



ST JAMES

EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MANITOWOC

An inviting safe community for all

St James Weekly for the week of November 28, 2021

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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.

11/28 chapter 9; 12/5 chapter 10; 12/12 chapter 11

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

11/28: First Sunday of Advent
12/5: Second Sunday of Advent
12/12: Third Sunday of Advent
12/19: Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

UPDATED! Please return adopt-a-family gifts 11/28

On Sunday 11/28 we will gather all the donated gifts and gift cards for the families we have adopted and the other individuals that will receive the gift cards. They will be brought to the front of the church to receive a blessing from Amma Diane, and they will be delivered to the Salvation Army on Monday. The Holy Spirit has really touched hearts in our congregation as evidenced by the abundance of gifts given. It is such a blessing to see this happen! Thank you so much!



Please remember that the gifts need to be unwrapped, but donations of wrapping paper and ribbon are much appreciated also. If you have questions, please call me at 920-629-0435 or email me at colekarleen@gmail.com.

Humbled by your generosity!!

~Karleen Cole

NEW! Bring Reverse Advent donations starting 11/28

See the back page of St James Weekly for our Reverse Advent Calendar. You can bring food/personal care items any time to add to our donation collection in the front of the Sanctuary (near the piano). You can add items before, during, or after Worship. Bring items any Sunday or every Sunday between now and December 19. Items will be delivered to Peter's Pantry after 12/19.



Add gratitudes to our Thankful Tree!

There will be a Thankful Tree in the vestibule of St James for several weeks. This tree is designed so we can express our gratitude in writing. For many, writing something down helps us remember that thing more. What better things to remember than those we are thankful for?

Please take a leaf and write down what you are thankful for. Use as many leaves as you like to list the things you are grateful for (you do not need to include your name). Then you can pin your leaves on the tree. We will keep the Thankful Tree up for several weeks so everybody has a chance to add and read their leaves.

If you have any questions, talk to Eleanor Agnew.

Help us spread holiday cheer!
Cookie/treat donations needed by 12/12;
help us prepare deliveries on 12/12

Help us spread holiday cheer for the Advent and Christmas seasons! We'd like to prepare Christmas cookies/treats to distribute to all the households of our congregation. Our goal is to collect a total of about 65 dozen cookies, candies, and/or other holiday treats, as well as 65

cookie tins/holiday containers/bags to share. **Your donations of these items can be brought to church any time between now and December 12 and left on the counters in the church kitchen.** If you bring items early, please make sure they are labeled and wrapped to stay fresh until mid-December.

We need your help after 10AM Worship on Sunday, December 12 (the Packers play at 7:20PM) to help us sort and package the items. (Everybody should remain masked.) Volunteers can deliver to those who aren't at church on December 12, and those who are present can take their treats with them.

Any individuals or groups who would like to use the church kitchen to bake for this project, contact Amma Diane to schedule. We have a 12/11 group date planned (*announcement below*). If you have other questions, please contact Tony Karl or Amma Diane. Thanks!

Help Bake Cookies on 12/11 starting at 9AM

All are invited to join in the cookie baking fun that will start at the usual time of the monthly Women's Group meeting at 9AM on Saturday, December 11. All are welcome--women, men, and children of any age--you



don't need to be a regular attendee of the women's group. We ask that all wear masks. We'll be baking cookies for distribution in the cookie delivery project explained in the announcement above, to share with all households in our congregation. To speed up the baking and cleaning, we invite you to bring prepared doughs (home-made or store-bought is fine) of whatever

recipe or style of cookies/bar you'd like to bake. You can also bring any icing/decorations you'd like to use. If you are preparing cookies or other treats ahead of time, it would be helpful to bring them along to help us gauge how much we need to bake. We plan to be in the kitchen until at least 1PM. Our goal is a total of 65 dozen. Please donate, come and bake, and/or be at church on the 12th to help package. If you have any questions, please talk to Chris Eggert-Rosenthal or Amma Diane. Thanks!

Reader ministry opportunity

Would you like to be part of our rotation of Readers? We are always happy to add new people to this ministry. If this is something that interests you, please talk to Amma Diane or Worship Coordinator Tony Karl for more info.

Christmas Poinsettia donations

Help make our Sanctuary extra special during the Christmas season. You may donate toward our Christmas poinsettia in honor/memory of your loved ones and cherished moments. Donations may be put in the offering plate or mailed to the church—include a note including any “in honor of”, “in memory of”, or “in celebration of” intentions. Please make donations and intentions by December 12.



Help decorate the church on 12/19;
bring nativity scenes to display

All are invited to stay after 10AM Worship on Sunday 12/19 to help decorate our church for the Christmas season. In addition to the decorations on hand, we'd like to set up a special display of your nativity scenes in the front of the Sanctuary (you can bring more than one). Bring yours to Worship on 12/19 (or earlier if you'll be absent 12/19) and take them home after Worship on 1/2.

Blue Christmas 12/21 at 5:30PM

Blue Christmas services are typically held on or near the Winter Solstice—the longest night of the year. This special service honors the different types of grief, loss, and pain we or others are experiencing in this season, and helps us look toward the hope of Jesus Christ. Join us at St James at 5:30PM on Tuesday, December 21 as we Worship together with our Presbyterian and UCC friends.

You can also participate LIVE at 5:30PM or view at any time after on YouTube (video links are also shared on Facebook): go.mysjec.com/youtube

If participating at home, you can have an Advent wreath or any five candles on hand to light as you view the service, if you like.



