

# St. John United Church of Christ

## April 2025

"Celebrating Christ and Loving All People"

### FROM THE PASTOR:

Welcome April! What a strange and long winter we have had. Easter is still 3 weeks away and snow is forecasted for tonight.

Hyacinths and tulips are coming up in my flowerbeds and the grass is greener than it was yesterday.

Spring is my favorite time of year! I love the newness of life and the stark blue of the sky. Birds sweetly singing in the morning make me smile and longer moments of daylight help take Pancake on just one more walk. In Spring God is doing a new thing.

We sing the hymn, "In the Bulb" over and over and proclaim that what is to come is "something God alone can see." Life is like that, isn't it? We can plan,



get ready, do what we need to do and more yet our plans don't always work out. Only God can see. Easter is coming and what a celebration it will be! We have met Jesus again through our Lenten Suppers and Studies and now the post resurrection Jesus who is

Spirit and life is among us even still. What we will do with such a revelation - only God can see.

Although our celebration of the Resurrection will be awesome and gathering of family and friends will be great too - our living into the life that comes with new life will be greater still.

Think about what new life means to you. Share it with someone. May the peace of God be yours this month as we live into a time only God can see!

Peace, Pastor

Join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. at the Tauber Family Center.



**Join us for Easter Sunday Worship**

Sunday, April 20th

Breakfast: 8:00 a.m.

Worship: 9:30 a.m.

(at Immanuel UCC)

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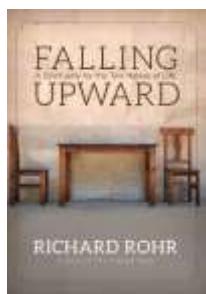
We will be collecting the following items for Vets & Friends, which meets at St James UMC in Appleton. They serve brunch from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and breakfast on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Monica Betters at 920-422-7706.



We have lots of common businesses in stock or have the ability to order.

Any questions? Please ask! Come see us at church or via call/text - Jeanne Senner (920-213-0748) or Linda De Bruin (920-359-0010).

We hope that you will see how easy SCRIP is to use!



Fr. Richard Rohr has written a wonderful book on aging. **FALLING UPWARD** has been suggested as a possible time for exploration and

sharing on the topic of aging. These sessions will be in-person and offered on a day and time that most can participate. Let me know if you are interested and we will get this group going.

### Requested Items

- ⇒ Complete pancake mix
- ⇒ Chocolate milk
- ⇒ Bacon
- ⇒ Ice cream
- ⇒ Cascade powder dish detergent
- ⇒ Frozen hash browns
- ⇒ Butter (salted)

Or Check out our Amazon Wish list!  
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/289KX4MN0YOB0?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/289KX4MN0YOB0?ref=wl_share)



We will not meet in March or April. We will meet again on **Wednesday, May 14th**. We meet at 10:00 a.m. at Mary's Family Restaurant in Appleton. All are welcome! Please join us.

St. John UCC is collecting needed items for HeadsUp. Please see the below lists for items that you can bring in on Sunday morning.

HeadsUp is a forward-thinking organization that actively supports Transitional Age Youth who have experienced the challenges of the child welfare system. .



Helping fill our pantry helps meet basic needs:

- Shampoo
- Body wash (sensitive skin)
- Toothpaste
- Towels
- Cleaning Supplies
- Laundry Supplies
- Hairbrushes
- Black Hair Care Items i.e.: textured hair friendly shampoo and oils, hair bonnets and hair picks
- Deodorant/antiperspirant
- Lotion
- Period Supplies
- Lip Balm
- Socks
- Cans of soup (easy to open lids)
- Boxes of crackers
- Granola Bars
- Grocery store gift cards



Fill hearts with hope by filling a Travel Backpack:

- Full size adult backpack
- Valley Transit bus passes
- Rain poncho
- Notebook
- Refillable water bottle
- Travel size hand sanitizer
- Gas cards
- Individual size snacks
- Pocket calculator
- Winter gloves
- Winter hats
- Travel umbrella
- Period Supplies
- Fast Food or coffee shop gift cards



**FOOD Collection**  
There is a need in our community for food donations. Just a reminder that we are continuing to gather food donations for the St. Joseph Food Program on Sunday mornings. Your donations make a difference! Thank you!



