

# St. James Journal

NOVEMBER 2019

## NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

8:00 AM Worship  
9:15 AM Adult Bible  
Study  
9:30 AM Worship  
10:30 AM Sunday  
School with opening  
in the chapel & Adult  
Sunday School  
11:00 AM Chapel  
Worship

## WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

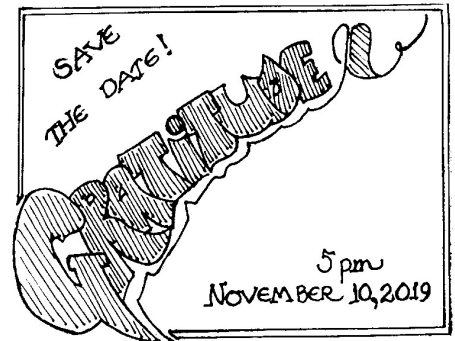
5:15 Meal  
6 PM Small Group  
Bible Study  
6:15 Confirmation,  
WOW, and ONE  
7 PM Choir

## WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 27

9-4 Thankscation  
6:30 PM Thanksgiving  
Eve Worship w/ pie  
and fellowship  
following the service

Dear St. James Family,

This year our family of God has many multiple blessings for which we are thankful. Pastor Sid and Pastor Jeni have led by example. Their strength and faith in God has been remarkable. As a family they have continued to be honest in their pain, just as they are honest in their glory to God.



The choices we make in our lives are impacted by those people that we associate with on a frequent basis. As members of God's family, we have the choices of how to grow in our faith and our daily living as a disciple of Christ. We have special learning events, small group Bible studies (both in our building and elsewhere), and children's activities. All of which supplement our weekly worship.

To celebrate our gratitude for the very good things that God has offered to us, we are excited to have you attend our very special catered meal on **November 10, 2019 in the Fellowship Hall**. Supper will be at 5:00 p.m. Please be sure you RSVP to our church secretary, Jill, so that we can plan on the number in your family that are attending. You can e-mail the office at [stjamesmc@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesmc@gmail.com) or call 641-423-4702. There will also be sign up sheets available at church.

We thank you in advance for your prompt response. We must know the number by November 7, 2019. This meal and fellowship is our gift to you.

Sincerely,

Stewardship Board

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***A Congregational Meeting will be held on November 10th at 4:30 pm  
for the purpose of voting on air conditioning and  
the purchase of an electronic sign.  
Stay for the supper following the meeting!***

# St. James News

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

## 2020 FLOWER MINISTRY

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

**THE DECEMBER  
JOURNAL** deadline is  
November 18 by  
12:00 PM.

**THE DECEMBER  
JOURNAL** will be  
assembled on  
NOVEMBER 25  
at 10:00 AM.

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

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

\*to the family of Patrick Furleigh, who died on October 15.

\*to the family of Bob Wilcox, father of Chris Broers. Bob died on October 20.

\*to the family of Jim Pike, who died on October 1. Jim is the brother-in-law of Mike and Jackie Hjelle.

\*to David Ward and Julie Braun and family at the death of David's son, Matt Ward, who died on October 8.

*When there is a death in your family, please call and let the church office know so we can remember you in prayer.*

**RECENTLY REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:** Carol Bartleson, Mary Levenhagen, Mary Peterson, Richard Fairbanks, Dixie Harris

*Please call the Church office when you or someone you love is hospitalized so the pastors can visit and we can add you to our prayers!*

## CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD BLESS YOU!

- God bless Kolsen Allen Prahm, son of Sarah Legge and Kyle Prahm, who was baptized on October 13.
- God bless Cooper Nathan Dick, son of Nathan and Alyssa Dick, who was baptized on October 27
- God bless Jenna Braun, Liv Hackbart, Taylor Halverson, and Brandi Tilkes, who were confirmed on October 27.

**NEW MEMBERS:** We will have a new member meeting on **Sunday, November 17 at 6 PM**. If you wish to join the church as a member of St. James, or if you know someone who would, please contact Pastor Jeni or the office.

