

St. James Journal

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

November, 2022
www.stjamesmc.org

Office Hours:

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

Sunday Worship

8:30 Traditional Worship
 9:00 Children's Sunday School
 9:45 Contemporary Worship
 Adult Bible study held immediately
 following the 8:30 Service
*The 9:45 Worship service will be
 live-streamed.*

Construction on the gym roof will begin in early November. While construction is going on, please use the main entrance and the Maple Drive entrance when coming to the building. The gym will be closed during construction. Thank you!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION Sunday, November 13 from 6-7 PM

Anyone interested in joining St. James or learning more about joining St. James is invited to a new member orientation on Sunday, November 13. Meet some of our leaders, hear more about our ministry opportunities, and get to know one another! If you have any questions or are unable to attend, please talk to one of the pastors.

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.**

Special Events in November!

ADVENT FAIR: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 5:30-7 PM

Make this Advent a meaningful one for your home at our Annual Advent Fair! Come and learn more about the Season of Advent and make some calendars, wreaths, and other crafts to help you as you prepare. This event is for ALL ages. Visitors are encouraged!

***Supper ***Cookie Decorating ***crafts
 ***Advent Calendars ***Storytime
 ***And other activities!

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CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, November 13 9:45 AM

Celebrate with our youth who are affirming their faith this fall!

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GIVING THANKS TO GOD!

On Sunday, November 27, we will celebrate Thanksgiving Weekend with a service of Thanks and Praise! Join us at 8:30 and 9:45 for a service of Scripture, Song, and Prayer celebrating our blessings!

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Check out the rest of The Journal for more information about upcoming activities in November, including a winter giveaway outreach event, Bunco Night, and youth events!

St. James Community

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Remembered in our prayers: Gloria Hesley, Rod Mariner, Dana Lunning

Our deepest sympathy to: The family of Arlyn Brosdahl, the family of Bob Lindhart, the family of Bea Pennington

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Isaac Frenz and Jo Anna Schafer who were married on October 22. Blessings to them in their marriage.

If you would like to be added to the Sunday prayers or would like to request a visit, please contact one of the pastors or the Church office.

The Hospital is now allowing clergy to visit.

Due to privacy laws, there is no longer a list we can check. **PLEASE** let the pastors know if you or someone you know is in the hospital so we can visit and pray for with any in need. Thank you!

HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Join us for our (rescheduled) bonfire on SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 13 from 3-5 PM.

In case of bad weather, we will have another fun activity!

You are encouraged to bring friends.

Daily Scripture Readings for Narrative Lectionary

11/1: 1 Kings 4:29-34	11/21: Isaiah 38:1-8
11/2: Psalm 72:1-14	11/22: 2 Kings 21:1-16
11/3: Psalm 20:1-9	11/23: 2 Kings 22:1-13
11/4: 1 Kings 11:1-13	11/24: 2 Kings 22:14-20
11/5: 1 Kings 12:1-24	11/25: 2 Kings 23:1-14
11/6: 2 Kings 5:1-15	11/26: 2 Kings 23:21-30
11/7: 2 Kings 6:1-7	11/27: Habakkuk 1:1-7, 2:1-4, 3:17-19
11/8: 2 Kings 16:1-20	11/28: Psalm 137:1-6
11/9: Isaiah 7:1-17	11/29: Esther 1:1-9
11/10: Psalm 46	11/30: Esther 1:10-22
11/11: Isaiah 11:1-9	
11/12: Isaiah 11:10-16	
11/13: Micah 5:2-5, 6:6-8	
11/14: Amos 2:6-16	
11/15: Amos 5:4-13	
11/16: Amos 5:14-24	
11/17: Habakkuk 1:1-17	
11/18: Habakkuk 2:1-14	
11/19: Isaiah 6:1-13	
11/20: Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20 AND 37:1-7 AND 2:1-4	



Sunday School Christmas Program!

Practices are beginning for our Sunday School Christmas program, to be held on Sunday December 11 at 9:45 AM.

We will practice songs each Sunday during the Sunday School hour all through November. Join us each Sunday as we prepare to share the Good News of Christmas through story and song. We need lots of angels, shepherds, animals, a choir, and special music. All children and youth through 12th grade are encouraged to be involved. For more information contact Kathy Grant or Pastor Jeni.

Sunday School is held each Sunday from 9-9:40 AM.

St. James News

THANK YOU!

I'd like to thank Pastor Sid and everyone for the prayers and good wishes after my recent fall. A special thank you to the Follmuth's and the Sletten's for the delicious meals.

