

St. James Journal

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

April, 2022
www.stjamesmc.org

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday
 8:00 am -1:00 pm

Sunday Morning Schedule

April 3, 10, & 24

8:00 Traditional Worship
 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study
 9:30 Contemporary Worship
 10:30-11:15 Sunday School

Our 9:30 worship service will be live-streamed.

In case of technical difficulties, the online service will be uploaded later in the day.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN

SCHEDULE

11 AM Worship
 11:30 AM Small Group Discussion
 5:30 PM Supper
 6:30 PM Worship—Holden
 Evening Prayer
 7:00 PM Confirmation
 7:00 PM Small Group Discussion
 7:00 PM Choir

The 6:30 PM Service will be streamed live.

2022 FLOWER MINISTRY

A poster size sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the Narthex. There are plenty of dates yet to be filled if anyone would like to Honor or Remember a loved one with
 Altar flowers.
 Flowers are \$21.



Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 10:

Worship at 8 and 9:30, with a Palm Sunday Parade around the neighborhood beginning immediately after the 9:30 Service.

Maundy Thursday, April 14:

Worship at 11 AM and 6:30 PM with Communion at both services.

Good Friday, April 15:

Worship at 8 PM: Service of Darkness with the reading of the Passion Story from John's Gospel and special music from our choir and others.

Easter Sunday, April 17

6:30 AM: Sunrise Service outside with Holy Communion.

7 AM-10 AM: Easter Breakfast in the gym. Egg bakes, fruit, pastries, and beverages. There will be a free-will donation with offerings going to our Youth Fund.

8:30 and 10:30: Festival Services in the Sanctuary with Holy Communion at each service. *Note Time Change!*

We are so thankful for the opportunity to join together in worship and fellowship this year as we celebrate the Holiest Week of the Year. Invite people to join you for these special services.

If you would like to volunteer for these services, please talk to Pastor Sid, Pastor Jeni, or Bill Grant. We need readers, special music (vocal or instrumental), and greeters. Thank you!

St. James News

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

- To Nita Shovein and family at the death of her sister in law, Rhonda.
- To Donna Holt and family at the death of her mother, Bonnie Tobiason.
- To Horst Hehr and family at the death of his brother.



The Hospital is now allowing clergy to visit. Due to privacy laws, there is no longer a list we can check. **PLEASE** let the pastors know if you or someone you know is in the hospital so we can visit and pray for with any in need. Thank you!

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Congratulations! To Darla (Sachs) and Scott Swenson, who were married on April 3, 2022.
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PRAYER CHAIN: St. James has an active Facebook Prayer Chain. Talk to Pastor Jeni about joining that group so you can be in prayer for those in need. You can also contact Pastor Jeni if you have prayer requests to be added to our prayer chain.

CONTINUED COVID PRECAUTIONS

- Masks are no longer required in the building. They are still of course encouraged and welcomed.
- We do have coffee and snacks available between services on Sunday morning. We will also have Wednesday evening meals again during Lent, as well as our Easter Breakfast. Servers will wear masks and gloves. Other precautions will be in place as well.
- Worship modifications regarding offering and communion will remain in place.
 - Services will continue to be live-streamed
- We continue to ask you to stay home if you are sick and practice good hygiene habits!
- Please remember in these ever changing times that some of restrictions may change depending on data and the needs in our community.

We thank you for your patience and care as we navigate these decisions!

ST. JAMES EARTH DAY SERVICE DAY AT LIME CREEK!

Join us on SUNDAY, April 24 at 10:30 as we go to Lime Creek for Earth Day Clean up. We will meet in the gym immediately following the 9:30 service and travel to our designated Clean-up spot at Lime Creek.



You are encouraged to wear casual clothes to Church that day and bring plastic grocery bags to clean up trash (we will provide large garbage bags).

The Church will provide lunch following our time of service at Lime Creek.

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES can be found in the office. If you do not have any envelopes, please contact Jill in the office and she will assign you a box.

Your offerings can be given at Church on Sunday mornings. They can also be received on our web-site: www.stjamesmc.org where you can sign up for one-time or recurring donations. Offerings can also be mailed to the Church office.

We thank you for your continued support of our ministry at St. James!

DO DAYS

We always welcome anyone to Do Days on Tuesday mornings! No experience necessary! We sew, tie, iron, cut, laugh and eat. I'm sure you could do any of those. See you at 9 in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday's!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN APRIL:

April 10: Palm Sunday Parade!

April 17: No Sunday School due to Easter, but join us for worship at 6:30, 8:30, or 10:30 and breakfast from 7-10

April 24: Earth Day Clean up (we will travel to Lime Creek)



EASTER EGG HUNT!

