

St. James Journal

Our Mission Statement:

"We Proclaim and Practice Christ's Love"

November 2011

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THE SUNDAY RADIO BROADCAST

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

CONFIRMATION-AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM for our 9th grade class will be at the 10:45 worship service this Sunday October 30—Reformation Sunday. Please remember these students in prayer as they approach that very special day.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS The church office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to Noon and 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. *At times the gym door and Maple Drive doors will be locked. Please use the main entrance at those times. If the main entrance is locked during office hours please call 423-4702 and someone will let you in.*

THE ANNUAL THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE will be on Wednesday, Nov. 23, at 6:30. It will be followed by pie served in the Friendship Room.

STANDARD TIME resumes a week from Sunday, November 6.

REFORMATION DAY is this Sunday, Oct. 30. As we celebrate the Reformation you're encouraged to wear red.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY is a week from Sunday, Nov. 6. All St. James members who have died in the last year, and those whose funerals/memorial services have been conducted by a St. James pastor, will be remembered and honored at the three services that day.

Pastor Jeni's Thoughts...

"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say Rejoice." –Philippians 4:4

A few weeks ago, I preached a sermon about rejoicing, and I thought it fitting in this month of Thanksgiving to repeat parts of my sermon as my newsletter article for November.

Because I think especially at this time of year, when we are asked to count our blessings and list those things for which we are thankful, it can be especially difficult if for whatever reason you just aren't feeling very thankful.

But in my sermon a few weeks ago, we talked about how there is a difference between "happiness" and "rejoicing." Or perhaps in this month, we could say that there is a difference between *feeling thankful* and *being blessed*. From my sermon:

Happiness comes from outside circumstances—what's going on around us. And if you put your trust only in that, you will fail at it often because your circumstances will change. The kind of happiness that comes from outside circumstances can be wonderful in the moment—but it is also fleeting.

But true rejoicing comes from within. For joy comes from knowing that no matter what happens around you, there is a center of life and hope and light in your life.

Because we are made strong, we are made right, not in the circumstances of this world...but in Jesus Christ. In his love and grace. Because Jesus' death on the cross means that nothing can separate us from his love. Jesus' death on the cross means that nothing in this world, no amount of worries or concerns, can win the battle. Our inner joy and strength can be found in the knowledge that Christ has won the battle. And we are secure with him forever.

In this month, you will be asked to count your blessings. Perhaps for some of you that will be really easy. But perhaps you have things going on in your life this year that is making that practice really difficult. Whatever your circumstances, you can rest confidently in the blessing that God in Christ is with you—and that His love and grace are present in your life. As you gather around the Thanksgiving table this year, may that blessing be the center of your celebration.

Pastor Jeni

News From Our Members

HOSPITAL/SURGERY NEWS

Hospitalizations or surgeries of members of St. James since the last Journal... Arlyn Brosdahl, Dolly Bryant, Seth Drumheller, Ron Jensen, Donna Meyer, Marilyn Monahan, Mike Ulrich, Deborah Whipple.

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 experiencing health issues.

GOD'S BLESSINGS AND BEST WISHES TO

Rhonda Hanson and Brian Dirksen who were married at Rolling Acres Christian Reformed Church on Saturday, October 8. Congratulations!

GOD'S BLESSINGS AND BEST WISHES to Dan Bolz and Laurie Buchanan on the birth of a boy Dillon Daniel. Dillon was born on October 16. He weighed 10.8 pounds.

Congratulations!

SOMETHING SPECIAL

Congratulation and God's blessings to Marvin Sletten who celebrated his 90th birthday this past weekend. Happy Birthday!

Congratulations to three Mason City High School students from St. James who were selected for All-State in music. Those three are Alex Lafrenz--drums; Sarah Ollman--vocal; Connor Tlusty--trumpet.

If you have a milestone birthday to share or other special event, please contact either of the pastors or Sarah in the church office.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to:

- The family of Jim Brosdahl, brother of Arlyn Brosdahl. Jim died on August 4. The funeral was in Lake Mills on August 8.
- The family of Marlin Hanson. Marlin died on Saturday, October 8. The funeral was at St. James on October 13.
- The family of Bob Haugen, father to Rhonda Dirksen and Grandfather to Paige & Tess Hanson. Bob died October 20. The funeral will be at Grace Lutheran Church, Hanlontown, on October 31.
- The family of Roland Jones. Roland died on September 30. The funeral was at St. James on October 4.
- The family of Byrnes Lemke, father of Steve Lemke. Byrnes died on October 2. The funeral was at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Oct. 6.
- The family of Hans Revaux, brother of Michele Huntley-Larsen. Hans died on Monday, Oct. 3. The funeral was at Hogan Bremer Moore Funeral Home on October 8.

