

St. James Journal

MARCH 2020

MARCH, SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 AM Worship
9:15 AM Bible Study
9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Sunday
School
11:00 AM Chapel
Worship

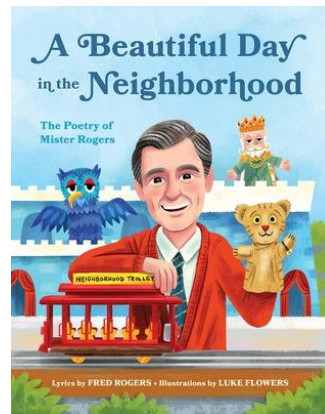
WEDNESDAY LENTEN SCHEDULE

11:00 am Lenten
Service
5:30 pm Meal
6:30 pm Lenten Service
7:00 pm Choir
7:00 pm Confirmation
Small Groups

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Some are saying they don't have envelopes. Please stop in or call the office to pick yours up. We have a stack of unclaimed envelopes in the office.

INTRODUCING OUR LENT 2020 SERMON SERIES "Hi, Neighbor: Spiritual Lessons of Mr. Rogers"



Fred Rogers, a famous children's television series host AND Presbyterian Minister brought much love to the world through his theology, philosophy of life, and kindness. Much of the music and poetry that he produced through his time on television has a lot to teach us about how to live in this world as people of faith.

During our time of Lent this year, we will be looking at some of those poems and songs and finding ways they can give us strength, remind us of God's grace, and teach us to be better neighbors.

Join us for our series "Hi, Neighbor: Spiritual Lessons of Mr. Rogers." On the Sundays and Wednesdays of Lent, we will explore The Scriptures, along with some of the poems and songs of Mr. Rogers.

Wednesday Worship services through Lent will be held at 11 AM and 6:30 PM. Lenten meals will begin in March. There will be take home devotions and Bible Studies throughout the series so please watch the Journal and bulletins for more information about those. In April, we will watch the Mr. Rogers Movie "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" together.

Please pick up some of the Lenten Resources in the Narthex to aid your devotions. And join us in our photo challenge/daily devotion found in the Journal or at Church.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME AND PORTALS OF PRAYER for April thru June, 2020 are available on the table in the Narthex.

2020 FLOWER MINISTRY sign up sheets are now available in the Narthex. Flowers are \$21.

THE April JOURNAL deadline is March 20th by 12:00 PM.

THE April JOURNAL will be assembled on March 26th 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.

St. James News

Prayer Concerns and Blessings:

Our deepest sympathy:

- To Merv and Ann Sletten and family at the death of their nephew, John Bierl.
- To the family of John Albrecht

When there is a death in your family, please call and let the church office know so we can remember you in prayer.

Those remembered in prayer: Margaret Christensen, Ron Dannen, Mark Hadacek, Sharla Hansen, Leonard Johnson, Jim Medlin, Barb Medlin, Dorothy Nuehring, Jane Trainer

God Bless those who received their First Communion in February: Oliver Anderson, Leslie Bogema, Payton Hjelle, Aubrey Lingbeek, Everlee Louvar, and Hudson Peterson.

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THANK YOU: to the following for helping to move flag banners in the nave: Don Priebe, John Martin, Gary Lafrenz, Todd Lerdal, Marlin Deike, and Sandy Thede
~Lou Cira

THANK YOU: to everyone who sent cards and offered get well wishes and prayers after my surgery in January. Special thanks to Pastor Sid for his visit while I was in the hospital. ~Merv Sletten

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Congregation Game Day & Soup Contest!

Join us for our RESCHEDULED GAME AND SOUP DAY on Sunday, March 1 at 11:30!

You are invited to bring a soup to share for the competition!

We will have Board Games available for all ages! You can also bring board games to share!

Beat the winter blahs and join us for our Annual Game Day and Soup Contest!

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***Mark Your Calendars!
And get ready for a Railroad Adventure!
VBS: Coming August 2-5, 2020***



WELCA & CIRCLE NEWS

CARE TEAM: We are excited with another successful year of sharing goodies for our kids away at college or in the military. 17 boxes were sent for Halloween, gift card at Christmas and another box for Valentines Day. Thanks to everyone for your help with donations and also to the church council for adding us in the budget last year. (Shipping runs about \$10 a box each time) Watch for reminders in the fall when we start another new school year, and join in the fun. (You need to let us know each year if you want your student to keep receiving boxes.)

DO DAYS: We are in need of new or used sheets to use as backing for our quilts. Please drop off on the gym stage if you have any. Thank you!!