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

2 PM

Join us at 2 PM on Saturday, April 16th for our (returning) Annual Easter Egg Hunt. **ALL** are welcome. There will be the egg hunt plus crafts, activities, and even a photo op with the Easter Bunny!

Help is needed for this event! Candy donations can be brought to the Church by April 14. We also need **PEOPLE** to help! We will stuff eggs at 6 PM on Friday, April 15. We will hide eggs beginning at 12 on Saturday. We also need help leading crafts and guiding kids through the egg hunt. If you are able to help in any of these ways, please contact Pastor Jeni or a member of the Congregational Life/Education Board. This is a great opportunity for youth to earn Service hours!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Stebens Traveling Show: “WSCT Barn Dance!” Watch your bulletins and Facebook for information about dates and times for this Stebens Children’s Theater Show. Adapted by Suzan Koehler, this show features Gene Autry, Patsy Montana, Minnie Pearl, Roy Roger and Dale Evans as this week’s guests on the WSCT Radio Barn Dance. Cowboy wisdom and homespun humor are featured along with several songs from the saddle including “How to Catch a Man,” “Yellow Rose of Texas,” and “Ghost Riders in the Sky.”

May 1st Confirmation Sunday: We will celebrate with our 9th Graders as they affirm their faith at the 9:30 service on Sunday, May 1st. Following the confirmation service, the entire congregation is invited to celebrate the confirmands with refreshments in the gym.

May 8th Muffins with Mom: Join us as “MUFFINS WITH MOM” returns on Mother’s Day, May 8th. Bring your moms, grandmas, aunts, cousins, and friends and join us for crafts and snacks as we celebrate the women in our lives!

May 22nd Graduation Recognition Sunday: Celebrate our 2022 Graduates as we bless them at the 9:30 Service. We will continue our celebration with fellowship and refreshments in the gym following the service.

Band Festival Parade: St. James will have a float in this year’s band fest parade! Contact a member of the Congregational Life/Education Board if you would like to help design a float and/or build it! And watch for more information about how you can be involved!



join us for a

Spring

Luncheon

Saturday

April 30 11-1pm

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Hosted by

Women of Saint James Lutheran Church

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“mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith”

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St. James News

LENT April 2022

APRIL 6

Serving: Stewardship and
Deacons

Menu: Party Sub
Potato salad and fruit salad
Potato chips

APRIL 13 HOLY WEEK NO MEAL

Serving time requirement: 5 pm to end of
clean-up, usually complete by 7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN MEALS

APRIL 2022
Served in Fellowship Hall 5:30 - 6:15 PM

Welcome back to the fellowship of
Wednesday
evening Lenten meals.

MEAL DONATIONS
Suggested \$5 per person

All meals include hot dogs, beverages, and
dessert.

PLANNING EVENTS??

*If you have a graduation open house,
anniversary party, or other event you would
like to invite the congregation to attend,
please feel free to contact us about inviting
people through our monthly Journal. Journal
deadlines are listed on your monthly
calendar.*

*We also have rooms available for your events.
Please contact Jill about reserving space.*

EASTER BREAKFAST

APRIL 17, 2022

7-10 AM

*Breakfast will be served throughout the morning from
7 AM to 10 AM!*

We are so excited for the return of our Annual Easter **Breakfast!**

Menu:

Egg Bakes
Fruit
Pastries
Beverages

*Free Will donations for the breakfast will go towards the
Youth Fund at St. James.*

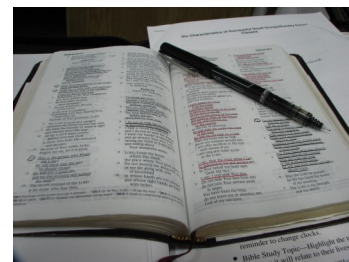
*Help needed! Fill out the Easter Breakfast form or e-mail
the Church office to sign up for donations and/or time!*

Our St. James Women's Book Club will begin
meeting on Saturday, April 23rd at 10 AM at
Cabin Coffee. All are welcome! We will be reading
the book "Atlas of the Heart" by Brene Brown.
Sign up with Pastor Jeni, or simply join us on the
23rd. Start your spring off right with a good book
and conversations with friends!

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NEW BIBLE STUDY COMING THIS **SUMMER**

Keep an eye out for a
new Bible study
beginning Wednesday
evenings this summer. It
will be a time of Bible
study and conversation
for adults led by Pastor
Sid. Location and time will be in the next
newsletter.



Opportunities to Serve and learn!

