St. James Journal

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

7:30 am Potluck
Breakfast
8:00 am Outdoor
Worship
9:30 am Outdoor
Worship
10:30 am Chapel
Worship
No 10:30 Service on
July 14 and 21.

CHURCH ENTRANCES

During week hours, if
Jill is alone, only the
MAIN entrance will be
unlocked. Otherwise,
all doors will be
opened.
Thank you!

Join us for St. James
Day at Roller City on
July 14 from 1-3 PM.
Skating is ENTIRELY
FREE and the WHOLE
congregation is invited!
Even if you don't
skate, join us to watch
the fun and have an
afternoon of
fellowship with your
St. James friends!

I love outdoor worship at St. James! What a wonderful tradition—as we gather each Sunday under the trees in our beautiful worship area to praise God!

JULY, 2019

This year has been particularly fun with our Dr. Seuss Series. We are exploring Gospel themes through the timeless classics and life lessons of Dr. Seuss.

One of the greatest joys for me of both outdoor worship, and this particular series, is seeing so many people get involved in helping out. Working together to set up worship and put chairs away after worship...so many involved in our skits and story telling this summer...people bringing breakfast foods and snacks to share. And then our readers, ushers, musicians, altar guild, and others working behind the scenes! We are the Body of Christ...working together to make worship services happen.

Serving together is a key part of being the Body of Christ—here and out in the world. God's name is made known and God's love is shared as we join hearts and hands and do God's Work together. Throughout the newsletter, and in bulletins and on our website and Facebook page, you will see many opportunities for service and fellowship. We hope you will take advantage of those opportunities to grow as a community, to grow in mission, and to grow in faith.

I hope you will find a way to get involved. You are ALWAYS welcome to help out on Sunday mornings. We are always looking for volunteers to help set up worship each Sunday at 7:00 AM. We also need lots of helpers this summer to read books and help with our Dr. Seuss presentations. And of course, I hope you will take advantage of the many opportunities you will find this month, and through the months ahead, to join in worship, service, and fellowship at St. James!

-Pastor Jeni

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CHRIST IN OUR
HOME
AND
PORTALS OF
PRAYER
for July thru Sept
are available on
the table in the
Narthex.

THERE ARE
STILL MANY
OFFERING
ENVELOPES IN
THE
NARTHEX, have
you picked yours
up?

2019 FLOWER MINISTRY

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

THE August JOURNAL deadline is July 22 by 2:00 PM.

THE August
JOURNAL will be
assembled on July
29th at 10:00 AM.
lease call the church office

Please call the church office if you are able to help.

Upcoming Events



Maybe Christmas, he thought, means a little bit more...

More than presents. More than snow. More than shopping, decorations, festivals, and lights. More than the busy craziness of December! Christmas is about the Incarnation of our God—Jesus coming into the world. This is a promise not just for December, but all year long.

On Sunday, July 14th, we will be celebrating Christmas as we look at the story of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." Worship services will be at 8 and 9:30. There will be no 10:30 service that day.

Dust off your Christmas sweaters and get ready to sing Christmas songs and eat Christmas Cookies...and join us for Christmas in July!

ST. JAMES CAMPOUT August 10th & 11th at the Wilkinson Pioneer Park in Rock Ralls. There will be a Koinonia Potluck Saturday evening of the 10th at 6:00 pm in the shelter house.



CHURCH FAMILY ROLLER SKATING! EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Join us at Roller City on Sunday, July 14th for an afternoon of fun! The cost? FREE! Meet at the skating rink from 1-3pm. Bring a snack or two to share! Don't skate? Just come along and join in the fun and fellowship! Bring a friend!

St. James News



MINISTERS OF CONNECTION! St. James has a group called the Ministers of Connection. Our task is to visit our members who are in nursing homes, assisted living and those who are homebound and help keep them connected to our ministry at St. James. We try to go once a month and some take communion as well as visit. We are looking for new volunteers to carry out this important work for St. James. If you are interested, please let Pastor Jeni or Pastor Sid know or call Sandy Thede at 641-425-2394.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: If you have requested offering envelopes, please check the table in the Narthex. Jill has added a couple of new boxes there for pick up.

FACEBOOK PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like to be added to our St. James Facebook Prayer Chain, please talk to Pastor Jeni.

BREWERY BIBLE STUDY is moving to WEDNESDAYS for the summer! Join us at MASON CITY BREWING on JULY 10th & 24th at 6 PM for conversation, beverages, and Bible Study. All are welcome!

