

# St. James Journal

DECEMBER 2019

## DECEMBER 1 AND 8 SCHEDULE

8:00 AM Worship  
9:15 AM Bible Study  
9:30 AM Worship  
10:30 AM Sunday  
School  
11:00 AM Chapel  
Worship

## DECEMBER 15

8:00 AM Worship  
9:15 AM Bible Study  
9:30 AM Sunday School  
Christmas Program  
10:30 AM Brunch  
11:00 AM Chapel  
Worship

## DECEMBER 22

9:00 AM Choir Cantata

## DECEMBER 29

9:00 AM Service of  
Lessons and Carols

## WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

5:15 pm Meal  
6 pm Small Group  
Study  
6:15 pm Confirmation,  
WOW, and ONE  
7:00 pm Choir

## Merry Christmas From the St. James Staff!

Please join us for Christmas Eve  
Worship Services at  
**3, 5, and 10 PM**  
as we celebrate once again the birth of  
Jesus into the world.



Have a blessed Christmas and a very  
Happy New year!

**CHRIST IN  
OUR HOME  
AND PORTALS  
OF PRAYER**  
for January thru  
March, 2020 are  
available on the  
table in the  
Narthex.

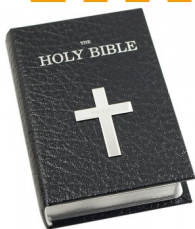
### 2020 FLOWER MINISTRY

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

**THE January  
JOURNAL** deadline is  
December 13 by  
12:00 PM.

**THE January  
JOURNAL** will be  
assembled on December  
20 at 10:00 AM.  
*Please call the church office  
if you are able to help.*

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



## **BIBLE STUDY, LEARNING, AND SERVING OPPORTUNITIES!**

**BREWERY BIBLE STUDY** meets on THURSDAYS. Join us at 6 PM for conversations about faith, the Bible, and life. We will meet on December 12th. Come this month and check us out!

**WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB at CABIN COFFEE** will meet on December 7th at 2 PM. We are reading the book, "Come to the Table." Please talk to Pastor Jeni if you would like a copy of the book. We have plenty available!

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES!**

Sundays @ 9:15 Adult Bible Study that meets each week  
Sundays @ 10:30 Adult Sunday School meets each week  
Wednesdays @ 6 PM Small Group studying various topics  
Saturdays @ 2 PM twice a month—Book Study at Cabin Coffee  
Thursdays @ 6:00 PM—Brewery Bible Study twice a month

*In addition we have TWO circles for women that meet once a month, as well as our Men's Breakfast..*

*New members are always welcome. Check out times on the Church calendar.*

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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**CHURCH BOARD OFFICERS NEEDED** We've begun the process of looking for interested members to serve on any of the following boards. If you feel your talents & gifts would be a good fit on any of the following boards, please contact any of us serving on the nominating committee.

Boards: Worship and Music

Memorials

Deacons

Congregational Life

Stewardship

Thank you, Nominating committee

Patti Florman, Sandy Thede, Diane & Tim Francis

**Dad's Belgian Waffles** will be served at the Moose Lodge, 22 4th Street NW on Tuesday, December 3 from 4 pm to 7 pm. Proceeds go to Good Shepherd for the resident Christmas Party and Moose projects.. Adults are \$8, Kids 6-12 are \$6 and 5 & younger eat free. Carry-outs are available. There will also be a bake sale.

**Good Shepherd** is also looking for blankets or lap robes to be used as Christmas gifts. Material of fleece can also be donated and lap robes or blankets will be tied. Fleece material should be 30 inches by 60 inches.

### **THANK YOU!!**

Thank you to our St. James friends:

We would like to thank you for the prayers, cards, and warm wishes during Larry's surgeries and continued recovery. Especially for the celebration of our 50th anniversary. Special thanks to the prayer shawl group for the "Hug from God" shawl and the visits from Pastor Jeni and Pastor Sid. God's peace be with you all!!

Larry and Carmen Madson

**Volunteer Bell Ringers Needed!**

Opportunity awaits! St. James Bell Ringers are needed on the following days and times! Sign up in the narthex on Sunday, November 24th or Sunday, December 1st! Talk to Bob Grant if you have any questions!

