

St. James Journal

March 2011

SUNDAY WORSHIP 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

THE SUNDAY RADIO BROADCAST

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

LENTEN WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

11:00 AM Lenten Worship
11:45 AM Meal
5:00 PM Meal
6:00 PM Lenten Worship

ASH WEDNESDAY is March 9. There is a worship service at 11 and 6. Meals will start on March 16.

AN ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS will be held on Saturday, March 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you or someone you know would like to take the class to be confirmed or to enroll in the class as a "refresher", please contact Pastor Paul.

2010 GIVING STATEMENTS are available in the narthex. Please let the church office know if there are any discrepancies.

2011 OFFERING ENVELOPES (ADULT AND SUNDAY SCHOOL) can be picked up in the church narthex. Please get yours if you haven't already done so. If there are no envelopes for you, please make a note of it and hand the note to one of the pastors.

SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN will be this coming Sunday from 2-5 PM. All adults working with children, are asked to attend. Call church office to register.

Pastor Jeni's Thoughts...

Our Lenten journey begins this year on March 9, with Ash Wednesday. The Holy Season of Lent give us an opportunity to grow in faith as we draw closer to God through renewed focus on spiritual disciplines, such as prayer, fasting, confession, and meditation.

You are encouraged, in this season of Lent, to give up something that might at times get in the way of your walk with God. Sometimes people give up certain foods or drinks or other vices, like television or electronics, that they cling too much to. If you aren't able to do that for a whole season, how about doing it for periods of time? Give up electronics *after work or school* and spend that time in face-to-face conversation with family and friends or on long walks to marvel at God's creation! Put down that snack *after sundown* and instead feast on God's Word! Pick *one day a week* to fast and spend that day in the study of Scripture and fervent prayer. Or simply find ways to take up something new—more daily devotion, prayer, or Bible Study.

One of the ways that you can do that is through our *special Lenten Worship services*. As always, we will have TWO opportunities for you to worship during the Season of Lent. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, we will have worship at 11 AM and 6 PM each Wednesday. (Also, join us for our Wednesday meals!)

Our theme for these mid-week services this year is "*Wonders of the Word*," based on a new book from Augsburg Fortress's Book of Faith series. We will be talking about the power of God's Word to change us and to change the world. During our worship services, we will explore how God's Word creates, calls, commands, saves, sustains, shapes, and sends. Guest preachers for some of the Wednesdays will be Pastor Sid Bohls of St. Paul in Mason City, and Pastor Joel Dahlen of St. Peter in Rockwell.

Consider these at-home possibilities to enrich the Wednesday theme:

- A daily devotional resource that I will have prepared for you for each of the 40 days of Lent. That resource will be available to you at the Lent display in the narthex beginning March 6.
- With that daily devotional resource, there will be questions for you to consider each day of the Lenten journey. Consider keeping a *Lenten Journal*, using a notebook, to write down your responses to these questions. You might also like to find a *prayer partner* to go over your journal with, as well as pray with once or twice a week. Check out the Lent display in the narthex for more information on prayer partners.
- Find a time *each day* that works for your devotion time. Devotion works best when we schedule it into each day. Also, find a special spot in your home where you can have this time of devotion. Dig out the cross that each family received last year during Lent and make that a part of your devotion area. See more about things you can add to your devotion area at the Lent display in the narthex, or in the bulletins each week during Lent.
- Bring your Bible to Wednesday Worship services. Carrying your Bible, opening it, and connecting with it are the ways it becomes more active in your life!

Keep an eye out for other opportunities this Lent to grow in the Word!

Come join us each Wednesday, and open your heart this year to the new growth that can happen during Lent, and find through this journey the *Wonder of the Word!*

News From Our Members

HOSPITAL NEWS

Hospitalizations or surgeries of members of St. James since the last Journal... Jerry Bracklein, Crag Brown, Margaret Christensen, Dixie Harris, Jeff Trask, and 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.

