

# 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

[www.umcsj.org](http://www.umcsj.org)

*The week of July 31 to August 6, 2024*

## Announcements

**Dinner Church** is tonight, at 5:30pm.

Sunday is a **Communion Sunday**.

For August, Men's Breakfast has been moved to **Tuesday the 13th**, 8am, Black Bear.

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



Thank you to Tom & Mary Schemm for hosting hospitality this past Sunday. And thanks to all who donated the delicious treats.

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 . . . . . Joan Clark & Lois Bodam  
Reader . . . . . Gary Linstad  
Counters . . . . . Carol Carlson & Gary Linstad  
Music . . . . . Praise Team  
Sound . . . . . Bill Kraemer  
Communion Servers... Jeannine Schinke and  
Bonnie Budreau

**The Annual Circuit Golf Outing for Senegal is on Wednesday, August 14th at High Cliff beginning at 8:30am sharp.**

Registration forms are available at the 'Connection Center.'

Last year 36 golfers participated and approximately \$6,000 was raised for the United Methodist Church in Senegal.

## **Meet the New Custodian**

Welcome to Jacob B! He will be taking over a majority of the cleaning tasks currently done by Bill and LuAnn. Jacob learned of the job from attending the Gamers Night hosted by St. James on Mondays.

He is a very respectful young man with much cleaning experience from work at restaurants. Jacob also is hoping to start his own I.T. business. He also plays cello and bass guitar in several groups. He is a Lawrence graduate who expressed interest in also sharing his musical gifts with St. James and Emmanuel.

## **Do You Like To See Plays?**

Pastor Ben and Julian Morris have large roles in "Bye Bye Birdie".

*A rock singer travels to a small Ohio town to make his "farewell" television performance and kiss his biggest fan before he is drafted. This sparkling, high energy musical featuring a cast ages 7-70+ will leave you dancing up the aisles with our fresh take on this classic Tony Award winning rock-n-roll musical comedy.*

The times they have the bigger parts are...

August 15 at 7pm

August 17 at 2pm

They have smaller parts on...

August 16th at 7pm

August 17 at 7pm

It will be at the Alberta Kimball Auditorium, 375 N. Eagle Street, Oshkosh.

Tickets are available at the door.

\$12.00 for adults

\$10.00 for students and seniors (62+)

\$5.00 for children (4+)

**Therefore... pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.**

James 5:16

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.
- Jack and Lori Larson asked for prayers for their granddaughter who is having back surgery.
- Prayers for Nancy Von Der Osten who is experiencing severe back pain.
- Prayers for Tom Schemm's mom JoAnn. She fell and is currently in the hospital for tests.
- Prayers for healing for Jeannine Schinke's daughter Donna who is recovering from heart surgery.
- Continued prayers for those who remain affected by the extreme weather. Especially the flooding in so many areas this summer like the Manawa dam that broke and flooded many areas of the town.
- Prayers for travel mercies for all who are traveling this summer.
- Continued prayers for the people of Ukraine, and the Middle East.

#### Ongoing intercessory prayer...

Prayers for Pastor Ben...

*"Spirit of life, draw Pastor Ben into your love, that he may welcome it and eagerly share it with others."  
Amen.*

- Joys for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week.
- Prayers for our neighbors, near and far.
- Continuous prayers for our nation and our neighbors at home and around the world.
- Continued prayers for our church family, and special prayers for our shut-ins.

*Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.*

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

#### 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 **August 12th** at 6:30pm. The Zoom link is...  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5027449756>

#### "Food for Thought" Summer Dinner Church

St. James is providing free summer meals to those in our community through August. All are invited to attend and share in welcoming our new friends to the table.

Pastor Ben wrote a grant to the Wisconsin UMC Foundation and St. James was awarded \$2,400 to help cover some of the costs. However, we cannot access the grant without handing in our receipts. **We ask that even if you do not want reimbursement for food you supply, we need you to hand in your receipts so that we can receive the grant funds from the Foundation.**

As part of Dinner Church, a **short Jesus Story** is told during dessert time. Pastor Ben is looking for people who would be interested in doing this. He has the stories planned out for the summer.

#### Henderson Settlement

Mission trip is October 5 – 12.

