

St. James Journal

AUGUST, 2019

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

7:30 am Potluck
Breakfast
8:00 am Outdoor
Worship
9:30 am Outdoor
Worship
10:30 am Chapel
Worship

There will be no 10:30
service on August 11.

CHURCH ENTRANCES

During week hours, if
Jill is alone, only the
MAIN entrance will be
unlocked. Otherwise,
all doors will be
opened.
Thank you!

From the Pastors:

*"Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief.
Do justly now. Love mercy now. Walk humbly now.
You are not obligated to complete the work,
but neither are you free to abandon it." —from the Talmud*

Our family was blessed to go to Washington, DC for our family vacation, and we experienced so much. We were able to honor a Supreme Court justice lying in state. We were able to visit the gallery of the Senate. We visited so many sites that we had only read about in books.

But the thing that we appreciated most was the connection with the history of our country and the world. This was seen in the halls of the capitol, and in every monument and memorial. And in the many, many hours we spent in museums—reading, studying, learning, and growing.

While all of the museums were interesting, and some very fun, the museum that was hardest to walk through was the Holocaust Museum. The images, the pictures, the history in that museum cannot be captured in words. And yet here is what we all talked about when we left that place: the deafening silence of the world to the tragedy of the Holocaust. Speaking out could have changed everything, but six million people died because no one would speak up.

We need to talk about that part of our history, because we need to remember that evil exists. Evil can happen, but we can change it. We need to be the voice of Jesus in this world, to speak out on behalf of those who are suffering, those who are oppressed, on behalf of all those who are living in poverty, in fear, and in danger.

Jesus said, "Whatever you do to the least of these, you do unto me." One thing we will remember from this museum: That we are the hands and the feet and the voice and the heart of Jesus, and we need to use those things to make a difference in the world. We need to not let events like the Holocaust happen ever again. We need to speak out. We need to help. We need to work together to change the world. "Whatever you do to the least of these, you do unto me."

The time to act is now. Let us never tire of doing what is right.

Blessings to you all.

Pastor Jeni and Pastor Sid

CHRIST IN OUR
HOME
AND
PORTALS OF
PRAYER
for July thru Sept
are available on
the table in the
Narthex.

THERE ARE
STILL MANY
OFFERING
ENVELOPES IN
THE
OFFICE, have you
picked yours up?

**2019 FLOWER
MINISTRY**

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

**THE September
JOURNAL
deadline is
August 19 by
2:00 PM.**

**THE September
JOURNAL will be
assembled on
August 27th at
10:00 AM.**

Please call the church office
if you are able to help.



Dr. Seuss Day
**"The Gospel According
to Dr. Seuss"**

As our celebration of our "Summer of Seuss" wraps up, we will have Dr. Seuss Day on August 4. We will read the book Green Eggs and Ham, as we think about our bold call to try new things in this world.



Join us to celebrate with a Green Eggs and Ham breakfast in the gym between the 8 and 9:30 services.

You are also encouraged to wear Dr. Seuss clothes or costumes.

On August 11 we will finish our Dr. Seuss series with a car and bike blessing using the book, *To Think that I Saw it on Mulberry Street*.

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SIMPLY GIVING AUTO OFFERING PROGRAM! Are you traveling this summer? Do you want an easy way to ensure your offering gets here even when you are not? Sign up for our SIMPLY GIVING AUTO OFFERING PROGRAM! You can get forms in the office or sign up on our website to have your offering automatically deducted from your checking account.

St. James News



MINISTERS OF CONNECTION! St. James has a group called the Ministers of Connection. Our task is to visit our members who are in nursing homes, assisted living and those who are homebound and help keep them connected to our ministry at St. James. We try to go once a month and some take communion as well as visit. We are looking for new volunteers to carry out this important work for St. James. If you are interested, please let Pastor Jeni or Pastor Sid know or call Sandy Thede at 641-425-2394.

FACEBOOK PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like to be added to our St. James Facebook Prayer Chain, please talk to Pastor Jeni.

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*Thank
You!*

Thanks to our members for help around the church:
Don Priebe, Kevin Longcor, Nick West for repairing the Maple Drive steps
- looks good!

Tom & Tammy Yezek, Marlin Deike, Sandy Thede, Alf Larson, Gary Lafrenz,
Bill Trask, Jennifer Hanson for helping to replacing the sanctuary lights to all LED
lights - what a difference!

Sandy Thede for coordinating the door painting.

Marlin Deike for preparing the outdoor worship area and labyrinth.

Marlin Deike and Lou Cira for trimming trees. Nick West for removal of the large pile of branches.

