


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 24-30, 2024

Announcements
Dinner Church is tonight, at 5:30pm.
Please check your church mail boxes for your second quarter **giving statements**.
Ladies breakfast will be at **Galvan's** on Northland, August 1st.
For August, Men's Breakfast has been moved to **Tuesday the 13th**, 8am, Black Bear.

Sunday's Laity Team
Usher Carol Carlson
Reader Jeannine Schinke
Counters Deb Ebben & Gary Linstad
Music Nell Buchman
Sound Deb Ebben

 Thank you to Tom & Mary Schemm for hosting hospitality this past Sunday. And thanks to all who donated the delicious treats.
Thank you to Frank & Robin from Vets & Friends for the work they did on repairing the big garbage disposal in the kitchen.
Thank you to all the un-named, who share of their time and talents for the ministries of St. James.

 **Recent Birthdays**
7/28 Dylan Price

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 & 16 at 7pm and
August 17 at 2pm (there is also a 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+)

"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

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.
- Prayers for Jeannine Schinke's daughter Donna who had heart surgery this week.
- Kay Christenson asked for prayers for her aunt Shelby who fell and is in the hospital.
- 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.
- 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.

Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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 put on the paper under the bowl. 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.

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 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.

St. James, the Apostle

James, son of Zebedee, the first of Jesus' disciples to be martyred, is commemorated on July 25. Killed by sword on the order of King Herod around 44 A.D., James is the only apostle whose martyrdom is recorded in Scripture. Scholars believe he wasn't the author of the New Testament book of James.

Jesus called James, James' brother John and their fishing partner Simon to take up "catching people" (Luke 5:1-11). They soon formed Jesus' inner circle, the only disciples Jesus took along when he was transfigured, when he prayed in Gethsemane and at certain other times.

Jesus dubbed James and John "Sons of Thunder"; did they perhaps have anger-management problems? And the brothers asked Jesus for special status in his coming kingdom, winning themselves no favor with the other disciples. But James' imperfections remind us that God always chooses flawed people — including you and me — to carry out his work!



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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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.

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)