

St. James Weekly for November 21 - 29, 2015

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Office Hours by Appointment

Sunday 11/22

Christ the King Sunday

8:45AM Synoptic Gospel Study

9:00AM Kinderchurch

10:00AM Worship

Greeters/Ushers: 4th Sunday Team

Acolyte: Mary Jean Reckelberg

Eucharistic Ministers: Clarence
Carbon, Dianne Wilson

Readers: Glenn Davidowich,
Karleen Cole

Prayers: Skip Cole

11:15AM Fellowship- Disciples
Team

Monday 11/23

Tuesday 11/24

No Homework Club

5:00PM Healing & Worship in
Chapel

6:00PM Ecumenical Thanksgiving
Worship at First Lutheran Church

Wednesday 11/25

5PM Choir

Thursday 11/26

Thanksgiving Day

10AM Worship

12NOON Meal

Friday 11/27

6:30AM Morning Prayer

Saturday 11/28

Sunday 11/29

1st Sunday of Advent

8:45AM Synoptic Gospel Study

9:00 Kinderchurch

10:00AM Worship

Greeters/Ushers: 4th Sunday Team

Crucifer: Geri Walker

Eucharistic Ministers: Sudi Johnson,
Sharon Meany

Readers: Len Coombs, Jane
Robinson

Prayers: Peggy Turnbull

11:15AM Fellowship - Pot Luck



We share with you the news that our beloved sister, Emily Hronek, passed away Monday evening, November 16. We mourn the loss of Emily's presence with us, while we celebrate the resurrection she shares in with Jesus Christ. Please keep Emily's loved ones in your prayers. Additional details will be shared when they are available.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship 6pm Tues. 11/24

First Lutheran Church (across the intersection from St. James) is hosting an ecumenical "blended style" worship service of giving thanks and helping us to focus on many blessings we have received from God. The Hunger at Our Doorstep Task Force suggests each person bring a non-perishable food item to donate to a local food pantry, if you are able.

Thanksgiving Day Nov. 26 Plans at St. James

St. James will be filled with worship and music, fun and games, and the aroma of Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 26, as we continue the tradition of a family-style meal.

Worship at 10:00AM, will be followed by games and activities in the Fellowship Hall. At noon all are welcome to sit down for turkey and mashed potatoes with gravy - supplemented by pot-luck dishes from those who attend. Please join the parish family for part or all of the day - you can come for the worship, the games, the food, or the works! Family and friends are welcome. If you know you are able to attend please sign up on the clipboard at the back of the church so we are able to plan ahead. Contact Eleanor Agnew (686-1954) with any questions.

Pot Luck Fellowship Hour on November 29

Whenever we have a "fifth Sunday" in a month the Fellowship Hour Teams take a break and all are invited to bring "pot luck" to share after our 10:00AM worship. So on Sunday, November 29 bring a treat to share if you are able, and if you have time stay afterwards to help clean up. There also may be some leftovers from our Thanksgiving dinner.

Fond du Lac Rule of Life - Dec 6 & 13, 11:30 - 1:30

The Bishop, as part of his presentation at the 141st Diocese of Fond du lac Convention held this weekend, offered us a Rule of Life that we may follow as a way to become more open to living into God's mercy and delight. Copies of this Rule are available in the info area at the back of the church. Bishop Matt's hope is that we learn to "lighten up and get serious" about being people of God.

On December 6 & 13 from 11:30AM - 1:30PM Amy, Healey, Sudi Johnson, Dianne Wilson and Amma Diane present a short course explaining the 5

Milestones

November Anniversaries

Nov 11 Karen & Bob Owaski
Nov 24 Clarence & Liese Carbon

November Birthdays

Nov 1 Steve Thuss
Nov 3 Ron Hansen
Nov 12 Bob Feller
Nov 15 Rowen Handl-Schultz
Nov 16 Margaret Coombs
Nov 17 Marie Hawkins
Nov 22 Chuck Wernecke
Nov 23 Mike Laughrin

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

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aspects of this rule: Worship in Community, Prayer, Fasting, Sabbath & Examination. A simple lunch will be served.

