



**ST JAMES**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MANITOWOC

An inviting safe community for all

**COVID precaution: Masks and distancing are currently required for all present for all St James Episcopal Church indoor group activities. Thanks!**

## Recurring Schedule

### Bible Study Sundays at 8:30AM (in-person/Zoom)

We are discussing the 13 chapters of 2 Corinthians, which will take us through the end of the year. Use any bible translation(s) you like; no other book/guide needed.

**12/19 chapter 12; 12/26 chapter 13; 1/2 no meeting;  
1/9 starts new book discussion (see announcement)**

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799  
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 580 876 932 #  
When prompted for Participant ID, press #  
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]  
By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/biblestudy

### Worship—Sundays at 10AM (in-person/online)

Attend in-person at 10AM, or participate LIVE at 10AM or view at any time after on YouTube (video links are also shared on Facebook):

go.mysjec.com/youtube    go.mysjec.com/facebook  
12/19: Fourth Sunday of Advent

12/26: First Sunday of Christmas—Christmas Hymn Sing  
1/2: Second Sunday of Christmas

### Fellowship—Sundays at 11:15AM (in-person)

Join us for a weekly time of conversation after worship in our lower level Fellowship Hall. Due to COVID, we are not having food/drink at this time.

### Mid-Week Worship—Wednesdays at 4PM (Zoom)

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799  
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 670 567 006 #  
When prompted for Participant ID, press #  
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]  
By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/wednesday

### Morning Prayer—Fridays at 7:00AM (Zoom)

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799  
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 831 5230 0483 #  
When prompted for Participant ID, press #  
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]  
By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/friday

## **St James Weekly** for the week of December 19, 2021

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*Please contact Amma Diane with any pastoral care or other needs.*

### Bring Reverse Advent donations through 12/19

Bring food/personal care items to add to our donation collection in the front of the Sanctuary. Items will be delivered to Peter's Pantry after 12/19 Worship.

### Help decorate the church on 12/19; please bring your nativity scenes to display

All are invited to stay after Worship to help decorate our church for the Christmas season. In addition to the decorations on hand, we'd like to set up a special display of your nativity scenes in the front of the Sanctuary (you can bring more than one). Bring yours to Worship on 12/19 and take them home after Worship on 1/2.

### Blue Christmas 12/21 at 5:30PM

Blue Christmas services are typically held on or near the Winter Solstice—the longest night of the year. This special service honors the different types of grief, loss, and pain we or others are experiencing in this season, and helps us look toward the hope of Jesus Christ. Join us at St James at 5:30PM on Tuesday, December 21 as we Worship together with our Presbyterian and UCC friends.



You can also participate LIVE at 5:30PM or view at any time after on YouTube (video links are also shared on Facebook): go.mysjec.com/youtube

If participating at home, you can have an Advent wreath or any five candles on hand to light as you view the service, if you like.

### Christmas Eve Worship 12/24 at 6:30PM

Join us starting at 6:30PM on Friday 12/24 for a musical prelude celebrating Christ's birth. Anybody who'd like to sing or play a song is welcome to do so—talk to Tony Karl or Amma Diane if you are interested or have questions.



Worship begins at 7PM, includes festive music, and ends with our Sanctuary softly glowing by candle light. You can also participate LIVE or view at any time after on YouTube (video links are also shared on Facebook): go.mysjec.com/youtube

## Christmas Hymn Sing Worship 12/26 at 10AM

Christmas Season lasts through Epiphany (1/6). 10AM Worship on Sunday 12/26 will continue the celebration of Christ's birth with a Christmas hymn sing. Barb Cook will be on hand to tickle the ivories for this special celebration. Be ready to request your favorite Christmas songs from our blue *Hymnal 1982* book.

### **NEW!** Sunday morning book discussion starts 1/9

After we finish 2 Corinthians on 12/26, our Sunday morning 8:30-9:30AM discussion will take a break on 1/2. On Sunday mornings January 9 through March 13 we'll be discussing the book *The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for Beloved Community*. The author is Stephanie Spellers, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Canon for Evangelism, Reconciliation, and Creation—helping Episcopalians to share the good news and cross boundaries as part of the Jesus Movement. These discussions will help us continue on the conversations we've already been having on Becoming Beloved Community for all. Books are available online, or you may contact Amma Diane for a copy.

