

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

The week of January 17-23, 2024

Announcements

If you prefer to use weekly **offering envelopes** in 2024, they are available at the Connection Center along with a sign up sheet. Please put down your name and the number that will be on the box you choose.

Please check your church mail boxes for your 2023 giving statements.

We are in need of **Sunday morning Ushers** for 1st Sundays each month. If you are interested or would like to know more details please check with Deb from the office.

If you bought soup at the holiday fair, you may return the cleaned, empty **soup jars** for us to use next time. Please put them on the hallway counter near the AEDs. (The small hallway leading to the kitchen.)

Sunday's Laity Team

Usher Wayne DeGrand
Reader Deb Kraemer
Counters Rich Stewart & Tom Schemm
Sound Bill Kraemer
Music Praise Team

Shoveling Assistance Needed

Winter is here and with it comes a great winter exercise opportunity! We are seeking people to do snow removal of our church sidewalk and the enter and exit aprons on Capitol Drive. Instructions on the operation of the church snow blower will be given. Please contact Bill Kraemer at, billebob57@gmail.com, or anyone on trustees for more information. Thank you for your assistance.



Used Book and Pie Sale
February 10, 2024 from 9am-2pm

We are looking for pie makers. There is a sign up sheet and slips for pie pre-orders at the Connection Center.

Also, we are in great need of books, puzzles, DVD, and CD donations.

Contact Chris Bahr for more information at 920-739-6759.



Thank you to Bev & Rich Stewart for hosting hospitality this past Sunday. Thank you to those who donated the yummy treats.

Thank you to Tom Graf and Bill Kraemer for recent snow clean up after some major storms.

Thank you to everyone who helped move books on Sunday to the classroom. Now the books can be sorted in a leisurely way for the sale, and also allow the Vets to serve meals the week of the sale.

Thank you to Paul Countney and Charlie Christenson for delivering the last load of "Calendar of Caring" items over to Emmanuel. Well done EVERYONE!

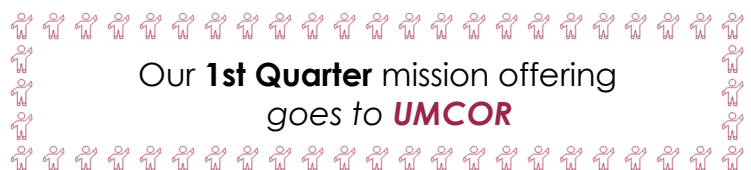
Thank you to Frank Billings from Vets & Friends for clearing the entrance door area on Friday, so the Vets could get in for the breakfast meal.

Thank you to Mary Schemm for cleaning un-needed things out of the Sunday School office.

Thank you to all the un-named, who share of their time and talents for the ministries of St. James.

Birthdays

1/23 Ann Pleiss Morris



Our **1st Quarter** mission offering goes to **UMCOR**

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

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.
- Lori Larson lifted up a joy for Jack's nephew who is celebrating his 15th birthday after battling leukemia.
- Sherry King lifted up Jim's niece, who is having a double mastectomy. Also prayers for a 3-month old family member who is having open heart surgery.
- Mary Thomas lifted up prayers for a friend's mother who is battling cancer.
- Continued prayers for the Milbach family. Their 3 year-old daughter MaCollin has had surgery to remove a tumor from her spinal cord. Prayers for healing and good test results.
- Continued prayers for healing for Tom Schemm's brother, John, who is now in rehab.
- Continued prayers for the people of Ukraine, Israel & Gaza, and for the senseless loss of life and property.
- **Ongoing intercessory prayer...**

Prayers for Pastor Ben...

"Dear Lord, even though Pastor Ben serves our church with what seems like boundless energy, we know that pastors get weary. The demands on the body and spirit are unending. Let our pastor find respite and relaxation. Clear his mind, give him good sleep at night, and refreshment for another day of kingdom service. Amen."

- Joys for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week.
- Prayers for all who serve or have served in the military and other civil service areas.
- Continued prayers for our church family, and special prayers for our shut-ins.
- Continued prayers for the victims of the continuing American epidemic of senseless gun violence.
- Continued prayers for the loss of life and property through the numerous conflicts around the world and various natural disasters.

Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12

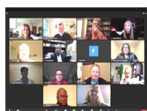
St James UMC YTD 4th qtr 2023 Income VS expense

	2023		2022		2021		2020	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Pledged/unpledged Inc +	63,637.75	61,255.00	94,800.56	85,739.00	85,741.38	80,540.00	87,424.09 **	82,471.00
Use of Bldg income	14,340.00	15,440.00						
Parsonage rental income	12,000.00	12,000.00						
interest/fundraising/misc	4,740.59	4,325.00						
Salaries -	45,116.14	46,029.00	39,385.70	39,526.00	31,098.11	34,132.00	43,832.73	50,790.00
Other exp -	43,745.97	43,471.00	41,090.76	41,843.00	41,403.96	44,672.00	28,613.49	31,357.00
Actual gain (loss)	5,856.23		14,324.10		13,239.31		14,977.87	
** income includes \$11,800 Grant								

Zoom with the District Superintendent

North East DS Park Hunter offers an open Zoom devotion and Q&A time for laity in the district on second Mondays at 6:30pm. The next one will be **February 12, 2024**.

