

St. James Journal

OCTOBER 2019

OCTOBER 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

****Note: October 6,
Polka Sunday, we
will have only TWO
services at 8 and
9:30, with the usual
Sunday School
Schedule.**

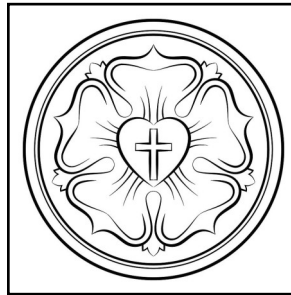
WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

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

****Note: On October
30, we will have our
annual TRUNK OR
TREAT event, with
supper and trunk or
treating from 5-7.
Confirmation Youth
will go trick or
treating for canned
goods from 6-7.**

LUTHERAN HERITAGE MONTH

Remembering the Past....Celebrating the future!



On October 27, we will once again celebrate the Protestant Reformation—the day that Martin Luther nailed 95 theses to the door of the Church and began a reformation that would change both the Church and the world.

As we do every year, as we remember that history, we also celebrate a Church that is always reforming, always being made new, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

This year, in addition to celebrating on October 27, we want to celebrate our Lutheran Heritage all month long with special services each Sunday. Join us as we remember our history and what brought us to today, as well as celebrate Lutheranism around the world, and think about where we might be going in the future! Each Sunday will have a special emphasis as we Remember the Past and Celebrate the future!

October 6: Polka Sunday—Join us for our Annual Polka Service as we celebrate our German Heritage! We will only have TWO services this week at **8 and 9:30.**

October 13: Lutherans around the world! We will celebrate Lutheran Heritage in Africa and South America through our music and liturgy and learn more about our Lutheran siblings around the world.

October 20: Scandinavian Sunday—Join us as we celebrate our Scandinavian Heritage through special worship and activities.

October 27: Reformation Sunday with confirmation service at 11:00 AM.

Check out the weekly bulletin and Facebook page for updates on activities for all of these Sundays! —Pastors Sid and Jeni

St. James News

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

2019 FLOWER MINISTRY

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

**THE NOVEMBER
JOURNAL** deadline is
October 18 by
12:00 PM.

**THE NOVEMBER
JOURNAL** will be
assembled on OCTOBER
25 at 10:00 AM.
Please call the church office
if you are able to help.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

- To the family of Ellie Mersereau, who died on September 16.
A memorial service will be held on October 26.
- To the family of Ralph Preuss, who died on September 15. There will
be no memorial service at this time.
- To Kaitlyn and Dustin McMurray and family at the death of Huxton
Lee McMurray, who was born silently on September 10.

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

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES:

- To Wayne and Nicki (Gaubetz) Martin, who were married on
August 31.
- To Ben and Samantha (Radcliffe) Buck, who were married on
September 21.

RECENTLY REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Richard Fairbanks, Leonard Johnson, Ruth O'Donnell, Mary Peterson ,
Jackie Schultz, Linda Trask

*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!*

KOINONIA Our annual Halloween get together will be on Sunday,
October 27th at 6:00 pm in the Friendship room. If you dare, come in a
costume, may win a prize. Bring a snack to share and we'll play
games. Join in the fun!

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..



ST. JAMES FALL FESTIVAL, NOVEMBER 2ND

This year we are going to try a new twist to the successful day last fall by adding a quilt auction. If you have a quilt, table runner, wall hanging, etc. to donate for the first ever quilt auction, please contact Jeanette at 425-3019 or Kathy at 425-9676. We'll have them out for display on Sunday, October 27th for a sneak peek.

ST. JAMES CARE TEAM

Care Boxes for college or military people who are away from home: Our numbers are down and we ship in a couple weeks. Some kids and grandkids may be missing out. We need addresses and we ask for a \$10 donation to defray costs for shipping. We send something to them three times a year. If you have participated in the past, we don't automatically send to your loved one, we need to hear from you. Please let Kathy Follmuth or Gloria Hesley know if you interested. You may also call the church office at 423-4702. Anyone willing to add goodies to the Care boxes, bring them to the stage on the 27th. We'll start closing them up after the 2nd service. We could use donations! Thank you!



LOVE CIRCLE will meet on Monday, October 21st at 7 pm at the church in the Friendship Room.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP will meet on October 6th in the Fireside Room to pray over finished shawls. We'll see you between the first and second service.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB at CABIN COFFEE will start back up again on October 5. We will be reading the book, "Come to the table" by Neta Jackson, a fiction novel about a woman new to the faith, who embraces Christianity with reckless abandon and along her journey learns the true spiritual significance of the words "Come to the table." We will hand out books on the 5th and have an introduction to the story. We will meet again on October 19. Join us! And invite a friend. ***Please talk to Pastor Jeni to order a copy of the book.***

YOUTH HELP NEEDED! Confirmation and High School youth, we would love to have your help at the fall festival! Watch for opportunities to sign up to help! 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!

