

# 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 17-23, 2024*

## Announcements

### No Bible study today.

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 . . . . . Wayne DeGrand  
Reader . . . . . Gary Linstad  
Counters . . . . . Deb Ebben & Gary Linstad  
Music . . . . . Praise Team  
Sound . . . . . Bill Kraemer



Thank you to Paul and Deb Countney for hosting hospitality this past Sunday.

Thank you to Nancy Von Der Osten for trimming the small tree in the corner of the garden on the west side of the building.

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



### Birthdays

4/18 Sherry King  
4/20 Mary Schemm  
4/22 Deb Kraemer

### Anniversaries

4/22 Rick & Chris Bahr

## 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](mailto:wisconsinpastorben@gmail.com) -  
or call **Pastor Ben** at 920-252-9822.

## 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.

## It Will Soon Be Garden Time!

Did you know that we have some garden space available? You are invited to plant a few rows 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 Vet's & Friends.



## Henderson Settlement Fundraisers

There will again be two brat-fry fundraisers for the Henderson Settlement team. Both will be at Festival Foods on Northland. June 1st and July 20th from 9am-4pm.

There will be a sign up sheet at the Connection Center soon for those who would like to assist. Henderson is also the mission giving focus for this 2nd quarter.

More details are coming soon on the projects and their costs.

Contact Gary Linstad at 920-636-5994 if you can help June 1, or Lloyd Eggert at 920-716-5470 if you can help on July 20 or for 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.
- Continued prayers for the political unrest in Mexico.
- Pastor Ben lifted up prayers of travel mercies for his wife Ann as she travels home from Portland.
- Continued prayers for the people of Ukraine, and the Middle East.

### Ongoing intercessory prayer...

Prayers for Pastor Ben...

*"Lord, as our shepherd spends quiet time with you, shed your love abroad in his heart. Let Pastor Ben know how much he is loved. In Jesus' name, let the love of God be Ben's mainstay in ministry. 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 at home and around the world.
- Continued prayers for the victims of the continuing American epidemic of senseless gun violence.
- Prayers for America and the conflict of social issues revolving around what it means to be free and have individual rights.

*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](mailto:christenson4@live.com).

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

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

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





# April



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

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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

**Take to:**

**312 W. Northland Avenue, Appleton**

### **Cans for COTS**

(**C**ommunity **O**utreach **I**nterstitial **S**helter)

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](mailto: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)