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Fleet Farm	December 10	4-6pm
Fleet Farm	December 10	6-8pm
Hy-Vee East	December 12	10am-12noon
Hy-Vee East	December 12	12-2pm
Hy-Vee East	December 12	4-5pm
Fareway	December 12.	4-6pm
Fareway	December 12.	6-8pm



**VOLUNTEER  
BELL RINGERS  
NEEDED!**

*Ring a bell...help change a life*

**FROM THE TRUSTEES**

Your St. James Trustees are in the process of planning fundraisers to make money for our new future digital sign. We are considering a Dad's Belgium Waffle Meal, a silent auction of local business products or gift cards, a metal drive and a "BUY AN LED LIGHT BULB" from our new sign in honor of a family member or in memory of a loved one.

Another upcoming event will involve a purse and jewelry sale. We are asking all our women members to look into your closets and jewelry boxes and donate items you no longer wear, such as rings, bracelets, watches, earrings, pins, necklaces, etc... This goes for the men in our congregation and children, too! Start putting that jewelry in individual baggies along with a note stating its original value and place it in the box that will be provided at church. Look for more details on the jewelry sale and purse sale that will be coming soon!



**St. James Lutheran Women  
Christmas Soup Supper**

**Tuesday, December 3**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Guest Speaker**

**Shea Coleman, Better Body Movement  
All Women Welcome!**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS  
DECEMBER 2019**

Meals are served from 5:15- 6ish in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

**DECEMBER 4**

Chili & Cinnamon Roll  
Chicken Noodle Soup  
Hot Dogs

**DECEMBER 11**

No Meal  
Small Group Confirmation Parties

**DECEMBER 18**

No Meal, Christmas Break

**MEAL DONATIONS:**

\$5 per person

All meals include lettuce salad, dessert,  
and beverages.

## WELCA & CIRCLE NEWS

### PRAYER SHAWLS

We will pray over finished shawls on Sunday morning, December 1st, in the Fireside Room between the 1st and 2nd service.

CARE TEAM College kids and Connor, your Christmas treat is on the way!!!



The MITTEN TREE will be available in the Narthex for “decorating” beginning in December. “Decorations” may include mittens, gloves, stocking hats, sweat pants, socks, and underwear for elementary boys and girls. For safety purposes, scarves are not accepted. Last year students at Jefferson and Harding schools received our donations. This year the donations will be distributed to Roosevelt and Hoover schools. An additional box will be available under the tree for high school and middle school students. Deodorant is needed for both male and female students, as well as sweatshirts and leggings in all sizes. As you’re shopping for Christmas gifts, please remember the MITTEN TREE. These gifts are very much appreciated by our schools. The “decorations” will be delivered to the schools in January.

THANK YOU, St. James congregation for your many donation of items for the Lutheran World Relief school kits and donations of fabric for making quilts. On Monday, November 11, 52 school kits and 139 quilts were sent to LWR. Thank you to the Do-Days Ladies for all their hard work in making the beautiful quilts. A special thank you to Heather Dietrich for helping assemble the school kits and loading the boxes to go to LWR.

WELCA Mission Action, Terri Tell and Ann Sletten

REMINDER: If anyone has used eyeglasses and hearing aids to be donated, there is a Lions Club box on the table in the Narthex. Thank you for your contributions.

### FALL FESTIVAL A HUGE SUCCESS!

WELCA would like to thank everyone involved with the Fall Festival.

#### Here is a list of the auction winners.

- Pie’s & More gift certificate, St. James insulated mug, and MCHS sweatshirt donated by Splash-Evan Dietrich, Judy Nessett
- Pie’s & More gift certificate, St. James insulated mug, &Newman sweatshirt donated by Splash- Colton Hesley
- Kids snack basket donated by Erica Tlusty with Family Video gift certificate, & Hardee’s certificate- Evan Dietrich
- Welcome sign donated by Mark Tlusty-Pam Harris
- Pamper yourself basket donated by Erica Tlusty-Ann Sletten
- Wayne Ski & Sport gift certificate and water bottle-Jim Ragan
- 3 Norwex microfiber cleaning towels-Kim Ostrander
- 2 NIACC show tickets donated by KIMT and Panda Express certificates-Jeni Bohls
- Basket with Christmas wall hanging and Christmas items donated by Lori Jorgenson-Shawn Janssen
- Basket with baby quilt donated by Marilyn Butters & baby items donated by Kathy Follmuth-Marilyn Wallace

