

St. James Journal

SEPTEMBER 2019

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1 SCHEDULE

9:00 AM
Outdoor Worship

Rally Day Schedule September 8

9:00 AM
Outdoor Worship
10:15 AM
Carnival

FALL SCHEDULE RESUMES SEPTEMBER 15

8:00 AM Worship
9:15 AM Adult Bible
Study
9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Sunday
School & Adult
Sunday School with
opening in the chapel
11:00 AM Chapel
Worship

**CONFIRMATION
ORIENTATION** will be
held for 7th and 8th
graders on
September 4 at 6:15

Our first 9th Grade
meeting is **September
11 at 6:15.**

Parents are asked to
attend these first
meetings

From the Pastors:



Do you love music? Do songs and poetry sometimes speak what is in your heart?

Sometimes the language of lyrics is the quickest way to connect us with each other or with an important memory.

The book of Psalms is the book of music in the Bible, and we will be studying the

Psalms during our new adult Sunday School class this fall. In the Psalms, we hear the music of ancient Israel, expressing the emotions, fears, longings, and faith of the human experience. The book of Psalms include anger, peace, passion, longing, and an ever-changing encounter with God.

Sundays at 10:30, we will discuss the power of music and lyrics in expressing our own emotions and experiences. We will explore some of our favorite songs and the ways they carry meaning. In the same way, we will look at the Psalms in the Bible, and the way they express the emotions and experiences of the people of ancient Israel, as well as their connection to our own feelings today.

Grab some coffee and join us each Sunday at our new adult Bible study. Blessings on you all. —Pastor Sid and 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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

If you are new to St. James and not familiar with this ministry or wondering about the awesome display in the narthex, provided by Alf Larson, here its some info for you.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry was started here at St. James in October of 2009, so we are celebrating 10 years! In that time we have given out 337 shawls to church members, family, friends, neighbors, of all ages, here in Mason City or across the country.

The ministry is supported by the congregation in 3 ways:

1. Those who receive the shawls are lifted up in prayer (we pray over shawls about once every six weeks or so)
2. Together we need many willing hands to knit, crochet and pray over finished shawls (and we have had a few tied-fleece shawls donated by kids)
3. Individuals generously donate money or yarn to support the mission (we have yarn available and there are patterns on the display for crocheting and knitting)

So, who can give or receive a shawl? Anyone is encouraged to give a shawl away if the Holy Spirit is leading you to:

- Comfort someone who is grieving
- Encourage a person dealing with a medical condition
- Help someone struggling with a difficult relationship
- Celebrate a birth, marriage, or other life event
- Letting a person know that God loves and cares about him or her

GIVE THEM A SHAWL! IT IS A HUG FROM GOD!

Prayer Shawls are freely made and given in God's love. No one is ever charged for receiving a prayer. Once we get shawls finished, they will be available in the narthex. Just sign the book and record who is receiving the shawl.

KITCHEN CLEANING HELPERS NEEDED

We are cleaning the church kitchens on Monday, September 9, starting at 4 pm.
Please call or email me if you can lend your pair of helping hands
to do a little scrubbing!

Home: 641-424-8847 Email: sherrifitzgerald1965@gmail.com

Thanks, Sherri

**FALL OFFICE
HOURS
RESUME ON
SEPTEMBER
9TH.
Mon.-Fri.
8-2 pm**

**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 OCTOBER
JOURNAL** deadline is
September 23 by 12:00
PM.

**THE OCTOBER
JOURNAL** will be
assembled on September
30 at 10:00 AM.
*Please call the church office
if you are able 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 would like to donate a quilt, wall hanging, table runner, etc. please contact Jeanette at 425-3019 or Kathy at 425-9676. Watch for more info coming soon.

SENIOR SAINTS Will meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 5:00 pm 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.

WELCA MEETINGS We will be meeting at 6:00 pm, the second Tuesday of each month.

