

Sunday 5/1

8:45AM Luke Bible Study
9AM Kinderchurch
10AM Worship
Greeters/Ushers: 1st Sunday Team
Acolyte: Mary Jean Reckelberg
Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Hall,
Dianne Wilson
Readers: Karleen Cole, Skip Cole
Prayers: Glenn Davidovich
11:15AM Fellowship - Saints

Monday 5/2

Tuesday 5/3

3PM Homework Club
5PM Healing & Worship in Chapel
6:15PM Cursillo Group Gathers

Wednesday 5/4

5PM Choir Rehearsal
6:15PM Grief Group

Thursday 5/5

3PM Homework Club
7PM PFLAG

Friday 5/6

6:30AM Morning Prayer
11:30AM St. Faith's Luncheon -
Lighthouse Inn

Saturday 5/7

9AM Deanery Meeting at
St. Anne's DePere

Sunday 5/8

8:45AM Luke Bible Study
9:00 Kinderchurch
10:00AM Worship
Greeters/Ushers: 2nd Sun. Team
Acolyte/Crucifer: Geri Walker
Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Hunner
& Mary Jean Reckelberg
Readers: Eleanor Agnew,
Chris Eggert-Rosenthal
Prayers: Jane Robinson
11:15AM Fellowship - Saints

New Ministry Schedule Available

The schedule of Sunday worship ministries (Greeter, Acolyte, Eucharistic Minister, Reader, Fellowship Host) through July 10 is available by clicking the link on the left of the St. James Weekly. Printed copies are also available in the church. If you are interested in trying any of these ministries, please talk to Amma Diane.

Getting to Know Our Neighbors

Pick up a neighborhood chart at the back of church. Write your address in the center block then list 8 addresses of your neighbors. Then see if you can list the following about each neighbor: 1. Names, 2. Something you know about the neighbor from a brief casual encounter, 3. Something you learned from a more in-depth conversation. Can't answer these questions about your 8 closest neighbors? Use this summer to get to know your neighbors at least this much. St. James will be taking this to the next level this summer. Have questions, talk with Amma Diane or a Vestry person.

St. James hosted Sunday Supper April 24

Many, many thanks to all who helped make Sunday Supper a success. The food was awesome. The help was great. We had some food leftover to donate to the Haven. The guests thoroughly enjoyed our meal. Once again, thanks to all who helped in any way.

Meals on Wheels Volunteer Week - May 2 - 6

Volunteers from St. James will deliver Meals on Wheels during the week of May 2 - 6. This ministry takes about an hour and involves signing up, arriving at the Senior Center at 3330 Custer St. at 10:30AM, loading the meals into your car, and delivering the meals to several senior living apartment buildings (the "purple route") around Manitowoc. If you can help, please sign up on the clipboard at the back of church. Contact Judy Lavicka (684-1445) or Anne Schuette (682-7723) with any questions.

St. Faith's Spring Luncheon May 6, 11:30AM

The ladies of St. Faith's Guild will hold their Spring luncheon on Friday May 6 at 11:30AM at the Lighthouse Inn in Two Rivers. If you are planning to attend, please make sure you let Judy Lavicka know. This takes the place of the monthly meeting this month.

Milestones

May Anniversaries

May 5 Jim & Dawn Steckmesser
May 6 Len & Margaret Coombs
May 9 Todd & Mary Jean Reckelberg
May 19 Mike & Laura Ignera
May 22 Corey & Nicole Lodl
May 23 Andrew & Laura Hooker
May 28 Marty & Lisa Luger

May Birthdays

May 4 Mayra Short
May 5 Audrey Bean
May 7 Noah & Owen Short
May 10 Nicole Lodl
May 10 Marty Luger
May 12 Lisa Luger
May 15 Pat Haefke
May 15 Shirley Ouradnik
May 16 Simon Schultz
May 18 Joan Becker
May 20 Doris Hansen
May 26 Nick Reckelberg
May 28 Chase Huss

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](#)

[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

"A Journey With Luke -- The 50 Day Bible Challenge" Sundays April 10 - May 15 8:45AM

Regular engagement with the Bible develops a strong faith, enhances our experience of worship, inspiring us to be courageous Christians, living and moving in the world of today. You are welcome to join us for group discussion for all or as many as you are able to attend at 8:45 A.M. before church on Sunday. Reading Schedules are located in the back of church. See Amma Diane for questions or further information.