The Zoom link is... <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5027449756>







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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>"Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward."</p>	<p>1 Office Closed</p> <p>4-11 pm Gamer club</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00 pm Vets & Friends Board meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11 am-1 pm Vets & Friends Lunch</p>	<p>4 Office Closed</p> <p><i>How have you seen God today?</i></p>	<p>5 Office Closed</p> <p>8 am-10 am Vets & Friends Breakfast</p> <p>4-8 pm Calvary's Cross</p>	<p>6 Epiphany</p> <p>9 am-4 pm Calvary's Cross</p>
<p>7 Communion Sunday Baptism of the Lord 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>4-11 pm Gamer club</p> <div data-bbox="479 1081 669 1192"> <p><i>Where have you seen God today?</i></p> </div>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Breakfast Black Bear</p> <p>11 am-1 pm Vets & Friends Lunch</p> <p>2 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>11 Office Closed</p>	<p>12 Office Closed</p> <p>8 am-10 am Vets & Friends Breakfast</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 2nd Sunday after Epiphany 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship 9 am Kid's Church 9:45 am Fellowship</p>	<p>15 MLK DAY 4-11 pm Gamer club</p> <p>5:30 pm Ladies Nite Out Perkins</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11 am-1 pm Vets & Friends Lunch</p> <p>2 pm Bible Study Cots meal Delivery</p>	<p>18 Office Closed</p>	<p>19 Office Closed</p> <p>8 am-10 am Vets & Friends Breakfast</p> <p>4-8 pm Calvary's Cross</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9 am-4 pm Calvary's Cross</p>
<p>21 3rd Sunday after Epiphany 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship</p> <p>12:00 pm Calvary's Cross Church. (until 4 pm)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>4-11 pm Gamer club</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:30 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>24</p> <p>11 am-1 pm Vets & Friends Lunch</p> <p>2 pm Bible Study</p> <div data-bbox="990 1648 1193 1774"> <p><i>How have you been God's hands and feet today?</i></p> </div>	<p>25 Office Closed</p>	<p>26 Office Closed</p> <p>8 am-10 am Vets & Friends Breakfast</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 4th Sunday after Epiphany 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship</p>	<p>29</p> <p>4-11 pm Gamer club</p> <p>6:00 pm Accountable Leadership Board</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30 pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>31</p> <p>11 am-1 pm Vets & Friends Lunch</p> <p>2 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>Used Book and Pie Sale coming February 10th</p>		

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Email: office@umcsj.org

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REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:

9 A.M. - 2 P.M.,
MONDAY - WEDNESDAY



St. Joe's Food Pantry

Non-perishable donations are always welcome.

There is a continuing need for the

12-count egg cartons. (no 18 count please)

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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 K.



United Methodist Committee on Relief

If you would like to help with current disaster relief, gifts can be made through St. James by putting in the memo line... UMCOR.

In this way they can put the money where it is most needed.

Cans for COTS

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 Bahr for cashing in our cans and always looking for the best value.

If you are interested in becoming part of the COTS Meal Assistance team, contact Kay Christenson at christenson203@gmail.com.

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

[BUZZ Newsletter - Thompson Center on Lourdes \(thetcol.org\)](http://BUZZ Newsletter - Thompson Center on Lourdes (thetcol.org))

Used Medical Equipment Needed

The Lions Clubs of the Fox Valley have joined together to open a place that will loan out medical equipment. Late July is our target date to open in Appleton. 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

Bring to:

312 W. Northland Avenue, Appleton

Repurposed Pill Bottles

We are collecting clear pill bottles for "Doctors without Borders." It does not matter what color they are as long as you can see through them. Just remove the label, which will usually peel off, and bring to church. A white basket on the shelf near the Connection Center table is available to deposit them.



Community Activities and Outreach Links

[Vets and Friends](#) (meals and companionship for Vets and one friend or family member and more)

[The Thompson Center](#) (Retiree activities)

[St. Joseph's Food Pantry](#) (List of pantry needs)

[COTS](#) (Transitional shelter)

[Emmanuel UMC](#) (Wed. night meals)

[Pillars](#) (Housing assistance)

[Esther](#) (Interfaith social-justice organization)

[Leaven](#) (Resources & financial aide)

[NAMI](#) (Nat. Alliance on Mental Illness, Fox Valley)

[Fox Cities Salvation Army](#) (meal assist & pantry)

[Community Clothes Closet](#) (clothing)

[Holy Spirit, Darboy](#) (Free Sunday Supper dates)