



St James Weekly — week of June 13, 2021

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NEW! *COVID precaution update: Those who have completed their COVID vaccinations may choose to not wear a mask during worship or other church gatherings; those who are not vaccinated should continue to mask (per Diocesan guidelines). Distanced seating and some other precautions will remain in place for the time being.*

UPDATED! Weekly Schedule

Study/Discussion—Sundays 8:30-9:30AM (Zoom)

ON 6/13 we'll discuss 1 Corinthians 16, the final chapter. A video discussion series "A Year in the Life", begins on Sunday, June 20. (see separate announcement)

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

Worship—Sundays at 10AM (in-person/online)

Attend in-person at 10AM, or participate LIVE at 10AM or view at any time after on Facebook or YouTube:
go.mysjec.com/facebook or go.mysjec.com/youtube

6/13: World Refugee Day observance
6/20: Fathers/Father Figures *
6/27: 5th Sunday after Pentecost
7/4: Independence Day *

7/11: Becoming Beloved Community series
7/18: Becoming Beloved Community series *
7/25: Becoming Beloved Community series

*indicates preaching by the Rev Dcn Jerry Molitor

Mid-Week Worship—Wednesdays at 4PM (Zoom)

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When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 670 567 006 #
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By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/wednesday

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

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By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/friday

NEW! A Year in the Life discussion series starts 6/20

Amma Diane writes: We sometimes use our Sunday morning study/discussion time to view short videos. The Episcopal Church (TEC) provided us with the short series *The Way of Love* a couple of years ago that we watched and found very fruitful. There is a new series that TEC has put together that I think will meet some of what I hear people in our bible study asking for: ways to learn about what it means to be an Episcopal Christian, the St James Manitowoc community in the Diocese of Fond du Lac, and sharing our stories in our 2020-2021 context.

"*A Year in the Life*" Video Storytelling is a new web series from TEC. It documents how Episcopal churches, schools, and ministries have navigated a very contentious and difficult year. The series covers topics like food insecurity, education, worship through restrictions, clergy calls, and more. Each episode includes reflection materials to help the viewer consider how the last year or so has affected them and their neighbors.

What I have seen of these videos so far is very good. They range from 1 minute to 9 minutes, so we may watch more than one on some Sundays.

We will also add some Episcopal Church basics to these discussions, using the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) as a reference. If you do not have a BCP, please let Amma Diane know and she will make sure you have one. (We are also retooling our Episcopal 101 class into a series that we'll plan Sunday mornings this coming October.)

We will start "*A Year in the Life*" on Sunday, June 20. at our usual 8:30 - 9:30 time via Zoom or your telephone. If we later add an in-person option we'll be sure to let you know. We will take Sunday, July 4 off. This will be a program that people can join at any time, so if you have to miss a session here or there, all will be well.

If you would like a BCP or have other questions, please contact Amma Diane at 920-860-5152

Photos needed: Fathers/Father Figures

We need your photo contributions for a slide show in our June 20 Worship service. Please send photos 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 17.**

Send in as many photos as you like. As with photo requests for our previous services, we do not include names or other identifying information for privacy. Please send your photos to Tony Karl (email them to info@mysjec.com, text them to him, or he can scan photo prints for you). Thanks!

UPDATED! Annual Meeting 6/27 after 10AM Worship

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled following Worship on Sunday, June 27, starting at approximately 11AM. We will use the same COVID guidelines as in-person Worship. There will not be food/snacks, so we will keep the meeting brief.

We will hold elections; recognize those finishing or continuing in various positions; review the budget reports; and update our Constitution (see separate article about Constitution for more information).

Other information is included in the 2020 Annual Report that was delivered to homes in February. Extras are available at church, or contact Amma Diane if you need one delivered .

New! Church Constitution update & 6/20 Q&A session

The Vestry has completed a review of our church Constitution and is proposing an amended version for adoption at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 27. St James last updated our Constitution in 2006. Much of the document needed to be updated to match the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church (updated in 2018) and Diocese of Fond du Lac (updated in 2020). Other updates are included to match the practical reality of our congregation in 2021. Printed copies of the Constitution with proposed amendments included, along with an explanatory cover sheet, are available to pick up at the church starting 6/13. If you would like a copy and cannot pick one up, please contact Amma Diane and she'll make arrangements.

We will hold a Q&A session following 10AM Worship on Sunday, June 20, hosted by Amma Diane. If you have any questions about the proposed amendments, she will be available to answer them. If you cannot attend this session, **you can email any questions to info@mysjec.com**. We will NOT have time to review the entire document together during the Annual Meeting (that would add well over an hour to a meeting we are trying to keep brief); please ask any questions in advance at the Q&A or by email. If there are specific proposed amendments church members would like to remove or modify (or add), there will be time to bring those up and discuss them at the Annual Meeting.

