

St. James Journal

Our Mission Statement:
"We Proclaim and Practice Christ's Love"

July, 2022
www.stjamesmc.org

Office Hours:

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

Sunday Morning Outdoor Schedule

9:00 am Outdoor Worship
Fellowship before and after
the service.

*The service will be
live-streamed.*

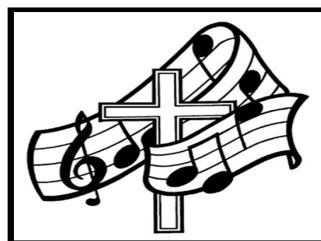
*In case of technical difficulties,
the online service will be
uploaded later
in the day.*

DRAMA CLUB will be helping
with worship in July and
August. If you would like to be
a part of our group of actors
helping leading skits and
readings, please contact one of
the pastors. Thank you!

2022 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.

VBS: Creative Arts Camp!



JOIN US

SUNDAY JULY 31-WEDNESDAY AUGUST 3

as we Praise God
through music, dance, art, and theater at

VBS CREATIVE ARTS CAMP!

VBS will be held from 5-8 each evening.
Registration forms can be found in the Journal and
online. They will also be available at Church. You
are encouraged to invite your friends and
neighbors!

Each evening begins with a meal.

All children through 6th grade are invited
to attend! All are welcome!

**All youth in grades 7and up AND adults are needed as
volunteers!**

***We have lots of opportunities for you to help!
Please sign up to volunteer with Pastor Jeni
or Kathy Grant!***

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VISITS AND PRAYERS

Remembered in our prayers: Brett Austin, Carol Bahnsen, Margaret Christensen

Our deepest Sympathy to:

- The family of Linda Schmidt
- The family of John Martin

The Hospital is now allowing clergy to visit. Due to privacy laws, there is no longer a list we can check. **PLEASE** let the pastors know if you or someone you know is in the hospital so we can visit and pray for with any in need. Thank you!

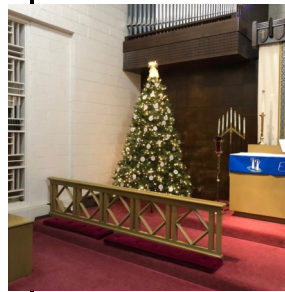
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If you would like to be added to the Sunday prayers or would like to request a visit, please contact one of the pastors or the Church office.

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BAPTISM:

God Bless Hayden William McMurray, son of Dustin and Kaitlyn McMurray, who was baptized on June 25.



It's Time for **CHRISTMAS IN JULY!**

Our annual celebration of the Birth of Christ in the midst of summer will be held on **Sunday, July 17!**

As we remember that Jesus' birth is our promise not just on December 25, but ALL through the year, we will celebrate with Christmas hymns, readings, and lots of fun!

Dust off your best Christmas outfits and join us on this special day!

If you have any favorite hymns you would like sung, please be sure to let one of the Pastors or Bill Grant know by July 10!



"Can I ask a question?"

Honest questions about faith and God.

QUESTIONS! QUESTIONS! QUESTIONS!

There is still time to submit questions for our summer services and discussions. You can e-mail or text the pastors or turn your questions in on Sunday mornings in the box at Church.

No questions are off limits! Some will be addressed in worship and some in small group time. Questions might be about your faith, Scripture, Church, what God is up to in the world, or anything else on your mind.

Some of the questions we will be addressing in upcoming Sundays and discussions include: "Why do bad things happen to good people?" "Where is God in the suffering in the world?" "Why do Lutherans baptize babies?" "How can I be a better steward for our Church?" "How do we support our youth on their faith journey?" along with many others. Join us on Sunday mornings and our discussion times to learn more and be sure to submit your questions.

SIGN UP FOR OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE!

St. James will host a blood drive on Monday, July 11 from 12-5.
You can sign up online at redcross.org.

Thank you

THANK YOU to the MANY who have been helping with our Yard Clean Up and various other projects around the Church in the past weeks ***We appreciate all of your hard work!!***

Mid-Week Worship: There will be no Mid-Week Holden Evening Prayer services in July.

VBS: Creative Arts Camp
Camper and Youth Counselor Registration Form

Creative Arts Camp is sponsored by:

St. James Lutheran Church,
1148 4th St. SE, Mason City
641-423-4702

stjamesofficemc@gmail.com

Dates of Camp: July 31-August 3, 5 PM-8 PM

Name(s) of child(children) attending Camp:

Ages (And grade in school if applicable):

T-shirt size(s): Youth XS __ S __ M __ L __ XL __ Adult S __ M __ L __ XL __ XXL __

Parent(s) name and contact information:

Best way to contact (text/email/phone call): _____

Emergency contact name and contact information:

Best way to contact emergency contact (text/email/phone call) _____

Food Allergies/intolerances: _____

Known allergies: _____

Any other health concerns we should be aware of: _____

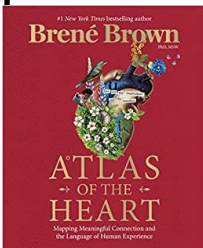
I give you permission to photograph my child (children) and post pictures of them on the Church Facebook page and/or website: Yes ____ No ____

Parent signature: _____

Date: _____

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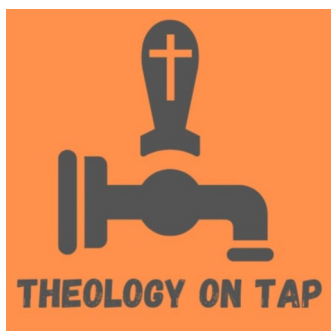
BOOK CLUB



Join us on Saturday, July 9th and 23rd for our Women's Book Club! We meet at 10 AM at Cabin Coffee. This summer, we are reading the book "Atlas of the Heart," by Brene Brown.

