



An inviting safe community for all

**Masks are optional for all church activities.
Distancing is still a safer practice. Thanks!**

Recurring Schedule

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

Join this 12-week Bible study discussion of the book of Hebrews. Talk to Amma Diane if you have any questions.

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/biblestudy
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]

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

11/6 All Saints Sunday
11/13 Pentecost 23: Veterans & Military
11/20 Christ the King Sunday
11/27 First Sunday of Advent
12/6 Second Sunday of Advent
12/13 Third Sunday of Advent
12/20 Fourth Sunday of Advent
12/25 Christmas Day

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

Please join us downstairs after worship each week for refreshments, snacks, and conversation. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. We invite anybody who is interested to bring snacks/treats to share any week.

Mid-Week Worship—Wed at 4:30PM (Zoom)

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/Wednesday
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 #
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Morning Prayer—Fridays at 7:00AM (Zoom)

By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/Friday
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
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St James Weekly for the week starting November 6, 2022

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

NEW! Update from Rector, Wardens, & Vestry regarding upcoming transition

Now that we have all been made aware of Amma Diane's plan to retire at the end of the year, we want to share with you that we are very blessed to be members of The Episcopal Church and blessed to be part of the congregation of St James in particular.

The Episcopal Church and The Diocese of Fond du Lac have guidelines and rules — a "plan" — for us to follow through this upcoming transition period.

Amma Diane is still our Rector until her last day, and as such, she will be working closely with the Wardens and Vestry, along with the Transition Ministries Officer of the Diocese, The Rev Meredyth Albright, and Bishop Matt Gunter, to help us make the transition from Amma Diane to our next Rector as smoothly as possible.

We will keep the congregation informed as we move through the plan and process. Our congregational life and all of its offerings will continue throughout this time.

We ask you to pray with us through this process. We ask that you stay committed to our life together. St James as a congregation is in a healthy place which will help this journey have a successful outcome. In the spirit of our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, let us keep our focus on Jesus and his Way of Love.

NEW! Save the date: farewell party 12/18

St James Episcopal Church is the oldest continually operating congregation of any type in Manitowoc County. Our origins trace to missionary pastors starting in 1841. We organized formally as a congregation in 1848, the year Wisconsin gained statehood.

Since 1848, St James has been served by 41 pastors, including The Rev Diane M Murray (Amma Diane) who will be retiring as our Rector on 12/31/2022 after 13.5 years. Only two pastors in our 181-year history served our congregation for longer durations: William Harvey (27 years) and Franklin St Clair (23 years). We are grateful for the 13.5 years Amma Diane has served as our Rector, as well as the prior 1.5 years she ministered with us while she was a Deacon.

On Sunday, December 18, we will celebrate with a farewell party (Packers are off). Following 10AM Worship we'll all meet at the Harrigan Parkside Gathering Center 2 blocks away for a catered meal. We want everybody to have the opportunity to celebrate, so there will be no tickets/charge. **We will need a head count soon, so please add your names on the sign-up sheet as soon as possible.** Additional details will follow soon.

Monthly congregational chat 11/6

The Vestry invites all to stay after worship on Sunday 11/6 for the third of our monthly congregational chats. All are welcome to participate. Each month the Vestry will have one or more topics to solicit ideas and feedback from you. Topics on 11/6 will include: 1) brainstorming ideas for 2023 (*what are projects, programs, events, ministries, building work, etc you would like us to explore for 2023*); 2) Clean Energy Project info and sharing other ideas for creation care; 3) recruiting for acolytes/servers ministry and altar guild.

We plan these chats to typically last 20-30 minutes, but they could run longer, if needed. Please join us for these chats! **If you are unable to attend in person, please send your thoughts to info@mjsjec.com or share them with Clerk Tony Karl.**

All Saints Sunday 11/6

In early November we take time to remember and celebrate our family and friends, our sisters and brothers in Christ, and the saints in the broader church who have preceded us. Worship will include time to remember others, as well as candle lighting and other traditions to help us remember our unity through time and place as the Body of Christ. **Join us at 10AM on Sunday 11/6 as we celebrate All Saints Sunday.** It is one of the major Feast Days of the Church, and one of four days especially appropriate for Baptisms, and we'll take time to remember our own Baptisms.

Stolen Summer movie viewing 11/12

We're going to re-introduce regular gatherings to view movies together at St James. Based on your feedback at our 9/4 Monthly Congregational Chat, we'll offer these at a mix of days/times you suggested as we move throughout the year. **Our first movie viewing will be Stolen Summer**, a 2002 drama film about a Catholic boy who befriends a terminally ill Jewish boy and tries to convert him, believing that it is the only way the Jewish boy will get to Heaven. We'll gather from **9-11AM on Saturday, November 12**. This will be our monthly fellowship gathering for November, (in-person only since we can't show the movie via Zoom). Popcorn will be provided. Feel free to bring any other snacks, food, or beverages you like.

