

Sunday 2/7

8:45AM Synoptic Gospel Study
9AM Kinderchurch
10AM Worship
Greeters/Ushers: 1st Sunday Team
Acolyte: TBD
Eucharistic Ministers: Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, Mary Jean Reckelberg
Readers: Glenn Davidowich, Peggy Turnbull
Prayers: Dianne Wilson
11:15AM Fellowship - Saints
11:30AM Discover & Grow Mtg

Monday 2/8

Tuesday 2/9

Shrove Tuesday

3PM Homework Club
5PM Healing & Worship in Chapel
5 - 6:30PM Shrove Tues. Pancake Dinner
6:30PM Communion Service

Wednesday 2/10

12:15PM Ash Wed. Service at St. James
6:30PM Ecumenical Service at St. Francis of Assisi - Waldo Blvd.

Thursday 2/11

10AM Islam Study
3PM Homework Club
6PM Girl Scouts

Friday 2/12

6:30AM Morning Prayer

Saturday 2/13

8AM Men's Breakfast
9AM Women's Breakfast

Sunday 2/14

8:45AM Rule of Life Study
9:00 Kinderchurch
10:00AM Worship
Greeters/Ushers: 2nd Sunday Team
Acolyte/Crucifer: Mary Jean Reckelberg
Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Hall, Dianne Wilson

ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY and ELECTION RESULTS

The Annual Meeting of St. James Episcopal Church followed 10AM worship on Sunday, January 31, and included lunch hosted by the Vestry. Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting were accepted, and the congregation reviewed and approved the 2016 budget. Murray Sim shared an update on our facilities, and Amma Diane led congregational brainstorming about ideas for our "next big thing". These ministry and project ideas will be reviewed by the Vestry, and more in-depth discussion and planning with the Vestry and congregation will take place in coming months. Copies of the 2015 Annual Report are available at church.

Richard Hall was elected to a second one-year term as Senior Warden, and Dianne Wilson was elected to her third one-year term as Junior Warden. Ron Hanson and Sally Hunner were elected to three-year Vestry terms (Sally had previously been elected to fill the one-year balance of another Vestry term). Sudi Johnson was elected to a three-year term as Endowment Trustee. Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, Michael Laughrin, and Tammy McVeigh were elected to serve as Diocesan Convention Delegates, and Murray Sim, Kim Kaufmann, and Dianne Wilson were elected to serve as Alternates. Thank you to all who served in these roles in 2015 and to those who will begin or continue to serve in these roles in 2016!

St James Quarterly Content Request

Now is the time to submit photos, event recaps, stories, poems, recipes, book/movie reviews, personal news/stories, longer feature articles, suggested items for reprint, and other non-time-sensitive content for the upcoming first issue of *St James Quarterly*. Content can cover this past fall, Advent, Christmas, & Epiphany seasons, and can also celebrate Lent, Easter, & Pentecost themes. *St James Quarterly* is not the medium for time specific event promotion; rather, it is intended to reflect more broadly on the previous seasons and look forward to the next. The quarterly will be distributed electronically and in print approximately quarterly, depending on content received. Any member or friend of St. James Episcopal Church may submit content for inclusion. Please email content to Tony Karl (tony.karl@att.net) or drop off/mail a hard copy of any content/photos to the church office by Monday, February 15. Thanks!

The Bible Challenge Revisited

Would you be interested in reading through the bible in a year? How about reading it chronologically in a year? This is an interesting way to put the events of the bible into a perspective based on the order in which they occurred. The idea would be to follow a reading schedule and then gather periodically throughout the year to share some conversation. If you are interested, please contact Amma Diane Murray

Readers: Karleen Cole,
Richard Hall

Prayers: Jane Robinson
11:15AM Fellowship - Saints
11:30AM Leadership of the Heart

Milestones

February Anniversaries

Feb 14 Tony Karl & Chris Couris

February Birthdays

Feb 6 Libby Steckmesser
Feb 10 Alex Handl
Feb 10 Zach Handl
Feb 10 Rick Roubal
Feb 11 Anne Schuette
Feb 13 Charity Wright
Feb 14 Annalisa Valli
Feb 16 Andrew Hooker
Feb 18 Alison Weinert
Feb 20 Mark Hunner
Feb 21 Marian Flint
Feb 27 Rich Hall
Feb 27 Kim Kaufman
Feb 28 Levi Short

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](#)
- [NEW Discover & Grow Brochure - early 2016 learning opportunities](#)
- [NEW Ministry Schedule](#)

[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

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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 theme for the month of February is: "Love in our Lives"** - blessings to be shared. For more info, talk to: Amma Diane, Liz Gordon, Sally Hunner, Sudi Johnson, Tony Karl, Chuck Wernecke, Dianne Wilson

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 9 serving from 5PM to 6:30PM

Please plan to join the St. James community on Tuesday, Feb. 9 for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. It's a tradition in many cultures to mark the last day before the start of Lent with a big party. Making and eating rich foods, like pancakes, was a way to use up ingredients such as eggs and butter, in preparation for a time of fasting during Lent.

