

# St. James Journal

JANUARY, 2019

## JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEUDLE

8:00 am Traditional  
Worship  
9:15 am Adult Bible  
Study  
9:30 am Contemporary  
Worship  
10:30 am LIFT  
11:00 am Chapel  
Worship

## WEDNESDAY SCHEUDLE

7:00 am Men's  
Breakfast  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
5:15 pm Meal  
6:00 pm Bible Study  
6:15 pm 7th/8th  
Confirmation  
7:00 pm Choir

There will be no  
11:00 am service  
on January 27 due  
to the Annual Meeting.

## You are invited to our 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL WINTER GAMES! Sunday, January 6 at 10:30 AM



- Weather permitting (or IF we get any snow by then), we will have a SNOW CREATION CONTEST! Get your friends and family together to compete! Be creative! You don't have to be a kid - just a kid at heart!!
- OR...with or without snow, you can stay inside and play board games or Minute to Win It games! Games will be provided!
- Once we work up an appetite, we'll participate in a soup challenge. Bring a batch of your best soup for a chance to win a prize! There will be a popular vote and a panel of judges so two ways to win!



Please call or email the church office  
(stjamesofficemc@gmail.com) if you would like  
to bring a soup for the soup challenge!

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Contact a member of Education Board with  
questions or to get involved!



**Pastor's Discretionary Fund:** Periodically, members of our congregation are in need of financial help. We would like to be able to provide gift cards for groceries or gas or other funds when those needs arise. If you would like to contribute to that fund, you can donate money or bring Hy-Vee or Wal-Mart cards to the church office or give them to Pastor Jeni. Thank you!

**CHRIST IN OUR HOME AND PORTALS OF PRAYER**

for January thru March are available on the table in the Narthex.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE ALSO READY IN THE NARTHEX.**

**2019 FLOWER MINISTRY**

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

**THE FEBRUARY JOURNAL** deadline is January 25th by 2:00 PM.

**THE FEBRUARY JOURNAL** will be assembled on January 31st 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.

# St. James News

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. JAMES?

A new member meeting will be held on Sunday, January 20th at 6:00 pm. Please join us to hear more about St. James and our ministry here. Please talk to Pastor Jeni if you have any questions!

## WEEKLY E-MAIL UPDATES

Would you like to receive a Weekly Update by e-mail with announcements and events? We are in the process of updating our Weekly Update list. Please call or e-mail the Church office if you would like to be added to the list!

## THANK YOU

Thank you for all the gifts and cards we received through this Christmas season. We are grateful for each one of you and abundantly blessed by our partnership with you in Ministry! Merry Christmas!  
- The Bohls family

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped prepare, lead, and make worship happen through the Advent and Christmas season!

## COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

We are updating our visitation lists. If you or anyone you know is homebound and would like communion brought to you at home, please contact Pastor Sid or the Church office.

## DOOR PAINTING

The interior doors of the church are in the process of being repainted. We will be painting 39 doors and we would like you to sponsor a door. The doors are being refinished and painted to a lighter color. Please consider sponsoring a door in the amount of \$50.00 per door. Thanks in advance for your support!!

## TIS THE SEASON FOR SNOW REMOVAL

We are in need of a list of volunteers who would be interested in helping with Sunday snow removal when there is a heavy snow. If you would be able to help out, please call the church office.

## DID YOU KNOW??

Because of privacy laws, we often don't know who is in the hospital unless you tell us. Please call the office or one of the pastors to inform them if you or a loved one is hospitalized or in need of a pastoral visit. Thank you!

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**LET'S GIVE SOME MONEY AWAY!** Our congregation has been the recipient of a generous gift from the Dennis Greischer estate. The first portion of that gift was received earlier this year and we would like to give part of that gift to local ministries. We will be donating \$4200 and we want you to help us decide how to distribute that. There are paint cans in the Narthex for FOUR local ministries: My Happy Place, Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank, Crisis Intervention, and Youth For Christ. You can vote by placing money in these cans. The money placed in the cans will go to the particular ministry. The ministry will also receive a portion of the \$4200 based on your votes. Please join us at the Annual Meeting on January 27 to learn about the remainder of this estate and how we will also be donating a portion of that gift. Thank you!

**ON JANUARY 6<sup>th</sup>**, we will celebrate EPIPHANY! We will finish up our series on the movie, "The Star," as we think about the Wisemen and the light of Christ coming into the world. How can we continue the message of Christmas into the New Year? How do we follow the star in our daily lives?

