

**Sunday 7/24**

**Celebrating St. James the Greater**

8:45AM War Room Bible Study  
9AM Kinderchurch  
10AM Worship  
Greeters/Ushers: 4th Sunday Team  
Acolyte: Mary Jean Reckelberg  
Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Hall,  
Dianne Wilson  
Readers: Karleen Cole, Skip Cole  
Prayers: Jane Robinson  
11:15AM Fellowship - Disciples

**Monday 7/25**

**Tuesday 7/26**

5PM Healing & Worship in Chapel  
6PM Cursillo Grouping

**Wednesday 7/27**

6:15PM Grief Support  
7PM Book Group

**Thursday 7/28**

6PM Girl Scouts

**Friday 7/29**

6:30AM Morning Prayer

**Saturday 7/30**

**Sunday 7/31**

8:45AM War Room Bible Study  
9:00 Kinderchurch  
10:00AM Worship  
Greeters/Ushers: 3rd Sun. Team  
Acolyte/Crucifer: Geri Walker  
Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Hunner,  
Mary Jean Reckelberg  
Readers: Eleanor Agnew, Chris Eggert-  
Rosenthal  
Prayers: Peggy Turnbull  
11:15AM Fellowship -  
Ice Cream Sundae Pot Luck

**Milestones**

**July Anniversaries**

July 4 Alison & Steve Weinert  
July 13 Tammy & Kevin McVeigh

**July Birthdays**

July 1 Kurt Hall, Sheryl  
Paszkievicz, Bob Turnbull  
July 11 Tony Karl  
July 12 Amy Healy  
July 13 Leonard Coombs  
July 14 Judy Lavicka  
July 20 Bob Owaski

**Long-time Sexton at St. James to be Honored  
Sunday, July 24 at the 10AM service**

Dennis Moore, accompanied sometimes by his wife Rogene, has been the Sexton (custodian) at St. James for the past 18 years. Dennis is retired from the police department and upon turning 70 has decided it is time to retire from St. James as well. Dennis and Rogene are members of Lakeshore United Methodist Church where they also serve as custodians and Dennis serves as a financial deacon. They also enjoy travelling and have plans to keep busy even with this retirement. Join us as we celebrate 18 years of faithful service.

**Bishop's Night at the Ballpark August 5**

**Order deadline for group seating is July 25**

Bishop Gunter invites you to an evening of fun, food, fellowship & baseball at Fox Cities Stadium, Grand Chute (northwest side of Appleton). All-you-can-eat picnic begins at 5:30 p.m.. Game starts at 7:05 p.m. Come early for a Diocesan Office Open House 3-5 p.m. More info at [diofdl.org/bnbp](http://diofdl.org/bnbp). or see the bulletin board outside the church office.

**St. James Book Group Meets July 27 at PK's Beans and Cream**

The St. James Book Group is reading *The Serpent's Shadow* by Mercedes Lackey in July and will meet to discuss the book on Wednesday, July 27 at 7 pm at PK's Beans & Cream, corner of N.8<sup>th</sup> St. and New York Avenue. Copies of the book are in the downstairs cloakroom and can be signed out and returned on the day of our meeting. All St James members and their friend are invited to be a part of this group. Besides talking about a book each month, we enjoy general literary discussions. Please call Marie Hawkins (683-9032) or Anne Schuette (682-7723) with any questions.

**Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed the week of August 1st**

St. James members are delivering Meals on Wheels the week of August 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>. This ministry 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. You will be done by noon and can volunteer with a friend or partner up with another St. James member. If you can help out please sign up on the clipboard at the back of church. Contact Anne Schuette (682-7723) or Judy Lavicka (684-1445) with any questions.

July 22 David Haefke  
July 24 Murray Sim  
July 25 Gary Alsteen, Liz Gordon  
July 30 Germaine Hall, Alison  
Hunner

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**  
[dianemarie.murray@gmail.com](mailto:dianemarie.murray@gmail.com)  
[920-860-5152](tel:920-860-5152)

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#### Sunday Worship Ministries:

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

[Ministry Schedule July 10 to September 11, 2016](#)

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#### Greeter/Usher Teams

\* Head Usher

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday:** Liz & Jim Gordon, Donna Franz, Karleen & Skip Cole

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday:** Pat & Dave Haefke, Anne Schuette

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday:** Murray Sim,

Bob & Ellen Feller, Michael Laughrin

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** Steve Thuss\*, Liz & Reimund Schrank

Please talk to anyone on the teams to become involved in this ministry.

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#### Badger Brews and QUE Aug 5-7 (helps KAN)

Badger Brews and Que barbecue competition will be held August 5-7 at the Expo. They need help with parking on August 6. Proceeds from the parking fees will benefit KAN Cool for School. We are looking for help anytime all day and into the evening. If you are able to help out, please sign up with your name, phone number and time you can help. Sign-up sheet in back of church. Questions, see Mary Burckle.