DO DAYS QUILTING We will begin their season on September 3rd 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 We will meet on Monday, September 16th at 7:00 pm at the church. Have you been thinking “what’s a circle?”, “do I have to do a lesson?...no!” Come check us out, all are welcome!

LOVE CIRCLE BINGO We play bingo at Good Shepherd on Wednesday, September 25th.

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. With another school year upon us, 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!”



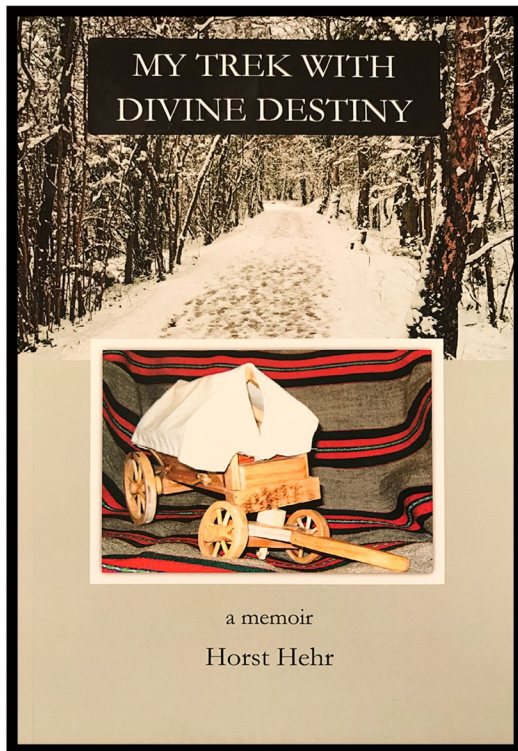
During our first year, we sent out seven boxes three times and last year we increased that number to 18! We also tried something new at Christmas time: Sending a gift card instead of goodies. We’ve heard great feedback on all of our mailings from the recipients.

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, Gloria Hesley at 641.420.2967, or Jill in the Church office at: 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!

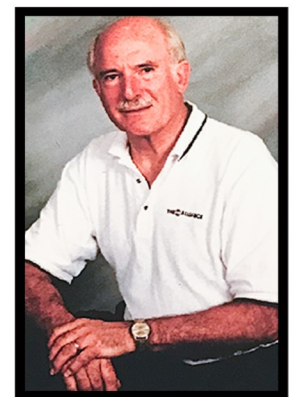


Author and Pastor
Horst Hehr
will speak at
St. James
Lutheran Church
at 6:30 pm
Sunday, Sept. 29
ALL ARE WELCOME

Pastor Hehr will talk about his life experiences beginning with his birth in Alt-Posttal, Bessarabia, a German settlement in Russia in 1938. Hear about how his family was expelled and deported to Poland during World War II. This was not the only time his family was forced to move and lost virtually all of their possessions, leading to their eventual immigration to the USA. During his lifetime, Pastor Hehr has shared his story and heard other stories from parishioners, patients, and their families.

Horst Hehr is a retired hospital chaplain and is still active in interim ministries, pulpit supply, and winter ministry in Arizona. He has a Master of Divinity degree and was a Certified Chaplain and Fellow of the College of Chaplains of the American Protestant Hospital Association. He and his wife, Jean, live in Mason City and winter in Arizona.

Pastor Hehr will be available to sell and sign copies of his book.



IT'S TIME FOR RALLY DAY!!
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8



RALLY DAY EVENTS

9:00 AM: Outdoor Worship

*We will hand out SPARK Story Bibles to preschool children and Good News Bibles to our 3rd graders and anyone older who hasn't received one.
 We will also install Sunday School teachers.*

10:15 AM-12 Carnival

Carnival will include games, music, food, dunk tank, bouncy house and all sorts of fun!

**YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO INVITE FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO JOIN US
 AS WE KICK OFF A NEW YEAR OF LEARNING AND GROWING IN FAITH!**

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

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Our new Sunday School year begins September 15. We are returning this year to regular Sunday School classes at 10:30. We are in need of teachers . We also need helpers for each Sunday School class. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor Jeni or Pastor Sid or a member of the Education team. Thank you!