SCRAP METAL DRIVE

The drive will begin on July 12th and run through the 21st.

Copper, cast iron, radiators, copper wire, car bodies, sheet iron/tin, motor blocks, steel, brass, lead, batteries, aluminum scrap, aluminum siding, stainless steel, farm equipment, aluminum cans, computer towers, copiers.

(all motors must have gas and oil removed, copiers must have ink cartridges removed)

NO APPLIANCES, TV SETS, COMPUTER MONITORS, OR PLASTIC ITEMS

If you need assistance or pickup, please call 641-423-4702.



Thank you to our St. James family for the cards sent to my mother, Dorothy Frenz on her 100th birthday. It was a very special day. Dave, Karrie Frenz & family

THANK YOU to EVERYONE who helped with our Riverside Day Camp! We had a wonderful week with over 80 kids singing and praising and having fun, along with Riverside Camp Counselors. How great to partner with our ELCA neighbors and work together!



JULY WORSHIP SERVICES "The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss"

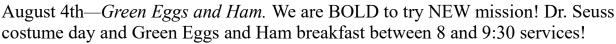
July 7th - *Horton Hears a Who* — Caring for each other, loving one another from the greatest to the smallest

July 14th - *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*—Christmas in July. *No 10:30 Service this day*

July 21 - The Cat in the Hat and The Cat in the Hat Comes Back—The importance of Sabbath Rest.

No 10:30 Service this day





August 11th—And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street—Watch for MORE info on a very special Sunday with a CAR/MOTORCYCLE/BIKE Blessing, car show, and parade!

SIMPLY GIVING AUTO OFFERING PROGRAM! Are you traveling this summer? Do you want an easy way to ensure your offering gets here even when you are not? Sign up for our SIMPLY GIVING AUTO OFFERING PROGRAM! You can get forms in the office or sign up on our website to have your offering automatically deducted from your checking account.



CALLING ALL YOUTH! Join us for a SCAVENGER HUNT in downtown Mason City on Wednesday, July 10 at 2 PM. Bring your walking shoes and money for Birdsalls! We will meet on the Mall Plaza. You can be picked up from Birdsalls at 4 PM. Bring friends!

YOU ARE INVITED...

...to join us for an **OPEN FORUM** on Sunday, July 14 at 10:30 AM in the Friendship Room to talk about our *Sunday School Ministry for the fall!*

Who should come? We especially hope parents of Sunday School aged children will join us, but EVERYONE interested in St. James Education Ministry is encouraged to attend!

What will we talk about? What YOU would like to see in the fall for our children's, youth, and adult Education ministry.



The meeting will be 30 minutes long. There will be children's activities during the meeting so that all parents may join in! Please attend as we work together to plan a great new year of Sunday School!

St. James Softball Schedule:



Come Cheer on our St. James Softball Team! July Schedule:

July 5: Games at 6:15 and 7:30 on Diamond #1 July 12: Games at 6:15 and 7:30 on Diamond #2 Watch the weekly bulletin for more information about the tournament games later in July!

IF (YOU OR) YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER is going away for school in the fall, please be sure to give their name and new address to the Church office. Our Care Team sends care packages to college students who live out of town, as well as members of the military. We would also love to make sure they get the monthly "Journal" so please give us e-mail addresses as well!

WELCA & CIRCLE NEWS

LOVE CIRCLE will be doing bingo at Good Shepherd on Wednesday, July 10th at 1:00. Any kids looking for Silver Cord or Halverson hours, contact Kathy Follmuth (425-9676)

We will be praying over <u>Prayer Shawls</u> on Sunday, July 21st in the board room between the first two services. See you then if you've been stitching.

OUR MONTHLY WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB will meet in July at CABIN COFFEE on the 13th & 27th at 2 PM. We are reading the book "Daring Greatly" by Brené Brown. The book is available in many places, including Target and Amazon. New members of our Book Club are Always welcome!

Have you been curious about the beautiful Labyrinth by our worship area? Would you like to learn more about it? Join Pastor Sid on Saturday, July 27 at 10 AM as we learn about the Labyrinth and walk it. Invite a friend. Bring your coffee and your lawn chairs if you'd like! And join us!

JULY READERS

SCHEDULE	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
July 7	George Arduser	Carol Edwards	Pastor
July 14	Laurie	Destiny	No 10:30
	Haugen	Hagenow	Service
July 21	Lori	Hal	No 10:30
	Jorgenson	Pohlman	Service
July 28	Donna	Diane	Gene
	Martin	Francis	Larsen

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