



# St. James Journal

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

November, 2021  
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.

Bulletins are now available at worship. We will also continue to email them.

## Return to Indoor Worship and Two Services

Beginning the first Sunday in November, we will move to two services. For the most part, this will follow our pre-Covid schedule. We will have a traditional service at 8 AM and contemporary service with the worship band at 9:30 AM. Adult Bible Study will be held at 9. Children's Sunday School will be held from 10:30-11:15. We will not begin our late service at this time.

The 9:30 service will be live-streamed each Sunday. Due to copyright licenses, we will not be able to broadcast our traditional liturgy right now.

We are excited about a return to a more regular routine! Of course, we will still have some Covid restrictions in place as we continue to navigate through the pandemic. Please understand that this is both for the safety of our members and the consideration of our healthcare workers who have been working tirelessly for so many months to keep us safe.

- Please wear masks in the building, especially for worship and when you are around youth:  
Remember that A) many of our young people cannot be vaccinated yet; B) There have been many breakthrough cases recently; and C) Our healthcare workers are overwhelmed.
- We will continue to maintain social distancing in the Sanctuary. The signs for pews will remain up for the time being.
- We will continue with our current offering and communion practices for now.
- The serving of food and drinks will remain in a limited capacity.
- We are currently handing out bulletins and are able to use hymnals. That will continue.
- Choir and Band have resumed rehearsals.
- As always, if you are sick or have been exposed to Covid, we ask you to stay home!

As the health situation changes, we will continue to revisit these guidelines on a regular basis. In the meantime, thank you for your commitment to Jesus' call to love your neighbor as yourself. We appreciate your patience and your commitment to the ministry of St. James!

-Pastor Jeni and Pastor Sid

**2021/2022 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.**

**THANKSCATION—A DAY OFF OF SCHOOL DAY OF FUN!**  
WEDNESDAY, November 24th!  
Look inside the Journal for more information!

# *St. James News*

**THANKOFFERING AT ST. JAMES** will be Sunday, November 21. 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.

Help keep this tradition going by participation!



## **MID-WEEK YOUTH ACTIVITIES AT ST. JAMES** **FOR NOVEMBER**

- **Java and Jesus** is PAUSED while Cabin Coffee's lobby is closed. Please keep an eye on Facebook for the return of Java and Jesus Tuesdays at 7:30 AM for High School Youth.
- **Toddler Storytime**: Tuesdays at 9:30 AM for all 1-5 year olds. We will meet in the Fireside Room. In November, we will learn about THANKFULNESS! Join us!
- **CONFIRMATION** continues each Wednesday at 6:30 for 7th, 8th, and 9th graders. If you haven't signed up yet, but would like to join us, please talk to one of the pastors. There is plenty of time to get caught up! We also have an online version of confirmation for those interested.

*Wednesday meals will not begin yet, but will return soon!  
Wednesday Night Live and BLAST will return in January!!*

# St. James News



## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

- To the family of Diane Rick
- To the family of Carmen Madson
- To the family of Carol Patterson
- To Tom and Luci Tisor at the death of Tom's brother, Larry
- To Myrna and Ron Jensen at the death of their son-in-law Bryan Brandau

## IN OUR PRAYERS:

Pastor Jeni Bohls, Carren Schaer, Sandra Solsaa, Dolores Bowers

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## BLESSINGS TO THE NEWLY MARRIED:

Congratulations to:

Alicia Truka and Sam Moody, October 2

Shelley Lindloff and Bradley Lichman, October 23

*May God richly bless your lives together!*

**Our Women's Book Club** will meet on November 6th and November 20th. Please check our Facebook group for TIME and LOCATION. We will continue the book "Fierce, Free, and Full of Fire" by Jen Hatmaker. New book club participants are always welcome!

**All Saints' Sunday** will be celebrated during worship on November 7. If you would like to submit names and/or pictures of loved ones who have died in the last year for our Service of Remembrance, please submit those to Pastor Sid or the Church office by November 1.



## CHANCEL CHOIR

The CHANCEL CHOIR practices Wednesdays at 7 PM. All singers are welcome to join us in the sanctuary to learn some new music for worship.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

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### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE!**

It will be December 6th  
from 12:00-5:00 pm.