"Engaging One Another Across Our Differences" Green Bay Deanery May 7 St. Anne's DePere

Organized by the deans in cooperation with the Mosaic Taskforce, there will be gatherings in each deanery in May. Clergy and laity are encouraged to attend the session in their home deanery, though you are welcome to attend others as well. Each will run from 9am until 3pm with a lite lunch served. There is no charge to attend, though donations for the cost of lunch will be appreciated. The dates and locations are:

Sat., May 7 (Green Bay Deanery) St. Anne's, De Pere

Sat., May 14 (Wisconsin River Deanery), St. John's Wausau

Sat., May 21 (Lake Winnebago Deanery), Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Fond du Lac

There is no charge to attend, though donations for the cost of lunch will be appreciated.

PLEASE let Amma Diane know if you plan to attend by May 1 so that she can register us.

Hope House May 8-14 St. James' Week to Help

St. James is a partner to Hope House, the Manitowoc homeless center. We share a volunteer week with Lakeshore Methodist Church. Our next week to volunteer is May 8-14. If you have already signed up THANK-YOU!

Not yet trained to be a Hope House volunteer?

There is a volunteer training scheduled for Monday, May 9th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Hope House! If you are interested in volunteering with Hope House or already do and want a refresher please attend. Let us know you will be attending by calling Erin at 920-686-1436 so she has enough training materials prepared! There is no cost to attend the training.

Homework Club Update -- Our Last Day is May 10

The last day of Homework Club for the 2015-16 school year is Tuesday, May 10. All members of St. James are invited to our end-of-the-year party, which will start at 3:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Madison School Spring Concert takes place on Tuesday, May 17 at 10AM and 2PM -- a great way to get a snapshot of our St. James neighborhood. This year 18 students from Madison Elementary School, grades 1 through 6, participated in Homework Club. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out by providing snacks, walking with our students from school to church, helping with homework of all kinds, and offering their prayers toward our success.

Sunday Worship Ministries:

Greeters/Ushers, Crucifer/Acolyte,
Eucharistic Ministers, Readers,
Fellowship Hosts

[Schedule for May 1 - July 10, 2016](#)

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 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.

"War Room" Movie showing May 15, 11:30AM

Join us after church for a viewing of the recently released movie "War Room". Learn how we can be mentored or be mentors to others in developing a vibrant prayer life. Prayer can make a difference!

Dine & Discuss: Mission and Meeting "the Other"

Tuesday, May 17 and Thursday, May 26 6-8PM

Please bring a potluck dish if you are able

Topic: *Mission and Meeting "the Other"*

When people from St James Manitowoc have traveled on mission trips within the U.S., Central America and Africa, they have met others who have been different than themselves in some way, perhaps as Jesus would have called them, "the other". We'll explore these ideas:

- Who were "the others" that our mission trip travelers encountered?
- How did our travelers experience being "the other"?
- How have any of us experienced being "the other"?
- Different speakers will share their experiences and there will be time for discussion. The same speakers may not be at both sessions.
- If you have any questions, talk to Sally Hunner or Amma Diane. Hope to see you there!

5th Sunday Pot Luck Fellowship Hour on Sunday, May 29

Sunday, May 29 is the fifth Sunday of the month of May. Our Saints (1st and 2nd Sundays) and Disciples (3rd and 4th Sundays) fellowship hour teams encourage everyone to bring a dish to pass, enjoy pot luck fellowship after worship, and help clean up afterwards. If you would like to join a Fellowship Team please talk to Eleanor Agnew, Anne Schuette, Judy Lavicka, Dianne Wilson or any of the team members (listed weekly in the announcements.)

