

St. James Journal

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

May 2011

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 AM Traditional Worship
9:15 AM Bible Study
9:30 AM Contemporary Worship
10:45 AM Traditional Worship

THE ANNUAL ST. JAMES RUMMAGE SALE will be held on Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7. Please note the insert for details.

OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS will be honored at the 9:30 service on May 15.

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL PANCAKE CELEBRATION BREAKFAST on Sunday May 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 AM. Chris's cakes will be serving pancakes, sausages, and drink. A free will offering will be received. This celebration is for our entire congregation at St. James to celebrate our youth and graduates from high school and the end of another Sunday School year!

SUMMER WORSHIP

We begin summer worship on May 29, Memorial Day weekend. Outdoor services will be held at 8:00 and 9:30. Indoor worship will be at 10:45.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is reaching the end of the school year. See inside for details on the May schedule.

Pastor Jeni's Thoughts...

**HE IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!!**

What a wonderful weekend we just celebrated! Sunday morning, our Sanctuary was filled with people, lilies, beautiful music, and joyful praise to our Resurrected Lord. After a weekend full of meaningful worship services where we journeyed once again to the cross with Jesus, it was a joy to gather on Easter morning to celebrate the promise and hope of the resurrection.

It was also a joy to see the way our congregation pulls together to make this weekend happen. I know I speak for the entire staff when I say that we could not make all of the things that go into a weekend like this happen without the wonderful volunteers working behind the scenes. There were so many (too many to name!) who gave much time and energy to our worship, meals, and fun throughout the week. Those who took care of communion, those who ushered, those who provided such beautiful music, those who made breakfast, those who set up tables, those who folded bulletins...just some of the many volunteers around the church that helped make everything so special. THANK YOU to all of you!

I was especially proud of our young people this weekend. Our Riverside campers did a great job with their Soup Supper Thursday evening, and our Mission Trip students helped make the Easter Breakfast wonderful once again.

I hope you also noticed on Easter morning the beautiful bulletin covers some of our Sunday School kids made. If you would like to check out all of their artwork, it is on display on one of the bulletin boards in the narthex. (And if you made a bulletin, you can get one of your own from me!). Some of our youth also helped fill Easter Eggs and hide Easter Eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt. They had quite a job—we had TONS of eggs and candy (which is great, because we also had TONS of kids at our egg hunt!).

We also had many youth helping strip the altar on Thursday evening, and put things back out at the Easter Vigil. They did a great job and really added to those services by their participation.

In addition to all of that, we had several youth involved in our annual Sunrise Service on Easter morning. They led the entire service and they did a great job!

Pastor Jeni

News From Our Members

HOSPITAL NEWS

Hospitalizations or surgeries of members or former members of St. James since the last Journal... Arlene Berrie, Arlyn Brosdahl, Lynn Christensen, Margaret Christensen, Ruby Easley, Viola Engelstad, Jeanine Marsters, Ed Meyer, Ross Ransom, Margaret Schultz and Denny Weber.

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.

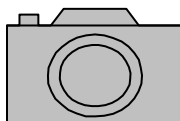
RECENTLY BAPTIZED

- Dominick Aaren Mason, son of Joseph Mason and Hillary Authier was baptized on April 23.
- Jake Darwin Watt, son of Joshua Watt and Terri Jean Watt was baptized on April 23.

Congratulations!

NO KOINONIA in May.
There will be a big outing this summer.

THE PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES will be printed as soon as possible. Watch the bulletins for more information.



OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to:

- Verna Gourley on the death of Verna's brother, Dennis Groh. Dennis died on April 14. The funeral was at Fullerton Funeral Home on April 19.
- Verna Gourley and family on the death of Verlyn Gourley. Verlyn died on April 19. The memorial service was at St. James on April 23.
- The family of Iola Whipple. Iola died on April 23. The funeral was at St. James on April 26.

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.

OFFERING FOR JAPAN RELIEF was \$450. St. James makes a difference!

THANK YOU to our congregation for the awesome response in donated food items for the Easter breakfast.

THANK YOU to all the mission trip youth and parents that worked in the kitchen. We served 155 people and raised \$400+ for the mission trip! Thanks go to Hy-Vee store manager Tracy Kading for the gift card. Thanks go to David Bergan at Armour for donating the ham.

Sincerely,
Sherri Fitzgerald
Kitchen Coordinator

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ST. JAMES CO-ED SOFTBALL...

Players must be 14 years old & up to play in the Church Co-ed softball league.

For more information contact
Marlin Deike at 424-2806,
e-mail mddeike@yahoo.com or
St. James Lutheran Church at
423-4702.

All players must register.

For a complete schedule check with the church office.

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MAY 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
Susan Saltou & Mikayla Ahrens	Susan & Keith Turner

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!

May 1 & 8	Jim Martinson & Merv Sletten
May 15 & 22	Mary & Bob Whitte

May 29th—September 4 is the summer outside schedule. Feel free to help out anytime, it's very relaxed and everyone just pitches in.

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
May 1	Jeanette Priebe	Lucille Feldhus	Nancy Moen
May 8	Jerry Hackbart	Susan Clarkson	Carmen Madson
May 15	Dar Wade	Kevin Longcor	Kathy Nelson
May 22	Lou Cira	Sydney Miller	Linda Paulsen
May 29	Judy Clarke	Henry Kalke	Gene Larsen

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 JUNE JOURNAL deadline is
Monday, May 23, by 1:00 PM.
BULLETIN ARTICLES
are due on Thursday by 10:00 AM every week.

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HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL SURVEYS

The office has received 109 of the 450 that were mailed out, that is 24%! You are doing great. For those who haven't returned yours yet, please get them back by the end of May.