Schedule your appointment online at  
[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

or text/call Diane Francis at 641-430-2228.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

is every Wednesday at 7 AM.

Join us for a light breakfast and Bible Study  
on the Sunday Scripture readings.

## VIDEO VOLUNTEERS!

Our new video system has been installed in the sanctuary, and we are in the middle of training people



how to use it. If you would like to learn about video production, or if you would like to help run the live stream during worship services, please let one of the pastors know, and we will get you trained!

## A TRIVIA NIGHT IS BEING PLANNED for

November! Please watch our Facebook page and your weekly emails for the date/time and location!

## **RIVERSIDE AND YOUTH GATHERING YOUTH**

**are selling BEC food items**, which include cookie dough, pies, soups, and other goodies! You can order at Church or contact one of the families selling or the Church office. Order deadline is November 3.

**THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER** is often about **celebrating our many blessings** and giving thanks! We will be hearing a lot during worship this month about responding to God in praise for all we have received. If you would like to share ways God has blessed you or share your gifts with music or words, please talk to one of the pastors or our worship director, Bill Grant.

**DO DAYS NEWS**

The Do Days gals have been busy!  
With air conditioning, we can work weekly all year round.  
Anyone can join us on Tuesday mornings. If you can cut, sew, organize, iron, tie,  
or if you have no experience at all, you will always be welcomed.

Besides our World Relief Project, we have shared many of our quilts:  
59 lap quilts to the Veteran's Home in Marshalltown  
15 quilts to Prairie Ridge  
10 quilts to Francis Lauer Youth Services  
15 quilts to the men's shelter  
7 quilts sold to members and given to our high school graduates

Christmas is coming! Do Days gals can help with your holiday shopping list.  
We will have quilts on the sanctuary pews in November through Christmas to be sold  
for \$25 each (cash or check). What a deal! Check them out and we'll be happy to help.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Now that the weather is getting cooler, grab your yarn and start stitching!  
We'll be praying over them in January.

**THANK YOU!!**

Thank you to the St. James congregation for your donations of school supplies. On Monday, October 18,  
we were able to send 37 school kits to Lutheran World Relief. Thanks to the Do Days Ladies for their  
many long hours of word and dedication making 161 quilts that were also sent to Lutheran Word Relief  
that day. A special thanks to the St. James members who helped load the 22 boxes into pickups after  
the church service on Sunday, October 17, and to Heather Dietrich for helping to load boxes onto the Lu-  
theran Word Relief truck. Your donations will be a blessing to many people around the world.

Terri Tell and Ann Sletten, WELCA Mission Action

# ST. JAMES THANKSCATION 2021 REGISTRATION

November 24th, 2021

9 AM-4 PM



Join us on November 24th from 9-4 for a day full of games, activities, movies, and service! The suggested donation of \$5 gets you a lunch, crafts, and a day full of fun! All area youth are invited to attend, but please sign up as soon as possible so we know how many will be here.

Thankscation will take place from 9-4. If you need to come earlier and/or stay longer, please let us know. We will make plans for early drop off or late pick up.

You can drop this form off with Pastor Jeni or Pastor Sid or leave it in the office. This form will also be available online!

Child(ren)'s name(s):

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Parent/guardian name:

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Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ (home)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Cell/Work—if different)

Emergency Contact name and phone number

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Food Allergies or any other issues we should be aware of?

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# 2022 National Youth Gathering St. James Registration Form Minneapolis, July 24-28, 2022

The National Youth Gathering will be held on July 24-28 in Minneapolis. ALL youth in grades 8-12 are encouraged to attend! Registration forms are due to Pastor Jeni by November 7. Talk to her for more information!

## Registration Forms due to Pastor Jeni by November 7

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Current grade in school: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents' cell phone numbers: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Youth e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Youth cell phone number (if they have one): \_\_\_\_\_  
Best ways to get ahold of you (e-mail/text/phone call): \_\_\_\_\_  
If e-mail or text, which address or cell number is best?  
\_\_\_\_\_

*A \$50 deposit is due at the time of registration. This deposit is refundable based on fundraiser participation. If the \$50 is a financial burden, it can be waived. No one will be turned away due to financial hardships.*



A November Plan for Giving! As we consider our own blessings in this month of November, we also pray for and think about those in need. Consider this opportunity to share gifts with those in our community in need. If you put together this box, you are encouraged to bring it to church and we will share it with those in need. Thank you!

