

APRIL 2025

SAINT JAMES

LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Holy Week 2025

Palm Saturday	April 12	5:00pm
Palm Sunday	April 13	9:30am
<i>(pancake brunch following Worship)</i>		
Mundy-Thursday	April 17	6:30pm
Good Friday	April 18	6:30pm
Easter Saturday	April 19	5:00pm
Easter Sunday	April 20	9:30am
<i>(bake sale before and after both services)</i>		



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Saint James' Worship Services are also on Facebook Live.



Sunday, April 13

10:30-11:30am

**Suggested donation of:
\$5/person or \$20/family**

DON'T MISS Palm Sunday as we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him.

Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.



We Need Your Help!

Saturday April 12 starting at 8:30am

Come for an hour or two

Many hands make light work

Qualifies for Silver Cord hours

Treasurer's Report

The first quarter is done, and St. James has had a great first 3 months of 2025.

We've had great worship, education, evangelism, and hospitality activities, events, and services.

The second quarter looks exciting with Easter, Pentecost, graduations, and visits from our friends from Tanzania! Summer Camp attendance and a variety of summer hospitality events will also occur in the coming months.

All these things happen because of your generosity of time, talent, and treasure.

We have received over 35% of our expected contributions in the first 25% of the year! Expenses have been at or below budget (i.e. lower than expected snow removal and insurance expenses).

Over the past several months the SE Iowa Synod has hosted multiple Zoom meetings for Treasurers. I've attended those meetings and learned a number of things, mostly that the financial practices St. James has in place meet or exceed the accounting, safeguarding, and auditing guidelines suggested by the Synod and National ELCA. These practices have been in place for many years thanks to the expertise of prior Treasurers and Council Members.

As always, I am available if you have any questions or concerns.

Jerry Wylie, Treasurer

We are
grateful
of your
generosity!

Your faithfulness,
your generosity,
your prayers and
your witness are
vital as we share
the love of Jesus.

Christian Education

Easter Bake Sale

Let the talented bakers of Saint James prepare your Easter dessert! The Easter Bake Sale is back and takes place after both the Saturday and Sunday Easter services (4/19 & 20). **100% of your freewill donation goes to camp scholarships.** Each camper receives \$200 toward the cost of camp tuition. We currently have 16 kids registered to attend summer Bible camp this summer! That means we will be providing \$3200 in tuition assistance. Thank you for your continued generous support of this ministry.

Rough Waves? Jesus Saves! VBS Registration Now Open!

Four "water stories" will show us that God is with us even when things get tough.

When:	June 16-19, 8:45-11:30 a.m.
Where:	Saint James Lutheran Church
Who:	Preschool-5 th Grades
Hosts:	Saint James Lutheran and Saint Paul Presbyterian churches
Register Here:	https://forms.gle/Fy2i6LEBf7Mm8k3XA

Helpers Greatly Appreciated (middle/HS students-adults; any or all of the days):

- Work nights (5/14 and 5/21, 5:30-7:30)
- Artists for décor
- Craft/activity leaders
- Group guides (lead children to each station)
- Preschool leaders

**QR Code for
VBS Registration Form**



Please contact Rebecca (education@stjamesjohnston.org) *if you would like to provide baked goods/snacks for the bake sale, help with VBS or with any questions.*

ABIDE UPDATE

April 2025



March 2025 RECAP:

What a weather Rollercoaster!!!!

Then you throw Spring Break in.....

When we have met-it's been fun celebrating birthdays, new licenses, new jobs, and lots of school/extracurricular achievements!

UPCOMING

4/2: Service Night


4/9: Regular Mtg at 7pm

4/16: NO ABIDE due
to Holy Week

4/23: Escape Room
@ HOPE Ministries



We have 16 kids who will be experiencing the excitement of a faith based week at Summer Camp this year. Your support at the Bake Sale lets us offer "Camperships" to each of our kiddos!

 youth@stjamesjohnston.org

Food Pantry Weekends

Food Pantry Weekend at Saint James is the 3rd weekend of every month!

