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St. James Weekly for Dec. 26 - Jan. 3

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Office Hours by Appointment

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

Prayers: Bob Feller

11:15AM Fellowship - Disciples

Monday 12/28

Tuesday 12/29

5:00PM Healing & Worship in
Chapel

Wednesday 12/30

6:15pm Grief Support Group

Thursday 12/31

New Year's Eve

Friday 1/1

New Year's Day

9:00AM Worship Service

Saturday 12/26

Sunday 1/3

2nd Sunday after Christmas

8:45AM Synoptic Gospel Study

9:00 Kinderchurch

10:00AM Worship

Greeters/Ushers: 1st Sunday
Team

Crucifer: Mary Jean
Reckelberg



From Karen & Bob Owaski
- Merry Christmas to all at
St. James

Finding Our Way Through Grief -

Wednesday, December 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

Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Hall, Dianne Wilson
Readers: Karleen Cole, Len Coombs
Prayers: Richard Hall
11:15AM Fellowship - Disciples Team

Milestones

January Anniversaries

No known Anniversaries

January Birthdays

Jan 2 Tammy McVeigh
Jan 3 Kevin McVeigh
Jan 4 Jaylee Ziemer
Jan 5 Lynnn Rogers
Jan 9 Randy Hronek
Jan 11 Chris Eggers-Rosenthal
Jan 15 Jane Robinson
Jan 16 Bristol Huss
Jan 18 Deena Giriyyappa
Jan 20 Matt Ziemer
Jan 21 Clarence Carbon
Jan 21 Dianne Wilson
Jan 23 Michael Igniera
Jan 25 Skip Cole

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](#)

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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

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.

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 January theme is: "Vespers," an evening prayer service originating in ancient times celebrated with hymns, psalms, and ringing of bells. We've passed the longest night yet the days are still short. At the end of the day we praise God. What does vespers mean to you? Please share your thoughts this January with Liz Gordon will coordinate the board this month.

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

The Jesus Fatwah: Love Your (Muslim) Neighbor as Yourself - Tuesdays, Jan. 5 - Feb. 2, 6:30-8:00PM

Much of what passes as information about Islam is weed-like disinformation rooted in stereotype and watered by fear. In The Jesus Fatwah" Love Your (Muslim) Neighbor as Yourself, Christian and Islamic scholars offer reliable information about what Muslims believe, how they live out their faith, and how we all can be about building relationships across the lines of faith. This five-week video-based series is produced by Living the Questions. Talk to Sally Hunner or Sudi Johnson for more info. To schedule a possible daytime class, contact Sally.

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

contact Amma Diane Murray
BEFORE 3PM on Thursday
dianemarie.murray@gmail.com
920-860-5152

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.

Epiphany Celebration & Movie

Wednesday, Jan. 6, 5:30PM-8:00PM

Celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany! We'll gather for Worship at 5:30PM, followed by a pot luck meal. At 7:00PM we'll watch Star of Bethlehem (2009 documentary, 60 min.), which explores the evidence for God's existence as seen in the stars. Bring a guest! Talk to Amma Diane or Tony Karl for more info.

Education Alert! Diocesan Deacons' School will begin on Sat., 9 January 2016 at Grace, Sheboygan!

This presents an additional and in-depth educational opportunity even if you are not in formation to become a deacon. Classes will meet every second Saturday, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. (gathering for worship at 8:15, and ending with prayer at 3 p.m., with a lunch in common). Two courses will be offered for instruction in 2016:

§ Old Testament: 3 contact hours. An in-depth survey of the origins, composition, canonization, contents and theology of the Old Testament.

§ Church History: 3 contact hours. The history of the Church from the apostolic age to today, with specific focus on theological development.

The courses will not result in any educational credit, but will be taught at a college level. There will be no required tests or papers for any participants not in formation for ordination. Approximately one to two hours study per day will be necessary to keep current in the course.

It is not necessary that you attend all sections of either course, i.e., if you want to dive deeper in particular parts of the Old Testament or Church History you can attend only those sessions.

There will be no cost to attend, except for the cost of textbooks (approximately \$80-100). A free will offering will be collected to help defray meal costs.

If you are curious, please request a copy of a detailed syllabus for either or both courses from the office at Grace Episcopal Church, Sheboygan (920-452-9659). It is necessary to act quickly (a lot of reading prior to 9 January!)

TRYING AGAIN - NEW Phone/Address Directories available

There are updated phone/address directories available at the Info Center at the rear of the sanctuary. There was an error in printing last week and a few more people came with changes so even if you took a directory last week throw it away and take a SECOND printing copy this week! 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.

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 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 Diocesan Staff and Ministries. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for Zaki-Biam - (Abuja, 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:

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| January 1 | Morning Prayer 9AM |
| January 5 | Homework Club 3PM |
| January 5 | Islam Study 6:30PM (also 1/12, 19, 26 7 2/2) |
| January 6 | Epiphany, 5:30PM Eucharist, 6:15PM Pot luck 7PM movie "Star of Bethlehem" |
| January 9 | Men's Breakfast 8AM; Women's 9AM |
| January 10 | Bishop Gunter's Visitation |
| January 11 | Discover & Grow Meeting 5PM |
| January 13 | Book Group 7PM |
| January 14 | Joshua/RUTH Solidarity gathering 6:30PM |
| January 19 | RUTH meeting 8:30AM |
| January 21 | Crafting 1PM |
| January 31 | St. James's Annual Meeting |

For a full calendar visit our website

www.stjamesmanitowoc.com

CHRISTMAS SERVICES through The EPIPHANY

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!