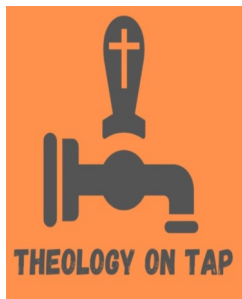
I am truly blessed! Gloria Hesley



A big THANK YOU to the members of the St. James congregation who generously donated fabric, sheets, or other supplies to the Do Day Ladies for quilts or school supplies for the school kits. A special thank you to Marilyn Butters for making the school bags.

Monday morning (October 10) a total of 111 quilts and 50 school kits were loaded unto the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) truck. The quilts and school kits were taken to St. Paul for worldwide distribution. Over the past several months, LWR has sent quilts and personal care kits to Ukraine. It's possible some of the quilts and care kits donated from St. James over the past couple of years have reached those fleeing from their homes. Check out the article on the bulletin board in the hallway near the offices.

Again, thank you all for your support and generosity.
Mission Action



Join Pastor Sid in October for ***THEOLOGY ON TAP***, a time for conversation, refreshments, and fellowship.
We will meet on November 8th and 22nd at 5:30!

For November, we will meet at Fat Hill Brewery
All are welcome!!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT ST. JAMES!

CONFIRMATION classes are at 6:30 pm.
CHANCEL CHOIR, Wednesdays at 7 PM
SUPPER! At 5:30!

See the meal schedule in this journal.
All are welcome to join us for a meal and fellowship.

YYG (Younger Youth Group) Wednesday nights at 6:30!
YYG is a youth group for all school age children in kindergarten-6th Grade. Join us this fall for **AT THE MOVIES**, where we explore themes of faith found in popular movies.

We will be adding more Wednesday night activities through the fall! Check out our Bulletin, Facebook page, and October Journal for all the details!!

*If you are interested in helping with meals,
contact Sherri Fitzgerald.*

If you would like to help with our youth programs, contact Pastor Jeni! We especially need High School youth to help with our YYG program. Thank you!

Regular Wednesday events will not be held the week of Thanksgiving.

Grief Group will continue to meet through the month of November
(we will not meet Thanksgiving week)

On Thursday, November 17, we will have a special session on dealing with grief through the holidays. All are welcome to join us that night for this event.

In December, we will host a Blue Christmas Service, a special service for all who are grieving during the Christmas season.
All are invited!

All Saints Sunday is November 6. On that day, we will be remembering all who have died in the last year. If you have someone you would like named in the prayer of remembrance that day, you may write their name in the Book of Remembrance at Church or contact the office or one of the pastors.
We will also have a special ritual during the service that day to remember the saints who have gone before us.

NO DO DAYS ON NOVEMBER 22ND.

ST JAMES CARE TEAM:

If you would like to have your college kids or military that are away from home receive Care packages, contact the church or Kathy at 425-9676 or Gloria at 420-2967.



VETERANS QUILTS

Patriotic quilts will be prayed over and given out on Sunday, November 20th, at both services. We appreciate all service personnel, past and present.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We will meet on Sunday, November 27th between the 2 services to pray over shawls.

MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY

We will be delivering meals on November 14-18th. Routes 2 & 3.
Thank you to those who are doing the delivery!!

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS

November, 2022

Served 5:30 - 6:15 pm in Fellowship Hall

NOVEMBER 2

Walking tacos
Nachos & cheese dip
Hot dogs

NOVEMBER 9

Chicken noodle soup
Sandwiches
Hot dogs

NOVEMBER 16 (5:30-7 PM due to Advent Fair)

Party subs
chips

NOVEMBER 23

THANKSGIVING EVE
NO MEAL

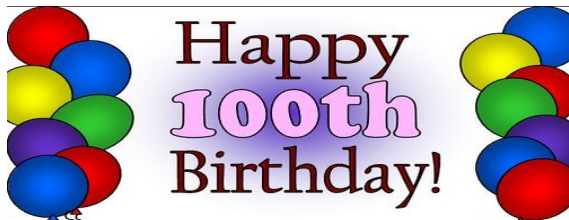
NOVEMBER 30

Spaghetti
French bread
Hot dogs

MEAL DONATIONS

\$5 PER PERSON

All meals served with lettuce salad,
dessert, and beverage.
We look forward to dining with you!!



Betty Slock turns 100 on the 24th!

She will be having a birthday party at
The Manor on November 26th
from 2-4 pm.

Please come help her celebrate!
If you would like to send a card,
her address is:

Betty Slock
4-3rd St NW Apt. 824
Mason City, IA. 50401

LET'S CELEBRATE!!

