

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 May 1-7, 2024

Announcements

This Sunday is Communion. We are in **need of two servers** to assist Pastor Ben.

Chris Bahr will lead a meeting about the **rummage sale** after worship this Sunday for all who have signed up, or would like to know more about helping with the rummage sale.

Our Next Sunday School session is May 12th.

Sunday's Laity Team

Usher Joan Clark/Lois Bodam
Reader Carol Carlson
Counters Tom Schemm & Gary Linstad
Music Praise Team
Sound Bill Kraemer



Birthdays

5/1 Emma Price 5/6 Joan Clark

Anniversaries

5/1 Jack and Lori Larson (31)

If 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.



Custodial Needs

St. James is seeking someone to work 5 hours per week cleaning the tile floors in Fellowship Hall, the Kitchen and the narthex, as well as cleaning the Women's and Men's Bathrooms. This is a paid position. Tasks need to be performed weekly. Because of the many users in the building, the time is somewhat limited to between Friday after 10:30am and any time on Saturday.

If interested contact Mary Schemm, SPRC chair, for more information.



Thank you to Tom and Mary Schemm for hosting hospitality this past Sunday. And thanks to Diane Linstad and Bev Stewart for the delicious treats.

Thank you to Tom Graf for mowing the lawn the last two weeks.

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 are sign-up sheets for making baked goods, and also for help before, during and after the rummage sale. Much help is needed with sorting and set up. There is a meeting this Sunday for more info.

*Answers to prayers come in various forms,
sometimes in sunlight,
sometimes through storms.
Some blossom early, and some blossom late,
but each one will flower if we
have faith and wait!*

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.
- Prayers for those affected by the tornados and storms in the Nebraska and Iowa region.
- Prayers for the Milbach family for good news on some tests MaCollin will be having this week.
- Sherry Schreiner asked for prayers for her sister-in-law Barb who is experiencing health difficulties after surgery.
- Kay Christenson lifted up prayers for week two of the UM General Conference.
- Jeannine Schinke lifted up both of her daughters in prayer as they are both having health issues.
- 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 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.
- Prayers for all those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.
- Continued prayers for the loss of life and property because of various natural disasters round the world.

Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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."

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.

Last year COTS provided 18,145 safe transitional shelter nights and 55,432 meals.

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

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

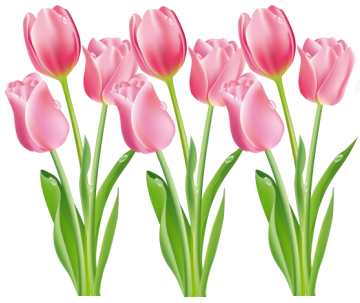
If this is something you have been contemplating, Pastor Ben would love to have a conversation with you. You may reach Pastor Ben at: wisconsinpastorben@gmail.com - or call **Pastor Ben** at 920-252-9822.

Zoom with the District Superintendent

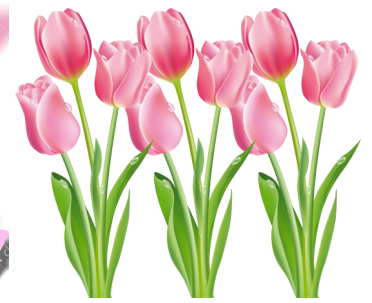
North East DS Park Hunter offers an open Zoom devotion and Q&A time for laity in the district. The next one will be **May 20th** at 6:30pm. The Zoom link is...

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





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 May 11am-1pm Vets & Friends Lunch 2pm Bible Study	2 Office Closed 9:00am Ladies Breakfast	3 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast	4
5 Communion Sunday 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship 	6 4-11pm Gamer club	7 6:00pm Vets & Friends Board Meeting 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	8 8:00am Men's Breakfast Black Bear 11am-1pm Vets & Friends Lunch 2pm Bible Study	9 Office Closed	10 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast	11
12 Mother's Day 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Fellowship	13 4-11pm Gamer club	14 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	15 11am-1pm Vets & Friends Lunch 2pm Bible Study 6-9 pm Embroiderer's Guild	16 Office Closed	17 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast	18 Armed Forces Day
19 Pentecost 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship Welcoming New Members 9:45 am Fellowship	20 4-11pm Gamer club 5:30pm Ladies Nite Out Holidays Pub & Grill	21 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	22 11am-1pm Vets & Friends Lunch 2pm Bible Study	23 Office Closed	24 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast	25
26 Trinity Sunday 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship	27 4-11pm Gamer club	28 3:00pm Accountable Leadership Board 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	29 11am-1pm Vets & Friends Lunch 2pm Bible Study COTS Delivery	30 Office Closed	31 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast	Beginning next Sunday we will start setting up for the rummage sale.

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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

(**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.



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)