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## St. James Weekly for Dec. 5 - Dec. 13

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Office Hours by Appointment

### Sunday 12/6

#### 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:45AM Synoptic Gospel Study

9:00 Kinderchurch

10:00AM Worship

Greeters/Ushers: 1st Sunday  
Team

Crucifer: Geri Walker

Eucharistic Ministers: Richard  
Hall & Mary Jean Reckelberg

Readers: Dianne Wilson &  
Eleanor Agnew

Prayers: Glenn Davidowich

11:15AM Fellowship - Saints  
Team

11:30AM Rule of Life- Part 1

### Monday 12/7

### Tuesday 12/8

Noon Zimmer Forum

3:00pm Homework Club

5:00PM Healing & Worship in  
Chapel

### Wednesday 12/9

5:00pm Choir

6:15pm Grief Support Group

### Thursday 12/10

3:00 PM Homework Club

5:30PM Vestry Mtg

6:00PM Girl Scouts #8420

### Friday 12/11

6:30AM Morning Prayer

### Saturday 12/12

7am - noon - fundraiser for The  
Haven at Applebee's

8:00am Men's Breakfast -  
Lighthouse Inn

### 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 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.

Amy Healey, Sudi Johnson, Dianne Wilson and Amma Diane will present a short course explaining the 5 aspects of this rule:

December 6 topics: Worship, Sabbath, Fasting

December 13 topics: Examination, Prayer

A simple lunch will be served.

### Advent Devotions Are Available

Advent began Sunday, Nov. 29 and continues until Christmas Eve. 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 are located at the back of the church and are offered at no cost.

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

Thank you to **Audrey Bean** for sharing her special angels with us.

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

9:00am Women's Breakfast -  
Sudi Johnson's  
9 - 11am Cursillo Ultreya at  
Sheb Falls - Parish House

### **Sunday 12/13**

#### **3rd Sunday of Advent**

8:45AM Synoptic Gospel Study

9:00AM Kinderchurch

10:00AM Worship

Greeters/Ushers: 2nd Sunday  
Team

Acolyte: Mary Jean Reckelberg

Eucharistic Ministers: Dianne  
Wilson, TBD

Readers: Skip Cole, TBD

Prayers: Karleen Cole

11:15AM Fellowship - Saints

11:30AM Rule of Life - Part 2

### **Milestones**

#### **December Anniversaries**

Dec 13 Randy & Cindy Hronek

#### **December Birthdays**

Dec 2 Todd Reckelberg

Dec 4 Chris Couris

Dec 5 William Schultz

Dec 11 Geri Walker

Dec 14 Grace Valli

Dec 15 Kelly Handl-Schultz

Dec 20 Nancy Sim

Dec 24 Mary Flint

Dec 25 Sharon Meany

Dec 27 Pat Byrd

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## **Zimmer Forum December 8 -**

### ***Pope Francis: Why He Leads the Way He Leads***

Dr. Chris Domes, President of Silver Lake College, will discuss *Pope Francis: Why He Leads the Way He Leads*, by Chris Lowney, at the Zimmer Forum on Tuesday, December 8. This book is strongly recommended for any Christian in a leadership role. Michael Quinlan, emeritus chair of McDonald's Corporation says, "Chris Lowney aptly communicates the nuances of the Jesuit charism that inspires so many of us," and Timothy Lannon, President of Creighton University states, "this book is perfect for anyone interested in better serving their families, schools, businesses, and organizations." Dr. Domes arrived in Manitowoc in 2013 and is already making a big impact on our community.

Silver Lake College and St. Francis of Assisi Parish are the sponsors of the monthly forum to honor Father Bill Zimmer. The talk starts at 12:00 noon in the Heritage Room (room 238) on the second floor of the main building of Silver Lake College, 2406 South Alverno Road, Manitowoc. There is no charge for this event. Please call Anne Schuette (682-7723) if you need a ride.

## **Finding Our Way Through Grief -**

### **Wednesday December 9th - 30th 6:15PM NEW TIME**

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.

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" began on Wed. Dec. 2 and continues through Dec. 30, intentionally being scheduled through the holiday season. The group will meet at St. James Episcopal Church, from 6:15pm - approximately 7:30pm 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.