Missionary Service

On **April 3rd**, Shannon Callies, Coordinator at Loaves and Fishes will be our guest speaker.

The May meeting is scheduled for **May 1, 2025**, at the Tauber Family Center at 1 PM. Our speaker will be LuAnn Wickeham from Habitat for Humanity of the Fox Valley. All are invited to learn more about our community.

All are welcome!! --Jeanette Johnson

Please join us on Wednesdays during Lent for a Simple Supper followed by worship/study.

Lenten Worship/Study will use the book, *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* by Marcus J. Borg.

#### Reading Guide for our Lenten Study

April 2 Chapter 4 Jesus and Wisdom: Teacher of Alternative Wisdom

April 9 Chapter 5 Jesus, the Wisdom of God: Sophia Become Flesh

**Maundy Thursday, April 17th:** 6:00 p.m. @ St. John-Tauber Center  
Chapter 6 Images of Jesus and Images of the Christian Life

**Easter Sunday:** Breakfast @ 8:00 a.m./Service @ 9:30 a.m. at Immanuel UCC, Kaukauna

- Wisdom
- April 9 Chapter 5 Jesus, the Wisdom of God: Sophia Become Flesh
- April 17 Chapter 6 Images of Jesus and Images of the Christian Life

Although there will be discussion at our Wednesday gatherings I would like to offer a longer time for discussions via Zoom. If I hear of your interest, they will be scheduled.

Hope to see you!!



04/01 Ryan Gady  
04/04 Linda De Bruin  
04/19 Sawyer Wohlt  
04/20 Addison Gady  
04/28 Neil Peters

\*\*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, and you would like it to be, please let the church office know and we will get it added to the list!\*\*



#### SHINING THE LIGHT ON FOOD SECURITY.

Orfelina works with families in the northern regions of Honduras to help them understand how to transform their families and communities through agriculture. The list of things she does is mindboggling: Checking on local farmers' harvest. Monitoring water projects. Teaching the women in the community how to prepare more nutritious meals for their families. Chatting up community leaders for support. Running workshops for things like creating organic fertilizers and sprays. But Orfelina doesn't just work with farmers and their families, she supports and encourages them. Visiting them in their homes. Bringing God's light to everyone she meets. And all of this is made possible through your giving to One Great Hour of Sharing. Because of your giving, projects like these and thousands more around the world are changing lives. Transforming communities. And spreading God's light. Be the Light. Give to One Great Hour of Sharing.



Daily Bible Readings  
Please join us!

Psalm for Year C, Week 19: Psalm 49	
Sunday, March 30th	Luke 11:37-54
Monday, March 31st	Luke 12:1-3
Tuesday, April 1st	Luke 12:4-7
Wednesday, April 2nd	Luke 12:8-12
Thursday, April 3rd	Luke 12:13-15
Friday, April 4th	Luke 12:16-21
Saturday, April 5th	Luke 12:22-34

Psalm for Year C, Week 20: Psalm 62	
Sunday, April 6th	Hebrews 10:19-25
Monday, April 7th	Hebrews 10:26-39
Tuesday, April 8th	Hebrews 11:1-3
Wednesday, April 9th	Hebrews 11:4-22
Thursday, April 10th	Hebrews 11:23-40
Friday, April 11th	Hebrews 12:1-13
Saturday, April 12th	Hebrews 12:14-29

Psalm for Year C, Week 21: Psalm 66:13-20	
Sunday, April 13th	Luke 12:35-40
Monday, April 14th	Luke 12:41-48
Tuesday, April 15th	Luke 12:49-53
Wednesday, April 16th	Luke 12:54-56
Thursday, April 17th	Luke 12:57-59
Friday, April 18th	Luke 13:1-5
Saturday, April 19th	Luke 13:6-9

Psalm for Year C, Week 22: Psalm 50:16-23	
Sunday, April 20th	Hebrews 13:1-6
Monday, April 21st	Hebrews 13:7-16
Tuesday, April 22nd	Hebrews 13:17-25
Wednesday, April 23rd	James 1:1-8
Thursday, April 24th	James 1:9-16
Friday, April 25th	James 1:17-18
Saturday, April 26th	James 1:19-27