GREETER & USHERS NEEDED

We are working on scheduling greeters & ushers for the fall. If you're interested please contact Diane or Tim Francis, or Jill in the office.

RAGBRAI will once again be passing through Mason City! Last time we had RAGBRAI, we served and housed thousands of bicyclists. Let's have another feast! Watch for more information about how YOU can get involved in this fun outreach!

DRAMA TEAM: Talk to one of the pastors about joining our new St. James Drama Team. We have LOTS of opportunities for skits through the Seasons of Easter and continuing into summer! Join us on Sunday, April 24 at 9 AM for a meeting about upcoming opportunities. All ages (And skill levels!) are welcome!

HOME, HOSPITAL, AND NURSING HOME

VISITS: If you, or a family member would like to schedule a communion visit or any kind of visit with a pastor, please contact them or the office to set that up.
Thank you!

SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIP: The National ELCA Youth Gathering to Minneapolis for Summer of 2022 has been cancelled. We would like to plan a Mission Trip in place of that for our High School Youth. *If you are interested in this opportunity, join us for a meeting on Sunday April 10th at 9 AM* in the Fireside Room or contact Pastor Jeni.

CONFIRMATION will not be held April 13, but confirmation students and families are asked to attend the Holy Week Services. Regular classes resume April 20th at 6:30 PM.

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OUR VISION STATEMENT: Living out our mission, our vision is to be a vibrant Christian community gathered in God's name where all are welcomed, fed and nurtured. We envision our entire St. James family enthusiastically united in spirit-filled prayer, worship, music, Bible study and fellowship. We see our congregation devoted to Christ-like service in our community and the world.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Communion 8 am Worship 9 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Contemporary Worship 10:30 am Sunday School	4	5 9 am Do Days	6 7 am Men's Breakfast 11 am Service 5:30 pm Meal 6:30 pm Service 7 pm Choir 7:00 pm Confirmation	7	8	9 1:00 pm Fireside room Reserved
10 Palm Sunday 8 am Worship 9 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Contemporary Worship 10:30 am Palm Branch Parade	11	12 9 am Do Days	13 7 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Staff 7 pm Choir	14 Maundy Thursday 11 am Service No Meal 6:30 pm Service	15 Good Friday 8 pm Service	16 2 pm Easter Egg Hunt
17 Easter Communion 6:30 am Sunrise Service 7-10 am Breakfast 8:30 am Worship 9 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Contemporary Worship	18	19 9 am Do Days	20 7 am Men's Breakfast 10 am Staff meeting 6:30 pm Confirmation 7 pm Choir	21 Jill Gone 5:30 pm Council Journal entries due	22 Jill Gone	23 10 am Book Club at Cabin Coffee
24 8 am Worship 9 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Contemporary Worship 10:30 am Sunday School— Lime Creek	25	26 9 am Do Days	27 7 am Men's Breakfast 10 am Staff meeting 6:30 pm Confirmation 7 pm Choir	28	29 Assemble Journal	30 11—1 pm WELCA Salad Luncheon

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Connie Cervantes Brian Garl Susan Saltou	2 Regina Hunn Taylor McEachran Brooke Stecker
3	4 Hans Jorgensen Brianna Notermann Greg Steinberg	5 Lavonne Leach	6 Dalton Gorder	7 Jill Eilers Jase Rood Bob Witte	8 Kirby Keiser Marcia Menke Addi Ostrander Robert Schultz Maggie Smith	9 April Jennings-Stoyles Pam Loeckle Kim Ostrander Bailey Van Dusseldorp
10 Michael Fitzpatrick Sheryl Fitzpatrick Nathaniel Janssen Aaron Pope	11	12 Mildred Carolus Amy Halverson Sandy Tisor	13 Brianna Hansen-Simmer Deb Pralle Isalah Watkins	14 Julie Carpenter Marie Nannenga	15 Jill Eilers Jase Rood Bob Witte	16 Adam Buhr Rick Kammerer Santee Pals
17 Nathan Hershey Kris Kotz Kristi Myers Jim Patrick	18 Roger Bublitz David Miller	19 Jacob Adamski Colton Schlie	20 Jon Anderson Branden Dahle Mike Fitzgerald Trey Hansen	21 Angel Haag Michael Haag Dennis Loeckle	22 Dominick Authier	23 Collin Gump
24 Kade Kloster Kathy Rosendahl	25 Anna Francis Jennifer Hansen	26 Ashley Geesman Roger Gump Harold Hansen Tricia Pope	27	28 Margaret Christensen Skylar Watt	29 John Martin Scott Raddcliff Luci Tisor David Ward	30 Owen Justice Jason Trask