

The Visitor - March 2020



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Greetings St James,
 Our Cottage Meeting notes are still posted in the lounge because the Church Council looks to them each month to see if there is anything that can be addressed that month.

Here are some of the concerns we are attempting to address:


- Christmas Music: We intentionally added extra Christmas hymns to be sung during the Season of Christmas. This season runs from Christmas Eve to the Sunday before Epiphany.
- Not singing all the verses for long songs: There are many songs that have been shortened to just a few verses. Please note the bulletin Order of Worship to see if a song has been shortened for the day. Also, music is chosen to match the Scripture readings of the day. So, if there were verses that did not match the Scripture message for that day, we shortened the song.
- Sing songs that are more modern: We are restricted by licensing laws, so we use the music we have a license to use. There are licenses available that we could buy, but these cost more than you might think. We are looking into those possibilities and the kind of music offered. Additionally, the publisher for the ELW (our current hymnal) will be putting out a supplement by the Fall of this year. We are waiting to see a sample of the music.
- The church is too hot or the church is too cold: This is another of those times when we can't please everyone, so we are trying to please, at least, the majority. Protocols have been implemented to set the thermostat a few days in advance so we reach a desired temperature by Sunday morning. We simply ask that we do not have a lot of hands trying to turn the heat up or down, as this messes with the programming.
- The slides are hard to read: Our Technology Director, Tim, has been working with Anna to enhance the slides so they are easier to read. We welcome feedback.

- We get bored with the same Liturgy: We try to change the Liturgy with liturgical seasons, but I am pleased to announce that after Lent we will begin to learn a new Liturgy that we have not done before. It is a fun liturgy. I look forward to it.


The Church Council and the various committees have addressed quite a few other concerns. This current update addresses some of the “in-house” concerns, but we have, also, been engaged in quite a few evangelizing/ outreach and other concerns. However, if I listed them all in this issue of the Visitor, the Visitor would double in size. I will speak about additional things we are busy working on in the April Visitor issue. Stay tuned and take the opportunity to read the Council reports.

Until then, please keep talking with your council members and myself. Healthy open dialogue is key to us building our future. Please remember, change and new programs take time.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Martha



At Work at St. James God's Plans...Our Hands



Type of Outreach/Fellowship	October
Hospital Visit	3
Communion Visit	2
Prayer Shawl	1
New Member	1
Summit Worship	3
Pastoral Lunch	1

Please send us the stats for what you would like to report each week, so we can recognize the great work done by St. James members.

EDUCATION

THURSDAY STUDY GROUP

Led by: Susan Thornton

Due to last month's weather and cancelation we will be finishing up the 19th century on **March 5th**. More denominations were forming as each group tried to follow their own version of what the Bible said. Our reference books are The 100 Most Important Events in Christian History by Curtis, Land and Petersen and Turning Points by Mark A. Noll as well as other sources. Please plan to join us in the sanctuary at 1:30pm on the first Thursday of each month.

ADULT FORUM

Led by Pastor Martha and Laura Trombley

We will continue our Lectionary Bible Study of the readings for each Sunday. Come join us.

WORSHIP NEWS


MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

Our Mid-Week Worship will be Holden Evening Prayer with a Lenten dialogue featuring the voices of God, James, Judas, Peter, Pilate, Barabbas, Dysmas, the Centurion, and Mary. Join us each Wednesday at 6:30pm.

OUTREACH

NOISY OFFERING:

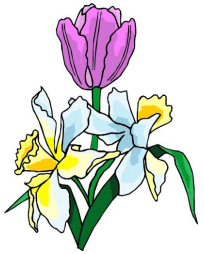
Thank you for your Noisy Offering on Sunday, February 16th of \$231.94 that will go toward the AWARE Shelter. Thank you for your generosity!



Mark Daily will be our temple talk speaker on **March 8th** for Jackson County Animal Shelter. March's Noisy offering will be on **March 15th** and will go to Jackson County Animal Shelter. Don't forget to bring your loose change and make a joyful noise.

WORSHIP NEWS

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS



Easter Flower Orders will be due on **Sunday, March 22nd**. Watch for the order forms soon. This year's flowers options will be:

Lilies \$9.75	Hyacinth \$12.00
Tulips \$12.00	Daffodils \$16.00
Azaleas \$28.00	Hydrangeas \$28.00

JUST FOR FUN



"Both my parents have given up cake for Lent, so if there's any cake to be eaten, I guess it's up to me."

FELLOWSHIP

EASTER BRUNCH



Please join us on **April 5th**, Palm Sunday for an Easter Brunch. Ham will be provided. Watch the Board for a sign up sheet for sides, salads and deserts.