## THANK YOU!!

We would like to thank St. James and the congregation for all the prayers, thoughts, and contributions during Leonard's lung transplant. It means the world to us!

Much love, The Johnson Family

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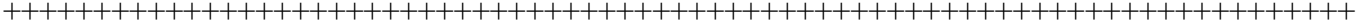
**PLEASE NOTE:** We are no longer collecting pop cans or bottles. Thank you!

## RECYCLING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. James and the trustee board are looking for several volunteers to help with recycling around the church, including the kitchen recycling and office recycling. Recycling can be split into different days or different types, as you volunteers want to divide it.

Please call Jill in the office (423-4702) to let us know of your willingness to help..

LOVE CIRCLE meets at the church (Friendship Room) on Monday, November 18th at 7pm.



St. James Lutheran Women

Christmas Soup Supper

Tuesday, December 3  
6:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker

Shea Coleman, Better Body Movement

All Women Welcome!





# **ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH**

1148 4th Street SE, Mason City, Iowa

**Saturday, November 2, 2019**

**10:00 - 2:00 pm**

Bingo 10:00 am

Food Truck themed food beginning at 11:00 am

Wine pull

Live Auction beginning at 12:00 pm

Pie & Quilts and other items

Silent Auction 10:00 - 1:30 pm

\$10 Adults includes 6 food tickets & Bingo

\$5 Children 6 & under - includes 3  
food tickets & Bingo



Stop by the church office to  
purchase tickets.

## ST. JAMES NEWS!



**THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP** will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, November 27. 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!*

**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY** is Sunday, November 3rd. 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.



### **GREETERS NEEDED**

Could you come 30 minutes prior to church for 2 Sundays?????  
I'm working on a greeter schedule for the year. I am scheduling 2 weeks at a time, so hopefully we can get each week covered! Please let me know if you'd take a couple weeks and if you have a preference on the month.

-Thanks! Diane Francis 641-430-2228

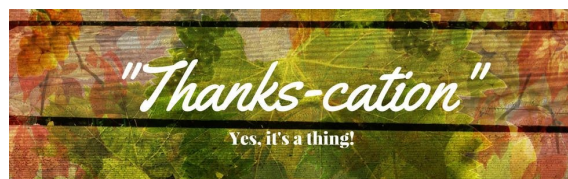


### **WE DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS ON NOVEMBER 16-20**

This is our tentative delivery week for Route 2 and 3.  
Please let the office know who is willing to help with a route.  
So far I have 1 person who has offered to help.

**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](mailto: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!**



**YOUTH ARE SELLING** BEC Foods cookie dough, soups, pies, and other goodies through November 14! You can purchase those from any of the participating families or in the Narthex October 27, November 3, or November 10. Just watch for the kids with the order forms! Items will be delivered on November 20. Proceeds go towards youth attending Bible Camp. Thank you!

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**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!

## WEDNESDAYS AT ST. JAMES!

5:15 pm Meal  
6:00 pm Small Group Study  
6:15-7:30 pm Confirmation  
WOW and ONE  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

***\*\*Usual Wednesday evening activities will not be held on November 27, as we gather for Thanksgiving Worship at 6:30 that evening. \*\****



### **WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS NOVEMBER, 2019**

Meals are served from 5:15 - 6ish pm in the Fellowship Hall. **All are welcome!**

#### **NOVEMBER 6**

Walking Tacos/soft tacos  
Chips & Cheese  
Hot Dogs

#### **NOVEMBER 13**

Party Sub  
Chips  
Hot Dogs

#### **NOVEMBER 20**

Chicken & Rice Casserole  
Chicken Drummies and Mac & Cheese  
Hot Dogs

#### **NOVEMBER 27**

THANKSGIVING EVE  
NO MEAL

Enjoy pie and coffee after the service

#### **MEAL DONATIONS:**

\$5 per person

*All meals include lettuce salad, dessert, and beverages*

*Come one, Come all...  
and join in Wednesday fellowship!*

### **JOIN US FOR ONE AND WOW!!!**

Each Wednesday from 6:15-7:30 , we gather to learn about God and have LOTS of fun!