#### KAN Cool for School

KAN Cool for School is a school supply giveaway event for area children who may not have access to them. We are currently collecting new, unused school supplies for this event. There is a bin and a wish list near the Peter's Pantry collection bins. In addition to school supplies, we also are collecting socks, underwear, sweatpants (all size Youth Small-Youth Large), winter hats, mittens (especially waterproof styles). Any help is greatly appreciated.

Our event is scheduled for August 19 (set up) and August 20 (event). Watch for sign-up sheets to help with the event. If you have any questions, please ask Mary Burckle

#### Follow-up to June 5 Next Big Thing Meeting

June 5, 2016 we held a congregational meeting attended by approximately 30-35 people. The focus of the meeting was to review The Next Big Things list, have some discussion and see if there were some things that the group determined we could pursue further. It was agreed that we would continue to support all of the outreach ministries we are currently involved in (Hope House, RUTH, Homework Club, Kan Cool, Sunday Suppers, Meals On Wheels, etc.). As we reviewed the list and a few ideas that came up at the meeting, we decided a few would require more manpower or other resources than we are currently able to provide. We agreed to investigate several to look at the potential to add to our outreach as a congregation. Those we are looking into include:

- An Essentials Pantry - Amma Diane met with the new manager at Peter's Pantry, Chris Behnke, regarding this idea and there may be a possibility to do this in a couple of different ways. More investigating of the idea is to follow.
- Script Program - Tammy McVeigh and Mike Laughrin agreed to investigate St. James starting a script program. Script has people purchase store cards for later use through their local church and the church retains a % (decided by store) for use locally. This money could go into our outreach fund.
- Clothes Closet - Eleanor Agnew and Sudi Johnson agreed to investigate St. James starting a Clothes Closet at Madison Elementary School. Laura Hooker provided information about the closet started at her school in Kewaunee. It provides clothes when kids have a need during the school year. If we could get this to work, potentially other churches could partner with other schools in the city or county.
- Foster Family Equipment Closet - Eleanor and potentially Kelly Handl-Schultz will look into what is being done, what is needed and how we might help with something like this.
- Love In The Name of Christ (Love Inc.) - Amma Diane had a preliminary meeting with Katie Popp, the Director of Love Inc - Sheboygan, Fr. Karl Schaffenburg, Board Member and Pastor Mark Janzen, St. Paul's Lutheran Church and one of the

## Fellowship Hour Teams

### \*Team Coordinators

#### Saints Team (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)

Eleanor Agnew\*, Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, Amy Healey, Dan Hornung, Anne Schuette\*, Bob & Peggy Turnbull, Geri Walker.

#### Disciples Team (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun.)

Marian Flint, Judy Lavicka\*, Murray Sim, Steve Thuss, Dianne Wilson\*, Chuck Wernecke.

If there is a 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Opportunities to Help Each Other

Chris Eggert-Rosenthal had surgery on her neck June 8 and she could use a bit of help with her yard work! The lawn needs mowing, and the ever present thistles and other things that go with having a home entails. If you can help, please give Chris a call at [334-546-4282](tel:334-546-4282) or talk to her at church

Occasionally members of St. James needs a ride to church. Right now we are seeking St. James members to give Geri Walker a ride to church on Sunday mornings. Geri lives at River Hills Apts. 1500 N.3rd St. in Manitowoc. Geri is ready to go by 9:15am. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church for Sundays in May and June. Please call Donna Franz 973-3017 if you have questions.

founding members of Love Inc. Sheboygan. This is a cooperative program of Christian Faith Communities and although it takes time to get it up and running, there is the potential through Love Inc to meet many of the issues that were raised on our Next Big Thing List. (Andrew Hooker is the other person on this but was unable to attend due to the arrival of Emerson)

- We also want to continue to work on neighborhood relationships

### 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 is - "Blessings of Summer". Feel free to share photos and art, of summer fun, camp, travel and the joys of nature.** For contributions and more info, please talk to: Amma Diane, Liz Gordon, Sally Hunner, Tony Karl, Chuck Wernecke, and Dianne Wilson

### St. James Members to Attend the DCDI

The Diocesan Church Development Institute (DCDI) hosted by the Diocese of Milwaukee is part of a nationwide training program focused on developing the spiritual, community and organizational life of congregations. DCDI equips participants with methods, skills, theories and self-awareness through classes, peer learning and meaningful discussions about how to help facilitate the work of the parish they love and how to get other members of the congregation to join in that work. The classes will start in Madison in November 2016 on a Saturday - Sunday schedule four times a year for two years. The goal of DCDI is to help develop clergy and lay leaders make their congregations stronger, healthier, more deeply rooted in the Episcopal tradition, more responsive to God, and more effective in their communities

Through Amma Diane, Bishop Matt asked if St. James along with maybe one or two other churches in the Diocese would be willing to participate by sending Amma Diane and two lay members. Part of the cost will be paid by the Commission for Church Vitality. The Vestry of St. James said yes. Participants who agreed to attend in addition to Amma Diane are Sudi Johnson and Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, selected for a variety of reasons some of which include: prior experience with this type of work, involvement in this congregation as well as some broader church involvement and their different perspectives as newer and more long-time members of St. James.

