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Facebook

Saint James Lutheran has a Facebook page and presently has 548 followers of what we post. The Council would like to try to spread the word about the great things going on at Saint James by raising the number of followers to 1,000 over the next several years.

Could you spare a few seconds by “Sharing” every Facebook post you receive from Saint James with everyone you are “Friends” with?

All you have to do is click on the word “Share” when you get a Saint James post and everyone you are friends with will see it too. Maybe you have a friend looking for a church or looking for a Spiritual connection? Maybe seeing/reading what Saint James does and who we are can help them? If any of your friends like or share your post, then Saint James reaches more and more people with one click of your mouse.

With this Indirect Evangelism, you are spreading God’s Word and Saint James’ work with one click!!!



Education

Creation Celebration VBS!

- June 17-20, 9:00-11:30 a.m.
- St. Paul Presbyterian Church, 6426 Merle Hay Road, Johnston
- Preschool-5th Grade

Register here: <https://forms.gle/vvoXTtgJYCKaAuQ7>



Or scan the QR code:

Volunteers appreciated:

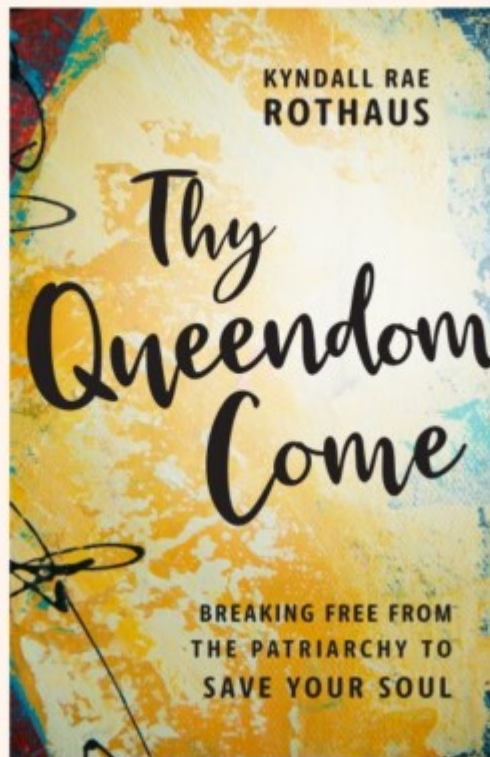
- Preschool room
- Group guides (lead kids to each activity)
- Center leader (lead an activity/craft/game)
- VBS work nights:
 - May 22 & 29, evening time TBD
- VBS decorate:
 - June 15, 9:00 a.m.

It is not necessary to be available the whole week. We would love to have you join us any day you can. Grades 6-adult welcome to volunteer; please contact Rebecca if you would like to participate in this fun week (education@stjamesjohnston.org).

Stay tuned for supply donations sign up!

CONNECTED BY FAITH

SPRING 2024



We will meet at Saint James from 6-7pm on:

April 8

April 15

April 22

To sign up please email Kristin at kristin.hacker@gmail.com

Feel free to invite your family, friends, neighbors (any female aged 18+)

We LOVE newcomers!!!!

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SIGN UP!

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ORDER YOUR BOOK

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ATTEND

4

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, GREAT CONVO

Amazon.com (\$10.77)

sign up
w/kristin.hacker@gmail.com

4/8, 4/15, 4/22/2024

SAVE THE DATE

**ANNUAL
SERVICE
DAY**

Saturday May 4, 2024

9 AM - 8 PM

Throughout the DSM Area
6th-12th Graders WELCOME!

**WE WILL NEED CHAPERONES AND
DRIVERS. CONTACT
KRISTIN.HACKER@GMAIL.COM TO
VOLUNTEER**

More info to come early April

Let's Talk About Israel & Gaza

As we listen to the grim news of death and destruction coming out of the Holy Land, people of faith are deeply troubled. We wonder what led to this harrowing war between Israel and Gaza, how it is affecting the world, and how we can respond faithfully as followers of Christ.

Please consider joining Rev. Christine Cowan and Rev. Russell Melby, from the Synod Working Group (formerly Peace Not Walls), as we explore these questions in a forum on **April 14 at 8:30am at Saint James Lutheran Church.**

We will enjoy a light breakfast together and the speakers will be available after worship during fellowship time.

We look forward to seeing you!

HOW TO DO
Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga

We have had a wonderful response to our chair yoga ministry with up to 24 people attending our classes.

Chair yoga provides benefits for those who are limited in their ability to perform movements without stability and support.

In general, yoga can help manage stress, symptoms of depression, and relieves anxiety. It can also boost your mood, and quality of sleep.

All are welcome to join these fun classes (yes, even men)! We meet Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30am for approximately 30-40 minutes.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda steward@stjamesjohnston.org or 515-276-0134.



Worship Servant Schedule

Special THANK YOU TO EVEVERYONE for participating in our New Servant Schedule at Saint James for 2024. The 1st quarter has gone surprisingly well. Just a reminder, here is how the new rotation is working this year.

- 26 Assisting Ministers serve approximately once every 3 months for Saturdays and Sundays. These 26 volunteered to be assigned.
- Greeters and Ushers were assigned for Saturdays and Sundays randomly based the service you usually attend and serve approximately once or twice per year.
- Acolytes will be assigned on Sundays based on family input.

We know assignments don't always work. Sometimes you will be sick or out of town.

Sign-Up Genius will send you a reminder of your date to serve.

Again, thank you for your generous spirits as we try something new!

If you are unable to participate in this schedule, please let Linda know at steward@stjamesjohnston.org



We Need Your Help!

Saturday April 20 starting at 8:30am

Come for an hour or two

Many hands make light work

Qualifies for Silver Cord hours

Finance & Stewardship

APRIL 1, 2024, Saint James Financial Update

<u>Through February 2024:</u>	Actual	Budgeted
Operating Fund Contributions	\$120,450	\$121,993
Operating Fund Expenses	\$80,240	\$82,456

(Contributions fluctuate during various times of the year, while expenses are mostly level from month to month. March results will be available the first week in April.)

Saint James Fund Balances:

Operating Account	\$42,318
Capital (Building Mortgage)	\$117,082 (Monthly Mortgage payment \$10,273)
Designated Funds (8 Funds)	\$112,181 (Largest is Reserve Fund \$78,150)
Youth Fund	\$11,161
Endowment Fund (with ELCA)	\$44,896

Included in the Designated Funds is the Tanzania Roof Project which has raised well over \$10,000.

The Treasurer meets multiple times each month to review bills and sign checks and the Council reviews the income and expenses each month at their Council Meeting. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you for your generous financial support of the Staff and Programs of Saint James Lutheran.

The Council and Staff have been discussing both Stewardship and Evangelism with the thought that Stewardship is more than financial contributions, and Evangelism is more than preaching the Word to others. Stewardship is the daily responsible care of something entrusted to you. Evangelism is the daily sharing of God's Word and Work, in both direct and indirect ways.

Watch and listen for more information from the Staff and Council about Simple Ways to be a Good Steward and a Faithful Evangelist in your daily lives!

Jerry Wylie, Treasurer

Mother's Day

P E A C E

LUNCHEON

Sunday May 12th

1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Honoring Palestinian Mothers

Christians Reclaim the Anti-War History of Mother's Day

Event Includes: Meal, Music, Children's Activities
and Presentation by Rima Kapitan,

Palestinian American Attorney and Mother

Meal Catered by Mo'z Mediterranean Grill

Cost: Free Will Donation

Sponsored by Iowa Christians for Palestine
Questions: Contact pastor@downtowndisciples.org

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