

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
Readers: Karleen Cole,
Richard Hall
Prayers: Jane Robinson
11:15AM Fellowship - Saints
11:30AM Leadership of the Heart

Monday 2/15

Tuesday 2/16

8AM RUTH Board Mtg
3PM Homework Club
5PM Healing & Worship in Chapel
5PM KAN Board Mtg
6PM Miracle League Mtg

Wednesday 2/17

5PM Choir Rehearsal
6PM Leadership of the Heart

Thursday 2/18

10AM Islam Study
1PM Rainbow Acts Crafting
NO Homework Club
6PM Girl Scouts

Friday 2/19

6:30AM Morning Prayer

Saturday 2/20

Sunday 2/21

8:45AM Rule of Life Study
9AM Kinderchurch
10AM Worship
Greeters/Ushers: 3rd Sunday Team
Acolyte: Geri Walker
Eucharistic Ministers: Clarence Carbon,
Sudi Johnson
Readers: Eleanor Agnew,
Chris Eggert-Rosenthal
Prayers: Bob Feller
11:15AM Fellowship - Disciples
11:30AM Leadership of the Heart

Lenten Devotionals from Living Compass are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Can you help financially support an elevator repair?

The St. James elevator needs a repair we did not know about when the 2016 budget was put together. The display (for the floor you're on) is not working correctly. This is not a safety issue but is a code violation so the repair is not optional. The costs for parts and labor is approximately \$2,500. The Vestry will look into having the heavy load test, which we did budget for and is required every 5 years due in 2016, done at the same time to save some costs. The repair must be scheduled in February. If you can help financially contact either Amma Diane or a Vestry member this week. The Vestry will meet briefly next Sunday 2/21 to decide how to fund this work. Thank-you!

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.

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

dianemarie.murray@gmail.com

920-860-5152

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.

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.

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 Mon., Feb.15.

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.

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

Thursday, Feb 18, 10 - 11:30AM 18 Last Gathering

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

St. James Book Group Meets on February 24

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

Fellowship Hour Teams

*Team Coordinators

Saints Team (1st & 2nd Sunday)

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 Sunday in a month plan on 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.

What is our "Next Big Thing"?

The Vestry is helping guide a process to develop the "Next Big Thing" that our congregation will spearhead. The idea is to find a need we can begin to address that perhaps grows into a longer-term ministry beyond the scope of our congregation. Sunday Supper and KAN Cool for School are two examples. Our congregation did some brainstorming at the Annual Meeting. The Vestry encourages you to continue to share any of your ideas and dreams, possible needs, and possible resources. Sheets listing current ideas will be posted in the Fellowship Hall, and you are encouraged to add your own ideas between now and April 3. If you have any questions, please talk to Amma Diane or anybody on the Vestry. Thanks!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Thanks!

Many thanks to all who attended and helped with the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. We hosted 30 members of the Madison Elementary School community including eleven Homework Club students, thirteen Homework Club family members, six members of Girl Scout troop 8420, and even a Madison School teacher and her family.

The event more than broke even in costs due to your generous free will offering. Special thanks to the kitchen crew: Pat Haefke, Liz Gordon, and Mary Flint, the dishwashing crew: Richard and Curt Hall, and musicians Bob Feller and Anne Schuette. Would you like to help with this event next year? Save the date: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 and talk to Pat, Liz or Anne for details!

The Altar Guild invites new members.



The Altar Guild is a lay ministry to serve God by preparing the Sanctuary for worship, maintaining and caring for the sacred vessels, altar linens, and vestments. Are you interested in why things are done the way they're done? Do you feel a spiritual connection to the Eucharist? Do you enjoy decorating the church for the various holidays? If you'd like to learn more about you can serve, please speak to Liz Gordon, Anne Schuette, or Sudi Johnson. Thank you

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

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. This Sunday-- Expressions of Love surrounding St. Valentine will be shared. For more info, talk to: Amma Diane, Liz Gordon, Sally Hunner, Sudi Johnson, Tony Karl, Chuck Wernecke, Dianne Wilson

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, Joan.

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 Trinity, Oshkosh. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa. 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. Positive test results for Pat.

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: February Calendar Dates

February 14	Rule of Life for Lent begins 8:45AM ^{see note}
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 18	Girl Scouts 6PM
February 21	Rule of Life 8:45AM
February 21	Vestry Mtg - About Elevator 11:15AM
February 21	Leadership of the Heart 11:30AM
February 21	Taize Carpool 6PM (for DePere)
February 24	Book Group 7PM
February 24	Leadership of the Heart 6PM
February 25	Girl Scouts 6PM
February 28	Rule of Life 8:45AM
February 28	Leadership of the Heart 11:30am

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

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VESTRY NOTES

Your St. James Episcopal Church Vestry met at 5:30PM on Thursday, February 11, 2016

. The meeting opened with prayer, and a discussion of Philippians 4.4-14 led by Tony Karl. Other meeting highlights include:

- Received various written and oral reports, including financials, and approved January minutes
- Unexpected major elevator repair (~\$2500) needed soon; will seek donations first. This is not a safety issue, elevator still functions.
- Made plan to move toward compliance with Diocesan Auditor requests and other best practices.
- Approved resolution to comply with IRS code regarding gifts from Family Fund.
- Decided to develop stewardship program similar to last year, coordinated by Vestry.
- Will be engaging in Mutual Ministry Review in late February.
- Reviewed list of ideas for the "Next Big Thing"
- Received facilities update--various ongoing projects will be scheduled for completion soon.

The next Vestry meetings will take place in the Church Library at 5:30PM on Thursdays March 10, April 14, and May 12.

Meetings generally last 90-120 minutes, and all are welcome to attend.

~Tony Karl, Clerk