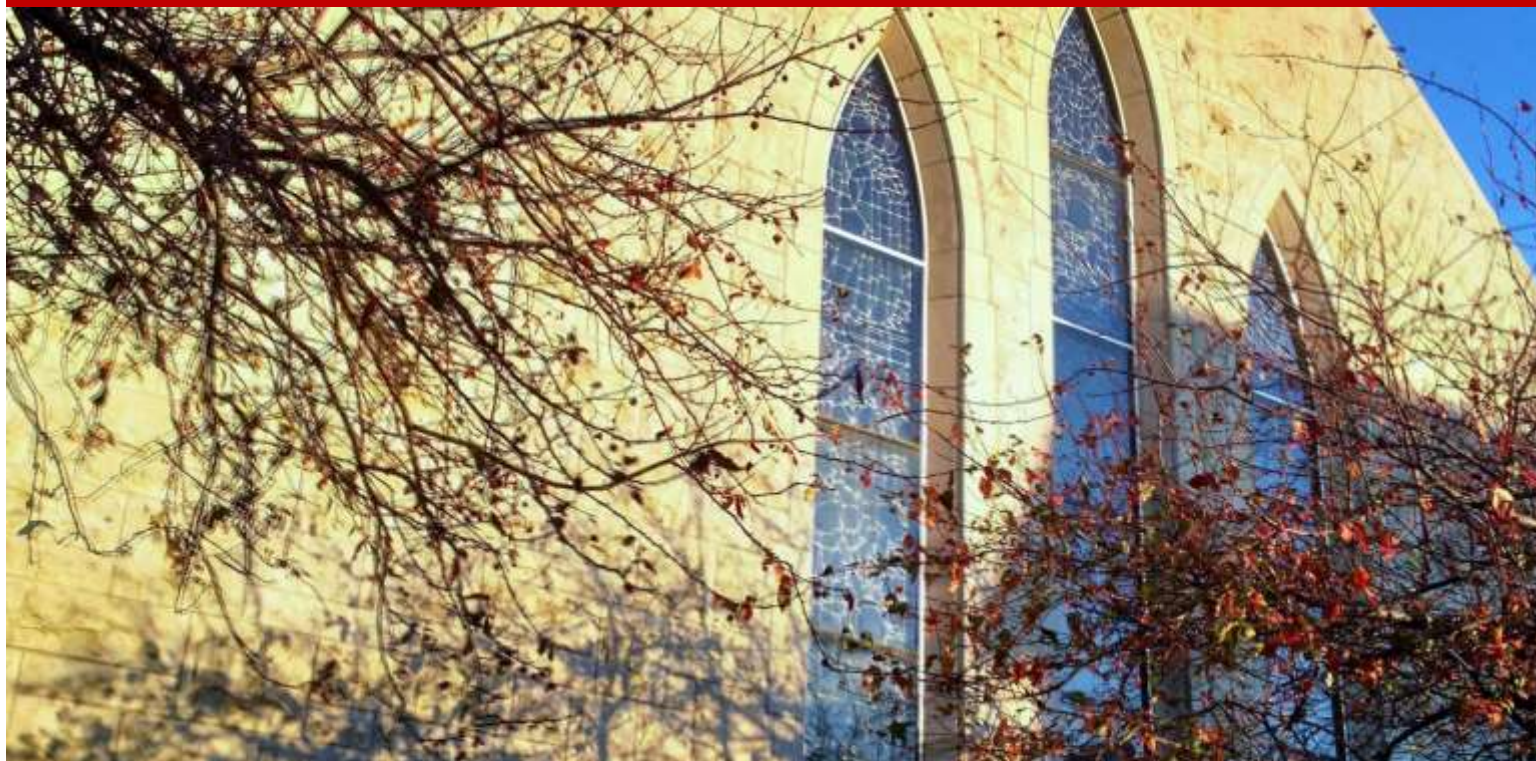


# The Seasons

of St. James Episcopal Church

Fall 2024:  
Ordinary Time



## The Bread of Life

The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector

Through the summer the gospel lessons we have heard have largely been centered around Jesus being the true bread, the bread that can nourish forever. If you ever visit the website of the Episcopal Church, God is referred to as “loving, liberating, and life-giving.” God is certainly the source of that which nourishes us and gives us life; God is also the source of eternal life, the life that never ends. The renewal of life in fresh starts, new beginnings, resurrection, and life-after death is our most resounding way to understand God as our life-giving source.

Our continued learning, new experiences, and evolving stages of life introduce us to fresh perspectives, new ways of thinking, and unique ways to do things. This is one way generative life is refreshed and renewed. We are re-energized by horizons that grow and interests that change. The Holy Spirit propels us ever forward on our journey of faith. Life is not boring. If it seems less interesting, then just wait a little while. It changes as dependably as the weather changes.

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Just when we think our traditions may be getting a little stale, in comes a fresh new set of eyes through which we can reframe anything, everything. This fall, St. James Church is inviting the work of the Holy Spirit to put us in positions to meet new people and to shake up our routine.

The ministry of Invite Welcome Connect is set up to bless us through the life-giving experiences of inviting people we don't know to engage the good news of God in Christ. Our genuine welcome of whoever comes, and our willingness to include whichever journey of faith has brought them to our doors will enrich our connection with God and others. Each person offers promise and variety as we open fully to the life-giving love of God.

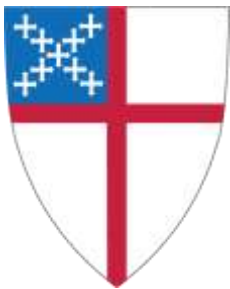
In the days to come, I hope you will find a way that feels good (affirming, challenging, nurturing, or re-energizing) to join in specifically one of the three areas we are learning about through Invite Welcome Connect. There is a banquet of opportunity stretching out before each of us.

