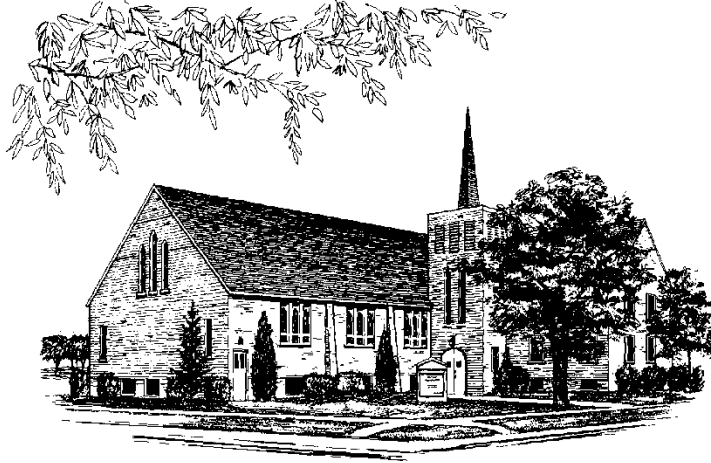


**St. James Newsletter  
September 2022**



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**September 2022 Newsletter**



**Hello to everyone! Welcome to September at St. James UCC! We are excited for you to join us as we begin our Sunday School Year again! We look forward to our upcoming activities here at church so we can see more faces at worship service as we hope more of you can join us in person each week! Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates....**

**A few dates to keep in mind coming up!**

**SEPTEMBER 4 – WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:45 A.M. WITH HOLY COMMUNION, 10:45 A.M. COFFEE HOUR**

**SEPTEMBER 5 – LABOR DAY**

**SEPTEMBER 7 – 9:30 A.M. RUGS & QUILTS, CONFIRMATION, CONFIRMATION CLASS 6:30 PM.**

**SEPTEMBER 11 – RALLY SUNDAY!! WORSHIP AT 9:45 A.M., SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:45 A.M., COFFEE HOUR 10:45 A.M., 11:00 A.M. MAGICIAN SHOW FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY & PIZZA TO FOLLOW IT!**

**SEPTEMBER 12- “PEOPLE’S BREAKFAST” AT THE MAINLINE IN DOWNER, MN 8:00 A.M.**

**SEPTEMBER 14– RUGS & QUILTS 9:00 A.M., CONFIRMATION CLASS 6:30 P.M.**

**SEPTEMBER 17- WOMEN’S GUILD BAZAAR**

**SEPTEMBER 18 - WORSHIP SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION AT 9:45 A.M., SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:45 A.M., COFFEE HOUR AT 10:45 A.M.**

**SEPTEMBER 19 - “PEOPLE’S BREAKFAST” AT THE MAINLINE IN DOWNER, MN 8:00 A.M.**

**SEPTEMBER 21– 9:30 A.M. RUGS & QUILTS, CONFIRMATION CLASS 6:30 P.M.**

**SEPTEMBER 25 – WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:45 A.M., SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:45 A.M., CATCH-UP AUCTION AT 11:00 A.M.**

**SEPTEMBER 26 - “PEOPLE’S BREAKFAST” AT THE MAINLINE IN DOWNER, MN 8:00 A.M.**

**SEPTEMBER 28 – 9:00 A.M. RUGS & QUILTS, CONFIRMATION CLASS 6:30 P.M.**



**SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY**



Barrera, Murphy---USAF

Barfield, Beau---USN

Sam Sherwood—MARINES

Garza, Mario---US

Owen Jerald --US ARMY

Dalton Flaten—US ARMY



If you, or anyone you know, would like to have holy communion at home or a home visit, please contact the church office and Pastor Jim will make arrangements to stop over.