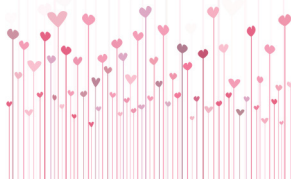
THOSE LIVING WITH CANCER: Verlyn Gourley.

Diagnosed with cancer? Please call or email the church office so that we can include your name in this list.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

- Bethany Larson who won the Iowa Music Teachers' Association piano competition on February 6. She advances to the state competition at Ames on March 12.
- Pastor Paul and Kathy who celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on February 28.

Do you know of special accomplishments or celebrations among our church members? Contact the church office with the details so we can celebrate with you!



THE PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES will be produced in the upcoming weeks. Watch the Journal and bulletins for more information.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to:

- Mike and Jackie Hjelle and family on the death of Mike's father Oscar Hjelle. The funeral was February 9 at the Major-Erickson Funeral Home.
- Kay and Dave Johnson and family on the death of Kay's mother Gertrude Stevens. The funeral was February 25 at St. Paul Lutheran Church.
- Mary Miles and family on the death of Rollie. He died on February 5. The funeral was at St. James on February 10.
- Jean Schutz and family on the death of her sister-in-law, Evelyn Heagel. She died on January 31. The memorial service was held on February 4 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Kensett.

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.

THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY DAFFODIL DAYS

of Cerro Gordo County will be held March 7-11. The daffodil is the American Cancer Society's symbol of hope that cancer will be defeated. To participate in Daffodil Days, make a donation to receive beautiful daffodils or share them with someone special. Place your order online at cancer.org/daffodils. Daffodils arrive in early March, just in time for spring.

RECENTLY BAPTIZED...

- Jonathan James Snyder, son of Jason and Emily Snyder was baptized on February 6. Congratulations!



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

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OUR VISION STATEMENT

Living out our mission, our vision is to be a vibrant Christian community gathered in God's name where all are welcomed, fed and nurtured. We envision our entire St. James family enthusiastically united in spirit-filled prayer, worship, music, Bible study and fellowship. We see our congregation devoted to Christ-like service in our community and the world.

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.

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BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

will meet March 6 at 4:00 PM
at St. James in the Fireside Room.
Speaker will be Cindy Stanley CFM
(Certified Fitter of Mastectomy)
For questions, please contact
Kathy at 424-4997 or
Millie at 424-3360.



KOINONIA will be meeting in the
Friendship Room on Sunday, March
27 at 6 PM for a game night. Anyone
is invited to come and join!



MEALS on WHEELS

St. James has been assigned delivery for the week
of March 21– March 25. If you are interested in
delivering, please contact the church office. Thank
you!



CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

are required to attend Lenten
Worship services. If a parent
does NOT attend, they need to sit with
their small group leaders. Attendance will
be taken each week. Regular class will not
be held during Lent.

**THE ANNUAL ST. JAMES RUMMAGE
SALE** will be held on Friday, May 6 and
Saturday, May 7. You're urged to set aside
items, large and small now.

THE MARCH JOURNAL deadline is
Monday, March 21, 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	9:30 AM	10:45 AM
March 6	Lou Cira	Susan Clarkson	Nancy Moen
March 13	George Arduser	Diane Francis	Jean Groth
March 20	Hal Pohlman	Henry Kalke	P. Ernest Thompson
March 27	Mary Peterson	Chris Frenz	Carmen Madson



MARCH 9:30 AM GREETERS:

Name tags will be on the deacons bench in the rear of the
church, please arrive no later than 9:15 AM to prepare.
Thank you!

Door Near Friendship Room	Narthex
Neal & Michelle Amundson	Chris & Susan Clarkson

MARCH 9:30 AM USHER SCHEDULE

Please arrive no later than 9:15 to prepare to hand out
bulletins. Your nametag will be in a box on the deacons
bench in the rear of the church. Thank you!

