

St. James Journal

SEPTEMBER 2018

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2 SCHEDULE

8:30 AM

Potluck Breakfast

9:00 AM

Outdoor Worship

10:30 AM

Indoor Worship

Rally Day Schedule September 9

9 AM Worship

10 AM Program

11 AM Meal

FALL SCHEUDLE RESUMES SEPTEMBER 16

8 AM Worship

9:15 AM Bible Study

9:30 AM Worship

10:30 AM LIFT

11 AM Chapel

Worship

INTRODUCING THE MOVIE: "This Day Forward"



Plan on joining us on, **September 16th at 4 pm** for a special showing of the movie, "This Day Forward" here at the church.

This Day Forward is a faith based feature film inspired by the story of the Jensen Family as they are caught between the powerful pulses of faith and fear.

Mike and Jennifer Jensen are the good friends of our worship director, Bill Grant. In fact, watch for Bill in the movie!

The goal of this movie tour is to not only share this inspiring story but to help wipe out the Jensen's medical debt.

Stay Tuned for more details!

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 OCTOBER JOURNAL deadline is September 17 by 12:00 PM.

THE OCTOBER JOURNAL will be assembled on September 24 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!

WELCOME JENNIFER HANSEN TO THE ST. JAMES STAFF!

Jennifer is the new Building Supervisor.

You will find her here Tuesday-Thursday mornings, and Sundays, as well as some evenings. Join us in welcoming Jennifer!

FOOD PANTRY **LITTLE FOOD PANTRY:**

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.

ST. JAMES RUMMAGE SALE

will be SEPTEMBER 21 & 22 this year. Time to clean, organize or just get rid of that extra stuff you have laying around the house. Your junk may be someone else's treasures! You can bring your items to the gym during office hours. Thank you!

KOINONIA will meet Sunday, September 23rd at 5:30 pm in the Friendship Room for their Annual International Food Night. Bring a dish to share. Table service & beverages will be furnished. Bruce and Suzanne McKee will present a program on their trip to National Parks in Utah.

Everyone is welcome.

SENIOR SAINTS will meet every 3rd

Thursday of the month in the Friendship Room. Anyone (couple or single) who is retired or over 60 years old is welcome to enjoy the potluck and fun. Bring a dish to share and your own table service. We eat-laugh-play bingo-(white elephant prizes)-laugh-and have a good time.

Celebrations and Prayers: We would like to begin again to put Prayer Requests and celebrations in the Journal each month. Please contact the office when you have a prayer request (hospitalization, illness, death in the family, etc...) or celebration (birth, wedding, etc...) to be published! Thank you!

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Please contact the Church Office if you know of anyone hospitalized or in need of a visit!

WELCA & CIRLCE NEWS

ST. JAMES MEMBERS,

The Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELCA) need someone to help make phone calls to organize food and workers for funeral luncheons.

WELCA provides a lunch for families and friends after a funeral to help these folks celebrate their loved one's life and is quite a vital service!

The process is simple: You will share a list of names and phone numbers to call, and you ask those women to make a cake or salad and /or to help serve at the funeral luncheon. Your help is usually required once every three or four months and usually only takes a few hours of your time.

Please call or email your kitchen coordinator: Sherri Fitzgerald at 424-8847 or email me at sherrifitzgerald1965@gmail.com to volunteer to help with this vital service!

Thank you for offering your time and talents in this way. Sherri

DO DAYS QUILTING We will begin their season on September 4th at 9:00 am. If you would like to join us, you are very welcome. Just come every Tuesday of the month—we have all the equipment to cut squares, tie quilts or sew squares together. We are in need of bed sheets, any fabric or jeans. We have coffee break and goodies to eat.

LOVE CIRCLE will meet at Karrie Frenz's home(722 S. Louisiana) on Monday, September 17th at 7:00 pm.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP will meet on Sunday, October 7th at 9:00 am in the Board Room. All are welcome and learn what this ministry is all about.

CARE TEAM (Care boxes to kids away at college or in the service) Well, would your son, daughter, grandchild like a care box sent for Halloween? Please let Jill (in the office), Kathy Follmuth or Gloria Hesley know. We need addresses and a \$10 donation (for the year) to help cover postage. We just want these your adults to know that St. James hasn't forgotten about them!

