

Sunday 12/20

4th Sunday of Advent

8:45AM Synoptic Gospel Study
9:00 Kinderchurch
10:00AM Worship
Greeters/Ushers: 3rd Sunday Team
Crucifer: Geri Walker
Eucharistic Ministers: Clarence Carbon & Mary Jean Reckelberg
Readers: Ruby Gunderson & Peggy Turnbull
Prayers: Richard Hall
11:15AM Fellowship - Disciples Team
11:30AM Christmas Caroling
6pm Taize Carpool

Monday 12/21

Meals On Wheels Delivery all week

Tuesday 12/22

9:00AM Green the Church
5:00PM Healing & Worship in Chapel

Wednesday 12/23

5:00PM Choir Rehearsal
6:15pm Grief Support Group

**Thursday 12/24
Christmas Eve**

6:00PM Choir Rehearsal
6:30PM Music begins
7:00PM Christmas Eve Worship

Friday 12/25

Christmas Day

9:00AM Worship Service

Saturday 12/26

Sunday 12/27

Lessons & Carols

8:45AM Synoptic Gospel Study
9:00AM Kinderchurch
10:00AM Worship
Greeters/Ushers: 4th Sunday Team
Acolyte: Geri Walker
Eucharistic Ministers: Sudi Johnson, TBD
Readers: Glenn Davidowich, Jane Robinson

Visual Arts Board--"Art Among Us"

The Visual Arts Board, located in the front foyer, presents and celebrates the seasons and lessons of the church in art. Individuals are invited to feature their creative gifts of the Holy Spirit in a variety of media (paintings, crafts, photography, etc.) to share with our community. The December theme is: "Angels Around Us" (as depicted in photos, paintings, drawings, or multi dimension items.) Thank you to Audrey Bean for sharing her special angels with us. For more info, talk to: Amma Diane, Liz Gordon, Sally Hunner, Sudi Johnson, Tony Karl, Chuck Wernecke, Dianne Wilson

NEW Phone/Address Directories available

There are updated phone/address directories available at the Info Center at the rear of the sanctuary. Thank-you to all who help keep this information current. They are free, If your information is incorrect or missing, please contact Amma Diane. If you are responsible for mailing items to the congregation PLEASE take one. Directories can be easily up-dated as needed.

Financial Donations for Christmas Flowers

If you would like to financially contribute to the Christmas flowers that decorate the church for the Christmas services there are flower envelopes in the info center at the rear of the sanctuary. You may designate your offering to a loved on or friend if you choose. Names will be published in the Christmas service bulletins.

Christmas Caroling, Sunday, December 20

Help us spread the joy of Christmas! We'll gather at the church during Fellowship on Sunday, December 20, and plan to depart at 11:30AM. We'll carpool to Shady Lane & Laurel Grove to sing Christmas songs for residents there, and will also possibly arrange caroling at the homes of some of our senior church members. Caroling will take about 1-2 hours, depending on how many visits we can arrange. All are welcome to be part of the fun as we share God's love! If you have any questions please talk to Anne Schuette or Tony Karl.

Help the Altar Guild "Green the Church" on Dec. 22

All are invited to help the Altar Guild with preparations for our Christmas worship services on Tuesday, December 22. We will be polishing brass, shining silver, setting up candles, hanging wreaths and doing other special duties. Poinsettias will be delivered and we will arrange the flowers and take care of any last minute details on that day. Anyone is welcome to join us, and

Prayers: Bob Feller
11:15AM Fellowship - Disciples

Milestones

December Anniversaries

Dec 13 Randy & Cindy Hronek

December Birthdays

Dec 2 Todd Reckelberg

Dec 4 Chris Couris

Dec 5 William Schultz

Dec 11 Geri Walker

Dec 14 Grace Valli

Dec 15 Kelly Handl-Schultz

Dec 20 Nancy Sim

Dec 24 Mary Flint

Dec 25 Sharon Meany

Dec 27 Pat Byrd

Is your date missing? Please tell
Amma Diane

Quick Links...

- [E-Mail St James](#)
- [E-mail Pastor Diane](#)
- [Our Website](#)
- [Diocese of Fond du Lac website](#)
- [The Episcopal Church website](#)

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

Shop at Office Max?

Use the Max Perks #331931799 and help buy school supplies for the *KAN Cool for School* program

To submit info for the weekly announcements, please contact Amma Diane Murray BEFORE 3PM on Thursday

dianemarie.murray@gmail.com

920-860-5152

we appreciate your help. Please talk to Liz Gordon (248-762-8679), Sudi Johnson (682-4599), or Anne Schuette (242-2819) with any questions.

Finding Our Way Through Grief -

Wednesdays, December 23 - 30th 6:15PM

St. James is offering a grief support group that began on Dec. 2. The group is for people who would like some help in sorting through the many emotions and feelings we often find ourselves trying to sort through after the loss of a loved one or close friend. The group is not limited to members of the St. James congregation.

The group meets at St. James Church, from 6:15pm - 7:30pm. Transportation can be arranged for those requesting it. Confidentiality regarding what may be shared among participants will be maintained. There is no cost to participate.

Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus -

Morning Prayer on Jan. 1 at 9 AM

The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus on Friday, January 1st, will be celebrated with a service of Morning Prayer at 9AM in the chapel, instead of the regularly scheduled 6:30AM Friday worship service. A group of members of St. James have been meeting on Fridays for over 10 years to say the Morning Prayer service found in our Book of Common Prayer, to pray for those on our prayer list, and to share breakfast together afterward. If you are thinking of adding weekly worship to your 2016 schedule please consider trying Morning Prayer on January 1st or talk to any of our regular attenders: Richard Hall, Amy Healey, Dan Hornung, Sudi Johnson, Judy Lavicka, Anne Schuette, or Dianne Wilson.