New! Vestry nominations update

One constitutional amendment we are proposing is to reduce the total size of the Vestry from 10 to 8 (currently there are 2 elected Wardens and 5 elected Vestrypersons as well as the Rector, Clerk, and Treasurer). We propose reducing from 5 Vestrypersons to 3, keeping 2 Wardens, a Clerk, a Treasurer, and the Rector, which is more common in congregations our size while allowing more people to focus on other ministry.

Chris Dee Eggert-Rosenthal is a nominee for Senior Warden and Mary Green is a nominee for Junior Warden. Nick Doszkewycz, Richard Hall, and Kim Kaufmann are continuing their Vestry terms. At the time of publishing this announcement, we have not received nominations for the 2 Vestry positions that will be vacated. *If we do not receive nominations, the proposed reduction can take place starting this year. If we do receive nominations, those nominees may be elected and serve their terms and the proposed change would take place with next year's elections.*

New! Trustee & Delegates nominations update

We need to elect 1 **Endowment Trustee**—we have a nomination for **Hugh Foster**.

We need to elect 3 **Diocesan Convention Delegates**—we have nominations for **Marian Doszkewycz** and **Ruby Gunderson**.

We will need to elect 3 **Diocesan Convention Alternates**.

Additional nominations may be made by completing a nomination form at the church on June 13 or from the floor during the Annual Meeting.

NEW! Vestry Meeting 6/21 at 6:00PM

The Vestry will hold a regular business meeting using Zoom video conferencing on Monday 6/21 starting at 6PM. Guests from the congregation are welcome to attend. The Vestry asks that all guests also have their video cameras active throughout the meeting. Use the following link to connect to the meeting:

go.mysjec.com/vestry

Agenda topics will include:

- ◆ Opening prayer
- ◆ Study/Reflection
- ◆ Update on Ecumenical Ministry Group
- ◆ Updates from Diocese
- ◆ Final Annual Meeting planning details
- ◆ Approve minutes
- ◆ Receive financial reports
- ◆ Closing prayer

If you have any questions, please contact Amma Diane.

If you have any questions, ideas, or concerns, please talk to anybody on the Vestry: Amma Diane (Rector), Tammy McVeigh (Senior Warden), Chris Eggert-Rosenthal (Junior Warden), Nick Doszkewycz (member), Mary Green (member), Richard Hall (member), Tony Karl (Clerk), Kim Kaufmann (member), Peggy Turnbull (member/Treasurer).

Vestry Notes

- ◆ **New!** The Vestry recently completed a review and update to our Constitution. (see separate article)
- ◆ **New!** Murray Sim is performing plaster work to repair water damage on the back wall of our Sanctuary.
- ◆ **New!** Updated our COVID precautions based on new guidelines from our diocesan task force/Bishop.
- ◆ **SAVE THE DATE:** The Rev'd Deacon Jerry Molitor has been working with our congregation since September 2020. Jerry is a transitional deacon on the path to ordination as a priest in the Diocese of Fond du Lac. God willing and the people consenting, Jerry will be ordained July 10 at our Cathedral Church of St Paul in Fond du Lac. Additional details will be shared when they become available.

NEW! St James Book Group meets 6/30 at 7PM

This month the St. James Book Club will meet one week later than usual, on Wednesday, June 30, from 7-8PM, meeting via Zoom or the telephone. If you would like to borrow a book from the inter-library loan, please contact Anne Schuette at 920-242-2819. This book is also available on Kindle and in audiobook format. Please feel free to come to our group even if you have not read the book. Invite a friend. If you have technical difficulties Amma Diane Murray 920-860-5152 will try to help you with these.

This month's book is *The King of Confidence* by Miles Harvey. A review quote from the New York Times describes this book as, "A *Tale of Utopian Dreamers, Frontier Schemers, True Believers, False Prophets, and the Murder of an American Monarch*. Miles Harvey's jaunty, far-ranging history of the 19th-century con man and prophet James Jesse Strang. Despite the frontier setting, there is something eerily contemporary about Harvey's portrait of a real estate huckster with monarchic ambitions, a creative relationship to debt and a genius for mass media. Until his assassination in 1856, Strang ruled over a breakaway Mormon colony on Lake Michigan's Beaver Island, where he was crowned "King of Earth and Heaven." King Strang, as the press delighted in calling him, tried his hand at various roguish trades — lawyer, newspaperman, prophet, pirate, state legislator — but his true gift was for the pure flimflam of American celebrity."

A New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice
Longlisted for the 2021 Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence
in Nonfiction

Finalist for the Midland Authors Annual Literary Award
A Michigan Notable Book
A CrimeReads Best True Crime Book of the Year

Book Group usually meets the 4th Wednesday of the month, except in November and December we meet one week earlier.