A Open House will be held on Saturday, November 26,
2022 to celebrate Dr. Madison Fitzgerald-Russell's
achievement in earning her
Doctor of Philosophy Science Education: Physics degree
at St. James Lutheran Church from 2 - 4 pm.

It's BUNCO NIGHT! Join us for a girls' night out
on Monday, November 7, beginning at 7 PM. No
experience necessary! Bunco is easy to learn and fun
to play! Come for a night of laughter, fellowship,
and fun. Invite friends to join you!!!

MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE!



We are in need of volunteers to be part of our **Nominating Committee**. What is this you ask??

The **Nominating Committee** is made up of six voting members of the congregation, two of who shall be the Vice President and the Secretary of the Congregational Council and 4 members of the congregation.

The duties of the nominating committee are to fill open positions on boards as well as open executive positions. It's a position that doesn't require participation throughout the entire year unless an executive position needs to be filled. Otherwise your responsibility is to begin working on the open positions in October with the hopes they are filled by December in preparation of the annual meeting. The term is a 2 year term.

Please consider being a member of this committee.

Interested? Please contact:

Jere Merrill at [641-420-3345](tel:641-420-3345) or jere.merrill@gmail.com or Pastor Jeni

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LOOKING FOR A FUN WAY TO SERVE AT CHURCH?? Our Sunday School kids need you! Sign up to teach, you can teach as much or as little as you are available. We have a pre-school class and school aged class full of amazing kids! Come share the gospel and be a part of our Sunday School rebuilding. Contact Kathy Grant or Pastor Jeni to get on the schedule. We meet from 9-9:45am each Sunday.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES IN WORSHIP

- **WORSHIP SLIDES:** We are looking for people to both make slides for worship and run slides during worship. We could use people at both services. Please talk to Diane Francis or Pastor Sid for more information.
 - **USHERS AND GREETERS** are also needed for both services. Talk to Leonard Johnson if you are able to help.
 - **RUNNING OUR LIVE STREAM VIDEO:** Contact Bob Grant if you are interested in working on our Live Stream Crew. We would love to train more people to be part of this important outreach ministry!
 - **SCRIPTURE READERS:** Are you interested in getting on our schedule for Scripture readers during the service. Please talk to one of the pastors to sign up or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.
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MINISTERS OF CONNECTION: St. James has a group (The Ministers of Connection) that was formed in 2017 to assist our pastors in visiting nursing home residents and those home bound persons who are church members. Our group selected persons from a prepared list and we visited them and gave them communion. When Covid 19 hit in 2020, most of our visitations ceased and were modified to be phone calls, cards and letters. Since that time, some of our Ministers of Connection group have dropped out and we have lost some of those we were visiting due to their passing.

Persons who are interested in continuing the Ministers of Connection AND becoming a part of this important group, please call Sandy Thede at [641-425-2394](tel:641-425-2394) or email: sthede@mchsi.com in the next couple weeks. If there is interest in continuing this group, we will call a meeting and proceed with planning. Please give this your consideration.



**You're Invited to our annual
St James
WELCA Christmas Soup Social
Sunday, Dec 4th at 4pm, in the Gym
Our Speaker is Heather Hucka
from Lime Creek**



GIVING THANKS MEAL

On Sunday November 20th
our congregation is hosting a community giveaway
of winter items.
We will be giving away winter items for those in need,
so we are seeking donations
of winter coats, boots, and hats.
Please bring them to the church office.
There will be a meal from 11 to 1 PM for those who attend
the give away.

Ask Christine Foth if you have any questions.

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THANKOFFERING AT ST. JAMES

will be Sunday, November 20th.

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 participating!

Opportunities to Serve and Learn!

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

We are looking for SONG LEADERS and BAND MEMBERS to help lead our worship service. Please talk to Bill Grant if you are interested in being a part of this important ministry! New singers are ALWAYS welcome!

SPECIAL MUSIC: Would you like to provide music for one or both of the services on a Sunday morning?

We would love to hear from instrumentalists and vocalists any Sunday! Please contact Bill Grant if you are interested in providing music for the services.

Thank you!



CHANCEL CHOIR

meets each Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. New Members are always welcome to join the choir and help provide musical offerings on Sunday mornings!

OFFERINGS

You are encouraged to sign up for our SIMPLY GIVING auto-offering program, a way to continue your gifts even when you are not able to be present. Sign up for Simply

Giving on our website

<http://www.stjamesmc.org/give-online.html> (or click on this box to go right to the website).

. Contact the Church office for more information.



We thank you for your continued support of our ministry at St. James!

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