

St. James Journal

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:
"WE PROCLAIM AND PRACTICE
CHRIST'S LOVE"

APRIL 2018

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 AM Traditional
Worship
9:15 AM Contemporary
Worship
9:15 AM Adult Bible
Study
10:15 AM Sunday
School
11:00 AM Traditional
Worship
(Communion is on the
1st & 3rd Sundays)

WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

**There is something
for EVERYONE on
Wednesday nights at
St. James!**

5:15—Join us for a
great supper!
6:15—Confirmation for
7th and 8th graders
ONE for 4th-6th graders
WOW for pre-school-
3rd Graders
6:00—Worship Band
7:00—Choir

Pastor Jeni's Thoughts...

In the Annual Report, I lifted up some goals for the coming year. Each month in my newsletter article, I will let you know some of the ways we are working on those particular goals.

For this month, I want to focus on prayer. One of the hopes I lifted up in my annual report is for St. James to become more of a "praying congregation." This year, we worked on that during this season of Lent by focusing on prayer during our Wednesday worship services—and some Sundays as well! We have talked about 5 different kinds of prayer:

- Intercessory Prayer
- Centering Prayer
- Faith5
- Labyrinth
- Lectio Divina

In addition to practicing these prayers during worship and in small groups, we have several resources for you to take home to use these prayer practices in your own prayer and devotion life. We will keep those resources out and encourage you to take them.

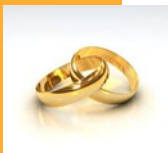
But we want to do more than just talk about prayer in our sermons and send you home with resources. We also want to give you more opportunities to pray. On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday (March 29th and 30th), the building will be open through the day with Prayer Stations in the Pre-School Sunday School Room, Fireside Room, and Chapel. Come in any time during the day to pray. There will be activities for you, or you may just want to spend some quiet time with God in the Sanctuary. We will continue to open the building for prayer vigils at various times in the

year so watch the bulletins and newsletter for that! In addition, as the weather clears up, we will be encouraging you to come and walk the Labyrinth out by our worship area. The Labyrinth is a wonderful way to share what is on your heart with God and let God guide you. You are welcome to come and walk the Labyrinth ANY TIME, but we will also have some intentional Labyrinth activities and we will advertise those for you to join us!

These are just some of the opportunities we will have for your to increase your prayer life. There will be much more so keep a look out for that! And please continue to stop by the Prayer Wall in the hallway at church to lift up some of those concerns listed in your prayers and write some prayers down as well!

-Pastor Jeni

MARRIAGE CARE GROUP



In April, we will begin a 6-Session Marriage Care Group with Bible Study and conversation on having a healthy marriage. We will begin on Sunday April 8 at 4 PM. The class will be held every other Sunday.

On the weeks we don't have class, there will be activities for you to complete as a couple. All ages and stages of couples are welcome! Babysitting will be available. Please sign up on the signup sheet in the

Narthex or e-mail or call Pastor Jeni. There is a suggested donation of \$15 per couple to pay for the resource book. We hope you will join us!

News From Our Members

Our Christian

- **Sympathy is extended to:** The family of Virginia Nuehring
- The family of Jan Abrahamson
- Steve & Kathy Rosendahl at the death of Kathy's mother



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.

Recently Remembered

in prayer: Blair Smith, Sandra Solsaa, Bridget True, & Marilyn Wallace

Congratulations to Jay & Lori Hain, who were married on March 16, 2018.

Thank you: St. James board members: Thank you for your generous help in the kitchen during Lent. It is great fun to spend time with you, laughing, doing dishes, and serving our congregational members. Your many hands make light

work of the many details in Lenten meals. thank you!

~Sherri

Thank you: Your kind words and thoughts honoring Gloria were much appreciated. Thank you for your friendship.

The Family of Gloria Martin:
John & Donna Martin
Denny & Nancy Umphress & Family
Wayne Martin & Family

THE MAY JOURNAL
deadline is
by April 20 by 12:00 PM.

THE APRIL JOURNAL
will be
assembled on April 24
at 9:00 AM.
*Please call the church office
if you are able to help.*

BULLETIN ARTICLES
are due on
Wednesday by 9:00AM
every week.

Talent Show

Singers! Dancers! Instrumentalists! Comedians! Jugglers! Sign up now to be included in the Sunday, April 29th talent show!