**MANY THANKS** to those who have served on council and boards in 2018. You do great work of ministry in this place and we are thankful. If YOU are interested in serving on a board in 2019, but haven't been asked yet, please talk to Pastor Jeni, Jere Merrill, or Cynthia Tompkins. We would love to discuss with you ways you can serve. THANK YOU!

## Dixie Sweetheart Jubilee



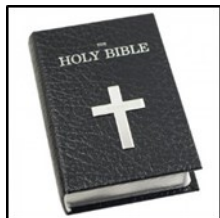
On January 27 at 4 PM, we will host the Stebens Children's Theater Traveling Show, "*Dixie Sweetheart Jubilee*." The show was written by our own Suzan Koehler! Tickets are \$5 per person, or \$20 per family. Your ticket includes supper after the show! Tickets will be available at church beginning January 6. You can also call or e-mail the office to reserve your tickets. Invite your friends to join you for an afternoon of entertainment, singing, and laughter!



**First Communion Instruction** will be held on January 19 from 9-12. All youth in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and anyone older than 3<sup>rd</sup> grade who hasn't yet had instruction are invited to attend. At least one parent or adult family member is asked to attend with the youth. We will be painting special chalices that day to be used on First Communion Sunday. In order to reserve the chalices, please sign up for Communion Instruction by January 16. You can e-mail Pastor Jeni at [pastorjeni@mchsi.com](mailto:pastorjeni@mchsi.com) or call the Church office to sign up. Please also contact Pastor Jeni if you have any questions. First Communion Sunday will be held on February 3.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** will be held on Sunday, January 27 at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary. Please join us as we discuss the important business of the Church.

**WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB!** Our Cabin Coffee book club will begin a new book this January. Join us on January 19 at 2 PM at Cabin Coffee for our first session. We will be reading the book "For the Love," by Jen Hatmaker. The book is available on Amazon or other on-line stores. If you would like us to order a book for you, please contact Pastor Jeni by January 8. Books ordered through the church will be available on January 13. Newcomers to our book club are always welcome! Invite a friend to join you!



**BIBLE STUDY AT THE BREWERY** starts back up on January 24. All are welcome for this casual time of learning, faith building, and fellowship. We begin at 6 PM. Invite someone to join you!

**Koinonia:** We will meet on Sunday, Jan. 27th at 6pm at the church for Game Night. Bring a snack to share and come join in the fun. John and Donna Martin are hosting this fun evening.

## WELCA News

**Love Circle:** We will be meeting on Monday, January 21st at 7pm at the home of Heather Dietrich, 3 Silver Lane, weather permitting. (sometimes we don't have great weather on circle night in January or February)

**Care Team:** Our Christmas mailing of a gift card to Subway went out to our young adults away at college or in the service recently. Our next box will be packed and mailed for Valentines Day on Sunday, February 10th. We need more individuals to help with providing items for their last box of the school year. PLEASE contact Jill in the office, Gloria Hesley or Kathy Follmuth if you would be willing to help, we can help with item ideas. The kids are thrilled to get these boxes from St. James, knowing we haven't forgotten them.

**Prayer Shawl:** We will pray over finished shawls on Sunday, January 20th in the board room between the first and second service. If you need yarn, stop by and we'll show you where we have it stored. Also, you can take a finished prayer shawl in the narthex anytime for anyone. Just write the name of who you are delivering it to, someone who needs a hug from God.

**WELCA** board meeting is on Tuesday, January 8th at 6:30pm for both old and new board members.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS

January, 2019

Meals served from 5:15 to 6 PM

#### **January 9**

Chicken ranch wraps  
BBQ chicken sandwiches  
Chips  
Hot Dogs

#### **January 16**

Walking tacos, soft tacos  
Nachos & cheese  
Hot Dogs

#### **January 23**

Chili  
Chicken noodle soup  
Sandwiches  
Hot dogs

#### **January 30**

Scrambled eggs or egg bake  
Bacon, sausage, or ham

#### **Meal Donations:**

\$5.00 per person

*All meals include dinner salad, dessert, and beverages.*



*Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy New Year!*

from the St. James Staff  
Pastor Jeni, Pastor Sid, Jill,  
Jennifer, Bill, & Sherri

**January Readers**

Schedule	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
January 6	Ralph Preuss	Destiny Hagenow	Grant Bohls
January 13	Parnell Peterson	Hal Pohlman	Gene Larsen
January 20	Rich Tompkins	Diane Francis	Carmen Madson
January 27	Donna Martin	Gary Lafrenz	Pastor

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