

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 March 27-April 2, 2024

Announcements

The next **Ladies breakfast** is on April 4th at Mary's Family Restaurant at 9am. Please sign up at the Connection Center if interested.

Our next **Sunday School** date is set for April 7th.

There will be no communion on April 7th.

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

Maundy Thursday Laity Team

Usher Bonnie Budreau
Reader Kay Christenson
Music Praise Team/Emmanuel Choir
Comm. Servers LuAnn Van Handel & Deb Ebben
Comm. Prep... Deb Ebben
Pianist..... Nell Buchman
Sound Bill Kraemer

Easter Sunday's Laity Team

Usher Nancy Von Der Osten
Reader Carol Carlson
Counters Gary Linstad & Carol Carlson
Comm. Servers Tom & Mary Schemm
Comm. Prep... Deb Ebben
Music Praise Team
Sound Bill Kraemer

Are you interested in becoming a member of the St. James family?

If this is something you have been contemplating, Pastor Ben would love to have a conversation with you. You may reach Pastor Ben at: wisconsinpastorben@gmail.com - or call **Pastor Ben** at 920-252-9822.



Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm at St. James

This will be a joint service and will include our Praise Team and Emmanuel's Choir. We will also share in communion together.



Ecumenical Good Friday worship, 12 noon.

At Zion Lutheran Church, 912 N. Oneida Street. For those who are unable to attend in person, the service will be live streamed through the Zion Lutheran website. Here is a link to their website:

<http://www.zionappleton.org>



Easter morning worship is at 8:45 am. *with communion*
Followed by Easter Fellowship.



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

Thank you to Gary Linstad for repairing the loose floor plate between the two narthex areas.

Thank you to the group of guys that worked on phase 2 of re-fastening the floor tiles. Tom Graf, Jack Larson, Dave Hegg, Rich Stewart, Gary Linstad, and Bill Kraemer.

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.

Lenten Worship Series "Meeting Jesus at the Table"



A Lenten Study is being offered through April 3rd, to accompany our series. On Tuesdays on Zoom at 7 p.m., (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8985653369>), Wednesday afternoons at St. James at 2 p.m. and Wednesday evenings at Emmanuel following the meal. I hope you will join us as we meet Jesus at the table.
Pastor Ben

*Answers to prayers come in various ways,
sometimes in minutes, sometimes in days.
And some take years to fully unfold
the harvest of love and blessings they hold.*

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.
 - Mary Thomas lifted up prayers for those who suffer mental illness and the extra stress that is felt this time of year that leads to an increase in suicides.
 - Jack Larson lifted up prayers for a friend, Kelly who had shoulder surgery and is also dealing with other health issues.
 - Continued prayers for MaCollin Milbach and family. MaCollin is making progress and is regaining the ability to walk. Please keep the prayers coming for continued healing.
 - Rich Galster lifted up prayers for the loss of life due to a dump truck hitting a school bus in Texas. Several children were also injured.
 - Continued prayers for the political unrest in Mexico.
 - 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 Father, thank you for Pastor Ben who seeks You with a whole heart. So, Father, show Pastor Ben the way. Give him Your vision. Make the complex simple. And then give Pastor Ben boldness to step out in faith to accomplish Your plans for our ministry and for our church. Amen."*
- Joys for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week.
 - Prayers for our neighbors, near and far.
 - Prayers for all those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.
 - 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

Fun, Fellowship and Food!



Do you like to share in fellowship beyond Sunday morning? Here are some opportunities to do just that.

All ladies are welcome to attend **Ladies Breakfast** on the 1st Thursdays of the month at 9am, Mary's Family Restaurant, and **Ladies Nite Out** on the 3rd Mondays at 5:30pm, (place varies). All men are invited to **Men's Breakfast** (2nd Wednesdays at 8:00am, always at Black Bear).

These groups have no agenda, it's just a time to enjoy each other's company and fellowship, while sharing a meal together. For Ladies Nite out and Ladies breakfast, a sign-up sheet is located at the Connection Center a week or two before the event. The sign up sheet helps us to know how many chairs will be needed to accommodate our groups. For Ladies Nite out the name of the restaurant is listed in the E-News.

COTS Mission at St. James

The COTS (**C**ommunity **O**utreach **T**ransitional **S**helter) mission is going very well at St. James! Many meals have been lovingly made and delivered with much appreciation from the recipients.

New participants are welcome to join this group at any time. Each person makes a component of the meal (such as dessert) at home, and then someone delivers the completed meal. If you are interested, contact Kay Christenson at christenson4@live.com.

Birthdays

3/30 Diane Linstad

What Is Phone Pals

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.

Zoom with the District Superintendent

North East DS Park Hunter offers an open Zoom devotion and Q&A time for laity in the district. The next one will be **April 8, 2024** at 6:30pm. The Zoom link is...

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





MARCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>welcome</i> MARCH</p>			28 11am-1pm Vets & Friends Lunch 2pm Bible Study COTS Delivery	29 Office Closed	1 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast	2
3 Communion Sunday 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship 	4 4-11pm Gamer club	5 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	6 11am-1pm Vets & Friends Lunch 2pm Bible Study	7 Office Closed 9am Ladies Breakfast @ Mary's Place	8 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast	9 <i>Set your clocks ahead before bed</i>
10 4th Sunday of Lent Daylight Savings Begins 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship	11 4-11pm Gamer club	12 6:00pm Vets & Friends Board Meeting 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	13 8:00am Men's Break- fast Black Bear 11am-1pm Vets & Friends Lunch 2pm Bible Study	14 Office Closed	15 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast	16
17 5th Sunday of Lent 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship 	18 4-11pm Gamer club COTS Delivery 5:30pm Ladies Nite Out Stuc's	19 Spring Arrives 3:00pm Accountable Leadership Board Meeting 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	20 11am-1pm Vets & Friends Lunch 2pm Bible Study 6-9 pm Embroiderer's Guild	21 Office Closed	22 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast	23
24 Palm Sunday 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship *Kid's Church* 9:45 am Fellowship	25 4-11pm Gamer club	26 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	27 11am-1pm Vets & Friends Lunch 2pm Bible Study	28 Office Closed 7pm Maundy Thursday Worship @ St. James	29 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast	30
31 Easter Sunday 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship <i>with communion</i> 9:45 am Fellowship	1 4-11pm Gamer club	2 6:00pm Vets & Friends Board Meeting 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	<p><i>Here comes</i> April</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

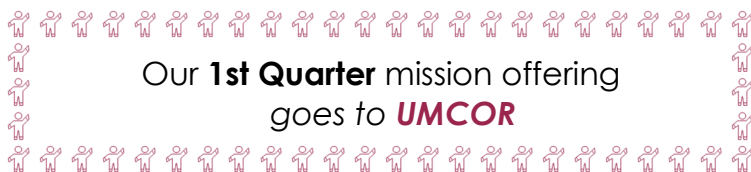
Cans for COTS

(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 Bahr for cashing in our cans and always looking for the best value. To date we have collected **\$67.85** 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.



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

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.



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)