

St. James Journal

OCTOBER 2018

OCTOBER SUNDAY SCHEUDLE

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

UKULELE LESSONS

continue on Sunday,
October 7 right after
LIFT

(Approximately
11:30 AM).

We will be getting
ready for our first
performance in
Church on
October 14!

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On October 28th,
we will celebrate
confirmation

Sunday for our
9th graders at the
11:00 am Service.

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Join us for Trunk
or Treat,

Wednesday,

October 31 from
5:30—7:30 pm.

Bring your cars!

Bring your kids!

Invite your friends
and neighbors!

This fall, you may have noticed a RENEWED FOCUS on Bible Study and Small Group ministry opportunities. We hope you will find a place to join us for more time of spiritual growth, fellowship, learning and praying together. We are working on having things for all ages! Here are just a few of the ways you can join us:

Sunday mornings:

9:15 AM Adult Bible Study on LAW AND GOSPEL

10:30 AM LIFT (Living In Faith Together): Intergenerational Sunday School studying Old Testament Bible Stories through skits, songs, crafts, games, and lots of other activities

Tuesday morning:

8:08 AM Java and Jesus—High School Small Group meets at Cabin Coffee each week for conversation about faith and life.

Wednesday:

7 AM Men's Breakfast studying the following Sunday's readings

6:00 PM Adult Bible Study (This fall, studying the book "Enough" as part of our Fall Stewardship program)

6:15 PM WOW—Youth group for K-3rd grade

6:15 PM ONE—Youth Group for 4th-6th Grade

6:15 PM Confirmation

Thursday evenings (twice a month—see schedule on calendar)

6 PM Bible Study at Mason City Brewing

Saturday (twice a month—see schedule on calendar)

2 PM Women's Book Study at Cabin Coffee

In addition, we have TWO Women's Circles that meet once a month on Monday evenings or Tuesday mornings. They always encourage new participants. See the calendar for times and location.

As you can see, we have lots of opportunities for us to grow in faith and learn together. Watch for many more exciting opportunities in the coming months, including the return of our MARRIAGE CARE groups, small group prayer opportunities, and youth events. We hope you will find some way to get involved!

~ Pastor Jeni

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!

St. James News

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 November JOURNAL deadline is October 19 by 12:00 PM.

THE NOVEMBER JOURNAL will be assembled on October 26 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.

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!

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!

WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME PASTOR SID BOHLS

to our staff as interim pastor. Pastor Sid will be working full time, while Pastor Jeni remains on disability, working 1/3 time. His primary areas of responsibility include visitation, preaching, and teaching. We are contracting with Pastor Sid until Jeni is able to come back as Senior Pastor. We are so thankful to Pastor Dennis Niezwaag for his ministry with us! Please let Sid or the Church office know of any visitation and pastoral care needs.



*Leave what you can
and*

take what you need!

We are beginning a

NEW Little Food Pantry at St. James!

Outside the building, you will find shelves where you can leave canned goods and other non-perishable foods.

As your gardens grow, you are also welcome to leave fresh fruits and veggies! For those in need of food, feel free to take what you need.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with this year's Rummage Sale and to everyone who donated items. A very special thank you to Carol Edwards for the many hours she spent here getting things set up, and to the many volunteers who came each day to help! Over \$1800 was raised at this year's sale.

THANK YOU to our team of SAFE volunteers who have been tirelessly cleaning and organizing our church safe since August. We have found lots of treasures that we hope to put on display in the future.

STEEPLE FUNDS: If you signed up for a pledge for our Steeple Campaign through auto-offering, your pledge may be ending in the next month. We thank the congregation so much for ALL of your support as we now have the steeple loan down to around \$65,000. If you would like to continue your pledge as we continue to pay down the loan, you can go to your Simply Giving account and renew that pledge. If you need assistance with that, please contact the Church office. If you did not enroll in auto-offering and would like to continue to pledge or make a donation to the steeple fund, we would very much appreciate that. THANK YOU.

JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY at **Mason City Brewing** at **6:00 PM Thursday, October 4 and 18th**. 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 in October on the 6th and the 20th. We are reading the book "Present Over Perfect" together.

WELCA & CIRCLE NEWS

MISSION SCHOOL KITS: The WELCA Mission Action Committee would like to thank all who have donated items for the school kits. There has been an overwhelming response to the request of school supplies. School kits will soon be assembled for a Lutheran World Relief truck that will be in Mason City on November 6. Our goal is to assemble 50 school kits and at this time we are still in need of 9 rulers (one side should be in centimeters), 10 pencil sharpeners, and 20 blunt scissors. Thank you so much for assisting the Mission Action committee is accomplishing our goal.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP: We will be praying over finished shawls on Sunday, October 7th in the board room between the 1st and 2nd church services. Keep stitching! See ya there!

KOINONIA: We will meet on Sunday evening, October 28th at 6:00 pm. Watch bulletins for more "Spooky Details".

LOVE CIRCLE: Will meet at the church on Monday, October 22 at 7:00 pm at the church. All are welcome!

CARE TEAM FOR COLLEGE AND MILITARY BOXES: We still are missing names for our Care Packages!! We send goodies 3 times a year reminding them that St. James hasn't forgotten them. We need addresses and a suggested donation of \$10.00 a year to defray shipping. We will be packing and shipping our first boxes on October 28th between services. We sure could use items from the congregation to put in the boxes, also!!!! Contact Kathy Follmuth, Gloria Hesley or Jill in the office if you have any questions. Here is a few lines from a thank you that we received after receiving a Care Team box from St. James to one of our college kids. "I miss my church family and this was a wonderful reminder that you still think and care about me! Thank you again! God Bless, Crystal

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!



