

# St. James Journal

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

October, 2022 www.stjamesmc.org

#### **Office Hours:**

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

# Sunday Morning Worship Schedule Beginning October 16

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.

#### October 9 Schedule:

9 AM Worship 10 AM Sunday School

TRUNK OR TREAT will be held on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26. Supper will be held from 5:30-6:30. Trunk or Treat from 6-7. We need TRUNKS to pass out candy. Bring your decorated trunk to church that night. Set up any time before 5:45! You can register your car on our website or contact Pastor Jeni.

## And of course ALL trick or treaters are welcome!

Join us for this FUN annual outreach event! *Get in the spirit* by decorating your trunks, wearing costumes, and enjoying the fun! More info is located in the Journal, on our website, Facebook page, and at church.

#### **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.

New Worship And Sunday School Schedule Beginning <u>October 16th</u>

8:30 AM Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Children's Sunday School 9:45 AM Contemporary Worship

<u>Fellowship</u> before and after worship

<u>Adult Bible Study</u> immediately following the 8:30

Service

The 9:45 Service will be streamed live on our website, Facebook Page, and YouTube Channel

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

<u>Ushers</u>—hand out bulletins, assist with communion, light candles

<u>Scripture Readers</u> for each service <u>Projector Assistants</u>—to both create and run the slides for worship

**Drama Club:** to help with skits and readings at each service

<u>Sunday School Teachers:</u> To teach both our pre-school class and older classes
 <u>Support</u> in spreading the word and helping us get the word out about our new schedule!

# St. James Community

#### PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Remembered in our prayers: Kenny Mullen, Gloria Hesley, Arlin Brosdahl, Sierra Metli, Ben Jacobson, Dan Bolz, Leslie Johnson, Bob Lindhardt

<u>Our deepest sympathy to:</u> The Family of Bea Pennington and the family of LaVonne Jones

#### Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

- Paige Hanson and Alex Jirgens who were married on September 18. Blessings to them in their marriage and as they begin their new journey in Wichita!
- Mike Hackbart and Jessica Wasicek who were married on October 1. Blessings to them!

#### **God's Blessings to the Newly Baptized:**

- Asher Allen Pommrehn, child of Jennifer and Adam Pommrehn, who was baptized on September 11.
- Jari Dach Orton, child of Natasha and Matt Orton, who was baptized on September 18.

## The Hospital is now allowing clergy to visit.

Due to privacy laws, there is no longer a list we can check. <u>PLEASE</u> 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!

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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.



#### SUNDAY SCHOOL IS HELD EACH WEEK FOR CHILDREN AGES 2-6<sup>th</sup> GRADE

We will meet at 10 AM through October 9th Beginning October 16th, we will meet from <u>9-9:45 AM</u> each Sunday.

Join us as we each week for Bible Stories, crafts, games, and other fun!

Sunday School begins with an opening in the Chapel. We have classes for our Pre-Kindergarten children and for older children.

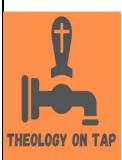
Beginning in late October, we will begin preparations for our Sunday School Christmas Program, to be held on December 11th. Join us each Sunday as we practice songs and get ready to share the story of Christmas. We need lots of angels, shepherds, animals, a choir, and special music!

You can sign up for Sunday School on our website or join us any Sunday. Beginning the 16th, worship will be held immediately following Sunday School at 9:45. Sign ups for the Christmas Program will be sent home with your children, sent in the mail, and available on our website.

## St. James News

#### THANK YOU!

Thank you for the scholarship.
Sincerely, Dean Johnson
Dean was the recipient of a scholarship for
students entering the ministry from the Ralph
Preuss Estate. Dean is attending Wartburg
College to begin his studies and will continue
his education at Wartburg Seminary.



Join Pastor Sid in October for *THEOLOGY ON TAP*, a time for conversation, refreshments, and fellowship. *We will meet on October 11th and 25th at* 5:30!

Brix is located at 106 S. Delaware in Mason City.

All are welcome!!

# Youth Group Bonfire and Game Night!



October 23
5-7 PM
All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to a bonfire and

game night at church! Bring friends!

We will have hot dogs, s'mores, and play games.

Sign up on the Youth Bulletin
Board at Church

#### **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!

#### "Tending Your Soul: Life After Loss"

Coping with the loss of a loved one can be one of the most challenging things we face in this world. The work of grief is difficult and we all need support and love as we journey through it.

Join us **Thursday evenings** for a Support Group for those experiencing loss. This small group will gather at **6:30 pm** in the Fireside Room each week for prayer, support, tears, laughter, and sharing.

If you have experienced the death of a loved one, or another loss that is hurting you, we encourage you to join us. This soul tending time is for all who are grieving—no matter the stage you are at in your grief.

Please sign up for this group with Pastor Jeni so we can make sure we have enough resources for everyone.

Online signup is available at <a href="http://www.stjamesmc.org/">http://www.stjamesmc.org/</a>

### ALL ARE INVITED!



# TRUNK OR TREAT







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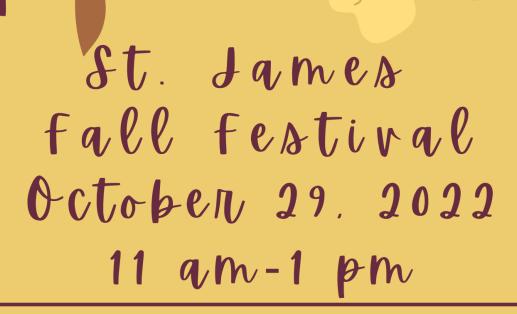


# WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

5:30-6:30 CHILI SUPPER IN THE GYM (FREE WILL DONATION)
6:00-7:00 PM TRUNK OR TREAT IN PARKING LOT

#### All trick or treaters welcome to attend!

You are also encouraged to bring your trunk decorated to hand out treats. Register your vehicle (or we can set a table up for you) by emailing pastorjeni@mchsi.com or registering on our church website stjamesmc.org



Turkey Casserole with salads and drinks \$10 for adults \$7 for children

Home Goods, Silent Auction, Pies, and Bake Sale

All are welcome! 1148 4th St. SE Mason City

641-423-4702

www.stjamesmc.org

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.



will be gifting patriotic quilts to veterans in the month of November as we celebrate Veteran's Day and give thanks for their service!