You, your families and friends are invited to attend. Special guests will include our Homework Club students and their families as will other Madison School students who will be involved with this event. The supper will include pancakes, sausage and other treats. A free-will offering will help to defer costs. There will be a Communion service in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30PM

If you'd like to be involved please talk to Pat Haefke, Liz Gordon, Mary Flint or Anne Schuette. Also please let one of us know if you need a ride in order to attend.

When the Heart Waits -- Zimmer Forum on Feb. 9

Mary Domes, reading specialist and wife of Silver Lake College president Chris Domes, will present *When the Heart Waits - Spiritual Direction for Life's Sacred Questions*, by Susan Monk Kidd, at the Zimmer Forum, 12:00 noon on Tuesday, February 9. Kidd is well known for her novels *The Mermaid Chair*, *The Invention of Wings* and *The Secret Life of Bees*. In this spiritual memoir, published in 1990, Kidd probes her own spiritual crisis and the hopeful recovery of her faith.

The Fr. Bill Zimmer Forum is sponsored by Silver Lake College and St. Francis of Assisi Parish. The monthly forum is described as a "book group for people of faith," and is open to the public without charge. The programs take place in the Heritage Room (room 238) on the second floor of the main building of Silver Lake College, 2406 South Alverno Road, Manitowoc. Contact Anne Schuette (242-2819) with questions or to arrange a ride to this event.

Ash Wednesday Services - February 10,

There will be a 12:15PM service at St. James Episcopal.

At 6:30PM there will be an ecumenical service with St. James Episcopal, First Presbyterian and St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Congregation. This year's service will be held at: St. Francis of Assisi Parish - Waldo site. If anyone is interested in singing in a combined choir, please contact Tony Karl.

Greeter/Usher Teams

* Head Usher

1st Sunday: Liz & Jim Gordon,
Donna Franz, Karleen & Skip
Cole

2nd Sunday: Pat &
Dave Haefke, Anne Schuette

3rd Sunday: Murray Sim,
Bob & Ellen Feller, Michael
Laughrin

4th Sunday: Steve Thuss*,
Liz & Reimund Schrank

Please talk to anyone on the
teams to become involved in this
ministry.

Fellowship Hour Teams

*Team Coordinators

Saints Team (1st & 2nd Sun.)

Eleanor Agnew*, Chris
Eggert-Rosenthal, Amy Healey,
Dan Hornung, Anne Schuette*,
Bob & Peggy Turnbull,
Geri Walker.

Disciples Team (3rd & 4th Sun)

Marian Flint, Judy Lavicka*,
Murray Sim, Steve Thuss,
Dianne Wilson*, Chuck
Wernecke.

If there is a 5th Sun. in a month,
it is potluck or a special event.

All are welcome to add to the
Fellowship Hour table or help set
up or clean up on any Sunday!

Please speak to one of the
coordinators to become
involved in this ministry.

The Jesus Fatwah: Love Your (Muslim) Neighbor as Yourself - Islam Study (5 weeks)

Thursdays, 10 - 11:30AM Feb. 11 - Feb 18

Jesus tells us to love our neighbors. Who are our Muslim neighbors? What is the religion of Islam?

To develop an understanding to these questions, attend 5 sessions of an Islam Study. Sign up at the back of the church or email Sally Hunner. Each person will receive a packet of information

Rule of Life Program for Lent - Sundays 8:45AM

Looking for a fresh way to begin Lent this year? Beginning Feb. 14 at 8:45AM for the 5 weeks prior to Palm Sunday.

We will use a new resource called "Growing a Rule of Life" produced in partnership with Virginia Theological Seminary and The Society of St John the Evangelist. ***"This series focuses on God as the Chief Gardener of our souls, and we seek out ways to grow into the fullness he desires- exploring our relationships with God, Self, Others and Creation."***

Using readings, videos, and guided questions, we will work together through a workbook - provided in a paper format or 'paperless' for those who have access to the internet to follow daily on line with the videos and readings. (For this on line option you would need to use the link below to sign up with your email address- then once you have received the email, click 'activate'.)

Won't you join us this Lent? If you can't, perhaps you'll join us in spirit and use this as your daily Lenten devotional at home. Check it out on line: <http://www.buildfaith.org/2016/01/11/a-new-lenten-resource-from-ssje/>

For more information see Sudi Johnson.

Leadership of the Heart

Sundays, Feb. 14 - Mar. 13, 11:30-12:30PM

or Wednesdays, Feb. 17 - Mar. 16, 6:00-7:00PM

Join us for this Lenten series Sundays after worship or Wednesday evenings (same session both days, you can attend either as your schedule allows).

