



**ST JAMES**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MANITOWOC

An inviting safe community for all

## **St James Weekly** for the week starting **January 21, 2024**

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### **Recurring Schedule**

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

We'll be beginning a new topic, to be announced.  
Please talk to Chris Eggert-Rosenthal if you have any questions.

By computer or other device: [go.mysjec.com/biblestudy](https://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](https://go.mysjec.com/youtube)  
1/21—The Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
1/28—The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
2/4—The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
2/11—The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

#### 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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#### Who to contact...

Our Transition Pastor (The Rev'd Brian Staude), Wardens (Chris Eggert-Rosenthal & Mary Green) and Vestrypersons (Nick Doszkewycz & Tony Karl) are responsible for the continued functioning of St James throughout our search process.

If you have any pastoral needs, please contact Pastor Brian (*contact info at top of St James Weekly*).

If you have questions related to worship or music, please contact Worship Coordinator Tony Karl. You can also contact Tony for ordering supplies or office-related needs. If you have info for *St James Weekly*, please get that to Tony ([info@mysjec.com](mailto:info@mysjec.com)) by Tuesday evenings.

For other general questions about the church, please contact Chris (*contact info at top of St James Weekly*).

#### Dine & Discuss recap: learning about WBDD disability grant and next steps

On Tuesday, January 16, after a delicious potluck feast, those present heard Eleanor Agnew share about the newest initiative of St James.

Armed with a \$5,000 grant from The Wisconsin Bureau for Developmental Disabilities, St James will become a more accessible church for people with disabilities and their families/caregivers so they will feel welcomed and involved.

The primary team working on this consists of Eleanor, Tony Karl, and Pastor Brian Staude from our congregation, along with others from our diocese.

There are several principal areas the team is working on:

- Making St James more accessible. This includes having the building set up for people with disabilities. Though we have an accessible building, we can do a better job in this area.
- Educating the congregation on how to welcome and engage people with disabilities.
- Communicating to the world outside that we are a church who cares about people with disabilities, and we want them to come. We also want to set up a serenity room for people who need it. More information on that in future.
- Giving trainings to other churches about the ADA (American with Disabilities Act) and how to interact and feel comfortable with people with disabilities and their families/caregivers.
- Sponsoring a "happening" sponsored for people with disabilities and their families/caregivers. This may be a picnic or a sensory movie.

After learning this information, those attending the Dine & Discuss split into small groups and worked on the Accessibility Audit for Episcopal Ministries. This audit breaks down areas that need to be looked at to have a truly accessible ministry. When done, the teams presented their findings and talked about what needs to be done.

Thanks to all who participate in our Dine & Discuss. The next one will take place from 6-8PM on Tuesday 2/20.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, or learning more about it, please contact Eleanor Agnew or Pastor Brian.

### Ash Wednesday community worship 2/14

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. St James Episcopal Church will be joining with our siblings in faith from various churches to mark this special day. St Paul ELCA (2601 S 10th St) is this year's hosts for the 18th annual Ash Wednesday community worship service on February 14 starting at 6:30PM. Worship will include imposition of ashes, the symbolic reminder of our humanity and mortality: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

### Annual Meeting 2/18; nominations open

Our Annual Meeting will be held after 10AM Worship on Sunday, February 18. At this meeting we review and celebrate our progress, discuss our clergy transition, review our budget, and hold elections for 3 Vestryperson positions and 1 Trustee positions. A nomination form and report has been available since January 7. No nominations have been received as of 1/18. Please place completed forms in the box in the back of the church.

### Embodying Christ's call to be a welcoming church

As all of us know, the past week has been very, very cold. Beds at the Manitowoc Warming Shelter, housed across the street at First Presbyterian, are filled.

A couple looking for a warm place to go after being turned away at the warming shelter, came into St James looking for some water and warmth. The Dine & Discuss participants were having their dinner and invited the couple to share our food. Those sitting with them found out they had been sleeping in a storage unit, with no heat, and had inadequate clothing for the weather.

Nick Doszkewycz went across the street and was able to obtain clothing from the shelter. After the couple finished dinner and listened to part of the presentation, we wrapped up extra food for them to take with them. Nick took the pair to the police station where they received a voucher for a motel room in Manitowoc. Then Nick drove them to the motel.

This is a wonderful example of not only Christian fellowship but helping those who are in need. That is what Christ calls us to do.

*Thanks to Eleanor Agnew for sharing this story. We invite you to share uplifting stories and celebrations with our church family in St James Weekly—contact Tony Karl.*

### Need rides? Able to give rides?

We'd like to help connect those in our church family who need rides with those who can give rides.

**If you need rides** to Worship or other church events, occasionally or regularly, please let the Wardens know so they can try to help arrange something.

**If you can give rides**, please let the Wardens know (it does not commit you to anything). Also mention if you're willing to give rides regularly, once in awhile, to church events only, for other needs, etc. Thanks!

