



EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MANITOWOC

## St. James Weekly for Nov. 13 - 20, 2016

434 N. 8th St., Manitowoc, WI 54220 920-684-8256 (church office)

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.

### Sunday 11/13

#### Stewardship Sunday

8:45AM Adult Christian Formation

9AM Kinderchurch

10AM Worship

Greeters/Ushers: 2nd Sunday Team

Acolyte: Mary Jean Reckelberg

Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Hall,  
Dianne Wilson

Readers : Karleen Cole, Skip Cole, Jane  
Robinson

11:15AM Fellowship - Saints

### Monday 11/14

5:30PM Clergy Spouse Gathering

### Tuesday 11/15

8:30AM RUTH

3PM Homework Club

5PM Worship Service

6PM Miracle League

6PM Cursillo Grouping Chapel

### Wednesday 11/16

5PM Choir Rehearsal

6:15PM Grief Support Group

### Thursday 11/17

1PM Rainbow Acts Crafting

NO Homework Club

6PM Girl Scouts

### Friday 11/18

6:30AM Morning Prayer

### Saturday 11/19

### Sunday 11/20

8:45AM Adult Christian Formation

9AM Kinderchurch

10:00AM Worship

Greeters/Ushers: 3rd Sun. Team

Acolyte/Crucifer: Geri Walker

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Hunner,  
MaryJean Reckelberg

Readers: Eleanor Agnew, Chris Eggert-  
Rosenthal, Peggy Turnbull

11:15AM Fellowship - Disciples

11:30 Ministry Fair Sharing

### Milestones

#### November Anniversaries

Nov. 11 Bob & Karen Owaski

Nov. 24 Clarence & Liese Carbon

### Keeping Kids Warm, Making Kids Happy

#### November 15 last day to donate

New hats, mittens, scarves, socks and gloves are being collected to be distributed to Hope House families and other kids in need in Manitowoc County. Lia a 7th grade student at Wilson Junior High has organized this collection. Give items to Mary Burckle or drop items off at the YMCA or other collections boxes in town.

### Congregational Vitality Report Available

Cathy Cowling a member of the Diocesan Commission on Congregational Vitality (CCV) met with members of the St. James congregation on October 1. Her initial feedback is now available at the info center at the rear of the sanctuary. The first 7 pages are transcripts of info we came up with and her comments begin on page 8. The Vestry is working to schedule a follow-up with Cathy in the near future.

### Come to a Ministry Fair November 20

On Sunday, November 20, St. James will host a Ministry Fair after the 10AM service starting between 11:15-11:30AM. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall and you will have time to have some Coffee Hour treats before we begin. The gather has two purposes: members of the various ministries will share what they do and we will populate dates on the 2017 calendar. You can ask members questions about our ministries and possibly find one you might like to participate in.

### Consider buying Scrip! First order Due Nov. 20

One of the projects that has begun as part of our Next Big Thing conversations is our participation in the Scrip program. We have gift cards available from MANY stores, restaurants and other businesses. You buy Scrip cards and get full value when you redeem them. The merchants then give St. James a percent of what your scrip card's value is at no additional cost to you! The money St. James receives from Scrip will be used to help fund our Outreach Fund. Amounts we will receive varies by vendor. Buy some as Christmas gifts or for your own shopping at merchants you frequent. If you patronize these businesses anyway, make your money work for the good of the church. Order forms are available on the back table. Simply give your completed form to Tammy McVeigh or Mike Laughrin by the 3rd Sunday of the month, and the gift cards will be available on the 4th Sunday. Be sure to include your check (or cash) for the total, make checks payable to St. James. Thank you for your support!

### Thanksgiving Day at St. James Church

St. James will be filled with worship and music, fun and games, and the aroma of Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 24, as we continue the tradition of a family-style meal. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:00AM, followed by games and activities in the Fellowship

## November Birthdays

Nov. Steve Thuss  
Nov. 2 KyraJo Laws  
Nov. 3 Ron Hansen  
Nov. 12 Bob Feller  
Nov. 15 Rowen Schultz  
Nov. 16 Margaret Coombs  
Nov. 17 Marie Hawkins  
Nov. 22 Chuck Wernecke  
Nov. 23 Mike Laughrin

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 January 1, 2017](#)

### 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\*,

Hall. At noon, all are welcome to sit down for turkey and mashed potatoes with gravy - supplemented by pot-luck dishes from those who attend. Please join the parish family for part or all of the day - you can come for the worship, the games, the food, or the works! Family and friends are welcome. If you know you are able to attend, please sign up on the clipboard at the back of the church so we are able to plan ahead. Contact Eleanor (686-1954) with any questions.

### RUTH presents a forum on Mass Incarceration

Join members of RUTH (Responding with Understanding, Truth, and Hope in Manitowoc County) on Tues., Nov. 29, 2016 at 7PM at Lakeshore United Methodist Church, 411 Reed Ave., Manitowoc.

Guest speaker, Rev. Jerry Hancock, director of First Congregational UCC of Madison's Prison Ministry Project, will address the issues surrounding mass incarceration and potential alternatives that could be more humane and cost effective. The event is free and all are welcome. Flyers are available at the info station at the back of the sanctuary.

### Homework Club Gift Tree

Our Homework Club holiday party will be Thursday, December 15. The party will include a visit from Santa, and he will distribute gifts donated by members of St. James to each of the children who attend Homework Club.

