

# St. James Journal

MARCH, 2019

## MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 am Traditional  
Worship  
9:15 am Adult Bible  
Study  
9:30 am Contemporary  
Worship  
10:30 am LIFT  
11:00 am Chapel  
Worship

## WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

*(Lent Services begin  
on March 6th)*

7:00 am Men's  
Breakfast  
10:00 am Staff  
Meeting  
**11:00 am Worship**  
5:30 pm Meal  
(No Meal on the 6th,  
April 17)  
**6:30 pm Worship**  
7:00 pm Choir  
(No Choir on the 6th)  
7:00 pm-7:30 pm  
7th/8th  
Confirmation  
(No confirmation on  
the 6th & 13th)  
No ONE or WOW  
in March.

## CHURCH ENTRANCES

During week hours, if  
Jill is alone, only the  
MAIN entrance will be  
unlocked. Otherwise,  
all doors will be  
opened.  
Thank you!



## LENT 2019 “Open My Life, Lord”

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday worship on WEDNESDAY MARCH 6 at 11 AM and 6:30 PM. For the rest of the season of Lent we will be exploring the theme: “Open My Life, Lord.”

Far too often, we find ourselves closed off—closed off from our neighbors, closed off from those who love us, closed off from the voice of God. It is difficult to hear one another, to see the truth, to be willing to risk connecting with the world around us. It just seems safer to shut down, close off, and hide.

But that is not how God intends us to live. God opens us to new life and new possibilities, new learning and new relationships. And when God opens us up, new things are possible. Join us each week as we explore how God is working in our lives to open us up.

Each week you will be given an envelope to open. It will contain brief devotions for each day and an activity for the week. There will be many other opportunities to continue our discussions. The themes each week will be:

Week 1: Open My Eyes, Lord  
Week 2: Open My Hands, Lord  
Week 3: Open My Ears, Lord  
Week 4: Open My Heart, Lord  
Week 5: Open My Life, Lord

DUE TO THE WINTER WEATHER, our February attendance was way down.  
However, our bills haven't taken a break  
(especially our heat bill with the treacherous cold!)  
Please consider signing up for our Simply Giving auto offering option!  
Contact the church office for more information.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME AND PORTALS OF PRAYER for April thru June are available on the table in the Narthex.

THERE ARE STILL MANY OFFERING ENVELOPES IN THE NARTHEX, have you picked yours up?

**2019 FLOWER MINISTRY** sign up sheets are now available in the Narthex. Flowers are \$21.

**THE APRIL JOURNAL** deadline is March 22 by 2:00 PM.

**THE APRIL JOURNAL** will be assembled on March 28th 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.

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Do you like to talk about your faith in a relaxed atmosphere? Are you interested in learning how the Bible speaks to you today? Do you want to make some new friends at church? Join us on Thursday evenings at Mason City Brewing for “**Pub Theology**,” a time to share our faith and learn together. Beginning in February, we will look at the story of King David in Scripture. See how this poet, shepherd, king, sinner, and saint is a lot like us! **We will meet in March on the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.**



**OUR WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB** continues on Saturdays at 2 PM. We will meet on March 2nd and 23rd at Cabin Coffee. We are reading the book “For the Love” by Jen Hatmaker. Newcomers are ALWAYS welcome. You can purchase the book on Amazon or any other on-line book distributor. Grab some coffee or tea and a snack and join us on Saturdays for a fun, relaxing, faith-building time with friends!

## CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE FOR MARCH:

**March 6:** Ash Wednesday—No Regular class, but students are required to attend Ash Wednesday services. Either sit in front with your small groups or with your family.

**March 13:** NO CONFIRMATION due to Spring Break  
**March 20 and 27<sup>th</sup>:** Worship at 6:30, Class from 7-7:30



## COMING UP IN LIFT/SUNDAY SCHOOL!

**March 3:** Why do we use Palm Branches to burn ashes for Ash Wednesday? What do pretzels have to do with Lent? WHY would we bury “Alleluias??” Join us for a **LENTEN FAIR** for the **whole congregation** from 10:30-11:30 to find out the answers to these questions. You’ll help burn the ashes and bury the alleluias, along with lots of other fun activities. Hope to see EVERYONE there!

