

# St. James Journal

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

JANUARY 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  
7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders  
ONE for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders  
WOW for pre-school-3<sup>rd</sup>  
Graders  
6:00—Worship Band  
7:00—Choir

## WHAT TIME IS IT???

I am not thinking about looking at your clock, or watch, or phone. I am thinking about another kind of "time" – the time when something needs our attention. It is "time" to DO something or STOP DOING something.

Is it time to change careers? Is it time to get married? Is it time to stop reminding someone about something that happened?

When I was a pharmacist a man brought his prescription in to be refilled and I dutifully did what needed to be done. I made sure that the prescription had been OK'd for refills by the doctor, that he was not taking any new drugs that might interact with this drug, I made sure the price was current, I rang up the bill, he paid and he left. In about 3 minutes he was back. I had not put the pills in the bottle!!! Thereafter, whenever he would come in, I would say something about actually getting the pills in the bottle. Finally, after about 6 months he said to me, "You know, you can let that go any time now." Message received – I shut up about it.

We can be just going along thinking everything is fine but then God starts to "nudge" us a little bit about something in our life that He would like us to change. Usually it is something that we could start doing, or stop doing – something that we could do more of or less of.

The problem is that we are often so busy and so focused on just getting through each day or each week or each emergency situation that keeps coming up, that we don't take the time to listen to what God might have to say to us, much less take time to think about how it might be a good idea to make some changes.

I believe that the New Year is a great TIME to do this. I know that there doesn't ever seem to be enough time, or is it that we just want to avoid truly evaluating our lives, that we put off taking time to pause, listen, and think about how God might be trying to lead us to a change or changes that will result in blessings for us and blessings for those around us.

These words from Ecclesiastes 3 might help:

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:*

*A time to be born, and a time to die;*

*A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;*

*A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;*

*A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;*

*A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;*

*A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;*

*A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;*

*A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;*

So many things, perhaps it is a bit overwhelming. I guess what I am trying to say is that I don't know what God is asking YOU to do but I do know that there is a message that He is trying to get to you. Amid all the busy-ness, please ...

TAKE the time. MAKE the time.

Go in Peace. Serve the LORD. Have a Blessed New Year!

Pastor Dennis Niezwaag

# News From Our Members

**Our Christian Sympathy is extended to:**

\* Jim & Gary Patrick at the death of their father, Bill Patrick.  
 \* Steve & Julie Nuehring at the death of Steve's sister, Nancy Nuehring. *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:** Raymond Groth, Margaret Christensen, Pastor Jeni Bohls, Jessica Schulz

**Congratulations** to Tori True & Matt Nelson who were married on December 1, 2017.

**Congratulations :**  
 \* Steve & Angelique Boucher at the birth of their daughter, Brylie.  
 \* Terry & Kama Hjelle at the birth of their daughter, Emberly.

**THANK YOU** to all of to all of you who have helped me in some way during 2017! I appreciate those of you who have folded bulletins, put together Journals, counted offering, etc. It is people like you that help make this a special place to work.

~Amy Halverson

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all who gave of their time and talents this year! All of your help with special projects and set-ups for worship and other events was greatly appreciated! Also many thanks to those of you who helped with yard and garden work, decorating, and other projects too many to mention this year!

~Bill Trask

**THE FEBRUARY JOURNAL** deadline is January 19 by 12:00 PM.

**THE FEBRUARY JOURNAL** will be assembled on January 29 at 10:00 AM. Please call the church office if you are able to help.

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



## St. James Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawls are for anyone who needs to feel the love and comfort of a "hug from God". They may be suffering from a loss, illness, family problems, celebration of a special event or just have a need to know that someone cares.

Prayerfully pick out a shawl, and then check the journal to make sure they haven't already received one. Write in the journal who the shawl is for and the reason for giving it. The tag stays on the shawl and you can add your own note. There is no charge for the shawl.

To find out more information about Prayer Shawls, stop by the table in the Narthex to read more about it and pick up a brochure. You can also attend the next meeting at 9:00 AM on January 21st in the board room or contact Kathy Follmuth at 425-9676.

Yarn is available at St. James for anyone interested.



# St. James News

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION:**

Please make plans to attend The Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 28 at 10:30 AM. There will be no 11 AM service that day.

**2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES:**

Your 2018 offering envelopes are available to be picked up in the Narthex. If you did not receive offering envelopes and would like some, please contact the church office and some will be assigned to you.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES**

will resume on January 10. In case of bad weather, check our Facebook page and KIMT for notices of cancellations. If school is not held or let out early due to bad weather, Wednesday activities will not be held.

**\$0.25 STORE:** When you are putting away your Christmas décor this year, please bring any unwanted items to St. James for 2018's \$0.25 store. Thank you!

**FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION**

will be held on Saturday, January 27 from 9-12 for all in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or older who have not yet had communion instruction (or anyone who wants a refresher course!). Please sign up by calling or e-mailing the church office. At least one parent is asked to attend communion instruction. First Communion Sunday is February 18th.

## Board, Circle News, & Prayer Shawl News

**LOVE CIRCLE** will meet on Monday, January 15, at 7 PM at the home of Heather Dietrich—3 Silver Lane.

**SENIOR SAINTS** will meet on January 18th at 5:00.

**DO DAYS QUILTING** meets every Tuesday at 9:00 AM.

**DO DAYS WOMEN** are in need of sewing machines (in good condition)

that you would be willing to donate. Please call the church office and leave your name & phone number. We will get back to you. Thank You!

**PRAYER SHAWL:** We will be praying over shawl on Sunday, Jan. 21st at 9:00 in the board room.

**KOINONIA:** Mark your calendars! We will meet Sunday, Jan. 28th at 6 pm at the Follmuth's (10 Silver Lane). Bring a snack to

share and be ready for game night!

**CARE TEAM:** We will be packing up our Valentine Care packages on Sunday morning, Feb. 11th. We could use more volunteers to bring goodies for our 15 college kids away from home. Please consider helping, It's a wonderful ministry to be a part of. Contact Gloria Hesley or Kathy Follmuth for more information.

**CHRIST IN OUR HOME AND PORTALS OF PRAYER** for January through March are available at the church on the tables in the Narthex.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS**  
**JANUARY 2018**  
 Served: 5:15 to 6 PM  
 Come and dine! All are welcome!

**JANUARY 10**  
 Walking Tacos, Soft Tacos  
 Nachos & Cheese  
 Hot Dogs

**JANUARY 17**  
 Odd things for dinner night:  
 Meatballs, Little Smokies, and Surprise??  
 Cheese and Crackers  
 Chips & Salsa  
 Hot Dogs  
 Veggie Tray

**JANUARY 24**  
 Chicken Ranch Wraps  
 Spanish or White Rice  
 Hot Dogs

**JANUARY 31**  
 Chicken & Noodles  
 Green Beans  
 Hot Dogs

**MEAL DONATIONS:**  
 \$5 per person  
 All meals include a dinner salad, dessert and beverage!



**Reader Schedule**

	8:00 AM	9:15 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Jan. 7</b>	Ralph Preuss	Destiny Hagenow	Grant Bohls
<b>Jan. 14</b>	Parnell Peterson	Hal Pohlman	Gene Larsen
<b>Jan. 21</b>	Rich Tompkins	Diane Francis	Carmen Madson
<b>Jan. 28</b>	Donna Martin	Gary Lafrenz	Pastor Niezwaag

**SCRIPTURE READERS**

If you are unable to read on the scheduled Sunday please call the church office.

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