If any have wondered how many, multiple verses there are in the single hymn we sing about the stewardship of our congregation, then wonder no more. There are new tunes to learn and different instruments to try as we shift our Sunday morning soundtrack.

Having the one service at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday brings us into vibrant interaction with each other can invigorate the way we meet newcomers.

While change is never entirely easy for anyone, I hope this alternative ultimately will be life-giving for each of us. Keep an eye out for announcements about changes and additions to Sunday worship and fellowship. Through the influence of Invite Welcome Connect (and without the deep grooves of an often traveled path), we will welcome the true bread, the loving, liberating, and life-giving nourishment of God. As an example, perhaps instead of sticking with our way of having the Christmas pageant between worship services, it might be that we will embrace the pageant right in the middle of worship.

Some change can prompt new ideas, generate fresh thinking, and take away the limits of what we have done before. You are invited to think out of the box about the way we “do church” and the way we engage our community. In spite of the human ingrained resistance to change, I pray that each of us will find ourselves having fun coming up with another way to share, find ourselves enjoying new relationships, and find renewal on our journey of faith with our life-giving God. Amen.



**“There are no second-class citizens in the household of God. Religious authority comes with baptism, and it is nurtured by prayer, worship, bible study, life together.”**  
-Verna J. Dozier  
the Episcopal church

## A Personal Update

Chelsea Whipple, Director of Programs

After 43,800 hours of wondering what I got myself into, I am finally finished with my Doctor of Ministry degree. If anyone is to ask, how do I feel? The two words that come to my mind are relief and blessed. The obvious is the relief of the pressure, countless hours of reading, writing, and researching, and the stress. The second word is blessed. As I began completing my dissertation and sorting out how to possibly thank all those who helped me through this time, I felt blessed to have the St. James community ‘in my corner’, asking me about my program and research, attending the retreat, and giving me the confidence to complete. I wanted to share a portion of what I wrote in my acknowledgments for everyone to know how thankful I am for St. James:

“Thank you to Mother Dawn Frankfurt, my mentor, for constantly pursuing love and union with Her and letting me freely discover where God calls me to wonder. Thank you to St. James Episcopal Church, Wichita, for finding and transforming me deeper in love with Her and your constant support and prayer throughout this project and my tenure working there. Your love is where I find my home.”

Now, what comes next.... I’m sure everyone has encountered this question on their life’s journey; after graduation, the question is, “what will you do now?” The answer to that question is one I’ve discerned for quite a while. I enjoy my work at St. James and being a spiritual director. For now, I will add Chaplain to those titles as well. I recently began a year-long residency at Wesley Hospital to complete the requirements for Chaplaincy. This will mean that I am reducing my hours at St. James and will focus on the Children’s Ministry and coordinating Adult Education. I might be around a little less, but I am still working hard to show God’s love to all who grace our doors.

So once again, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. Your unwavering support and love have been a source of strength and inspiration throughout my journey. You are all amazing, loving human beings who radiate light and goodness wherever you go. May God’s love, light, and beauty always be with you!

### **The Mission of St. James Episcopal Church**

**is to worship and glorify God, proclaim the Gospel through word and deed,  
and serve our community and world as disciples of Christ.**

**Everyone is welcome at St. James - Whoever you are and wherever you  
find yourself on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.**

## Adult Formation Opportunities

Chelsea Whipple, Director of Programs

Each year, we are blessed to have numerous classes and small groups available for us to connect, grow, and be in community with one another, whether in-person or on Zoom. If you haven't taken the opportunity or are a regular, please join us as we re-start the program year with some amazing spiritual growth opportunities. Classes and small groups are still being added so be on the lookout for more announcements to come. Below is a list of classes that are happening now or will start in 2024. More details can be found on following pages.

Adult Forum: Going off the Lectionary Grid, Basic A, Book Club - St. James & St. Stephens, Contemplative Prayer Group, Education for Ministry (EfM), Graduate EfM

## Basic A

The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector

The 2024 Basic A class will be held on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in the chapel. It begins on October 8th and meets weekly through November 26. The group will be led by Mother Dawn Frankfurt and our seminarian, Paul Leeker, will teach as well.

“**A**nglicanism is a Western Christian tradition which developed from the practices, liturgy, and identity of the Church of England following the English Reformation, in the context of the Protestant Reformation in Europe. It is one of the largest branches of Christianity. Adherents of Anglicanism are called Anglicans; they are also called Episcopalians in some countries.

This 8-week course offered at St. James is for everyone who would like to learn more about the Episcopal Church. It is especially good for people who are new to St. James and would like to know more about what we believe and what our history is. This course may help you discern if this is the church you should join and in which you should take an active part. This course is also offered to Episcopalians who want to brush up on what they know about our church.

Anyone who completes this course becomes eligible to be confirmed or received\* in the Episcopal Church at St. James. On a mostly annual basis we host our diocesan bishop for her official parish visit. **Bishop Bascom's next visit is scheduled for March 30, 2025. At that time, you may be confirmed at Sunday morning worship if you so desire.**

In our tradition, the sacrament of baptism comes before confirmation (often when children are very young – but not always). **Confirmation is considered the adult affirmation of faith. If you aren't baptized and you want to be, let Mother Dawn know and we will be sure that happens.**

*\*If you are already confirmed in a church which is in full communion with the Episcopal Church, you will be received rather than confirmed.*

## Adult Forum: Going off the Lectionary Grid

Chelsea Whipple, Director of Programs

Just like the previous year, we will be diving deeper into the lectionary readings. Each week a new speaker will pick a reading from the lectionary and talk about the various aspects surrounding the reading. We could explore languages, cultures, context, short films, etc. Join us as we explore how Scripture relates to our everyday life and find God in all things. Open mind and open ideas are always welcome as we learn together as a community of believers.

