



ST JAMES

EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MANITOWOC

An inviting safe community for all

St James Weekly for the week starting May 1, 2022

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COVID update: as of 3/2/22, masks are optional for all church activities, including worship. Distancing is still a safer practice. Thanks!

Recurring Schedule

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

We're discussing the book Looking for God in the Messy Places: A Book About Hope by Jake Owensby, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana. His work focuses on the spirituality of everyday life. Owensby's blog is JakeOwensby.com. The book is broken down into sections and is a fairly easy read. We anticipate 6 – 8 weeks of discussion. You do not have to have read the book before the discussion begins and you can join or not our Sunday morning discussions as you are able. Let Amma Diane know if you'd like a copy or purchase one in your preferred way.

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

5/1: Easter 3—Mental Health Awareness
5/8: Easter 4—Mother's & Mother Figures

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—Wednesdays at 4PM (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
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NEW! "Helping Our Neighbors" mission project

The poverty rate in Manitowoc is about 14%, and hunger continues to impact families and individuals. Over the next few months, we invite you to bring non-perishable food, hygiene products, and personal care items to donate as often as you are able. We'll have a collection spot in the front left of the Sanctuary near the piano (similar to what we did in Advent), and volunteers will periodically deliver these items to Peter's Pantry. If you'd like to contribute financially, label your gift "Helping Our Neighbors" (checks payable to St James).



UPDATED! Sunday Fellowship time update

We've resumed Fellowship time with snacks and refreshments after Worship every Sunday. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. As we transition back to this, we invite anybody who is interested to bring snacks/treats to share any week. Over the Summer, we'll determine if we want to adapt this as we move into the Fall. **We invite everybody to take turns helping with the simple clean-up—there is a sign-up sheet in church.**

Monthly fellowship gathering 9AM on Sat 5/13

Our next monthly fellowship gathering will take place at 9AM on Saturday, May 13. 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

NEW! Vestry Notes

The Vestry gathered in person for our Spring Retreat on 4/23 and our monthly meeting on 4/26. Highlights:

- Vestry orientation and development.
- Walkaround of the exterior and interior of our building to develop a needs and projects list.
- Goal to complete work in Chapel by Memorial Day weekend, then move on to other projects on our list.
- Pat Hanson will coordinate a church clean-up day, with tasks for all ability levels outside and inside. Details will be available soon.
- Introducing ongoing "Helping Our Neighbors" mission project (*see separate announcement*) and looking into another project with local school(s).
- Resuming work on previously delayed parking lot labyrinth and little free library projects.

Next Vestry meeting will be on Zoom at 5PM on 5/24.

Please share your photos for our upcoming Mother's Day & Father's Day services

We need your photo contributions for the following:

- ♦ Due May 4—Please send photos for our May 8 service of your grandmothers, mothers, daughters, spouses, or yourself... other relatives, friends, and people from our church... or anybody else who has been like a mother, spiritual or otherwise, in the lives of you or your loved ones. We'll also reuse photos from last year unless we hear otherwise from you. Send photos by May 4.
- ♦ Due June 15—Please send photos for our June 19 service of your grandfathers, fathers, sons, spouses, or yourself... other relatives, friends, and people from our church... or anybody else who has been like a father, spiritual or otherwise, in the lives of you or your loved ones. We'll also reuse photos from last year unless we hear otherwise from you. Send photos by June 15.

Please share your photos to be included in slideshows during our Worship services. Send in as many as you like. We'll also re-use photos you shared last year unless we hear otherwise from you. As with photo requests for our previous Worship services, we do not include names or other identifying information for privacy. Please send your photos to Worship Coordinator Tony Karl (email them to info@mysjec.com, text them to him, or give them to him and he can scan them for you). **Please send your photos as soon as possible.** Thanks!

Thanks for your support!

We appreciate your continued financial support while we are being the church in these different ways. Checks can be mailed to or dropped off at the church. You can also set up payments through your bank or donate online at mysjec.com/donate. Please contact Amma Diane if you need help connecting to assistance or resources. **Our special offering for the month of May goes to Painting Pathways Clubhouse—please label accordingly.**



Prayers for the Week

Healing/Comfort/Strength: Steve & Marybeth, Virginia, Elizabeth, Vanessa, Debbie, Silas, Laurie, Geno, Mitch, Bonnie, Bonnie & Charlie, Marcia & John, Chip & Janice, Steven, Len & Margaret, Mary, Vicki, Tom, Grace, Matthew, for the family of Nelson, Sid, Shelley, Jim & Stacey, Karleen, Joanne.

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

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

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. 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 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.

