

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 3-9, 2024

Announcements

The **Christmas "greens"** will be taken down tomorrow, Thursday, January 4th at 9am. Help would be greatly appreciated.

Reminder: January 14th is Kid's Church.

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.

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.)

Please see page 3 for the 2nd annual "**Calendar of Giving**".

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

We are looking for pie makers. There will be a sign up sheet at the connection center soon. 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 Charlie Christenson and Paul Countney for assisting with the 2nd delivery of the Calendar of Giving foods.

Thank you to Vets & Friends for the donation of 2 cases of mac 'n cheese for our Calendar of Giving campaign.

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

Please email the **office** or call at 920-734-5371, if you know of someone who does something special at the church. Thank you.

Sunday's Laity Team

Usher	Lois Bodam
Reader.....	Gary Linstad
Counters.....	Chris Bahr & Rich Stewart
Sound	Bill Kraemer
Music.....	Praise Team
Comm. Prep....	Lois Bodam & Mary Thomas
Comm. Servers..	LuAnn Van Handel & Bonnie Budreau



Birthdays

1/03 Michelle Price 1/06 John Lind

LESSONS FROM A SNOWMAN

- It's okay to wear white well after Labor Day.
- Simply hanging out in your front yard can be fun.
- Accessories don't have to be fancy or expensive.
- We're all made mostly of water.
- You know you've "arrived" when a song is written about you.
- So what if you're a little bottom-heavy?
- Don't get too much sun.
- Sweating too much can be disastrous!



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

New Year Prayer:

Thank you Lord for giving me the brand new year ahead. Help me live the way I should as each new day I tread. Give me gentle wisdom that I might help a friend, give me strength and courage so a shoulder I might lend. The year ahead is empty, help me fill it with good things. Each new day filled with joy and the happiness it brings. 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.
- Prayer request from the Milbach family. Their 3 year-old daughter MaCollin has had surgery to remove a tumor from her spinal cord. They are awaiting the results of an MRI to see if they got all of the tumor. Prayers for healing and good test results.
- Continued prayers for Peggie Zepplin, who is now settling in at CopperStone Assisted Living.
- Ethel Duhm asks for continued prayers for healing for her son, Michael, who had to have a few toes amputated.
- Continued prayers for healing for Tom Schemm's brother, John, who is now in rehab.
- Special prayers for those who are feeling the loss of loved ones this time of year.
- Continued prayers for the people of Ukraine, Israel & Gaza, and senseless loss of life and property.
- **Ongoing intercessory prayer...**

Prayers for Pastor Ben...

“We thank you Father that your eyes are on our shepherd, your ears are attentive to his prayers, and your face is against those who plot evil against him. For we know that in all things you work for the good of Pastor Ben who loves you. 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.

Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

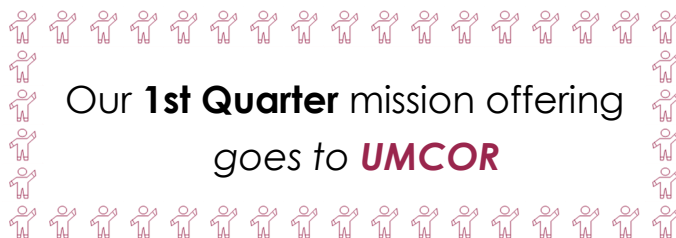
“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” Romans 12:12

The Meaning of Epiphany

Epiphany, which comes from the Greek word *epiphaneia*, means “an appearance” or “a revealing.” Centuries ago, the church set aside January 6, the 12th day after Christmas, to mark the revealing of Jesus as Christ to the wise men, who were Gentiles. Jesus' first followers were Jewish, so the revelation of the divine Christ to the non-Jewish magi reminds us that Jesus came to earth to save the whole world.

Symbols of Epiphany include light, a star, a crown (or three crowns) and a globe or stylized portrayal of the world. The color of Epiphany is green to symbolize life, growth, hope and eternity.

On the church calendar, the Epiphany season lasts until Ash Wednesday, which is determined by the date of Easter.



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

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.



Zoom with the District Superintendent

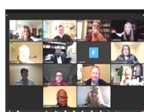
North East DS Park Hunter offers an open Zoom devotion and Q&A time for laity in the district on second Mondays at 6:30pm.



The next one will be **January 8, 2024**.

The Zoom link is...