**JOSHUA at Barnes & Noble in Green Bay on Dec.**

To submit info for the weekly announcements, please contact Amma Diane Murray **BEFORE 3PM on Thursday** [dianemarie.murray@gmail.com](mailto:dianemarie.murray@gmail.com)  
920-860-5152

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JOSHUA invites you to do some holiday shopping at Barnes and Noble in Green Bay on Thursday, December 10, from 9AM to 10PM. Mention JOSHUA at the time of your checkout and a portion of the proceeds will come back to support JOSHUA's work on prison reform, mental health issues, and immigration justice. Members of JOSHUA will offer free gift wrapping as well. JOSHUA and its members give invaluable support to RUTH, our local ecumenical social justice group.

### **Men's and Women's Breakfasts - Saturday Dec 12**

The men of St. James and their friends gather at the Lighthouse Inn at 8AM for breakfast and fellowship.

The women of St. James and their friends will have their "Christmas" gathering at the home of Sudi Johnson, 915 Lincoln Blvd. at 9AM for breakfast and fellowship. There will be a sign-up sheet at church for food contributions..

### **Homework Club Angel Tree Thank You**

Thanks to all who have selected a Homework Club student's name-tag from the Christmas tree at the back of the church sanctuary, and signed out the child's name on the clipboard next to the tree. Please place your gift for that child under the tree by Sunday, December 13. Gifts should have a value of no more than \$20. All members of St. James are invited to attend the party on December 17, starting at 3:30PM. During Advent there are also cards on the tree to use for donations to project KAN -- which will go towards providing school supplies to Manitowoc county children - - and Peter's Pantry which also experiences increased needs at this time.. You can make a donation by writing a check to St. James, with KAN or Peter's Pantry in the memo line, and then honor someone with that gift using the card. Thank you so much for your help and generosity!

### **St. James Book Group Meeting - Pot Luck on Wednesday, December 16**

The St. James Book Group will end the year with a pot-luck on Wednesday, December 16 at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall at St. James. Anyone who likes books and reading is invited to attend to share some Christmas cheer and vote for the books we'd like to read together in 2016. Some of our members have already submitted suggestions and Amy Healey is in charge of compiling the selections. We plan to vote for our favorites at the December meeting. If you would like to suggest a book for the coming year please email Amy at

[aah@alumni.northwestern.edu](mailto:aah@alumni.northwestern.edu) or call Anne Schuette (242-2819.)

Our January Book Group selection is *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt and copies are already available. Please sign out your copy from the box in the lower level cloakroom. We will be discussing this book on Wednesday, January 13, at 7PM.

### **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. Peter Jenkyn, the Henderson triplets (born three months early) and their parents, Henry.

#### **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 St. Peter's, Ripon. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for West Malaysia. 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; our Bishop, Matthew Gunter, his wife Leslie and family; our 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 6 - 12 Hope House Week

December 6 & 13 Rule of Life

December 9 Finding Our Way Through Grief

December 10 Zimmer Forum, Noon at Silver Lake College

December 12 Breakfasts: Men's 8AM; Women's 9AM

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

December 16 RUTH 8:30AM

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 6:30PM Music 7PM Service

December 25 Christmas Day Service 9AM

For a full calendar visit our website

[www.stjamesmanitowoc.com](http://www.stjamesmanitowoc.com)

**VESTRY NOTES**

Your St. James Episcopal Church Vestry met at 5:30pm on Thursday, November 19. The meeting opened with prayer and a discussion of Psalm 23 led by Richard Hall. Other meeting highlights include:

- Received various written and oral reports, including financials, and approved October minutes
- Received a stewardship update: 38 pledges have been received so far, totaling \$87,079
- Pledged \$11,556 for 2016 to support the Diocese of Fond du Lac, part of which goes in support of our denomination
- Continued discussion on developing various policies
- Authorized replacement of the computer in the church office using memorial funds
- Adopted a denominational resolution to help prevent alcohol and other substance misuse in

churches

- Cameras have been ordered for safety/security, and will be installed soon
- Work on the new shed is almost complete

The next Vestry meeting will take place in the Church Library at 5:30pm on Thursday, December 10. Meetings generally last 90-120 minutes, and all are welcome to attend.

~Tony Karl, Clerk