



St James Weekly — week of February 14, 2021

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Weekly Schedule

Congregational book read—Sundays & Mondays

Join us for our final week discussing ***Passionate for Justice: Ida B. Wells as Prophet for Our Time*** at 8:45AM and Mondays at 10AM, **through February 14/15**. You can participate in discussion even if you haven't been reading the book. This discussion that should help us as individuals and as a faith community explore how race and gender affect our lives and what we might do to help address the issues facing us, our communities, our country, and the world. The same connection info will be used for both days:

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.mjsjec.com/biblestudy

See announcement on back page for next Bible Study.

UPDATED! Worship—Sundays at 10AM

Participate LIVE or view at any time after:
go.mjsjec.com/facebook or go.mjsjec.com/youtube

2/14: Last Sunday after the Epiphany *

2/21: First Sunday in Lent

2/28: Second Sunday in Lent *

*indicates preaching by the Rev Dcn Jerry Molitor

Mid-Week Worship—Wednesdays at 4PM

No 4PM SERVICE ON ASH WEDNESDAY 2/17

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

NEW TIME! Morning Prayer—Fridays at 7:00AM

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When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 831 5230 0483 #
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By computer or other device: go.mjsjec.com/friday

If you experience trouble with your internet connection for our weekday services or bible study, try turning off your camera and just using audio to see if that helps.

Ash Wednesday Community Worship 6:30PM 2/17

On Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021 our ELCA, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, and UCC faith communities of Manitowoc and Two Rivers are joining together for the 15th annual Ash Wednesday Community Worship. Calvary Lutheran Church, First Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church, Peace United Church of Christ, St James Episcopal Church, St Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Parish, and St Paul Lutheran Church will be participating this year. This year's host congregation is Peace United Church of Christ—due to the pandemic, we'll be offering the service online.

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Opportunities to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday

Since we aren't able to gather in person for this ecumenical event, our congregations are offering multiple opportunities throughout the day to receive ashes in Manitowoc and Two Rivers. Just as anybody who attends our annual community service in-person can receive ashes from any of the participating clergy, we invite you to receive ashes at whatever time and location you like. All are welcome at any of these options.

ASHES AT HOME: St James Episcopal Church will be delivering ashes to households of the congregation prior to Ash Wednesday, for those who'd like to apply ashes at home while watching the service online or reading the bulletin.

ASHES-TO-GO: Please stay in your vehicle and wear masks. Clergy will come to your vehicle.

- ◆ **First Presbyterian, Peace UCC, & St James Episcopal churches** will be offering ashes-to-go together in the First Presbyterian Church parking lot (502 N 8th St, Manitowoc) from **6:30AM-8:00AM & 4:00PM-6:00PM**.
- ◆ **Calvary Lutheran Church** (1921 Adams St, Two Rivers) will be offering ashes-to-go from **12:00PM-1:00PM**.
- ◆ **St Paul Lutheran Church** (2601 S 10th St, Manitowoc) will be offering ashes to go from **5:00PM-6:00PM**.

PARKING LOT SERVICE: Please stay in your vehicle.

- ◆ **First Lutheran Church** (521 N 8th St, Manitowoc) will offer 15-minute services in their parking lot at **12:00PM & 6:00PM**. Participants listen on their car radios.

Vestry Notes

- ♦ **UPDATED!** Congregational deliveries were made starting around 2/11. These contain Annual Reports, updated directories, kit for blessing your homes, Ash Wednesday ashes, Lenten devotionals, and more.
- ♦ **NEW!** Bishop Matt Gunter and his wife, Leslie, are beginning a sabbatical on 2/15. We pray this is a time of refreshment and renewal for both of their ministries. Bishop Matt recently began serving as Bishop Provisional for the Diocese of Eau Claire and Visiting Bishop for the Diocese of Milwaukee.

NEW! New Bible Study starting 2/21: 1 Corinthians

Join us Sundays from 8:45-9:45AM on Sundays starting 2/21 for a Bible Study of 1 Corinthians. Use any bible translation(s) you like; no other book/guide needed. We'll read and discuss one chapter each week, with the following questions in mind: 1) What stands out to you in the passage we are studying?; 2) What do you have a question about or want to know more about?; 3) What can you apply from the passage to your daily faith journey?; and 4) If you were to talk to a friend about this passage what would you talk about? Amma Diane recommends the following video overview to start:

<https://youtu.be/yiHf8kICc4>

NEW! St James Book Group 2/24 at 7PM

The St James Book Group will continue to meet virtually for the time being due to the continued pandemic and our desire to keep people as protected as possible. St James leadership will regularly review the ability to gather in-person again in conjunction with our Bishop and input from those who attend the Book Group gathering. We plan to continue to offer the Book Group virtually for those who wish to attend in that manner even after we can gather once again in person. Our virtual gatherings may be joined by either telephone or the internet (you may choose to use video or not on the internet connection).

The book we are reading in February is *Wait Till Next Year*, Doris Kearns Goodwin's touching memoir of growing up in love with her family and baseball. Set in the suburbs of New York in the 1950s, *Wait Till Next Year* re-creates the postwar era, when the corner store was a place to share stories and neighborhoods were equally divided between Dodger, Giant, and Yankee fans. We meet the people who most influenced Goodwin's early life: her mother, who taught her the joy of books but whose debilitating illness left her housebound; and her father, who taught her the joy of baseball and to root for the Dodgers of Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella, Pee Wee Reese, Duke Snider, and Gil Hodges. Most important, Goodwin describes with eloquence how the Dodgers' leaving Brooklyn in 1957, and the death of her mother soon after, marked both the end of an era and, for her, the end of childhood.

If you would like to borrow a book from the inter-library loan, please contact Anne Schuette (920-242-2819). Anne will continue to be our liaison for the Interlibrary books. Please feel free to participate 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.

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When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 873 5481 2492 #

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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, Grace, Shelley, Silas, family of Scott Henderson, John, Mary, Sandy.

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

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 the Order of Julian of Norwich and Lowveld Churches, Masvingo. For Bishop Matt and his wife Leslie as they begin their sabbatical. We pray for the Diocese of Eau Claire. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Canada. 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 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 Right Reverend Godfrey and his wife Albertina. Healing for Lizzie.

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

Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 2/10 Rick Roubal; 2/14 Annalisa Valli; 2/20 Mark Hunner; 2/21 Marian Flint; 2/27 Richard Hall; 2/27 Kim Kaufmann; 2/28 Levi Short.

Anniversaries: 2/14 Tony Karl & Chris Couris.

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).

Forward Day by Day devotionals available

Quarterly issues of the Forward Day by Day devotional booklets are available in regular and large print. Please contact Amma Diane if you'd like a copy dropped off/mailed.