Amma Diane will lead this 5-week series that helps people of all ages and walks of life explore healthy relationships and boundaries in all areas of our lives. You'll learn the most if you attend all 5 weeks, but come as often as you are able. All materials will be provided, no pre-class work or homework will be required.

Themes are: **Week 1, Leadership by Who You Are:** Learning to tell your story, listen to others and lead from a place of authenticity. **Week 2, Leadership by Love and Compassion.** Learn how to lift others up, include others and stay true to yourself. **Week 3, Leadership that Transcends All Boundaries:** Collaborative Leadership, hospitality of the heart. **Week 4, Leadership from Humility and Servanthood:** Naming and claiming your gifts for the sake of others. **Week 5, Leadership That Believes:** Being able to know and express what you believe using specific skills of spiritual leadership. This program is based on material created by The Rev. Dr. John Palarine of Youth Presence Ministries. Talk to Amma Diane for more info.

Grief Support Group to Resume Beginning Feb. 17

The grief Support Group that began meeting during December has decided to continue meeting. If you have suffered a loss through death, divorce, or any other reason you are welcome to attend. The group is open to anyone. The group uses a variety of ways to help the attendees work through the grief process. What is discussed within the group remains confidential. Meetings are Wednesday evenings from 6:15PM to approximately 7:15PM on the lower level of St. James. If you have questions, please contact Amma Diane.

St. James Book Group -- New Book for February

The St. James Book Group will discuss *Annie Freeman's Fabulous Traveling Funeral* by Kris Radish, on Wednesday, February 24 at 7:00PM in the church library. Copies of the book are available for sign-out in the lower level cloakroom. All St. James members and friends are welcome to attend even if you haven't read the book. Contact Marie Hawkins (683-9032) or Anne Schuette (682-7723) with any questions

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), Bill, Del, Steven, Clayton, Bethany, Mike & Laura, Al, Dale, Karen, Pat, Matthew, Audrey, Karen, Bob, Rita, The Shaw family, the Herndon triplets and their parents, Henry, Jacklyn, Sue, Bill, Simon, Bonnie, The Maloney family, Richard, Ray, Janet.

For guidance and discernment we lift up. . .

For those serving in the military: Kyle Kurschner, Zach Truett, Shane Rosenthal, Jordan Rosenthal and Brady.

Also for Bill, Tim, Kathy & family, Guy & Mary, Caleb, Lisa, Kurt, Corey

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 St. Paul's, Plymouth. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for **The Anglican Church of Canada**. The incarcerated in Wisconsin - especially those in solitary confinement. For people living with mental illness. The Homework Club, students, volunteers and parents. Hope House Families.

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, his wife Leslie and family. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his wife Sharon.

We remember the departed...

Paul, Tom, Joe, Myrna, Bill, John, Dorothy, Howard, Bob, Cindy, Stan, Dale, Paul, Ray, Emily, Peter, Gwyneth., Bill, Mary, Randy, Jill.

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: January Calendar Dates

February 7	Bishop's Ball - All Saints Appleton 5-9pm
February 7	Discover & Grow Mtg 11:30AM
February 9	Shrove Tuesday Pancakes 5-6:30PM with a Communion Service 6:30PM
February 10	Ash Wed. at St. James 12:15PM
February 10	Ash Wed. Eccumenical 6:30PM see note
February 13	Men's Breakfast 8AM
February 13	Women's Breakfast 9AM
February 14	Rule of Life for Lent begins 8:45AM
February 14	Leadership of the Heart 11:30AM see note
February 16	RUTH mtg 8:30AM
February 16	KAN board mtg 5PM
February 16	Miracle League 6PM
February 17	Rainbow Acts Crafting 1PM
February 17	Grief Support 6:15pm
February 17	Leadership of the Heart begins 6PM
February 21	Leadership of the Heart 11:30AM
February 24	Book Group 7PM
February 24	Leadership of the Heart 6PM

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

The Liturgical Season of Lent Begins This Coming Week

- Feb. 9, we will celebrate Fat Tuesday or Shrove Tuesday with a pancake supper from 5 - 6:30pm. The pancake supper will be followed by a simple Communion service at 6:30pm
- Feb. 10 Ash Wednesday distribution of Ashes at St. James 12:15pm. Ecumenical service at St. Francis of Assisi Waldo Blvd. location 6:30pm
- Weekly during Lent, Rule of Life study begins Sunday, Feb. 14 at 8:45am in the St. James library
- Weekly during Lent, Leadership of the Heart study begins Sunday Feb. 14 at 11:30am and repeats Wednesdays at 6pm
- We will have Lenten Daily Devotionals from Living Compass available at St. James
- Regular worship opportunities continue Sundays: KinderChurch at 9am (designed for kids with an adults), regular Communion service at 10am; Tuesdays Communion Service with Healing Prayers 5pm; Fridays Morning Prayer 6:30am.
- We hope you can join us for some or all