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5027449756>



"Calendar of Giving"

Thank you to everyone who is participating in this much appreciated ministry. Another BIG load of non-perishable food has been sent over to Emmanuel's neighborhood pantry. Well done! 2 more weeks remain! The last day to drop off food for this event is Sunday, January 14th.

Reminder, If shopping for food is not your thing, we will gladly collect money to donate to **Church World Service**, which is where CROP Walk collections were distributed. Mark your financial donation as **"Church World Service"**.

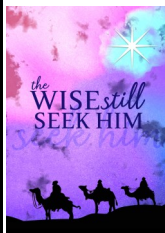

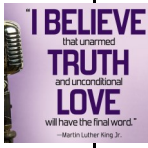
We hope everyone will participate in whatever way you are able. Some suggested bargain places to shop are... Dollar General, Dollar Tree, and Aldi's, as well as your favorite store's weekly sale ads. Happy hunting!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Food Drive Begins	November 20 Graham Crackers	November 21 Cereal	November 22 Instant Potatoes	November 23 Peanut butter	November 24 Canned soup	November 25 Romen noodles
November 26 <i>Place your items under the sanctuary tree</i> Canned Tuna	November 27 Cereal	November 28 Pasta	November 29 Canned Chicken	November 30 Canned veggies	December 1 Tuna helper	December 2 Applesauce
December 3 <i>Place your items under the sanctuary tree</i> Soda Crackers	December 4 Canned Soup	December 5 Romen	December 6 Instant Potatoes	December 7 Rice	December 8 Peanut butter	December 9 Jam or Jelly
December 10 <i>Place your items under the sanctuary tree</i> Pasta Sauce	December 11 Romen noodles	December 12 Canned soup	December 13 Macaroni and Cheese	December 14 Applesauce	December 15 Canned veggies	December 16 Canned Tuna
December 17 <i>Place your items under the sanctuary tree</i> Pasta	December 18 Canned Tuna	December 19 Tuna helper	December 20 Canned veggies	December 21 Canned Fruit	December 22 Cereal	December 23 Canned Baked beans
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December 31 <i>Place your items under the sanctuary tree</i> Canned Tuna	January 1 Graham Crackers	January 2 Cereal	January 3 Canned soup	January 4 Peanut butter	January 5 Instant Potatoes	January 6 Romen noodles
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<p>"Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward."</p>	<p>1 Office Closed 4-11 p.m. Gamer club</p>	<p>2 6:00 p.m. Vets & Friends Board meeting 6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>3 11am-1pm Vets & Friends Lunch</p>	<p>4 Office Closed <i>How have you seen God today?</i></p>	<p>5 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast</p>	<p>6 Epiphany </p>
<p>7 Communion Sunday Baptism of the Lord 8:10 a.m. Praise Practice 8:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Fellowship</p> 	<p>8 4-11 p.m. Gamer club</p>	<p>9 6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>10 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Black Bear 11am-1pm Vets & Friends Lunch 2 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>11 Office Closed</p>	<p>12 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast <i>How is God working in your life today?</i></p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 8:10 a.m. Praise Practice 8:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Fellowship</p>	<p>15 MLK DAY 4-11 p.m. Gamer club 5:30 p.m. Ladies Nite Out Perkins </p>	<p>16 6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>17 11am-1pm Vets & Friends Lunch 2 p.m. Bible Study Cots meal Delivery</p>	<p>18 Office Closed <i>Where have you seen God today?</i></p>	<p>19 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 8:10 a.m. Praise Practice 8:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Fellowship</p>	<p>22 4-11 p.m. Gamer club <i>How have you been God's hands and feet today?</i></p>	<p>23 6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>24 11am-1pm Vets & Friends Lunch 2 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>25 Office Closed</p>	<p>26 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 8:10 a.m. Praise Practice 8:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Fellowship</p>	<p>29 4-11 p.m. Gamer club</p>	<p>30 6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>31 11am-1pm Vets & Friends Lunch 2 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>Used Book and Pie Sale coming February 10th</p>		

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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!

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://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

Did You Know?

If you have an old pair of **eye glasses** that
are no longer useful to you, you may do-
nate them to the Lion's Club. Place them in
the square bucket that is on the shelf next to the Con-
nection 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 bever-
age 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 al-
ways 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.

Repurposed Pill Bottles

We are collecting clear pill bottles for "Doctors with-
out Borders." It does not matter what color they are as
long as you can see through them. Just remove the la-
bel, which will usually peel off, and bring to
church. A white basket on the shelf near the Con-
nection 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)