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...

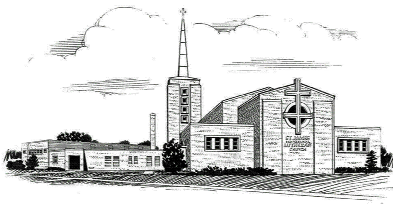
The family of Roland Jones would like to thank everyone for the cards and memorial money to St. James in Roland's memory. ~Lavonne Jones

To all who helped set up and take down for these last four funerals and then the bazaar. Also, thanks to the youth who helped with tear down and set up for the bazaar. ~Bill Trask

To everyone who sent me cards or came to the open house for my 90th birthday. It was a very special day. ~Marvin Sletten

To all who participated in Stewardship Sunday. What an inspiring message by Pastor Dahlen regarding "The Law and Gospel of Stewardship!" If you were unable to attend, please drop off your Time and Talent sheet and Estimate of Giving Card in the office. If you have misplaced them, there are blank ones on the table in the narthex. Thank you!

~Stewardship Board



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TAKING CARE OF CAREGIVERS

During November, we celebrate National Family Caregivers Month. Caregivers may call themselves husband, wife, parent, son or daughter, but no matter what their title they play an important role in caring for loved ones who need their assistance. While this care is given freely and lovingly, it can be stressful at times.

At Lutheran Services in Iowa, we celebrate family caregivers in communities throughout Iowa and offer programs that assist them as they take on this vital role. LSI's home health care programs provide important services to families including home visits by skilled nurses, homemaker services to assist with light housework and respite services for those caring for a family member with a physical or mental disability. At LSI, we understand the difficulties and benefits of caring for a loved one. That is why we are here to support this important group of people that take on these rewarding responsibilities.

For information on Lutheran Services in Iowa, visit www.LSIowa.org. Visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

St. James News

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
November 6	Parnell Peterson	Kevin Longcor	Kathy Nelson
November 13	Linda Schmidt	Becky Miller	Nancy Moen
November 20	Val Dornbusch	Susan Saltou	Gene Larson
November 27	George Arduser	Mike or Colleen Syverson	Carmen Madson

NOVEMBER 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
Lou Cira	Millie & Dan Godfrey

 **COMMUNION** is distributed to the home-bound 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.

PORTALS OF PRAYER AND CHRIST IN OUR HOME for September through December are on the tables in the narthex.

OCTOBER 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 Deacon's bench in the rear of the church. Thank you!

November 6 & 13	Keith & Ryan Turner
November 20 & 27	Mark & Connor Tlusty

THE DECEMBER JOURNAL deadline is Monday, November 28 by 1:00 PM.

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

THE JANUARY THROUGH SEPTEMBER STATEMENTS OF GIVING are available from Sarah in the church office. Please stop by or call if you would like yours.

TIME AND TALENT SHEETS AND ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS were recently received. If you haven't returned yours, you're asked to do so soon. The forms are available from the ushers on Sunday morning and in the church office during the week.

COPIES OF THE LUTHERAN are on one of the narthex tables.

THE VISIONING COMMITTEE is the new name for the Wellspring Committee. When you have ideas or suggestions for St. James, please pass those ideas along to any member of the Visioning Committee. Members of the committee: George Arduser, Carol Bartleson, Sue Ollman, Lexy Pederson, Erica Tlusty, and Pastor Paul.

OUR ST. JAMES VISION STATEMENT has been printed out on card stock. These Vision Statement cards were initially distributed on Rally Day and are available in the church narthex. If you haven't already picked one up, you're encouraged to do so.

WELCA

DESSERTS



Dig out your recipe books again. We will now make a dessert booklet. Send as many recipes as you want. Email them, drop them off at church, or mail them to me. I will respond when I receive your recipe, so that you know I have received it.

EMAIL: sherrifitzgerald1965@gmail.com
Address: 2 N. Regency Court
Church: Leave it with Sarah in office or place it in Kitchen Coordinator mailbox in the board room.

COLLECTING RECIPES: OCTOBER 23 TO DECEMBER 31

Thank you for helping me put together an awesome book!

~Sherri Fitzgerald, Kitchen Coordinator



THANK YOU to all the wonderful members who donated items to our fall bazaar raffle.

