

St. James Journal

Our Mission Statement:

"We Proclaim and Practice Christ's Love"

September 2011

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 4 -

8:00 AM Outdoor Worship
9:30 AM Outdoor Worship
10:45 AM Indoor Worship

September 11 - Rally Day

9:30 AM Outdoor Worship

September 18 & 25 -

8:00 AM Indoor Worship
in the Sanctuary
9:30 AM Indoor Worship
in the Sanctuary
10:45 AM Indoor Worship
in the Chapel

ON SEPTEMBER 11, THERE WILL BE ONE WORSHIP SERVICE, outside, at 9:30 a.m. *Please note that the 8:00 and 10:45 worship services will not be held that day.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL begins with Rally Day on September 11. Children's Story Bibles will be presented at the 9:30 service to the Pre-school students and Good News Bibles to the 3rd grade students. Regular classes begin on the 18th.

KOINONIA will have a progressive supper on Sunday, September 25, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Watch the Sunday bulletins for more details.

THE ANNUAL CROP WALK FOR WORLD HUNGER will be held on Sunday, October 2. The walk will start and end at Community Kitchen. Registration begins at 1:30 with the walk getting underway at 2:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS resume on September 14. Serving is from 5:30 to 6:00. Suggested free-will donation is \$4.00 per person.

CONFIRMATION for 7th, 8th, and 9th grades resumes at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7, with orientation for students and parents. At least one parent from each household is to be present. For more information see the enclosed "Youth and Family" page.

Pastor Jeni's Thoughts...

This week marks the beginning of a new school year here in Mason City. For our family, this means sending our youngest baby, Alex, off to kindergarten. I've had a lot of emotions as we have prepared for this day. I'm excited for his new journey, and really happy for him. On the other hand, I must admit to crying a few times—thinking about how only a short time ago, he was a little baby in my arms and now he's a school-ager. Time truly does go by fast!

It helps to remember, as we think about the passage of time, that our God is a God of all times—standing with us through all of the ebbs and flows of life. He is there for everything—unchanging and always washing over us with His love and grace.

As we come to worship, we get the opportunity to remember God's presence in all things. Through prayer, song, and Scripture, we hear of God's promise and presence and we come to Him with our joys and sorrows, cares and concerns. And as we make those big transitions, we ask Him for blessing. This past Sunday, we had our annual "Backpack Blessing," where we asked students and teachers and all who work in schools to come forward to receive a blessing as they prepare for this new year.

In the coming weeks, we will have several more opportunities to ask God's blessings on our daily lives and transitions. Please mark these events on your calendars and join us as we celebrate God's presence in all things!

****Sunday, September 4**, you are invited to a "Blessing of Laborers" during our worship services. If you have a work uniform, you are invited to wear it that day. We will have prayer and blessing for all the many ways you labor in the world.

****On September 11**, we will celebrate Rally Day with ONE WORSHIP SERVICE—outdoors, weather permitting—at 9:30 AM. We come together as ONE to celebrate the beginning of a new year of learning and growing in God's Word. After the worship service, we will continue our celebration with a brunch and a carnival. EVERYONE is encouraged to come as we celebrate together!

****Also on September 11**, we will hand out Bibles. Our 3rd Graders will receive Good News Bibles. Our pre-school youth will receive Spark Story Bibles. If you are new to the congregation, or perhaps missed the presentation of Bibles last year, let us know. And make plans to come that day to receive the gift of God's Word!

****As fall gets into full gear**, lots of our programs and activities will begin again. These are designed to help us all grow in faith and fellowship so that we remember God's promise and blessings more and more. *Look through this newsletter for information on all of our programs for adults AND youth.*

Whatever transitions come in your life—whatever joys or sorrows you have to share—bring them to God. He promises to be there, and He will bless us in all of our new beginnings.

~Pastor Jeni

News From Our Members

HOSPITAL/SURGERY NEWS:

Hospitalizations or surgeries of members of St. James since the last Journal... Fred Barlow, Joann Bartz and Eric Follmuth.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

- Alf Larson who retired on July 29 after working 19 years with WHKS & Co.
- Bethany Larson and her accomplishments on the piano.
- Jayden Ott and her softball honors.