SAINT JAMES FALL FESTIVAL, NOVEMBER 10TH

Last month you read about our Fall Festival coming up.

Opportunities to help with the festival:

- Have a food booth/"food truck" idea? You can make that food and sell it at the festival! There will be a variety of foods throughout the gym that day, including tacos, pancakes, barbeque, and many other things. Perhaps you want to have a dessert table? Maybe baked potatoes or soup? Let Alyse know and we will get you set up!
- Donate live auction or silent auction items! Have some game tickets? A cabin rental to donate for a weekend? An hour of music you could provide for a party? Get CREATIVE and sign up to provide auction items.
- Do you have crafts, baked goods, canned veggies or fruits, jams or jellies? Donations would be welcome!

If you have an idea you think would be fun or something that would appeal to the community, please contact a member of WELCA or Alyse Hesley. Most of all, please mark your calendar for this day of fun, music, food, and fellowship on November 10th!

ST. JAMES YOUTH AND FAMILY NEWS!

*News for ALL AGES! Remember,
we are LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER!*

TRUNK OR TREAT...

An Event for the whole congregation!!

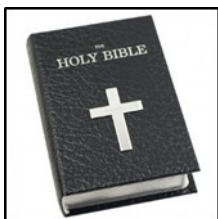


Our Annual **TRUNK OR TREAT** will be held **Wednesday, October 31** from 5:30-7:30 PM in the St. James Parking Lot.

Supper will be served during trunk or treat. Stop in between 5:15-6:15 to eat some warm soup while tending your car or trick or treating.

Not a trick-or-treater? Bring your car to the St. James parking lot stocked with candy or goodies in the trunk. We will have everyone line up their cars around the parking lot, so trick-or-treaters can walk around the whole parking lot and get candy from everyone. **And get into the spirit of the day with a Trunk Decorating Contest!** As always, we will have a contest for the **BEST DECORATIONS!**

You are a trick-or-treater? Come to the St. James parking lot dressed in your Halloween costume from 5:30-7:30 to collect goodies from all the cars. And invite your friends and neighbors to join you!



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UNVEILING OUR BRAND NEW, EXCITING EDUCATION HOUR!

This year, we are excited to introduce **Living in Faith Together (LIFT)**. LIFT is held every Sunday at 10:30. This is fun and learning *for all ages!* After worship, get a refill on your coffee, a snack, and head back to the sanctuary. We'll begin with a worship song or two, and an opening. After that we will have a Bible lesson incorporating storytelling, games, science, crafts, cooking, and much more! We are so excited for this time of intergenerational learning and hope you'll join us!!

On October 14, we will have a SERVICE DAY at EAST PARK! Everyone is encouraged to join us as we clean up the park and share lunch together. In case of rain, we will have a service day at the church.

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YOUTH GROUP BONFIRE AND GAME NIGHT on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21 beginning at 5 PM. **Middle School AND High School Youth** are invited to a bonfire and board games. We'll roast hot dogs and make s'mores, sing some songs, and play games. Invite friends and join us!

WEDNESDAYS AT ST. JAMES!

WOW is beginning for Kindergarten-3rd graders each Wednesday from 6:15-7:30. Join us for learning, games, crafts, and lots of fun each Wednesday night. Come early for supper! On Halloween, we will not meet for our regular activities, but encourage you to come to TRUNK OR TREAT!

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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

OCTOBER 2018

Served from 5:15 to 6 pm

OCTOBER 3

Chicken ranch wraps
Shredded chicken for sandwiches
Hot dogs & chips

OCTOBER 10

Spaghetti
Butter noodles or alfredo noodles
Hot dogs

OCTOBER 17

Walking Tacos and soft tacos
Nachos & Cheese
Hot dogs

OCTOBER 24

Ham dinner
Potatoes, stuffing
Veggies

OCTOBER 31

Chili or chicken noodle soup
Sandwiches
Hot dogs & chips

MEAL DONATIONS:

\$5.00 per person

All meals include lettuce salad, dessert, and beverages.

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!

ALZHEIMER PATIENT CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

The Alzheimer Patient Caregivers Support Group meets each month on the Third Wednesday of the month from 6:30 pm to 8 pm in the Chapel at Kentucky Ridge. In October they will be meeting on Wednesday the 17th. This group is led by individuals who have received training and are Certified by the State of Iowa.

Community News

“ROUND TWO”

Saturday, October 20

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

at St John’s Episcopal Church

120 1st St. NE, Mason City

For Sale: Gently used Holiday items! Hope to see you there.

Trinity Lutheran Church of Mason City will hold their annual **Scandinavian Bazaar** on Thursday, November 1 from 8-1pm. Due to construction the bazaar will be held at the Columbia Club, 551 S. Taft Ave, Mason City.

55+ & LIVE IN CERRO GORDO COUNTY?

You’re invited to a free discussion and a light meal on how to stay healthy! Join us on:

October 26 at 9 am at Hy-Vee East Club Room, 551 S. Illinois Ave.

or

November 6 at 11:30 am at Hy-Vee East Club Room, 551 S. Illinois Ave.

October Readers

Fall Schedule	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
October 7	George Arduser	Diane Francis	Grant Bohls
October 14	Laurie Haugen	Carol Edwards	Gene Larsen
October 21	Lori Jorgenson	Gary Lafrenz	Carmen Madson
October 28	Norm Schmidt	Hal Pohlman	Pastor

October Greeters

7 & 14: Education Board
21 & 28: Stewardship Board

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