Tom & Tammy Yezek for planting the flowers. We are so thankful for all of the beautiful flowers around the Church and Parsonage!

Thanks for the all the work you do to improve, maintain and support our church.

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OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO:

- Sandra Solsaa at the loss of her brother, John (Jack) Ringis.
- Marv and Linda Betels at the death of her son Josh Watt.
- The family of Leslie Pals
- Karen and Corey Klouse and family at the death of nephew Gavin Gretillat



FROM THE COOKS CORNER

Hello St. James

Just a reminder to watch your September journal for the upcoming meals served each Wednesday from 5:15 to 6 PM starting September 11th.

I will be serving walking tacos, soft tacos and more for our first meal of the new season (Sept. 11).

I invite each one of you St. James members to join us for great fellowship and good food Wednesday evenings.

See you in September.

Sherri Fitzgerald
Kitchen Coordinator

Upcoming Events

ST. JAMES CAMPOUT August 10th & 11th at the Wilkinson Pioneer Park in Rock Ralls. There will be a Koinonia Potluck Saturday evening of the 10th at 6:00 pm in the shelter house.



BACKPACK BLESSING: As we prepare for another school year, let us celebrate with another backpack blessing. Join us on Sunday, August 25, at both the 8 and 9:30 services as we bless another new year of school. All students, teachers, and school staff are encouraged to come forward for a blessing. Kids, be sure to bring your backpacks. This is a great day to bring school supplies for our Women of the ELCA school supply drive. See the list of needed supplies elsewhere in this newsletter.



KCMR Devotions

Pastor Sid will be on KCMR Radio FM 97.9 delivering devotions at 6:55 AM and 12:30 PM the week of August 5-9. Be sure to tune in to hear what he has to say.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF School Kits!

It's already getting to be the time of year when school supplies will be going on sale. Please consider purchasing items for our LWR school kits.

Last year we sent 51 school kits to LWR and we hope to meet or exceed that number next time.

Below is a list of items needed for the kits. They can be placed in the brown wicker baskets in the narthex.

- ~ 70 page notebooks (4 are needed for each kit)
- ~ Boxes of 24 crayons
- ~ Blue or black in pens (no gel pens) (5 for each kit)
- ~ No. 2 pencils (5 for each kit)
- ~ Pencil sharpeners
- ~ 12 inch rulers (centimeters on one side)
- ~ Blunt scissors (safety scissors will work)
- ~ 2 inch erasers

Thank you! WELCA Mission Action

IF (YOU OR) YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER is going away for school in the fall, please be sure to give their name and new address to the Church office. Our Care Team sends care packages to college students who live out of town, as well as members of the military. We would also love to make sure they get the monthly "Journal" so please give us e-mail addresses as well!

POLKA SERVICE UPDATE: The polka service this year will be held in October as part of our Lutheran Heritage month leading up to Reformation Sunday. Keep an eye out for more information about this special month of celebration.

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RALLY DAY

RALLY DAY: Mark your calendars for September 8 for Rally Day. We will have one service that day at 9:00 AM, followed by a carnival with games, food, dunk tank, bouncy house, and all sorts of fun.

Our new Sunday School year begins September 15. We are returning this year to regular Sunday School classes at 10:30. We are in need of teachers for all age groups. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor Jeni or Pastor Sid or a member of the Education team. Thank you!

OUR MONTHLY WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB will meet in July at *CABIN COFFEE on the 10th and 24th at 2 PM.* We are reading the book "Daring Greatly" by Brené Brown. The book is available in many places, including Target and Amazon. *New members of our Book Club are Always welcome!*

BREWERY BIBLE STUDY is moving to WEDNESDAYS for the summer! Join us at MASON CITY BREWING on August 7 and 21 at 6 PM for conversation, beverages, and Bible Study. All are welcome!

RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE:

Our Rummage Sale is in need of leaders. If you are interested, please contact the church office. Without a leader, we will not be able to have the rummage sale this year. Thank you for considering this opportunity.

AUGUST READERS

SCHEDULE	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
August 4	Ralph Preuss	Gary Lafrenz	Pastor
August 11	Norm Schmidt	Alyse Hesley	No service
August 18	Rich Tompkins	Bob Follmuth	Grant Bohls
August 25	Linda Schmidt	Kim Ostrander	Gene Larsen

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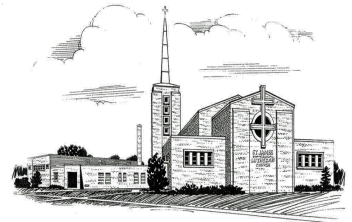
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