**March 10:** NO LIFT due to Spring Break

**March 17:** We will celebrate St. Patrick’s Day and learn more about this saint and what he means to the Church. Wear your GREEN and join us!

**March 24 and 31:** We will have service and learning days. Keep an eye on your bulletins, Facebook, and our website to hear more about what we will be doing!



**YOUTH GROUP MOVIE NIGHT!** 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders: Join us on **Sunday, March 24** for a **MOVIE AND PIZZA NIGHT** at 4 PM. We will watch the movie “I Can Only Imagine” and chat about it afterwards. **BRING FRIENDS** and snacks to share!

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**REMEMBERED IN PRAYER IN MARCH:**

Ray Groth, Ann Sletten, Kinzie Johanns, Larry Madson, Shirley Tatum

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:**

The family of Jim O'Donnell  
The family of Dean Blackmer  
John and Judy Clarke and family at the death of their daughter-in-law Linda



*(Please let us know if we have inadvertently missed someone. Thank you.)*

**TRIVIA NIGHT** will be held on FRIDAY, MARCH 1 at 8 pm at LD's!  
All are welcome for trivia and fun with friends. Bring others and join us. If anyone would like to plan the questions and lead the night, please contact Sid or Jeni. Hope to see you there!



Join us for **Mardi Gras Pancake FUN** on Tuesday, March 5 from 5:30 pm-7 pm. Pancakes and all the fixings, plus ham and lots of Mardi Gras activities all for a free will donation. All proceeds will benefit our Riverside Youth.

**FACEBOOK PRAYER CHAIN**

If you would like to be added to our St. James Facebook Prayer Chain, please talk to Pastor Jeni.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone for celebrating First Communion with us on February 3rd! We hope to make this an annual tradition for First Communion families!"

**THANK YOU**

Thank you for the cards, words of support and food that was brought to us after my recent surgery. Special thanks to Pastor Sid for your hospital visit. Your concern and prayers are all appreciated very much. Ann Sletten

**SPRING CLEANING?**

St. James is need of Bingo prizes for Good Shepherd. Clean stuffed animals, small Knick knacks, and necklaces that go on over the head can be brought to the church office.

**CHURCH CLEANING DAY**

On March 30th we will be cleaning up the church at 9:00 am. Anyone wanting to help is encouraged. High School students, this would be a good way to earn some CORD hours for helping.

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**GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP**

This weekly grief support group will meet on Thursdays: Feb. 21-May 23, 2019. 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. (No session on April 18th) First Covenant Church, 411 South Ohio, Mason City, IA.  
Register at: [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) ~ For More Info Email: [pastorsteve.firstcov@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsteve.firstcov@gmail.com) ~  
Phone: 641-423-6359

## WELCA News

**Koinonia:** We will meet on Sunday, March 24th at 6:00 pm in the Friendship Room for Game Night! Bring a snack to share. Rich and Cynthia Tompkins will be hosting.

**Love Circle:** We will meet at the church on Monday, March 18th at 7:00 pm at the home of Karrie Frenz. (Thinking of checking out a circle, all are welcome to join us!)

**Care Team:** We sent our last boxes to our college and military young adults for the year, full of Valentine goodies. Thanks to all who have helped in this ministry, providing money for postage and goodies. We will start over with this project in the fall, another school year and excited new freshmen (or transfers) away from home. Watch for you journals and bulletins for more details. Remember, **we need to know yearly** if you want to continue your son or daughter to keep receiving these boxes. We need to continue letting these kids know that St. James hasn't forgotten them.

**Prayer Shawl:** Our Prayer Shawl group was invited recently to a Prayer Shawl Fiesta at Trinity, sponsored by Trinity and Thrivent. Eight of us went and were welcomed with lots of goodies, pie, fellowship, prizes and yarn. About 40 were in attendance, from many churches in Mason City and surrounding areas. Our hands were blessed by the chaplain from the hospital and health nurse from Trinity. Fun to hear stories about how we all started our knitting or crocheting and then sharing that God-given gift by the Prayer Shawls we make and made available to anyone. It was a wonderful celebration of this special ministry. If you are interested in joining our Prayer Shawl group, contact Kathy 424-5577.

