



**ST JAMES**

EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MANITOWOC

An inviting safe community for all

## **St James Weekly** for the week starting **September 4, 2022**

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

### **Recurring Schedule**

#### Discussion Sundays 8:30AM (in-person/Zoom)

On 8/28 we finished discussing *Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World* by Nobel laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu & his daughter, Anglican priest Mpho A Tutu. **We are taking a break on 9/4, and will resume on Sunday 9/11 with a 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  
9/4 Pentecost 13: Labor Day Weekend  
9/11 Pentecost 14: Season of Creation, week 1  
9/18 Pentecost 15: Season of Creation, week 2  
9/25 Pentecost 16: Season of Creation, week 3  
10/2 Pentecost 17: St Francis/Blessing of Animals  
10/9 Pentecost 18: Mental Health Awareness  
10/16 Pentecost 19: Homelessness Awareness

#### 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 #  
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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  
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 831 5230 0483 #  
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#### Monthly congregational chats starting 9/4

The Vestry invites all to stay after worship on Sunday 9/4 for the first of our monthly congregational chats. We will hold these in the Sanctuary immediately following 10AM Worship on the first Sunday of each month, and all are welcome to participate.

Each month the Vestry will have one or more topics to solicit ideas and feedback from you. We will plan these chats to typically last 20-30 minutes, but they could run longer, if needed. Three topics planned for 9/4:

- 1) We're planning movie viewings at the church, and we'd like your input on days/times to offer these.
- 2) We'd like your input on topics you are interested in learning more about, as well as days/times/frequency you are interested in, and formats (book, video, bible study, discussion, etc) you prefer. This will help us determine if our current offerings are meeting needs or what else we can provide.
- 3) We have the opportunity to participate in a bake sale during Two Rivers Apple Fest 10/8, keeping the proceeds of what we sell. We'd like to gauge interest in participating in this fundraising opportunity.

Please join us for these chats! **If you are unable to attend in person, send your thoughts to info@mysjec.com**

#### Monthly fellowship gathering 9AM on Sat 9/10

Our next monthly fellowship gathering will take place at 9AM on Saturday, September 10. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall at St James (bring your own food/snacks, if you like). A Zoom option is available for those who can't be present in-person. All are welcome!

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799  
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 822 4207 3112#  
When prompted for Participant ID, press #  
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]  
By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/fellowship

#### Kentucky flood relief

Relief is still needed following severe flooding in eastern Kentucky several weeks ago. A friend of Stephen Phillips shared the following Amazon lists that anybody may use to donate directly to local groups aiding the relief:

amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1PMY1FSSH10VI

amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2CP62KKPFZDUW

You can also donate through agencies such as Red Cross.

## NEW! Blessing of Animals 10/2

The blessing of animals is a tradition associated with Francis of Assisi, an Italian catholic friar who founded religious orders and is commonly known as the patron saint of animals and the environment. Francis is said to have referred to animals as his brothers and sisters. We will have several blessing options this year:

1. During 10AM worship at the church on Sunday, October 2 we'll bless animals, whether they can be present or not. We ask that people bringing animals are able to control the animal and clean up after the animal in the event of an accident. Live pets, photos of pets, and toy pets are welcome, and we can even bless your animal who remains at home if you mention them.
  2. Amma Diane can bless your animals at your home if you are unable to make it to church. Please contact Amma Diane as soon as possible to make arrangements.
  3. Watch our October 2 worship service online live or at a later time, which will include a blessing of pets.
- If you have any questions, please talk to Worship Coordinator Tony Karl.

### Vestry Notes

- Heating has been reinstalled in the Chapel, and the carpet in the Chapel has been replaced (needed due to long-term water damage). The Vestry selected a lighter color carpet to brighten the Chapel based on suggestions over the years.
- As of 7/31/2022, our year-to-date income is \$68,683 on a YTD budget of \$68,076. Our YTD expenses are \$67,817 on a YTD budget of \$73,026. This results in a YTD surplus of \$866. Thank you for your continued support of our mission and ministry! Complete financial reports are posted outside the office.
- The next regular Vestry meeting will take place via Zoom at 5PM on 9/27 ([go.mysjec.com/Vestry](https://go.mysjec.com/Vestry)). Anybody from the congregation may attend.

### Book Group 9/28 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, 9/28 at 7PM. We're reading and discussing the book *The Stranger in the Lifeboat* by Mitch Albom. We hope to see you either on Zoom or in person.

Our book for 10/26 will be *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. 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.mysjec.com/bookgroup](https://go.mysjec.com/bookgroup)  
To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799

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### 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, Len, 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

**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. Matthias, Minocqua; St Michael's Mission District Dorowa, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Australia. For the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee and the dialogue 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, all who have died as a result of gun violence.

### UPDATED! Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

**Birthdays:** 9/7 Mel Ouradnik; 9/7 Hugh Foster; 9/10 Julianna Handl; 9/26 Glenn Davidowich; 9/26 Mary Jean Recklberg

**Anniversaries:** 9/23 Jill & Mayra Short.

*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](mailto:dianemarie.murray@gmail.com)).*