

ST JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MANITOWOC

An inviting safe community for all

St James Weekly for the week starting April 2, 2023

St James Episcopal Church

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For pastoral needs & other church needs

Please contact Senior Warden Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal at 334-546-4282 (please leave a voicemail if no answer) or cnor1101@yahoo.com. She will help connect you to the right people.

Recurring Schedule

Discover & Grow Sundays at 8:30AM (in-person/Zoom)

We are using Brian McLaren's "We Make the Road by Walking for our current scripture discussions. A few copies are available, or you can order online.

Sundays at 8:30 are one of our chances to discover & grow together. Join us any weeks you are able! We'll have a rotation of facilitators.

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

4/2 Palm Sunday—Bishop Matt Gunter
4/9 Easter Day—Mary & Jim Trainor
4/16 Easter 2—Brian Staude
4/23 Easter 3 / Creation Care—Brian Staude

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.

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

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When needs arise...

The Wardens (Chris & Mary) and Vestrypersons (Nick, Joan, & Tony) are responsible for the continued functioning of St James, especially our Senior Warden, Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal. If you have any pastoral needs (hospitalization, visit, emergency, etc) or other questions about the church, contact Chris (*info above*). We will have a mix of supply clergy, most frequently local Pastor Brian Staude, and occasional lay-led Worship.

For a building problem, contact Chris. If you can't reach her and it's urgent, call Dave Haefke (920-860-4127).

If you have any info for St James Weekly, please get that to Tony Karl (info@mysjec.com) by Tuesday evenings.

Monthly congregational chat 4/2—w/ Bishop Matt

The Vestry invites all to stay after worship on Sunday 4/2 for our monthly congregational chat—this month featuring Bishop Matt. We'll also include Fellowship. All are welcome to participate. We plan these chats to typically last 20-30 minutes, but they could run longer, if needed. Please join us!

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday 4/2 at 10AM—worship will include our blessing of palms; led by Bishop Matt Gunter

Maundy Thursday 4/6 at 6:30PM—worship will include our ritual washing (hands or feet); led by Pastor Brian Staude

Good Friday 4/7 at 12:30PM—community worship hosted this year at First Presbyterian (502 N 8th St); Mary Green will represent St James.

Saturday 4/8—We will not be celebrating the Great Vigil of Easter this year due to clergy availability.

Easter Sunday 4/9 at 10AM — Festive worship; led by Pastor Jim Trainor & Pastor Mary Trainor.

St James Community Workshop 4/30

Mark your calendars for our St James community workshop scheduled for April 30. Liturgy will be shorter on that day so that we can get to work in the Fellowship Hall immediately following 10AM Worship and lunch will be provided.

Members of the Vestry and Search Team will be present to listen and discuss where we as a community have been and where we hope to head in the future. This will be the primary opportunity for everyone to share their ideas, hopes, and concerns as we travel on our journey of transition.

Large group and small group discussion will be part of the workshop, which is expected to last 2-3 hours (stay as long as you are able). An option to provide your feedback and input in written form will also be available.

If you have any questions, please talk to any of the Search Team members: Glenn Davidowich, Marian Doszkewycz, Bob Feller, Mary Green (Chair/Vestry liaison), & Stephen Phillips.



Vestry Notes

- The Vestry previously shared that we were developing a covenant for our regular supply priest, The Rev'd Brian Staude, to provide additional pastoral support during our transition. Bishop Matt has reviewed and approved this covenant, and Pastor Brian will begin as our Transition Pastor in April. We are grateful to have Pastor Brian walk with us during this transition. Watch for a letter during Holy Week with additional details.
- Please continue to pray our rector Search Team and their important ministry for our congregational future: Glenn Davidowich, Marian Doszkewycz, Bob Feller, Mary Green (Chair), and Stephen Phillips, along with diocesan shepherd Cathy Cowling.
- If you have any ideas for ongoing or one-time programs, events, ministries, or projects, please share them with the Vestry: Nick Doszkewycz, Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal, Joan Estes, Mary Green, Tony Karl, and Linda Molitor.

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.

Bishop Matt's series of teachings

Our 2022 Diocesan Convention requested our bishop provide a series of teachings on the issue of abortion, including consideration of Episcopal Church General Convention resolutions addressing the issue as they recognize the theological, moral, legal, personal and societal complexity involved. His first five installments available at the link below. Several printed copies are available on the info center in the back of the sanctuary, along with the previous update. Bishop Matt invites feedback. anoddworkofgrace.blogspot.com

Prayers for the Week

Healing/Comfort/Strength: Steve & Marybeth, Vanessa, Debbie, Silas, Bonnie T, Bonnie & Charlie, Marcia & John, Chip & Janice, Steven G, Mary G, Vicki, Shelley R, Brian M, Sharon L, Karen K, Nancy J, Nancy & Clayton, Richard H, James B, Jenny M, Sean D, Connie, Janet P, Leah S, Vicar Rodger Patience, Pat K, Mary Ann F, Marty, Liz Foster & Family, Bart K, Jeffrey, Anna, Ruby G, Diane C, Mark H. Sharon, Mary Lynn, Mandi M, Chris Couris & Family, Mary Burckle & Family.

Guidance & Discernment: Tim K, Kurt H, Ronald B, Alison H, Susie M, Brian & Lisa, Frankie, Deb & Jim, Keagan, Mike & Michelle S, Mary.

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, Turkey, Syria and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Palm Sunday; In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Province of The Episcopal Church of South Sudan. For the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee and the trialogue taking place among them. For our Rector Search Committee. For people living with mental illness. For Painting Pathways Clubhouse. Hope House families. The men of The Haven. People at the Warming Shelter. 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: 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 Bishop Osiward Mapika, 2nd Bishop of the Diocese of Masvingo.

We Pray for the Departed: Bill F, Audrey & Clayton, Pat H, Myrna H, Cindy C, Joe L, Paul M, Deena G, Shirley O, Margaret & Leonard, Jack W, James L, Hugh F, Matthew Couris (Chris Couris's father), Betty Van Alphen (Mary Burckle's aunt), and all who have died.

Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 4/5 Jim Gordon; 4/6 Shelley Richardson; 4/16 Mike Reckelberg; 4/22 Donna Franz; 4/23 Eleanor Agnew; 4/29 Joan Estes

Anniversaries: None we know of in April

If you would like your prayer requests to be included on our list, or to add a milestone, please send an email (info@mysjec.com) or leave a voicemail (920.684.8256).