GOD'S BLESSINGS AND BEST WISHES TO

Jesse and Julie Boelsen on the birth of a boy, Braden Aaron. Braden weighted 9 pounds, 1.9 ounces and was 21" long. He was born on July 22.

THANK YOU

Our family would like to thank you for your prayers and concerns following Eric's heart attack. He's doing great!!! ~ Bob and Kathy Follmuth

THANKS TO...

- George Arduser, Jerry Butters, Marlin Deike, and Jeff Trask for recently helping out at St. James.
- Don Priebe for replacing broken doorknobs in the church
- Dan Godfrey, Ray Groth, Chuck Harris, LeRoy Olson, Don Priebe, and Ross Ransom for refinishing the outside stage and cross.

A BIG THANK YOU to Bob and Kathy Follmuth for your hospitality in inviting us to your home on the lake for our Koininia get-together on August 7. We all had a wonderful relaxing afternoon with good friends, good food and good fellowship.

~Your Koininia friends

RECENTLY BAPTIZED...

- Landon Matthew Burt, son of Matthew Burt and Nicole Anderson was baptized on Aug. 21. His sponsors are Bobby Anderson and Shelley Huebner
- Lily Ann Burtness, daughter of Doug and Holly Burtness was baptized on Aug. 6. Her sponsors are Paul Burtness and Kevin Burtness.
- Angelique Marie Hobbs was baptized on July 24.
- Joshua Thomas Hobbs was baptized on July 24.
- Abigail Sue Henaman, daughter of Roy and Tiffany Hemaman was baptized on August 27. Her sponsors are Mark and Elizabeth Fitzgerald.

GOD'S BLESSINGS AND BEST WISHES to the following couples who were recently married:

- Tara Fitzpatrick and Phil Dimitros who were married at St. James on July 23.
- Ashley Stone and Erik Wood who were married at St. James on August 13.

Congratulations!

WE EXTENDED FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

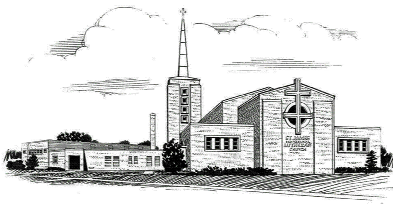
to Chris and Susan Clarkson on August 14 who are moving to Texas. Susan has already relocated; Chris will be moving upon sale of the acreage.

SOMETHING SPECIAL...

Congratulations to Sam Kraft who received bronze medals for the 200 free and the 100 free swim events at the States of America Games in San Diego, California last month.

MILITARY NEWS...

Jim Dlouhy, son of Marcia Menke, recently returned home after serving with the National Guard in Afghanistan. His deployment was one year. Welcome back, Jim!



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ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH SALAD LUNCHEON
will be September 8 from 11:00 AM—1:00 PM. The fee is \$6. Come and enjoy food, friends, and fellowship.


SEX AND MONEY—A national search for human worth will be showing at the NIACC Auditorium on Friday, September 16 from 6:30—9:00 PM. This is a film about human trafficking and is sponsored by Praise Community Church.

RIVERSIDE BIBLE CAMP'S ANNUAL WOMEN'S RE-TREAT is Saturday, September 17 through Sunday, September 18. This weekend is about removing the clutter that causes resistance to our hearing and obeying God, wholeheartedly connecting with God and learning to be vibrantly alive! It's about living the life God created for each one of us! Registration online can be done at www.RiversideLBC.org or contact the church office for a registration form.

RIVERSIDE BIBLE CAMP'S FALL RECHARGE 2011
What's a recharge? The process of reloading or refueling a power source with it's proper fuel, i.e.: your fuel tank, your batteries, your mind, your heart. The available dates are November 11-13 for grades 4-6; October 21-23 and November 4-6 for grades 6-9; November 18-20 for grades 9-12. You can register online at www.RiversideLBC.org or contact the church office for a registration form.

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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
September 4	Lynn Christensen	Henry Kalke	Carmen Madson
September 11		Alexys Pederson	
September 18	Judy Clarke	Lucille Feldhus	Gene Larsen
September 25	Jeanette Priebe	Lori Hain	Nancy Moen

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
December 11
- Radio
September 25



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.

THE OCTOBER JOURNAL deadline is Monday, September 19 by 1:00 PM. **BULLETIN ARTICLES** are due on Thursday by 10:00 AM every week.



