

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

The week of July 17-23, 2024

Announcements

Dinner Church is tonight, at 5:30pm.

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

The Accountable Leadership Board meeting has been moved up one week to **July 23rd**, at 3:00 pm.

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

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

"Food for Thought" Summer Dinner Church

St. James is providing free summer meals to those in our community through August. There are several ways you can help...

1. Making or providing main dishes or desserts for 60 guests,
2. Setting up,
3. Serving,
4. Clean up and
5. Monetary donations. Pastor Ben wrote a grant to the Wisconsin UMC Foundation and St. James was awarded \$2,400 to help cover some of the costs.

Another part of Dinner Church involves a **short Jesus Story** 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.

If you are someone who likes to cook, please talk to Mary to see what the needs are and for questions. **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.**

All are invited to attend and share in welcoming our new friends to the table.

Thank you,
Mary Schemm



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

Thank you to Rich Stewart for trimming the various hedges on the property.

A special thanks to a group of handymen from the church for repairing the outside wall of fellowship hall. See the full article included in the E-News.

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.

Recent Birthdays

7/20 Gary Linstad

Anniversaries

7/21 Gary & Diane Linstad (51)

Sunday's Laity Team

Usher Wayne DeGrand
Reader Charlie Christenson
Counters Deb Ebben & Tom Schemm
Music Praise Team
Sound Deb Ebben

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.

Prize donations are welcome. Talk with Ben for ideas.

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.
- Continued prayers for those who remain affected by the extreme weather. Especially the flooding in so many areas this summer.
- Prayers for the people of Manawa, WI whose dam 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...

"Jesus, Saviour and redeemer, bless Pastor Ben with rich study time. Let your Word abide in our pastor's heart and be his delight. 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.
- 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.
- Continued prayers for those who work in care facilities and hospitals.
- For those in the 'sandwich' generation and the challenges that can occur.

Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

Henderson Settlement part 6 of 6.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS come in all sizes, shapes and ages at Henderson Settlement! Volunteers can serve for a day, a week, a month or years, and can assist in pretty much any ministry across the campus.

Those serving for a month or more, are eligible to receive free meals and housing. Volunteer applications can be obtained by contacting Henderson Settlement at 606/337-3613 or by visiting their website at

www.hendersonsettlement.com

Donors may contribute financially to the Settlement by check, bank wire or on-line. They can also contribute by hosting fund-raisers, collecting good, clean and usable items for the Opportunity Store, by shopping at our Amazon Wish List and by including the Settlement in your will or life insurance directives. Above all else, please PRAY for the Settlement! We want to seek, know and do God's Will in this beautiful area of HIS creation!

To help raise the needed \$5,825 for this year's project supplies, our final brat fry is July 20. To help, contact Lloyd Eggert at 920-716-5470. Any financial donations can be made to St. James and marked as "Henderson."

Henderson Settlement mission trip is Oct. 5 – Oct. 12.

Lawn Mowing Help Needed

Help is needed with mowing the lawn. We have a nice riding lawn mower that handles the task very well, we just need more volunteers to help out. If you would like to be part of the mowing team, talk to either Tom Graf, Rick Bahr or Bill Kraemer.

If you would like to help but don't have the time or ability, donations for gasoline for the lawnmower are appreciated.



The Art of Delegating

God seems to do nothing of himself which he can possibly delegate to his creatures. He commands us to do slowly and blunderingly what he could do perfectly and in the twinkling of an eye. ... Creation seems to be delegation through and through. I suppose this is because [God] is a giver. —C.S. Lewis, *The World's Last Night*

**Lord help us to do all the good we can.
By all the means we can.
In all the ways we can. In all the places we can.
At all the times we can. To all the people we can.
As long as ever we can.
Amen.
John Wesley**

2024 Fellowship Wall Repair Project

A large renovation project was completed July 8- July 10, which you may not have been aware of. As you look around the church to figure out where a big, three day project happened, you may not find it.

The needed repairs were to the exterior of the fellowship hall, near the three windows. The demolition and rebuilding of the exterior wall was done to solve leaking around the windows causing rotting of the structure. There were numerous holes in the old coated Styrofoam wall that were occupied by birds.

The project was led by Tom Graf, who analyzed the project and came up with a solution. In addition to the planning, Tom created a project list, went to the building supply store numerous times, and transported the building material to the jobsite.

Tom's crew consisted of Gary L, Rich S, Wayne D, Dave H and Bill K.

The first day's task was to remove all the Styrofoam wall and rotten wood, and then to replace with new wood.

The second day was the hottest, but we were able to fabricate and install custom flashings, apply sealing tape, and moisture block. We were able to start installing the siding.

We completed installing the siding, flashing, window trim, and final caulking on the third day.

We were not quite done yet; Tom returned unused material to the store and the trailer full of waste debris had to be taken to the landfill.

Thank You for all who helped. We are so blessed to have enough volunteers both willing and able to do the job ourselves to save the cost of a contractor doing this job! The cost for material was \$914. The labor cost was Zero!

Thanks to: Tom Graf, Gary Linstad, Rich Stewart, Wayne DeGrand, Dave Hegg, Bill Kraemer

Special thanks to Tom Graf, who led this large project, for his skills and time.

Well done men of St. James!



Removal of Styrofoam and installation of moisture block and other preparations.





JULY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 4-11pm Gamer club	2 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	3 NO Dinner Church	4 Office Closed 	5 Office Closed	6 
7 7th Sunday after Pentecost 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship Deb Kraemer preaching 9:45 am Fellowship	8 4-11pm Gamer club 6:30pm Laity zoom meeting with the D.S. (See page 2 for details.)	9 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	10 8:00am <i>Men's Breakfast</i> Black Bear 8am-10am V&Fs Lunch 5:30pm Dinner Church	11 Office Closed 9:00am <i>Ladies Breakfast</i> Mary's Family Restaurant	12 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast	13
14 Communion Sunday 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship 	15 COTS Delivery 4-11pm Gamer club 5:30pm <i>Ladies Nite Out</i> <i>Electric City Lanes, Kaukauna</i>	16 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	17 8am-10am V&Fs Breakfast 5:30pm Dinner Church 6:45-9:00 pm Embroiderer's Guild	18 Office Closed	19 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast	20 Brat Fry for Henderson Festival Foods on Northland Set up begins at 8am
21 9th Sunday after Pentecost 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship	22 4-11pm Gamer club	23 3:00pm Accountable Leadership Board 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	24 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast 5:30pm Dinner Church	25 Office Closed	26 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast	27
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St James UMC YTD 2nd qtr 2024 Income VS expense

	2024		2023		2022		2021	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Pledged Income +	39,128.97	31,266	36,268.84	30,630	36,445.00	42,870.00	37,241.41	40,266.00
use of bldg income	6720	6312	6965	7722	5010	3960	2720	
Parsonage rental	5000	In not pd 6000	6000	6000	6000	6000	6000	
Interest/fundraising inc	8167.75	3630	4025.51	2160	4256.99	3138	1077.36	(+E&C)
					9146.93	roof ins ck		
Salaries -	24,367.08	24,744.00	22,180.80	23,016.00	19,428.10	19,758.00	15,451.06	17,058.00
Apportionment pd	5328	5328	5351	5352	6300	6300	6062.4	7578
Other exp -	9,126.69	16,524.00	12,580.42	16,320.00	9,831.48	14,628.00	10,563.06	14,778.00
Actual gain (loss)	20,194.95		13,147.13		25,299.34		14,962.25	

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

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

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