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1—MYA ASKEGARD        | 13—HEATHER LEINEN       |
| 1—NATHAN LEVERSON     | 15—MATT CARTER          |
| 2—SHANE EGGE          | 15—ALEC WHEELRIGHT      |
| 2—TAYLOR ERNST        | 15—ALYSSA ERNST         |
| 2—CADEN ERNST         | 16—FRED JANSSEN         |
| 3—DWIGHT AFFIELD      | 17—TRISTA AMES          |
| 3—BLAKE WALLACE       | 18—JESSEE JERGER        |
| 4—JENNIFER BERG       | 18—SHAUN ERNST          |
| 6—CAROL SEEFELDT      | 18—JOSEPH MARK          |
| 7—MACKINZIE LEVERSON  | 19—LINDSAY CHRISTIANSON |
| 9—KEVIN ERNST         | 19—CLAIRE GOEBEL        |
| 9—GERALD PALMER (102) | 20—JACOB ANDERSON       |
| 9—TABETHA FENNER      | 25—JILL IVERSON         |
| 10—JANET ROGERS       | 27—SHARON SUCH          |
| 10—GARRETT ANDERSON   | 27—TAMMY ANDERSON       |
| 10—TYLER HOOKER       | 28—TREVOR KRUEGER       |
| 10—ROWYNN JERGER      | 28—ELIZABETH HOLLAND    |
| 12—DARIN MULCAHY      | 29—JOSEPH THOMSSEN      |
| 12—DONNA BRATON       | 30—ROBERT ERNST         |
| 12—SHELLY STANTON     | 30—DANA BERG            |
| 12—KATIE JERGER       | 30—ZACHARY BOHMER       |
| 12—MARLA FIELD        |                         |
| 13—BRIAN FIELD        |                         |
| 13—THATCHER IVERSON   |                         |

If there are any birthday or anniversary dates omitted or wrong, please let the office know. Thank you.



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| 3—Robert & Sharon Hovland | 22—Alex & Trista Ames         |
| 10—Chad & Jolyn Jegtvig   | 23--Randy & Wendy Affield     |
| 17—Jacob & Hailey Grosz   | 24—John & Marcia Hough        |
| 18—Erica & Shaun Thomssen | 29—Michael & Danielle Holland |
| 21—Scott & Heather Leinen | 30—Dean & Brenda Cypher       |

## A Message from the Interim Pastor's Office....

As St. James gears up for a full agenda of fall activities- I truly hope that we find the necessary people to coordinate and serve. Notice, how I didn't use the term "volunteer." Oftentimes, when a person is considering whether to volunteer at church they see it, as the act of giving up their personal time, talent, gifts and resources. Perhaps, it would be better to refer to those people choosing to serve in our church as "servants;" called by God to serve and love one another. Interestingly, in the Bible the word "volunteer" is used only three times while the word "servant" is used over 1,000 times. A "servant" does what their master tells them to do. Jesus said in Matthew 20:28 "just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Paul tells us, "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." (I Corinthians 11:1).

We need more servants in the church; people who feel committed rather than obligated, to lead a Sunday School class, to lift their voice in the choir, to be involved in our community food pantry, be engaged in our Catch Up Auction, join with our Outreach Committee in promoting the Neighbors in Need offering, read scripture in the worship service and.....

Let us partner with God, in making St. James a super-active and caring congregation committed to growing in Christ- individually as well as collectively; always welcoming and engaged in our community. God bless.

**--Interim Pastor Jim--**

### **Prayer Shawl**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is a program in our church being implemented under the auspices of the Board of Trustees. The following paragraph is part of what will accompany the shawl: *Praying with a prayer shawl is intended to be a reminder of God's ever-present love, which is always a part of you. Wear it in times of private prayer whenever you feel the need to feel closer, to be wrapped in God's loving care. Wrap the shawl around your shoulders, or drape it over your lap, or put it over you when resting- whatever makes you feel comfortable.* If you know of someone that is in need, please contact Beryl Janssen, Irene Schenck, Eleanor Siggerud or the office.