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YOUTH AND ADULTS are encouraged to join us on TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3 at 5:45 PM as we **canvass the neighborhood** with fliers inviting people to Rally Day. A Sunday School teachers' meeting will be held at 6:30.



WEDNESDAYS AT ST. JAMES!

CONFIRMATION KICK OFF for 7th and 8th graders will be held on WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4 at 6:15 PM. This is a required meeting for new and returning youth AND parents. If you cannot make it, please contact Pastor Jeni to set up an alternate time!

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 11

5:15 pm Meal
6:00 pm Small Group Study
6:15-7:30 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Watch for more information about our other Wednesday Youth Programs for all ages beginning in October!

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS SEPTEMBER 2019

Meals are served from 5:15 - 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall

All are welcome!

SEPTEMBER 4
Confirmation STARTS
NO MEAL

SEPTEMBER 11
Walking tacos, soft tacos
Taco dip
Nachos and Cheese

SEPTEMBER 18
Spaghetti
~ with meat sauce
~ Alfredo sauce
~ butter noodles
French bread

SEPTEMBER 25
Chicken ranch wraps
Chips

MEAL DONATIONS:
\$5 per person

*All meals include lettuce salad, dessert, and beverages
Come one, Come all...
and join in Wednesday fellowship!*

YOUTH GROUP NEWS



BONFIRE

On September 22, 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!

BIBLE STUDY, LEARNING, AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

OUR MONTHLY WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB will meet at ***CABIN COFFEE*** on ***September 7th.*** We will finish our current book. Watch for announcements about our NEXT BOOK and MEETING DATES in upcoming bulletins and our Facebook Women's Ministry group. We will begin our new book in October!

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 SEPTEMBER 12 AND 26TH. 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!

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

JAVA AND JESUS will move to **WEDNESDAYS** after school beginning on September 4! We will meet at Cabin Coffee at 2:30 PM. Java and Jesus is for High School students. Join Pastor Jeni or Pastor Sid for conversation, prayer, and sharing life together. *Join us on the 4th and we will buy your drink!*

BIBLES will be given to pre-school aged children and 3rd graders on RALLY DAY SUNDAY during our 9 AM worship. All in pre-school (and kindergarten-2nd graders who haven't received them) will receive a SPARK Story Bible. 3rd graders (and anyone older who hasn't received a Bible) will receive Good News Bibles. You will be invited forward to receive your Bibles during the service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS will meet on Tuesday, September 3rd at 6:30 pm. We will hand out curriculum and talk about the year. Come early to canvass the neighborhood with Rally Day fliers! We will meet at 5:45 pm to do that.

RIVERSIDE SUNDAY

We will devote a Sunday to celebrating our legacy of camp ministry on September 29. During worship we will sing camp songs, give thanks for outdoor ministry, and hear from people who have participated in camping ministry. On Wednesday, September 18, all youth who have attended Bible camp this summer are invited to a 5 PM meeting to plan the worship service.

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.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF School Kits!

It's already getting to be the time of year when school supplies will be going on sale. Please consider purchasing items for our LWR school kits.

Last year we sent 51 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)
- ~ 2 inch erasers

Thank you! WELCA Mission Action

SEPTEMBER READERS

Summer Schedule	8:00 am	9:30 am	10:30 am
September 1	No Service	9 AM Cindy Rumeliote	No Service
September 8	No Service	9:00 am Dave Frenz	No Service
Fall Schedule	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
September 15	Rich Tompkins	Ann Sletten	Grant Bohls
September 22	Donna Martin	Mike Fitzgerald	Gene Larsen
September 29	Corrine Bolz	Linda Betels	Pastor

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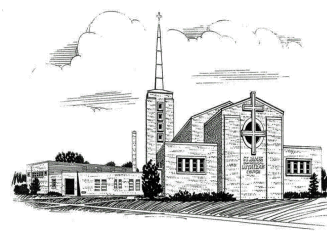
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