

St. James Journal

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:
"WE PROCLAIM AND PRACTICE
CHRIST'S LOVE"

MAY 2018

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 AM Traditional
Worship
9:15 AM Contemporary
Worship
9:15 AM Adult Bible
Study
10:15 AM Sunday
School
11:00 AM Traditional
Worship
(Communion is on the
1st & 3rd Sundays)

WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

There is something
for EVERYONE on
Wednesday nights at
St. James!

5:15—Join us for a
great supper!
6:15—Confirmation for
7th and 8th graders
ONE for 4th-6th graders
WOW for pre-school-
3rd Graders
6:00—Worship Band
7:00—Choir

Pastor Jeni's Thoughts...

**HEALTH UPDATE
FROM PASTOR JENI:**
Thank you all for your
patience and prayers as I
have returned to work
on a part-time basis. I
continue to slowly im-
prove and am working
hard at regaining
strength and gaining
weight! Improvement is
of course slower than I
would like, but I am
grateful that it continues.
As I work at getting
healthier, I will stay at
the very part-time hours
I am at right now. As I
get stronger, I will in-
crease my hours. I hope
to be able to resume my
call as full-time pastor
sometime this summer.

My responsibili-
ties in my limited hours

include worship planning
and preaching, teaching,
and long-term planning. I
attend meetings as I am
able. I preside at funerals,
baptisms, and wed-
dings as they come up.

Pastor Dennis
continues to serve as
our visitation pastor on
a part-time basis. His
hours have decreased as
I have returned to work
and he travels more of-
ten. He will continue to
preach occasionally, help
lead worship, and visit
our homebound and
hospitalized members.

We also have a
visitation team who vis-
its homebound members
and nursing home resi-
dents. We are excited
to have this group doing
this work and excited to

see where this new min-
istry goes!

If there are other
ministry needs that
come up that you need
assistance with, don't
hesitate to contact the
office, either Pastor
Dennis or myself, or a
council member. We
will work with you to
make sure things contin-
ue to be taken care of.

We have a won-
derful group of volun-
teers here at St. James
and I am so grateful for
all the ways you have
stepped up and made
sure things continued to
run smoothly. I am hap-
py to be stepping back in
and look forward to
leaping back in soon!

-Pastor Jeni

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Outdoor Worship be-
gins June 3. This year,
we will have ONE out-
door service at 9 AM,
with a potluck breakfast
beginning at 8 AM. We
will have several special
services through the

summer, including bike
blessing, pet blessing, a
special 4th of July Service,
Christmas in July, youth
Sundays, Gospel ser-
vices, and lots of other
surprises! You are wel-
come to bring your lawn

chairs or use one of the
chairs provided as we
worship under the trees.
Our indoor chapel ser-
vice will move to 10:30
for the summer.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME AND PORTALS OF PRAYER

for April through June are available at the church on the tables in the Narthex.

2018 FLOWER MINISTRY

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

THE JUNE JOURNAL

deadline is by May 18 by 12:00 PM.

THE JUNE JOURNAL

will be assembled on May 24 at 9:00 AM.

Please call the church office if you are able to help.

BULLETIN ARTICLES

are due on Wednesday by 9:00AM every week.

News From Our Members

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Bridget True.

Baptism:

God's blessings to Waylon Randal Martinson, son of Ryan Martinson & Sarah Movick, who was baptized on April 15th.

Thank you St. James kitchen helpers:

I am very grateful for all of you who take time out of your busy lives to wash dishes, serve food, call for funerals, haul garbage, wipe down tables, and humor me while doing it. I wish to acknowledge some very special people who help me faithfully week after week on Wednesday evenings,

making light work of otherwise a hard night: Thank you to Suzanne McKee, Amber and Mercedes Rie- man, Mary Witte, and Sue Cira for your love, sweat, and calloused hands, and the smiles and laughter we share in the process.

~Sherri

Thank you to the following people for their help:

- Don Priebe and Sandy Thede for replacing ceiling tile throughout the church.
- Marlin Deike for replacing new faucets in main kitchen & flush valves in the bathrooms
- Lou Cira & Marlin Deike for snow removal
- Don Priebe for making the stands by the welcome center
- Todd Lerdal for working on & fixing our phone lines
- Orville Anderson, Lou Cira, Don Priebe, & Nick West for removing the old & replacing new replacing tile in the office store room
- Nancy Anderson for painting the office store room
- Lynn Christensen, Harold Hansen, Parnell Peterson, & all the others that have helped with table set-ups & decorations

Staff Opening

Amy Halverson, our office administrator, will be resigning at the end of May. We are so grateful for her service in the office and appreciate all she has done. Thank you, Amy! If you know of anyone who would be interested in this position, please talk to Brian Janssen, Jere Merrill, or Pastor Jeni. Copies of the job description are available if you would like to see one.

