



EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MANITOWOC

St. James Weekly for Nov. 20 - 27, 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.

Sunday 11/20

Christ The King Sunday

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
6PM Carpool to Taize at St. Norbert's

Monday 11/21

Tuesday 11/22

NO Homework Club
5PM Worship Service
6PM Cursillo Grouping Chapel

Wednesday 11/23

5PM Choir Rehearsal
6:15PM Grief Support Group

Thursday 11/24

Thanksgiving Day

10AM Worship Service followed by
games & activities
12Noon Thanksgiving Dinner

Friday 11/25

6:30AM Morning Prayer

Saturday 11/26

Sunday 11/27

1st Sunday of Advent

8:45AM Adult Christian Formation
9AM Kinderchurch
10AM Worship
Greeters/Ushers: 4th Sunday Team
Acolyte: Mary Jean Reckelberg
Eucharistic Ministers: Chris Eggert-
Rosenthal Sharon Meany
Readers : Len Coombs, Glenn
Davidowich, Bob Feller
11:15AM Fellowship - Disciples

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 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.

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!

Milestones

November Anniversaries

Nov. 11 Bob & Karen Owaski
Nov. 24 Clarence & Liese Carbon

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

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920-860-5152

Sunday Worship Ministries:

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

[Ministry Schedule Through January 1, 2017](#)

Congregational Vitality Report (CCV) Feedback Meeting Sunday, Dec. 11 at 11:30AM

The report from the Diocesan Commission on Congregational Vitality (CCV) is available at the info center at the back of the sanctuary. Tammy McVeigh will facilitate a gathering to give feedback to the report. All are welcome to attend whether you attended the Oct. 1 meeting or not. Cathy Cowling a member of the CCV met with members of the St. James congregation on Oct. 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.

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.

Greeter/Usher Teams

* Head Usher

1st Sunday: Liz & Jim Gordon,
Donna Franz, Karleen & Skip Cole
2nd Sunday: Pat & Dave Haefke,
Anne Schuette
3rd Sunday: Murray Sim,
Bob & Ellen Feller, Michael Laughrin
4th Sunday: Steve Thuss*,

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

Fellowship Hour Teams

*Team Coordinators

Saints Team (1st & 2nd Sunday)

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

Disciples Team (3rd & 4th 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.

Worship Feedback Sessions Dec. 18 & Jan. 18

Help shape our worship life at St James Episcopal Church! Feedback sessions are scheduled for 11:30AM on Sunday, December 18 and 6:30PM on Wednesday, January 18. All are welcome to attend either or both session; the idea is to hold these sessions monthly on a rotating schedule. Worship is something very personal in our relationship with God, yet we do it together. Sessions will be designed to help us share positively about what we have found meaningful and memorable in previous worship at St James and in other settings. We'll work to find common language as we reflect upon the recent seasons and occasions in our worship and offer ideas for upcoming seasons. This is not a committee, so you can attend whenever you are able/interested without commitment. Your feedback will help our Rector and Music Director plan liturgies and music. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Diane Murray or Tony Karl.

Christian Formation Sundays at 8:45AM

A Christian formation offering and reading of the book "*Deep Relief Now*" is on Sundays Oct. 30 - Dec.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,

For guidance and discernment we lift up. . .

For those serving in the military: Kyle Kurschner, Zach Truett, Jordan Rosenthal and Brady and Shannon

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 ecumenical relationships, especially for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and the Moravian Church. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray

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

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.

for The Parish of Falkland Islands. We pray for the people of our new companion diocese, the Diocese of Masvingo, Zimbabwe and their bishop The Right Reverend Godfrey Tawonezvi. 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. 20 Ministry Fair during Coffee Hour
Nov. 20 Cursillo Ultreya at Suamico 3PM
Nov. 20 Taize at St. Norbert's 6PM carpool 7PM start
Nov. 22 NO Homework Club
Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Service 10AM Meal 12Noon
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Nov. 29 Discover & Grow Meeting 6:30PM
Nov. 29 RUTH forum Mass Incarceration 7PM
Lakeshore United Methodist Church
Nov. 30 Book Group 7PM
Dec. 1 PFLAG 7PM
Dec. 2 St. Faith's Winter Luncheon Courthouse
Pub 11:30AM
Dec. 11 CCV feedback gathering 11:30AM
Dec. 18 Worship Feedback gathering 11:30AM
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Worship Music
6:30PM Worship starts at 7PM
Dec. 25 Christmas Day Worship 9AM only one service
Jan. 1 New Year's Day Worship at 10AM one service
Jan. 18 Worship Feedback gathering 6:30PM
Jan. 29 Annual Meeting 11:15AM
For a full calendar visit our website www.stjamesmanitowoc.com

Diocesan Church Development Institute (DCDI)

Nov. 5 & 6 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