

EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MANITOWOC

An inviting safe community for all

St James Weekly for the week starting April 30, 2023

St James Episcopal Church

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Recurring Schedule

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

We're using Brian McLaren's **We Make the Road by Walking** for our current scripture discussion. A few copies are available, or you can order online. **No class 4/30.**

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

4/30—4th Sunday of Easter
5/7—5th Sunday of Easter / Mental Health Awareness
5/14—6th Sunday of Easter / Mother's & Mother Figures
5/21—7th Sunday of Easter / Companion Diocese

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)

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]

When needs arise...

During our transition and search, the Wardens (Chris Eggert-Rosenthal & Mary Green) and Vestrypersons (Nick Doszkewycz, Joan Estes, & Tony Karl) are responsible for the continued functioning of St James, along with our new Transition Pastor, The Rev'd Brian Staude.

If you have any pastoral needs, please contact Pastor Brian (contact info at top of page).

For other general questions about the church, please contact Chris (contact info at top of page).

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

St James Community Workshop 4/30

Join for our St James community workshop on April 30. We'll 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.

Barb Cook plays at Rahr West 5/4

St James member Barb Cook occasionally shares her musical gifts at the Rahr West Art Museum (610 N 8th St)., filling the exhibition wings with the rich and soothing tones of the beautiful baby grand piano in the Ruth West Gallery. Barb's next performance time will be at 10AM on Thursday, May 4. This is a free event and open to the public. If you have any questions, talk to Barb.

Scout bake sale 5/7

Emily from the Girl Scout troop that shares our lower level did a wonderful job sharing information about her Gold Awards Project during Worship on April 23. Part of her fundraising will be a bake sale, which she'll hold in the Fellowship Hall on May 7.

SAVE THE DATE: Dine & Discuss with L.U.V. 5/16

On Tuesday, May 16, we'll gather from 6-8PM once again with our friends from Lakeshore's United Visionaries (L.U.V.) for a food, sharing and discussion. More details and sign-up sheet available next week.

Forward Day by Day devotion books

Quarterly devotion books in two sizes from Forward Day by Day are available to pick up on the wall rack in the back of the Sanctuary. Leave an email or voicemail at church if you'd like a copy delivered to you.

Thanks for your support!

We appreciate your continued financial support while we are being the church in these different ways. Checks can be left in the offering plate, or mailed to/dropped off at the church. You can also set up payments through your bank or donate online at mysjec.com/donate. Please contact any member of the Vestry if you need help connecting to assistance or resources. Our special offering for the month of April goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund—please label accordingly.

Vestry Notes

- Our next Congregational Chat will take place after Worship on Sunday 5/14. Topics will include updates from the Search Team & Stewardship Team and info from the Ecumenical Ministry Group.
- Pastor Brian has started a series of livestreamed devotional videos on our Facebook page, usually at 10AM Mondays through Wednesdays. View this and other content at facebook.com/sjecmanitowoc
- We're now being intentionally more active with our Facebook page. Check it out if you haven't in awhile.
- We recently received an estate gift that the Vestry had previously been planning to use for needed technology improvements, signage, etc. Due to our current budget shortfall, we are instead holding this as a cash reserve in a money market account. (It has been our practice to keep the details of such gifts private unless something is specified with the gift.)
- We welcomed The Rev'd Brian Staude as our Transition Pastor, effective April 1. A letter was mailed to every household, with extra copies in the back of church. The letter was also emailed and shared on Facebook.
- 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, Linda Molitor, and Pastor Brian Staude.
- Please continue to pray for 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.

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 six 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, Chip & Janice, Steven G, Mary G, Vicki, Shelley R, Brian M, Sharon L, Karen K, Nancy J, Family of Clayton Tess, Richard H, James B, Jenny M, Sean D, Connie, Janet P, Leah S, Vicar Rodger Patience, Pat K, Mary Ann F, Marty, Bart K, Jeffrey, Anna, Ruby G, Diane C, Mark H, Sharon, Mary Lynn, Mandi M, Jeff L, Chris Couris & Family, Mary Burckle & Family, Erin & Family, Lucy M.

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

Serving in the Military: 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 St. John's, New London; Mvuma Mission District, Masvingo; In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Church. 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: Pastor Brian and Barb Staude; our Vestry (Chris, Mary, Nick, Joan, Tony, and Linda); other ministry leaders, our paid and volunteer staff; and every person connected to our congregation. In the wider church we pray for our Bishop Matt Gunter, our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, and their families. For our companion Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and 2nd Bishop of Masvingo Osiward Mapika.

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

Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 4/29 Joan Estes; 5/20 Doris Hansen; 5/23 Pat Hanson

Anniversaries: 5/9 Mary Jean & Todd Reckelberg; 5/15 Barb & John Cook; 5/20 Marian & Nick Doskewycz.

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).

Book Group 5/24 at 7PM (in-person/Zoom)

St James has our book discussions on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Our next book discussion will be on May 24th. Please join us in person at 7:00 pm or on ZOOM. We shared thoughts, ideas, and laugher during our book discussion this past Wednesday. We will be reading *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro for our next gathering

In the novel narrated by Klara, a robot, provides companionship to a young, sick girl. The girl has been genetically altered to improve her academic performance. This is timely book as we have all heard in the past few months about AI - "Artificial Intelligence" and what it might be able to do AND about the possibility of changing human genes.



1115 Washington Street INFO~ 920.663.2786

Donations of baked items for the Garden Faire bake sale are appreciated.

Thursday, May 25th- 11am to 5pm 1226 Washington St. 920-652-9952





Brats and Burgers, Chips and Soda (Pre-orders welcome)

Hand Crafted Garden Art by the PPC Crew Huge variety of Plants and Vegetables!

All items by Donation
(all proceeds will benefit Painting Pathways Clubhouse)

Province V update

Our Senior Warden, Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, shares:

A few weeks ago I was privileged to attend the Province V in-person Board Meeting at Holy Wisdom Monastery as the Diocese of Fond du Lac representative. I will be posting some information on Province V, to explain how it affects our congregation.

I am not a historian but if you have questions as I add pieces please ask and I can research the answers. Province V is one of the nine provinces of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America (ECUSA). The Episcopal Church is part of the Anglican Communion, a worldwide association of churches with the roots in the Church of England.

Province V is comprised of the dioceses located in the Midwest, including Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, southeastern Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Members of the Province V Board are both clergy and lay persons.

The Episcopal Church in in the Midwest has a long history that dates back to the early 19th century, with the establishment of the first Episcopal in the region in 1835 in Michigan. Over time, more dioceses were established and they eventually came together to form Province V. The Organization was known as the Western Diocesan convention from its formation in 1853 until 1940 When it became Province V.

The purpose of Province V is to provide a regional structure for the governance and coordination of the Episcopal Church in the Midwest. This includes facilitation communication and cooperation among the dioceses in the region supporting the work of the national Episcopal Church, and promoting growth and development of the Church in the Midwest. The Province also provides a forum for the discussion of issues affecting the Church and its mission, and works to foster unity and common purpose among the dioceses in the region. The organization of workshops and conferences is a function that provides resources for Christian Education and formation and advocating to social justice issues and support of the ministries in the Diocese.

Province V serves as an important support network for the discuses within the region and helps promote unity and collaboration among Episcopalians in the Midwest and Great Lakes areas.