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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!



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 a Under - includes 3
food tickets & Bingo



Stop by the church office to
purchase tickets.

UPCOMING EVENTS



DUST OFF YOUR DANCING SHOES AND JOIN US

for our
Annual Polka Service

A celebration of our German Heritage!

Sunday, October 6 at 8 and 9:30

Refreshments will be served between services.

Please contact Bill Grant or Sid Bohls if you would like to play or lead music at either of the services.



Our Annual Trunk or Treat event will be held on Wednesday October 30 from 5-7 PM.

A soup supper will be served in the gym.

Bring your cars FILLED with goodies for our trick or treaters and park around the outside of the parking lot.

TRICK OR TREATERS: Come dressed up and ready for fun! Invite your friends and neighbors!

This has become a GREAT annual event and last year served well over 100 children.

Prizes will be awarded for the most festive trunks so be sure to decorate!



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

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



WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS OCTOBER, 2019

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

OCTOBER 2

Lasagna
Mac & Cheese
Hot Dogs

OCTOBER 9

Walking Tacos/soft tacos
Chips & Cheese
Hot Dogs

OCTOBER 16

Godfathers Pizza
Chips
Hot Dogs

OCTOBER 23

Sloppy Joes or Ham Sandwiches
Chips
Hot Dogs

OCTOBER 30

Chili or Chicken Noodle Soup
Hot Dogs

MEAL DONATIONS:

\$5 per person
All meals include lettuce salad, dessert, and beverages
Come one, Come all...
and join in Wednesday fellowship!

WOW and ONE start back up on October 2!

Join us each Wednesday from 6:15-7:30 as we learn about God and have LOTS of fun!

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

We will 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.

Parents, please come on the first night to register your son or daughter. THANK YOU.



BIBLE STUDY, LEARNING, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!



BREWERY BIBLE STUDY returns to THURSDAYS for fall. Join us at 6 PM for conversations about faith, the Bible, and life. We will meet on OCTOBER 10th and 24th. Come this month and check us out!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES THIS FALL!

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

Sundays @ 10:30 Adult Sunday School meets each week

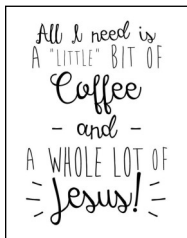
Wednesdays @ 6 PM Small Group studying various topics

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!



A NEW JAVA AND JESUS! Now on THURSDAYS and for ALL AGES! Join Pastor Jeni any time from 2-4 on THURSDAY afternoons for coffee and chats about your faith, life, politics, church, or anything else you would like to discuss. Youth and adults are welcome.

BONFIRE and GAMES

On October 6, the Middle School and High School youth of St James will gather for a bonfire at the church.

We will gather from 4 to 6 pm for a bonfire, board games, and fellowship. Bring a friend!



Riverside Camper Families

Please join us for an information/fundraising meeting in the chapel at 8:45 on Sunday, Oct. 13.

If you are interested in sending your son or daughter to Bible Camp or have questions, we encourage you to come to the meeting!

Fundraising packets and other information will be handed out on that day.

If you cannot attend the meeting, but are interested in fundraising, please talk to Pastor Jeni or Mary Witte.

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.

Sunday Morning Coffee and Fellowship

Each Sunday, you are invited to join us for coffee, snacks, and fellowship between services.

Free-will donations given during that time go towards camping expenses for youth attending Bible Camp in the summer.

You are invited to bring snacks to share with the congregation. A clipboard with available dates is located in the Friendship Room.

Please consider signing up! Examples of food to bring include: unfrosted bars or cookies, donut holes, donuts, fruits and vegetables, crackers and cheese, snack mixes, and other small snacks.

Join us each Sunday to get to know other St. James members...and support our youth camping ministry!

OCTOBER READERS

Summer Schedule	8:00 am	9:30 am	11:00 am
OCTOBER 6	Judy Clarke	Carol Edwards	Pastor
OCTOBER 13	Lynn Christensen	Destiny Hagenow	Grant Bohls
OCTOBER 20	Jeanette Priebe	Hal Pohlman	Gene Larson
OCTOBER 27	Corrine Bolz	Diane Francis	Carmen or Pastor

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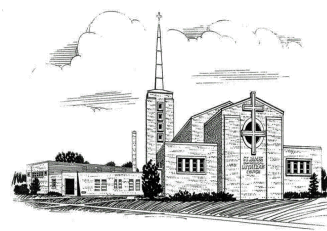
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