Honoring Veterans and Military 11/13

God calls us to be people of peace saying, "Blessed are the peacemakers", and reminding us that we are to love our neighbor and enemy as we love ourselves. There are times we as a global community fail to live out those words; times when young men and women hear the call to don the uniforms of their country and serve under their flag. Join us for **10AM worship on Sunday, November 11**, which will include a time of remembrance, recognizing, and honoring veterans and those currently serving. Invite any veterans or currently serving military you know to join us for this special day.

Book Group 11/16 at 7PM (in-person/Zoom)

The St James Book Group is meeting in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 11/16 at 7PM. We're reading and discussing the book *Cokie: A Life Well-Lived* by Steven Roberts. Books are available for pick up at the main desk of the library (tell them you are a member of the St James Book Group) or from another source of your choosing. You do not have to have read the book to join in our discussions, so join us when you are able. Please feel free to invite others to participate. If you have questions or technical issues contact Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, Joan Estes, or Amma Diane.

By computer or other device: go.mjsjec.com/bookgroup
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799

When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 873 5481 2492 #

When prompted for Participant ID, press #

When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]

Thanksgiving at St James 11/24

We're re-introducing our tradition of Thanksgiving at St James. We gather for **Worship together at 10AM**. After worship we will gather for **fellowship and games in the fellowship hall** as some of the food is being prepared. **At Noon we will share in a pot-luck style Thanksgiving meal.** This celebration is open to the family and friends of St James. There is a sign-up sheet in the church. Please talk to Eleanor Agnew or Amma Diane if you have any questions.

Next Painting Pathways event 12/8

Painting Pathways Clubhouse supports and empowers those with mental illness in Manitowoc County by building community and supporting recovery. PPC is one of our long-term ministry partners: several people from St James were instrumental in helping this non-profit form in Manitowoc; we've provided work opportunities; we supported the capital campaign for their new building; and we let them use our building during their construction.

In October we began a series of events to strengthen our relationships as individuals beyond our larger organizations. St James brought pot luck dishes to share. It was a wonderful evening—thanks to all who participated! **On Thursday, December 8 from 4-6PM we'll gather again at PPC** (1226 Washington St) to enjoy a meal and fellowship, including games with their members. Painting Pathways will provide the food, but a head count will help planning. There is a sign-up sheet in the church.

NEW! Save the date: 12/11 St Nick & Cookies

Join us on **Sunday 12/11** for a special fun day, and be sure to bring the kids/grandkids/friends along (Packers are off). **10AM Worship will include a special visit from St Nicholas** who will share his story of his journey from bishop to a beloved Christmas hero. After worship, we'll take time to **swap cookies and prepare deliveries to those at home**, similar to last year's project. Please start gathering your cookies and other holiday treats. More details to follow.

Salvation Army Adopt-a-Family 2022

Another year has rolled around and once more St James has the privilege of participating in the Salvation Army Christmas Adopt-a Family program. This is our 5th year! Our congregation, even in more challenging times, is very, very generous.

This year we have two families; a mother and two daughters (2 girls ages 14 and 16), and the other is a mother and father with 3 sons and 2 daughters. You are provided with a "Wish List" for your person with sizes and colors.

The Salvation Army asks that a minimum of \$60 be spent on each individual. This is no small amount and the first time it has been increased in quite a few years, so we encourage you to team up and go together to select gifts for your person. Smaller donations of gift cards are also appreciated—you can use Scrip!—that can be given which the Army uses for individuals. Donations of wrapping paper, ribbons, tape and gift bags are appreciated, so parents may wrap the gifts for their children.

On Sunday November 6, I will have the cards at church to distribute for the individual family members. If you won't be able to be at the service, please contact me, and I will deliver it to you. **On Sunday December 4 the gifts are due back at church.** Please don't bring them in early. You may contact me to arrange a pick up. Also, if you are unable to go out and shop, I can shop for you. Individual gift cards of any amount will also be collected on 12/4.

Remember: If you cannot come to the church to pick up a name and/or return the gifts and you want to participate, but do not want to be out shopping, please, please let me do it for you. I am happy to stop by your home to drop off names or pick up gifts. If you have questions, please call me at 920/629-0435 or email me at colekarleen@gmail.com.

