

# ST. JAMES WEEKLY E-NEWS

*"Putting Christ first in all that we do."*

Join us for worship every Sunday at 8:45 am

100 W. Capitol Drive, Appleton

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*The week of April 8-14, 2026*

**REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:**

9 A.M. – 2 P.M., MONDAY – WEDNESDAY

## Announcements

**Ladies Breakfast** is at 9am Thursday at Mary's.

First quarter **giving statements** are available in your church mailboxes.

Free **Daily Bread** devotionals have been restocked at the Connection Center for **March, April, and May**.



Thanks to Dave and Jan Hegg and Jalaine Streng for hosting hospitality, and thank you to everyone who contributed to the delicious Easter breakfast.

Thank you to LuAnn Van Handel and Wendy Lind for arranging the altar for Easter and to all those who donated flowers for the Easter Service.

A very sincere thank you to all the un-named, who share of their time and talents week after week for the ministries of St. James.

## Job Opening

Easter is a time of new beginnings! On Sunday, SPRC made the announcement that Deb Kraemer will be retiring at the end of May or early June. We are looking for an administrative assistant to work 16-hours a week, Monday through Thursday, approximately 9am to 1:00pm (the schedule is negotiable). Anyone interested in this position should provide a resume of their qualifications along with a short letter indicating why you would like to be considered for the position, including name and contact information. The resume should be sent to the church office. You will be contacted by a member of the SPRC committee in early May.

St. James United Methodist Church  
Attention: Mary Schemm  
100 W. Capitol Drive,  
Appleton WI 54911

Or email: [office@umcsj.org](mailto:office@umcsj.org)

## **Laity Team for this Sunday**

Usher . . . . .	Wayne DeGrand
Reader . . . . .	Deb Kraemer
Counters. . . . .	Rich Stewart & Jack Larson
Music. . . . .	Praise Team
Tech Team . . . . .	Bill Kraemer & LuAnn Van Handel

The best mathematical equation ever given:  
 $1 \text{ cross} + 3 \text{ nails} = 4 \text{ given.}$

## **Did You Know?**

All ladies are welcome to attend **Ladies Nite Out** (3rd Mondays at 5:30pm). Ladies Nite Out meets at a different venue each month, in this way we can try restaurants that we may not otherwise try. The place is named on the sign-up sheet located at the Connection Center each month. There is also a **Ladies Breakfast** (1st Thursday of the month at 9am). This alternates between Mary's Family Restaurant and Galvan's.

Additionally, all men are invited to **Men's Breakfast** (2nd Wednesdays at 8:30am, always at Black Bear).

These groups have no agenda, just a time to enjoy each other's company while sharing a meal.

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I've learned that people are more influenced by how much I care than by how much I know.  
—Anonymous

When we pray, God hears more than we say,  
answers more than we ask,  
gives more than we imagine,  
in His own time and in His own way. Amen.

### Joys, Prayers & Concerns...

- For all the prayers of your heart, shared with God on your personal journey each day and may we give thanks for all answered prayers.
- Blessings for all that God provides. May we always remember that each day is a gift and we should use it for good.
- Chris B. lifted up prayers for those who deal with family violence.
- Lois B. lifted up prayers for her niece, Clarice, who is undergoing chemo therapy for cancer.
- Continued prayers for Joan C. She is now recovering at home.
- Prayers for our country and our leaders to do what is right for the majority of our citizens.
- Prayers for Sherry S. and other VIM participants for safe travels on their mission trip.

### Ongoing intercessory prayer...

- Joys for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week.
- Continued prayers for our church family, and prayers for our shut-ins, some temporarily, others permanently.
- Prayers that we patiently listen to each other and always choose kindness and compassion over hatred and fear.
- Prayers for those who are needlessly suffering due to food insecurity, especially the children.
- Prayers for citizens being treated and deported unjustly. Continued prayers for Minnesota and all communities experiencing unnecessary injustice at the hands of our government.
- Prayers for those suffering loss due to weather extremes. If you would like to help, you can make a donation through St. James. Put "UMCOR" in your memo line.
- Prayers for our immigrants, and others who are oppressed.

Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.  
"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

*Romans 12:12*

### Did You Know?

You can submit your prayer requests at any time by using this link, [prayer request](#).  
This link goes directly to Pastor Rok

### The Bible, Jesus & Jewish-Christian Relations Two days with Amy-Jill Levine

**Tuesday, April 21: Pastors' & Teachers' Workshop**  
Understanding Jesus and Paul  
Through Jewish Practice and Belief.  
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

**Tuesday, April 21: Parables as Jewish Stories**  
Amy-Jill Levine, Jesus' Parables as Jewish Stories. Evening talk with time for questions.  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

**Wednesday, April 22: Entering the Passion Q & A**  
Conversation and Q & A  
with Amy-Jill Levine on her book,  
"Entering the Passion".  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

\*All events at:  
First United Methodist Church in Oshkosh  
For more information about the event  
♦ 920-235-8430 Office  
♦ [adminfumc@firstumcoshkosh.org](mailto:adminfumc@firstumcoshkosh.org)

### *Rules for Doing Good*

*Lord, help us to do all the good we can.  
By all the means we can.  
In all the ways we can.  
In all the places we can.  
At all the times we can.  
To all the people we can.  
As long as ever we can.*

*John Wesley*

### Pastor Rok's Schedule

**Pastor Rok** wants everyone to know that he is doing phone calls and home visits. So don't be surprised if you get a call from a Washington phone number. (You may want to put his number, **202-227-0313** in or near your phone.) For email contact, his address is: **cakanrok@gmail.com**. He is available anytime.

### Here are Pastor Rok's office hours...

Tuesday at St. James  
Wednesday at Emmanuel  
Thursday & Friday by appointment.

Pastor Rok would like you to know that in the afternoons, he may be out of the office visiting people.



# APRIL



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>APRIL SHOWERS MAY BRING FLOWERS</b></p>			<p>1 10am to noon Vets &amp; Friends Brunch</p> <p>2pm Bible Study</p> <p>6-9pm Iglesia Bethel</p> <p>April Fool's Day</p>	<p>2 Maundy Thursday</p> <p>7pm Maundy Thursday Worship at St. James</p>	<p>3 Good Friday-Noon Ecumenical Good Friday worship</p> <p>8-10am V&amp;Fs Breakfast</p> <p>6-8pm Iglesia Bethel</p>	4
<p>5 Easter Sunday</p> <p>8:10 am Praise Practice</p> <p>8:45 am Worship</p> <p>9:45 am Fellowship</p> <p>11am-2pm Iglesia Bethel</p> <p>6pm-9pm Bethel Youth Gathering</p>	<p>6 4-11pm Gamer club</p>	<p>7 6:30pm Praise team practice</p> <p>6:30pm Zoom with the District Superintendent</p>	<p>8 8:30am Men's Breakfast Black Bear</p> <p>10am to noon Vets &amp; Friends Brunch</p> <p>6-9pm Iglesia Bethel</p>	<p>9 Office Closed</p> <p>9am Ladies Breakfast</p>	<p>10 Office Closed</p> <p>8-10am V&amp;Fs Breakfast</p> <p>6-8pm Iglesia Bethel</p>	<p>11 3-8pm Iglesia Bethel</p> <p>1-year anniversary celebration</p>
<p>12 2nd Sunday of Easter</p> <p>8:10 am Praise Practice</p> <p>8:45 am Worship</p> <p>9:45 am Fellowship</p> <p>11am-2pm Iglesia Bethel</p>	<p>13 4-11pm Gamer club</p>	<p>14 6:30pm Praise team practice</p>	<p>15 10am to noon Vets &amp; Friends Brunch</p> <p>6:30-9pm Embroiderer's Guild</p> <p>6-9pm Iglesia Bethel</p>	<p>16 Office Closed</p>	<p>17 Office Closed</p> <p>8-10am V&amp;Fs Breakfast</p> <p>6-8pm Iglesia Bethel</p>	18
<p>19 3rd Sunday of Easter</p> <p>8:10 am Praise Practice</p> <p>8:45 am Worship</p> <p>9:45 am Fellowship</p> <p>11am-2pm Iglesia Bethel</p>	<p>20 4-11pm Gamer club</p> <p>5:30pm Ladies Nite Out - El Agave`</p>	<p>21 6:30pm Praise team practice</p>	<p>22  Happy Earth Day</p> <p>10am to noon Vets &amp; Friends Brunch</p> <p>6-9pm Iglesia Bethel</p>	<p>23 Office Closed</p>	<p>24 Office Closed</p> <p>8-10am V&amp;Fs Breakfast</p> <p>6-8pm Iglesia Bethel</p>	<p>25 6am-noon Iglesia Bethel</p>
<p>26 4th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>8:10 am Praise Practice</p> <p>8:45 am Worship</p> <p>9:45 am Fellowship</p> <p>11am-2pm Iglesia Bethel</p>	<p>27 4-11pm Gamer club</p>	<p>28 3:00pm Accountable Board meeting</p> <p>6:30pm Praise team practice</p>	<p>29 10am to noon Vets &amp; Friends Brunch</p> <p>COTS delivery</p> <p>6-9pm Iglesia Bethel</p>	<p>30 Office Closed</p>	<p>1 Office Closed</p> <p>8-10am V&amp;Fs Breakfast</p> <p>6-8pm Iglesia Bethel</p>	2