We Pray for the Departed: Tom & Audrey, Audrey & Clayton, Pat, Myrna, Cindy, Joe, Paul, Clarence & Liese, Shirley, Nelson, Bethany, Shawn, Jody Rice-Milski.

Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 5/4 Mayra Short; 5/7 Noah Short; 5/7 Owen Short; 5/20 Doris Hansen; 5/23 Pat Hanson.

Anniversaries: 5/6 Leonard & Margaret Coombs; 5/9 Mary Jean & Todd Reckelberg; 5/15 Barb & John Cook; 5/20 Marian & Nick Doszkewycz.

Ordination Anniversary: 5/23 Amma Diane

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).

Book Group meets 5/25 at 7PM (Zoom)

The St James Book Group is meeting via Zoom until further notice. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 25 at 7PM. We're reading and discussing the book *While Justice Sleeps* by Stacey Abrams. Our book for 6/22 will be *The Daughters of Yalta* by Catherine Grace. 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 Amma Diane.

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

When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 873 5481 2492 #

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Scrip upcoming order deadlines 5/8 & 6/12

Scrip is a way for you to purchase store gift cards for your own use or to give as gifts. The card user gets full value for the amount and St James receives a percent (2-10%, varies by retailer). The proceeds we receive are used for mission projects. Retailer list/order forms are available at church. Contact Eleanor Agnew or Amma Diane if you have any questions or would like to place an order.

Summer Camp opportunities

Registration is open for the Diocese of Fond du Lac's Summer Camp taking place at Waypost Camp. Our diocesan camp welcomes persons of all ages and faiths to learn more about God, community, and themselves while having lots of fun! Those who are age 4 through 12th graders and some adults with younger children attend as campers. Those who are adults as well as older youth may serve on the volunteer staff.

Senior Camp (those completing grades 9-12) is June 12-18 and costs \$475. Middler & Junior Camp (those completing grades 6-8 or grades 2-5) is June 19-24 and costs \$395. KinderCamp (ages 4-7 with an adult) is June 24-26 and costs \$155. Financial assistance is available—talk to Amma Diane if you're interested.

Waypost Camp is located on Mission Lake near Hatley, Wisconsin (about 15 minutes east of Mosinee). It offers cozy cabins, chapel, arts & crafts building, showers, bathrooms, hiking trails, gardens, open fields, low-ropes course, and modern meal facilities. The diocesan camp focus is on faith development through activities including arts & crafts, campfires, swimming, gardening & composting, field games, bread baking, boating, singing, games, storytelling, nature hikes, archery and low-ropes initiative activities. Pandemic protocols will follow CDC guidelines and Waypost Camp policy. To register:

diofdl.org/camp

You're Invited: Eucharistic Festival 5/13-14

The Diocese of Fond du Lac's 2022 Eucharistic Festival will be held Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14.

Friday, May 13

-6PM Evensong at the Cathedral of St Paul, Fond du Lac

-7PM banquet, with speaker, at the Hotel Retlaw in downtown Fond du Lac. **To attend the Friday banquet, you MUST RSVP by Monday, May 2** to guarantee a meal. Cost is \$55 per person. Banquet is served buffet style. Accommodations are available at the Retlaw for those who'd like to spend the night.

Saturday, May 14

-11AM Festival Eucharist with guest homilist and Benediction at the Cathedral at 11AM.

-Followed by Bishop's Picnic and Cathedral Tours.

All are invited to attend any or all of the Festival activities. **You are asked to RSVP for any of the events you plan to attend. For more info or to RSVP, please visit: [Diofdl.org/ef](https://diofdl.org/ef)**

The Homilist and Banquet Speaker will be Dr Elizabeth (Liza) Anderson, a Resident Scholar at the Collegeville Institute, Collegeville, MN. A graduate of Swarthmore College with a Bachelor of Arts in religion and peace



studies, she earned a master's degree from Trinity College Dublin in ecumenical studies, graduated from Harvard Divinity School, and completed her PhD in religious studies at Yale University. Liza's research focuses primarily on the languages, literatures and histories of Middle Eastern Christianity and on Muslim-Christian dialogue. She has taught at seminaries

in the United States, Ukraine, and Iraq, and has also studied Arabic and Islamic theology in Yemen, Morocco and Egypt. She has served the Episcopal Church in a variety of roles, including the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, the General Board of Examining Chaplains, the Liberian Covenant Committee, and on the churchwide Executive Council. She is the Vice President of the North American Academy of Ecumenists and has been an active member of Religions for Peace USA, the North American Interfaith Network, and Christian Churches Together in the USA.