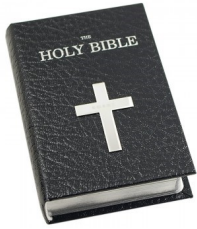
**WOW is for grades K-3  
ONE is for grades 4-6**

We begin each week in the chapel.  
Children can be picked up  
in the gym at 7:30.

All are welcome to join us for meals  
beginning at 5:15.

***Wow and ONE will not be held on  
November 27, but we encourage you to  
join us for THANKSCATION from 9-4  
that day!***





## **BIBLE STUDY, LEARNING, AND SERVING OPPORTUNITIES!**

**BREWERY BIBLE STUDY** meets on THURSDAYS for fall. Join us at 6 PM for conversations about faith, the Bible, and life. We will meet on November 14th. Come this month and check us out!

**WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB at CABIN COFFEE** will meet on November 9th and 23rd at 2 PM. We are reading the book, "Come to the Table." Please talk to Pastor Jeni if you would like a copy of the book. We have plenty available!

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES!**

Sundays @ 9:15 Adult Bible Study that meets each week

Sundays @ 10:30 Adult Sunday School meets each week

Wednesdays @ 6 PM Small Group studying various topics

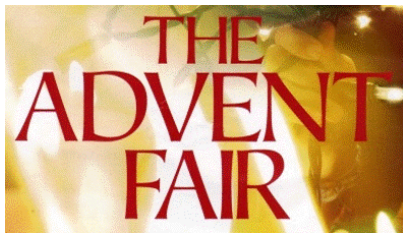
Saturdays @ 2 PM twice a month—Book Study at Cabin Coffee

Thursdays @ 6:00 PM—Brewery Bible Study twice a month

*In addition we have TWO circles for women that meet once a month, as well as our Men's Breakfast..*

*New members are always welcome. Check out times on the Church calendar.*

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



**ADVENT FAIR!** Advent begins on December 1. Join us on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 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, prizes, and lots of other activities for ALL AGES! Make plans to attend 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.

**THANKSGIVING BASKETS:** This year, we will again be collecting food for Thanksgiving baskets to be given away. Watch for the donation board in the Narthex with items needed. If you know of anyone who could use a Thanksgiving meal basket this year, please give that name to Pastor Jeni or Pastor Sid. Thank you!

**YOUTH HELP NEEDED!** Confirmation and High School youth, we would love to have your help at the fall festival on November 2. This is a great chance for confirmation youth to earn bonus points and high school youth to earn silver cord hours...or just a good opportunity for anyone to help out at a fun church event! Talk to Pastor Jeni or a member of WELCA to sign up.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES:**

Watch for letters coming out soon about our Annual Christmas program, which will be held on December 15 at 9:30 AM. We will need lots of actors, singers, and readers, so be sure to mark down the date and join us!



### **THRIVENT ACCOUNTS:**

If anyone has a Thrivent account, please check to see if you qualify to get the \$250.00 cash card to support events, missions, etc. at St. James. For more information on how the process works, get with Pastor Jeni or Pastor Sid. *Remember: each Thrivent member gets TWO action teams a year!*



**THANKOFFERING AT ST. JAMES** will Sunday, November 17, 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **NOVEMBER READERS**

Schedule	8:00 am	9:30 am	11:00 am
NOVEMBER 3	George Arduser	Gary Lafrenz	Pastor
NOVEMBER 10	Laurie Haugen	Alyse Hesley	Grant Bohls
NOVEMBER 17	Lori Jorgenson	Bob Follmuth	Gene Larson
NOVEMBER 24	Donna Martin	Kim Ostrander	Carmen or Pastor

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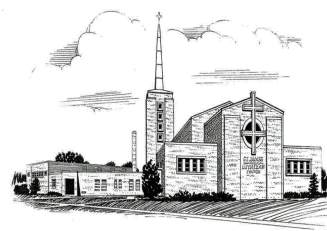
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