Gift Tree for Homework Club and KAN

Our Homework Club holiday party is Thursday, December 17. The party will include a visit from Santa, and he will distribute gifts donated by members of St. James for each of the children who attend Homework Club.

A Christmas tree will be set up in the back of the church sanctuary on the first Sunday of Advent and you can help out by selecting a child's name-tag from the tree, and signing out the child's name on the clipboard next to the tree. Then purchase a gift for that child and return the gift to church no later than Sunday, December 13. Gifts should have a value of no more than \$20. The tag will include the child's name and age - ask Mary Burckle, Liz Gordon, or Anne Schuette if you need any suggestions for a gift. All members of St. James are invited to attend the party on December 17, starting at 3:30PM.

During Advent there will also be cards on the tree to use for donations to project KAN -- which will go towards providing school supplies to Manitowoc county children. You can make a donation by writing a check to St. James, with KAN in the memo line, and then honor someone with that gift using the card. Thank you so much for your help and generosity!

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 November theme is: "**Our Pet Friends**" - past and present in our lives, in celebration of St. Francis's blessing of the animals. **Thank you to Ron Hansen for sharing his beloved pet this week.**

The December theme is: "Angels Around Us" (as depicted in photos, paintings, drawings, or multi dimension items.)

For more info, talk to: Amma Diane, Liz Gordon, Sally Hunner, Sudi Johnson, Tony Karl, Chuck Wernecke, Dianne Wilson

Finding Our Way Through Grief - Wed. Dec 2 - 30 6pm

St. James will be offering a grief support group. 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, so if you are reading this and someone you know comes to mind, please pass this information along. The gathering is being scheduled for five sessions, but can be extended based on feedback from the participants.

Amma Diane Murray will facilitate the group. A variety of materials may be used, among them will be "Living Well In The Midst of Grief and Loss" from the Living Compass Faith and Wellness Ministry and "the Painting Table: A Journal of Loss and Joy" by Roger Hutchison.

"Finding Our Way Through Grief" will begin on Wed. Dec. 2 and continue

through Dec. 30, intentionally being scheduled through the holiday season. The group will meet at St. James Episcopal Church, from 6:00pm - approximately 7:00pm in one of the lower level rooms. 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.

Nominations for Vestry & Endowment Trustees

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 Family of Paul Wernecke, The Shaw family, The family of Ray Westerdahl.

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 All Saints, Appleton. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for Wangaratta - (Victoria, Australia). 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, 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

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 2 Finding Our Way Through Grief begins

December 4 St. Faith Guild Holiday Luncheon 11AM

December 6 - 12 Hope House Week

December 6 & 13 Rule of Life

December 10 Zimmer Forum, Noon at Silver Lake College

December 15 Madison School Winter Concert, 10AM/2PM

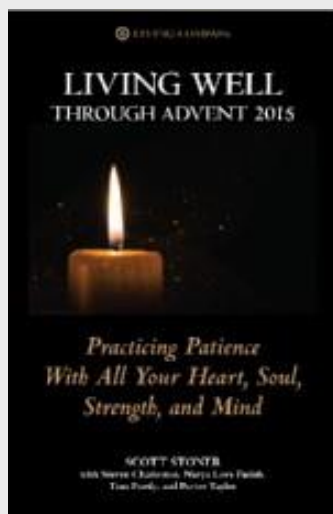
December 16 Book Group Pot Luck, 6:00PM

December 17 Homework Club Party

December 21 - 23 Meals on Wheels

December 22 Help decorate the church for Christmas, 9AM

December 24 Christmas Eve Service 7PM



Advent begins on Sunday, November 29 continuing until Christmas

This year we have available an Advent devotional from the Living Compass ministry entitled "Practicing Patience With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind". Devotionals will be available at the rear of the sanctuary beginning on November 22.

"Practicing patience, learning to wait, and delaying gratification are often challenging, but especially so this time of year. In a culture that glorifies instant fulfillment, learning to delay gratification is counter-cultural. This makes Practicing Patience With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind a perfect theme for Advent because observing this season is counter-cultural."

The Rev. Dr. Scott Stoner, founder of Living Compass, a faith and wellness ministry initiative, has served his community for more than 30 years as an Episcopal priest, psychotherapist, retreat leader, and spiritual director. www.LivingCompass.org