**Board of Trustees Minutes**  
**August 8, 2022**  
**7:00 p.m.**

The St. James UCC Board of Trustees met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Aug 8, 2022

**Call to Order:** The Trustee Board meeting was called to order by Moderator, Chuck Anderson.

**Members present:** Chuck Anderson, Bob Hovland, Jim Martodam, Ione Hammer, Wanda Odness, Bob Holland, Kristal Rick and Sawyer Ernst. **Absent:** Paul Randall, Greg Odness

**Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to adopt the agenda as presented by Ione, seconded by Kristal. Motion carried.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve the Secretary's report by Robert, seconded by Wanda. Motion carried.

**Office Manager's Report:** Tammy provided reports and was present to explain and answer any questions.

Inflows for the month of June were \$9011.50 and for July were \$5914.50. Expenses for the month of June were \$11,272.84 and for July were \$11,385.76. Motion by Jim to approve the report seconded by Robert. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Jim provided a report. Confirmation class will resume on Aug. 31, 2022. Confirmation will be held Oct. 2, 2022. Pastor will be gone for an extended vacation from Oct 6 – Nov 17, 2022. He suggested a vision letter from the board of trustees. Some members agreed to help him with this letter and send out to the congregation. Motion to approve the Pastor's report by Robert, seconded by Wanda. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**A. Committees Reports**

1. **Staff Parish** – No report.
2. **Diaconate** – Met the same time as this meeting.
3. **RE Board** – Report included.
  1. **Buildings & Grounds** – We have hired Mike Riddle to fix the eave troughs and gutters, but he is waiting on a piece that was ordered. We need someone interested in trimming the lawn areas the remote mower cannot cover. Sawyer agreed to talk to the Krueger boys to ask them to do it once a month. Kristal agreed to weed around the building. The track lighting above the Pastor needs to be adjusted so he is not in a darker area in the video each week.
  2. **Finance Committee** – No report.
  3. **Search Committee** – Cindy had a young seminary student that was interested but is unable to drive. The board discussed at length and decided it is too hard in a small community like ours to access public transportation.
  4. **Kitchen Committee** – Have not heard anything further from the Architect. Have talked to Jed Peterson and Randy Thune about the project.

Motion to approve all Committee reports by Jim, seconded by Robert. Motion carried.

- B. AV Guidelines Update** – No activity this month.
- C. Keypad for Lock/Unlock for all doors** –Fargo Glass & Paint visited in June – there are two options. Need to follow up with them.
- D. TV Monitor for Pastor to view at back of church** – TV has been purchased. Kristal will talk to Jerry Johnson about installing a mount once it is purchased and about adjusting the track lighting over the pulpit.
- E. Catch-up Auction Auctioneer** – We still need to find an auctioneer for this event. If members have any leads, please let the board know. They will continue to search. The auction will be moved to a week later, Sunday, September 25th after the service, so the Bazaar can be moved up to the earlier weekend to coincide with the community garage sales. The board plans to offer burgers for lunch once again – will talk to Jerry Johnson about preparing like he did last year.
- F. Sidewalk on West Side of Church.** - More discussion on replacing the sidewalk. Mud-jacking was done in the 80's to try to avoid the water running in the west side. We need to replace it when work is done on the kitchen, but it may need to be done sooner if that work does not begin this year. Chuck will talk to Jimmy Lindholm about it.