Homework Club Resumes on January 5

Thank you to all who helped out with the Homework Club Christmas Party this year. The kids really enjoyed the gifts provided by so many generous souls at St. James. Santa visited and Mr. Dunlap, Madison Elementary School principal was also a special guest. Our Homework Club is on vacation through January 3 and will start up again on Tuesday, January 5. If you would like to volunteer please talk to Mary Burckle (905-9690) or Anne Schuette (242-2819) -- we have opportunities to help with snacks, walk with our students from Madison School to church, or supervise homework for kids from 1st through 6th grades.

Nominations for Vestry, Endowment Trustee & Diocesan Convention Delegates & Alternates

The nomination committee for the placement of names for openings for next year's Vestry and Endowment Trustees includes: Richard Hall (Sr. Warden) chair of this committee, Dianne Wilson (Jr. Warden), Andrew Hooker & Sally Hunner (Vestry whose terms end), and Donna Franz (from the congregation). Anyone can nominate someone provided the nominee meets the qualifications. Nomination forms and instructions are available at the Info area at the back of the sanctuary. People remaining on the Vestry include: Skip Cole, Tammy McVeigh, and Murray Sim. Dan Hornung and Mark Hunner remain as Endowment Trustees, Joanna Sanchez's Endowment Trustee term ends.

St. James Prayers of the People

Let us each keep those in need in our prayers this week:

For healing, comfort and strength, we lift up . . .

Alison, Jim, Steve and Mary Beth, Susie & Dave, Mary, Barbara, Caroline(Tiger), Joe, Bill, Del, Pat, Matthew, Mary Anne, Becky, Dale, Dorothy, Steven, The family of Lynn Prucha, Clayton, Bethany, Mike & Laura, Duane, Al, Dale, Lisa, Andrew, Jerry, Wade, Pat, Judy, Matthew, Mary, Audrey, Karen, Bob, Robin, Rita, Randy, Connie, The Shaw family, The family of Ray Westerdahl, The Peter Jenkyn family, the Henderson triplets (born three months early) and their parents, Henry, The family of Gwyneth Hronek, Janet. Karen and Jacklyn

For guidance and discernment we lift up. . .

Bill, Tim, Kyle Kurschner and Zach Truett, Shane Rosenthal, Jordan Rosenthal and Brady, in the military, Kathy & Gary, Guy & Mary, Susan, Caleb.

Additional prayers we offer include...

Peace in our world. . . The people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and Sudan and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Religious Orders, especially the Order of Julian of Norwich. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for Yewa (form. Egbado) - (Lagos, Nigeria). The Bible Challenge Participants. The incarcerated in Wisconsin - especially those in solitary confinement. For people living with mental illness.

We offer thanks for...

Diane our Rector, Richard & Dianne, our Wardens, our Vestry and other ministry leaders, staff, and every person in this congregation. Bishop Matthew Gunter and his wife Leslie and family. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his wife Sharon.

We remember the departed...

Paul, Tom, Joe, Myrna, Janice, Bill, John, Dorothy, Isabel, Howard, Bob, Cindy, Stan, Dale, Paul, Ray, Ken, Emily, Peter, Gwyneth.

If you would like prayers to be offered as part of The Prayers of the People, please fill out the written Prayer Request Form and place it in the PRAYER BOX. All are located at the back of the church. Prayers will remain on our active prayer list for one month and can be extended by filling out a new request form.

Thanks and praises to the Lord for answers are most welcome also!

Looking Ahead: December Calendar Dates

December can be a busy month so here are some dates you might want to have on your calendar:

December 20 Christmas Caroling 11:30AM
December 21 - 23 Meals on Wheels
December 22 Help decorate the church for Christmas, 9AM
December 24 Christmas Eve 6:30PM Music 7PM Service
December 25 Christmas Day Service 9AM
January 1 Morning Prayer 9AM
January 6 Epiphany, 5:30PM Eucharist, 7PM potluck
and movie "Star of Bethlehem"
January 10 Bishop Gunter's Visitation
January 31 St. James's Annual Meeting

For a full calendar visit our website www.stjamesmanitowoc.com

CHRISTMAS SEASON SERVICES LISTED ON BACK!!!!!!

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES through The EPIPHANY

Christmas Eve the service at St. James will begin with music at 6:30PM followed by a Eucharist service at 7:00PM

Christmas Day a Eucharist service will begin at 9:00AM

Sunday, December 27, the First Sunday after Christmas, we will have KinderChurch at 9:00AM and Eucharist with Lessons & Carols at 10:00AM

Tuesday, December 29, Eucharist with Healing Prayers at 5:00PM

Friday, Jan. 1, The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus we will have Morning Prayer at 9:00AM

Sunday, Jan. 3 The Second Sunday after Christmas, we will have KinderChurch at 9:00AM and Eucharist at 10:00AM

Tuesday, January 5, Eucharist with Healing Prayers at 5:00PM

Wednesday, January 6, The Epiphany, Eucharist at 5:30PM, followed by potluck and the movie "Start of Bethlehem" at 7:00PM

We hope you can join us for all or some of these services. Our hope is that you have a blessed Christmas season where ever you may be. May the remembering of the birth of the Christ fill you with hope this Christmas season!