



ST JAMES
EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MANITOWOC

An inviting safe community for all

St James Weekly **for the week starting October 30, 2022**

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***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
10/30 21st Sunday after Pentecost
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

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

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

Dinner/Storytelling with L.U.V. 11/1

St James has a long history of learning about and loving the “other”. Embracing diversity has been an important part of our congregational identity, and we’ve strengthened that through discussion groups, bible studies, video studies, sermons, and our Becoming Beloved Community series the past 3 summers. Lakeshore’s United Visionaries (L.U.V.) is an organization dedicated to uplifting the lives of marginalized individuals. They started to form in May 2020, and their goal is to recognize intersectional identities through allyship, awareness, education, understanding, and love.

On **Tuesday, November 1 at 6PM** we’ll gather in the fellowship hall with representatives from L.U.V. We’ll start with a meal at 6PM, then continue at 7PM with storytelling and discussion for 60-90 minutes. St James is a safe space for people to share their stories and have their stories honored. The goal is to learn about diversity in our community and to form more connections within our community. If there is interest, this could lead to more gatherings or other next steps. There is a sign-up sheet in the church, for those who want to attend, as well as those who’d like to help set up, cook, and/or clean up.

Barb Cook directs chime choir at Rahr-West 11/5

The Felician Village Hand Chime Choir, under the direction of Barb Cook, will be sharing a program of seasonal songs on Saturday, November 5 starting at 11:30AM. The event takes place at the Rahr West Art Museum (610 N 8th St), and the annual table setting exhibit will also be on display. Admission is free but donations are welcome to the museum. Barb is a member of St James who regularly shares her musical gifts on the piano.

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@mysjec.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.

Episcopal 101 program 11/7

Episcopal 101 is a 3-hour program designed for newer people in our congregation and is also a good refresher course for long-time members. Through discussion, video segments, and handouts we'll look at Christianity, Anglicanism, The Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Fond du Lac, and our own congregation. All materials are provided. **Episcopal 101 will take place Monday, November 7 from 4-7PM** in the Fellowship Hall (in-person only). Feel free to bring any snacks/food/beverage you like. This program is facilitated by Tony Karl—please talk to him if you have any questions. There is a sign-up sheet in the church—if you are unable to make the 11/7 program, please indicate that so Tony can follow-up with you to schedule an additional time(s).

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). Feel free to bring any snacks/food/beverage 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.

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.

NEW! 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.

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 October goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund—please label accordingly.**



"Helping Our Neighbors" mission project

The poverty rate in Manitowoc is about 14%, and hunger continues to impact families and individuals. 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.

Celebrating Our Mission, Service, & Ministries

Help us grow the St James Tree of Life! One of our sub-goals is to *"Regularly celebrate the mission, service, and ministries of individuals, inviting them to share these experiences to educate and encourage others"*.

We invite you to share briefly (1-3 minutes) about any mission, service, or ministry you are involved in through St James, another organization, or in your own way. You can share what you do, why you became involved, and anything else you'd like to add. If you're involved in more than one mission, service, or ministry, we invite you to share more than once. It's okay if more than one person shares about the same thing on different dates. Thanks!

If you'd like to share something, please let Amma Diane know on the day you'd like to share.

Meals On Wheels

America's seniors are lonely. And, as a nation, we've allowed them to fall into the shadows. Families are living farther away, and neighbors are more strangers than ever before. We all have the power to help change that.

Meals On Wheels has been guided by a single goal since the first known U.S. delivery by a small group of Philadelphia citizens in 1954 – to support our senior neighbors to extend their independence and health as they age. What started as a compassionate idea has grown into one of the largest and most effective social movements in America, currently helping nearly 2.4 million seniors annually in virtually every community in the country.

Nearly 7.4 million seniors have incomes below the poverty line. Half of seniors living alone lack the financial resources to pay for basic needs. That's an income of \$240 a week or less, which, after housing, utility, and medical expenses, leaves very little for food.

St James Episcopal Church has been involved with Meals On Wheels for a long time and we are joined by others in the community. About every 5 weeks we go to the Senior Center at about 10:30 and pick up both hot and cold foods, already prepacked, plus milk. We go to Park View Haven next to Piggly Wiggly, Valley View Apartments, Manitou Manor Apartments, and River Hill Apartments, all north of Reed Ave.

We deliver the nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks that enable Manitowoc's seniors to live nourished lives with independence and dignity. If you are interested in helping with Meals On Wheels, or trying it out, please talk to Eleanor Agnew or Amma Dianne

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., Richard, Brad & Lizzie, Linda, Connie, Nancy J, Nancy & Clayton, Nick, Judine Duerwachter and family, Barb & John, Joan, Barb & Richard, Suzanne & Derek, Ruth, Fred

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. Luke's, Sister Bay; St Luke's Parish, Mucheke, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile. 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 & Leonard, Jack Westfall, 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; 11/17 Marie Hawkins; 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@mcmunited.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.