We gather in the Guild Hall every Sunday (except 4th Sunday when we have a parish potluck meal) from 10:45-11:30 am starting September 8.

## Education for Ministry (EfM)

Deb Bagby & LoWaine Robison

EfM invites the people of God to discern and act in faith through small group reflection.

EfM lives in the School of Theology at the University of the South at Sewanee. It is a unique four-year small-group formation program based on study and practice in theological reflection. Since its founding in 1975, this international program has assisted more than 120,000 participants discover and nurture their call to Christian service where they live, work, and play. EfM helps the faithful discover the Christian tradition, bringing it into conversation with their experiences of the world. The EfM seminar group at St. James meets weekly on ZOOM, to become theologically informed, reflective, and articulate seekers of God.

Many people have been taught that one must be ordained to be a minister, but our vows at baptism say something different: that all baptized Christians are ministers. God calls us to be active participants in ministry. What is that ministry? As the Church, we are called to continue the ministry of Jesus. We are called to be the hands, heart, and incarnate body of Christ in our own place through worship, reflection, in service to others, and by the proclamation of God's Word to all people. *(continued on page 5...)*

*(continued from page 4...)* The EfM program is designed to help Christians prepare for their ministry. It is that vocation for which we pray at the end of the communion service: "And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord."

During the service of Confirmation, we ask God to "Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at Baptism. Send them forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before them." EfM offers an opportunity to discover how to respond to the call to a Christian life.

Questions? Contact: Deb Bagby, (316) 612-0628, [debagby@gmail.com](mailto:debagby@gmail.com) or Lowaine Robison (805) 612-4016, [lowainer@hotmail.com](mailto:lowainer@hotmail.com)

# Here Comes Another Fabulous Year in the Kids Zone

Chelsea Whipple, Director of Programs



First Sunday of the month (except September) 9:30-11:30 am		Wednesday Evening 6:30 pm
<b>Sunday School</b> Fishers    Seekers    Disciples Preschool-Kindergarten    First-Third grade    Fourth-Fifth grade		<b>Choristers</b> "kids choir" Starting at 6:00pm  Grades 3-8 Contact Dakota Bennett for more information, music@stjameswichita.org
<b>Children's Chapel</b> *Kids join in Church at the Peace and then proceed to Sunday School after procession*		*kids can sing every Sunday choir is singing

With the addition of Mrs. Kate Miller, we are able to be back to three classrooms! This year, we look forward to diving deeper in our Godly Play curriculum and exploring the stories of Scripture come alive before our eyes. The kids are hard at work on memorizing the Lord's Prayer and the Sign of the Cross. If you are real quiet, you can hear them say it in church.

Here are some important updates on the **time of Sunday School and Children's Chapel**:

Since St. James is switching to one service at 9:30 a.m., the children will begin at 9:30 with Children's Chapel, join the congregation at the peace and then process at the end of church for Sunday school. We will end promptly at 11:30 a.m. This might take a few months to adjust to it, but I know our kids will do great!

Sunday school and Children's Chapel will begin on October 6th. Sunday School and Children's Chapel takes place the 1st Sunday of every month (except September) starting at 9:30am. Kids aged 3 (potty trained) - 5th grade are welcome and must be registered. Please see the flyer for more details.

Nursery available for younger siblings  
 What do parents do on Sunday? You can attend Adult Forum in the Guild Hall, Fellowship in the Lounge, or quiet time in the Sanctuary.

The Kids Zone is located upstairs above the Lounge. Kids are welcome upstairs at anytime with adult supervision. They can create art at the Make & Take It table, grab a book in the library and hang out in our castle, or have some quiet time in the Children's Chapel.

**What do kid's learn at Sunday School & Children's Chapel?**

This year we will learn about:

- The Story of Sarah
- The Ten Best Ways
- Advent II
- Mary, Mother of Jesus
- Parable of the Sower
- Jesus & the 12
- The Greatest Parable
- The Faces of Easter
- Ark & Temple
- Parable of Parables
- The Crosses

It's our Godly Play Curriculum for Instruction. Learn more: [godlyplayministries.org](http://godlyplayministries.org)

St. James Episcopal Church - 8750 E. Douglas Ave. - Wichita, KS 67208 - (316) 683-5666  
 Questions? Contact Chelsea Whipple, Dir. of Programs - [formation@stjameswichita.org](mailto:formation@stjameswichita.org)

**Be A Part of the Fun in 2024-25**

10/8 9:30am	Sunday School & Children's Chapel
10/27 12:00pm	Halloween Party
11/7 9:30am	Sunday School & Children's Chapel
12/16 9:30am	Sunday School & Children's Chapel
12/18 10:00am	Christmas Pageant in church
12/22 10:00am	Greeting of the Church
1/5 9:30am	Sunday School & Children's Chapel
1/29 9:30am	Sunday School & Children's Chapel
1/29 9:30am	Sunday School & Children's Chapel
1/6 9:30am	Sunday School & Children's Chapel
1/20 10:00am	Easter Egg Hunt
1/4 9:30am	Sunday School & Children's Chapel
6/1 9:30am	Sunday School & Children's Chapel
6/21-6/27	VBS (remote)
7/6 9:30am	Sunday School & Children's Chapel
8/3 9:30am	Sunday School & Children's Chapel

Calendar subject to change  
 Events added throughout the year, check the St. James Calendar to stay up-to-date

You can contact Chelsea at [formation@stjameswichita.org](mailto:formation@stjameswichita.org) or call the office for more information.

Our teachers for this program year are: Mrs. Amber in the Fishers class; Mrs. Kate in the Seekers class; and Mrs. Chelsea in the Disciples class.

On September 15th, after the service is an Acolyte training for 5th grade and up. Please join us, it is a great way to be involved in the service.

