



St. James Journal

Our Mission Statement:

“We Proclaim and Practice Christ’s Love”

June, 2021

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

The Gospel Through Music: How Music speaks the Words of our Faith.

Martin Luther once said that “Next to the Word of God,
the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world.”

Since the beginning of time, music and dancing have
been a part of praising God. The first recorded mention of music
in Scripture is all the way back in Genesis 4:21 when we read
about Jubal, a descendant of Cain, who was the inventor of the
musical instrument, “And his brother’s name was Jubal: he was
the ancestor of all those who play the lyre and pipe.”

And music as an act of praise is seen in Exodus chapter
15, after the people of Israel had crossed the red sea and sang
this victory song: “I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed
gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the
sea.”² The Lord is my strength and my might, and he has become
my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s
God, and I will exalt him.” A little later in Exodus 15, Moses’
sister Miriam took a tambourine and all the other women in the
camp took tambourines as well, and they danced, as Miriam
sang, “Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.”

There is much more recorded singing and dancing
through the Old Testament, but music as an act of worship was
fully realized during the days of David. And our beautiful book
of Psalms reflect many of the poetry and songs of David. The
Psalms became a central part of worship, and continue to be a
part of worship today—both as Scripture and also reflected in
the words of many of the songs we sing. The Psalms gave voice
to praise, prayer, joy, lament, and even anger through music.
Not only do we sing these emotions in our worship, but those
same feelings are evoked in much secular music as well. The
music of faith AND the music of life.

This summer, we will explore music as an act of
worship. How does music reflect our relationship with God?
How does music speak the words of our faith? We will explore
some of the great hymns of our tradition—both older hymns and
newer ones, and many in between. *Continued on next page...*

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American Red Cross Blood Drive

St. James Lutheran Church



July 21, 2021
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm



1148 4th St. SE
Mason City, IA 50401
Gymnasium

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

Pastors article continued...

We will have special services that center around the music of our faith (Christmas music, Easter Music, Gospel Music, Polka (!) music! We will have some Bible study and other activities that showcase the music of our faith. We will ask you to share music and the stories of music that mean something to you. Perhaps through special music in Church, an article in the newsletter or bulletin, or even in a talk during worship.

Join us this summer as we celebrate the impact of music on our faith and learn more about how it speaks to us, what it means, and how we can use it to strengthen our relationship with God and give voice to our innermost feelings.



Pet Blessing



ON JUNE 27, we will celebrate the SONGS OF ANIMALS AND CREATION as we also have our Annual Pet Blessing service (weather permitting!). Bring your dogs, cats, hamsters, fish, and other beloved pets and join us for this service of blessing as our animals join with us in song!
In case of rain, our pet blessing will be held on July 18.

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

- To the family of Irene Ward
- To the family of Shirley Fuller
- To the family of Arlene Seehawer
- To the family of Dotty Brown

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RECENTLY REMEMBERED

IN PRAYER: Carol Bahnsen, Mike Cervantes, John Clarke, Verna Gourley

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PRAYER SHAWLS



We prayed over 21 Prayer Shawls in May and 3 Pocket Prayer Shawls. (Check those out!) COVID was good for one thing....knitting and crocheting! Keep stitching but we won't meet again till fall.

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SCULPTURE TOUR!

Join us on SUNDAY, JUNE 13 for a tour of the new sculptures in downtown Mason City.

We will meet *immediately after the worship service* right by the worship area. We will have brochures with the sculptures listed, as well as a scavenger hunt for you to participate in if you choose!

You can drive through the sculptures or walk.

Following the sculpture tour, we will meet back at the Church for pizza!

This will be a fun event for ALL ages! Invite a friend and come along!

In case of bad weather, we will reschedule the Sculpture tour in July.



BOOK CLUB meets every other Saturday at 2 PM. We will meet in the Fireside Room, or weather permitting will meet in the Courtyard. We are reading the book "Fierce, Free, and Full of Fire," by Jen Hatmaker. The book can be purchased online or bought at most local stores that sell books. Join us when you can! We will also try to have some online discussions you can join. Invite a friend to join you as we begin our Book Club again.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will begin on June 2 at 7 AM. Join us for a light breakfast and Bible Study on the Sunday Scripture readings.

SCRAP METAL DRIVE

Thank you to those who donated to the drive! We made \$231.80.

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.

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 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.

**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.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

We are seeking volunteers! We need readers and song leaders for worship. We also are in need of volunteers to help set up and tear down on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, there will be sign up sheets for some of these volunteer opportunities on Sunday. You can also contact Jennifer Hansen, Bill Grant, or one of the pastors to find out ways you can serve!

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COMMUNION IS HELD on the first and third Sundays of the month. 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!

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