Contact Bob Grant either in person or by email at grantviking@msn.com before April 22nd to be included in the fun!

Everyone is invited to the show! Bring your friends and family to join in the fun on the 29th from 3-5pm. A potluck will follow so bring a dish to share and your own table service. Drinks will be provided!

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you are a Thrivent member and have choice dollars to designate to a charity, the deadline for designating those 2017 choice dollars is March 31. Please consider donating those dollars to St. James!

WELCA & Circle News

Preparations are underway for the annual

WELCA Spring Salad Luncheon on April 14, 2018. Items are now being accepted for the raffle. Donations of individual items, gift cards, and gift baskets are all welcome! If you'd like to contribute something for the drawing, please notify Jeanette Priebe or Myrna Jensen.

Every Spring the Mission Action Committee and Do Days Ladies

have boxes of quilts, school kits, soap, and personal care kits ready to be trucked to St. Paul for Lutheran World Relief. The truck going to St. Paul will be in Manly on Saturday, April 28. We are looking for about 5 pickups, vans, or SUVs to transport the boxes to Manly. We also need "muscles" to help load and unload the boxes. If you have a vehicle you could drive to Manly, or if you are willing to help load and unload boxes, we will begin at 8:30 that Saturday morning. Please contact Ann Sletten at 424-5240 or Terri Tell at 424-9776.

The Women's Cluster Salad Luncheon will be April 21 at Trinity in Mason City from 9:00 am until about 12:30 pm. The program will be by Paul Van Gorkon from GoServ Global. This group shares God's love by responding to disas-

ter in Haiti, Peru, Guatemala, and India as well as disasters in the United States. They are most well known for Safe T Homes built by Sukup Manufacturing. If you wish to attend, please tell Jeanette Priebe(425-3019) or Myrna Jensen (423-8089) by April 15.

NE Iowa Women of the ELCA Convention

is being held at Wartburg College in Waverly on Saturday June 16, 2018. Nominations for officers and board members need to be turned in before April 30th. Registration forms and money (\$48 per person) needs to be turned in by May 25th. To get these forms please see Jeanette Priebe or Myrna Jensen.

Changes Regarding Our Stewardship Projects!

For several years St. James has donated cancelled postage stamps to a project called Stamps for a Living in Washington, DC. We recently learned that the program has been discontinued, so we will no longer be collecting cancelled postage stamps.

But we have an exciting new project to which we can contribute. We will start collecting coupons that come in the Sunday papers and magazines. These coupons are sent to our U.S. military bases overseas. This is a project coordinated by Carren Schaer, a St. James member and treasurer of the

VFW Auxiliary. Our military families can use coupons for six months after the expiration date and coupons can be doubled to 75 cents. Coupons for buy one, get one free are also accepted. They need to say manufacturers coupon, have the expiration date, amount of cents off and the bar code. Coupons can be for food items and nonfood items such as shampoo, baby food, baby products, pet products, etc. Coupons for a particular store or restaurant cannot be used.

Carren sends them out four times a year. The next mailing will be in May so we would like to collect coupons from March, April, and May. There will be a receptacle in the Narthex for the coupons. Thank you for your support of this wonderful project to help our military families!

~WELCA Mission Action

The WELCA Board thanks Marlin Dieke for installing two new faucets in the main kitchen. We really appreciate your help.

LOVE CIRCLE will meet on Monday, April 16, at 7pm, at the church.

SENIOR SAINTS will meet on April 19th at 5:00.

KOINONIA: We will have another fun night of games and munchies on Sunday, April 29th at 6pm. Bring a snack to share. See ya there!!

DO DAYS QUILTING meets every Tuesday at 9:00a.m.

PRAYER SHAWL: We will be praying over finished shawls on Sunday, April 29th at 9am in the board room.

S.A.L.T. (seniors and law enforcement together) is holding their spring forum on Thursday, April 26th. It will be held at Grace Church, 440 North Illinois. Use entrance E on the west side of the church. Agency booths open at 8:30 am. Program begins at 10. Speakers will be from Kinney Pioneer Museum and Clear Lake Fire Department on the World Trade Center Steel. Lunch will be served following the speakers.

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2017 GIVING STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

2018 FLOWER MINISTRY sign up sheets are now available in the Narthex. Flowers are \$21.

SCRATCH CUP-

CAKES: Youth will be selling Scratch Cupcakes for the next few weeks! Buy some yummy cupcakes and support our youth! Sales go through April 6. You can buy them at church on Sunday mornings or from individual youth. Delivery will be on Friday, April 27.