- Basket with slippers donated by Market 124, insulated mug, & pedicure certificate from La James-Payton Hjelle
- Basket with slippers donated by Market 124, insulated mug, & La James certificate-Addison Ostrander
- Basket with slippers, gloves, scarf, hat donated by Market 124, & Brown's Shoes gift certificate-Piper Hesley
- Spa Basket donated by Home & Gift Gallery & massage certificated donated by Luna Massage-Alyse Hesley
- Thanksgiving basket donated by Love Circle, HyVee gift certificate, & certificate for a pie from Perkins-Sue Cira
- Hawkeye party basket donated by Leslie Johnson & haircut donated by New Dimensions-Kama Hjelle
- Rakin' in the Dough with lottery tickets and a rake donated by Leslie Johnson-Donna Martin
- Hair care products donated by Lori's Creative Images and a Lorado's gift certificate-Susan Bier
- Table runner and 4 place mats donated by Betty Buss-Rich Tompkins
- Table centerpiece donated by Dawn Jacobson-Karrie Frenz
- Autumn floral wreath donated by Alyse Hesley-Judy Nessett
- Health and relaxation basket donated by Healing Hands-Sarah Grant
- Autumn floral arrangement donated by Baker Floral-Bob Grant
- Pure Romance basket donated by Carissa Gifford-Christina Yates
- White Christmas wine basket donated by Michele Larson-Suzanne McKee
- Wine basket and wind book donated by Michele Larson-Jeni Bohls
- Backyards wine basket donated by Michele Larson-Suzanne McKee
- Teapot and tea basket donated by Alyse Hesley-Karen Paulsen
- Brown towel basket donated by the West family-Betty Dittmer
- Beverage warmer and Café Mir certificate donated by Gloria Atkinson-Alyse Hesley
- Pine cone wall quilt donated by Nancy Krauth-Suzanne McKee
- Winter wreath donated by Alyse Hesley-Ann Sletten
- Purple & gold Christmas wreath donated by Vickie Austin-Piper Hesley
- Family wall hanging-Shawn Janssen
- Window wall hanging donated by Kim Ostrander-Sid Bohls
- Sweet treats for a year donated by the 7th grade confirmation class-Carol Edwards
- Pure Romance gift certificate and lotions donated by Jennifer Roberts-Karen Paulson
- Art kit donated by the West family-Corrine Bolz
- Ice Cream maker donated by the West family-Alyse Hesley

### **QUILTS SOLD**

- Quilt 1 donated by Betty Ann Buss-Gloria Hesley
- Quilt 2 donated by Jeanette Priebe-Cynthia Tompkins
- Quilt 3 donated by Regina Hunn-Erica Tlusty
- Quilt 4 donated by Do Day Quilters-Leslie Johnson
- Quilt 5 donated by Chris Spurr-Darla Sacs
- Quilt 6 donated by Do Day Quilters & Carol Edwards-Kathy Follmuth
- Quilt 7 donated by Chris Spurr-Alyse Hesley
- Quilt 8 donated by Chris Spurr-Regina Hunn
- Quilt 9 donated by Marilyn Butters-Alyse Hesley
- Quilt 10 donated by Regina Hunn-Shawn Janssen
- Quilt 11 donated by Kathy Follmuth-Sue Cira
- Quilt 12 donated by Delores Marsh-Pam Harris
- Quilt 13 donated by Regina Hunn-Bret Austin
- Quilt 14 donated by Nancy Krauth-Sue Cira





Dear friends,  
Our Annual Sunday School Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 15 at 9:30 AM.

We will begin preparing for the program on Sunday, December 1 during the Sunday School Hour. We will also have rehearsals on December 11 at 6 PM and December 14 at 10 AM.

If your son or daughter would like a speaking part in the program, or either a solo or small group singing part, please fill out the form at the bottom of this letter and return it to Pastor Jeni or Bill Grant. Please also fill out the form and turn it in to indicate your child's participation in the program.

-Pastor Jeni and the St. James Education Board

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### Christmas Program Sign-Up

- \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, my child would like a speaking part  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, my child would like to be part of a small singing group or have a singing solo  
\_\_\_\_\_ My child will participate in the program, but does not want a special singing part or speaking part.

Child's Names \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**CELEBRATION BRUNCH:** *A brunch will be held following the Christmas Program on December 15.* The program is at 9:30 and the brunch will immediately follow. **Sign up by calling or e-mailing the church office, or signing up on a Sunday morning. All are welcome!**



*The best way to spread Christmas Cheer is  
SINGING LOUD for ALL to HEAR!*

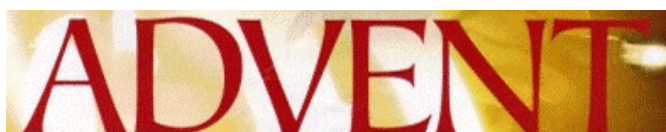
Join us for Christmas Caroling on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 at 3 PM. Meet at the Church. Following Caroling, we will meet back at the Church for pizza. Join us as we spread some Christmas Cheer through song!  
ALL ARE WELCOME!