Please call the Church office

with the names of any active or past duty veterans in your life who we could gift with these quilts. Thank you!

#### **DO DAYS ARE IN NEED OF SHEETS!**

They use them for either backing or for the inside lining of the quilts they make. Please leave donated items on the stage. Thanks!!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: We have prayer shawls available for donation to anyone you know in need of prayer. These shawls have been lovingly made and prayed over by a group of volunteers. You are always welcome to take one. And if you would like to be a part of our prayer shawl ministry, please contact the Church office.

#### <u>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FALL</u> FESTIVAL COMING UP ON OCTOBER 29!

#### **Donated items needed include:**

- Pies! Pies! Pies!
- Silent Auction baskets and items!
- Home goods including: canned goods, baked goods, and crafts
  - Other food items to be announced in the coming weeks

# We will also need people to help serve and volunteer on the day of the Fall Festival:

Sign up opportunities will be available at church in the next few weeks. Please consider giving some time for this wonderful Congregational Event!

# WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS OCTOBER 2022

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

#### **OCTOBER 5**

Chicken & Rice casserole Green beans Hot dogs

#### **OCTOBER 12**

Godfather's Pizza Hotdogs

#### **OCTOBER 19**

Slider burgers Cheesy hashbrowns Hotdogs

#### **OCTOBER 24**

Chili Hotdogs

#### **MEAL DONATIONS**

\$5 PER PERSON

All meals served with lettuce salad, dessert, and beverage.

We look forward to dining with you!!

#### KITCHEN CLEANING OCTOBER 8

It is time for the yearly cleaning of the kitchens of St. James Lutheran Church.

And we are asking for your help on October 8, starting at 9 am to use good old-fashioned elbow grease to clean kitchens for another season of fellowship.

Please contact Sherri Fitzgerald, kitchen coordinator, or meet us in the gym at 9 am October 8th.

We are looking forward to your help!!

CONTACT INFO: Sherri cell: 641-430-3973

Sherri email: sherrifitzgerald1965@gmail.com

# DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR OCTOBER

This fall we are reading through some of the great Old Testament stories that we don't often get to hear. In order to enhance your worship experience, consider joining in our daily devotional readings.

10/1/2022 Read: Exodus 5:1-9
10/2/2022 Read: Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29
10/3/2022 Read: Exodus 15:1-10
10/4/2022 Read: Exodus 15:22-27
10/5/2022 Read: Exodus 16:1-16
10/6/2022 Read: Exodus 17:1-7
10/7/2022 Read: Exodus 17:8-16
10/8/2022 Read: Exodus 19:1-25
10/9/2022 Read: Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17
10/10/2022 Read: Leviticus 19:13-18
10/12/2022 Read: Deuteronomy 34:1-12
10/13/2022 Read: Joshua 1:1-11

10/14/2022 Read: Joshua 3:1-17

10/15/2022 Read: Joshua 4:1-9

10/16/2022 Read: Joshua 24:1-15 [16-26]

10/17/2022 Read: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 10/18/2022 Read: 1 Samuel 17:1-11 10/19/2022 Read: 1 Samuel 17:12-30 10/20/2022 Read: 1 Samuel 17:31-54 10/21/2022 Read: 2 Samuel 11:1-13 10/22/2022 Read: 2 Samuel 11:14-27 10/23/2022 Read: 2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9; Psalm 51:1-9

10/24/2022 Read: 2 Samuel 12:10-25 10/25/2022 Read: Psalm 51:10-19 10/26/2022 Read: 2 Samuel 23:8-17 10/27/2022 Read: 1 Kings 1:5-37 10/28/2022 Read: 1 Kings 1:38-53 10/29/2022 Read: 1 Kings 2:1-12 10/30/2022 Read: 1 Kings 3:4-28 10/31/2022 Read: 1 Kings 4:20-28

In addition to these Daily Readings, we are studying the Sunday Stories in Sunday School, Confirmation, and at our Wednesday Men's Breakfast. There will be other future opportunities to be engaged with this series in the coming weeks. Please watch your Bulletins, Journal, and our Facebook page for details!

#### **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 <u>641-425-2394</u> 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.

## 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! Singers will meet at 7:30 on Wednesdays to practice songs together. We will meet in the chapel. New singers are ALWAYS welcome!

#### **ALTAR GUILD**

There are 5 Altar Guild members who take care of communion, paraments and whatever else comes up. We could use more hands, it's not a tough job and you don't need any experience.

Please call Kathy, 425-9676 or Jeanette, 425-2410.

#### **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 <a href="http://www.stjamesmc.org/give-online.html">http://www.stjamesmc.org/give-online.html</a>
. Contact the Church office for more information.

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

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES ABOUND THIS FALL!

- WORSHIP SLIDES: Talk to Diane Francis or Pastor Sid for more information.
- <u>USHERS</u> are also needed for both services this fall. 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
- <u>SCRIPTURE READERS:</u> Talk to one of the pastors to sign up or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex

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!



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