## Just Like Me: Digging In & Growing Deep

Chelsea Whipple, Director of Programs

### Vacation Bible School Recap

This intersectional curriculum was designed to help kids celebrate their own identities as beloved creation of God – just as they are. Over the course of the week, campers were introduced to a cast of neighborhood Gardeners who will help them explore Biblical stories of people who were able to change things for the better. Students practiced sharing what they have, finding their community, and using their voice for others! We learned to shout, call out, stand up, give, and explore.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped in the classroom and serve food!

*Save the Date for VBS in 2025: June 23-27 (tentative).*



## Youth Group

Anne Clark, Youth Mentor

Youth group will begin on September 8, 2024 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Deacon Jeff has offered to join us for confirmation classes to start the fall season out. We will rotate through doing a lesson, games and hope to participate in some field trips and service projects. We will meet regularly (following the USD 259 school schedule) on Sunday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm. On the fourth Sunday, we will meet at the all parish luncheon immediately after the service.

We will plan on helping with the Christmas baskets and attend Illuminations in December. We are looking for additional adult help for this school year. We are hoping to make a rotation of adults so it would be once a month commitment. If interested, please reach out to Anne Clark, Chelsea Whipple or Mother Dawn.

## Save the date!

On Saturday, November 16 the youth group will host a Bunco Party from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. This will be a fundraiser event to help with the costs associated with the Washington D.C. trip for the youth.

Be sure to mark your calendars and join us for an evening of fun in November!



## Nursery Volunteers still needed!

We are still short-staffed in the Nursery and need volunteers. To keep the nursery open and operating, we need 10 volunteers to commit to a Sunday every 2 months. You can spend time with our kids, love them, and minister to their needs. If you are interested, please contact Chelsea or call the office, (316) 683-5686.

## Message from the Music Director

Dakota Bennett, Director of Music

As we return from our summer recess, there are several things to look forward to this choir year! All of us who attend on Sundays will get to enjoy the full music and choral presence with the new Mass time. On 18 October, we will be providing the music for Diocesan Convention Eucharist here in Wichita! Details are still being worked out, but if you want to be a part of this special opportunity, please let me know soon. On 1 December, we will have Advent Lessons and Carols at 5:30pm. At the end of March, the Bishop will visit the parish and in May we will have choral Evensong. In addition to the traditional liturgical focuses of this parish, we will be further enriching our shared worship life by incorporating additional focuses throughout the year. The fun begins in September on the 4th for the parish choir and the 10th for Handbells. From there, these rehearsals will generally be weekly, all at 7pm. If you have any children interested in joining us, please contact me to discuss what will work best for you. Instrumentalists and other musicians of all ages are also welcome to be part of music in worship and have plenty of opportunities.

Last but certainly not least, here's to those of you who wouldn't be caught dead within 20 feet of a music rehearsal. Regardless of your perceived musical ability, you are an important part of the worship life of this parish! The scriptures say to make a joyful noise; no mention is made of tonal or pitch accuracy! In all seriousness, we are all valuable members of this community and your absence is noticed. In worship, in adult forum, in everything this parish does for our community within and beyond these walls. As we work to re-energise and re-identify who we are post-pandemic, we need you to be a part of this crucial and life-giving effort. So I invite and welcome you to connect with the many opportunities here at St. James; musically and beyond.

## Livestream Opportunity

Bert Clark, Livestream volunteer

Attention St James Family! We are seeking volunteers to help run the weekly livestream process. We are looking to build a team of 6 or more folks to run this on a rotational basis. To ramp up, it is recommended that you shadow the fellas from Wichita Livestream a couple of times or you can shadow Woody Swain or myself when its our turn. Everyone young and old can learn this skill and be part of an essential ministry to connect the parish virtually each week. If interested or you know of anyone that might be interested that isn't a member but likes this kind of stuff, contact Danny Blair, Bert Clark, or Woody Swain. Also, as a reminder you can watch any episode of St James' church serve by going to [www.youtube.com/@StJamesWichita](http://www.youtube.com/@StJamesWichita). Until then see you on the InterWebs!!

## Holy Cross Day in the Episcopal Church

The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector

Holy Cross Day is on September 14 each year. This year at all worship services on Sept. 14 and 15, we will celebrate salvation brought to us by way of the Holy Cross. The observance includes the use of lots of fresh basil sprigs. If you are growing basil and are willing to share your harvest with us that weekend, your bounty will be very appreciated. Everyone is invited to bring a small cross from their household. The crosses may be placed on the altar prior to the service for a special blessing. Please take crosses home after worship the same day you bring them.

Wondering about Holy Cross Day? In the Christian calendar, there are several celebrations of the Feast of the Cross. Each of these occasions commemorate the cross used in the crucifixion of Jesus. Unlike Good Friday, which is dedicated to the passion of Christ and the crucifixion, the feast of Holy Cross Day celebrates the cross itself, as the sign of salvation. The most common day of commemoration is 14 September. The date marks the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 335. In the Anglican Communion this feast is called Holy Cross Day and sometimes also Holy Rood Day.

In the medieval church, the Rood, which in Old English means “cross,” or “crucifix,” was supported by a single beam spanning the nave at the entrance to the chancel and known as the rood beam. We have this feature of church architecture at St. James.

According to Armenian Christian tradition, the first one to “exalt” the cross was the Apostle James of Jerusalem, the “Brother of our Lord.”

The Second Council of Nicaea in 787 drew the distinction between veneration and worship of the cross. Worship, according to the teaching of the faith, belongs to the Divine nature alone. Veneration of the cross is not the substance of religion and is not absolutely necessary to salvation. Instead, the honor paid to the image passes to the prototype (the original); and the worshiper who adores the image, adores the person, the original whom it represents.

The lectionaries of the Church of England (and other Anglican churches) stipulate red as the liturgical color for ‘Holy Cross Day.’