Humbled by your generosity ~ Karleen

NEW! Shared by Junior Warden Mary Green

Blessed are the agnostics. Blessed are they who doubt. Blessed are those who have nothing to offer. Blessed are the preschoolers who cut in line at communion. Blessed are the poor in spirit. You are of heaven and Jesus blesses you. Blessed are those whom no one else notices. The kids who sit alone at middle-school lunch tables. The laundry guys at the hospital. The sex workers and the night-shift street sweepers. The closeted. The teens who have to figure out ways to hide the new cuts on their arms. Blessed are the meek. You are of heaven and Jesus blesses you. Blessed are they who have loved enough to know what loss feels like. Blessed are the mothers of the miscarried. Blessed are they who can't fall apart because they have to keep it together for everyone else. Blessed are those who "still aren't over it yet". Blessed are those who mourn. You are of heaven and Jesus blesses you. I imagine Jesus standing here blessing us because that is our Lord's nature. This Jesus cried at his friend's tomb, turned the other cheek, and forgave those who hung him on a cross. He was God's Beatitude — God's blessing to the weak in a world that admires only the strong.

~ by the Rev Nadia Bolz-Webber

UPDATED! Prayers for the Week

Healing/Comfort/Strength: Steve & Marybeth, Virginia, Elizabeth, Vanessa, Debbie, Silas, Laurie, Geno, Bonnie, Bonnie & Charlie, Marcia & John, Chip & Janice, Steven, Mary, Vicki, Tom, Grace, Matthew, Shelley, Karleen, Mike, Tony C., Dave, Nancy T, Brian M, Sharon, Connie & Harley, Mary Ann, Gregg, Ken, Mary Beth B., Lisa B., Anne, Mayra, Karen K., Brad & Lizzie, Linda, Connie, Nancy J, Nancy & Clayton, Nick, Judine Duerwaechter and family, Barb & John, Joan, Barb & Richard, Suzanne & Derek, Ruth, Fred, Richard

Guidance & Discernment: Tim, Guy & Mary, Kurt, Ronald, Alison, Susie, Brian & Lisa, Frankie, Deb & Jim, Joy's grandson

Serving in the Military: Jordan, Ian, Logan, Keaton, Marshall, Jacob, Jack

Additional Prayers we offer include: For Peace in our world... for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Madagascar and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Olaf's, Amherst; St Stephen Mission District, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of England. For the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee and the triologue taking place among them. 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 violence, 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.

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 The Ven. Osiward Mapika, Bishop-Elect.

We Pray for the Departed: Tom & Audrey, Audrey & Clayton, Pat, Myrna, Cindy, Joe, Paul, Clarence & Liese, Deena, Shirley, Margaret & Leonard, Jack Westfall, Randall Augry; and all who have died as a result of gun violence.

UPDATED! Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 11/1 Steve Thuss; 11/2 Marian Doszkewycz; 11/3 Ron Hansen; 11/12 Bob Feller; 11/22 Chuck Wernecke; 11/23 Mike Laughrin; 11/27 Vaughn Franz

Anniversaries: None we know of in November

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).

Manitowoc Warming Shelter



We're a group of local congregations, organizations, agencies, and other caring people joining together to provide overnight shelter and meals to adults during our cold winter months. We need your help!

The Manitowoc Warming Shelter is projected to open in November 2022 for the season.

We plan to initially be based at First Presbyterian Church (502 N 8th St in downtown Manitowoc.)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like more info about ways you can help, please visit our web site:

manitowocwarmingshelter.org

WHAT WILL VOLUNTEERS DO?

Training provided for all volunteers. Options to help include:

- ◆ **Evening set-up: 7:00pm to 8:30pm**
- ◆ **Check-in guests: 7:30pm to 9:00pm**
- ◆ **Three shifts options for overnight shelter attendants: 8:00pm to Midnight, Midnight to 4am, and 4am to 8am**
- ◆ **Morning clean-up: 7:30am-8:30am**
- ◆ **Daily food service coordinated by Grow It Forward**

You can also contact Pastor Matt Sauer for more information about ways to support this program: matt@mcmited.com or 920-860-6880

WHY DO WE NEED A WARMING SHELTER?

- * Lakeshore CAP provided \$44,852 in hotel vouchers in Manitowoc County since June, 2021. *This funding has ended — but the people in need still exist*
- * The three program-based shelters spent another \$4,750 in after hour housing since June 2021.
- * Individuals are typically homeless for 34 days before their situation is resolved.
- * Lakeshore CAP spent \$587,290 in WERA (WI Emergency Assistance Program) assistance in Manitowoc County for 2021. *This funding has ended — but the people in need still exist.*

Our community is blessed with Hope House, The Haven, and InCourage, which provide temporary housing and support to people year-round through their wonderful programs. Manitowoc Warming Shelter is designed to provide life-saving overnight shelter for those who fall between the cracks.