MID-WEEK SOUP SUPPERS

Sign-ups are posted for Mid-Week Soup Suppers. We still need more soup makers; please add your name and your soup to the list.



Join us for soup at 5:30pm on Wednesdays beginning March 4th. Don't forget to bring your bowl and silverware. Also keep an eye open for information regarding a luncheon this spring.

Who are we?

We are a grace centered family of faith... We are friends and family and think we know each other very well. But there may be things about each of us that no one knows. So, Church Council has decided to implement a fun game. Each month we will feature little known things about a member and see if we can guess who that person is.

Our first person: Who am I?

I love Brussel Sprouts (called them Martian heads when I was little)

I think naps are good for you

I prefer Spring and Summer over Fall and Winter

Six nights out of seven I have a different favorite TV show I like to catch

I sing to my pet

My first car was a 1977 Silver Mustang Hatchback with red pin-striping and red interior

I have moved seven times

My mother's maiden was Rolando (yes, dramatic, animated and fiery Italian blood running through my veins but none of the cooking skills)

Who am I? If you think you know who I am, whisper it in Pastor's ear.

Servant List –March 2020–April 2020

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Greeter(s)	Nancy DeGryse	Help Needed	Jeanne Thomas	Mike & Sara Tackett	Chuck Thor
Ushers	Neil & Melinda Robb	Jim Souder & Joyce Anderson	Chuck Thor & Help Needed	John Reynolds & Roy Kelly	Jim Souder & Joyce Anderson
Assisting Minister	Laura Trombley	Laura Trombley	Pat Reynolds	Deb Schroeder	Deb Schroeder
Reader	Laura Trombley	Joyce Anderson	Lynn Eckerle	Deb Schroeder	Becky Stevick
Projectionist	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed
Fellowship Time	Pat & John Reynolds	Help Needed	Mike & Sara Tackett	Help Needed	Help Needed
Counters	Mike King & Pat Reynolds	Jim Souder & Mike King	Kristi Laird & Sara Tackett	Karen Dale & Rae Anne Tolonen	Jim Souder & Mike King
Altar Guild	Pat Reynolds	Pat Reynolds	Sara Tackett	Laura Trombley	Becky Stevick
	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26	
Greeter(s)	Rae Anne Tolonen & Ida Anderson	Karlyn Blank	Joyce & Bill Anderson	Becky Stevick	
Ushers	Neil & Melinda Robb	Jim Souder & Joyce Anderson	Chuck Thor & Help Needed	John Reynolds & Roy Kelly	
Assisting Minister	Laura Trombley	Laura Trombley	Pat Reynolds	Deb Schroeder	
Reader	Deb Schroeder	Deb Schroeder	Jack Noren	Becky Stevick	
Projectionist	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	
Fellowship Time	NOT Needed—Easter Brunch	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	
Counters	Mike King & Pat Reynolds	Jim Souder & Mike King	Kristi Laird & Sara Tackett	Karen Dale & Rae Anne Tolonen	
Altar Guild	Laura Trombley/Pat Reynolds	Pat Reynolds	Sara Tackett	Becky Stevick	




St. James Lutheran

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Adult Forum 2:00pm – Summit Worship	2	3	4 5:30pm – Soup Supper 6:30pm – Lenten Worship	5 1:30pm – Thursday Study Group	6	7
8 9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Adult Forum	9 9:00am – Prayer Shawl Group 9:00am – Church Council	10	11 5:30pm – Soup Supper 6:30pm – Lenten Worship	12 5:30pm – Worship/Music Meeting	13	14
15 Noisy Offering 9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Adult Forum	16	17	18 5:30pm – Soup Supper 6:30pm – Lenten Worship	19	20	21
22 9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Adult Forum 2:00pm – Summit Worship	23	24	25 5:30pm – Soup Supper 6:30pm – Lenten Worship	26	27	28
29 9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Adult Forum	30 9:00am – Women’s Breakfast	31	1 5:30pm – Soup Supper 6:30pm – Lenten Worship	2	3	4



3/02 Terri Swihart
 3/08 Jeanne Thomas
 3/13 Carol Mueller
 3/25 Sara Tackett



3/21 Jeff & Rae Anne Tolonen (11)
 3/22 Tim & Emily Ernst (6)



Worship with us:
Sundays at 9:30 a.m. – Worship Service with Holy Communion

Staff Listing:

Rev. Martha Porter-Reid	Pastor
Anna Pedrotte	Parish Administrator
Tim Ernst	Tech Director
Jim Skrocki	Organist
Jan Lehman and Robin Vogel	Custodians

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