



**ST JAMES**

EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MANITOWOC

An inviting safe community for all

## **St James Weekly** **for the week of January 2, 2022**

**St James Episcopal Church**  
434 N 8th St, Manitowoc, WI 54220  
920-684-8256 (church office)  
info@mysjec.com  
mysjec.com  
facebook.com/sjecmanitowoc

**The Rev Diane M Murray, Rector**  
920-860-5152 (cell phone)  
920-894-5245 (daytime phone)  
dianemarie.murray@gmail.com  
*Please contact Amma Diane with  
any pastoral care or other needs.*

**COVID precaution: Masks and distancing are  
currently required for all present for all St James  
Episcopal Church indoor group activities. Thanks!**

### **Recurring Schedule**

#### **Bible Study Sundays at 8:30AM (in-person/Zoom)**

We are discussing the 13 chapters of 2 Corinthians, which will take us through the end of the year. Use any bible translation(s) you like; no other book/guide needed.

**1/2 no meeting;**

**1/9 starts new book discussion (see 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 YouTube (video links are also shared on Facebook):

go.mysjec.com/youtube      go.mysjec.com/facebook

1/2: Second Sunday of Christmas

1/9: Baptism of Our Lord

1/16: MLK Observance

#### **Fellowship—Sundays at 11:15AM (in-person)**

Join us for a weekly time of conversation after worship in our lower level Fellowship Hall. Due to COVID, we are not having food/drink at this time.

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

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

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

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

#### **NEW! Please help with church un-decorating on Sun 1/2 after Worship**

All are who are able, we invite you to stay after Worship on Sunday, January 2, to help put away our Christmas season decorations. More hands will make the load lighter for everybody. The Packers play in the evening. Those who brought Nativity sets to include in our display may take them home.

#### **Monthly fellowship gathering 9AM on Sat 1/8**

Starting on January 8, 2022, the informal women's & men's fellowship gatherings on the second Saturday of the month will be combined. This is an idea that has been discussed several times in the past 10+ years, and now seems to be the right time to make this change. The combined monthly fellowship gathering will meet at 9AM on Saturday, January 8, and the following second Saturdays of each month. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall at St James (bring your own food/snacks, if you like). A Zoom option will be available for those who can't be present in-person. On January 8 we'll discuss some ideas for how we'd like to proceed together for the next few months. Around mid-year, we'll assess how things have gone and adapt as needed. 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

#### **Sunday morning book discussion starts 1/9**

After we finish 2 Corinthians on 12/26, our Sunday morning 8:30-9:30AM discussion will take a break on 1/2. On Sunday mornings January 9 through March 13 we'll be discussing the book *The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for Beloved Community*. The author is Stephanie Spellers, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Canon for Evangelism, Reconciliation, and Creation—helping Episcopalians to share the good news and cross boundaries as part of the Jesus Movement. These discussions will help us continue on the conversations we've already been having on Becoming Beloved Community for all. Books are available online, or you may contact Amma Diane for a copy.

**NEW! 2022 Pledges and Capital Campaign**

The deliveries we made to every household the week of Dec 12 included a variety of items, including our stewardship letter/report, 2022 pledge cards, and 2022 capital campaign cards. The report includes a celebration of all the ways we've nourished our St James Tree of Life and grown together through 2021. Copies of these materials are on the info table in the back of the church. We invite you to continue to support our shared mission and ministry by making your financial commitment for 2022, as you are able. Our estimated expenses for 2022 are \$119,234. *(See the back page of the stewardship report for a breakdown of our estimated expenses.)*

**Please return your pledge card as soon as possible.**

**NEW! St James Book Group meets 1/26 at 7PM**

The St James Book Group will meet via Zoom throughout the winter months. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 26 at 7PM.

We're reading and discussing the book *Circe* by Madeline Miller. Books are available through the library, most book stores, and through online retailers, and Kindle and audiobooks are available.

As always, even if you have not read the book you are welcome to join in the discussion. If you have technical difficulties contact Amma Diane Murray 920-860-5152.

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799

When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 873 5481 2492 #

When prompted for Participant ID, press #

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

By computer or other device: [go.mysjec.com/bookgroup](https://go.mysjec.com/bookgroup)

**MLK events continue 1/8, 1/15, 1/16, & 1/17**

September through December, we've participated in Manitowoc's MLK Freedom School in honor of The Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr and Mrs Coretta Scott King and their civil and human rights legacy. Events detailed the central focuses of the their lives and how their contributions inspire poor and working people today to build a better world. Our events honoring and learning from MLK's legacy continue in January:

**Saturday, January 15, 2022—12:30pm** Movie screening (*Selma*) at First Presbyterian Church

**Sunday January 16, 2022—1PM** March with bridge crossing, From Manitowoc Public Library to First Presbyterian Church, with a speakers talking about Restorative Justice, the Poor People's Campaign, our school district, and more.