Psalm for Year C, Week 23: Psalm 79	
Sunday, April 27th	Luke 13:10-17
Monday, April 28th	Luke 13:18-21
Tuesday, April 29th	Luke 13:22-30
Wednesday, April 30th	Luke 13:31-35
Thursday, May 1st	Luke 14:1-6
Friday, May 2nd	Luke 14:7-14
Saturday, May 3rd	Luke 14:15-24

# PRAYER list...

- Barb Wohlt
- Angelo, U.S. Army
- Lucas Slonaker
- Brett Jedwabny-16 year-old
- Cleo-immunotherapy
- Ellie
- Joyce
- Molly
- Greg and Jit-high risk pregnancy (twins)
- Ron-bladder cancer
- Rosalie
- Jack-Alzheimer's
- Terry
- Mark-fractured shoulder
- Lucille-stage 4 kidney failure
- Leroy
- Arlene
- Paul Senner and family
- Families struggling with elderly parents
- All who mourn
- Haiti, Maui, Ukraine, California, Guatemala, Afghanistan, Taiwan
- All struggling in body, mind, and spirit



SORTING AS OF 3/29/2023		
ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST		
		It has been going on 3 years (Oct 2022) since we put items of treasure in our storage unit at Storage Sense. Looking ahead to our future, considering what we have pulled from the storage unit to complete our worship services, and evaluating the relaxed comfort, we have at services we hold at the Tauber Center, the Council discussed going through the items in storage and determine what we need to keep. We have had two teams of members sort through the items we have in storage. This process is ongoing until we have eliminated items no longer needed. Outdated items are: Computer towers, and monitors that are outdated. Monitors have been taken to recycling.
Towers and one stand alone computer will be taken to recycling.		
The remaining items are sorted into categories:	PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL MEMBERS	
<b>Legacy</b>	<b>record retensions</b>	<b>no need to keep</b>
History, celebration books	documents importance financial/inst/sale prop	long dark wood table
pastors pictures, wall hanging	baptismal/wedding/funeral records	clothes rack
lenten etchings of jesus journey to cross	cemetery records for burials and ownership	floral and craft items
Paraments	wall hangings	8 round tables seat 8-10
original baptismal font from old church	giving tree	8 6ft tables seat 8-10
lectern w/amplifier	blue prints of cemetery	2 large coolers
two large altar seating chairs	records of church building sale 2022	50 +assorted colored chairs
communion service trays,baskets glasses		large floor safe
hymnals/bibles		2 drawer file cabinet
gold plated altar cross		2 - 4/5 shelf storage racks
wood cabinet with christian symbols		printer / fax machine
banners for seasonal religious services		4 drawer tall file cabinet
		tote of plastic table skirts
		tote of coffee mugs
		tote of kitchen dishes
		cleaning supplies
		paper plates, napkins etc.
		wood cabinet with christian symbols
		1 short pew 2 long pews
		Gold painted shovel - from ground breaking



# APRIL 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>May 2025</b>						
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:30 a.m. Worship	6pm-Church Council Meeting via Zoom	10am-Noon-Vets and Friends Brunch @ St. James UMC, Appleton 5:30 p.m. Lenten Light Dinner/ Discussion @ Immanuel UCC	10am-Noon-Vets and Friends Brunch @ St. James UMC, Appleton 5:30 p.m. Lenten Light Dinner/ Discussion @ St. John (Tauber Center)	8am-10am-Vets and Friends Breakfast @ St. James UMC, Appleton		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:00am-Easter Breakfast @ Immanuel 9:30am-Easter Sunday Worship @ Immanuel  		10am-Noon-Vets and Friends Brunch @ St. James UMC, Appleton	Salvation Army Lunch	8am-10am-Vets and Friends Breakfast @ St. James UMC, Appleton		
27	28	29	30	Notes: **Remember your donations for St. Joseph's Food Program and Vets and Friends, Heads Up, , and/or Boys & Girls Club –Fox Valley**  <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>		
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