March 6 & 13	Liz Kellogg & Morgan Amundson
March 20 & 27	Bob Stoyles & Dave Keiser

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SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN will be Sunday, March 6 from 2-5 PM here at St. James. ALL adults who work with youth are asked to come to this workshop on how to keep our children and youth safe. Learn about how to protect children/youth from predators, how to develop a SAFE policy for our congregation, and how to make sure all of our youth feel secure here. This event is hosted by the Synod and will be led by Pastor Jeni. If you would like to sign up, talk to Pastor Jeni or call the Church office.

LOOKING AHEAD...The annual St. James trip to see a Minnesota Twins game will be on Saturday, August 27. The Twins will be playing the Detroit Tigers that day.



NOTE TO CONGREGATION...You will soon be receiving new information forms in the mail from the church office. The purpose being to help complete the church database. It is very important to return your completed surveys. Our goal is to have a complete and up-to-date computer database. This database, called Shepherd's Staff, will provide up-to-date information at the touch of a button. However, it cannot do this without your information, so please take a few minutes and complete these surveys and send them back to the church office as soon as you get them. Thank you!



Thank you to everyone who called or who sent cards when our dad passed.
~Mike and Jackie Hjelle.

THE FLOWER AND RADIO BROADCAST CALENDARS FOR 2011 are on the bulletin board near Sarah's office. *We are especially need sponsors for the Radio Broadcast.*



DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR OLD T-SHIRTS?



Give them to Bill!

He uses them at the church for cleaning. Also, if you have small hand towels, please donate those all well! Thanks!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Our next rotation started on February 27th with a Journey to Bethlehem. We rarely get through a Christmas lesson at Christmas time due to the busy season and preparing for the Christmas program, so we will be journeying through the Christmas story in March and April!

Important Dates:

- There will be no SS on Sunday March 13th or 20th due to Spring Break.
- The next Celebration Sunday will be on Palm Sunday, April 17th.
- There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday
- Children will sing in church on Mother's Day, May 8, and then attend church with their families.
- We are again having Chris' Cakes come and do a pancake breakfast for a celebration of a great Sunday School year on May 15th. The Education Board is asking for a \$5.00 donation for the breakfast, with any proceeds going to help cover the cost of Riverside's Vacation Bible School this summer which is scheduled for the week of July 18-21.



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20th Annual Spring Salad Luncheon

"RENEW your spirit and be inspired"

St James Lutheran Church
Saturday, April 9th

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

\$6.00 for adults \$4.00 for youth

Bake Sale and Raffle Items



If you have a raffle item to donate to the Spring Salad Luncheon please contact Vicki Austin at 696-5702.

Watch the bulletin for worker, salad, and bake sale sign up sheets.

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS for the adult learner of up to \$500 are offered to women of congregations of the NE Iowa Synod who need to further their education to re-enter the work force. This is NOT for those who have just graduated from high school.

Scholarships applications are due May 1st



Contact Women of the ELCA at
773-380-2730 or 800-638-3522
www.womenoftheelca.org



RECYCLE OLD CELL PHONES



Women of the ELCA has teamed with the Women's Funding Network in an ongoing effort to recycle cell phones and raise money at the same time. Roughly 60 % of the cell phones WELCA collects will be refurbished and resold, a percentage of the revenue generated will be invested in programs that lift women and families out of poverty. A portion of the phones not sold will be programmed to dial 911 and donated to domestic violence survivors, elders and low-income people at risk for use in emergencies. The remaining cell phones are recycled according to EPA standards. Why is this important? A staggering 70% of people in poverty globally are women and children. In the United States alone, 14.6 million women and nearly 13 million children are living below the poverty line— equal to the combined populations of Iowa, Indiana and Wisconsin. Please help WELCA in their efforts and bring your old cell phones to church. You can drop them off in the old bell tower. Thank you for your support!

