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WE PROCLAIM AND
PRACTICE CHRIST'S LOVE

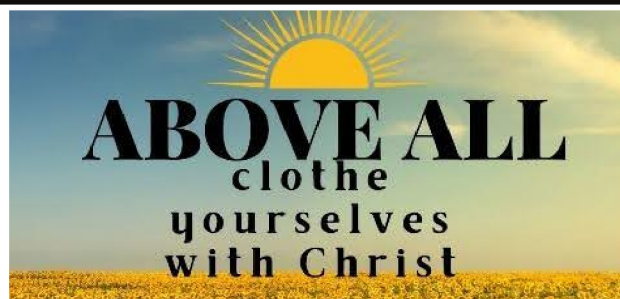
**“Above all clothe yourselves with love
which binds everything together in
perfect harmony”**

~Colossians 3:17

This summer, we are exploring the various “clothing” we wear as Christians. We have explored clothing of laughter, rest, humility, and kindness. We will continue this theme during the next several weeks as we ask ourselves what it looks like to be a Christian. What kinds of clothes are disciples of Christ called to wear? How would it change our lives, our congregation, and the world if we would put on these clothes every day? How can we better make Christ known by the garments we wear?

These are important questions to ask in a world that is so full of division and hate. Because above all, we are called to clothe ourselves with love. “By this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” ~John 13:35. How do we give and share the love of Christ by the clothing we wear?

As we continue this conversation, we have several themes planned for July. On some of the weeks, we will ask you to get into the spirit of the day by considering wearing different kinds of clothing to worship. And some weeks we will have activities to go along with the theme. Here are the themes for July:



July 7: The Clothing of Peace (wear RED, WHITE, and BLUE as we celebrate the holiday!)

July 14: Christmas in July: The Clothing of Joy (wear your festive Christmas garments!). Stay after the service for Christmas Cookies and Trivia!

July 21: The Clothing of Generosity (wear your THRIVENT “Live Generously” shirts. If you need one, there are several available at church in all colors and sizes).

July 28: The Clothing of Childlike Faith: VBS Joint Celebration with Our Saviour’s and St. Paul. Worship at St. James.

In addition to our Sundays of worship, we invite people of ALL ages to come to our Summer VBS as we celebrate the great PARTY Jesus invites us to and learn more about living and growing in our faith. In addition to our VBS for children through 6th grade, we will have an adult Bible Study each night in the Fireside Room. We also are in need of both youth and adult helpers. There is something for EVERYONE at this year’s joint VBS with St. Paul Lutheran Church and Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church. Join us!



CHURCH NEWS




It's time for our annual Christmas in July service. We will celebrate Christmas on July 14 at our worship service. You are invited to bring Christmas goodies to share. You are also encouraged to wear your festive Christmas clothes: ugly Christmas sweaters, pajamas, hats, or other apparel. Join us as we hear how the story of how Jesus' birth matters in our lives not just on December 25, but every day. If you have a favorite Christmas song you would like to hear that day, please talk to Bill Grant or one of the pastors. Everyone is encouraged to join us after the service for Christmas Trivia! Merry Christmas!



Youth Gathering

On July 15, four of our youth and one adult will travel to New Orleans for the National ELCA Youth Gathering. You can buy stock in their trip for \$10. Stocks are available for purchase for the next three Sundays. Stockholders will be invited to a Stockholder's Meal later in the summer to hear more about the trip. We will pray for and bless our Youth Gathering participants at our worship service on July 14.





Be Someone's Hero
Give Blood

**St. James Lutheran Church
Blood Drive**

St James Lutheran Church - Gym
1148 4th St SE
Mason City, IA 50401

**Monday, July 8, 2024
12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and use Sponsor code: StJamesLutheranChurch MC

All presenting donors are eligible to win 1 \$50 gift card to Casey's.

Get a NEW Red Cross umbrella when you come to give blood July 1 to July 14, while supplies last!