## Breakfast Sundays

Randy Harrison & Mother Dawn Frankfurt

After 4 decades of first assisting Rod Hansen and taking on organizing breakfast after his passing, I believe it is time to re-think breakfast now that our service on Sunday is at 9:30. It looks like we will re-think several fellowship opportunities including breakfast and 4th Sunday lunch. We will combine these eating and greeting events into one - a parish meal on the 4th Sunday of the month. If you are interested in being involved with planning, ideas, cooking, and gathering, please contact the vestry representatives for activity: Jessica Moore and Troy Wells. Their contact info is available in the parish directory.

Please extend your thanks to our volunteers who feed us and nurture our souls. We give special thanks to the Harrison family, especially Randy, for giving us the gift of breakfast on 2nd Sundays for so many years. Thanks to Robin Spurrier; Vicki and Aiden Petty; Peggy and Tom Zerger; and the many unsung heroes who cooked food, washed dishes, and made it all look fun.

## Join us at Woofstock!

St. James & the Wichita Minster

**Save the Date! Saturday, October 5, 2024 from 10 am - 3 pm**

St. James is organizing a group of members to attend Woofstock 2024 at the Sedgwick County Park, and has decided to reach out and include other area Episcopal churches from the Wichita Minster. Everyone is invited to come and hang out, meet and greet with people at the event, and to share in a fun filled day that supports the Kansas Humane Society. We will be sharing in Blessing of the Animals at the event.



Gather with thousands of fellow pet owners and animal enthusiasts for KHS's largest fundraising event and festival- Woofstock! It has become one of the largest events of its kind in the midwest and we can't wait for October 5th! Participate in the Woof Walk & Breakfast, listen to live music from Tequila Ridge & Dangle Music, compete in stage contests, hang out at the beer garden, shop at vendor booths, and chow down at the food trucks. Check out activities like ruff races, doggy agility course, kid's play clinic, photobooth, live demos from the WPD's K-9 Unit, and more! You can sign up at the link provided and learn more! <https://give.kshumane.org/event/2024-woofstock/e592384>

## Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Randy Harrison

In the true spirit of “Invite, Welcome, Connect”, I believe that our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner is a true treasure and as a single person, it not only gives me the opportunity to have a full Thanksgiving dinner without having to cook an entire feast, but is a fantastic way for us to truly share our gifts with each other.

Each year I’m blessed to have a number of people volunteer to assist with putting on the dinner and I want to continue the tradition. So as in previous years, the turkey will be provided with everyone who wishes to join us, sharing their favorite Thanksgiving dish.

There will be a signup sheet at the front desk beginning in mid-October for anyone who wishes to join us so we can get an approximate count to make sure we have enough turkey for everyone.

## Daughters of the King

Mary Sloan, DOK President

We will have our first fall meeting on September 15, after the service. DOK is a historic national and international lay women’s group devoted to prayer, evangelism and service. Daughters can each make a difference through our prayers, our compassionate outreach, and by welcoming others to be part of our parish and community.

We will participate in the Sacred Ground curriculum for our on-going group study, watching presentations together and then have a discussion. Deb Bagby will lead our discussion. We will then conduct our remaining usual meeting agenda items.

Sacred Ground will be illuminating and challenging, as well a study that contributes to our spiritual growth. Our DOK sisters at St. Stephen’s are also planning to do the same this fall.



**Invite a friend.**  
**Welcome a guest.**  
**Connect with someone new.**

## Movie and Panel Event

Claudette Johns, Creation Care Co-Chair

### “Hot Times in the Heartland”

is a film focused on the local impact of climate change. It premiered February 25 in Topeka and will be shown in Wichita on October 12 at 2:30 in the Guild Hall of St. James Episcopal Church. The event is free and open to the public.

Co-sponsored by the St. James Creation Care Committee and the local Sierra Club, “Hot Times in the Heartland” was produced by Kansas filmmaker Dave Kendall of Prairie Hollow Productions and assisted by KPR commentator Rex Buchanan. The documentary is filmed in the beautiful Flint Hills region. The Episcopal Bishop of Kansas, Cathleen Bascom, also appears in the film.

Come join us for this fascinating look at the Flint Hills and enjoy the afternoon with your friends and neighbors as we explore this important topic. Stay after for the panel discussion and the Question-and-Answer period as we explore our role in tackling this important issue. Refreshments will be for sale benefiting the local Boy Scout Troop.

## A Message from Creation Care

Claudette Johns, Creation Care Co-Chair

The Creation Care Team has been busy planting, watering, and caring for what we hope will grow into a beautiful Monarch Way Station on the Yale Street side of St. James. Under the watchful eye of Pat Butin, many new native plants were planted in the spring. Pat shepherded the certification process and in August we posted the sign in the garden recognizing our official designation. The certificate will be framed and displayed in the church. Special thanks to our faithful watering team: Marilyn Milhon, Lise Hasen VanArsdale, Pat Butin, Joan Bledsoe, and Claudette Johns.



Look for a notice in the bulletin and on the web site for the exact date and time of the Fall Garden Maintenance Day. Friends and family gather on the church grounds to weed, mulch, prune and visit as we ready the gardens for winter. Bring your gloves and be ready to have a great time. We are looking at a Saturday date in October but more information will be provided in late September.



