

ST. JAMES WEEKLY E-NEWS

February 17, 2021



Administrative Council / Finance News

Tom Schemm and Pastor Ben have called for an Administrative Council meeting for this Monday, Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. The main purpose of the meeting will be approving the 2021 budget, and when to begin in-person worship.

Here is a zoom link to the meeting if you wish to attend... <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8985653369>

The finance meeting scheduled for Monday, Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. has been canceled.

Worship Announcements

This Sunday's worship can be found on our [Facebook](#) page, and posted to the website at umcsj.org on Sunday. It is removed from the website around noon each Thursday.

For your convenience bulletins are posted on the website home-page on Thursdays as well as emailed.

If you would like to make an online contribution to St. James, you can do so by clicking on this link, [online giving](#).

So far, the weather is looking good for the planned 'parking lot' Communion service for Feb. 28th.

Reminder: Clicking on any blue underlined words, will take you directly to the site being referenced.



Thank you to Bill Kraemer for clearing up our snow twice this past week.

Thank you to Nancy Von Der Osten for volunteering to clean the bathrooms and a few other parts of the building.

Thank you to Charlie Christenson for hanging the pictures in the newly painted library.



Jesus' Seven Last Words A Lenten Study and Sermon Series

The Season of Lent



Jesus had a lot to say during his life - about who God is, about what justice looks like, about how we are to love ourselves, and our neighbors, and all the world. And, tradition has it, he kept teaching even in the very last moments of his life.

The Seven Last Words are the sayings of Jesus from the cross as recorded in the Gospel narratives. Some of them pull from his ancestors' prayers and songs, reminding us of his deep rootedness in Jewish tradition. Some of them echo themes he taught throughout his ministry - like connection and compassion - their recurrence here seemingly giving them extra emphasis. Some of them remind us just how very human he was. And many of them are words we might hear from the mouths of people in our world today, innocents who still suffer unjustly.

Join us this Lenten Season for a bible study and sermon series on Jesus' Seven Last Words. We will meet via zoom on Tuesday afternoons at 2:30pm, beginning on **February 23rd**. There is a packet of materials ready for pick up in the office during regular office hours, if you would like one. The packet will contain a short reading for each week with discussion questions, and an optional coloring page. There is no book needed. Even if you do not wish to participate in the class, you may pick up a packet.

As you read, color and discuss, our prayer is that your experience of Lent is enriched, and your connection to the One whose words we remember is deepened, through this engagement.

This is the zoom link we will use starting on Feb. **23rd** at 2:30 p.m.: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8985653369>

A Mission Opportunity for St. James

COTS is looking for volunteers to help provide, prepare, and drop off meals for 20 **or** 40 men **or** women. You may choose to schedule a meal prep, which you can do in your own home. The need is for Monday, or Wednesday, or Friday.



Pastor Ben would love to answer any questions you may have about this valuable program.

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

Joys, Prayers & Concerns...

You can now submit your prayer requests at any time by using this link, [prayer request](#). The link goes directly to Pastor Ben. Let us know by noon on Thursdays, so we are able to mention your prayers in worship should you choose.

- For all the prayers of your heart, shared with God on your personal journey each day.
- Prayers for Diane DeGrand who is having her first cataract surgery tomorrow, February 18th.
- Continued prayers for Chris Bahr, who is recovering at home from surgery she had on February 15th.
- Chris Bahr is asking for prayers for her Goddaughter, Rachel, who is in heart failure at the age of 41.
- Deb Kraemer is asking for prayers for a friend of the family, Loni. The stitches were removed, and she is now 70% healed. Prayers for 100% healing at her next Dr. visit.
- Continued prayers for continued healing for Wayne DeGrand who had surgery on February 3.
- Continued prayers for continued healing for Tom Graf, who had surgery at the end of January.
- Continued prayers for all our shut-ins.
- Continued prayers for this nation and the world, that the Covid-19 vaccines are available soon to **all** who want them.
- Continued prayers for our nation. There is much work to be done.
- Continued prayers for *all* the essential workers.

Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

Romans 12:12



There are many ways to give to St. James:

1. When you attend an in-person worship service.
2. Mail in your gift or pledge to:
St. James UMC
100 W. Capitol Drive
Appleton, WI 54911
3. Donate on our website by clicking on: umcsj.org/Give Online
4. Give on your phone through the Give Plus+ App. Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus+ Church" to download for FREE. You can also find St. James on the Give Plus+ App on your smartphone or tablet! Search by our zip code, 54911.
5. Set up auto withdrawal giving with our Financial Secretary, LuAnn Van Handel.



