



St. James Journal

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

September, 2021
www.stjamesmc.org

Office Hours:

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

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship

9 am Outdoor Worship
(weather permitting)
Service will be streamed
live online

In case of technical difficulties,
the online service will be
uploaded later in the day.
*Bulletins are now available at
worship. We will also continue
to email them.*

10 am Sunday School

2021 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.

FALL YOUTH MINISTRY!

EDUCATION!

BIBLE STUDY!

FELLOWSHIP!

FUN!

TUESDAYS

7:30 AM Java and Jesus—HIGH SCHOOL coffee with
pastors at *Cabin Coffee*—join us for conversation about
faith and life! **Beginning September 7!**

9:30 AM Toddler Storytime—1-5 year olds join Pastor Jeni
for story and play time. **Beginning October 5**

October Theme: Falling into God's love!

3:30-4:45 PM—**BLAST** (Bible Learning And Sharing
Together)—a new youth group for kindergarten through
2nd graders (suggested age group). **Beginning October 5**

Schedule: 3:30-3:45—gathering time

3:45-4:45—Lessons, games, and fun!

October Theme: Friendship

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 PM **Confirmation** for 7th, 8th, and 9th Grade

September 8—7th/8th Orientation

September 15—9th Orientation

September 22—Regular classes begin

6:30 PM **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!** A youth group
for 3rd-6th grade! (suggested age range) **Beginning Oct. 6**

Fall Theme: ***Weird and Gross Stuff from the
Bible!*** Join us as we explore messy, weird, amazing
stories in Scripture! Invite friends!

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You are invited to a
PRAYER SHAWL PICNIC!

Please extend this invitation to *all* the other members of your church's Prayer Shawl ministry team!

Date: Tues. September 21, 2021 at 10:30am

Place: Courtyard of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Address: 213 North Pennsylvania Ave., Mason City, IA 50401

(In the event of rain, we will meet inside the church and masks will be required).

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 two and would like to donate them to the Spiritual Care ministry at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center, we invite you to bring them with you.

We *will* need your reservation because of the box lunch that will be provided, thanks to a Thrivent Action Grant.

Please call Trinity Lutheran Church 641-423-0536 no later than Thursday, September 9, so that the lunches can be ordered through "The Lunch Box" at Affordables Marketplace.

The box lunch will be: Sandwich, chips, pickle, pasta salad, cookie and water.

Here are your Sandwich choices: Ham and Swiss, Turkey and Colby, Cheese, or Lettuce Wrap with Ham and Turkey.

We look forward to seeing you on September 21!
Beverly Butler, Chaplain, MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center
Becky Elsbernd, Parish Nurse, Trinity Lutheran Church

You can call Kathy Follmuth for reservations. 641-425-9676.

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 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

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!

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

To the family of Norma Helland; the family of Richard Nelson; the family of Glen Allen.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

David and Molly Drenth; Mary Goeken; Carol and John Meyer; Tom and Patti Wetter; Sam, Lindsay, and Olivia Wetter; Sarah, Kason, and Karlie Dickerson. We are so happy to have you join us as we proclaim and practice Christ's love together.

LIVING WATERS CLUSTER

September 18th at 8:30 am.

We will be having a Fall gathering at St James Lutheran Church.

Our featured speaker will be

Kim Dickey from
Global Health Ministries (GHM).

LOVE/HOPE CIRCLE

will meet at 10:00 am on September 20th.

DO DAYS NEWS

Thank you for your generosity of sheets and fabric!!

At this time we are overflowing with material and are not in need of anymore.

We will put out a pleas when we need more again.

Thanks so much !!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

is every Wednesday at 7 AM.

Join us for a light breakfast and Bible Study on the Sunday Scripture readings.

SERVICE OF PEACE AND HOPE

You are invited to a Service of Peace and Hope on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 at 6:30 PM as we remember the 20th Anniversary of 9/11. Join us for this Service of Scripture and Song as we pray for peace in our world and hear God's call of love.