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS

LENT 2020

Lent meal served in Fellowship Hall from 5:30 to 6:30 pm

MARCH 4 –WELCA

Soup and Sandwiches

Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup, Beef Stew, Bean Soup

Hot Dogs

MARCH 11-Trustees & Memorials

Beef & Noodles

Green Beans

Hot Dogs

MARCH 18– Worship & Music

Walking Tacos, Soft Tacos

Chips & Cheese

Hot Dogs

MARCH 25 -Congregational Life & Executive Committee

Spaghetti or Lasagna

French Bread

Hot Dogs

MEAL DONATIONS:

\$5 per person

All meals include lettuce salad, dessert, and beverages.

BOARD SERVING DATE ASSIGNMENTS LENT 2020

Time requirement: 5 pm to end of clean up

MARCH 4 - WELCA

MARCH 11-Trustees & Memorials

(Spring break Mason city School District)

MARCH 18-Worship & Music, & Deacons

MARCH 25-Congregational Life & Executive Committee

APRIL 1-Stewardship & Education

APRIL 8-HOLY WEEK, NO MEAL

APRIL 12

EASTER-Served by Riverside campers and families

Youth and Family News



CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE FOR LENT:

Confirmation will continue to meet through the Season of Lent. We begin with Lenten worship services at 6:30 (Youth should sit in the FRONT of the Sanctuary with their groups or with an adult). Following worship, small groups will meet until 7:30. On March 11, there will be no small groups due to Spring Break. There will also not be worship or small groups on April 8.

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WOW AND ONE will not meet during Lent. Join us again on April 15!

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SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH will sing in church on Sunday, March 1. Please meet in the chapel at 9:15 to get ready! On Sundays in March, we will be practicing a song for Palm Sunday, when our youth will lead the Palm Sunday parade!



YOUTH GROUP MOVIE NIGHT! 7th-12th graders:

Join us on Sunday, March 22 for a MOVIE AND PIZZA NIGHT at 4 PM. BRING FRIENDS and snacks to share.

SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING: On Saturday, March 21 from 9-12, St. James will host a training for Safeguarding God's Children, a program to help keep children and youth safe in our congregation. This is an important training for all Sunday School leaders, confirmation leaders, and anyone who has contact with children.

Information will be provided on promoting healthy congregations, focusing on communication, prevention, response, advocacy, healing, reconciliation and being proactive to prevent child abuse. Each participant will receive a workbook and a certificate of completion. There is no cost involved. Please sign up by contacting the Church office or talking to Alyse Hesley or Pastor Jeni.



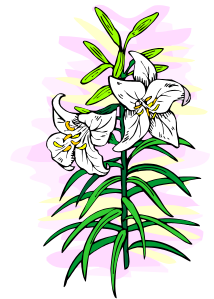
St. James News and Upcoming Events



New Fundraising Policy: The council has set a new policy that we will no longer set up fundraising tables in the Narthex. If you have items you are selling, you are welcome to use a table in the Friendship Room, Fireside Room, or Gym with pastoral approval. We are happy to help advertise fundraising for Church activities and help you find places for signs for your event.

Exceptions to this policy include tickets to church-related events and certain mission projects.

EASTER LILIES



Lilies for St. James on Easter Sunday will add to the worship with their purity and beauty.

If you'd like to order a lily, please submit your order and payment to the church office by **Friday, April 1. Cost: \$15.00**

The lilies are being purchased from Baker Floral and are grown here in Iowa.

(Please Print Clearly)

I would like to place _____ (quantity) Easter Lily (Lilies) in Church on Easter Sunday.

My/Our name _____

Enclosed or attached is \$ _____

The Lily will be placed in Honor of _____

The Lily will be placed in Memory of _____

Complete the "in Honor of" line if your loved one is still living;
use the "in Memory of" line for deceased friends and relatives.

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 1 and ending March 22, 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 1:** Bath Towels (light-weight, max. 52”x27”, dark color recommended)
- March 8:** Bars of Soap (4-5 oz in original wrapping)
- March 15:** Combs, wide-toothed (no picks or fine-toothed combs); Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)
- March 22:** Adult Size Toothbrush

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

MARCH Readers

Schedule	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
March 1	Rich Tompkins	Dave Frenz	Grant Bohls
March 8	Laurie Haugen	Alyse Hesley	Gene Larsen
March 15	George Arduser	Corrine Bolz	Pastor
March 22	Lori Jorgenson	Linda Betels	Pastor
March 29	Donna Martin	Ann Sletten	Grant Bohls

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