

# St. James Journal

Our Mission Statement:

*"We Proclaim and Practice Christ's Love"*

September, 2022

[www.stjamesmc.org](http://www.stjamesmc.org)

## Office Hours:

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

## Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

September 11: 9:00 am Outdoor  
Worship, with carnival to follow

Sept. 18 and 25: 9 AM Indoor  
worship, with activities to follow  
(check out the Journal, the weekly  
blast and bulletin, and our Facebook  
page for more information about  
these activities!

*Worship services will be  
live-streamed.*

Confirmation Orientation  
for 7th-9th grade will be  
held at 6:30 PM on  
Wednesday, September 7th.

## 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.**

## A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

This year, we will embark on a "Journey Through the Bible" based on the Narrative Lectionary. We will be following stories in chronological order, beginning with the creation story this past weekend, continuing with Noah on September 11 and then following some of the important stories in the Old Testament through the fall.

Our worship services will include these stories, as well as songs, skits, and other worship activities to help us learn more about these stories, where they fit in the Biblical Narrative, and what they mean for our lives today.

In addition to our worship services, you are invited to participate in this Journey through the Bible in other ways as well. There will be a list of daily Bible Readings printed in the Journal each month, and in the bulletin each week. We encourage everyone to read these every day and pray/journal about them if you are able. There will also be opportunities for Bible Studies and discussions based on our Sunday readings and your daily devotions.

Our 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation classes will be studying these texts each week and we will also have an opportunity for our younger youth to participate in a mid-week Bible Study/Youth Group where we will dive into these texts more.

On September 4, we heard the story of the Beginning. The story of when God began to create the heavens and the earth. We heard how God created the earth good. We celebrated creation with a beautiful outdoor service and the blessing of animals.

As you prepare for worship on the 11th, we encourage you to read the first 5 chapters of Genesis. Hear what happened to the world God created good. See what events led to the floods. And then join us on September 11th, RALLY DAY, to learn more about the flood, the ark, and God's new promise to the world.

Then find in this Journal the list of daily Bible readings for September 12-30 and join us as we embark on this journey. As we open the pages of Scripture more and hear how God is speaking to us, we pray that we will all grow in faith and knowledge and learn to love and serve this world God made even more!

# *St. James Community*

## VISITS AND PRAYERS

### Remembered in our prayers:

Dan Nonnweiler, Leslie Johnson

**Our deepest sympathy to:** The family of Phyliss Rosendahl, the family of Wes Dahl, the family of Bonnie Lewerke, the family of LaVonne Jones

### **The Hospital is now allowing clergy to visit.**

Due to privacy laws, there is no longer a list we can check. PLEASE 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.

## THANK YOU

The past three months have been a difficult time for our family. Thank you to everyone who sent John get well wishes while he was in the hospital at Mercy One in Mason City, and again when he was in the hospital at the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City. We are so grateful for all of our friends, church family, and extended family who attended John's Celebration of Life Service.

Thank you for all of the thoughts, prayers, cards, calls, visits, food, memorials, both monetary and flowers and plants.

Thank you to the Choir and Koinonia for serving the family Brunch and the refreshment time after the funeral. Everyone has provided us with so much support and many memories to cherish and keep in our hearts forever. Everything was so much appreciated.

God's blessings to all.

Donna Martin

Andy, Julie, Kirk, Kaleb, and Brent Martin

Beth, Scott, Becca, Mady, and Michael Hockey

Chris, Mandi, Pearl, and Field Martin

Steven, Katie, and Dory Martin

## *"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 this fall for a Support Group for those experiencing loss. This small group will gather at 6:30 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 <http://www.stjamesmc.org/>

***We will begin on Thursday, September 15 at 6:30 PM.***

# St. James News

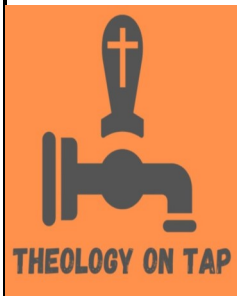
## THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for your cards, gifts, and expression of happiness to us as we celebrated our 50th anniversary. It was all appreciated very much. Thank you and God bless you all! ~Don and Jeanette Priebe