SEPTEMBER 9:30 AM GREETERS: Starting September 18.

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
Larry & Laurie Haugen	Susan & Keith

SEPTEMBER 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!

September 18	Connie & Mike Cervantes
September 25 & October 2	Chris Clarkson

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.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY will resume on September 18 at 9:15 AM. Norm and Linda Schmidt will be leading. The gospel of John will be studied.

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TIME TO GET SOME MORE MUSIC GOING AT ST. JAMES!

Circle the 14th of September for the Fall beginning of choirs!

Chancel Choir will meet in the choir loft at the regular time of 7:00 pm in the choir loft.

Youth Choir will have a slight time change...4:45 pm in the choir loft.

This year the Youth Choir will be divided into two...younger ones, ages 4-8 years and the older ones, 9-12.

If we need to adjust the age groups a bit, we may.

For this week, 4:45pm for younger ones....5:00pm for the older ones.

So each group will meet for 15 minutes on the 14th.

Worship Band will be starting on the 14th, as well, at 6:15 pm.

Normally it would start at 6:30 pm but for our first time, we may need just a bit more time.

We'll meet at the front of the sanctuary, near the choir loft.

We are interested in adding to all of our musical groups so we invite you to join us...

Chancel choir, Youth Choirs, Worship Band.

Sometimes the comment is made that someone can't be at every practice or every Sunday...not a problem!

We'll take you when we can have you!

Think about it...we'd love to have you!

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

OUR VBS THIS YEAR WENT AWESOME!

We had more than 50 kids singing, praising, and learning about how God has restored us. Thank you to the super high school and adult volunteers we had for the week. Without all of you, VBS would not have been possible.

NO BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP IN SEPTEMBER.

There will not be a Breast Cancer Support Group meeting in September because of Labor Day weekend.

THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4,

we will celebrate Labor Day with a Blessing of Laborers at all three services. You are invited to wear your "work uniform" if you have one. We will be celebrating construction workers, nurses and doctors, teachers, police officers, waitresses, and ALL Laborers! Please join us as we celebrate all of the ways God has called us to serve!

RALLY DAY IS SEPT. 11 AT THE 9:30 SERVICE

New preschoolers and 3rd graders will get Bibles. Kids will go to their classrooms during church and be done at 10:30. The first day of Sunday School will be on Sept. 18 from 9:30-10:30. The kids will start in the chapel with a children's church service and music time, and then go to their classrooms until 10:30. We will have a short information sheet for parents to update that Sunday as well. We could still use a couple more adults to help supervise a classroom. It is only a six Sunday commitment, if interested please contact Carrie Braun at 424-0185.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 14—Party Sub, chips & hotdogs

September 21—Sloppy Joes, beans & hotdogs

September 28—Walking Tacos

Home-Cooked, scrumptious suppers are served every Wednesday Night, beginning on September 14 at 5:15. Cost is \$4 per person. Everyone is welcome for this time of food and fellowship. Join us for programs after supper, including Adult Bible Studies, confirmation, Wednesday Night Live, or Chancel Choir (or just come for supper!). See you there!

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WE ARE GEARING UP FOR OUR ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR which will be held Saturday, October 15th, we are in need of your help. We need baked goods for the bake sale, pies & salads for the lunch, coffee cakes & 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 head up a committee, we would welcome your help. Call Rhonda Hanson 641-423-7028 or email mrhansonmc@mchsi.com

ALTAR GUILD will meet Wednesday, September 7 at 1:30. All are welcome— we use the *Lutheran Woman Today/Gather* Bible Study.

CONFERENCE STEWARDSHIP MEETING

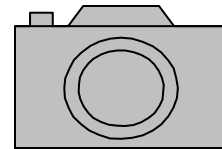
will be in Osage on Thursday, September 22. Bishop Steve Ullstad and Pastor Nancy Larson will be there for a great chance to learn more about stewardship and why we are caretakers of God's possessions while here on earth.



