

St. James Journal

NOVEMBER 2018

NOVEMBER SUNDAY SCHEUDLE

8:00 am Worship
9:15 am Bible Study
9:30 am Worship
10:30 am LIFT
11:00 am Chapel
Worship

THANKSGIVING EVE SCHEDULE

8-4 PM
Thankscation
6:30 pm Worship
7:15 pm Pie

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AUDITIONS

Will be held on
Sunday, November
18 at 10:30 am.
See the Journal
article for more
information.

Greetings from my new office at St. James. Most of you know me as Pastor Jeni's husband. For the next few months I will be serving the church as full-time interim pastor while Jeni reduces her hours to recover her health.

I am excited to return to full-time ministry. I enjoy getting to preach and teach again, and look forward to meeting with many of you in the coming months as I take over the majority of the visitation at St. James.

Since Jeni will still be working some hours here at St. James, we thought it would be helpful for the congregation to know how we intend to divide the responsibilities between the two of us.

We will share the duties of preaching and worship leading. Both of us will be involved in leading the LIFT Sunday School hour, and in teaching Confirmation. I will continue to attend Men's Breakfast and the Bible study at Mason City Brewing.

I will be handling the majority of the funerals and the visitation, including shut-ins and hospital visitation. I also plan to meet with our lay visitation team to support this essential work that is already being done. I will also have primary responsibility for whatever emergencies come up.

Jeni and I will be dividing responsibility for the various boards in the congregation. In general, she will oversee the education ministry, while I will meet with the memorials, stewardship, and worship committees. Jeni will be responsible for programming and administration. In general, I plan to do what she tells me. :-)

If you have any questions, concerns, or needs, please contact me at 641-583-5900 or sid.bohls@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support and prayers. God bless you all.

Sid Bohls

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: Periodically, members of our congregation are in need of financial help. We would like to be able to provide gift cards for groceries or gas or other funds when those needs arise. If you would like to contribute to that fund, you can donate money or bring Hy-Vee or Wal-Mart cards to the church office or give them to Pastor Jeni. Thank you!

CHRIST IN OUR HOME AND PORTALS OF PRAYER for July thru September are available on the table in the Narthex.

2018 FLOWER MINISTRY

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

THE DECEMBER JOURNAL deadline is November 19 by 12:00 PM.

THE DECEMBER JOURNAL will be assembled on November 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.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. JAMES?? Please talk to Pastor Jeni if you would like to join our congregation or have questions about joining our congregation. A new member meeting will be held soon. You can talk to her today, or call or e-mail her any time. Thank you!

Births:
Congratulations to Laura and Jeremy Monaghan on the birth of Eleri Kay on September 22. Eleri is also welcomed by big brother, Calan!

Baptisms:
GOD BLESS Beau Benjamin Martin, son of Colby and Brittany Martin, who was baptized on October 21. Baptismal sponsors are Stephanie and Augie Nguyen and Michelle Volk.

GOD BLESS Katelyn Rose Hagenow, daughter of Doug and Shelley Hagenow, who was baptized on October 21.

Weddings:
Congratulations and God's blessings to Danielle Austin and Travis Weber, who were married here on October 13.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Cassie Oury and Jeff Shackleton, who were married here on October 13.

Confirmed in October:
Congratulations and many blessings to our youth who confirmed their faith on October 28, 2018: Madelyn Benson, Grant Bohls, Keaton Colby, Daniel Grant, Katelyn Hagenow, Jason Hughes, Dean Johnson, Jayden King, Jaycee Knutson, Mady Love, Tricia Pope, Kennedy Sievers, Tyler Wendel, and Jenna Witte. Their photos can be found in the display case by the chapel and copies of their faith statement books are located in the narthex.

St. James News

Enough

Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity



What defines your life? Is it wealth? Belongings? Faith? Many of us live with a scarcity mentality worried that we must gather and hoard as much as possible, saving for some imagined "Rainy Day." Or we focus on self-gratification. But the Bible promises both God's blessings and joy for those who live another way. During one of the services in November, we will take action to change our lives by setting five specific personal goals to work toward over the next year. We invite you to complete a "Personal Goals and Commitment" card and place it in your Bible or devotion book for reference in the coming year.

One of these five commitments will be your estimate of giving for the year. You will soon be receiving an estimate of giving card either at church or in the mail. On a practical level, we ask our members to turn in an estimate of giving card so that our Finance Committee is able to set an accurate ministry budget for the coming year. On a personal level, this commitment card is an opportunity for you to spend time in prayer and reflection, considering what offering you would make to God through our church in the coming year. Please be watching for these cards, then fill them out and return them to Church on either November 11 or November 18. You can also pledge on line at our website: www.stjamesmc.org, where you will also find more information about our ENOUGH Campaign.

Even if you do not make an estimate of giving, we ask that you complete this card and turn it in with your contact information. We are in the process of updating our records and would like current information for each member. THANK YOU!

JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY at *Mason City Brewing* at **6:00 PM Thursday, November 8 and 29.**
Invite a friend to join you for a relaxed time of fellowship and growing in faith.

OUR WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB continues at Cabin Coffee on Saturday afternoons beginning at 2 PM. Join us on November 3 and 17th. We are reading the book "Present Over Perfect" together. Watch for details on the next book we will read together!

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING! SIGN UP TO SERVE! St. James will be reserving slots to ring bells for the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign. There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex. Sign up your family or a group to help you. Maybe get a group of carolers together! Or your confirmation small group! Or take some instruments and play some songs. Watch the bulletin for dates and times and sign up at church on Sunday mornings!

THANKSGIVING BASKETS: On November 18, we will assemble and distribute Thanksgiving food baskets. You are invited to help participate that day during the Sunday School hour. You are also invited to donate items for the baskets. Check out the board in the Narthex with items we need, and consider ways you can help out. *If you or anyone you know would like to receive one of these baskets, please contact Pastor Jeni.*

WEEKLY E-MAIL UPDATES Would you like to receive a Weekly Update by e-mail with announcements and events? We are in the process of updating our Weekly Update list. Please call or e-mail the Church office if you would like to be added to the list!

WELCA NEWS

ALTAR GUILD is looking for additional members to help with communion set-up, etc. Shirley, Jeanette, Donna and Kathy are willing to team up so we share the duties and make work easier and the schedule lighter. Let the church office know if you are interested. Bonus: No meetings!

HOPE CIRCLE will meet November 20th in the Friendship Room at 9:30 am. Coffee, chatter, and a lesson. Join us!

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP: We will be praying over finished shawls on Sunday, November 18th between the 9 and 9:30 worship services in the board room. Remember, we have yarn available, stop in that day and ask about that. Thank you!!

LOVE CIRCLE: We will meet on Monday, November 19th at 7:00 at the Follmuth's, 10 Silver Lane.

KOINONIA: We are not meeting in November.

CARE TEAM: The first mailing of Halloween boxes went out to our college kids and military away from home. We sure hope you enjoyed your goodies!!

MYSTERY SOLVED!

The mystery of the object on the Guest table in the Narthex as been solved. Our grandson from California found it on his phone. It is for filling communion tray cups. You pour wine in the bottom and tip it over and it fills half of the tray of cups. Then turn the tray and fill the other half. It has a patent dated July 16, 1901. ~Marvyl Ransom

ST. JAMES YOUTH AND FAMILY NEWS!

YOUTH ARE SELLING Bec Foods pastry puffins, cookie dough, and other goodies through November 7! You can purchase those from any of the participating families. Just watch for the kids with the order forms! Items will be delivered on November 14. Proceeds go towards youth attending Bible Camp and Mission Trips. Thank you!

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: We are updating our visitation lists. If you or anyone you know is homebound and would like communion brought to you at home, please contact Pastor Sid or the Church office.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, November 21. Before you eat turkey and gather with family and friends, gather to give thanks to the One to whom we owe our gratitude. *Stay for pie and fellowship after worship!*

JAVA AND JESUS meets each Tuesday at 8:08. Join us any week!

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY is Sunday, November 4. On that day, we remember all who have died in the past year. If there is a loved one you would like remembered in our prayer of remembrance, please write that name in the book in the Narthex, or call or e-mail the Church office.



It's time for THANKSCATION! A fun-filled day for school-aged youth! There is no school on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving! What are you possibly going to do?? Come to St. James for a day of games, movies, food, service and fun! Sign up at church any Sunday, print off a registration form from the church website, or call or e-mail Pastor Jeni at pastorjeni@mchsi.com. There is a suggested donation of \$5, which includes lunch and a day full of fun. Thankscation will be held from 9-4. Drop off can happen any time after 8 AM. All area youth are invited to attend, but sign up as soon as possible so we have an idea of how many people will be here. *Older youth and adults will be needed as helpers, so please sign up too!* **WE HOPE EVERYONE WILL JOIN US!**

ADVENT FAIR! Advent begins on December 2. Join us on ***SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25*** at 10:30 in the gym for activities to help you get ready to *celebrate Advent in your home!* We will have *wreaths, calendars, ornaments, food, games, and lots of other activities* for ALL AGES! Please join us as we begin the celebration of this very special season. There will also be an Advent Resource Table in the Narthex. We encourage you to take home items and activities that will help you celebrate Advent at home.

A VERY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM! This year, we are excited to announce that our Christmas Program is being produced and directed by Stebens Children’s Theater. The play will be *“The Best Christmas Pageant Ever”* and will be held on Sunday, December 16. Leaders from Stebens will direct the show, lead the music, and produce every part of it. We will need LOTS of actors! Auditions will be held on Sunday November 18 during the Sunday School hour, and rehearsals begin in December. (There will be two Sunday morning rehearsals and two Saturday morning rehearsals). There are parts for young children, teenagers, *and* adults! ***Join us on November 18 for auditions and come be a part of this wonderful opportunity!***

ST. JAMES VISITATION TEAM will meet on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 at 9 AM in the Board Room. If you haven’t been a part of this team, but would be interested in visiting our homebound members and nursing home residents, please join us for this meeting. If you are unable to attend, but still wish to be a part of this team, please contact Pastor Sid.

