

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 AM Potluck  
Breakfast

9:00 AM Outdoor  
Worship

10:30 AM Indoor  
Worship

(Communion  
is on the  
1st & 3rd Sundays)

# St. James Journal

JULY 2018

## The Outdoor Worship Continues

In July we will have  
ONE outdoor  
service at 9:00 AM  
with a potluck  
breakfast beginning  
at 8:30 AM.

The indoor  
chapel service will  
be at 10:30 AM for  
the summer.

July 1st -  
Patriotic Service  
July 8th - Youth  
Gathering Service  
July 15th -  
Vacation Bible  
School Service  
(only one service)  
July 22 -  
Regular summer  
services  
July 29th -  
Christmas in July  
Service

## Pastor Jeni's Thoughts...

Last month saw two pretty significant events in the life of this congregation.

On June 17, we celebrated the ordination of Bryan Odeen. It was a beautiful worship service and celebration as Bryan became an ordained minister of the Church. It has been a long time since St. James hosted an ordination, and it was truly special to be a part of. Bryan and his family have moved to Osage Iowa where he will serve as Associate Pastor at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Osage. We continue to pray for them in this new beginning!

Then on June 24, we celebrated a different transition, as we celebrated the ministry of Bill Trask in this place as he prepares to retire as our Building Supervisor. What a change for Bill and for St. James. We are thankful he will still be a part of the congregation, but we will miss him on our staff! We offer prayers to him as he begins this new step in his journey.

These kinds of transitions can be exciting and scary. New beginnings and changes bring joys, but also sometimes fear. And I have been thinking about all of those joys and fears in the last few weeks. But we have a promise in all of the transitions in our lives. The promise that God walks with us through all of them. "Do not fear, for I am with you. I will strengthen you, I will help you..." (Isaiah 41:10). God has promised to guide us through all things, and guides us through the joys, the fears, and the changes of life.

And whether it is the joy of a new beginning or retirement, or the fears we see as we watch the news, or the changes you face in your family or your household, we know that God walks with us, holds us, and promises to shower us with grace and love.

May you know this promise of God in all things!

-Pastor Jeni

\*\*I also want to add a note of thanks to EVERYONE who helped out with both the ordination and the retirement party. They were truly joyful celebrations for both Bryan and Bill and their families! We are so very thankful to all who helped in any way!\*\*

**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!

# St. James News

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

## **2018 FLOWER MINISTRY**

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

**THE AUGUST JOURNAL** deadline is July 23 by 12:00 PM.

**THE AUGUST JOURNAL** will be assembled on July 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.

## **UKULELE LESSONS CONTINUE**

Ukulele lessons will be at 10:00 am. We will meet in the Friendship Room! (See calendar for dates.)

## **SUMMER OUTDOOR BREAKFAST**

The Potluck breakfast will begin at 8:30 am, followed by 9:00 am Outdoor Worship, for the rest of the summer. All are welcomed! Worship setup will start at 8:00 am. Please note the change in times.

## **VBS DECORATING**

will be done on July 6 and 7 as we transform the Church Building into an ISLAND for our SHIPWRECKED THEME! Everyone is welcome to join us for decorating beginning at 9 AM on the 6<sup>th</sup>!

## **VBS CELEBRATION!**

On July 15, we will hold ONE worship service at 9:00 am as we hear from our VBS youth following their week of Bible School.

Join us for this special celebration. Stay after the service for kick-ball, croquet, and other yard games.

Around 11:30 am, we will start serving a potluck lunch. The Worship and Music Board will provide grilled hamburgers and hot dogs and we ask that everyone else bring a side to share. Let's celebrate a fun summer!

## **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!

## **HOUSTON STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING**

If you purchased STOCK in our Houston Gathering, you are invited to a Stockholders' Dessert evening on WEDNESDAY, JULY 18th beginning at 6:30 pm. In addition to yummy desserts, you will see pictures and hear stories from the youth and adults who attended the Gathering. We will also hear some stories during our worship service on July 8th. Stocks are still available for sale at worship services July 1st and 8th. Thank you!

