

St. James Journal

Our Mission Statement:

"We Proclaim and Practice Christ's Love"

May, 2021

www.stjamesmc.org

Office Hours:

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

Worship Schedule

May 2:
8 am In Person

10 am In Person with
Confirmation Service

10 am Service will be
streamed live online

Other Sundays in May:

9 am In Person
9 am Service will be
streamed live online

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

2021 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.

FROM THE PASTORS

What a year it has been! Thank you for your patience as we continue to adjust worship times, find new ways to do ministry, and navigate through COVID-19.

While we hope to be back to a "new normal" soon, we will continue to do everything we can to be safe. You will notice in the newsletter that we are resuming some activities, as we seek to open our church just a little bit more.

We ask for your continued patience and prayers as we find the best ways to do this.

Beginning in May, our worship schedule will change, as well as the way we do online worship. On May 2, we will still have worship at 8 and 10 AM, with the confirmation of our 9th graders at the 10 AM service. Our 10 AM service will be broadcast live that day.

Beginning May 9, we will have one worship service at 9 AM, which will also be broadcast live. Weather permitting, we will worship outside at our outdoor worship area. In case of weather that is too cool, rainy, or windy, we will move back inside the sanctuary.

We will continue to keep safety protocols in place. All indoor activities, including worship, will require masks. We will also continue to keep spacing between pews, and ask that you keep social distance.

Outdoors, we will still ask you to socially distance. Please sit in your family/friend groups for worship. You do not need to wear masks during outdoor worship, unless you want to join in the singing. We ask that all singers wear masks.

You are encouraged to bring your own chairs for outdoor worship, but there will be some chairs available for you. We will be sending the bulletin for worship a few days in advance, so that you can bring electronic or printed copies. There will be some paper copies of the bulletin available as well.

We are looking forward to a beautiful Spring and Summer of worship and new activity at the church!

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Join us Sunday, May 9 at 3 pm for “Abby and the Absolutes,” a production of Stebens Children’s Theater!

Let’s go back to the 1960’s for an afternoon of song, dance, and laughter! This hour long production is a musical tribute to the girl groups and love songs of the early ‘60’s. Bring your moms, grandmas, aunts, friends, and neighbors for this Mother’s Day afternoon of entertainment!

Tickets are \$5. OR you can buy a pack of as many as you need for \$20. Please tell us how many people you are bringing along so we can keep our distancing requirements in place. You can buy your tickets at Church, stop by or call the office, or reserve your seats online and pay at the door.

If you would like to help sponsor the show, please talk to one of the pastors.

Masks will be required for all in attendance.

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.

ASSIGNED OFFERING ENVELOPES

are sitting in the Narthex for pick up. If you would like to be assigned a box, please call or stop by the church office.



OFFERING

Thank you for your continued support of our ministry at St. James! Offerings can 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.

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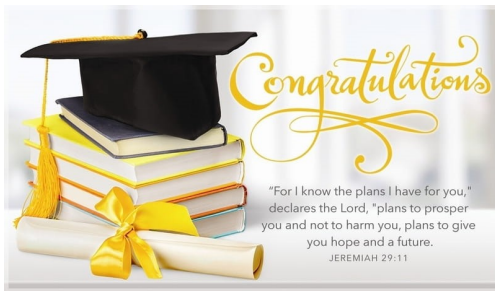
OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

- To the family of Nancy Wise-Runnels
 - To the family of Bob Trainer
 - To the family of Gene Larsen
- To Kevin and Susan Longcor and family at the death of his father, James



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RECENTLY REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:
 Brett Austin, Carol Bahnsen, Pastor Jeni Bohls,
 Mike Cervantes, John Clarke, Pastor Paul Nelson

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GRADUATION RECOGNITION SUNDAY, MAY 23 9 AM

Join us as we recognize and celebrate our high school graduates during our 9 AM worship service.

In addition to honoring our **2021 graduates**, we would like to recognize our **2020 graduates**, since we missed your celebration last year!

2020 and 2021 graduates, please RSVP to Pastor Jeni or the Church office to let us know if you can make it. 2021 graduates: please submit a picture to the church office by May 20. Thank you!

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FIRST COMMUNION CUPS are at the Church and may be picked up from Pastor Sid any time!



PRAYER SHAWLS

We will pray over the Prayer Shawls between services on May 2nd on the gym stage.

We're back!

Do-Days will start again on May 4th at 9 am! Please wear a mask.



BOOK CLUB will begin on **SATURDAY, MAY 8 at 2 PM.** We will meet in the Fireside Room, or weather permitting will meet in the Courtyard. We will be reading the book "Fierce, Free, and Full of Fire," by Jen Hatmaker. The book can be purchased online or bought at most local stores that sell books.

Join us when you can! We will also try to have some online discussions you can join. Invite a friend to join you as we begin our Book Club again. *Please remember to wear a mask.*

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COMMUNION SCHEDULE

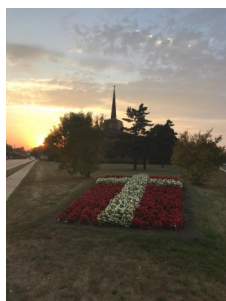
We will be returning to our usual communion schedule beginning in May. Communion will be held on the first and third Sundays of the month.

For those unable to attend in-person worship, please contact Pastor Sid to schedule a communion visit either in your home or at the Church.

**HOME, NURSING HOME, AND
HOSPITAL VISITS**

Pastor Sid has had both doses of his COVID vaccine and is able to make home visits. In addition, the hospital and some of the nursing homes have also opened up to limited visitation. If you, or a family member, would like to schedule a visit with Pastor Sid, please contact him or the office to set that up.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

If you are looking for silver cord hours or other volunteer opportunities, we have volunteer needs at the Church. These opportunities include helping spruce up the yard, indoor cleaning projects, and help with worship services. Please contact Jennifer Hansen, Bill Grant, or one of the pastors to find out ways you can serve!

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