### **NEW!** Vestry Notes

- ◆ Thank you to everybody who donated cookies, treats, and containers for our Advent deliveries. Thanks also to those who helped prepare and deliver packages on 12/12.
- ◆ The 12/12 deliveries also contained a packet of updates and information from the Vestry, including:
  - ◆ Cover letter with a variety of updates
  - ◆ Stewardship report, 2022 pledge cards, and 2022 capital campaign cards
  - ◆ Nomination report and form in preparation for our Annual Meeting after 10AM Worship on Sunday, January 30, 2022.
  - ◆ Identifying our Gifts, Skills, & Passions form
  - ◆ Updated church Directory
  - ◆ Extras of these materials are available in the church or by contacting Amma Diane

### **NEW!** Randy Hronek



Our beloved brother in Christ, Randy Hronek, died on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at his residence. Randy was the organist of St James for 31 years before he retired at the end of 2019 for health reasons. We mourn the loss of Randy's presence with us, while we celebrate the resurrection he shares in with Jesus Christ. Please keep Randy's loved

ones in your prayers during this difficult time. In respect of Randy's wishes, there will be no visitation or service. Cremation has taken place at the Harrigan Parkside Crematory and Chapel.

### **UPDATED!** Prayers for the Week

**Healing/Comfort/Strength:** Brenden, Steve & Marybeth, Virginia, Carol, Elizabeth, Vanessa, Terry, Debbie, Bonnie, Don & Beth, Faith, Susie, Peggy, Chip, Steven, Len & Margaret, Ray, Mollie, Walter, Mary, Vicki, Charlie, Grace, Silas, Cathy, Don, Laurie, Chris & Nicole, Sharon & family, Jenny, Jean, Ron B, Candace, Paul's family, Greg & Kim, Janet, Matthew C, Mary Jean, Mel Ouradnik & family, Cindy Hronek & family, Kurt.

**Guidance & Discernment:** Tim, Guy & Mary, Kurt, Ronald, Alison, Frankie, Brian & Lisa, Ginny & Karen, Annie & Tom, Mary, Sara, Ethan, Scott.

**Serving in the Military:** Jordan, Daniel, Ian, Logan, Keaton, Ashlee, Adam, Marshall, Jacob.

**Additional Prayers we offer include:** For Peace in our world... for the people of Afghanistan, Haiti, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Madagascar and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Ecumenical Relationships, especially the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Moravian Church. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Diocese of Ikwo – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). For the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee. For people living with mental illness. For Painting Pathways Clubhouse. Hope House families. The men of The Haven. We pray for those working in government in our cities, state, country, and the world. We pray for our neighborhood. For the people around the world affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Pray for an end to racism and social injustice in our country and around the world. Pray for people around the world dealing with severe weather and related damage, injury, and deaths. We pray for those in the world who do not have enough to eat, may we help to keep food available to all. For our continued safe return to in-person worship, other ministries and groups.

**We offer thanks for:** Diane our Rector, Chris and Mary, our Wardens, our Vestry and other ministry leaders, staff, and every person in this congregation. Bishop Matt Gunter and his wife Leslie and family. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his wife, Sharon. Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. For our companion Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and their Bishop, The Rt Rev Godfrey and his wife Albertina.

**We Pray for the Departed:** Tom & Audrey, Audrey & Clayton, Pat, Myrna, Cindy, Joe, Paul, Clarence & Liese, Deena, Shirley Ouradnik, Sandra, Randy Hronek.

### Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

**Birthdays:** 12/2 Todd Reckelberg; 12/4 Chris Couris; 12/11 Wyatt Franz; 12/11 Geri Walker; 12/14 Grace Valli; 12/20 Nancy Sim; 12/25 Sharon Meany; 12/27 Patrick Byrd; 12/28 Mary Kaufmann.

**Anniversaries:** 12/13 Cindy & Randy Hronek; 12/18 Jack & Ruby Gunderson.

*If you would like your prayer requests to be included on our list, or to add a milestone, please contact Amma Diane Murray by phone (920-860-5152) or email (dianemarie.murray@gmail.com).*