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. **This week, the Women's Group (which meets every second Saturday morning of each month) again shares their latest expressions of Adult Coloring Techniques. Thank you to Sally Hunner, Amy Healey, and Sudi Johnson for sharing last week. Sharing this Sunday are: Liz Foster and Dianne Wilson. Featured also are photos of Prayer Beads which were designed and created by members at the March 12 meeting.** For contributions and more into, please talk to: Amma Diane, Liz Gordon, Sally Hunner, Tony Karl, Chuck Wernecke, and Dianne Wilson

Rides to Church - Can You Help Our Members on Sunday Mornings?

Occasionally members of St. James need a ride to church because of health issues, and others need a ride on a regular basis. Right now we are seeking St. James members to give Geri Walker a ride to church on Sunday mornings. Geri lives at River Hill Apartments, 1500 N. 3rd St. in Manitowoc and is ready to go by 9:15 AM on Sundays. There is a sign-up

sheet for May and June in the back of church for volunteers to sign up for a specific Sunday. Please talk to Donna Franz (973-3017) if you have 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, 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, Ann Marie, Family of Stan Sweikar, Richard, Johnny and his wife Sally, Ed, Audrey, Virginia

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, John, Tyler

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. Peter, Ripon. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya. 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. The Bible Challenge participants, The Diocesan Youth Mission Team, Summer Camp.

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, Becky, Howard, Bob, Cindy, Stan, Dale, Paul, Ray, Randy, Bill, Mary, Randy, Jill, Andy.

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:

May 2-6	Meals on Wheels delivery
May 7	Green Bay Deanery at DePere 9am-3pm
May 8-14	Hope House Week
May 9	Hope House Training 6-8PM
May 10	Last Homework Club for this school year
May 14	Wis River Deanery Wausau 9am-3pm
May 15	Movie - "War Room" 11:30AM
May 15	Cursillo Ultreya - St. Anne's DePere 2-5
May 17	R.U.T.H Meeting 8:30AM
May 17	Madison School Concert 10Am & 2PM
May 17	Dine & Discuss "Meeting the Other" 6-8P

May 21	Winnebago Deanery Fond du Lac 9-3
May 22	Polka Mass with Bob Kuether Band
May 26	Dine & Discuss "Meeting the Other"
May 27	Brat Fry for RUTH at Piggly Wiggly

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

Highlights from Spring 2016 Vestry retreat including update on the Next Big Thing

Your St. James Episcopal Church Vestry met for a spring retreat on Saturday, April 23. The day opened and closed with worship from the *Book of Common Prayer*. The Vestry reviewed and had initial discussion of the results of their Mutual Ministry Review (MMR), and a summary will be distributed to the congregation as part of St. James Weekly in early May. The MMR yielded goal ideas, which will be fine-tuned at the next Vestry meeting. Two decades of data about membership, average Sunday attendance, and demographics was reviewed and discussed for background as we continue to look at how our congregation reaches others for Christ. The Vestry made plans to develop a program that educates and inspires stewardship (how we all use the many blessings God has given us) to be a part of our week-long, year-long daily living.

The Vestry celebrated the sharing that was done by the congregation at the Annual Meeting and in the past few months to start generating our list of the "Next Big Thing" (NBT). **At the congregational meeting on June 5 following fellowship, we'll all have a chance to bring the NBT list to life through questions and discussion.** As we all develop a deeper understanding of each idea, we can better plan what we'll want to do together. While that process is taking place over the next several months, St. James will have a chance to experience the Ruby's Pantry monthly food distribution program (a NBT idea) at our church during a 3-month trial period. Any people who experience challenges feeding their families can purchase boxes of corporate surplus food and goods for \$20. This type of program can be especially helpful for those who work when Peter's Pantry is open. Visit <http://www.rubyspantry.org/> for more information. The Vestry is also beginning to develop a process for engaging the people in our neighborhood more intentionally and continually about how we may be in community with them and help with any needs they identify. If you want to be a part of this, more information will be coming.