This inspiring, informative book explores human emotions and the way they help and hurt us as we seek to build connections with one another. It is EXTREMELY timely as we re-learn how to connect with one another in positive ways. Please read the first THREE chapters if you are able before the next meeting. The book can be purchased on Amazon or most places that sell books. **ALL ARE INVITED!**

Join Pastor Sid Wednesday, July 6th and Wednesday, July 20 at 6 PM at Brix for ***THEOLOGY ON TAP***, a time for conversation, refreshments, and fellowship. Brix is at 106 S. Delaware in Mason City.



PLANNING EVENTS??

If you have a graduation open house, anniversary party, or other event you would like to invite the congregation to attend, please feel free to contact us about inviting people through our monthly Journal. Journal deadlines are listed on your monthly calendar.

We also have rooms available for your events. Please contact Jill about reserving space.

DO DAYS QUILTERS

Do Days quilters need help!

We have been finishing lots of quilts and now we need sheets. We use them for our backs on each quilt. If you find extras in your linen closet, we'd take them. You can put them on the stage in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you so much!

CHURCH SOFTBALL

Join us on Friday evenings at Fredrick Hanford Park to cheer on our

Church Softball Team!

Here is our schedule for the rest of the year:

July 8—7 PM on Diamond 3

July 15—7 PM on Diamond 3

July 22—7 PM on Diamond 2

July 29—7 PM on Diamond 2

August 6—Playoffs (times TBA)

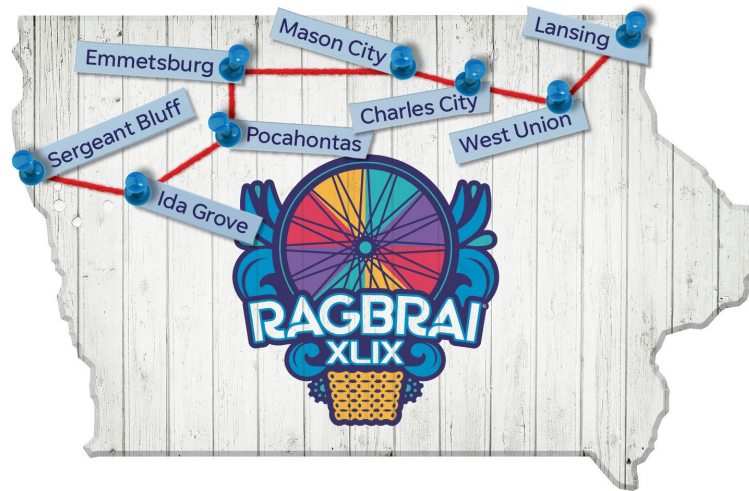


Looking forward to seeing you there!

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THANK YOU! For participating with your votes in the conversation about our renewed outdoor worship area! The altar area is currently under construction. The concrete seating area is being designed. Look for updates on our plans soon!



RAGBRAI UPDATE!



In just a few short weeks, St. James will host HUNDREDS of campers on our lawn as Mason City welcomes RAGBRAI into town on JULY 27! There will be camping, a supper, and live music!

We continue to NEED VOLUNTEERS for this event!

- There is a board for donations that will be available at worship. You can commit to bringing needed items for the event.
- We will need LOTS of help in the kitchen from 3-8. You can call or email the Church office to sign up for a shift. Or sign up at worship.
- We still need PIES for our diners. Email the Church office to volunteer to bring pies. There are also sheets you can fill out at worship!
- We will have a Facebook event for RAGBRAI soon. Please SHARE that widely on your own page and let people know about our supper and plans!

Dinner will be \$10 and includes:

Pork chops
Baked Potatoes
Salad bar
Homemade pies
ALL FROM 3-8 PM!

Invite your friends and neighbors and any bike riders you know to our dinner! ALL ARE WELCOME!

Contact Diane Francis or the Church office if you are interested in helping in any way. And sign up to help on July 27!

Let's work together to make this another fantastic outreach event!!

Opportunities to Serve and learn!

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

If you would like to provide special music or help out as a song leader for the summer worship services, please contact Bill Grant to sign up.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP LEAD YOUTH OR FELLOWSHIP EVENTS AT ST. JAMES??

We are always looking for new ideas and volunteers to help create fun and exciting events at the church.

If you are interested in helping with our youth ministry or community life, please contact the pastors about ways to get involved!

PRAYER CHAIN

St. James has an active Facebook Prayer Chain. Talk to Pastor Jeni about joining that group so you can be in prayer for those in need. You can also contact Pastor Jeni if you have prayer requests to be added to our prayer chain.

HELP IS NEEDED to set up for our outdoor worship services each Sunday morning. Contact Jennifer Hansen for more information about how you can help. We generally start around 8:30. We also need help putting things away after worship. Thank you!

GREETER & USHERS NEEDED

We are working on scheduling greeters & ushers for the fall. If you're interested please contact Diane or Tim Francis, or Jill in the office.

OFFERINGS: You are encouraged to sign up for our SIMPLY GIVING auto-offering program, a way to continue your gifts even when you are not able to be present. Sign up for Simply Giving on our website. Contact the Church office for more information.

We thank you for your continued support of our ministry at St. James!

PORTABLE SIGN: We are looking for the original donor of our portable yellow sign. This will help us moving forward in figuring out what to do with this sign. If you know who donated it, please contact Jill or Pastor Sid. Thank you!

YOUTH SEEKING service hours and volunteer hours for school, confirmation students needing bonus points, and any youth who would just LOVE to serve are encouraged to contact Pastor Jeni about volunteer opportunities at Church this summer. We have lots of opportunities coming up including RAGBRAI, VBS, and cleaning out classrooms.

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