

St. James Journal

Our Mission Statement:
"We Proclaim and Practice Christ's Love"

March, 2022
www.stjamesmc.org

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday
8:00 am -1:00 pm

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00 Traditional Worship
9:00 AM Adult Bible Study
9:30 Contemporary Worship
10:30-11:15 Sunday School

Our 9:30 worship service will be live-streamed.

In case of technical difficulties, the online service will be uploaded later in the day.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SCHEDULE

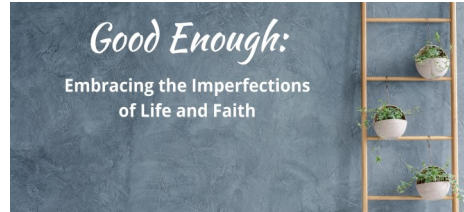
11 AM Worship
11:30 AM Small Group Discussion
5:30 PM Supper
6:30 PM Worship—Holden Evening Prayer
7:00 PM Confirmation
7:00 PM Small Group Discussion
7:00 PM Choir

The 6:30 PM Service will be streamed live.

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.

Introducing our 2022 Lenten Series: "Good Enough: Embracing the Imperfections of Life and Faith"



We live in a culture bent on definitions of a good life as continuous upward mobility—climbing ladders of prosperity with increasingly fabulous experiences that we can post to ever-more-likable social media accounts. We may comb the shelves of the self-help section in search of just the right formula to gain success. Perhaps we even gravitate towards spiritual leaders who promise great rewards if we only do "the right thing." But life happens, right? Most times we are not moving upward but trying to repair the rung we've just slipped from. So what if we stopped climbing and started fertilizing, watering, and blooming right where we find ourselves? Welcome to a Lent of affirming a faith in which we are blessed, regardless, and where we can lean into embracing our "good enough" lives.

Our 2022 Lenten series will explore this theme through worship, Scripture, song, and other activities. Join us as we begin the Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 2. Mid-Week worship during Lent will be held at 11 AM with a Morning Prayer Service and at 6:30 with Holden Evening Prayer.

There are free devotion guides in the Narthex that you can pick up to aid your daily Lenten Devotions. There is also the book, "Good Enough," by Kate Bowler with daily devotions for Lent, available for purchase for \$20. Talk to one of the pastors to purchase a book.

Small group discussions will be held following both Wednesday services and the 9:30 service on Sundays through the season. All are welcome. We will meet in the Fireside Room.

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

To the family of Jackie Schultz.
To Horst and Jean Hehr at the death of his brother.
To the family of Carol Turner.

RECENTLY REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Horst Hehr, Arlin Pals, Ron Jensen, Lynn Christianson

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THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who have been praying for me and sending cards before and during my recovery from surgery. Your support during this time is greatly appreciated. ~ Dolores Bowers

Thank you to the members of St. James for the donations to the Mitten Tree. The donations were shared with Roosevelt and Harding Schools during a recent cold spell in January. Both schools were very appreciative of these gifts.



Watch for these events coming up this Spring:

- Easter Egg Hunt on April 17—watch for info about how you can be involved in this community-wide, outdoor Easter event!
 - Parade of Palms on Palm Sunday!
 - Holy Week Services, including an outdoor Easter Sunrise Service!
 - Earth Day Clean up Service day at Lime Creek
- Plus many more opportunities for learning, service, and worship together!*

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES can be found in the Narthex. If you do not have any envelopes, please contact Jill in the office and she will assign you a box.

Your offerings can be given at Church on Sunday mornings. They can also 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. ***We thank you for your continued support of our ministry at St. James!***

CONTINUED COVID PRECAUTIONS

You will notice changes in the building as we continue to navigate the best practices to keep us all safe.

- Masks are no longer required in the building. They are still of course encouraged and welcomed. Our staff will continue to wear masks much of the time.
- We do have coffee and snacks available between services on Sunday morning. We will also have Wednesday evening meals again during Lent. Servers will wear masks and gloves. Food will all be served from the kitchen window. Other precautions will be in place as well.
- Worship modifications regarding offering and communion will remain in place.
 - Services will continue to be live-streamed
- We continue to ask you to stay home if you are sick and practice good hygiene habits!
- Please remember in these ever changing times that some of restrictions may change depending on data and the needs in our community.