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WEDNESDAYS AT ST. JAMES!

The Wednesday evening schedule is:

- 5:15-6:00 pm Meals
- 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study, 6:15 pm Confirmation, ONE & WOW
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

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WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS

November, 2018

Meals served from 5:15 to 6 PM

November 7

- Pizza Hut Pizza
- Hot dogs and chips

November 14

- Chicken and rice casserole
- Green beans
- Hot dogs

November 21

- Thanksgiving Eve
- Pie and coffee served after the evening service

November 28

- Spaghetti with meat
- Alfredo spaghetti
- Butter spaghetti
- French bread
- Hot dogs

Meal Donations:

\$5.00 per person

All meals include dinner salad, dessert, and beverages.



Fall Festival Information

We are excited for our Fall Festival coming up on November 10th from 8:30 am – 2:00 pm. There are so many fun things for you to be a part of! Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for

children. Adult tickets include 6 food tickets as well as all the BINGO you can play, make an ornament at our ornament making station, live music and entertainment. Tickets for children include 3 food tickets as well as an obstacle course, slime station, BINGO, an ornament, and entertainment.

We will also have the following events:

Silent Auction

Pie Auction

Live Auction

Balloon Raffle

Wine Pull

Craft Sale

This is going to be a great event! We appreciate your support in attending the event and donating what you're able. Below are items we need: Silent Auction items – think outside the box! Get together with a group of friends or family to create a fun theme basket! Donate a service like mowing, shoveling, decorating, babysitting, etc. Donate your home-made goods! Crafts, salsa, jams, doll clothes, paintings, home décor, etc. Sign up at church for what you can donate or drop the items off!

Wine pull – Our wine pull will feature a wagon of wine bottles wrapped in paper. Each bottle of wine will be \$15. The fun is unwrapping the wine to find what you got! Swap with friends or give as gifts if it isn't your favorite. There will be a \$100 bottle of wine in the mix!

Live Auction items – We would love to see some higher value items for the Live Auction. Have a vacation home you'd be willing to donate a few days to? What a generous gift! Love cooking and entertaining? Open your home for a dinner for 8! We will have an awesome wooden cooler donated by James and Maggie Smith- will you be the highest bidder?

The most important thing you can do is invite your friends! We look forward to seeing you on November 10th from 8:30 – 2:00!

Fall Festival Schedule



8:30 am Breakfast is served! WELCA will have egg bakes, cinnamon rolls and much more for you to enjoy! Bolder Road performs oldies but goodies!

9:30 BINGO with prizes for all ages

10:30 Pie Auction

11:00 Food Truck themed food accompanied by BINGO and more games and entertainment

12:30 The Spacemen perform

1:00 Live Auction

8:30 – 1:00 Enjoy the ornament-making station, Silent Auction, obstacle course, slime station, and much more!

Contact Alyse Hesley with questions at 641-860-0951 or stop by the church office to buy tickets.

Simply Giving

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! for your continued support!

Community News

Dad's Belgian Waffles

Tuesday, December 4, 2018
 5pm – 7pm Good Shepherd Health Center
 Chapel (Located on 2nd Floor)
 302 2nd St NE Mason City, IA 50401
 Adults \$6 advance/\$7 @ door Kids 6-12
 \$4 advance/\$5 @ door 5 & younger
 Free CARRY-OUT PLATES available - \$7.00
 Tickets can be purchased at the reception desk
 of Good Shepherd



THANKOFFERING AT ST. JAMES will Sunday, November 18, at all three services. All women are encouraged to give an offering in grateful appreciation for all the blessings we have received. Containers are available on the table in the Narthex.

WOMEN of the ELCA Ministries offerings at work: Gather magazine and Bible Studies. Grants to organizations in the United States, Africa and Asia. Scholarships to Lutheran women pursuing careers as diverse as ministry, zoology, teaching and nursing.

The first Lutheran Thankoffering service was created by the General Synod's Women's Home and Foreign Ministry Services in 1889 in celebration of their 10th anniversary. At that time \$6,100 was collected. Today, Women of the ELCA collect more than \$1 million in Thankofferings annually for the ministries and mission of our women's organization.

Help keep this tradition going by participation!

November Readers

| Fall Schedule | 8:00 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:00 AM |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| November 4 | Ralph Preuss | Alyse Hesley | Grant Bohls |
| November 11 | Rich Tompkins | Bob Follmuth | Gene Larsen |
| November 18 | Donna Martin | Kim Ostrander | Carmen Madson |
| November 25 | Linda Schmidt | Cindy Rumeliote | Pastor |

November Greeters

4 & 11 Congregational Life
 18 & 25 Worship & Music

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