We will be praying over finished shawls on Sunday, the 24th in the board room between the first and second service.

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### **LENTEN SERVING GROUP SCHEDULE 2019** **BOARD ASSIGNED DATES:**

#### **MARCH 6**

Ash Wednesday - No meal

#### **MARCH 13**

WELCA

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE (Mason City spring break)

#### **MARCH 20**

Worship & Music

Deacons

#### **MARCH 27**

Memorials

Education Board

#### **APRIL 3**

Stewardship

Executive Committee

#### **APRIL 10**

Trustees

#### **APRIL 17**

Holy Week - No Meal

#### **APRIL 21**

EASTER

Note: Each board will provide people to help with serving, clearing tables, washing dishes, taking out trash, and other miscellaneous items as needed.

Please arrive between 5 and 5:30 PM and be prepared to stay until the clean-up process has been completed, approximately 7 PM. *(There will be no noon meal this year)*

Thanks, Sherri

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN EVENING MEALS 2019**

Served from 5:30 to 6:30 PM

Served in Fellowship Hall

Please remember that the church family brings salads and/or desserts to share with the main entree provided by St. James.

**MARCH 6**

ASH WEDNESDAY

NO MEAL

**MARCH 13**

Walking tacos, soft tacos

Nachos and cheese

Hot dogs

**MARCH 20**

Spaghetti with meatballs

Alfredo spaghetti

Buttered spaghetti

Hog dogs

**MARCH 27**

Chicken ranch wraps

BBQ chicken sandwiches

Chips

Hot dogs

**APRIL 3**

Beef and Noodles

Green beans

Hot dogs

**APRIL 10**

Chicken &amp; rice casserole

Green beans or corn

Hot dogs

**APRIL 17**

HOLY WEEK

NO MEAL

**APRIL 21****EASTER****Breakfast served 8:30 - 9:30 am****MEAL DONATION****\$5.00 per person**

*Please remember that meals during Lent are served with the salads and desserts the congregation provides as a part of the meal.*

**RUB ADUB DUB, PLEASE FILL THE TUB!**

No one likes to be dirty. Soap keeps hands clean, germs at bay and helps people present themselves with dignity. This simple thing is one of the many building blocks to success. LWR accepts NEW bars of any brand soap, in their original wrapping. All bar sizes accepted; however, bath-size bars (4-5 oz.) are highly preferred. There will be a washtub in the Narthex for you to put the soap in. Thank you!

**DURING LENT THE ST. JAMES** Women of the ELCA are joining Lutheran World Relief’s Baskets of Promise appeal. Beginning March 3 and ending March 31, we’ll collect a different item each week that we’ll use to assemble Personal Care Kits that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life’s most challenging situations. On the following Sundays, please bring the items listed below and put them in the baskets in the Narthex. We appreciate any donation you can give.

**HERE’S OUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE:**

- March 3:** Bath Towels (light-weight, max. 52”x27”, dark color recommended)
- March 10:** Bars of Soap (4-5 oz in original wrapping)
- March 17:** Combs, wide-toothed (no picks or fine-toothed combs); Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)
- March 24:** Adult Size Toothbrush
- March 31:** Any of the Above Items

Our goal is to collect during Lent enough supplies for 40 LWR Personal Care Kits.  
~Thank you so much for your contributions~ WELCA Mission Action

**St. James Contact Information**

**March Readers**

| Schedule        | 8:00 AM        | 9:30 AM               | 11:00 AM    |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| <b>March 3</b>  | Corrine Bolz   | Dave Frenz            | Grant Bohls |
| <b>March 10</b> | George Arduser | Carol Edwards         | Gene Larsen |
| <b>March 17</b> | Laurie Haugen  | Mike/Colleen Syverson | Pastor      |
| <b>March 24</b> | Lori Jorgenson | Linda Betels          | Grant Bohls |
| <b>March 31</b> | Donna Martin   | Ann Sletten           | Gene Larsen |

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