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

Last month you read about our Fall Festival coming up. We want to remind you that we are seeking donations for our live and silent auctions. We are finalizing plans for the meal that day and other activities. 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!

ENOUGH STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN INTRODUCTION

Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

One of Jesus' great teaching parables involves a sower who cast seed along the ground. The sower hoped the seeds would sprout, grow, and bear good fruit. Some seeds did just that, producing a great harvest. But others, Jesus said, fell among thorns and, though they began to grow, these good plants were quickly choked out. Jesus said the thorns were "the cares of the world and the lure of wealth" (Matthew 13:22).

In a culture where having "enough" seems to have become a never-ending pursuit, Jesus' parable remains incredibly relevant. Many of us are chasing the American dream in ways that lead to stress, anxiety, and fear—thorns that can rob us of the ability to enjoy the abundant lives of purpose that God intended for us.

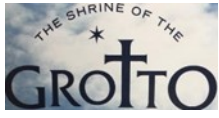
All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues that we cannot ignore. This is why, over the next several weeks, we will be having a churchwide study and worship emphasis called **Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity**. During this time we will explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management through corporate worship and small group study. We'll hear expert advice and stories about what others have learned by working through financial challenges. Each week we will provide you with some practical tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation. The small group study will occur on Wednesdays, starting September 19th. Additional details will be in the Sunday Bulletin and St. James website.

At the conclusion of the emphasis, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will consecrate these commitments in the worship service on two consecutive Sundays in November.

I hope you will join us in the coming weeks as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy.

ST. JAMES YOUTH AND FAMILY NEWS!

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



ROAD TRIP! The WHOLE congregation is invited to join us for a Road Trip to *The Grotto of the Redemption in West Bend* on Sunday, September 23. We will meet in the parking lot following the 9:30 service, and plan on leaving by 10:45. We will car pool and stop in Algona for lunch. You can either eat at a restaurant there, or bring a sack lunch along! We will have a tour of the Grotto and also a chance to look around and shop in the gift shop. ALL ARE WELCOME! Please join us! For more information about the Grotto, check out their website at www.westbendgrotto.com.



UNVEILING OUR BRAND NEW, EXCITING EDUCATION HOUR! This year, we are excited to introduce **Living in Faith Together (LIFT)**. LIFT will be held every Sunday at 10:30 beginning in September. 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!!

PRAYER BUDDIES is a new opportunity for the ENTIRE congregation to be involved in one another's lives through meaningful prayer, conversation, and fellowship. You should have received a letter about the Prayer Buddy Program in the mail. If you have not received one, please contact the Church office and we will get one to you! For more information, or to sign up, please contact Alyse Hesley or the Church office. We would love to see ALL of you sign up to make a difference in the life of our children and youth!



*Would you like to be a part of planning **YOUTH GROUP EVENTS** for Middle School and High School youth this fall??*

We are looking for YOUTH AND ADULTS to help plan the year! Join Pastor Jeni for a **PLANNING MEETING** on Wednesday, September 12 at 7:30 PM. If you cannot attend, but have some GREAT ideas or want to help, please contact Jeni. THANK YOU!

All I need is
A "LITTLE" BIT OF
Coffee
- and -
A WHOLE LOT OF
Jesus! :-)

Java and Jesus will begin Tuesday, September 4 at 8:08 AM at Cabin Coffee. Teenagers are welcome to join Pastor Jeni for conversations about faith and life (and coffee!) each week. Invite friends!

WEDNESDAYS AT ST. JAMES!



CONFIRMATION KICK OFF for 7th and 8th graders will be held Wednesday, September 5 at 6:15 in the gym. This is a required meeting for all confirmation youth and parents or guardians. If you are unable to attend, please contact Pastor Jeni to set up an alternate time. New confirmation participants are ALWAYS welcome. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining our program, PLEASE encourage them to attend the meeting on the 5th!

We need one more small group leader. If you are interested in serving in this way, please talk to Pastor Jeni!

9th GRADE CONFIRMATION: We only have a few short weeks until Confirmation Sunday on October 28! We will meet on WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 12 at 6:15 in the FRIENDSHIP ROOM to get the year started. This is a required meeting for all 9th grade confirmation youth and parents or guardians. If you are unable to attend, please contact Pastor Jeni to set up an alternate time.

