

St. James Journal

Our Mission Statement:

"We Proclaim and Practice Christ's Love"

June, 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.*

Wednesday Schedule

Beginning June 8

6 PM Holden Evening Prayer
6:30 Small Group Conversations

*The Service will be in the Courtyard
or chapel depending on the weather.
Small Group will meet in the Fireside
Room.*

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.



"CAN I ASK A QUESTION?" Honest questions about faith and God."

Join us for a summer of exploration! Our summer sermon series is "Can I ask a question?" and it is just what it says it is. A summer of asking important questions about the world, faith, and God.

In a world where often the answers aren't clear at all, we may wonder things like: "What is God's role in suffering?" "Why do bad things happen to good people?" "Do miracles still occur?" "What does prayer do?" We might wonder about other world religions, other Christian traditions, or worship practices. We might have questions about big issues the Church and what God's role is in those issues. We might wonder about the Bible and what it means in our life of faith. There are so many questions that come up every day.

So ask them! And we will attempt to address them through sermons and small group discussions. Each Sunday morning during our worship service at 9 AM, we will address one question. We will also have small group discussions various weeks after worship to talk further. AND on Wednesday nights, you are encouraged to join us for HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER at 6:00 PM beginning June 8. Following Evening Prayer each week, we will have a Bible Study/small group focused on a different question.

Since YOU are the ones designing the services, we need YOUR questions. Questions may be left in a basket at the worship service or you may text or email the pastors. That contact information is found on the back page of this "Journal." We hope to hear from a lot of you! And we hope we can all grow in our faith by tackling some important, difficult, and even some fun questions this summer!

~Pastor Sid and Pastor Jeni

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VISITS AND PRAYERS

Remembered in our prayers in May: John Martin, Leonard Johnson, Val Dornbusch

Our deepest Sympathy to:

- Bill and Anne Mason and family at the death of Bill's Mom
- The family of Thomas Minert
- The family of Carol Turner

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.

God bless Keaton William Prahm, son of Sarah and Kyle Prahm, who was baptized on May 22. May the light of Christ ever shine on him!

God Bless our St. James 2022 Graduates: Madelyn Benson, Grant Bohls, Keaton Colby, Abigail Eilers, Danny Grant, Katelyn Harrison, Jason Hughes, Dean Johnson, Jayden King, Alex Kyrin, Madelyn Love, Tricia Pope, Kennedy Sievers, Tyler Wendel, Jenna Witte.



Congratulations and God's blessings to Jessalyn Frenz, who graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in May with a BA in Social Work and a minor in Mental Health.

We would love to celebrate the accomplishments of all of our college graduates. Please submit their graduation information in the Church office for our next Journal.

ST. JAMES YARD CLEAN UP!

On June 7th, we will gather to spruce up our yard for summer. Join us at 6 PM to help.

LIME CREEK SERVICE DAY: Mother Nature was not kind to our Earth Day Lime Creek Clean Up days. After 3 tries, we are unable to reschedule. However, we still have work to do!

As a family or work group, if you would be willing to volunteer some time, please talk to Christine Foth or Pastor Jeni.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES will be held in June beginning on June 8. Services will be held at 6 PM, with small group discussions following the service for all interested. The services will be held in the Courtyard, weather permitting. In case of rain or extreme temperatures, we will meet in the chapel. Small group discussions will be held in the Fireside Room. These services will be separate from the Sunday services, so you can come to one or both!

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OUR SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be a CREATIVE ARTS CAMP. VBS has been postponed until the end of July/early August. If you would like to help plan VBS, please contact Kathy Grant or Pastor Jeni. We will also need people interested in music, art, theater, and dance to help lead, in addition to other helpers. Thank you!

On May 1, we celebrated the Affirmation of Baptism of 8 of our youth. God bless Danielle Bolz, Lauryn Halverson, Ella Hamrick, Abby Myers, Addison Ostrander, Blythe Peterson, Kayla Trask, Kaya Whipple as they take this step in their walk of faith.

THE ST. JAMES SOFTBALL TEAM SCHEDULE

Games are played on Friday nights.

2022 Co-Ed Church League Softball Schedule

<u>Alpha Teams</u>	<u>Church Phone Number</u>	<u>Manager</u>
1. Agape	641-357-5852	Mark Coleman 641-583-2086
2. Grace E. Free	641-423-9401	Jeff Wise 641-420-9987
3. First Baptist	641-424-3481	Matt Logeman 641-420-0460
4. St. James Lutheran	641-423-4702	Derreck Tell 641-530-5161
5. Open Bible	641-357-4885	Amanda Reb 641-512-8785
6. First Covenant	641-423-6359	Greg Reiner 641-530-4689
7. River City	641-903-5519	Shayne Meinders 641-529-9410
8. Praise Church	641-423-5793	Jesse Welch 641-529-0575

Time & Location: 1st Game Starts at 7:00 pm
2nd Game Starts at 8:15 pm

Fredrick Hanford Park (FHP) 23rd ST. SW Mason City

Diamond # 1- 2- 3

GAMES (G) DIAMOND (D) TEAM (T)

First team listed will be home

May 20 th			May 27 th			June 3 rd			June 10 th			June 17 th			June 24 th		
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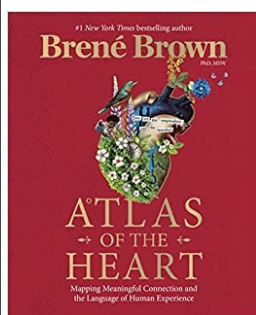
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Tournament			1 st	1	5-8	1 st	1	3-1	1 st	1	2-1	1 st	1	5-7	Playoff		
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			1 st	3	4-6	1 st	3	7-4	1 st	3	6-5	1 st	3	8-6			
			2 nd	1	1-2	2 nd	1	5-6	2 nd	1	8-7	2 nd	1	3-2			