**Monday, January 17, 2022—6:30PM** Meet in the downtown Farmer's Market parking lot for a City Proclamation, Freedom Songs, candlelight vigil on the bridge, and I Have A Dream Speech.

Please contact Matt Sauer ([matt@mcmunited.com](mailto:matt@mcmunited.com) or 920-860-6880) with any questions.

**Annual Meeting 1/30/22; nominations open**

Our Annual Meeting will be held after 10AM Worship on Sunday, January 30, 2022. At this meeting we review and celebrate our progress, discuss goals, review our budget, and hold elections for Wardens, Vestrypersons, Trustees, and Convention delegates and alternates. A nomination form and report has been available since 12/12.

Nominations received so far include:

Senior Warden: Chris Eggert-Rosenthal *(for 2nd year)*

Junior Warden: Mary Green *(for 2nd year)*

**NEW! Save the Date: 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, 2022.

Friday offers Evensong at the Cathedral of St Paul, Fond du Lac, and a banquet, with speaker, at the Hotel Retlaw in downtown Fond du Lac. Overnight accommodations are available at the Retlaw for those desiring to stay overnight.

Saturday includes the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the Cathedral at 11AM, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the Bishop's Picnic, and Cathedral tours.

All are invited to attend any or all of the Festival activities. A link for reservations for the Friday Banquet will be available in February.

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.

**NEW!** [Appreciation for Adopt-a-Family project](#)

*Our Greetings and warm wishes to you from The Salvation Army of Manitowoc!*

*We pray that this note finds you and yours well as we near Christmas and the end of another year. As you all well know "it takes a village" to help make the Christmas season a bright and merry one for those in need in our community. You have helped make that happen. We could not possibly do all that we do without folks like you stepping up and stepping in. Many of you donated time as well as toys, talent as well as a financial gift. We cannot say thank you enough. On behalf of everyone here at The Salvation Army and every family who received help this Christmas season: THANK YOU!*

*We are grateful and humbled by your generosity. May God bless you this Christmas, may you find time to spend with family and friends, and may you enter the new year joyful and with hope.*

In Christ,

Lt. Jenny Moffitt

Corps Officer, Manitowoc Salvation Army

[Vestry Notes](#)

- ◆ Thank you to everybody who helped decorate our church for the Christmas season, including those who brought nativity scenes to display. It looks beautiful!
- ◆ We are grateful for all the reverse Advent calendar donations received. Peter's Pantry picked up all our non-perishable food and personal care items, which will be distributed to those in need.
- ◆ Thanks to Eleanor Agnew for decorating our entry area bulletin boards for the season.
- ◆ The plaster work and painting on our back Sanctuary wall has been completed. Work is underway in our Chapel. Thanks to Dave Haefke, Pat Hanson, Murray Sim, and Steve Thus!
- ◆ Thank you to everybody who donated cookies, treats, and containers for our Advent deliveries. Thanks also to those who helped prepare and deliver packages on 12/12.
- ◆ The 12/12 deliveries also contained a packet of updates and information from the Vestry, including:
  - ◆ Cover letter with a variety of updates
  - ◆ Stewardship report, 2022 pledge cards, and 2022 capital campaign cards
  - ◆ Nomination report and form in preparation for our Annual Meeting after 10AM Worship on Sunday, January 30, 2022.
  - ◆ Identifying our Gifts, Skills, & Passions form
  - ◆ Updated church Directory
  - ◆ Extras of these materials are available in the church or by contacting Amma Diane

**UPDATED!** [Prayers for the Week](#)

**Healing/Comfort/Strength:** Brenden, Steve & Marybeth, Virginia, Carol, Elizabeth, Vanessa, Terry, Debbie, Bonnie, Don & Beth, Faith, Susie, Peggy, Chip, Steven, Len & Margaret, Ray, Mollie, Walter, Mary, Vicki, Charlie, Grace, Silas, Cathy, Don, Laurie, Chris & Nicole, Sharon and her family, Jenny, Jean, Ron B, Candace, Paul's family, Greg & Kim, Janet, Mel Ouradnik and family, Cindy Hronek & family, Due Deanna, Geno, Mitch, Marie.