- Wine basket donated by Lori Jorgenson won by Travis Hesley
- Mediacom \$50 Gift Certificate donated by Rhonda Dirksen won by Sue Ollman
- Kitchen Basket donated by Sherri Fitzgerald won by Denise Hanson
- Lighted Christmas Decoration donated by Karen Paulsen & Dolores Bowers won by Kathy Grant
- Two wooden window boxes donated by Betty Hoffman & sons won by Sue Ollman and Becky Gump
- Garden bench donated by Betty Hoffman & sons won by Carol Edwards
- Quilt donated by Teri Tell won by Kris Buehner
- Oak bench donated by Don & Jeannette Preibe won by Donna Martin
- Cookware donated by Judy Clarke won by Tiffany Hanson

The raffle raised over \$400, thanks to all your donations. And don't forget to donate \$1.00 for your chance to win a quilt donated by Marcia Menke. Drawing to be held in December



WOMEN OF ST. JAMES

WELCA Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 6th, 2011

Dinner at 6:00 PM Catered by Butchers

Program by Fran Wolbrink "Everybody Did It"
Let's Sing Around the Piano

Installation of Officers—Sign up for Prayer Partners

Cost of Tickets: \$6.00

Tickets available between services on November 20 and 27, 2011. Also available in the church office. You may call the office at 423-4702 for a reservation. You may pay the evening of the dinner. If you need a ride please call the office or Mary Peterson at 423-7612.

Reservation deadline: November 30, 2011



THANKS TO ALL who participated in the annual 5k. You do such an amazing job of representing the spirit in our church. 5k winners in their age group: under 20 - Nick Frenz; 20-40-Kim Ostrander; 40 and up-Beck Gump. Way to go!!!



SAVE THE DATE!

November 19 at 10:00 AM, location to be announced later. Northern Star Cluster Event "Gathering in Gratitude - A Special Thanks for Women of the ELCA"

All women in the congregation are invited and welcome - thank you for being a part of the Women of the ELCA.



Special Thanks...

To 7, 8, and 9th grade confirmation students for all of their help with the fall bazaar. The students provided onions, celery, and bread. They did the chopping and prep work the Wednesday prior to making the main casserole for lunch. They arrived early Saturday morning to help with the 5k, assist with dining room duties, craft tables, bake sale, kitchen, and clean up. Your presence made our day so much fun and your labor made it easier on all of us.

Blessed are the teens who walk in the Lord, Blessings and joy shall be theirs.

Psalm 128-slightly modified.

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Breast Cancer Support Group:

For all Breast Cancer Patients (including Spouses and/or Support Persons)



November's meeting will be held on November 6 at 4:00 PM in the Friendship Room

This month's speaker will be Frankie Winegardner, PA-C, MPAS, CHTP from Integrative Medicine Consultants and will speak on Menopause Symptoms in Breast Cancer Survivors.

Questions Please Contact:

Millie 424-3360
Kathy 424-4997

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**THE ST. JAMES BLOOD DRIVE** will be Wednesday, November 2, 3:30 – 6:00 PM. There will be sign up at church this coming Sunday. If you have any questions, feel free to call Erica Tlusty @ 641-749-2200 or the church office.



## “ELEMENTARY SHARING TREE”

The Tree is up once again in the Narthex. Socks, boy and girl underwear, sweatpants and hats are most desired. Gloves and mittens are also appreciated. They are not able to use scarves because of the dangers on the playgrounds. If you can help with their requests please help decorate the tree. I will be delivering the items to the schools the first week of January. We thank you for your support in the cause.

~Mary Witte and WELCA Board

## BIBLES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Children's Story Bibles for preschool students and Good News Bibles for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students were presented on Rally Day, September 11. If any Sunday School student does not have a Bible, please contact either of the pastors or the church office.

**THE 23RD ANNUAL KCMR CHRISTMAS CONCERT** will be held at the NIACC Auditorium at 2:00 p.m., November 20. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets are available from Pastor Paul.

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A WEEK FROM SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 IS ALL SAINTS SUNDAY. We will be remembering in a special way, those from St. James who have died in the last twelve months:

Glenn Anderson
Arlene Berrie
Esther Borcharding
Verlyn Gourley
Charles Hahn
Marlin Hanson
Vergie Havig
Barbara Leake
Karen Lien
William Marshall
Jeanine Marsters
Rolland Miles
Lorraine Powell
Shirley Solberg
Luetta Walk
Iola Whipple



If any name has been inadvertently omitted, please notify Sarah in the church office within the next two days. Thanks so much.

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**THE ANNUAL CROP WALK FOR WORLD HUNGER** was on Sunday, October 2. There were 114 walkers with a total amount raised for hunger needs of \$2,814.94. Of that total, 25% will be returned to local hunger needs with \$351 earmarked for Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank and \$351 to Community Kitchen. The 32 walkers from St. James raised \$964 of the total amount. There were walkers from at least six congregations in our community.