

St. James Journal

JANUARY 2020

JANUARY SCHEDULE

8:00 AM Worship
9:15 AM Adult Bible
Study
9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Sunday
School & New Adult
Sunday School Class
11:00 AM Chapel
Worship

WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

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

From the Pastors...



In addition to the 9:15 Adult Bible Class, we teach a Sunday School class during the Sunday School hour each week at 10:30 in the Fireside Room.

In January, we will begin a CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR ADULTS, considering “What it means to be Lutheran.” We will explore Lutheran confessions, theology, and history, review the Creeds and Commandments, think about what differentiates Lutherans from other denominations as well as what unites us and talk about the future of the Lutheran Church in America and throughout the world.

Whether you are new to the Lutheran faith or just want a refresher course, this will be a great opportunity to explore **WHAT IT MEANS TO BE LUTHERAN!**

There will be participant books available. Please sign up for the class by talking to, calling, or e-mailing one of us so we can order a book for you.

Our Adult class will meet starting on January 5, which will be an introduction class. We will begin the study on January 12. We hope you will join us!

-Pastor Jeni and Pastor Sid

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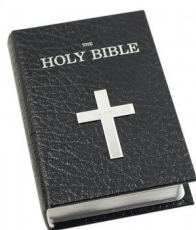
CHRIST IN OUR HOME AND PORTALS OF PRAYER for January thru March, 2020 are available on the table in the Narthex.

2020 FLOWER MINISTRY sign up sheets are now available in the Narthex. Flowers are \$21.

THE February JOURNAL deadline is January 23 by 12:00 PM.

THE February JOURNAL will be assembled on January 30 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 at Mason City Brewing. Join us at 6 PM for conversations about faith, the Bible, and life. We will meet on January 16th & 30th. Come this month and check us out!

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB at CABIN COFFEE will meet on January 11th & 25th 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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Our deepest sympathy:

- To Jan and Jerry Hackbart and family at the death of Jan's mother.
- To the family of Martha Wolf
- To the family of Jim Christensen.

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

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- God Bless Hayes Gregory Kuppinger, son of Lauren Lee and Nate Kuppinger, who was baptized on December 1.
- Congratulations to Jarrod and Lindsey Tell on the birth of twins Emrynn Leigh and Elias Wayne, born on December 14th.

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!

WELCA & CIRCLE NEWS

LOVE CIRCLE will meet on January 20th at 7 pm.

KOINONIA will meet at the church on January 26th at 6:00 pm.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS JANUARY, 2020

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

JANUARY 8
Walking Tacos, Soft Tacos
Nachos & Cheese
Hot Dogs

JANUARY 15
Beef Stew, Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup
Sandwiches
Hot Dogs

JANUARY 22
Chicken Ranch Wraps
BBQ Chicken Sandwiches
Chips
Hot Dogs

JANUARY 29
Spaghetti & Meatballs
Alfredo Spaghetti and Buttered Noodles
French Bread
Hot Dogs

MEAL DONATIONS:
\$5 per person
All meals include lettuce salad, dessert,
and beverages.

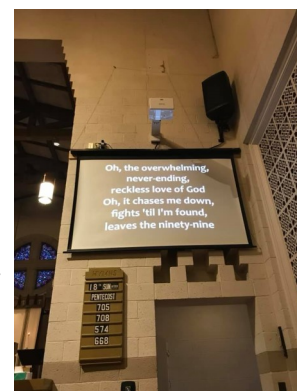


One of the many ways our worship services are enhanced is by the use of the projector and screens at 9:30, which make worship more accessible to many, save paper, and allow us new ways to be creative with liturgies, sermons, and pictures.

We are so thankful to Bob Follmuth for his continued ministry in putting together the slide shows and running them each week. We are also thankful that Diane Francis has begun to put slide shows together as well.

But they would love help! Bob is able to train volunteers to learn how to put the slide shows together. It is a fun, simple way to get involved in worship. If you like to be creative, enjoy working on the computer, and would like to put your skills to use in creating Sunday morning slide shows, please contact Pastor Jeni, Pastor Sid, Bill Grant, or Bob Follmuth.

We would like to be able to put together a schedule for volunteers for the year. Thank you!



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Annual Meeting Sunday



The Annual Meeting of St. James Lutheran Church will be held on January 26 at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary. Please join us as we hear updates on the many projects we have going on right now, vote on a budget, elect officers, and learn about ministry opportunities. All confirmed members are eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting.

On January 5, we will continue our celebration of Christmas with an “Epiphany Eve” service—as we remember the journey of the Wisemen following the star to the light of the world. We will consider ways we can continue to follow that light and share the message of the Savior with the world at Christmas and throughout the year.



Epiphany



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS will be held on Saturday, January 25 from 9-12. First Communion is for anyone in 3rd grade or older who hasn't yet had communion. We will be making special communion chalices that day and need to pre-order them so we would like an accurate count. Please sign up by e-mailing Pastor Jeni at pastorjeni@mchsi.com or calling the church office by January 20. A parent or other responsible adult is asked to attend communion class with your child. Thank you!



Youth Group Sledding and Snow Fun!

Middle School and High School Youth are invited to join us for sledding at East Park and Hot Chocolate at the Church on Sunday, January 26 beginning at 3 PM. Meet at the East Park Sledding Hill. You can be picked up from Church at 5. In case of no snow or cold weather, we will have activities at the Church. Watch our St. James Facebook page for any changes.

LET'S PLAN A MISSION TRIP! High School Youth interested in talking about a summer 2020 mission trip are asked to meet in the chapel at 8:45 AM on Sunday, January 19. In case of bad weather, we will meet on the 26th. Watch our Facebook page for changes. Anyone currently in 8th grade-12th grade is eligible for the Mission Trip.

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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 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.

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!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES RESUME on January 8. Please watch our Facebook page and KIMT for any weather-related cancellations through the winter months. If school is cancelled or let out early, we will always cancel. Our Wednesday schedule is:



CALLING OUR COMMUNION BREAD MAKERS! We would love to have fresh baked bread occasionally on communion Sundays. For those of you who have been trained in how to make it, please contact Pastor Jeni or the Church office about getting on the schedule to provide fresh bread. If you haven't been trained, but would like to be, please contact us as well. Thank you!

REMINDERS!!

- The 2020 flower chart is up in the Narthex. You are welcome to sign up to provide flowers for our worship services.
- We appreciate everyone who brings snacks for our Sunday morning fellowship time. A sign up sheet is available in the Narthex. Please consider signing up to share goodies with the congregation on Sunday mornings!
- First Communion Class will be held on January 25. Please register for the class by January 20 with Pastor Jeni.
- A New Adult Sunday School class will begin in January studying what it means to be Lutheran. Please sign up with Pastor Sid or Pastor Jeni for this class, which will meet each Sunday during the 10:30 Sunday School hour.
- Offering envelopes for 2020 will be available in the Narthex soon. Please be sure to pick yours up. You are also encouraged to sign up for our SIMPLY GIVING auto-offering program. Contact the Church office for more details.

St. James Contact Information

JANUARY READERS

Schedule	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
January 5	Mike Fitzgerald	Destiny Hagenow	Grant Bohls
January 12	Parnell Peterson	Hal Pohlman	Gene Larsen
January 19	Rich Tompkins	Diane Francis	Pastor
January 26	Donna Martin	Gary Lafrenz	No 11 AM Service

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