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ST. JAMES SOFTBALL

SCHEDULE

JULY 12TH	6:30 PM DIAMOND 1	VS. GRACE E FREE
JULY 19TH	6:30 PM DIAMOND 3	VS. RIVER CITY 2



CHURCH

NEWS



Archaeological Evidence for Isaiah Discovered

Archaeologists might have uncovered the first evidence of the prophet Isaiah outside of the Bible. This exciting find is a clay seal impression, known as a bulla, which could have belonged to Isaiah himself. The discovery was detailed in the recent edition of the Biblical Archaeology Review.

The bulla was found at the Ophel, located between the City of David and the Temple Mount, and dates back to biblical times. The inscription on the bulla reads "Yesha'yah(u) nvy," which likely translates to "Isaiah prophet."

Dr. Eilat Mazar, who authored the report, points out that while the inscription is missing a Hebrew letter, the context strongly supports the idea that this bulla identifies Isaiah the prophet.



The fact that this seal was found only 10 feet away from another bulla belonging to King Hezekiah, a contemporary of Isaiah, adds weight to this interpretation.

This discovery is a remarkable reminder that Isaiah was not just a figure of faith but a real historical person. It brings to life the ancient times of Jerusalem and the significant figures mentioned in the Bible. For believers, it's a wonderful affirmation of the reality of biblical history and the enduring legacy of Isaiah's prophetic ministry.

This Month We Prayed For:



Brett Austin, Margaret Christensen, Donna Martin,

the family of Travis Abben, the family of Del Pals, the family of Lyn Nelson, and for the family of Frances Guertin.

We also prayed for for Scott and Becky Miller at the death of Scott's mom, for Michelle Blake and family at the death of her mom, Jolie and Jim Gardiner and family at the death of Jolie's mom, Mary Richardson.

Nita and Jim Shovein at the death of Jim's sister, Mary Beth Woodhouse.

Meals on Wheels 2024

Our Meals on wheels delivery week will be November 11 - 15, 2024 - Routes 2 & 3. If you would like to volunteer to deliver meals during this time, please email or call the office to sign up. More details will be provided in the fall. Thank you!



Coming Up



July 8th: Blood Drive 12:30pm-5 pm

July 14th: Christmas in July



July 22-25th: Vacation Bible School

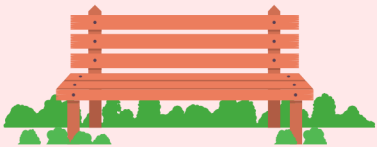


July 29th: Bunco 7 PM



Outdoor Worship: Sundays at 9 AM

Bring a lawn chair or you can use a bench or chair provided. Please come at 8:30 if you would like to help with set up. Help cleaning up after the service is always appreciated!



Familiar Faces



Vacation Bible School, presented jointly with Our Saviour's and St. Paul Lutheran Churches, will be held from July 22nd-25th. Registration forms can be found in this edition of the Journal, on the front page of our website, or at the church office. Volunteers are also needed! Volunteer registration is at the bottom of the regular registration form. Please call the office with any questions!

There will be a **VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING** on Thursday, July 18 at 7 PM. If you are unable to attend, please contact Kathy Grant or Pastor Jeni to schedule another time to meet. Thank you!

VBS DECORATING: Everyone is invited to help decorate for our VBS Party on Friday, July 19. We will begin at 10 AM. Lunch will be provided for volunteers. Join us any time before 4 PM.

IN ADDITION TO VOLUNTEERS, we will need several supplies for Vacation Bible School. Lists of needed items will be available at our worship services in July. Please consider ways you can support our summer VBS. And be sure to join us July 22-25 for our VBS fun! Let's **START THE PARTY!** Hope to see you there!



We need to replenish our supply of grocery and gas gift cards. Gift cards are helpful ways to help people who stop by the church for assistance. If you are able to help with this mission, please give those gift cards to the pastors. Thank you!