# HOT TIMES IN THE HEARTLAND

A film focused on the local impact of climate change. A panel discussion and Q&A session will follow the viewing of the film.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024**

**2:30 PM**

**IN THE GUILD HALL AT  
ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
3750 E. DOUGLAS AVE.  
WICHITA, KS 67208**

**ADMISSION IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.  
COME EARLY - 1:45 PM - FOR A TOUR OF THE  
HISTORIC ST. JAMES SANCTUARY.**

Seating is limited. Please **RSVP** by October 10th by scanning the QR code or by visiting our website. [www.stjameswichita.org](http://www.stjameswichita.org)



**SCAN ME**


## An Update from the Junior Warden

Danny Blair, Jr. Warden

First I would like to say thank you to everyone who has come to our Invite, Welcome, Connect sessions. I personally feel that this Mission is vital to our future success as a Church. What is success exactly? I think that it means that we are still here to celebrate our 200th anniversary. That we are vital, that we are both a tight community that is there for each other in our journey of faith and that we are actively engaged in going out into the Community both to invite and welcome those who are perhaps still searching for a spiritual and community home but also to serve those in need of support in whatever struggles they are experiencing. We should not be the Church that people drive by and say “What a nice looking Church” but rather “Oh that is the Church that is so active in the community.” That is a reach, but totally within our reach. This is not a “Vestry” or “Clergy” project but a grassroots, collective mission that I hope all of you will embrace at some level. Many hands makes the work light. I hope that each of us can find some area to invest a bit of ourselves. Let’s be Fishers of Men!

The elevator project is underway! It may look like a slow start but there are many preparations to make before starting a project that involves structural alterations to the Church. The Tower room will be largely closed during the construction so please plan to use an alternate method of access to the Chapel or Sacristy. I will keep everyone posted on progress through the E-Tower. Potentially by the time this publication reaches you the Wi-Fi throughout the Church will have been upgraded. The access points that allow the signal to traverse through old stone walls are older technology and are being replaced and expanded to allow for better connection. If there are any changes in how to connect we will get this information to you. The elevator going to the upstairs Education rooms will follow right after the first elevator is complete. The sidewalk in front of the Church has been leveled and crack sealed. There are other areas that could receive attention but this was the area that posed the greatest trip hazard and is now safe. We will address some other areas in the future. The final chapters to the Capital Campaign are the upstairs bathrooms and a change to the Chancel Choir areas. The plan is to allow for some versatility in seating to allow for Musicians and other musical presentations to have a better performance area as well as allowing for some versatility in Choir seating. The bathroom project is being led by Tom Zerger and he is working with the Architect to formalize a design and cost. We will begin this as soon as all of the details are set.

Yours in Christ and Community



Invite • Welcome • Connect

# Cub Scouts are at St. James

Scouting America Pack 508

**Boys & Girls Welcome!**  
**Kindergarten - 5th Grade**  
Monday Nights  
6:30 - 7:30 PM

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## 2024 Fall Calendar

**August:** Scouting for Food, Open House Recruitment

**September:** Pack Campout, SG County EMS Visit

**October:** Cub Scout Day of Awesomeness, Webelos Woods Campout, Pack Campout, Service Project

**November:** Eisenhower Airport Control Tower Visit

**December:** Astronomy Night

And More!

## Pack Leadership

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**Assistant Cubmaster**

**Committee Chair**

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## St. James Outreach Ministry

Judy Goodpasture, Chair

Our Outreach Ministry Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the church lounge. At least six times a year, we have speakers from social service agencies. This year we will be seeking ways to help with St. James's "Invite, Welcome, Connect" project. You are invited to join us for any meeting.

### Project Reports:

- Our Pocket Change Ministry continues to provide funds for children and families served by the **Wichita Children's Home, Breakthrough ESS, Kansas Children's Service League**, and The Pando Initiative. We are grateful to this very generous congregation. Since 2015, this project has given \$25,800. to agencies serving children and families. Project Chair Vicki Evans
- The St. James Refugee Family Project continues to assist our family with school enrollment, as well as their plans for a stable future. Co-chairs: Suzanne Laycock and Jessica Moore
- Pop Can Pull-Tabs for Ronald McDonald Houses. A collection house (box) is located below the entryway table. We have already delivered one house-full. Chair: Vicki Evans
- St. James assists the **Wichita Minster's** effort to provide Saturday Sack Lunches for the homeless at **St. John's Episcopal Church**. Project Chair Joan Bledsoe
- Back to School Drive. Currently we are collecting school supplies for The Pando Initiative. Project Chair: Mary Klocke
- Nine Baskets for Breakthrough ESS were filled with essential household supplies to help **Homeless people entering safe housing. The congregation's generosity was amazing!** Co-Chairs: Mary Klocke and Judy Goodpasture
- Our committee continues to send Prayer Cards to ill and bereaved parishioners. Birthday cards are also sent to parishioners. Co-chairs: Mary Druding, Joan Bledsoe, and Judy Goodpasture
- Also, **Deacon Jeff Roper's Card Ministry** for inmates at the Winfield Correction facility continues. Just drop off new cards in the hall basket. Inmates are allowed just two cards per month. Since there are 550 inmates, our cards go fast.
- In late September, we will begin our Blanket Drive for the homeless served by Humankind in their shelters. Chair: Judy Goodpasture
- This fall we will be offering volunteer opportunities through **United Way's Read-to-Succeed** program and the **Pando Initiative's Reality U**, a finance workshop for high school students.

Thank you, St. James parishioners, for demonstrating that our church cares deeply about community outreach!

# Kansas Children's Service League

Submitted by Vicky Roper

The KCSL Wichita Family Resource Center is to be a one stop shop for family's needs in the Wichita & Sedgewick County area, with a particular focus on our 67203 zip code, which is 30% Hispanic.

We will provide referrals to 100 walk-ins a year, referring them to the KCSL evidence-based programs co-located in our building which serve 400 families, community-based programs who provide needed services not present within the KCSL Wichita Family Resource Center and will create a system for concrete supports provided by our partner community-based organizations in such areas as housing, food, child care, legal services, unemployment services and health services and such basics as food boxes, diapers, clothing, cleaning supplies, safety items and hygiene supplies. This is one of the valuable community resources St. James Church supports with our Pocket Change ministry. Thanks for your generosity.