Christmas Eve Worship 12/24 at 6:30PM

Join us starting at 6:30PM on Friday 12/24 for a musical prelude celebrating Christ's birth. Anybody who'd like to sing or play a song is welcome to do so—talk to Tony Karl



or Amma Diane if you are interested or have questions.

Worship begins at 7PM, includes festive music, and ends with our Sanctuary softly glowing by candle light.

Christmas Hymn Sing Worship 12/26 at 10AM

Christmas Season lasts through Epiphany (1/6). 10AM Worship on Sunday 12/26 will continue the celebration of Christ's birth with a Christmas hymn sing. Barb Cook will be on hand to tickle the ivories for this special celebration. Be ready to request your favorite Christmas songs from our blue *Hymnal 1982* book.

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, Randy & Cindy, Charlie, Grace, Silas, Cathy, Don, Laurie, Chris & Nicole, Sharon & her family, Jenny, Jean, Ron B, Candace, Paul's family, Alena, Janet, Mary Jean, Matthew Couris, Gregg & Kim Eggert.

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, Adam, Marshall, Jacob.

Additional Prayers we offer include: For Peace in our world... for the people of Afghanistan, Haiti, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Peter's, Ripon and St Stephen Mission District, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil. 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 return to 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, Troy, Helen.

UPDATED! Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 12/2 Todd Reckelberg; 12/4 Chris Couris; 12/11 Wyatt Franz; 12/11 Geri Walker; 12/14 Grace Valli; 12/20 Nancy Sim; 12/25 Sharon Meany; 12/27 Patrick Byrd; 12/28 Mary Kaufmann.

Anniversaries: 12/13 Cindy & Randy Hronek; 12/18 Jack & Ruby Gunderson.

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).

Vestry Notes

- ♦ Thank you for your continued financial support throughout 2021. Our annual stewardship report and 2022 pledge cards will be included with the deliveries we are preparing after Worship on December 12 and available in church after that.
- ♦ The Vestry has scheduled the congregation's **Annual Meeting** to take place 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 will be included with the deliveries we are preparing after Worship on December 12 and available in church the following week.
- ♦ We have purchased a new laptop and conference speaker/mic that will be kept in the church office to allow our groups to more easily hold hybrid meetings (some participants in the building, some participants online). Tony Karl and Amma Diane are training representatives from each group on setting up and using this equipment. Our goal is for all in-person meetings to offer the Zoom option for those who might need it. Talk to Amma Diane if you or somebody else in your group needs to be trained. Groups meeting online-only can continue to use the published Zoom links as we have been doing through COVID.

MLK Freedom School Fall 2021 series

The MLK Freedom School is in honor of Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr and Mrs Coretta Scott King and their civil and human rights legacy. Events will detail the central focuses of the Kings' lives and how their contributions inspire poor and working people today to build a better world. There'll be featured speakers from Wisconsin and across North America and opportunities to become engaged in today's civil and human rights activities. All events will have cultural components. **The events will be in-person and Zoom.** See the event page on Facebook for more information: <https://fb.me/e/2vDS4SWln>

12/9—VOTING IS A HUMAN RIGHT! STOP RACIST ATTACKS: The basic democratic right to vote is under increasing Jim Crow style attacks in Wisconsin and across the United States. These attacks include ever more restrictive voting laws and gerrymandering. The King's work to ensure voting rights included numerous protests, marches and the 1965 Voting Rights Act that is always under threat of being overturned. Voting rights activists will highlight the King's work and engage participants in defending our democratic right to vote today.

Scrip upcoming order dates 12/12 & 1/9

Scrip is a way for you to purchase store gift cards for your own use or to give as gifts. The card user gets full value for the amount and St James receives a percent (varies with retailer). The money we receives goes into our Outreach Fund. Contact Eleanor Agnew or Amma Diane if you need an order form or have any questions.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Food insecurity and other needs remains high in Manitowoc County. Please join us for another Reverse Advent Calendar, collecting various items to donate to Peter's Pantry. Each week, collect items to donate and bring them to church. We'll gather them together in a designated area and watch our generosity grow. After December 19, we'll deliver the items. The list below are ideas for each day, but other non-perishables are always welcome! If you aren't able to shop for items, you could contribute a check payable to St James with the memo "Reverse Advent".

Monday, November 22 - box of cereal

Tuesday, November 23 - jar of peanut butter

Wednesday, November 24 - stuffing mix

Thursday, November 25 - boxed potatoes

Friday, November 26 - macaroni & cheese

Saturday, November 27 - can of fruit

Sunday, November 28 - deodorant

Monday, November 29 - can of tuna

Tuesday, November 30 - pudding cups or gelatin cups

Wednesday, December 1 - can of tomatoes

Thursday, December 2 - can of beans/legumes

Friday, December 3 - applesauce jar or cups

Saturday, December 4 - jar of jelly/jam/preserves

Sunday, December 5 - soap/body wash

Monday, December 6 - can of chicken

Tuesday, December 7 - box of crackers

Wednesday, December 8 - package of rice

Thursday, December 9 - package of oatmeal

Friday, December 10 - package of dry pasta

Saturday, December 11 - pasta sauce

Sunday, December 12 - hair care products

Monday, December 13 - can or bag soup mix

Tuesday, December 14 - bottle of juice

Wednesday, December 15 - can of vegetables

Thursday, December 16 - package of cookies

Friday, December 17 - tea bags or instant coffee

Saturday, December 18 - oral hygiene items