

St. James Journal

Our Mission Statement:

"We Proclaim and Practice Christ's Love"

October 2011

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

BIBLES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS Children's Story Bibles for preschool students and Good News Bibles for the 3rd grade students were presented on September 11. If any Sunday School student does not have a Bible, please contact either of the pastors.

Pastor Paul's Ponderings...

Humor in the church

Humor is always "good for the soul." For this month's column I'll share some humorous items that have come across my desk. For starters, here are phrases that relate to us Lutherans (and many other denominations as well). It goes like this: "You know you're a Lutheran when..."

...you have an uncontrollable urge to sit in the back of a room
...you feel guilty about not feeling guilty.
...a capital fund drive is needed to finance the new one million cup coffee urn.
...you serve Jell-o as a vegetable.
...you think communion wafers are too spicy.
...you dress up as your favorite reformer for Halloween.
...you notice the Kool-Aid stock shoots up during the Vacation Bible School season.
...a line item in the trustees' budget is "coffee maker maintenance."
...you ask for "A Mighty Fortress" on the love song request line.
...potluck dinners are your favorite indoor sport.

In addition, I also came across the following:

"Hand Dryers"

One pastor put sanitary hot air hand dryers in the rest rooms at his church and after two weeks took them out. When asked why he did so he confessed that they worked fine, but he saw a sign that someone had put on one that read, "For a sample of this week's sermon, push the button."

"Thoughts by a Dog"

One pastor says that the best prayer he ever heard was, "Lord, please make me the kind of person my dog thinks I am."

"Bulletin bloopers"

Karen's beautiful solo: "It is Well With My Solo."
Hymn: "I Love Thee My Ford."
Diana and Don request your presents at their wedding.

"From Bad to Worse"

The minister was shaking everyone's hand while they were leaving the church. An elderly man shook his hand and said, "Reverend, that was the worst sermon I've ever listened to. It was terrible." As the minister stood there dumbfounded, the old man's wife stepped in, trying to help. "Please don't pay any attention to him, pastor. He only repeats what he hears others say."

Pastor Paul

News From Our Members

HOSPITAL/SURGERY NEWS

Hospitalizations or surgeries of St. James' members since the last Journal... Vicky Austin, Joann Bartz, Dolly Bryant, John McMurray, 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 experiencing health issues.

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

- Braden Aaron Boelsen, son of Jesse and Julie Boelsen was baptized on September 18. His sponsors are Jacob Boelsen and Jason Skarr.
- Kaylee Rose Myers, daughter of Mike and Kristi Myers was baptized on September 4. Her sponsors are Cory Barnish and Katie Sletten.

Congratulations!



THANK YOU...

- To Tracy Farland for replacing the light bulbs in the lighted bulletin board.
- To Dolores Bowers for putting the labels in all the Sunday school Good News and Spark Story Bibles.
- To Jeanette Priebe who makes the baptismal towels given at every baptism at St. James. She does the very special embroidery on towels and surges the edges.

Thank you!



AN OPEN HOUSE FOR MARVIN SLETTEN ON HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

will be held on Saturday, October 22, at Cornerstone Assisted Living, 300 2nd St. NE. The open house will be from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. All are invited.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to:

- The family of Lorraine Powell who died on September 17. The funeral was at Major Erickson on September 21.
- The family of Arlene Berrie who died on September 20. The funeral was at St. James on September 24.

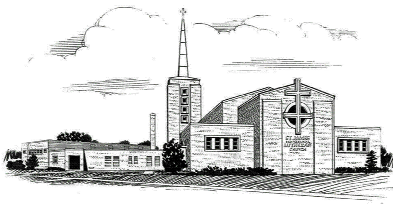
When there is a death of a family member, please call the church office so that we may make a note of it in an upcoming Journal. Also please call the church office if a name has been inadvertently omitted.



SOMETHING SPECIAL

- Congratulations to Carol Bahnsen who retired on April 21 as surgery scheduler for the Mercy OB-GYN Clinic.
- Congratulations to two of our members who have recently turned 90—Dick Fairbanks on August 28 and Harold Mersereau on September 23.
- Congratulations to Delores “Fritz” Guertin who was 80 on September 22.
- Congratulations to Jayden Ott on being honored throughout high school with 2nd team all-conference infield, 1st team all-conference unanimous catcher, with being honored with offensive player, receiving MVP award from her team, being 3rd team her junior year, being an all-state catcher, being named 1st team all-state catcher, for receiving 2A all-district, and 2A in all-area. Congratulations also on being name player of the year by the Globe Gazette, and for being signed up to play for DMACC. Way to go!

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



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OUT OF THE DARKNESS COMMUNITY WALK

will be Saturday, October 8 starting at Southbridge Mall. Registration/Check in is at 12:00 noon, the walk begins at 1:00 PM. In the United States, a person dies by suicide every 15 minutes, claiming more than 34,000 lives each year. It is estimated that an attempt is made every minute; with close to one million people attempting suicide annually. By walking in American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's (AFSP) Out of the Darkness Community Walk you will be walking with thousands of people nationwide to raise money for AFSP's vital research and education programs to prevent suicide and save lives, increase national awareness about depression and suicide, and assist survivors of suicide loss. Pre-registration is available online: www.outofthedarkness.org.