Sandwich Saturday takes place every Saturday. St. James and St. Johns provides lunches once every three months as does St. Stephens and Good Shephard Episcopal Churches. We help feed the food insecure. We also distribute socks, underwear, dog and cat food, backpacks



### What's In a Sack Lunch?

Sack Lunches include: One sandwich ( PB&J, Cheese, Meat, Meat & Cheese), One fruit ( banana, orange, \* applesauce with spoon), One bag chips and a cookie or power bar . All in a bag please. Most people make 10-20 Lunches.

If you volunteer to distribute we are there from 1045 AM to 1130 or noon.

Meet at St. James or St. Johns 1025-1045 AM

Contact:

Joan Bledsoe -

Pansy1918@icloud.com

### Sandwich Saturday 2024 to 2025



2024 Dates  
September 14,  
December 14 2025  
March 8, June 14, Sept.  
13 and December 13.

## Justice Together

Scott Orr

Many of you will recall that Justice Together is a multi-denominational organization of faith communities with a goal of organizing individuals to hold political and other leaders accountable to make policy changes to benefit our city. It is an affiliate of DART, a national organization that has been in existence for over 40 years with chapters across the country. Justice Together started in Wichita last year and St James was one of the founding churches. As a side benefit, Justice Together gives parishioners at St. James an opportunity to connect with and get to know other parishioners better as they talk about the issues the city is facing. This aligns perfectly with the Connect component of our Invite – Welcome – Connect initiative!

Last year, fall meetings were held to surface what issues are the most important to the people. This information was synthesized across about 40 churches in the Wichita area and a vote was taken to determine which of the many issues identified should be addressed first. The issues that were selected were around mental health and homelessness in the community.

Groups of volunteers researched best practices about what could be done and proposed solutions. These solutions were presented to elected officials and leaders of social service agencies at the Nehemiah Assembly held at Century II in May. The officials agreed to implement all recommendations of the group and much progress has been made already. The officials also agreed to monthly status updates so that we can hold them accountable to the commitments they made in May.

Specifically on mental health there was agreement to achieve 24/7/365 access to mobile health crisis teams. These teams can help people experiencing mental health crises to access suitable crisis care all the time vs. the current situation with partial coverage and other times they are shuffled to either a hospital emergency room or jail. Both the jail and hospital alternatives have a huge financial cost to society while doing little if anything to help the person in dealing with the crisis. Additionally, there was agreement to expand a program that was in test which funded transportation for 15 people to get to appointments for their mental health care. Next year this program will be expanded to 300 people so they can get to their appointments and complete their treatment and recovery plans.

On homelessness there was commitment to fully and permanently fund the operation of the planned Multi Agency Center (MAC) which will support a Housing First approach to provide low barrier access to permanent low-cost housing and support services for those experiencing homelessness. Previously there was funding to build the MAC but not permanent funding to staff and operate it. Additionally, there was commitment to create a municipal ID program for those persons who have lost their ID. Without a home, a permanent mailing address and access to birth and Social Security records, homeless persons cannot get a state or federal ID. Without proper ID they are unable to secure jobs, housing, and access to social services.

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### Justice Together continued...

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Already, Justice Together has achieved significant wins for marginalized individuals in society as well as for society overall. Better support for people in serious need coupled with lower financial cost to society, is truly a win-win. It is now time to prepare to begin the next cycle to determine what other issues the community wants to prioritize in the coming year while following up on the commitments already made. The ongoing nature of the Justice Together process enables us to continuously live the call of Micah 6:8, to “Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.” Please connect today to find out how you can be part of the solution by contacting Scott Orr at [scottrorr@gmail.com](mailto:scottrorr@gmail.com) or 214-912-8410 and watch the newsletters for more information about upcoming Justice Together events.

## Wichita Alternative Gift Market

Suzi Miner

**Save the Date! Saturday, November 9, 10 am-4 pm,  
Hillside Christian Church**

For a preview of the Market, you are invited to look through the new 2024-2025 Alternative Gifts International catalog: <https://alternativegifts.org/giving/gifting/causes>

You can shop online anytime, but it can be more meaningful to do so in person. Market-day “bonuses” include a free ornament and greeting card for each project you support, plus the chance to meet many other caring people in our community. Thanks to Hillside Christian for providing our location again. And special thanks to our returning sponsor, KMUW 89.1 FM; [kmuw.org](http://kmuw.org). You can also support several local nonprofits and fair-trade vendors with tangible gifts—all for a good cause.

Please mark your calendar and come to share the joy of giving:

30th Annual Wichita Alternative Gift Market

Saturday, November 9th, 2024, 10 am to 4 pm, at Hillside Christian Church

8330 E. Douglas, near Douglas & Rock, across from The Independent School



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**Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024 at Hillside Christian**  
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## From the Treasurer

Woody Swain, Treasurer

Through July 2024, which is 58% of our church's financial year, our operating budget is still in good shape, thanks to continued generous and reliable giving and wise expense decisions by staff and volunteers. So far, we have only used 17% the 2024 draw from the Endowment Fund, and that was solely for Outreach. In addition, we have used 43% of our Advance Pledge reserves and 39% of the budgeted funds from the Betty Shaw gift.

Through July, our total revenues are \$341,137, which is 56% of our full year budgeted revenues of \$606,742. Actual expenses for this period are \$372,547, which is 60% of our full year budgeted expenses of \$622,724. Our 2024 budget forecasted a deficit of -\$15,982, which is only 2.6% of our budgeted revenues. So, with continued care with our expenses and strong follow-through on expected giving, if there is a need for some additional revenue at the end of 2024 to fund the operations of our church, that need should be manageable. Since pledged and non-pledged giving is 90% of our anticipated revenue, please realize that giving by each and every one of us is vitally important to the ministry and mission of St. James!

After every Vestry meeting I post the **previous month's and Year-to-Date** financials on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. The July financial statements are posted there now. Please feel free to review them and contact me or Susie Stallings, our bookkeeper, if you have any questions about them.