Our **2nd Quarter** mission offering will go to **Henderson Settlement** (April, May, June)

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#### Did You Know?

If you have an old pair of **eye glasses** that are no longer useful to you, you may donate them to the Lion's Club. Place them in the square bucket that is on the shelf next to the Connection Center table. If you need help finding it, ask Deb Kraemer.



#### Used Medical Equipment Needed

The Lions Clubs of the Fox Valley have joined together to open a place that will loan out medical equipment. We need to gather gently used and clean medical equipment listed below.

- Wheelchairs
- Rollators
- Gait Belts
- Walkers
- Ice Machines
- Grabbers
- Canes
- Travel Chairs
- Crutches
- Toilet Risers/Commodes
- Bed Rails
- Knee Scooters
- Transfer Benches
- Shoe Horns
- Incontinence Supplies

#### Take to:

**312 W. Northland Avenue, Appleton**

We are now a collection site for plastic grocery bags etc. The collection box is in the coat room. Details can be found at the Connection Center.

**Non Perishable Food Collections** are now given to Emmanuel's Neighborhood Pantry. The collection container can be found in the back of the sanctuary.

No pressure, give as the spirit moves you.

#### The Thompson Center is now the **Mary Beth Nienhaus Activity Center**

Here is a hyper-link (*you just need to click on it*) which is filled with all kinds of activities for those over 50 years of age.

**They have moved to 3000 E. College Ave.**  
[Senior Activity Center](#)

#### Cans for COTS

(Community Outreach Transitional Shelter)

Did you know that St. James collects aluminum beverage cans? If you find that you don't know what to do with yours, you may bring them in and we will recycle them. There is a collection container near the furnace room. All proceeds will go into the **COTS** mission.

Thanks to Chris & Rick Bahr for cashing in our cans and always looking for the best value. To date we have collected **\$293.25** since we began cashing in cans.

New participants are welcome to join this ministry at any time. Each person makes a component of the meal (such as dessert) at home, and then someone delivers the completed meal. For more information, contact Kay Christenson at [christenson4@live.com](mailto:christenson4@live.com).

#### What Is Phone Pals

Are you looking for volunteer work to fill the winter days? Are you in need of companionship? Phone Pals is a confidential telephone outreach program for homebound adults, people with disabilities who live alone, and people who lack a social support system.

Calls are from trained and vetted volunteers. You and your volunteer agree on a time and how often to call. There is no charge.

If you would like to volunteer to be someone's Phone Pal, or sign up to receive calls from a Phone Pal, call Volunteer Fox Cities at 920-832-9360. All volunteers are vetted.