If able, we encourage you to give a financial donation to the Food Pantry.

Donations can be given by:

- Online at: <https://www.stjamesjohnston.org/> using the green “give” button
- Through Simply Giving by emailing Linda with dollar amount to take a one-time donation for Food Pantry. This is for those already signed up for regular ACH giving.
- Mailing a check to church: PO Box 62, Johnston, IA 50131
- Place in the offering plate in the pew envelopes with “food pantry” on the memo line.



Visitors from Ivuga



David and Feith from the Ivuga, Tanzania parish will be in Johnston from Sunday, June 22 to Monday, July 1. Two members of the neighboring Kirengare parish and Pastor Simon Fue will also be in Johnston from Saturday June 28 to July 1. Pastor Fue was pastor for both parishes until Pastor Kizigha recently became the Ivuga parish pastor. St. James members are invited to host David and Feith, or the larger group, for lunch or dinner at various times during that visit. Please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040B48A4AD29A75-55778757-hosting>

Or contact Linda Queck if you want to be a lunch or dinner host.



Take Action

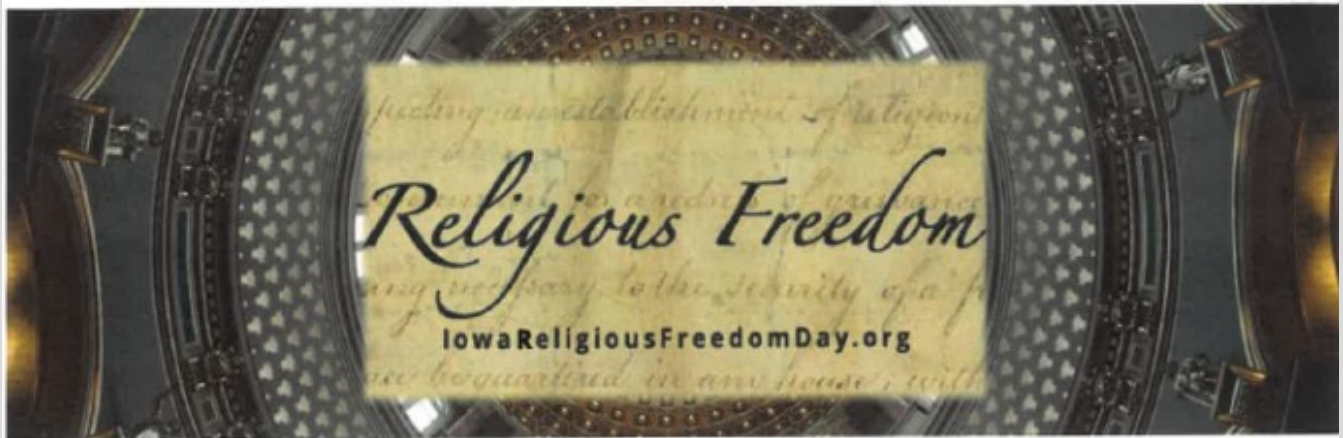
You can help!

- Volunteer to provide support to refugee families as they continue to adjust to life in Iowa.
- Job leads for 82 eligible refugees in Des Moines, 22 in Sioux City, and 15 in Waterloo.
- Financial support to ensure we can provide services to refugees and immigrants across the state.




May - October
Every Saturday
9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Polk County Public Health Department
1907 Carpenter Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50314

www.LSIowa.org
Mail: PO Box 848
Waverly, IA 50677



Iowa Religious Freedom Day

12th Annual Celebration | Two Opportunities

Thursday, April 10, 2025



Interfaith Breakfast

7:30 - 9:30 am

State Capitol Rotunda

See Schedule & Register Here



Evening Symposium

“The Role of Religion in Peacemaking”

6:00 - 9:00 pm

World Food Prize Hall of Laureates

100 Locust Street, Des Moines
Park in nearby public ramps or metered street spots



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JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS



The University of Texas at Austin
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