



St. James Journal

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

September 2020
www.stjamesmc.org

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 AM Outdoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

Online Sunday School will be posted at 8 AM beginning September 20 and can be accessed any time through the day.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY!

Join us each Wednesday at 6:30 pm for an online Bible Study with Pastor Sid. Links are posted to Facebook each week.

You can also e-mail Sid at sid.bohls@gmail.com to have the link e-mailed to you or call Sid for more information.

We study the following Sunday's Scripture readings each week.

BUILDING USE POLICY:

The building is open for meetings of 10 people or fewer. Please call the Church office to schedule meetings.

The parking lot and courtyard are great places to hold meetings as well!

The building is also open for small funerals and weddings.

We currently are not able to host or have events using the kitchen.

The building is open Tuesdays-Fridays from 9-12. Please call if you need to come in at another time.

Discretionary Fund: In this time of great need for many in our community, we encourage donations to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, a fund that helps members out in times of need. Donations can be marked "Discretionary Fund." Gift cards for groceries and gas are also needed. Thank you!

WELCA FALL FESTIVAL



THE WELCA Fall Festival is going online this year.

This year's Fall Festival will be a Facebook Online Auction to be held
October 19, 2020 - October 25, 2020.

WELCA is in need of baskets, quilts, pies, gift cards/certificates, and other items to create theme baskets which we will assemble. Examples of items to donate include crafts, gift cards, kitchen items, jewelry, car care, meal in a basket, movie night, etc.

All donations can be taken to Christine Foth's home at 422 5th SE or we can pick up from you.

Please contact one of us if you have any questions! And watch for more details about our exciting online event. Thank you!

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St. James Care Team

Here at St. James Lutheran Church, we have a Care Team Ministry. One component of this Team is sending boxes of goodies to college students and military personnel away from home. This is a year of unknowns with this Covid Pandemic. We aren't sure what the year will look like. We pray for a wonderful school year and are able to still ship our boxes. We need help with this ministry.

Back in the Spring of 2014, Bob and I had a relative from UNI stay with us for a semester while she completed her student teaching here in Mason City. For Valentine's Day, she received a box of goodies from her home church with a note saying they were thinking of and praying for her. I realized, "Wow! We need to do that at St. James!"

During our first year, we sent out seven boxes three times and last year we increased that number to 18! We also tried something new at Christmas time: Sending a gift card instead of goodies. We've heard great feedback on all of our mailing from recipients. We need your help: Donations of goodies or money to buy the "stuff" and for postage would be greatly appreciated. We spend over \$150.00 for postage each time we ship boxes. We have been lucky to get Thrivent cards to help with the postage, but that's not a guarantee each year. We want these young adults away from home to know that St. James hasn't forgotten them. Prayerfully consider helping with the Care Team Ministry during this current school year.

Thank you and God Bless! For more information, contact: Kathy Follmuth at [641-425-9676](tel:641-425-9676), Gloria Hesley at [641-420-2967](tel:641-420-2967), or Jill in the Church office at: [641-423-4702](tel:641-423-4702), or stjamesofficemc@gmail.com.

If you would like to have your son, daughter, or grandchild who is away from home at college, or is serving in the military, to be a part of this Ministry, we need their address. Also, each year we ask for a \$10.00 donation from the recipients' families to help defray the shipping costs. Thank you!

VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

We had SO MUCH FUN with our Virtual VBS!

Let's keep the fun going!

Beginning on September 20, we will have Virtual Sunday School each week.

There will be online openings you can watch together, and kits distributed once a month with everything you need for each week's lesson. Much like VBS, these kits will also be available on our website.

We will gather online for the next several weeks. Hopefully, we can gather in person again soon! Please keep an eye out for any changes made to our schedule!

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Love Circle will meet at 7 on September 21 in the Friendship room. If there is a surge in cases at that time, we can cancel.
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HAVE YOU HEARD??? The NEW Montessori preschool and kindergarten, Kinderhaus, opened at St. James the last week in August.



This small learning center will have 8 students and is run by Kelsey Determan and Angie Hansen. They have contracted with St. James to use the classrooms across from the chapel. School is held on Tuesday-Thursday mornings. Welcome to St. James!

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DRIVE THRU HOLY COMMUNION:

Join us Sunday, September 6th and 20th from 2-3 PM for drive-thru communion. Please remember to wear masks and stay in your cars. After a prayer at your car window, we will share communion. The pastors will be carefully sanitizing between each car.



Our return to worship committee will be meeting this month to consider communion options during our outdoor service. We will post information about that as decisions are made.

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WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB:

We miss book club! And while we can't get together quite yet, we can start reading together! Our next book club selection is *Jen Hatmaker's brand new book "Fierce, Free, and Full of Fire."* You can order this book on Amazon or buy it locally at Target. Start reading any time and when we can safely meet again, we will start our discussion!



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CONFIRMATION CLASS:

Parents of 7th, 8th, and 9th grade youth:

We are excited for a new year of confirmation! Regular confirmation class begins on Wednesday, September 8 at 6:30 PM. More details about how the class will work will be given at our confirmation orientation meetings

Meetings will be held the first week in September regarding confirmation plans for the fall. We will meet outside weather permitting (in case of rain, we will meet in the gym). The meetings will be held on the following evenings at 6:30 PM:
9th grade: Tuesday, September 1
7th and 8th grade: Wednesday September 2
If you can't come on your scheduled night, please join us the other night, or call one of the pastors to schedule a time to meet. Thank you!

God's Work...Our Hands

God's work.
Our hands.



"God's work, Our Hands" is an ELCA Day of Service held annually throughout the country on the second Sunday in September. We will celebrate this day of service at St. James through the week of September 13.

We would like to help members and neighbors with outdoor and household projects for our week of service. We will also have several projects at the Church you can help with during the month of September.

If you are, or anyone you know, needs help with yard work or anything in your home, please contact the Church office by Wednesday, September 9.

We will send volunteer teams to homes through the week. ***If you are able to sign up to help with this week of service, please contact the Church office or one of the pastors.*** As soon as we have both the list of projects, and the list of people, we will assign tasks. Please sign up by Wednesday, September 9.

High School youth can earn silver cord hours for participation!

WAYS TO GIVE:

Thank you, Thank you for your continued support of our ministry and mission through these difficult months!

Weekly offerings can be brought to the outdoor service and placed in the box on the usher's table. They can also be mailed to the Church office. Or you can sign up to give online. Simply go to our website stjamesmc.org and sign up for online giving. Offerings can be recurring or one-time donations. Contact the office for questions on how to sign up!

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As you join us for outdoor worship, please keep the following guidelines in mind as we work together to stay safe:

- Our expectation is that persons attending must not be experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 as outlined by the CDC.
- All must use proper social distancing practices
- All in attendance are asked to wear a mask. We will have a small supply for those who may forget. This is to protect you and those who also attend.
- Offering box will be placed in a central location.
- Bulletin will not be distributed. An online option will be available as well as other options to ease following along.
- Please bring your own chairs. If you need assistance with your chairs or don't have one available, please ask an usher for assistance.
- Hand Sanitizer will be available to ensure proper hand hygiene.
- We will continue to have special music and recorded music for you to enjoy during worship.
- If it rains, the service will be cancelled.
- The bathrooms inside the main door will be available.
- Ushers will record who is at worship so we can inform you right away if there is a COVID case in our community.
- There is a designated area for those who wish to worship from their car.
- Drive through communion will still be available at times separate from the worship service.
- We will continue our online service for those who are not comfortable worshipping in public.

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