### Would you like to help in Worship as a Reader, Acolyte, and/or Eucharistic Minister?

Would you like to be part of our rotation of Readers, Acolytes, and/or Eucharistic Ministers? We're always happy to add new people, and training will be provided. If this is something that interests you, please talk to Worship Coordinator Tony Karl for more information.

### 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.

### Help needed: parish inventory

We're making plans to complete a new parish inventory. This will include documenting in writing and photo/video the things that we would want replaced in case of disaster. There are templates available for this sort of project so we don't have to re-invent the wheel. Please let the Vestry know if you might be interested in helping with some or all of this inventory project.

### Gratitudes: we extend our appreciation to...

- ◆ All who helped un-decorate our church after the Christmas season
- ◆ Our Altar Guild
- ◆ Our Vestry for their dedication and love
- ◆ Barb Cook for sharing her musical gifts
- ◆ Sherry Paszkiewicz for maintaining our prayer list
- ◆ Tony Karl & Teri Wagner for sharing their administrative gifts
- ◆ All who help with fellowship and clean-up
- ◆ All who help financially sustain St James

### Barb Cook fundraiser recording—order now

**Thanks for your orders—we're preparing them and will be distributing soon. Please continue to add your name to the sign-up if interested.**

St James member (and our frequent musician) Barb Cook has donated her considerable musical talent to help produce a recording entitled "*Oasis*". We are making this recording available for a suggested donation of \$10, with all proceeds benefiting the ministry of St James Episcopal Church. We'll be producing USB drives containing MP3s as well as CDs—these will be produced to-order, and we'll get them to purchasers as soon as possible. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the back of the church to reserve your copy. Songs include: We Gather Together; It Is Well with My Soul; Abide with Me; Great Is Thy Faithfulness; Be Thou My Vision; Nearer My God to Thee; Beautiful Savior; Emmanuel/We Three Kings; Go Tell It On the Mountain; Joy to the World; & Silent Night.

### 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](https://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 January goes to the Manitowoc Warming Shelter—please label accordingly.**

### Vestry Notes

- Please return your 2024 giving estimates/contact information update forms as soon as possible.
- We recently purchased an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) which will be installed in our worship space for emergency needs. We will need volunteers trained in the AED. Chris Eggert-Rosenthal will coordinate training for properly using this equipment—please let her know if you're interested.

### Make a Joyful Noise!

Are you an instrumentalist or singer who'd like to share music? Voice, piano, guitar, organ, violin, banjo, trumpet, flute, bagpipes, accordion, or any other instrument... we invite you to share your gifts! You can offer a special piece for a one-time occasion, or music on an occasional or regular basis.

Do you play piano, organ, guitar, or another instrument and have an interest in accompanying music on an occasional or regular basis? We invite you to enhance our worship by accompanying one or more songs, or even a full service. Accompanists are welcome for a one-time occasion or to provide music on a more regular basis.

All are welcome to participate in the music ministry at St James Episcopal Church... there are opportunities for any skill level, age, or experience. If you are interested in any of these opportunities or would like more information, please contact Worship Coordinator Tony Karl.



### In our prayers

**Healing/Comfort/Strength:** Steve & Marybeth, Silas, Bonnie T, Bonnie, Marcia, Chip & Janice, Mary G, Shelley R, Brian M, Mike & Sharon L, Nancy J, Richard H, Jenny M, Connie, Leah S, Vicar Rodger Patience, Bart K, Anna, Ruby G, Mark H & family, Mandi M, Lucie M, John C, Gail R, Vicki W & family, Maribeth W, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Barb C, Jane E, Candace G, Marian F, Terry & Mary, Helen C, Ralph S, Roger S, Kara & Anders, Michael, Eric, Katrina, Haidyn, Chris E-R, Mark Mielczarek & Family.

**Guidance & Discernment:** Tim K, Kurt H, Ronald B, Alison H, Susie M, Brian & Lisa, Deb & Jim, Keagan, Mary, Gaetz Family.

**Serving in the Military:** Ian, Logan, Marshall, Jacob, Jack.

**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 Peter's, Ripon, and Holy Apostles Mission District Chivhu, Masvingo, Zimbabwe. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church of South India (United). For the Dioceses of Fond du Lac, Eau Claire, and Milwaukee and the dialogue 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, 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 C, John, Charlie, Mike S, Mike Mielczarek and all who have died.

### Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

**Birthdays:** 1/21 Dianne Wilson-Wernecke; 1/23 John Cook; 1/25 Skip Cole; 1/28 Sharon Laughrin; 2/0 Rick Roubal; 2/14 Candace Groth; 2/20 Mark Hunner; 2/21 Marian Flint; 2/27 Richard Hall; 2/27 Kim Kaufmann.

**Anniversaries:** 2/14 Tony Karl & Christopher Couris

**If you would like your prayer requests to be included on our list, or to add a milestone, please contact Sherry Paszkiewicz or send an email to [info@mysjec.com](mailto:info@mysjec.com)**