ONE BEGINS on Wednesday September 12 for 4th-6th grade youth. Join us every Wednesday at 6:15 for a fun, faith-building youth group! Bring a friend!! All are welcome!

WOW will not be meeting in September. Watch for announcements about special events for our YOUNGEST youth group in upcoming weeks and months! If anyone would be willing to lead events for our pre-school-3rd graders, please talk to Pastor Jeni. Thank you!

Beginning September 12, the Wednesday evening schedule is:

5:15-6 Meals

6:15 Adult Bible Study, Confirmation, ONE

7 PM Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS, SEPTEMBER 2018

Served from 5:15 pm to 6:00 pm

SEPTEMBER 12

Walking tacos, soft tacos

Nachos and Cheese

Hot dogs

SEPTEMBER 19

(Rummage Sale prep in gym)

Meal served in Friendship Room

Party Sub

Chips

Fruit & veggies

SEPTEMBER 26

Pizza

Chips

Fruit & Veggies

MEAL DONATION

\$5.00 PER PERSON

All meals include lettuce salad, dessert, and beverages.

WELCOME BACK!

Let's have another awesome year!

~Sherri

BIBLE STUDY, LEARNING, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!



BRAND NEW WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY! Join us this fall for a study of the book "Present Over Perfect," a book about leaving behind the pressures of busyness and living a simpler life. Grab some coffee and a snack and join us at CABIN COFFEE Saturday September 8 and 22 at 2 PM. You can purchase a book on your own or sign up at Church to order one.

A NEW BIBLE STUDY, led by Sid Bohls, will begin at *Mason City Brewing* in September. Join us at **6:30 PM Thursday, September 27** for our first meeting. Invite a friend to join you for a relaxed time of fellowship and growing in faith.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES THIS FALL!

Sundays @ 9:15 Bible Study that meets each week

Wednesdays @ 6 PM Small Group studying various topics

Saturdays @ 2 PM twice a month—Book Study at Cabin Coffee

Thursdays @ 6 PM—Brewery Bible Study once a month

In addition we have TWO circles for women that meet once a month, as well as our Men's Breakfast.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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RALLY DAY will be held on Sunday, September 9 with ONE SERVICE at 9 AM. Pre-school and 3rd graders will *receive Bibles!* Following worship, we will have a celebration event in the gym for the whole congregation. Join us for a skit, songs, and fun activities for all ages. Prayer partners will also meet each other! At 11 AM, we will have meal together. BRING A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR and invite them to see the exciting ministry happening at St. James!

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

On Sunday, September 16, we will move back inside.

The schedule will be:

8 AM Traditional Worship

9:15 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Contemporary Worship (*please note time change*)

10:30 AM LIFT (*our NEW and EXCITING Sunday School!*)

11:00 AM Chapel Worship

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!

THANK YOU

A special thank you to all the members for your support during my 19 years on staff at St. James. It's been a real pleasure working for all of you.

Thank you for all the well wishes, cards, gifts and the special meal send off. I also want to thank all of you who gave your time and talent helping me through the years. I will miss working with you! Thank you to the Council and all our special staff, past and present. Bill

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF School Kits!

Please consider purchasing items for our LWR school kits.

In April we sent 54 school kits to LWR and we hope to meet or exceed that number next time.

Below is a list of items needed for the kits. They can be placed in the brown wicker baskets in the narthex.

- ~ 70 page notebooks (4 are needed for each kit)
- ~ Boxes of 24 crayons
- ~ Blue or black in pens (no gel pens) (5 for each kit)
- ~ No. 2 pencils (5 for each kit)
- ~ Pencil sharpeners
- ~ 12 inch rulers (centimeters on one side)
- ~ Blunt scissors (safety scissors will work)

(This year we do not need erasers as we have an abundance from last year.)

Thank you! WELCA Mission Action

Reader Schedule

Summer Schedule		9:00 AM	10:30 AM
September 2		Ann Sletten	Pastor
September 9		Mike/Colleen Syverson	Grant Bohls
September 16		Rhonda Paulsen	Carmen Madson
Fall Schedule	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
September 23	Jeanette Priebe	Linda Betels	Grant Bohls
September 30	Corrine Bolz	Destiny Hagenow	Pastor

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