We need \$5,825 for this year's project supplies. We are still about \$1,100 short of our goal. Gary Linstad has made a beautiful wooden bowl to be auctioned off to help raise more funding. **Your bid may be written on the paper under the bowl.** Bidding will continue until August 31st. You will find it on the table at the Connection Center. Also, financial donations can still be made to St. James, marked as "Henderson." Thank you for your support of this mission ministry.

#### Co-laborers with Christ

Rusty Stevens, a ministry leader in Virginia, described trying to finish mowing the lawn before dinnertime. His 6-year-old son darted in front of him and grabbed the mower handle. But when Stevens stopped pushing, the mower soon stopped.

The busy dad fought the urge to tell his son to get out of his way and instead offered to help. Stevens began pushing again, leaning over and walking awkwardly to accommodate his eager assistant. Although the mowing commenced, it was slow-going and not as efficient as the solo effort.


That's when Stevens realized a ministry parallel: "This is the way my heavenly Father allows me to 'help' him build his kingdom!" The church leader pictured God busy "seeking, saving and transforming the lost, and there I was, with my weak hands 'helping.'"

Although God surely can tackle all the work of ministry and evangelism alone, he "chooses to stoop gracefully to allow me to co-labor with him," said Stevens. What a blessing and privilege that God lets us work alongside him!



# AUGUST



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			31 <b>8am-10am</b> V&Fs Breakfast <b>5:30pm</b> Dinner Church	1 Office Closed <b>9:00am</b> Ladies Breakfast Galvan's Restaurant	2 Office Closed	3
<b>4 Communion Sunday</b> <b>8:10 am</b> Praise Practice <b>8:45 am</b> Worship <b>9:45 am</b> Fellowship 	5 <b>4-11pm</b> Gamer club	6 <b>6pm</b> V&F board meeting <b>6:30pm TBD</b> Praise Team Practice	7 <b>8am-10am</b> V&Fs Breakfast <b>5:30pm</b> Dinner Church	8 Office Closed	9 Office Closed <b>8am-10am</b> Vets & Friends Breakfast	10
<b>11 12th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>8:10 am</b> Praise Practice <b>8:45 am</b> Outdoor Worship <b>9:45 am</b> Fellowship	12 <b>4-11pm</b> Gamer club  <b>6:30pm</b> Laity zoom meeting with the D.S. (See page 2 for details.)	13 <b>8:00am</b> <i>Men's Breakfast Black Bear</i> <b>6:30pm TBD</b> Praise Team Practice	14 <b>8am-10am</b> V&Fs Breakfast <b>5:30pm</b> Dinner Church	15 Office Closed	16 Office Closed <b>8am-10am</b> Vets & Friends Breakfast	17
<b>18 13th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>8:10 am</b> Praise Practice <b>8:45 am</b> Worship Kay Christenson preaching <b>9:45 am</b> Fellowship  <i>Bye Bye Birdie</i> 2pm-see article on pg 1	19 <b>4-11pm</b> Gamer club <b>5:30pm</b> Ladies Nite Out at Tulum N140 Eisenhower Dr	20 <b>6:30pm TBD</b> Praise Team Practice	21 <b>8am-10am</b> Vets & Friends Breakfast <b>5:30pm</b> Dinner Church <b>6:45-9:00 pm</b> Embroiderer's Guild	22 Office Closed	23 Office Closed <b>8am-10am</b> Vets & Friends Breakfast	24
<b>25 14th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>8:10 am</b> Praise Practice <b>8:45 am</b> Worship <b>9:45 am</b> Fellowship	26 <b>4-11pm</b> Gamer club	27 <b>3:00pm</b> Accountable Leadership Board <b>6:30pm</b> Praise Team Practice	28 <b>8am-10am</b> V&Fs Breakfast <b>5:30pm</b> Dinner Church	29 Office Closed	30 Office Closed <b>8am-10am</b> Vets & Friends Breakfast	31

Pastor Ben & Julian in *Bye Bye Birdie*, 7pm. See article on page 1. [→](#)

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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!

### 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.



### 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 **\$96.25** 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).

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))

Our **3rd quarter** mission offering goes to **Volunteers in Mission**



### 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)