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NEW! Thanks from Painting Pathways Clubhouse

THANK YOU! To all who came to Painting Pathways Clubhouse's Brat Fry/Plant Sale and also our Open House! It was wonderful to see so many from our St James church family. We very much appreciate your support! Know that any of you are welcome to stop in anytime.

NEW! Special gift recently received

On Sunday, May 23, Jennifer Schmoldt, Director of Painting Pathways Clubhouse in Manitowoc, attended worship at St James. She brought her mother, Shelley Richardson, as well as a special gift of thanks from the people of Painting Pathways Clubhouse. They wanted to show their gratitude to our congregation for letting them occupy our lower level while their new building was being constructed throughout 2020.

While they were using our space they saw and read our St James Tree of Life goals—they really liked it and thought we embodied that. Their new clubhouse has an art room where they can do mosaic tile work, so they crafted a Tree of Life garden tile and presented that to St James along with a container of home-made, individually-wrapped, chocolate chip cookies.

The tile is on display on the floor in front of the altar we use on Sundays—make sure to check it out!

Photo below: Tile inspired by St James Tree of Life created and given to the church.

Photo bottom left: Jennifer Schmoldt (seated far right) and others pose outside former Painting Pathways Clubhouse building as demolition and construction began in May 2020 (temporary location at St James listed on banner).



NEW! A Prayer for Entering the World Again

If you're uncertain how to move forward
if you're unsure of how to be and who to see
if you're weary of the long days of isolation
if you're tired and worn out
if you're eager for hugs and handshakes
if you're excited to explore and travel —
this prayer is for you.

May you be gentle with yourself
tread lightly if needed
trust the small movements taken in hope
and lean into the One who walks with you.

May you be gentle with others
take time to listen
breathe deeply
take a posture of compassion
and lean into the One who walks with you.

May you be gentle with the world
celebrate the consistency in the changing of seasons
listen for the sounds of spring's renewal
splash in a river's water
and lean into the One who walks with you.

As you move forward,
may the God of infinite love
and boundless grace
bless you and keep you
now and forever.

~ Posted to the Episcopal Café web site by Kimberly Knowle-Zeller. Kimberly is an ordained ELCA pastor, mother of two, and spouse of an ELCA pastor. She lives with her family in Cole Camp, MO.

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Thanks for your support!

We appreciate your continued financial support while we are being the church in this different way. 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 June goes to the Rector's discretionary fund—please label gifts accordingly.**

UPDATED! Prayers for the Week

Healing, Comfort & Strength: Brenden, Steve & Marybeth, Virginia, Carol, Elizabeth, Vanessa, Terry, Debbie, Bonnie, Don & Beth, Faith, Susie, Marty & Nancy, Peggy, Joe Mike, Chip, Jim, Bill, Steven, Billy, Len & Margaret, Ray, Mollie, Liese, Walter, Chris, Mary, Vicki, Randy & Cindy, Charlie, Shelley, Silas, Mary, Sandy, Cathy, Don, Mike, Laurie, Amanda, Eleanor, Richard, Chris & Nicole, Sharon and her family, Jenny, Jean.

Guidance & Discernment: Tim, Guy & Mary, Kurt, Ronald, Alison, Frankie, Brian & Lisa, Ginny & Karen, Annie & Tom, Lishane, Mary, Cheryt, Sara, Ethan, Scott, Tammy & Kevin, Steven.

Serving in the Military: Jordan, Daniel, Ian, Logan, Keaton, Ashlee, Adam.

Additional Prayers we offer include: For Peace in our world... for the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Trinity, Oshkosh and Holy Trinity Mission District, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). For the Dioceses of Eau Claire, Milwaukee, and Northern Michigan. 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. For our safe return to church, other ministries, and groups in person.

We offer thanks for: Diane our Rector, Tammy and Chris, our Wardens, our Vestry and other ministry leaders, staff and every person in this congregation. Transitional Deacon Jerry Molitor and his wife Linda. Bishop Matthew 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 their Bishop, The Rt Rev Godfrey and his wife Albertina.

We Pray for the Departed: Tom & Audrey, Audrey & Clayton, Pat, Myrna, Cindy, Joe, Paul, Clarence, Deena, Scott.

Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 6/4 Diane Murray; 6/9 Kaeden Essert; 6/9 Jill Short; 6/15 Sally Hunner; 6/22 Sandra Olson; 6/28 Peggy Turnbull; 6/29 David Grams

Anniversaries: 6/3 Hugh & Liz Foster; 6/6 Murray & Nancy Sim; 6/8 Mel & Shirley Ouradnik; 6/11 Chuck Wernecke & Dianne Wilson; 6/16 Bob & Peggy Turnbull; 6/19 Karleen & Skip Cole; 6/19 Jerry & Linda Molitor; 6/29 Mike & Sharon Laughrin.

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).