OUR ANNUAL EASTER BREAK-

FAST will be held on Easter Sunday, April 1, between services from 8:30-9:45. This is a fundraiser for our National Youth Gathering participants and youth going to Bible camp this summer. There will be sign-up sheets going around in March for those able to donate items for the breakfast. We hope everyone will come Easter morning—and invite your friends and neighbors! Thank you!

EASTER BREAK-

FAST SET-UP will be held Saturday, March 31 beginning at 9 AM. All youth helping with the breakfast are asked to be there to help as we prepare food and get ready for Sunday's breakfast.

THE ANNUAL EAST-

ER EGG HUNT will be held on Saturday, March 31st at 2:00 PM. We will begin in the gym with a fun activity. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place soon after. No need to bring an Easter Basket or a bag this year. A fun bag will be provided for you. Come load up on candy, friendship, & fun!

UKULELE LESSONS:

There is still time to sign up for ukulele lessons. Talk to Sid Bohls or Bill Grant to join in the fun! Lessons will be held on Sunday mornings at 11:15am. Start date will be announced shortly!

CONFIRMATION YOUTH

have been scheduled to help *usher* at the 9:15 worship service through the end of this school year. Small group leaders have these schedules. If you cannot make it at your assigned time, please let your small group leader know or switch with a friend!

CONFIRMATION BONUS POINTS AND SERMON

NOTES: Parents, PLEASE check with your

confirmation youth about how many sermon notes they have. Remember, they need 15 by the end of May! Also, check with them on turning in bonus points. Bonus points will be used in May to get great prizes! They can continue to earn bonus points by serving at church or in the community.

HOUSTON 2018:

We thank you for your continued support of our Houston Youth preparing for their trip in June! Check out the church Facebook page for a link to support these youth through "Snap-Raise" which is like a GoFundMe account for the trip. Please consider sharing that link with your friends. Thank you!

YOUTH LED SER-

VICE: We are looking for youth to help share the message of Easter by leading worship on April 8 at 9:15. You will lead the music, the prayers, the readings, and the message! If you are interested in helping out, please talk to Pastor Jeni or Bill Grant.



2018 Schedule

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion—March 25

8, 9:15, and 11:00 AM: Procession of Palms and reading of the Passion Narrative. (Following the 9:15 service, we will have a parade around the block—all are welcome to join us!)

Maundy Thursday—March 29

11 AM and 6:30 PM: Worship with Holy Communion

Good Friday—March 30

8 PM: Tenebrae Service with music from the Chancel Choir

Holy Saturday—March 31

2 PM: Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday—April 1

8 and 10 AM: Festival Worship with Holy Communion

8:30-9:45: Easter Breakfast hosted by our youth.

All are welcome as we once again share this story of our faith.

Nylmarie Santiago

2/26/2018 Nylmarie Santiago is a member of San Pedro Lutheran in Toa Baja, Puerto Rico, an ELCA congregation that was severely impacted by [Hurricane Maria](#).

When the storm hit in September 2017, San Pedro's building was flooded with several feet of water, making it unusable and ruining almost everything inside. In Toa Baja, a month after the storm, most families still didn't have running water, couldn't clean the mud from their homes and were without electricity. At presstime, nearly half of Puerto Ricans were still without power.

The storm impacted Santiago too. Her grandparents' house was lost in the hurricane. Since then, they've been staying in her parents' home, where she also lives. And Santiago hasn't been able to return to her job at a cosmetic store. "I'm in standby at work because we don't have electricity," she said.

But Santiago has put her time to good use. "I'm using my free time to ... help everybody," she said.

Santiago has rallied San Pedro members to find, coordinate and distribute bottled water and food to 500 families in her neighborhood. Using a municipal building, she organizes volunteers to sort and package the deliveries. When they don't have enough food and water, she keeps track of which families have received items on that day in order to rotate on the next delivery.

"Our church has a little group of young people" who coordinate deliveries, she said. After others from the congregation finish packing the boxes, "we call the youth and they do the delivery. We have a pickup [truck] from my dad, and we help give everything to the families," Santiago added.