## THANK YOU

Besides my daughter and her whole family, I'd like to thank Bob Follmuth, Bruce McKee, and Dave Jacobson for all their help on the pavilion. It was greatly appreciated! ~Don Priebe

***The Church thanks Don Priebe for ALL of his hours and work on the outdoor pavilion! We can't wait to begin using it!!***



Join Pastor Sid on TUESDAYS IN SEPTEMBER for ***THEOLOGY ON TAP***, a time for conversation, refreshments, and fellowship. ***We will meet on September 13th and 27th at 5:30!*** Brix is located at 106 S. Delaware in Mason City.

## CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

7th-9th Grade families: Confirmation orientation will be held on Wednesday, September 7th at 6:30 PM. All groups will start together before separating into grades. Regular confirmation classes will begin on September 14th at 6:30 PM.

For questions or to schedule an alternate meeting time, please contact one of the pastors. Thank you!



## **RALLY DAY! SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11!** ***God's Promise never fails!***

Join us on Rally Day, Sunday September 11 for a morning of worship and fun!

Worship will be held at 9 AM. We will begin our "Journey Through the Bible" with the story of Noah

Following worship, join us for a carnival with games, face painting, food, music, and lots of activities, including a dunk tank (weather permitting!) as we welcome a NEW SEASON at St. James!

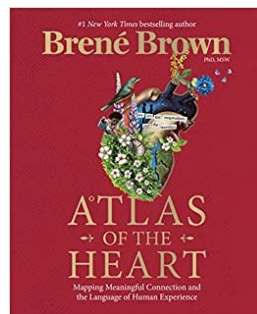
Haven't been in awhile?? Consider this your ***WELCOME back home! And BRING A FRIEND to join you!***

During worship, SPARK Story Bibles will be presented to pre-school children (3 and older) who haven't yet received one. Good News Bibles will also be presented to those 3rd and older who have not yet received them.

SUNDAY School will begin September 18 with a service activity for all ages. On the 25th, we will have a fellowship activity for everyone. Regular Sunday School classes will begin in October. Watch the October Journal for times. If you would like to teach this year, please contact Kathy Grant or Pastor Jeni.

You can register for Sunday School at <http://www.stjamesmc.org/sunday-school.html>

## **BOOK CLUB**



Join us on Saturday, September 10th for our Women's Book Club! We will meet this month at **2 PM** at Church due to Cabin Coffee's new hours. Refreshments will be provided. We are continuing the book "Atlas of the Heart," by Brené Brown. ***NEW MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!***

