



**St. James Weekly for Sept. 25 - Oct 2, 2016**

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The Rev. Diane M. Murray, Rector 920-860-5152 (cell)

Amma Diane is typically in Manitowoc Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and Sundays or by appointment at other times.  
Weekday hours coming in October

**Sunday 9/25**

9:00 Kinderchurch  
10:00AM Worship

Greeters/Ushers: 4th Sun. Team  
Acolyte/Crucifer: Geri Walker  
Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Hunner,  
MaryJean Reckelberg  
Readers: Eleanor Agnew, Chris  
Eggert-Rosenthal, Peggy Turnbull  
11:15AM Fellowship - Disciples

**Monday 9/26**

**Tuesday 9/27**

3PM Homework Club Training  
5PM Healing & Worship in Chapel  
6PM Cursillo Grouping Chapel

**Wednesday 9/28**

6:15PM Grief Support  
7PM Book Group

**Thursday 9/29**

3PM Homework Club  
6PM Girl Scouts

**Friday 9/30**

6:30AM Morning Prayer

**Saturday 10/1**

**9AM Congregational Meeting  
with CCV**

**Sunday 10/2**

9AM Kinderchurch  
10AM Worship

Greeters/Ushers: 1st Sunday Team  
Acolyte: Mary Jean Reckelberg  
Eucharistic Ministers: Chris Eggert-  
Rosenthal, Sharon Meany  
Readers : Len Coombs, Glenn  
Davidowich, Bob Feller  
11:15AM Fellowship - Saints

**Milestones**

**September Anniversaries**

Sept. 8 Ray & Liz Schrank  
Sept. 14 Victor & Joanna Sanchez  
Sept. 23 Mayra & Jill Short

**September Birthdays**

Sept. 1 Miguel Oropeza  
Sept. 3 Sudi Johnson

**St. James Book Group Reads (and Eats) American Pie in September**

The St. James Book Group is reading *American Pie: Slices of Life (and Pie) from America's Back Roads* by Pascale Le Drabulec in September. The author describes a cross-country trip along the back roads seeking out "pies with character and characters who love pie." We will get together on Wednesday, September 28, at 6:30PM to sample our own pies (pot luck) and talk about the book. 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 friends are invited to be a part of this group (and enjoy some pie even if you haven't read the book!) 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.

**CCV coming to St. James Sat., Oct 1 9am-12**

Please plan to join us on Saturday, October 1 from 9am - 12 noon, for an energizing time of conversation with fellow parishioners as we reflect on and share our hopes for our common life and ministry, identify where we'd like to focus attention to grow in vitality as a congregation, and suggest ways the diocese can support us as we strive to be God's people planted in this time and place. Someone from the diocesan Commission for Congregational Vitality (CCV) will be with us to facilitate the event. We can promise you interesting conversation and refreshments! Your voice is important: we hope you will join us!

**ST JAMES QUARTERLY: PLEASE SHARE YOUR CONTENT BY 10/5**

Any member or friend of St James Episcopal Church may submit content for inclusion in the next issue of *St James Quarterly*, which is planned for distribution in mid-October. All are invited to share photos, event recaps, poems, book/movie reviews, personal news/stories, recipes, longer feature articles, suggested items for reprint, and other non-time-sensitive content. Content can cover this past summer or look forward through the end of the year. Please email content to [tony.karl@att.net](mailto:tony.karl@att.net) or drop off/mail a hard copy of any content/photos to the church office by Wednesday, October 5. If you have any questions or ideas about content for future issues, please talk to Tony Karl or Amma Diane. Thanks!

**Help the Appalachia Service Project - Buy a Christmas Wreath**

October 1st is the deadline to order a hand-made Christmas wreath to support St. James members who are going on the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) mission trip July 15 - 22, 2017. This will be the 22nd year that high school students and adults from Manitowoc County will travel to Appalachia to meet families who live there, and work on their homes. St. James is fortunate to partner with Grace Evangelical United Church of Christ in Two Rivers to make this trip happen. The ASP trip is almost entirely funded by selling wreaths, and other Christmas greenery. The wreaths are made by those going on the mission trip from fresh greens, and are delivered during Thanksgiving week. Please see Mike Laughrin, Joe Hoover or Anne Schuette to order a wreath or for more information about ASP. THANKS so much!

Sept. 7 Mel Ouradnik  
Sept. 13 Cameron Essert  
Sept. 15 Sean Essert  
Sept. 16 Victor Sanchez  
Sept. 19 Oliver Tessier  
Sept. 26 Glenn Davidowich,  
Mary Jean Reckelberg

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

#### Sunday Worship Ministries:

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

[Ministry Schedule Through  
November 6, 2016](#)

#### 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.

## Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 9

Blessing animals is a long tradition associated with St. Francis of Assisi, who is known as the patron saint of animals. Francis is said to have referred to animals as his brothers and sisters. This year's blessing of animals is scheduled for Sunday, October 9. We will bless animals, whether they can be present or not. Live pets, photos of your pets, and toy pets are welcome (or just tell us the name of your pet if they cannot be present). We ask that the human bringing the animal(s) is able to control the animal and clean up after the animal if an accident occurs. Blessing of the animals will take place both at the 9AM KinderChurch service and at the BEGINNING of 10AM Worship.