RETURN TO CHOIR AND WORSHIP BAND

Watch your WEEKLY BLAST and BULLETINS for information about a return to Chancel Choir and worship band. Practices for both will begin soon!



BONFIRE and GAME NIGHT

For Middle School and High School Youth
Sunday, September 26
4-6 PM

Hot dogs, Smores, and games on the lawn!



ASSIGNED OFFERING ENVELOPES

are sitting in the board room for pick up.
If you would like to be assigned a box,
please call or stop by the church office.

Thank you for your continued support of our
ministry at St. James! Offerings can be received
on our web-site: www.stjamesmc.org
at the "give online" tab, where you can sign up
for one-time or recurring donations.
Offerings can also be mailed to the Church office
at 1148 4th St SE, Mason City, 50401.

COMMUNION WILL BE HELD

only on the first and third Sundays of the month.
*If you are not comfortable with in-person worship or
unable to attend and would like to set up a
communion time, please contact one of the pastors!*

SUNDAY MORNING DONATIONS NEEDED

If anyone is willing to donate small bottles of water
and juice boxes/pouches,
we would greatly appreciate it. Thank you!!!

GREETER & USHERS NEEDED

We are working on scheduling greeters & ushers
for the fall.
If you're interested please contact Diane or Tim
or Jill in the church office.

**HOME, NURSING HOME, AND
HOSPITAL VISITS**

If you, or a family member, would like to schedule a
visit with Pastor Sid, please contact him or the office
to set that up.

2022 YOUTH GATHERING

will be held July 24-28 in Minneapolis!
All youth in grades 8-12 are eligible to go.
We will be having informational meetings soon
to begin the registration process and talk about
fundraising. Please watch your weekly blast
and bulletins for dates and times.
Talk to Pastor Jeni for more information.

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Rocky Railway
Jesus Power Pulls Us Through!
Sunday School Fun!

Join us for an incredible time
Learning all about Jesus' amazing power to pull us through
all of life's challenges!

Lots of music and games; stories and skits; sciency gizmos and hands on learning!

Note to parents: some of our hands on maybe messy. Send your kids in play clothes and safe shoes.

We will meet each Sunday beginning on September 19th at 10 AM to discover how God will help us in everyday life.



Rally Day
September 12

Welcome Back to another year of fun and fellowship!
Worship begins at 9am followed by lots of fun activities for all ages!
Games, music, food for the entire family!
We look forward to seeing everyone there!

SPARK Story Bibles will be presented on September 12 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.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES
REGISTRATION FORM

Register for Sunday School and Mid-Week Programs using this form. Print off as many as you need or send the information online. Forms can also be found on our Church website and may be filled out electronically.

Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade in School: _____

Parent Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: (best number to reach you): _____

Is texting okay at this number: Yes _____ No _____

E-mail Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Phone Number: _____

Programs we are registering for: *Check as many as apply*

- _____ Sunday School (Sundays at 10 AM) (1st-6th Grade)
- _____ Sunday School Helper (Sundays at 10 AM) (Middle School/High School)
- _____ Toddler Story Time (Tuesdays at 9:30 AM)
- _____ BLAST (Bible Learning and Sharing Together—suggested K-2nd Grade) (Tues.: 3:30-4:45)
- _____ Wednesday Night Live (suggested 3rd-6th Grade) (Wednesdays at 6:30 PM)
- _____ Confirmation (Wednesdays at 6:30 PM)
- _____ Middle School/High School Youth Groups (Sunday evenings 1-2 times per month as advertised)

The Church has my permission to use my child's pictures on Social Media and/or the Church Website:

_____ Yes _____ No

Signed: _____

Dates to remember:

Java and Jesus begins September 7.

7th and 8th Grade Confirmation begins with orientation on September 8.

9th Grade Toddler Storytime and BLAST begin October 5.

Wednesday Night Live begins October 6.

Confirmation begins with orientation on September 15.

Sunday School begins September 19.