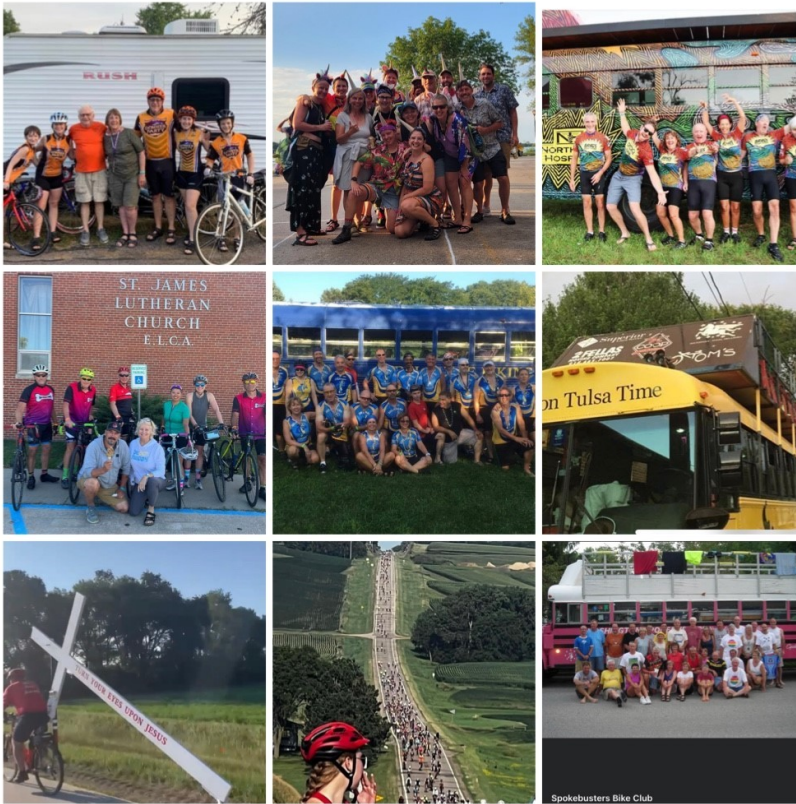
## RAGBRAI 2022

Thank you to everyone for helping with RAGBRAI 2022

It was certainly a St. James community effort!

We are so appreciative for the tremendous amount of food, supplies & monetary donations we received to make this happen. Much appreciation for those who helped in the kitchen preparing, cooking, chopping, and serving the meal! Bravo to all the pie bakers & bar makers! Thanks for preparing the shower room and making it such a clean and inviting place to clean-up. We are so grateful for those artistic people who made creative signs and posted them along the route! Thank you to those who prepared the grounds, raking, trimming, & hauling away debris so that we could host 366 campers. Kudos to the grillers for amazing tasting pork chops! This was truly an act of service.

The stories that follow attest to this.



RAGBRAI rider-

I meet a lot of riders who don't have a strong faith or go to church. He wished all of them could have been at our church, because they would have seen a "Spirit filled church, full of God's Love"

RAGBRAI rider-

I helped a young 22 year old women last night who came to our church because she was lost, she felt safe coming to a church for help. She was scared, she had lost her group, needed a little food, a place to rest, and a phone charge. After I had spent the afternoon visiting with the people of your church, I felt confident that it was ok in giving her all those things. Thank you for being such a safe and generous place. Your church people are great!

RAGBRAI rider-

How much for showers and bathroom? No charge.  
How much for camping? No charge.  
You guys are amazing and gave a generous donation

RAGBRAI rider-

We were here in 2014, it was great then & it is great now! You people sure know how to make us feel welcome and boy can you bake pies!! And I would appreciate it if you would tell me who baked the cherry pie because.... I'd like to propose to her!! HAHAA

To the congregation-

We super appreciate the hospitality of St. James Lutheran Church. It was over the top good: the beautiful grounds, the wonderful dinner, the showers, coffee delivered to our tent site in the morning (wow!), and most of all the friendly conversations with volunteers. We truly felt welcome! You guys are living the gospel. You rock! Greg Team Omaha

### **ST JAMES CARE TEAM**

Here at St. James, we have a Care Team Ministry. One component of the 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 that at St. James!"

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.

Watch the journal for the dates we'll be sending boxes. We'll need help with expenses, goodies, gift cards, and money for postage. This can be a "whole congregation project".

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](mailto: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 the Ministry, we need their address. Also, each year we ask for a \$10.00 donation from the recipients' family to help defray the shipping costs. Thank you!

### **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

We will be praying over shawls on Sunday, September 11th.

If you are interested about this ministry at St. James, stop in the Fireside Room. Time to dig out your yarn, needles and hooks. Yarn is available, ask Kathy Follmuth.

### **DO DAYS NEWS**

The Do Days quilters have been working all summer, thanks to the air conditioning. Anyone can join us on Tuesday mornings at 9 am. If you can cut, sew, organize, iron, tie, laugh, or if you have no experience at all, you are always welcomed.

We also can use sheets for liners of backs on our quilts. Just leave them on the stage. Thank you!



If you know of a military vet who would enjoy a patriotic quilt, call the office and let Jill or Kathy Follmuth know.

### **PRAYER SHAWL PIZZAZZ!**

Thursday, September 15 at 10:30 am  
Courtyard of Trinity Lutheran Church  
213 N. Pennsylvania Ave. Mason City

We will gather for fun, fellowship, and inspiration as we encourage one another in the ministry of sharing the love of God with those in need of healing and support.