VBS REGISTRATION FORM

July 22-25 2024 5-8 pm

Join us for a joint vacation bible school with
St. Paul and Our Saviour's Lutheran
Churches!



Names and Ages of Children _____

Parents' Names _____

Address _____

Permission to take photos of children? YES NO

Phone Number _____ E-Mail _____

List food allergies here _____

VOLUNTEER REGISTRAION FORM

Would you Like to Volunteer to help with any of the following things?

Leading groups _____ Food _____ Decorating _____

Name _____

Phone Number _____

E-Mail _____



WATERMELON

PEPPERCRIKET
FARMS
ANTIQUES

ANTIQUE
HANDMADE
QUILTS
For SALE

HONEY
And
JELLIES
WELCOME

FLOUR
HAY and
GRAIN

BUTTER EGGS
CORN

APPLE
PLUM
PEAR



JULY 2024



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	1	2 9AM DO-DAYS 	3 7 AM MEN'S BREAKFAST	4 <i>HAPPY 4th of July</i> 	5	6
7 9 AM OUTDOOR WORSHIP HOLY COMMUNION	8 BLOOD DRIVE 12:30 PM-5 PM 	9 9AM DO-DAYS 	10 7 AM MEN'S BREAKFAST	11	12	13
14 9 AM OUTDOOR WORSHIP CHRISTMAS IN JULY	15	16 9AM DO-DAYS 	17 7AM MEN'S BREAKFAST	18 COUNCIL 5:30 PM VBS MEETING 7 PM	19 VBS DECORATING 9 AM - 4 PM	20
21 9 AM OUTDOOR WORSHIP HOLY COMMUNION	22 VBS 5-8PM	23 9AM DO-DAYS VBS 5-8PM 	24 7AM MEN'S BREAKFAST VBS 5-8PM	25 VBS 5-8PM	26	27
28 9 AM OUTDOOR WORSHIP VBS CELEBRATION	29 BUNCO 7 PM	30 9AM DO-DAYS 	31 7AM MEN'S BREAKFAST			

9 AM OUTDOOR WORSHIP
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JULY BIRTHDAYS



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	1 GREG BRAUN KRYSTAL GARL BROCK THOMPSON JILL WORMAN	2 DOLORES BOWERS	3	4 LAURIE HAUGEN	5 DRAKE HADACEK MARILYN WALLACE	6 TERRY BEAVERS BARRETT DECATHELINAEU ALEX GRAVES SAMI MILLER
7 LYNN CHRISTENSEN	8 PAM HARRIS	9 JEAN BRUESEWITZ CINDY MEYER ERICA TLUSTY	10 LOU CIRA JUSTIN KNUTSON ROB PAULSEN LORNA WALES	11 GAYLES BUSCH	12 KATHY FOLLMUTH DAVE FRENZ DARCY MURPHY	13
14 MICHELLE AMUNDSON JIM MARTINSON	15 KARIN BUEHNER	16	17 ANNISTON OSTRANDER	18	19	20 CONNIE SUBY
21 BRIAN BECHTEL MATT BOGEMA ADDIE CARPENTER BOB GRANT CHARLIE FREIBURG	22 BRADEN BOELEN JUDY GARL DENNY UMPHRESS TANYA KRAMER	23 ANNA JICKA NATALIE MUJICA	24 MEGAN NOTERMANN	25 LINDA BETELS ANGIE MCEACHRAN NEIL NOTERMANN	26	27 SOPHIA PIKE
28 WENDY LAFREZ KAYLEE MEYER	29	30 JEFF HARMS DONNA MARTIN	31 GLORIA HESLEY LOGAN JOHANNIS HALEY WITTE	AUGUST		
					DEL GINDER CALAN MONAGHAN	
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JAY HAIN DAVID JACOBSON SHELLY VAN DUSSELDORP	KEVIN LONGCOR GENE SCHWADE KIM TILKES					
3	4	5	6	7	8	

For through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life.

PROVERBS 9:11