[A Short Video about DCDI from the Diocese of Spokane](#)

### **Bible Study Sundays at 8:45AM**

Based on the movie "War Room", this study inspires us all as we approach our life challenges in the most effective way. Through this study we can discover the grace and love God has for each of us as we explore and discover the very real power of prayer!

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. on Sundays in the church library. See Dianne Wilson or Amma Diane for questions or further information

### **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 and Dave, Mary, Bill, Del, Steven, Clayton, Bethany, Mike and Laura, Al, Dale, Karen, Pat, Matthew, Audrey, Karen, Bob, the Herndon triplets, and their parents, Jacklyn, Sue, Bill, Bonnie, Ray, Janet, Joan, Richard, Johnny and his wife Sally, Ed, Audrey, Virginia, Margaret, Chris, Amy, Betty, Andy, Cherity, KJ, Dave, Bishop Jacobus, Fr. Okkerse

#### **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 and Mary, Caleb, Lisa, Kurt, Corey, John, Tyler, Lisann, Ronald, Greg & Tiger

#### **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 Atonement, Fish Creek. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray forThe Scottish Episcopal Church. The incarcerated in Wisconsin - especially those in solitary confinement. For people living with mental illness, For Hope House Families and the men at The Haven. For all of the victims of violence.

#### **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, Bill, Mary, Randy, Jill, Andy, John

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:**

Sundays Bible Study at 8:45AM  
Sundays KinderChurch at 9AM; Main Service 10AM  
Tuesdays Worship 5PM  
Tuesdays Cursillo Grouping 6PM  
Wednesdays Grief Group 6:15PM  
Fridays Morning Prayer 6:30AM  
July 27 Book Group 7PM PK's Beans & Cream  
July 28 Girl Scouts 6PM  
Aug 1-5 Meals On Wheels delivery  
For a full calendar visit our website [www.stjamesmanitowoc.com](http://www.stjamesmanitowoc.com)

St. James Manitowoc to meet with the CCV on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016

The Commission on Congregational Vitality (CCV) has been established to partner with congregations of the diocese to provide tools and support to help congregations be as healthy and vital as possible. To aid in starting this work, a process of meeting with every parish and mission congregation of the diocese has begun, to better understand the uniqueness of each congregation: what you value, what you do well, what areas you'd like to focus on, where you need support. These gatherings are to explore how communities of the faithful can thrive, how we can learn from each other and build strength upon strength. The CCV is chaired by Fr. Eric Mills (St. Anne, De Pere), and in addition to Bishop Matt Gunter includes: Cathy Cowling (Trinity, Oshkosh), Mthr. Jane Johnson (Intercession, Stevens Point), Fr. Karl Schaffenburg (Grace, Sheboygan), and the Rev. Joanne Skidmore, a retired priest resident in Door County.

CCV is about how to cultivate and share successes. This initial process is owned by the clergy and people of the congregations, facilitated by CCV members who will meet with you to allow for structured discussion about who we are and who God is calling us to be as vital congregations. The word vital comes from the Latin for "life." Who we are in Christ can best be shared with each other and with all when we focus on the particular gifts and challenges God has given to His people in all of the diverse communities of this diocese. A CCV meeting should involve as many members of the congregation as possible and will last about 2-3 hours. When you meet, the facilitator will assist discussions about who you are, with standard discussion points and measures provided about discipleship, life together, and sharing new life in community.

After the meeting each congregation will receive a detailed report, and CCV will meet with your leadership for a discussion about what you have learned. In addition, as particular strengths are identified these can be shared throughout the diocese, so we can learn from each other and work with God to be the Church we are called to be.

Colloquially, when someone says something is "vital," he/she means it is very, very important. To be literal, saying something is vital can mean that life depends on it. That sounds pretty dramatic! It is. In calling us to be the Church, God involves us in His plan of salvation. The CCV process will allow for focus on what is working, what is life-giving, what gifts exist, so that the challenges we all face can be addressed in ways that are both faithful and allow blessings to multiply.

Edited by Amma Diane from an article in the June 2016 Clarion by The Rev. Karl Schaffenburg is Rector of Grace, Sheboygan, Dean of the Lake Winnebago Deanery and a member of the CCV