A "gift tree" for our Homework Club students will be set up in the back of the sanctuary to coincide with the first Sunday of Advent, November 27. If you would like to help out by giving a gift to one of our students, please select a name-tag from the tree and sign out the child's name on the clipboard next to the tree. Then purchase a gift for that child and return the gift to church no later than Sunday, December 11, with the gift tag attached. Gifts should have a value of no more than \$20. The tag includes the child's name and age. Please ask Mary Burckle, Anne Schuette or any of the St. James HWC volunteers if you need gift suggestions. All members of St. James are invited to attend the party on December 15, starting at 3:30PM. Our "snow date" is December 22, which will be the last day of Homework Club until January 2017.

### Book Group Meets on Wednesday, Nov. 30 7PM

The St. James Book Group will discuss *Accidental Saints - Finding God in All the Wrong People*, by Nadia Bolz-Weber, on Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00PM in the church library. Bolz-Weber is the founding pastor of the House for All Sinners and Saints, a Lutheran congregation in Denver. Our group found plenty of food for thought and discussion in her 2013 book *Pastrix*. Please note that we are meeting on the last Wednesday this month because of Thanksgiving. There are 10 copies of the book on inter-library loan through the Manitowoc Public Library for use by our group. Copies can be signed out from the basket on the shelf in the downstairs cloakroom at church. Please sign out your copy and return it at our meeting. Contact Marie Hawkins (683-9032) or Anne Schuette (682-7723) with any questions.

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

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### **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 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.

### **Opportunities to Help Each Other**

Chris Eggert-Rosenthal had surgery on her neck June 8 and she could use a bit of help with some of the work 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.

### **Christian Formation Sundays at 8:45AM**

A new Christian formation offering and reading of the book "*Deep Relief Now*" is on Sundays October 30 - December 18, at 8:45 in the church library. We will explore the question: How can we experience deep, permanent relief, when feeling "burnt out" emotionally as we deal with life's challenges? Join us for reading and discussion. For further info please speak with 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. **Our new Theme is: "Seasons in Our Lives"** For contributions and more into, 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, Sue, Bill, Bonnie, Ray, Janet, Joan, Richard, Johnny and his wife Sally, Ed, Audrey, Virginia, Margaret, Chris, Betty, Andy, Dave, Fr. Okkerse, Jeff, Jeanne, Judy, Robby, Marty, Nancy, Terry, Branden, Barb and Cheryl

#### **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....The people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and Sudan and missionaries. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Intercession, Stevens Point. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain. We pray for the people of our new companion diocese, the Diocese of Masvingo, Zimbabwe and their bishop The Right Reverend Godfrey Tawonezwi. We pray for the incarcerated in Wisconsin - especially those in solitary confinement. For the people living with mental illness. The people at Hope House and the men at 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

#### **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 Adult Formation at 8:45AM  
Sundays KinderChurch at 9AM; Main Service 10AM  
Tuesdays Homework Club 3PM  
Tuesdays Worship 5PM  
Tuesdays Cursillo Grouping 6PM  
Wednesdays Choir Rehearsal 5PM  
Wednesdays Grief Group 6:15PM  
Thursdays Homework Club 3PM  
Fridays Morning Prayer 6:30AM  
Nov. 14 Clergy Spouse Gathering 5:30PM  
Nov. 12 Men's Breakfast 8AM Lighthouse Inn  
Nov. 12 Women's Breakfast 9AM St. James  
Nov. 15 RUTH 8:30AM  
Nov. 15 Miracle League 6PM  
Nov. 17 Rainbow Acts Crafting 1PM  
Nov. 17 NO Homework Club  
Nov. 20 Ministry Fair during Coffee Hour  
Nov. 20 Taize at St. Norbert's 6PM carpool 7PM start  
Nov. 22 NO Homework Club  
Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Service 10AM Meal 12Noon  
Nov. 24 NO Homework Club  
Nov. 29 RUTH forum Mass Incarceration 7PM  
Lakeshore United Methodist Church  
Nov. 30 Book Group 7PM  
Jan. 29 Annual Meeting 11:15AM  
For a full calendar visit our website [www.stjamesmanitowoc.com](http://www.stjamesmanitowoc.com)

### Diocesan Church Development Institute (DCDI)

This past weekend Amma Diane, Sudi Johnson and I attended a class facilitated by the DCDI through the Diocese of Milwaukee. The goal of the DCDI is to help congregations to increase their capacity and potential to be effective in proclaiming the Gospel, forming disciples of Jesus and serving Christ in the world.

This class meets four times a year for two years. There are five churches from the Diocese of Milwaukee, all second-year participants and St. James is the only church from our Diocese and in the first year. This year we are all learning about Organizational Behavior and how that relates to our churches. Next year we will study Culture and the church setting.

We will participate in projects throughout this process and our congregation will do so along with us. Our first project is to interview members of the congregation about beliefs. We work to interview people we don't know well to help us learn more about those around us.

The purpose of this education is to provide leadership skills to benefit our congregation. The training provides a fresh look at our congregation: the programs we currently have and skills to manage and design programs. Also, we learned from other congregations what they have been doing and what they will be doing. This will give us knowledge about what works and what doesn't in organizing new projects and ministries.

This is an exciting opportunity for the three of us and our congregation. We are attending at the request of Bishop Matt (he asked several churches) so that we might help facilitate learning in these areas in our Diocese. Half of the cost is being paid by a grant from the Commission on Congregational Vitality (CCV), one quarter by each participant and one quarter by St. James.

I am excited about the work we will be doing and we will keep you informed as we move forward in our learning and we can guarantee we will call on you for help with the homework!

Peace to all, Chris Eggert-Rosenthal