## Perpetual Memorial Endowment Fund

Deb Bagby, Chair & Bert Clark, Board Member

Is Fellow an outdated salutation?

Fellow Parishioners,

**The St. James Perpetual Memorial and Endowment Fund's** board strives to share the latest activity in each issue of Seasons and we missed the Summer issue. Here we share the latest.

One way we grow our fund is through gifts received in memory of someone, a beloved family member or friend, the other way is through a gift as a tribute or thanksgiving for an important event, or to honor someone.

The Endowment Fund helps to support St. James Church through an annual distribution of a percentage of the total funds, which are held by the Episcopal Church Foundations (ECF) investment funds. The board provides oversight of the invested funds.

We are very grateful for the generous gifts we have received this year.

Enrolled gifts are reported in perpetuity in the Annual Report, which will be available soon, and additions are reported in the quarterly Seasons newsletter.

To honor a loved one by making a gift, visit the Endowment page at [www.stjameswichita.org](http://www.stjameswichita.org) for the enrollment forms, or contact the church office, 316-683-5686.

We invite you all to become members of the St. James Church Legacy Society. It's easy to do and requires only that your plans upon death include a gift to St. James in your will or in the form of an insurance policy or a portion of an investment fund.

*Bert Clark (2027), Luree Lusk (2027), Deb Bagby, Chair (2026), Scott Orr (2026), Clay Bastian, Vice-Chair and Secretary (2025), Kelly Harper (2025), The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector, Woody Swain, Treasurer*

**PMEF ~ What's That?**

Each edition of Seasons includes news about the Perpetual Memorial and Endowment Fund (PMEF) of St. James Church. Are you aware of the opportunities and benefits of the PMEF?

Give thanks to God for a significant event in your life, or for a loved one (or someone else) who has influenced your life by making a gift to the PMEF. There are two categories of tributes: (1) Living Tributes for those who are still living; and (2) Memorials in remembrance of the deceased.

Enrolled Gifts are reported in perpetuity in the Annual Report of the PMEF. New - and additions to previously enrolled gifts - are announced in each edition of SEASONS.

Create an Enrolled Gift by completing an enrollment form available on St. James website (or contact the parish office.) Initial gifts to the PMEF can be as small as \$100 (multiple smaller gifts can be combined.)

~ MANY THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS ~

**New Enrollments and Additions to the St. James Perpetual Memorial & Endowment Fund**

**New Living Endowments from November 10, 2023 thru August 18, 2024**

Janice May – in thanksgiving \$ 100.00  
In thanksgiving.

**Additions to Existing Living Endowments from November 10, 2023 thru August 18, 2024**

Dillons Community Rewards Program \$ 767.10  
Endowment Fund Support from enrollees in Dillons Community Rewards Program.

Dawn Frankfurt \$ 500.00  
In Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Dawn Frankfurt.

**New Memorial Enrollments from November 10, 2023 thru August 18, 2024**

Jerilyn Moss \$ 2,925.00  
In memory of.

Donna Littleton \$ 250.00  
In memory of.

Robin Spurrier \$ 1,735.00  
In memory of.

**Additions to Existing Memorial Enrollments from November 10, 2023 thru August 18, 2024**

Richard Williams (1952 – 2022) \$ 500.00  
In memory of.

To honor a loved one by making a gift, visit the Endowment page at the St. James website: <https://stjameswichita.org/give-to-st-james/endowment/> for the Enrollment Forms (Living Tribute and Memorial). OR, Contact the Church office 316-683-5686.

## 165th Diocesan Convention

### Diocese of Kansas

The 165th Convention of the Diocese of Kansas is scheduled for October 18-19, 2024 at the Wichita Airport DoubleTree Hotel, 2098 S Airport Rd, Wichita.

The delegates for St. James Church this year are Paul Leeker, Joan Moore, and Paul Rillema. We are blessed to have many dedicated members that attend the convention every year, who make sure to keep us connected and informed about what is happening in the diocese.



## Grounded in Love

### Silent Retreat

Trusting that "Silence is God's preferred language," you are invited into an elongated time of presence with God. This sacred time will provide a spaciousness for the purpose to live more prayerfully, holistically, gently, generously and with fresh attentiveness to God, Creation and Neighbors.

Using contemplative teachings from a variety of saints and with guidance from The Rev. Canon Lisa Senuta you will feel confident to enter a silent retreat with orientation and supports to assist you along the way. The retreat is geared toward the first-time retreatant as well as those who make annual silent retreats. The teachings will be simple yet profound way to enter an interior space with the grounding love a community with you.

September 20-22 at the Marillac Retreat Center in Leavenworth KS. The Marillac property is a wonderful place to stay with extensive property for walking, spacious private rooms, and meals provided. The cost will be \$230 per person. Registration is available online. Labyrinth, reading materials, icons, and journaling will all be provided to aid your silent time with God. Spiritual Directors will also be available.

## Love God, Love God's World

### Creation Care Curriculum

A nine-session, film-based curriculum designed for Episcopalians anywhere on the journey with creation care and environmental ministry—from newcomers looking to take their first step to seasoned leaders seeking a transformative small-group experience.

Sessions have a similar structure to the popular Sacred Ground curriculum and include films and readings, faith-based reflections, and discussion questions—each written by a different contributor and drawing from personal contexts and experiences. Participants will discover ways to learn, pray, advocate, and conserve. Contact the Rev. Caroline Howard, Curate for Creation Care to learn more.

# Save the Date! 2024-2025 Youth Events

Episcopal Diocese of Kansas Formation

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 Saturday,  
 December 7, 2024  
 10 am - 5 pm  
 Upton Hall, Topeka

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## WEEKEND WORSHIP

DAY	TIME	EVENT
SATURDAY	5:30 PM	HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY	9:00 AM	COFFEE HOUR
SUNDAY	9:30 AM	HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY	10:45 AM	ADULT FORUM*

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