**New Business:**

- A. Cemetery Report** – Cemetery Board member, Ken Kolding Jr was present to meet with the Trustees. He asked the board to approve a bid from JB Land Improvement to remove the tree line, remove stumps that have been cut. The bid was for \$4490 and includes a \$500 donation/discount. Having this cleared will allow more room for expansion and approximately 140 more lots. Motion to approve up to \$5500 for the bid and some extra for any contingency expenses by Rober, seconded by Bob. Motion carried. Ken also stressed the need to have the property surveyed. Some members had checked with the city and Cemetery Association and no survey is available. Motion to pay up to \$2000 to have the property professionally surveyed by Wanda, seconded by Kristal. Motion carried. These funds are to come out of the Cemetery Fund for this purpose. The board was able to view the official map spread out on the table and have a lengthy discussion about the other needs for the cemetery, having the well checked, a new well-house, possible easement for an alley on the outside rather than between two rows, an area for cremation plots or a cremation wall, a new map of the cemetery and signs for no dumping.
  - 1. Letter from Grace Haskins to be addressed – She had donated \$1200 for tree trimming and removal had been done and is satisfactory. However, the headstones of two infant graves are sinking and she would like to see those fixed. Robert agreed to talk to Duane Rossett to see if he can pour concrete to hold the stones.
- B. Potato Days** – Kitchen help still needed on Saturday from 2-10 pm. Wanda has been scheduling people. Help is also needed to tear down the booth that night. She will give the list to Pastor before leaving town prior to the event. All members should please consider working a shift at the booth to make this an entire church family event and fundraiser.

- C. **Other – Summer Activities Update** – The table at the Community Picnic was a success. All the flashlights were given out and 120 Ice Pops as well and it put St. James out in front of the Public. However, the big screen movie night on July 28 that had been moved inside and scheduled to start at 7:30 pm, was set up, popcorn made, and drinks provided, but only four Trustees members to work the event attended that evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Pastor Jim led the closing prayer.

Next meeting: **Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristal Rick, Secretary

**RE Board Meeting**  
**Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**11:30 a.m.**

**Present:** Denise Fredericks, Cathy Olson, Rita Nosal, Dianne Cihak, Deb Levenson

**Absent:** Jenna Crabtree

**Treasure report:** \$9,056.15

**Old Business:**

**Pizza Stand:** profit was \$1214.04

Thanks everyone that helped out in any way.

Your help is greatly appreciated !

**Noisy Coin:** May n June collection of \$200

Will go to Helpers.

- First Sundays in September N October will go the the local food pantry

**New Business:**

**Rally Sunday:** September 11<sup>th</sup>

- There will be entertainment for everyone. A Magician from South Dakota! There will also be pizza served for lunch.
- **Potato Days Food Booth** - please consider helping out!

**Next Meeting: Sunday September 4, 2022**

Submitted by Deb Levenson, secretary

**Join us!**

**If anyone you know is interested in joining us as a member at St. James UCC, we would LOVE to have them!** All are welcome at any time to be a member of our church family. Should you or someone you know have interest, please let the office or Interim Pastor Jim Wilson know. Consider it and spread the word to those whom you know!

***Diaconate Meeting***  
***Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>***  
***6:30 p.m.***

**Present:** Rylee Anderson, Mary Lien, Ardys Randall, Brad Hammer, Taylor Karger, Pastor Jim  
**Absent:** Philip Rogers, Scott Erdmann, Kya Anderson

**STANDARD ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:**

Balance: \$389.00

1. Cards – Pastor Sending
2. Baptisms – 0
3. Weddings - 0
4. Funerals – 0
5. Communion- .
6. Greeters-
7. Home Communion – Pastor Jim making calls/contacts.
8. Ushering-
9. Worship-
10. Alter Roses –
11. Coffee Hour-

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **When we have volunteer greeters, please show them to welcome everyone and help guide them through the process of what we do**
- **Pews: Keep them clean by taking old envelopes out and encouraging new people to fill out information, refill the pews with new member cards and put them in office if you see one filled out**
- **Replacement for Jen: moving forward the same by filling in during her months until we find a replacement**
- **Communion: continue to use communion cups (disposable), check inventory and replace when needed**
- **Continue to assist in finding names and numbers of church members for updated information**

**Motion to adjourn meeting made by Brad H. and seconded by Don C.**

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Taylor Anderson



Mark your calendars for our **St. James Women's Guild Fall Bazaar, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022** in Fellowship Hall! Many craft items, rugs, and quilts available for purchase as well as baked items! Stay tuned for more information!