# GIVE THANKS *by Giving*

Nancy Powell Pearson

- November 1: A box of cereal
- November 2: A box of oatmeal
- November 3: Cereal Bars
- November 4: Box of Pop Tarts
- November 5: Peanut Butter
- November 6: Jam/Jelly
- November 7: Applesauce
- November 8: Canned Fruit
- November 9: Snack Crackers
- November 10: Box of Pasta
- November 11: Pasta Sauce
- November 12: Canned Soup
- November 13: Box of Saltines
- November 14: Canned Tuna
- November 15: Box Tuna Dinner
- November 16: Canned Vegetable
- November 17: Canned Fruit
- November 18: Boxed Mac and Cheese
- November 19: Canned Vegetable
- November 20: Canned Fruit
- November 21: Packaged Cookies
- November 22: Packaged Rice
- November 23: Packaged Noodles
- November 24: Packaged Stuffing
- November 25: Boxed Potatoes
- November 26: Boxed Pancakes
- November 27: Pancake Syrup
- November 28: Salt/Pepper/Garlic Powder
- November 29: Bagged Apples
- November 30: Bagged Oranges

**BEGINNING NOV 1  
AND EACH DAY  
AFTER ADD A  
NON-PERISHABLE  
ITEM TO YOUR BOX.  
ON THE LAST DAY  
GIVE YOUR BOX TO  
SOMEONE IN NEED.**



**ASSIGNED 2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

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

*Thank you for your continued support* of our  
ministry at St. James! Offerings can be received  
on our web-site: [www.stjamesmc.org](http://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.

**COMMUNION WILL BE HELD**

on the first and third Sundays of the month.  
*If you are not comfortable with in-person worship or  
unable to attend and would like to set up a  
communion time, please contact one of the pastors!*

**SUNDAY MORNING DONATIONS NEEDED**

If anyone is willing to donate small bottles of water  
and juice boxes/pouches,  
we would greatly appreciate it. Thank you!!!

**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 church office.

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

We want to visit you! But we also want to respect  
your comfort levels! Please: If you, or a family  
member would like to schedule a communion visit or  
any kind of visit with a pastor, contact them or the  
office to set that up.

**THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE  
will be held on November 24 at 6:30 PM.**

Before you begin your family Thanksgiving celebrations,  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God for our  
many blessings! The service will also be live-  
streamed.

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# We Proclaim and Practice Christ's Love

In order to provide Christ-like service in our community and the world our entire St. James family needs to be united in prayer, worship, music, Bible study and fellowship.

I can help with the St. James Mission by.....

(Please check off the items you can help with and return to the office.)

## Worship Assistance

- ◇ Be an Usher
- ◇ Be a Greeter
- ◇ Be a Lector (read lessons)
- ◇ Set up for Communion
- ◇ Provide Music

## Congregational Life

- ◇ Serve meals at funerals
- ◇ Cleaning kitchens
- ◇ Provide snacks for coffee hour
- ◇ Attend/Lead Bible Study
- ◇ Mentor Confirmation Student
- ◇ Attend/Teach Sunday School
- ◇ Attend/Teach Bible School
- ◇ Assist with Care Team Ministry
- ◇ Mentor New Member
- ◇ Assist with Child Care/Nursery
- ◇ Help with fundraisers
- ◇ Participate in Crafts/Quilting
- ◇ Attend youth group activities
- ◇ Assist in the church office
- ◇ Participate in Prayer Shawl Ministry
- ◇ Provide overnight housing
- ◇ Decorate bulletin boards
- ◇ Provide transportation to church

## Building and Maintenance

- ◇ Set up/take down chairs and tables
- ◇ Set up/take down for outdoor services
- ◇ Assist with snow shoveling
- ◇ Carpentry
- ◇ Electrical
- ◇ General Repairs
- ◇ Painting
- ◇ Plumbing
- ◇ Yard Work

## Community

- ◇ Serve at Community Kitchen
- ◇ Deliver Meals on Wheels

**Please provide any additional ideas or opportunities not shown above:**

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