

St. James Journal

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

August, 2022
www.stjamesmc.org

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

Sunday Morning Outdoor Schedule

9:00 am Outdoor Worship Fellowship before and after the service.

The service will be live-streamed.

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

DRAMA CLUB will be helping with worship through summer. If you would like to be a part of our group of actors helping leading skits and readings, please contact one of the pastors. Thank you!

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.

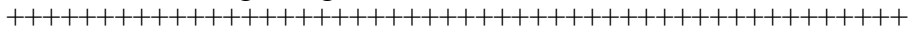
SPECIAL EVENTS IN AUGUST!

Join us for these events during the month of August!

Pet Blessing Sunday on August 7 at 9 AM



Join us for our ANNUAL PET BLESSING SERVICE on August 7. Bring your dogs, cats, birds, fish, and all of God's critters as we celebrate the gift of pets! In case of rain, the service will be held at a later date. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for any announcements regarding weather.



Back to School Blessing and Brunch! **Sunday August 21 at 9 AM**



Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, August 21, we will celebrate the beginning of the School Year with our Annual Backpack blessing. Kids, bring your backpacks/ school bags to worship with you that day. We will also bless teachers and school employees as we celebrate education!

Following the service, we will have a brunch for the whole congregation. Yard games will also be set up. Join us for cornhole, kickball, Giant Jenga, and other fun games!

We need donations of Egg Bakes and fruit. If you would like to donate, please contact Pastor Jeni or Christine Foth. The whole congregation is encouraged to bring pastries and other breakfast items to share. The Church will provide drinks and tableware. All activities will be held outside, weather permitting.

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VISITS AND PRAYERS

Remembered in our prayers: Brett Austin, Carol Bahnsen, Jean Groth, Leslie Johnson, and Margaret Christensen.

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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If you would like to be added to the Sunday prayers or would like to request a visit, please contact one of the pastors or the Church office.

DO DAYS QUILTERS

Do Days quilters need help!

We have been finishing lots of quilts and now we need sheets. We use them for our backs on each quilt. If you find extras in your linen closet, we'd take them. You can put them on the stage in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you so much!

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL SURVEY

We want YOUR input as we work to plan our Sunday School for the fall! Parents of children from birth-6th grade, we would love for you to fill out this survey about your family's needs, hopes, and dreams for our St. James Sunday School and Youth Program. Please fill out this sheet and turn it in by **August 15**. You can also go to our website to fill it out. The survey will be found right on our home page.

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Age of your child/children _____

Would you prefer Sunday School during our 9:30 service? Children would begin in the Sanctuary and go to Sunday School after the children's sermon (15 minutes or so). Children would worship with parents approximately once a month and sing a special song or do a skit during the service.

Yes ____ No ____

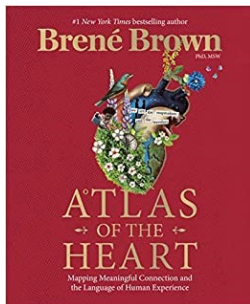
Would you prefer Sunday School immediately following the 9:30 Service? Yes ____ No ____

Would you attend Wednesday evening family activities or youth activities? Yes ____ No ____

Would your child attend an infant-Toddler story time during the Sunday School Hour? Yes ____ No ____

Comments/Suggestions: _____

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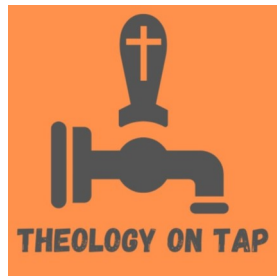


BOOK CLUB — NEW TIME!

Join us on Saturday, August 6 and the 20th for our Women's Book Club! We will meet this month at **2 PM** at Cabin Coffee. We are reading the book "Atlas of the Heart," by Brené Brown. This inspiring, informative book explores human emotions and the way they help and hurt us as we seek to build connections with one another. It is **EXTREMELY** timely as we re-learn how to connect with one another in positive ways.

ALL ARE INVITED!

Join Pastor Sid on Wednesday, August 10 and August 24 at 6 PM at Brix for **THEOLOGY ON TAP**, a time for conversation, refreshments, and fellowship. Brix is at 106 S. Delaware in Mason City.



This summer, we are tackling tough questions in our conversations. If you have some questions for Pastor Sid, bring them along!

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.

PRAYER SHAWL PIZZAZZ!

Thursday, September 15 at 10:30 am
Courtyard of Trinity Lutheran Church
213 N. Pennsylvania Ave.
Mason City

We will gather for fun, fellowship, and inspiration as we encourage one another in the ministry of sharing the love of God with those in need of healing and support. If you have an extra Prayer Shawl (or five or six :) and would like to donate them to the Spiritual Care ministry at MercyOne North Iowa, we invite you to bring them.

We will need our reservation for the box lunch. If one person calls in a group of reservations, please have each person's sandwich choice ready.

Sandwich options are: White or wheat bread, ham and swiss, turkey and colby, cheese, or lettuce wrap (gluten free) with ham and turkey.

Please call Trinity at 641-423-0536
no later than Wednesday, Sept. 7th.

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 fall we sent 37 school kits to LWR and we hope to meet or exceed that number this year. This year the truck will pick up our school kits on October 10. Below is a list of items needed. They can be placed in the brown wicker baskets in the narthex or on the bench inside the gym door.

- 70 page notebooks (4 are needed for each kit)
 - boxes of 24 crayons
 - blue or black pens (no gel pens) (5 are needed for each kit)
- No. 2 pencils (5 are needed for each kit)
 - pencil sharpeners
- 12 inch rulers (centimeters on one side)
- blunt scissors (safety scissors work well)
 - 2 and 1/2 inch erasers

Thank you!! WELCA Mission Action

Opportunities to Serve and Learn!

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

If you would like to provide special music or help out as a song leader for the summer worship services, please contact Bill Grant to sign up.

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.

HELP IS NEEDED to set up for our outdoor worship services each Sunday morning. Contact Jennifer Hansen for more information about how you can help. We generally start around 8:30. We also need help putting things away after worship. Thank you!

GREETER, USHERS & SLIDE PREP NEEDED

We are working on scheduling greeters & ushers for the fall. We also are looking for someone interested in setting up the slides for Sunday Worship. If you're interested please contact Diane or Tim Francis, or Jill in the office.

OFFERINGS: You are encouraged to sign up for our SIMPLY GIVING auto-offering program, a way to continue your gifts even when you are not able to be present. Sign up for Simply Giving on our website. Contact the Church office for more information.

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

OUTREACH AND MISSION TASK FORCE

The Mission and Outreach Task Force will meet on Tuesday, August 23 at 6 PM. We are looking for people to be on this task force who are committed to planning events, programs, and service projects to reach out to our community and beyond with the love of Christ. Come with ideas and a heart for service as we work together to find new ways to Proclaim and Practice Christ's Love!

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION IN SEPTEMBER

7th-9th Grade families: Mark your calendars for Confirmation orientation on Wednesday, September 7. Times will be announced in the bulletin and the September newsletter.

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