

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 April 24-30, 2024

Announcements

Please check your church mail boxes for your **first quarter giving statements**.

There are **Daily Bread** devotionals at the Connection Center.

Sunday's Laity Team

Usher Carol Carlson
Reader Deb Kraemer
Counters Rich Stewart & Gary Linstad
Music Praise Team
Sound Bill Kraemer



Thank you to Bev and Rich Stewart for hosting hospitality this past Sunday. And thanks to those who contributed the delicious treats.

Thank you to Nancy Von Der Osten for her work on the flower garden that she is doing again this year.

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



Birthdays

4/27 Jim King 4/30 Tyler Lind

It Will Soon Be Garden Time!

Did you know that we have some garden space available? You are invited to plant a few rows of vegetables for personal use. If you're interested in reserving a space, please let Chris Bahr know by May 5th.



Any space not reserved by May 5th, will be offered to Vets & Friends.

Ingathering

For Annual Conference June 7th to 10th

This year instead of collecting products for Ingathering, we have decided to donate financially. Due to Mid-West Missions vast resources, so much more can be purchased with a dollar than we are able to do.

Financial donations can be made to St. James and mark "Ingathering". Please have donations to the church by **June 2nd** so that Kay may take them to Annual Conference on June 7th.

More information to come.



Rummage Sale June 7-8

Friday 8am-5pm, Saturday 8am-2pm

You may continue bringing your items for the rummage sale. We will need help setting up beginning June 2nd.

There will soon be sign-up sheets for baked goods, and also for help before and during the rummage sale. Much help is needed with sorting and set up.

Talk with Chris Bahr if you have questions.

Henderson Settlement

Our mission trip to Henderson Settlement is Oct. 5 – Oct. 12, 2024. There is still time to join the mission team, anyone is welcome. Each mission team member pays \$275 for the week's food and lodging. Beyond that, we want to raise money through donations and fund-raising activities for the materials that we need for the home improvement projects we will do.

This year's project money is \$5,825.00. We will be working on 3 different homes. The first house is in Frakes. There we need to adjust the rough opening sizes and replace 5 windows. On the next home we will be building an 8 x 12 back porch on a trailer. The final job will be in Booger Holler and involves removing old floor covering and applying snap together flooring in the living room and kitchen in a trailer, as well as painting all the ceilings in the trailer.

To help with the brat-fry fundraisers contact Gary Linstad at 920-636-5994 for June 1, or Lloyd Eggert at 920-716-5470 if you can help on July 20, or if you have questions. Donations can be made to St. James and marked as "Henderson."

God answers prayers for those who faithfully wait upon the answer and are attentive to hearing it.

When God places something upon your heart, it could be the answer to someone's prayer. So, be mindful not to disregard those nudges, it could be God using your talents to further His kingdom.

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.
- Carol Carlson lifted up joys for the birth of another great-granddaughter, Ruby.
- Kay Christenson lifted up prayers for her brother Mark, who is seeking answers through a series medical tests.
- Mary Thomas lifted up a joy for the first anniversary of Alex and Diana.
- Continued prayers for the political unrest in Mexico.
- Continued prayers for the people of Ukraine, and the Middle East.

Ongoing intercessory prayer...

Prayers for Pastor Ben...

"Lord, We lift up the hands of Pastor Ben and his family. Lord, you are their refuge and fortress. You will preserve their family time and cover their home. You will command your angels to guard them as they travel and win the lost. 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.
- Continued prayers for our church family, and special prayers for our shut-ins.
- Continued prayers for the loss of life and property because of various natural disasters round the world.
- Continuous prayers for our nation and our neighbors

Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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.



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.

For more information about the COTS program, click on this link, [COTS](#).

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 **May 20th** 2024 at 6:30pm. The Zoom link is...

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





April



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 4-11pm Gamer club 	2 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	3 11am-1pm Vets & Friends Lunch 2pm Bible Study	4 Office Closed 9am Ladies Breakfast @ Mary's Place	5 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast	6
7 Sunday School 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Fellowship	8 4-11pm Gamer club	9 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	10 8:00am Men's Breakfast Black Bear 11am-1pm Vets & Friends Lunch 2pm Bible Study	11 Office Closed	12 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast	13
14 3rd Sunday of Easter 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship	15 4-11pm Gamer club 5:30pm Ladies Nite Out Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen	16 6:00pm Vets & Friends Board Meeting 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	17 11am-1pm Vets & Friends Lunch 2pm No Bible Study 6-9 pm Embroiderer's Guild	18 Office Closed	15 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast	20
21 4th Sunday of Easter 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship	22 4-11pm Gamer club COTS Delivery 	23 6:00pm Vets & Friends Board Meeting 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	24 11am-1pm Vets & Friends Lunch 2pm Bible Study	25 Office Closed	26 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast	27
28 5th Sunday of Easter 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship	29 4-11pm Gamer club	30 3:00pm Accountable Leadership Board 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	1 May 11am-1pm Vets & Friends Lunch 2pm Bible Study	2 Office Closed	3 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast	4

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REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:
9 A.M. - 2 P.M.,
MONDAY, TUESDAY, 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

Take 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 **2nd Quarter** mission offering goes to **Henderson Settlement**.

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, Darbo](#) (Free Sunday Supper dates)