## Advance Notice to Save the Date!

St. Faith's Guild will again host a Spaghetti Supper on Thursday, October 20, at 5:00 p.m. You are invited to participate in preparation and/or bring friends to enjoy the meal! There is a sign-up sheet at the info station at the back of the sanctuary. Please see Amma Diane, Judy Lavicka, or members of the Guild for more information

## 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. **Our new Theme is: "Seasons in Our Lives"** For contributions and more info, please talk to: Amma Diane, Liz Gordon, Sally Hunner, Tony Karl, Chuck Wernecke, and Dianne Wilson

## 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, Bethany, Mike and Laura, Al, Dale, Karen, Pat, Matthew, Audrey, Karen, Bob, the Herndon triplets, and their parents, Sue, Bill, Bonnie, Ray, Janet, Joan, Richard, Johnny and his wife Sally, Ed, Audrey, Virginia, Margaret, Chris, Betty, Andy, Cherity, Dave, Fr. Okkerse, Jeff, Art, Jeanne, Judy, Robby, the Family of Clayton Burckle.

### For guidance and discernment we lift up. . .

For those serving in the military: Kyle Kurschner, Zach Truett, 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...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. Paul, Suamico. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church in Wales. The incarcerated in Wisconsin - especially those in solitary confinement. For people living with mental illness. Hope House Families. The men of the Haven

### 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

## 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 or talk to her at church

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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.

## 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, Michelle, Clayton.

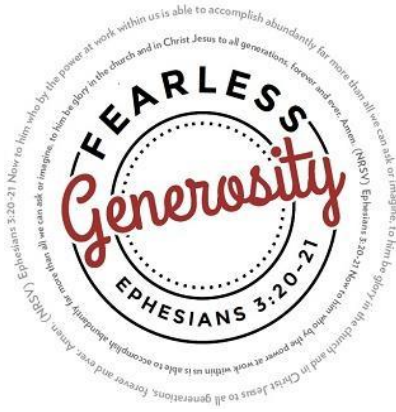
If you would like prayers to be offered as part of The Prayers of the People, please fill out the written Prayer Request Form and place it in the PRAYER BOX. All are located at the back of the church. Prayers will remain on our active prayer list for one month and can be extended by filling out a new 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  
Sept. 27 Homework Club Begins 3PM  
Sept. 28 Book Group 7PM  
Sept. 29 Girl Scouts 6PM Fellowship Hall  
Oct. 1 Congregational meeting with the CCV 9am-12  
Oct. 1 ASP Wreath order deadline  
Oct. 2-7 St. James Week at Hope House  
Oct. 5 Articles & Info due for St James Quarterly  
Oct. 9 Blessing of the Animals 9AM & 10AM  
Oct 20 St. Faith's Spaghetti Dinner 5PM  
Oct. 22 Diocesan Convention at Kimberly

For a full calendar visit our website [www.stjamesmanitowoc.com](http://www.stjamesmanitowoc.com)



*"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."* (Ephesians 3.20-21). These encouraging words from the Apostle Paul are truly words of blessing. God is able to do far more abundantly than anything we are able to ask or even think about asking for. And perhaps even more amazingly, God chooses to work through us to accomplish more than we can imagine.

In October we will introduce a stewardship emphasis for our congregation called Fearless Generosity. Together we will learn how to become more faithful stewards as we explore what it means to practice Fearless Generosity. A different sub-theme will be explored each week during 10AM Worship and during Bible Study at 8:45AM Sunday and 6:30pm Tuesday (the same study on Sunday and Tuesday). Themes include: Oct 2 & 4 - Fearless Living (Genesis 1 and 2); Oct 9 & 11 - Fearless Service (Luke 4.16-21); Oct 16 & 18 - Fearless Sowing (Mark 4.1-9); and Oct 23 & 25 - Fearless Giving (Luke 21.1-4). We hope you'll join us during these weeks.

On Sunday, November 6, we will offer a one-hour overview of the four parts of Fearless Generosity at 11:30AM for those who couldn't participate other weeks. The Fearless Generosity theme will carry through the rest of the year and in to 2017, where we will spend four months expanding on these the Fearless Living, Fearless Service, Fearless Sowing, and Fearless Giving themes.

On Sunday, November 13, we will join together in worship to present our estimates or commitments of financial giving in support of the ministry and mission to which we are called as St. James Episcopal Church. As we strive to practice Fearless Generosity, we can remember Paul's blessings to the church in Ephesians 3.20-21. Using us as willing vessels, God through the Holy Spirit--the power at work within us--is able to accomplish abundantly far more than we can ask or imagine.

In your personal prayers, and as you gather in fellowship with others, please remember to invite God's guidance through this special emphasis. May Paul's prayer for the church at Ephesus be our prayer as we begin this exciting time of exploring how God is calling us to be fearless givers and fearless stewards--as individuals and as a community of faith.

In Christian fellowship,  
Mary Jean Reckelberg, Tony Karl, Tammy McVeigh, and Amma Diane (Stewardship Task Force)