Simply Giving

As summer approaches, we know that there will be weeks you may miss worship because of vacations and other activities. To continue to regularly support our mission and ministry, you can sign up to have your weekly offerings automatically deducted from your bank account through our "Simply Giving" Program. Go to our website or contact the church office to enroll. You can also mail contributions to the church any time. Thank you so much!

Marriage Care Group

Our Marriage Care Group continues in May. We welcome new members joining us on **Sunday, May 6 at 6 PM**. This group is for couples of all ages and stages. We will have supper together on the 6th. Childcare is available. Contact Pastor Jeni for more information. We hope you'll join us!

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BIKE BLESSING: We will be blessing ALL bikes-motored, non-motored, scooters, trikes, you name it - on Sunday, June 3rd at the 9am service. We encourage those that are able to ride your bikes to church that day-and all Sunday's this summer! We would love to see the parking lot full of bikes of all shapes sizes so get your helmet on and get your summer started!

UKULELE LESSONS BEGIN: We will start our beginner ukulele lessons in May. Ukuleles, books, and strings have been ordered so get your fingers ready to start our fun, new experience! We will meet in the Friendship Room! Watch for details on date and time.

MUFFINS WITH MOM—A Special Mother’s Day Celebration!
HEY KIDS! Invite your MOMS, GRANDMAS, AUNTS, AND GOOD FRIENDS to our Muffins With Mom event on Mother’s Day, May 13. We will gather in the gym immediately following the 9:15 service for muffins and a special craft. All are welcome!

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way with our Holy Week worship and other events! We are so grateful for our musicians, choir, ushers, greeters, readers, communion preparers, breakfast preparers and servers, those who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt, and ALL of our many volunteers. What a beautiful, full Holy Week it was! Check out our St. James Facebook page for lots of pictures from the weekend.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION DAY: Join us on Sunday, May 20 as we celebrate our High School Seniors at the 9:15 service. Graduates: Be sure to bring a Senior Picture to the office by May 16 or e-mail a picture to pastorjeni@mchsi.com. **Everyone is invited to a reception for our graduates following the service in the Gym.**

MAY 16 is the last night of the year for WOW, ONE, and Confirmation. **Confirmation youth, be sure to get your bonus points in before that night!**

THANK YOU VERY MUCH for the opportunities for professional and personal development that you, St. James Members, have provided me during the last three years. I have enjoyed working for my church and appreciate the support provided to me during my employment. I would especially like to thank all of the people that helped with offering counting, Journal, bulletins, etc. I couldn’t have done my job without all of you. I would also like to thank the staff for all you have done to make this a special place to work. I look forward to continuing to see you all during worship on Sunday mornings and around the church.
~Amy Halverson

WELCA & Circle News

WELCA SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON
Oh, the weather outside was frightful, but the food was so delightful!!!
WELCA’s Annual Spring(?) Salad Luncheon was held on Saturday, April 14. Although the weather was less than desirable with rain, thunder sleet, and finally wet snow, there were several hearty souls who made the trip out for a delicious lunch. WELCA would like to thank all those who donated salads, baked goods, and miscellaneous items for the luncheon. A special thank you

to Marlys Nelson for the use of her bird collection for the table decorations. They were beautiful and received many compliments!! Also, thanks to those who helped prepare and serve the meal and to those who helped clean up afterwards. Drawing winners were: Delores Marsh – Cake stand (donated by Judy Clarke) and 23rd Psalm wall hanging (donated by Terri Tell); Jere Merrill – Wine and cheese basket (donated by Don and Jeanette Priebe) and the Scoops of Summer bucket (donated by

Anita Lybbert); Jo Hansen - Cindy’s Cleaning gift card (donated by Deb Pralle); and Lou Cira – Baby quilt (donated by Marlys Nelson).
LOVE CIRCLE will meet on Monday, May 21, at 7pm, at the church.
SENIOR SAINTS will meet on May 17th at 5:00.
DO DAYS QUILTING meets every Tuesday at 9:00a.m.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS

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

MAY 2

Chicken Ranch Wraps
Walking Tacos
Chips
Hot Dogs

MAY 9

LAST MEAL OF SEASON

Godfathers Pizza
Chips

MAY 16

NO MEAL

Small Group Confirmation Parties

Meal Donation: \$5.00 per person

All meals include lettuce salad, dessert, and beverages.

Have a great summer!
Sherri



Reader Schedule

	8:00 AM	9:15 AM	11:00 AM
May 6	Judy Clarke	Kim Ostrander	Pastor
May 13	Marvyl Ransom	Cindy Rumeliote	Grant Bohls
May 20	Lynn Christensen	Dave Frenz	Gene Larsen
May 27	Jeanette Priebe	Ann Sletten	Carmen Madson

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