Coaches please keep track of scores report to Jeff Wise 641-420-9987

Email: jwise0011@gmail.com Revised 5/1/2022

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OUR ST. JAMES DRAMA CLUB will be an important part of our SUMMER WORSHIP! We would love lots of budding actors to be part of our skits during the summer. If you would like to be a part of the St. James Drama Club and have not yet signed up, please contact one of the pastors. We will hold a meeting on **Sunday, June 12 immediately following worship** to get actors signed up for summer! All ages (and skill levels!) are encouraged!



BOOK CLUB in JUNE meets on **June 11 and June 25**. We meet at 10 AM at Cabin Coffee. This summer, we are reading the book "Atlas of the Heart," by Brené 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 two chapters if you are able before the next meeting. The book can be purchased on Amazon or most places that sell books.

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

DoDays 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!



Bring your Dads, grandpas, uncles, and friends to Church on Father's Day, June 19, for "Donuts with Dad." We will have donuts and games following the service that morning. All are welcome!

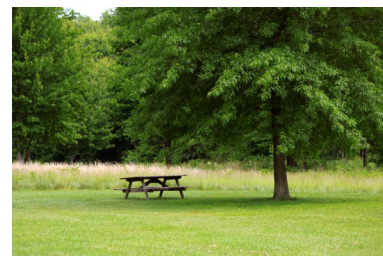
PICNIC AND CHURCH SOFTBALL GAME

Please join us Friday, June 17th at 6pm for a Potluck Picnic at Fredrick Hanford Park and get to

know our church league team! We will provide the main dish. You are encouraged to bring your own table service, drink and a side dish or dessert to share. After the picnic, go on down to the diamonds to cheer the team on our St. James Team during their 8:15pm game!



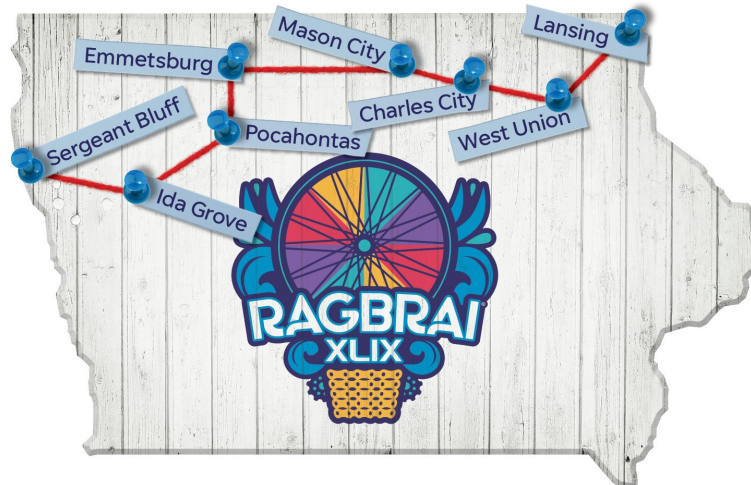
Looking forward to seeing you there!



SCULPTURE WALK!

Let's check out the new sculptures in downtown Mason City! We will meet on **Sunday, June 26 at 10 AM** to go on a Sculpture tour. Following our tour, we will return to the Church for lunch. All are welcome! We will meet in the outdoor worship area. In case of rain, we will move this event to a Sunday in July.

RAGBRAI WILL ONCE AGAIN BE PASSING THROUGH MASON CITY!



St. James will host campers and parking for RV/support vehicles. We will have showers available. We will host a meal of pork chops, baked potatoes, salad bar, and pie from 3-8, as well as a light breakfast early the next morning. We will also have live music in the afternoon/early evening.

We need LOTS of help for this undertaking! Last time Mason City hosted Ragbrai, St. James fed and housed thousands of bicyclists. Here are things we will need:

- Food donations
- Volunteers for kitchen duty, shower duty, clean up, greeters, and many other tasks.
- Help with publicity
- PIES! We are working toward 100 FRUIT PIE donations for RAGRBRAI. There are sheets to fill out at church for your donations, or you can contact the Church office with the number of pies you are able to donate.
- Watch your Journal and weekly bulletins and blasts for more specific ways you can be involved!

What you can do now?? Contact Diane Francis or the Church office if you are interested in helping in any way. You can also spread the word that we have places available for bicyclists to camp out for the night and spread the word about the delicious meal we will have. If you have any other ideas or suggestions, please contact Diane or the office. Thank you!

We also would also love your help in sharing our event! If you would like to help with publicity, please contact Pastor Jeni or Bill Grant. In the meantime, share our meal and camping options with everyone!

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

Opportunities to Serve and learn!

FOOD DRIVE! Bring your non-perishable food items to church on Sunday, June 5 as we fill our cart at Church for the Food Bank and others in need. There will be collection boxes at church. Thank you!

SUMMER WALKING PRAYER GROUP: Join Pastor Jeni for a Summer Walking and Prayer group every Thursday at 10 AM in June. Meet in the Courtyard each week. We will begin with a time of prayer and then stop and pray at various times on our walk. In case of rain, we will not meet.

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. We would love to have lots of voices and talents filling our services through the summer!

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.

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!

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.

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