If you have an extra Prayer Shawl (or five or six :) and would like to donate them to the Spiritual Care ministry at MercyOne North Iowa, we invite you to bring them. Call Kathy Follmuth by September 7th if you are interested. 641-425-9676) She'll call in the lunch orders.

We had a great time last year, Lunch and Prizes too!

### **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF school kits!**

We are still collecting items for school kits! Last fall we sent 37 school kits to LWR and we hope to meet or exceed that number this year. This year the truck will pick up our school kits on October 10. Below is a list of items needed. They can be placed in the brown wicker baskets in the narthex or on the bench inside the gym door.

- 70 page notebooks (4 are needed for each kit)
  - boxes of 24 crayons
  - blue or black pens (no gel pens) (5 are needed for each kit)
- No. 2 pencils (5 are needed for each kit)
  - pencil sharpeners
- 12 inch rulers (centimeters on one side)
- blunt scissors (safety scissors work well)
  - 2 and 1/2 inch erasers

Thank you!! WELCA Mission Action

# *Daily Bible Readings*

As part of our Journey through the Bible, we will be giving you a list of Daily Bible Readings each month. We encourage you to read these each day, spend some time in prayer, and write down any thoughts or questions you have about them. Please contact us with those questions or join us for Bible Studies and discussions as the year continues.

Here is your list of readings for September:

September 4-10—Genesis 1-5 (*to hear the first part of the story!*)

September 11: Genesis 6:5-22, 8:6-12, 9:8-17

September 12: Genesis 9:18-29

September 13: Psalm 93

September 14: Psalm 104:1-9

September 15: Psalm 104:24-35

September 16: Genesis 11: 1-9

September 17: Genesis 11: 26-32

September 18: Genesis 12: 1-9

September 19: Genesis 18:1-15

September 20: Genesis 21: 1-8

September 21: Genesis 25: 19-34

September 22: Genesis 33: 1-15

September 23: Genesis 37: 1-24

September 24: Genesis 37:25-36

September 25: Genesis 39: 1-23

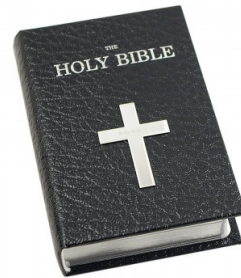
September 26: Genesis 41: 1-13

September 27: Genesis 41: 14-45

September 28: Genesis 47:1-12

September 29: Exodus 1: 1-14

September 30: Exodus 3: 1-17



## **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT ST. JAMES!**

**Join us for the RETURN of our WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES at St. James beginning in September**

**Confirmation** begins with a parent/student orientation on September 7 at 6:30. Classes begin September 14 at 6:30.

**Chancel Choir** begins on September 14 at 7 PM

**WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS RETURN** on September 21! All are welcome to join us for a meal and fellowship. Watch the bulletin, weekly blast, and Facebook page for menus!

St. James YOUTH AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO join us for **YYG (Younger Youth Group)** beginning **Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30!** YYG is a youth group for all school age children in kindergarten-6th Grade. We will be learning new Bible stories, along with lots of fun activities! Contact Pastor Jeni for more information!

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!*

# *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!

## **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 <http://www.stjamesmc.org/give-online.html>

. Contact the Church office for more information.

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

**CHOIR** will begin on Wednesday, September 14th at 7 PM. New members are always welcome!!

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES AROUND THIS FALL!**

- VOLUNTEERS are needed to work on SLIDES FOR WORSHIP. Talk to Diane Francis or Pastor Sid for more information.
- USHERS are also needed for both services this fall. Talk to Leonard Johnson if you are able to help.
- Contact Bob Grant if you are interested in working on our LIVE STREAM CREW!

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## **JOIN US FOR GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS DAY ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AT 10 AM.**

We will be working on a service project as a congregation immediately following worship. All ages and skill levels are encouraged to attend! Watch the weekly blast and our Facebook page for more information about how you can serve!

There are a handful of "God's Work, Our Hands" t-shirts available in various sizes. Those will be available for your to pick up (first come, first serve) along with "Live Generously t-shirts, on September 11 during worship or the carnival, or during the week. Please take one and wear those on our Sunday of Service!

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