PRAYER SHAWL: Monday, Sept. 12th at 6:30pm. Anyone interested in this amazing ministry is welcome. We meet for an hour, working together making prayers shawls and praying over finished ones. Everyone is so helpful with the knitting and crocheting questions and problems. Please come check us out! Did you know we have given over 90 shawls during the past two years? If you have any questions, call Kathy Follmuth 424-5577.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE:

Within the last two weeks, the fourth proof-reading of the Pictorial Directory has been completed and sent to the printers. After the completion of one more proofreading, the book will be printed. An update will appear in next month's Journal.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA is changing the name of their publication/magazine from *Lutheran Woman Today* to *Gather*. Look for the new magazine in your mailbox. The new Bible Study starts in September with the study of Mark.



SYNOD WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

All women of the congregation are invited to *Rally & Rejoice* together at one of the following

- Saturday, September 24 from 9:00—11:30 at Our Saviors in Osage.
- Tuesday, September 27 from 6:30—9:00 PM at Nazareth in Cedar Falls.
- Saturday, October 1 from 9:00-11:30 at St. James in Allison.

During rally, we'll be able to talk with women from other congregations about their WELCA group. Ideas and information for your position will also be given. See the WELCA bulletin board for more information and registration.

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TO BETTER ACQUAINT YOU WITH OUR NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED ST. JAMES IN JULY...

Hilary Authier 530-2412

839 8th St SE

Hilary is in her last semester at NIACC where she is studying social work. She enjoys playing sports including softball. She also enjoys her yellow lab, Chase. She has a son, Dominick and he also enjoys Chase. He is a "music freak" meaning he loves music and he loves to sing songs. He also likes Elmo on Sesame Street. Hilary enjoys St. James because she doesn't feel like she is just a number. She finds St. James to be more personal than some congregations and that people get to know you.

Joann Bartz 425-9545

1600 10th St SE Apt D6

Joann works for St. Ansgar Sportsman's Lounge. She enjoys crosswords. She has four children: Mark Bartz, Mason City; Michael Bartz, deceased; Bonnie Crosier, Bloomington, IL; Brenda Evenson, Boone, IA.

Steve Hobbs 512-6100

Josh & Angie

313 S. Louisiana Ave

Steve works for Mechanical Air Systems and does furnace and air conditioner installation. He was in the national guard for 20 years. Steve enjoys the outdoors, hunting and fishing. Josh enjoys skateboarding and the outdoors. Angie enjoys pets, animals, hanging out with friends and lots of everything. They enjoy St. James a lot. They like that there are three services to choose from and think the sermons are really good. Arlin & Sandee Pals are Steve's uncle and aunt and they have other relatives in the congregation.

Alice Lichman 580-0084

621 S Tennessee Pl

Alice works in the office at Stoyles Printing. She enjoys reading, counted cross stitch and cards and other games. She has two children: Sharon Brown, Woodbine, MD and Bruce Chaney, Rockford, IA. She finds St. James to be friendly and helpful.

Tyler Mickelson & Kristine Seidl 606-206-3765 & 507-227-8057

198 S. Grover Ave #504

Tyler works for KIMT and Kristine works for Sunbeam Childcare & Preschool. They both enjoy sports, biking, exercising, reading, watching movies, and spending time with family and friends. They find St. James to be very welcoming, friendly with a warm community and they think it is a beautiful church.

Dear Friends,

After his battle with depression, my family lost a father, husband, brother, uncle, grandfather, and friend in May 2010 to suicide. We are all forever changed by this tragic event. My hope is that through education and awareness, those suffering with a mental illness will be prompted to seek help. Please consider making a donation to my team "Walking for Rich". I will be joining with thousands of people nationwide to walk in AFSP's Out of the Darkness Community Walk to benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. My personal fundraising goal is \$200. I would appreciate any support that you give me for this worthwhile cause. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is at the forefront of research, education and prevention initiatives designed to reduce loss of life from suicide. With more than 33,000 lives lost each year in the U.S. and over one million worldwide, the importance of AFSP's mission has never been greater, nor our work more urgent. Any contribution will help the work of AFSP, and all donations are 100% tax deductible. Donating online is safe and easy! Follow the link below to donate to my team "Walking for Rich".

<http://afsp.donordrive.com>. Just click on 'Make a donation' then type in "Walking for Rich".

If you would rather donate by check please make the check out to AFSP and mail it in with the offline donation form. Thank you for considering this request for your support. If you have any questions about the Out of the Darkness Community Walks or AFSP do not hesitate to contact me or visit www.afsp.org

Sincerely, Sarah Grant