We thank you for your patience and care as we navigate these decisions!

PRAYING OVER PRAYER SHAWLS

Join us on Sunday, March 20th between services to pray over our Prayer Shawls.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN MARCH!

March 6: Join us in the chapel as Larry the Cucumber and Bob the Tomato teach us a little about the season in a Lenten Veggie Tale!

March 13 and 20: No Sunday School due to Spring Break

March 27: GAME DAY FOR ALL AGES!

We will provide games or you can bring games to share. We will meet in the gym at 10:30. Everyone is welcome!!

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LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

During March we will be collecting items for personal care kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief on April 11th. When families find their homes destroyed or must flee for their safety and arrive in a refugee camp or other safe place, simple items included in a personal care kit provide self-care, germ fighting, and the chance to regain dignity in a time of uncertainty.

The following items are needed for a personal care kit:

- one light-weight bath towel, dark color
- two to three bars of wrapped soap equaling 8 to 9 ounces

- one adult size toothbrush in original packaging
- one wide-tooth comb (remove packaging)
- one metal nail clippers (remove packaging)

Any items that are donated are much appreciated. If a family would like to provide a personal care package, all the above items can be wrapped in the towel and tied with yarn or ribbon.

There will be a basket inside the gym door for any items that you would like to leave at the church.

Donations can also be put in the brown baskets in the narthex.

Thank you for participating!
WELCA Mission Action

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, March 25. 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 _____

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LENTEN MEALS ARE BACK!

LENT March - April 2022

BOARD SERVING DATE ASSIGNMENTS

Time requirement: 5 pm to end of clean-up, usually complete by 7:30 pm

MARCH 2

ASH WEDNESDAY
NO MEAL

MARCH 9

Trustees
Worship and music

MARCH 16

(Spring break Mason City School District)
WELCA

MARCH 23

Worship & Music
Memorials

MARCH 30

Congregational Life/Education committee
Executive Committee

APRIL 6

Stewardship
Deacons

APRIL 13

HOLY WEEK
NO MEAL

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN MEALS

MARCH - APRIL 2022

Served in Fellowship Hall 5:30 - 6:15 PM

Welcome back to the fellowship of Wednesday evening Lenten meals.

MARCH 2

ASH WEDNESDAY
NO MEAL

MARCH 9

Chili
Chicken noodle soup
Sandwiches

MARCH 16

Chicken & rice casserole
Green beans

MARCH 23

Lasagna
Garlic bread
Fruit salad

MARCH 30

Chicken ranch wraps
BBQ chicken sandwiches
Potato chips

APRIL 6

Party Sub
Potato salad and fruit salad
Potato chips

APRIL 13

HOLY WEEK
NO MEAL

MEAL DONATIONS

Suggested \$5 per person

All meals include hot dogs, beverages, and dessert.

Opportunities to Serve and learn!

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.

RAGBRAI will once again be passing through Mason City! Last time we had RAGBRAI, we served and housed thousands of bicyclists. Let's have another feast! Watch for more information about how YOU can get involved in this fun outreach!

DRAMA TEAM: Talk to one of the pastors about joining our new St. James Drama Team. We have LOTS of opportunities for skits through the Seasons of Lent and Easter!

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE CHANGE: For the Season of Lent, confirmation students are asked to come to the 6:30 Worship Service. Small Groups will meet following worship until 7:30.

9th GRADE CONFIRMATION MEETING

9th Graders AND parents will meet at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 23 to go over the details for the last few weeks of confirmation and talk about confirmation Sunday. If you cannot attend, please contact Pastor Jeni or Pastor Sid.

BOOK CLUB:

Women's Book Club will be reading the Brene Brown Book, "Atlas Of the Heart." Join our Women's Facebook Group and watch the bulletin for times of our next meeting!

HOME, HOSPITAL, AND NURSING HOME VISITS: If you, or a family member would like to schedule a communion visit or any kind of visit with a pastor, please contact them or the office to set that up. If you know of anyone who is hospitalized or needs a visit, please contact one of the pastors. Thank you!

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