

This Week at Saint James

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February 7/8, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW On Thursday, February 19, the Johnston Partnership has its annual One Big Table Fundraising event. It is from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn. It includes a social hour, dinner, music, and both a live and silent auctions. For more information go to www.johnstonpartnership.org/one-big-table.

NEW Thank you to members of my St. James church family who kept my brother Bruce and family in your prayers during his illness and since his death on January 16th. Your expressions of sympathy, cards, calls and hugs have been heartwarming and uplifting to me during this difficult time. Carol Gannon

Wednesday Weekly Schedule:

- 6:00-6:25—Community Meal for all (including students, parents, congregation, visitors, etc.)
- 6:30-7:00—Worship in Sanctuary and GROW (preschool-5th) education in classrooms
- 7:00-8:00—Confirmation, High School (ABIDE), and Adult Bible Study

The Valentine's Day Pasta Dinner is almost here! Join us on Saturday, February 14, at 6:00 p.m. for a delicious meal of salad, pasta, breads and desserts. Water and lemonade bar are provided, or BYOB. This event is perfect for singles and couples; the cost is \$50 per person, and all proceeds will go towards the cost to attend the 2027 National Youth Gathering. Please sign up here to attend: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044AA4AF22A7F58-61828128-valentines#/>

State Senator Matt Blake will be with us during Fellowship Time on Sunday, February 15, for a legislative update. Representative Eddie Andrews has been invited for another date.

**"Marked by repentance,
Gathered in hope, Given in love."**

We invite the wider Johnston community to walk this way together—across three nights, three spaces, and one shared story of grace at 7pm each night.



Lutheran Day on the Hill, February 26, 2026, 9:00AM - 3:00PM!

Location: Capitol Hill Lutheran Church, 511 Des Moines Street. Register by **Wednesday, February 19th:** <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/aytp9g4>

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Isaiah 58:1-12 – read responsively Pulpit Side/Candle Side

Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

**Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.**

Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
**as if they were a nation that practiced
righteousness**

**and did not forsake the ordinance of
their God;**

they ask of me righteous judgments;
they want God on their side.^[a]

"Why do we fast, but you do not see?

**Why humble ourselves, but you do not
notice?"**

Look, you serve your own interest on your
fast day

and oppress all your workers.

**You fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.**

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

**Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?**

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

**Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?**

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
**to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?**

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your
house;

**when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own
kin?**

Then your light shall break forth like the
dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator^[b] shall go before you;

**the glory of the Lord shall be your rear
guard.**

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say,
"Here I am."

**If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking
of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.**

The Lord will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
**and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.**

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many
generations;
**you shall be called the repairer of the
breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.**

John 4

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

When the two days were over, he went from that place to Galilee (for Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in the prophet's own country). When he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, since they had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the festival, for they, too, had gone to the festival.

Then he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had changed the water into wine. Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you [m] see signs and wonders you will not believe." The official said to him, "Sir, [n] come down before my little boy dies." Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." [o] The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way. As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive. So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, "Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him." The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." [p] So he himself believed, along with his whole household. Now this was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Prayers of Intercession

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home. Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world. We remember for our friends in the Ivuga Parish.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

What's Happening

February 4-6

• Wednesday	10:30am	Chair Yoga
	6:00-6:25pm	Community Meal for all (including students, parents, congregation, visitors, etc.)
	6:30-7:00pm	Worship service for people of all ages in Sanctuary
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Thursday	9:00am	Women's Coffee Group at Saint James
	4:00pm	Hope Agency Cheer practice

February 7-13

• Saturday	5:00pm	Worship In-Person & Facebook Live
• Sunday	9:30am	Worship In-Person & Facebook Live
• Sunday	10:30am	Fellowship
• Monday	9:00am	Bible Study
	10:30am	Chair Yoga
• Tuesday	7:00am	Men's Breakfast Group at HyVee
	9:00am	Online Bible Study (Connect Here)
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Celebrations February 7-13:

Birthdays: Carla Henry, Linda Kramer, Lori Burgess, Mitch Henry, Tammy Baumgarten, John Bargman, Marlene Rohlf, Sawyer DoBraska, Joseph Derry, Troy Wright

Anniversaries: None

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