**CHRISTMAS IS A GREAT TIME TO SHARE GOD'S STORY!**

Invite a friend to worship with you this Advent and Christmas season. *Christmas Eve worship will be at 3, 5, and 10 PM.* Share the light of Christ this Christmas by inviting someone to hear the story of our Savior!

While there is a lot to celebrate at this time of year, we know that there are many in our community who are hurting because of loss, grief, illness, conflict, struggle, or pain. *We invite you to join us for a Blue Christmas Worship Service on Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 PM.* This will be a special time of reflection, prayer, and song as we remember that the light of Jesus came in the midst of the darkness of this world, and the promise of Christmas meets us even in the darkest days. Following the service, there will be refreshments served. Please join us, and invite anyone who you think might benefit from a service like this.



Advent begins on Sunday, December 1. There are several resources in the Narthex for you to take home to help celebrate Advent at home. Please feel free to take any of the items.

If you or your family would like to light the Advent wreath at any of the services through December, please talk to Pastor Jeni.

## **Christmas Trivia Night**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 14th for St. James Trivia Night. Bring your trivia knowledge to LD's at 7 PM for some light hearted fun!



Bonus points for wearing your BEST CHRISTMAS ATTIRE!

Prizes will be awarded for Trivia winner and “best dressed!”

**Hope to see you there! BRING FRIENDS!**

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## **Annual Cookie Walk and 25 cent store!**



**Saturday, December 14 from 8:30-11 AM**

**Cost for cookies is \$6 per pound**

**All proceeds go to Riverside Campers**

*If you have any donations for the 25 cent store, please leave them on the stage in the gym.*

## ***You do the shopping....let US do the wrapping!***

On Sundays, December 1st, 8th and 22nd, St. James youth will be available to wrap your Christmas gifts for a free-will donation.



Gift wrapping will be held from 9-11:30 on the stage in the gym.

*Proceeds will go to our Riverside Campers.*



# St. James News

Our deepest sympathy:

- To the family of Claudia Paulsen, who died on November 6.
- To Lynn and Cindy Christensen and family at the death of Cindy's father, Claire Ellingson, who died on November 12.
- To the family of LaVonne Ruth Etchen, who died on November 14.
- To the family of Dixie Harris, who passed away on November 19.

*When there is a death in your family, please call and let the church office know so we can remember you in prayer.*



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**CONGRATULATIONS** to our St. James MCHS swimmers who qualified for the state swim meet held the weekend of November 8: Madison Braun, Paige Braun, Jenna Braun, and alternate Taylor Halverson. Way to go!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to St. James members who sang at the All State Music Festival on Saturday, November 23: Grant Bohls, Madison Braun, and Kinzie Johanns.

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**CONFIRMATION, ONE, and WOW** will take a break for the holiday season. They will not be held December 18, 25, or January 1. We will resume on January 8. Merry Christmas!

**READERS** are needed for Christmas Eve Services. If you would like to read at one of the services, please talk to Pastor Jeni.

**A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS** will be held on December 29. We will need several readers. If you would like to read lessons for that service, please talk to Pastor Jeni.

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**THANK YOU** to those who have generously contributed to the ministry at St. James in the last year! We are grateful for all that we have been able to accomplish and look forward to a new year of ministry in 2020. If you have not yet turned in an estimate of giving card, you are encouraged to turn that in to the Church office.

*If you would like any special offerings or gifts credited on your 2019 giving statement, it must be postmarked by December 31.*

## POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias are requested to beautify the sanctuary.

Poinsettias may be ordered through the church office for \$15.00 each.

**Orders with payment need to be turned in by noon on Friday, December 13.**

I would like to provide \_\_\_\_\_ (quantity) poinsettia(s)

My/Our Name \_\_\_\_\_

To be place in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

To be place in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Attached is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15.00 each)

## St. James Contact Information

### December Readers

Schedule	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
<b>December 1</b>	Jeanette Priebe	Cindy Rumeliote	Pastor
<b>December 8</b>	Norman Schmidt	Dave Frenz	Grant Bohls
<b>December 15</b>	Rich Tompkins	Christmas Program	Gene Larsen
<b>December 22</b>	One service at 9 AM		
<b>December 24</b>	3 PM	5 PM	10 PM
<b>December 29</b>	One service at 9 AM		

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