When an [ELCA delegation](#) visited Puerto Rico in October, Santiago was preparing deliveries and watching the weather carefully. "We have to wait because of the flash flood warnings," she said. "It can be another mess again."

Despite being impacted by the hurricane herself, Santiago is tirelessly serving her community, a testament to resilience. "We are trying to be very positive and give hope to the people," she said.

To help

Give by [credit card](#) or by calling 800-638-3522. Send checks payable to Lutheran Disaster Response (mark "hurricane response" in memo line) to Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME AND PORTALS OF PRAYER

for April
through June
are available at
the church on
the tables in the
Narthex.

Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp

A Message from the Riverside Parents Group:

This note is for any Moms, Dads, Aunts, Uncles, Grandma's and Grandpas about Riverside Bible Camp in Story City.

This is an invitation for your female or male children grades 3 through 9. Please think about them. Riverside is an awesome experience for them. I don't know where to begin. It is the best week of the Witte family's life each year. The girls get to go to camp, we drop them off Sunday afternoon and pick them up Friday afternoon. They get to experience something that stays with them forever and they talk about it for weeks. They get to spend time with other kids from all over that are there for the same experience. The worship, the music, the skits and the friendships. I'm not going to kid you it is a great week for the adults as well. We get to pick them up on Friday afternoon receive a big hug and listen to their week's stories. Their favorite parts, favorite new and old songs, and the new and old friends they meet. The counselors are wonderful. I can't say enough about the opportunity that is offered to the kids.

For the young shy, girls and boys that are unsure there is a 3 day session. This allows the kids to experience camp life, and give them a taste of what a week of camp can offer. Once they get the experience under their belt, the tears wiped away and the distraction of the counselors, they will be wanting to stay all week when you come to pick them up. The entire Riverside experience be it 3 days or a week, will be unforgettable.

Funding: There are multiple fundraising events that the youth of St. James work and participate in. We have the Sunday morning coffee, we sell BEC frozen items, and we have the Halverson Scholarship. There is the early bird registration by February 15th, there is the affiliation to St James discount, and there is a multi-child discount. In the past WELCA has been generous enough to donate to the campers as well. This year with the youth gathering there were additional events, a car wash, pop cans and bottles, and the concession stand at Cannonball Days. This year also included the Easter Breakfast. All of the events do take a commitment from the campers and usually an adult.

We would welcome new campers. It truly is a life changing opportunity for the kids. Repeat visitors to Riverside are the Braun girls, the Pope girls, Aaron Foth, Liv Hackbart, and the Witte girls. Please feel free to stop any of us at church on a Sunday. I know the Campers or the parents will be happy to chat with you. We are always looking for opportunities to share the experience of Riverside.

Thanks from the Riverside Parents



WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS
Served 5:15 to 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall

APRIL 4

Walking Tacos, Soft Tacos
Chips and Cheese
Hot Dogs

APRIL 11

Baked potato Bar with the Fixin's
Sandwiches & Chips
Hot Dogs

APRIL 18

Chicken Patty Sandwiches
Pizzaburgers
Chips
Hot Dogs

APRIL 25

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Alfredo Spaghetti
Butter Spaghetti
French Bread
Hot Dogs

Meal Donation: \$5.00 per person
All meals include lettuce salad, dessert, and beverages.

EASTER BREAKFAST
APRIL 1, 2018
SERVED 8:30 - 9:45 AM

MENU:

Scrambled Eggs
Quiche
Breakfast Bagels
Cheesy Hashbrowns
Ham, Bacon, Sausage
Cinnamon Rolls, Muffins, Coffee Cake
OJ, Apple Juice, Milk, Coffee

MEAL DONATION (Suggested):
\$5 per person

Come one, come all to our Easter breakfast, served by the mission trip and Riverside Bible Camp families.

Please remember this fun breakfast is a fundraising adventure for the kids attending the Houston Youth Gathering and for those attending Riverside Bible Camp during the summer.
Thank you!

Your mission trip and Riverside Bible Camp kids!

Reader Schedule

	8:00 AM	9:15 AM	11:00 AM
April 1	Ralph Preuss	Rhonda Paulsen (10 AM)	
April 8	Norm Schmidt	Destiny Hagenow	Pastor
April 15	Rich Tompkins	Hal Pohlman	Carmen Madson
April 22	Linda Schmidt	Diane Francis	Pastor
April 29	Donna Martin	Carol Edwards	Grant Bohls

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