## **CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

On Sunday, July 29th, at the 9:00 am service, we will be celebrating Christmas!

Wait! What?!?!?!?

You read it right folks!

Christmas in July will be a lot of fun! If you are brave, please wear your Christmas sweater and get ready to sing Christmas songs and eat Christmas Cookies!

## **ST. JAMES CAMPOUT**

August 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at the Wilkinson Pioneer Park in Rock Falls. There will be a Koinonia Potluck Saturday evening at 6:00 PM in the shelter house.

## **ST. JAMES RUMMAGE SALE**

will be held in SEPTEMBER this year. Watch your August Journal and bulletins for more information about

## ST. JAMES MEMBERS,

The Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELCA) need someone to help make phone calls to organize food and workers for funeral luncheons.

WELCA provides a lunch for families and friends after a funeral to help these folks celebrate their loved one's life and is quite a vital service!

The process is simple: You will share a list of names and phone numbers to call, and you ask those women to make a cake or salad and /or to help serve at the funeral luncheon. Your help is usually required once every three or four months and usually only takes a few hours of your time.

Please call or email your kitchen coordinator: Sherri Fitzgerald at 424-8847 or email me at sherrifitzgerald1965@gmail.com to volunteer to help with this vital service!

Thank you for offering your time and talents in this way. Sherri

## PRAYER SHAWL GROUP:

We will meet after the 9:00 am service on Sunday, July 29th in the board room. It's been a little warm to stitch much this summer, but if you have one done, we'll see you then. Remember, lots of yarn available, call Kathy at 425-9676.

**DO DAYS QUILTING** We will not meet in the summer due to the warm church.

## WELCA NEWS

We will not be meeting during the summer. Our next meeting will be August 14th at 6:30 pm.

# CUSTODIAL POSITION

We are currently seeking applications for the BUILDING SUPERVISOR position at St. James. If you are interested, please submit a resume to the Church office. Resumes will be accepted through July 16th. Please call or e-mail the Church office for a complete job description.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### Registration Form

July 8<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>, 5-8 pm (One Per Child)

*(A meal will be served)*

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ (Preschool & up) Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Last grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/caregiver's cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home church: \_\_\_\_\_

Crew number or name (for church use only): \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

# Simply Giving

As summer approaches, we know that there will be weeks you may miss worship because of vacations and other activities. To continue to regularly support our mission and ministry, you can sign up to have your weekly offerings automatically deducted from your bank account through our "Simply Giving" Program. Go to our website or contact the church office to enroll. You can also mail contributions to the church any time. Thank you so much! for your continued support!

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for all their prayers, words of comfort, and acts of kindness. We are truly blessed, the Steve Trainer family

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU

To everyone who helped plan, prepare, and serve in any way for Bryan's ordination celebration. We had many hands help with the food and set up, and we are grateful!

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF School Kits!

It's already getting to be the time of year when school supplies will be going on sale. Please consider purchasing items for our LWR school kits.

In April we sent 54 school kits to LWR and we hope to meet or exceed that number next time.

Below is a list of items needed for the kits. They can be placed in the brown wicker baskets in the narthex.

- ~ 70 page notebooks (4 are needed for each kit)
  - ~ Boxes of 24 crayons
  - ~ Blue or black in pens (no gel pens) (5 for each kit)
  - ~ No. 2 pencils (5 for each kit)
  - ~ Pencil sharpeners
  - ~ 12 inch rulers (centimeters on one side)
  - ~ Blunt scissors (safety scissors will work)
- (This year we do not need erasers as we have an abundance from last year.)

Thank you! WELCA Mission Action

## Reader Schedule

	9:00 AM	10:30 AM
July 1	Hal Pohlman	Pastor
July 8	Carol Edwards	Grant Bohls
July 15	Diane Francis	No Service
July 22	Gary Lafrenz	Carmen Madson
July 29	Alyse Hesley	Pastor

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