Birthdays

2/17 Bev Stewart

Anniversaries

None this week

FEBRUARY



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO PASS THE WINTER HOURS?

Try our puzzle sale! We are offering used puzzles available for sale for \$1 each until March 4th. You may come and peruse the fine selection of many puzzles during regular office hours, Monday through Thursday from **9am - 1:30pm**. This should help to fill some of the long winter days.

This sale is offered in place of the Used Book and Pie Social. The plan is to attempt the Used Book Sale in September. More details coming about that at a later date.

We also welcome jigsaw puzzle donations.

JOB OPENING AT ST. JAMES!

At this time we would like to thank Kari for the years that she was our church custodian. Currently, we are looking to fill the custodian position.

While we are in 'shut-down' mode, the position is for 2-hours per week, to cover some basic needs. Once we are back to normal activities and worship, the position is for 30-hours per month.

Please contact Gary Linstad at 920-636-5994, if you are interested. He can also answer any questions about the position. You may also send a resume to 100 W. Capitol Dr., Appleton WI, 54911, Attn: SPRC/Gary Linstad.

"Like" us on Facebook

You will find video of Sunday worship and much more. *If you "follow" us you will get automatic notifications to your phone or computer, whenever something new is posted.*

Sunday Supper

Sunday, February 21

This supper will feature a hot ham & cheese croissant sandwich, vegetable, fruit, and a dessert.

**** free of charge ****

Holy Spirit School, Darboy Location
W2796 Cty Rd KK, Appleton

This supper is sponsored by a generous Holy Spirit parishioner with support from Mom & Pop's Bakery.

Meals will be distributed beginning at 4:30pm and will be given out on a first come basis until meals are gone.

To ensure meals are distributed fairly, to as many people as possible, please limit your request for additional meals. We are unable to provide more than 2 additional meals above the number of people in the car.

Thank you for your understanding.

Upcoming Sunday Suppers:

March 14 & March 28

Take Out Only

**** Please access our website if inclement weather exists to find out if the Sunday Supper will be held.**

HOLY SPIRIT
PARISH



St. James is one of the drop-off points for our area of the North East District

Drop-off is from 9a.m. to 1p.m. Monday to Thursday.

Annual Conference is June 18 & 19, virtually.

Items must arrive before June 17th, so they may be delivered to a central drop-off area. This will come before we know it. In this time of Covid-19 we are shopping less often, thus the reason for promoting early.

Requirements

- **All items must be NEW.**
- **Kits should contain only the requested items.**
- **They are concentrating on two kits this year. You may also give any of the items listed, individually.**

Another Option

You may also help by donating funds. For **every \$1 donated**, \$6.33 in relief supplies are sent to support those in need during a time of man-made or natural disaster.

If this is your preferred method of contributing to In-Gathering, please make any checks out to:

Wisconsin Annual Conference,
and put either
MMDC or In-Gathering
in the memo line.

Personal Dignity Kit

- 1 Bath Hand Towel - No kitchen towels.
- 1 Bath Washcloth - No kitchen towels.
- 1 Adult Toothbrush - No multipacks.
- 1 Bar Soap – 3 - 4 oz.
- 1 Shampoo – 15 - 18 oz.
- 1 Deodorant – 2 - 3 oz. - stick, roll on, or pump.
- \$2 for toothpaste and razor.

Place items in a 1-gallon re-sealable plastic bag
Video at [midwestmission](http://midwestmission.org) (scroll down to video)

These items may also be donated individually.

Homecare Kit

- 2 Liquid Household Cleaners 16 - 40 oz.
(no spray bottles)
 - 2 Dish Soaps 16 - 34 oz.
 - 2 Liquid Laundry Detergents 32 - 64 oz.
 - 1 scrub brush with or without handle
- Place items into a 5-gallon re-sealable bucket with a re-sealable cover.

These items may also be donated individually.

Other Drop-Off Sites In Our Area

Oshkosh Wesley - 761 Florida Ave.

wesleyumc761@yahoo.com

Contacts: Church 920-235-3070 or Vernita Green 920-235-2702

Please call to confirm your drop off time.

Green Bay Bethany - 1110 Echo Lane

Permanent drop-off/pick-up site

Contact: Church 920-494-8801 / office@bethanygreenbay.org or

Ron Vinger @ 920-499-7948, rkvinger@gmail.com

Open: Saturday 8:00 – noon. Please call to confirm your drop off time.