



St. James Journal

Our Mission Statement:

"We Proclaim and Practice Christ's Love"

March/April, 2021

www.stjamesmc.org

CONTINUED RESPONSE TO COVID

We are so pleased that many of you have been able to get the Covid-19 Vaccine and that gives us a lot of hope that in the near future we will be able to safely gather like "normal" again! It has been a joy seeing so many (masked) faces back in worship!

Because most of our staff and volunteers, as well as many of you, will not be able to get the vaccine for some time, we will continue to make safety a top priority, and keep protocols in place. These protocols include:

- Mask requirements in the building
- Maintaining social distancing: Though we have removed the ropes from the pews, we continue to ask that you maintain distance by keeping every other pew empty.
- A cap of 75 people in the Sanctuary.
- We will continue to usher you out at the end of the service.
- We will not collect offering or hand out bulletins at this time.
- We will not have indoor events involving food, including coffee and donuts before and after services.

As time goes on, we will be opening up for more activities and building use, but ask that A) You continue to schedule any meetings and events with the Church office and B) We all maintain the maximum numbers of people allowed in rooms (those numbers are posted on each door), require masks for our meetings, and adhere to the other building use guidelines.

We are so close to a full life together again in person after a long year! We are thankful for the ways we have continued to be the Body of Christ in this place and are looking forward to welcoming more and more of you back as vaccines become available and we are able to be safe together. Thank you for following our guidelines so carefully and doing your best to take care of one another!

March Worship Schedule

Sunday: 9 AM in person
9 AM online

Mid-week Wednesday Lent

6:30 in person
6:30 online

No Mid-week Service on March 31 due to Holy Week.

New Office Hours:

Monday-Friday
8:00 am-1:00 pm
(Jill will be here
over the lunch hour.)

Palm Sunday—March 28

9 AM Worship online and in person

10 AM March around the
neighborhood with palm branches

Easter Sunday—April 4

8 & 10 AM In person Worship

9 AM Online Worship

St. James News

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Palm Sunday:

9 AM Online and In Person Worship
10 AM March around neighborhood



Maundy Thursday:

6:30 PM Online Worship only

Good Friday:

12 noon Crosswalk around the neighborhood: Meet at the Church as we walk and read through the Stations of the Cross
8 PM Online and In Person Worship

Easter Sunday:

8 AM and 10 AM In Person Worship
9 AM Online Worship



FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION!!

First Communion Class will be held on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31**. We will meet at Market 124 at 2:30 PM where we will paint chalices. From 3:30-5:00, we will have instruction at the Church. Parents are encouraged to attend if able.

Please call or e-mail Pastor Jeni or the Church office to sign up!

First Communion will be held on April 11 at the 10 AM service.

+++++

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.

~~~~~  
**SIMPLY GIVING** is a great way to ensure your offering gets here even when you can't so that the mission and ministry of St. James can continue. Simply Giving is our electronic giving program. Forms to have your offerings automatically deducted are available in the church office.  
~~~~~

St. James News

++++
Recently remembered in prayer: Mike Cervantes,
Carol Bahnsen, Gene Larsen, Pastor Paul Nelson,
Margaret Christensen

++++
THANK YOU!

We have received many thank yous for the Valentine goody bags. Special thanks to our group of volunteers who put the bags together!



++++
THRIVENT PARTNERS WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Thrivent will partner with Habitat for Humanity of North Central Iowa later this summer and early fall to build a home for a local family and we need YOUR help! More information to come on ways to help with this special opportunity, but if you are interested in being a part of a small group to organize our participation, please call, text or email Alyse Hesley at 641-860-0951 or alyse.hesley@thrivent.com. Thanks!

++++
Love Circle will meet on April 19th at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room.



++++
Good Friday singers are needed for our annual Good Friday Cantata. If you would like to provide music for the service, please contact Worship Director, Bill Grant. Music will be used both online and in person.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR BEGINNING OF APRIL:

April 4 (Easter)
8 and 10 with online worship at 9

April 11 (First Communion Sunday)
8 and 10 with online worship at 9

Our Return to Worship Team and Council will meet and determine times for worship the rest of April and into May before the next Journal.

++++



Drive Thru Communion will be held on Maundy Thursday, April 1, from 4-6 PM. Weather permitting, this will be held outside. In case of cold or inclement weather, we will have it in the Sanctuary.

++++

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BIBLE CAMP THIS SUMMER?

Thanks to the hard work of our youth and families over the last several years, we are able to cover costs of camp for all interested youth this year. We encourage you to apply for Halverson service hour funds as well. Please contact Pastor Jeni or the Church office for more information.

2021 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 **Sunday, March 21. 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 _____

ST. JAMES STAFF

St. James Contact Information

Pastor Jeni Bohls
pastorjeni@mchsi.com

Interim Pastor Sid Bohls
sid.bohls@gmail.com

Administrative Coordinator
Jill Nonnweiler
stjamesofficemc@gmail.com

Financial Secretary
Mike Fitzgerald
stjamesfs@gmail.com

Building Supervisor
Jennifer Hansen
reddress@live.com

Worship & Music Coordinator
Bill Grant
honeyguitar@msn.com

Kitchen Coordinator
Sherri Fitzgerald
sherrifitzgerald1965@gmail.com

Choir Director
Ashley McLaughlin

1148 4th St SE
Mason City, IA 50401
(641) 423-4702
www.stjamesmc.org
[@St James](http://www.facebook.com/@StJames)