



# St. James Journal

Our Mission Statement:

*"We Proclaim and Practice Christ's Love"*

July, 2021

[www.stjamesmc.org](http://www.stjamesmc.org)

## Office Hours:

Monday-Friday  
8:00 am -1:00 pm

## Worship Schedule

### Sunday Worship

**9 am Outdoor Worship  
(weather permitting)  
9 am Service will be  
streamed live online**

In case of technical difficulties,  
the online service will be  
uploaded later in the day.

*Masks are no longer required at  
the outdoor service, but you are  
encouraged to wear them as you  
feel comfortable.*

*Bulletins are now available at  
worship. We will also continue  
to email them.*

### 2021 FLOWER MINISTRY

A poster size sign up sheet is available  
on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

There are plenty of dates yet to be  
filled if anyone would like to Honor  
or Remember a loved one with  
Altar flowers.

**Flowers are \$21.**

## FROM THE PASTORS

In the month of July, we will continue our celebration of music! So far, we have sung some traveling songs and camp favorites. We have learned a couple of beautiful new songs. We have talked about the meaning behind some of the songs we sing. We will continue to both celebrate our musical heritage and learn new music as the summer goes on!

Join us for these special services coming up in July:

July 4: We will sing songs of faith written to celebrate the rich diversity and history of our country. We will talk about the stories behind some of the popular hymns we sing on the 4th of July. Favorites will include: "America the Beautiful," "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee," "My Country 'Tis of Thee," and others.

July 11: Join us for a service celebrating Psalms and music! See how the Psalms have inspired music in the Church and hear how God continues to work through writers of Christian music today just as God worked through the writers of Psalms from the very beginning!

July 18: We will sing the songs of Christmas as we join together for our annual Christmas in July service! Have some favorites you want us to sing?? Text or e-mail those to one of us before July 15 to make sure they make our Christmas list! Since we missed our in-person Christmas service this year, we will celebrate Christmas in a BIG way outside—decorations, cookies...you can even wear your favorite Christmas sweaters!

July 25: We will teach you another one of our favorite songs!

Have some special songs you want sung in this summer of music? Have a service idea in mind? Let one of us know and we will see how we can incorporate it! And watch for information about a Bible study on the Gospel and Music.

*"I sing because I'm happy! I sing because I'm free! His eye is on the Sparrow...and I know He watches me."*

Pastor Jeni and Pastor Sid

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## American Red Cross Blood Drive

### St. James Lutheran Church

July 21, 2021

11:00 pm – 5:00 pm



1148 4<sup>th</sup> St. SE  
Mason City, IA 50401  
Gymnasium

For an appointment, please call or text Diane at:  
641-430-2228 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** is every Wednesday at 7 AM. Join us for a light breakfast and Bible Study on the Sunday Scripture readings. *Men's breakfast will not be held June 30 and July 7.*

**BUILDING USE:** Rooms are available for meetings and other events on a limited basis. There is a COVID capacity limit posted on the doors of each room to ensure proper distancing is maintained during meetings. Please adhere to these guidelines. It is extremely important you contact Jill with the meeting date and time as cleaning will be needed following all events.

#### **JURY DUTY**

Jill has been called for Jury Duty in July so she may not be in the office on the days she needs to appear. The office will remain open for our usual hours.

#### **ASSIGNED OFFERING ENVELOPES**

are sitting in the Narthex for pick up. If you would like to be assigned a box, please call or stop by the church office.

*Thank you for your continued support* of our ministry at St. James! Offerings can be received on our web-site: [www.stjamesmc.org](http://www.stjamesmc.org) at the "give online" tab, where you can sign up for one-time or recurring donations. Offerings can also be mailed to the Church office at 1148 4th St SE, Mason City, 50401.

#### **WE CELEBRATE THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:**

- Olivia Rose Wetter, daughter of Sam and Lindsay Wetter, who was baptized on May 23.
- Ledger Lee Garl, son of Brian and Krystal Garl, baptized on June 27th.

**LOVE/HOPE CIRCLE** will not meet in July or August. Join us again in September!

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**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:** to the family of Bill Frelund, brother of Judy Clarke;  
to the family of Verna Gourley

**RECENTLY REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:** Ron Dannen, Francis Guertin, Phyllis Masiker, Carol Bahnsen, Mike Cervantes, John Clarke

## Thank you!

Kathy and I returned home from Bartels nursing home on Saturday, June 5. We were there for almost exactly three months. We are doing well. Thanks so much for the many cards and phone calls while we were at Bartels. My leg is healing, slow but sure! I have found that if you break your femur, plan on a long recovery time!  
Pastor Paul

## It's a HOP, SKIP, AND A JUMP into VBS!

JOIN US **August 6, 7, and 8th** for a WEEKEND, outdoor Bible School where we will hop, skip, and jump into God's love!

We will begin Friday, August 6 with a congregation-wide celebration with food, kickball, and other games and activities.

Saturday will be a FULL DAY of VBS stories, songs, activities and games from 9-4.

Sunday, we will come together for a closing program during worship and celebration following worship. Helpers are needed! Please contact Pastor Jeni or a member of the Education Board if you would like to help.

You are encouraged to invite your friends and neighbors! ALL are welcome! You can fill out the form below and mail it in or drop it off at church. You can also email us your registration.

### REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' names: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Emergency Contact information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies or other health concerns:

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**HOME, NURSING HOME, AND HOSPITAL VISITS**

Pastor Sid has had both doses of his COVID vaccine and is able to make home visits. In addition, the hospital and some of the nursing homes have also opened up to limited visitation. If you, or a family member, would like to schedule a visit with Pastor Sid, please contact him or the office to set that up.

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**COMMUNION WILL BE HELD** only on the third Sunday in July, due to the Pastors' vacation.

*If you are not comfortable with in-person worship or unable to attend and would like to set up a communion time, please contact one of the pastors!*

**BOOK CLUB** is temporarily on hold due to scheduling conflicts. Watch our St. James Women' Facebook group and Facebook page for a NEW schedule coming soon! And keep reading our Jen Hatmaker book, "Fierce, Free, and Full of Fire!"

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF school kits!**

We are going to be sending school kits to Lutheran World Relief this fall.

It's getting to be the time of year when school supplies will be going on sale.

Please consider purchasing items for the school kits.

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 ink 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 work well)
  - \* 2 1/2 inch erasers

Thank you! WELCA Mission Action

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