**Rally Sunday is SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>! Let us begin a FUN YEAR of Sunday School Classes building friendships and FAITH together!** We will have information forms to be filled out on each child that day as well. You can also send an email to the church office if you will not be able to attend on Rally Sunday and we will have them available for you at a later date! **We will also be having a Magician Show at 11:00 a.m. for ALL to see!** Information regarding magician also in the newsletter. **We can't wait to kick off our 2022-2023 Sunday School Year!**



**The annual St. James UCC "Catch Up Auction" is scheduled for Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall! MARK YOUR CALENDARS and begin making or preparing to donate items to be auctioned off at our Catch-Up Auction!** It is always great **FUN and FELLOWSHIP** and it is a big help to catch up on finances after our summer months. Donations of almost anything, new, baked, crafted, created, grown, and more are all taken! You can bring items into the church early for all to get a sneak peek if you wish. So, **MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO JOIN US, GRAB YOUR BIDDING NUMBER and have some FUN! Watch for more details to come!**

**Services can be viewed at:** Link to the church's YouTube channel to view. Use this link to see all the past videos: <http://rcl.ink/LPT> or link to the live stream: <http://rcl.ink/5an> **Visit Us on Facebook, St James UCC**, for updates and photos on what we have been up to and also for upcoming dates and events!



**Exciting news for those of you who have Barnesville Cable! You can now view our worship services on their Channel 12!** Our services will be from the week before and can be seen on Channel 12 on Sundays at 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.! Check it out!



### **SPECIAL PRAYER IS NEEDED**



Judy Siggerud	Abby Hough
Kaiser Schonert	Shirley Aberle
Ashley Seykora	Jerad Egge
Janelle Roggenbuck	Matt Holland
Leigha Ness	Angie Harrison Marquardt
Gerry Palmer	Stephen (Doc) Dockter
Kyle Anderson	Dave Egge
Sharon Hovland	Harold Schenck
Christopher Cox	Gwen Tumberg
Heidi Ackerson	Kristin Grommesh
Mary Iverson (Rosie's Niece)	Kristine Crabtree
Matt Huntington	Angie Hovland

And all who are affected or have been affected with COVID-19 virus or other struggles in life.

*(If you know of someone you would like on the prayer list, would you please get permission from them or their family, as some people are very private.)*



**Are you looking for a way to support St. James and its many ministries? SecureGive, our automatic giving site, provides an excellent way to ensure that our church remains financially strong. Call the church office if you need help in setting it up!**



### **Automated Giving**



St. James has implemented the options for online and mobile giving with a credit or debit card! **Give it a try!** Here is how:

**Online:** Visit the St. James website at <https://www.stjamesuccmn.org> and click on the “give” button in the upper right-hand corner.

**Mobile:** Visit the app store and search for **SecureGive Vision**, and download it. The first time signing up, the church must be chosen.

Search for St. James United Church of Christ, as there are several St. James churches around the country. Once the church is selected, the donation information will appear. **Give it a try!**



**Don't forget to check out our board of addresses in Fellowship Hall to send a note or card to some of the names on it.** Being remembered by your church family can really brighten someone's day. Consider sending a short note or making a visit or phone call!



***St. James UCC Welcomes  
"MAGIC JOE"***

***When: Rally Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>***

***Time: 11:00 a.m.***

***Where: Fellowship Hall***

The magic of Joe Barnett Comes to St. James UCC on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am for Rally Sunday for an action-packed and dynamic magic show following the worship service. Everyone is invited!

Joe hails from Aberdeen, South Dakota, and has been performing magic for more than 25 years. He has entertained at countless venues- county fairs, hospitals, and other social gatherings. In addition, he is a registered nurse at an intensive care unit in his hometown.

With comedy at the core of every performance, Joe has developed a unique show that includes illusions, mind reading, fire eating, hypnotism and mystery for all. Audience interaction plays a large role which helps make each performance new and exciting every time, ***There will be Pizza and drinks following the show for all of us to share in more fellowship, food, and FUN!***

***Join us and BRING A FRIEND!***

***Event sponsored by the St. James UCC Religious Education Board***

***This is family fun event! Hope to see you all there.***