**Guidance & Discernment:** Tim, Guy & Mary, Kurt, Ronald, Alison, Frankie, Brian & Lisa, Ginny & Karen, Annie & Tom, Mary, Sara, Ethan, Scott.

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

**Additional Prayers we offer include:** For Peace in our world... for the people of Afghanistan, Haiti, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Madagascar and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for All Saints Wrenningham Mission District, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo. For the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee. 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. For our continued safe in-person worship, other ministries and groups.

**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 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 & Liese, Deena, Shirley Ouradnik, Sandra, Randy Hronek.

**UPDATED!** [Milestones](#)

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

**Birthdays:** 1/2 Tammy McVeigh; 1/3 Kevin McVeigh; 1/11 Chris Eggert-Rosenthal; 1/15 Jane Robinson; 1/17 Liz Foster; 1/21 Dianne Wilson; 1/23 John Cook; 1/25 Skip Cole; 1/28 Sharon Laughrin.

**Anniversaries:** no January anniversaries we know of

*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).*



**NEW! Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee engage in trialogue planning**

When the Diocese of Wisconsin was formed in 1847, Bishop Jackson Kemper lived out the missionary spirit of the Church. He did so while working in a field rife with possibility and being God's witness "in the wilderness."

There is a type of wilderness today, and not one of geography. The world has changed, but will the church in this place? Can we form ourselves to be relevant? Can we use the resources God has provided to support the work of the Episcopal Church through local congregations?

The three Episcopal dioceses determined to pursue reunion as one diocese in Wisconsin to come together with a blank slate to create a new culture. Leaders from the Milwaukee, Fond du Lac and Eau Claire met in December to continue talks about reunification – to dream about what God wants us to do and take the steps to do it. This second meeting looked at ways to best involve people in the trialogue so we can begin to crystallize a direction and some action.

Delegates from each diocesan convention had provided thoughts, comments, and responses to the idea of reunion. There were a lot of questions about things we don't yet know. Many comments reflected a general desire to move towards a combined diocese. The responses noted the potential of one diocese to equip churches to better share the Gospel.

But there is a lack of clarity evident as to what that means. The trialogue has just started, so this was to be expected. The need for information is great to generate specific ideas or proposals as well as to have more informed questions and discussion.

Reflecting on many responses, the leaders at this second meeting recognized the pursuit will not be easy and is to be undergirded by prayer. Seeking to come together and do things in a different way will be a challenge in a variety of ways.

The purpose of the trialogue is to enable members of the three Episcopal dioceses in Wisconsin to explore how reunification into one diocese can better equip us to be the church God is calling us to be in these times. Work is beginning to shape how we can get to know each other better. There will be opportunities to learn more about each diocese and its people. These will help in building relationships and informing the discussion. As with any

change, there will be more questions than answers to start.

The leaders, who were selected by each diocesan governing body, serve as the trialogue Steering Committee going forward. Its purpose is to take collaborative action to build connections and relationships exploring reunification.

The Steering Committee will establish task forces to examine various components of trialogue. These are: Prayer; Parish and Regional Engagement; Culture; Location, Place, and Staffing; Finances; Constitution and Canons; and Communication. Members of each diocese with experience, knowledge, or passion in each area are being called to participate. These task forces will establish ways to involve more voices as ideas and proposals are developed. This may involve in-person

connections as well as technological ones.

Communication will be essential. To involve over 10,000 persons is an immense task. An interactive website as centralized source of information is being designed. There will be ways to interact with others, provide answers to frequently asked questions, and share your thoughts and ideas with the task forces. Stay tuned to diocesan communication channels to learn ways to be a part to better equip us to be the church God is calling us to be in these times.

The trialogue Steering Committee members are

the Rev. Canon Kathleen Charles, Tim Donahue, the Rt. Rev. Matthew Gunter, the Rev. Canon Aaron Zook (Diocese of Eau Claire), the Rt. Rev. Matthew Gunter, Matthew Payne, Pat Pfeifer, the Rev. Canon Wilson Roane (Diocese of Fond du Lac), The Rev. Canon Scott Leannah, the Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee, the Rev. Jana Troutman-Miller, John Vogel (Diocese of Milwaukee).

**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](https://mysjec.com/donate) . Please contact Amma Diane if you need help connecting to assistance or resources. **Our special offering for the month of January goes to Painting Pathways Clubhouse—please label accordingly.**