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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
October 2	Dar Wade	Gary Lafrenz	Jean Groth
October 9	Norm Schmidt	Liz Kellogg	Linda Paulsen
October 16	Marvyl Ransom	Tyler Mickelson	Ernest Thompson
October 23	Val Dornbusch	Linda Watt	Kim Platts
October 30	Ralph Preuss	Lori Jorgensen	Confirmation Students



OCTOBER 9:30 AM GREETERS:

Door Near Friendship Room	Narthex
Connie & Mike Cervantes	Vickie Austin and Dar Wade

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!



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 deacons bench in the rear of the church. Thank you!

October 9 & 16	Gary Lafrenz and Lou Cira
October 23 & 30	Nicole & Jim Patrick

THE NOVEMBER JOURNAL deadline is Monday, October 17 by 1:00 PM.

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

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.

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

SALAD RECIPE BOOKLET

Available October 15 at the

FALL BAZAAR

Price: \$3.50 each



WE ARE NEED OF YOUR HELP. We need baked goods for the bake sale, pies and salads for the lunch, coffee cakes and cinnamon rolls for the breakfast. We need lots of workers for the dining room, kitchen, bake sale, ticket table, raffle table, country store, dishwashing, and 5K. We will not turn you down. We also need donations of cinnamon rolls, coffee cakes, baked goods, pies, salads, items for the country store. If you would like to help, please contact Rhonda Hanson, 423-7028, or email mrhansonmc@mchsi.com. You can also fill out the form in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate on Sunday. Thank you!!

ALTAR GUILD will meet the first Wednesday, October 5, at 1:30. All are welcome to attend Bible Study.

WELCA FAIRTRADE COFFEE will be available at the Fall Bazaar on October 15. It is also always available in Sarah's office for purchase.



2011 Annual Fall Bazaar and Bake Sale

Saturday, October 15th
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Start off your morning with coffee and a cinnamon roll or a piece of coffee cake.

Join us for the 5K Walk/Run
7:30 a.m. registration, race @ 8:00 a.m.
Pre-register to receive your T-shirt @
stjamesmc.org

*Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets,
browse the Country Store,
pick up your favorite sweets at the Bake Sale,
and don't forget that Christmas is
right around the corner
visit the Craft Ladies' Table
for that special gift.*

Dinner Served @ 11:00 a.m.

\$6.00 per adult and \$3.00 for children

Escaloped Turkey Casserole
Salad, Green Beans, and Pie

Please check out our website www.stjamesmc.org
to register for the 5K walk/run or you can fill
out the form included in the journal.

Thank you!!



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THE BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP will meet this Sunday, October 2, at 4:00 PM in the Friendship room. Dr. Mark Mulkey will be the featured speaker at the meeting. The Breast Cancer Support Group is for all breast cancer patients (including spouses and/or support persons.) Any questions please contact: Millie, 424-3360 or Kathy, 424-4997.



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St. James Education

DONATIONS: The Sunday School kids get to pick out a treat in the Camp Store at the end of each session if they have enough points based on attendance and bring their Bibles each week. We could use any inexpensive small trinkets to add to our camp store...toys, candy, gum, pens, etc. The donations can be brought to the office anytime.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS: We are starting to look for adults to help with the second session of Sunday School which starts October 30th. It is a six Sunday commitment and it is just to supervise one classroom during Sunday School. If you are interested please call Carrie Braun at 424-0185.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is from 9:30 to 10:30. If the 9:30 service concludes prior to 10:30, parents of Sunday School children are asked to wait in the Friendship Room or the narthex until Sunday School is over. Refreshments are available in the Friendship Room while you wait.

7TH AND 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS will participate in the CROP WALK this Sunday, October 2. Details are on the note in your confirmation folders, as well as the collection envelope. If your student cannot participate, please return that note signed, with an alternative service project proposal written on the back. Because of the Crop Walk, there will be NO confirmation class for 7th and 8th grade students. *Ninth grade confirmation will be held as usual on Wednesday, Oct. 5.*



THE SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY has resumed. The class, led by Norm and Linda Schmidt, meets at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays. The gospel of John is being studied.

TODDLER STORYTIME is every TUESDAY at 9:30 AM in the St. James Nursery. All babies through pre-schoolers are invited for stories, crafts, games, songs, and snacks. Please talk to Pastor Jeni to sign up! Brochures are available in the narthex.

JAVA AND JESUS meets at Cabin Coffee from 7:30-8:15 on Tuesday mornings. This is a time for High School youth to get together for prayer and conversation.

WOW IS EVERY WEDNESDAY for all kids in Kindergarten-4th Grade. It will be held from 3:45-4:45. The class is divided into two sections—older and younger kids! WOW is a mid-week program for elementary-aged members (and friends and neighbors) of St. James that includes Bible Stories, activities, games, and crafts. Sign-up forms for WOW are available in the narthex or from Pastor Jeni!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE is a **YOUTH GROUP** for 5th and 6th graders that meets weekly on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15. Please join us and invite your friends!!! Sign up forms are available in the narthex.

PASTRY PUFFINS are available for sale. There are a limited number for \$12 a package and are in the freezer in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. If you would like to purchase one, please speak to Pastor Jeni.