**Please take the time to fill them out,
and get yours back today!
Thank you!**



BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

will meet May 1 at 4:00 PM
at St. James in the Friendship Room.

The speaker will be
Mary Ingham, from the
Crisis Intervention Center.
For questions, please contact
Kathy at 424-4997 or
Millie at 424-3360.



THE FLOWER AND RADIO BROADCAST CALENDARS FOR 2011



are on the bulletin board near Sarah's office.

**We especially need sponsors for the
Radio Broadcast.**

WELCA would like to thank everyone that participated in the 20th Annual Spring Salad Luncheon. We would like to thank all of you for bringing salads, baked goods, and provided raffle items. A big thank you to all that worked the dining room and kitchen. We had a terrific turnout and received many compliments. Work is under way to create a salad luncheon recipe book.

**Thank you to all of you
for attending the Salad Luncheon!**



PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING WITH THE ST. JAMES SMILE MINISTRY!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

- Regular classes will be held this Sunday, May 1.
- On Mother's Day, May 8, the children will sing at the 9:30 service and then will sit with their families.
- Chris' Cakes will be doing a pancake breakfast again to celebrate the end of another great Sunday School year and also to celebrate the high school graduates. The date this year is May 15. The pancakes will be served starting at 9:00 until 11:30 so you can come after the first service or after the second service. The Education Board is asking for a small donation for the breakfast with any proceeds going towards to cost of VBS.
- Riverside is doing VBS again this summer. The week will be July 18-21 with a pool party during that week. Please look for registration forms to be coming soon. Riverside only sends enough counselors for the number of kids we have registered, so pre-registration is important!

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THANK YOU'S TO:

- Wade Busch and Marlin Deike for fixing the bell in the bell tower.
- Don Priebe for securing sheet rock ceiling and installing new tile and grid work in the organ room.
- Marlin Deike for work done on the lawn where snow was piled.
- Don Priebe for making more wood stands, for communion.

Thanks for all that you do!



THE ANNUAL ST. JAMES TWINS' TRIP

will be on Saturday, August 27.

Plan now to see the Twins play the Detroit Tigers at Target Field.

Departure time for the 3:10 game will be 12 noon.

Seating location is Rows 1-8 in the family section #311.

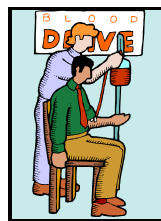
Total cost will be \$50 (\$28 for the Twins ticket; \$22 for the charter bus).

To sign up, please notify the church office.

THE CITY OF MASON CITY

is accepting application for the M.C. General Homebuyer Assistance Program. This program will assist eight low-moderate income, first-time homebuyers with purchase of a single-family home.

For more information check with the church office.



Mark your calendar for the
**ST. JAMES BLOOD DRIVE –
JUNE 15.**

More details to come.

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

A "NOISY" OFFERING for the local food bank will be received on May 29. Whenever there are five Sundays in a month, the loose coins go to the local food bank.

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BUILDING INFORMATION



The St. James building is open

**Monday through Friday
from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM.**

The hours on Saturday are limited.
If you plan to stop by on a Saturday,
you're asked to call ahead.

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

AUTOMATE YOUR REGULAR OFFERING:

St. James wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering. Electronic giving provides convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Getting started is easy. Authorization forms and additional information are available in Sarah's office.

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



DONATIONS FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS



help the budget considerably. If you can contribute a dollar or two, that will be greatly appreciated. Donations of baked goods or fruit can also be brought at any time.

RIVERSIDE FUNDRAISING MEETING

will be May 1 right after the 9:30 AM church service. The meeting will be held in library for those interested in Riverside camp and fundraiser ideas.



THE ST. JAMES JOURNAL is available on the St. James Website, 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.



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THIS YEARS SPRING LUNCHEON RAFFLE

was a huge success, in part due to all of those who so generously gave.

We would like to thank the following people:

Donna Martin, Linda Paulsen and Delores Bowers for the Easter Baskets,
Danielle Austin for the emerald earrings,
Delores Marsh for the crib quilt,
Judy Clarke for the toaster oven,
Gladys Northrup for the model cars,
Rhonda Hanson & Mediacom for the \$50 gift certificate,
Cathy McMurray & Nancy Anderson for the candle basket,
Jay & Sandy Thede for the candle,
Michelle Amundson for the gourmet basket,
Rick & Lorene Kammerer for the Taco John's coupons,
Dennis & Nancy Umphress for the Easter floral arrangement ,
WELCA for the coffee basket and
Love Circle for the boy & girl Easter baskets.

Thank you to all that helped that day, too. Sincerely, Vicki Austin.

RAFFLE WINNERS DRAWN AT SALAD LUNCHEON:

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| 1. Candle | Cheryl Martinson |
| 2. Easter Arrangement | Shawn Janssen |
| 3. Homemade Gourmet Basket | Kathy Follmuth |
| 4. Candle Gift Basket | Karen Holm |
| 5. Coffee Basket | Linda Schmidt |
| 6. Mediacom Gift Certificate | Linda Schmidt |
| 7. Taco John's Meals | Bill Trask, Karen Paulsen, Diane Francis,
Pastor Jeni Bohls, and Becky Gump |
| 8. Russell Stover Easter Basket | Donna Martin, Marcy Billings, and Deb Pralle |
| 9. Set of Model Cars | Joann Bartz |
| 10. Crib Quilt | Deb Pralle |
| 11. Emerald Earrings | Samantha Kraft |
| 12. Toaster Oven | Beverly Torgeson |
| 13. Easter Basket (boy) | Donna Martin |
| 14. Easter Basket (girl) | Marcy Billings |