

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

Sunday 12/4

2nd Sunday of Advent

8:45AM Adult Christian Formation
9AM Kinderchurch
10:00AM Worship
Greeters/Ushers: 1st Sun. Team
Acolyte/Crucifer: Geri Walker
Eucharistic Ministers: Clarence Carbon, Sudi Johnson Richard Hall, Peggy Turnbull, Dianne Wilson
11:15AM Fellowship - Saints

Monday 12/5

Tuesday 12/6

10AM Green Bay Deanery Clergy at St. James
3PM Homework Club
5PM Worship Service
6PM Cursillo Grouping Chapel

Wednesday 12/7

5PM Choir Rehearsal
6:15PM Grief Support Group
7PM Christian Book Circle

Thursday 12/8

3PM Homework Club
5:30PM Vestry
6PM Girl Scouts

Friday 12/9

6:30AM Morning Prayer

Saturday 12/10

8AM Men's Breakfast - Lighthouse Inn
9AM Women's Breakfast - Sudi Johnson's Home

Sunday 12/11

**3rd Sunday of Advent
Scrip Orders due!!**

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
11:30AM CCV Feedback Meeting - See article on right side of this page

One More Chance to Get Scrip Before Christmas!

Tammy McVeigh has determined that we can have one more opportunity to purchase Scrip before Christmas. Order gift cards, we have them available from MANY stores, restaurants and other businesses. Order forms are available on the back table. Simply give your completed form to Tammy McVeigh or Mike Laughrin by Sunday, December 11 and the gift cards will be available on December 18. Be sure to include your check (or cash) for the total, make checks payable to St. James. 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. Thank you for your support!

Christian Book Circle Dec. 7, 7PM

Book Circle started last summer with the intent that anyone, men and women, could bring a Christian book(s) they are reading currently or have read, share some highlights about the book, and offer it to others to read! Last month 3 of us met- Sudi shared an Advent devotional she purchased on a recent vacation titled "The Meaning is in the Waiting" by Paula Gooder. Won't you mark your calendars for Wednesday, Dec 7, at 7PM? We gather in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Hope to see you there! Contact Sudi if you have questions! 682-4599 or at Johnsonsudi2@gmail.com

St. James' Women's Breakfast Dec. 10, 9AM

All St James Women are invited to the December 10th Saturday morning women's group breakfast potluck at 9 am. Sudi Johnson will host at her home at 915 Lincoln Blvd. Sign up in the back of the church for how to help with food or contact Sudi directly. Johnsonsudi2@gmail.com or 682-4599

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.

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 Schultz

Dec. 20 Nancy Sim

Dec. 25 Sharon Meany

Dec. 27 Patrick Byrd

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](#)

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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

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

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

Outreach Ministry Group Meeting - Monday, December 12 at 6 PM

If Outreach at St. James is something you would like to work on please consider attending a meeting of the Outreach Ministry Group on December 12 at 6:00 pm. We will be reviewing our ongoing activities and plan for 2017. Some of the activities supported with volunteer hours and/or funds in 2016 include: Sunday Supper, Meals on Wheels, Hope House, Peter's Pantry, Homework Club, and the YMCA annual scholarship campaign. Considerations for 2017 include a special fund-raising request for Hope House as they work toward moving into their own building on the corner of Custer and South 35th streets. Contact Mary Burckle (905-9690), chair of the committee, for more information. Skip Cole, Richard Hall, Ron Hansen, Anne Schuette, and Dianne Wilson have also been active members and can give you more information about the work of the committee.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed December 12 - 16

Volunteers from St. James are assigned to deliver Meals on Wheels during the week of December 12 - 16. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church. Please talk to Judy Lavicka (684-1445) or Anne Schuette (682-7723) with any questions.

Zimmer Forum December 13 - *Where Rivers Change Direction*

Lakeland College Associate Professor Nate Lowe will discuss *Where Rivers Change Direction* by Mark Spragg at the Zimmer Forum on Tuesday, December 13. Spragg's memoir of growing up in Wyoming is a story of learning from cowboys, horses and the land. Silver Lake College and St. Francis of Assisi Parish are the sponsors of the monthly "book group for people of faith." 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.

St. James Book Group Meeting - Pot Luck on Wednesday, December 14

The St. James Book Group will end the year with a pot-luck on Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall at St. James. Anyone who likes books and reading is invited to attend to share some Christmas cheer and help select the books we'd like to read together in 2017. Anything goes at this pot luck - and if you can't make the meeting but would like to suggest a book for the coming year, please email Anne Schuette at schuette57@hotmail.com or Amy Healey at aah@alumni.northwestern.edu

December Homework Club News

Our Madison School St. James Church Homework Club holiday party is 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.

Thanks to all of you who have already selected a 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 11. Gifts should have a value of no

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.

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.

more than \$20. All members of St. James are invited to attend the party on December 15, starting at 3:30PM.

The Madison Elementary School Winter Concert is Tuesday, December 20 at 10AM and 2PM in the school gymnasium. It is a special treat to watch and listen to these young children perform.

The first day of Homework Club in 2017 is Tuesday, January 3 and volunteers or visitors are always welcome. Please talk to Mary Burckle (905-9690) or Anne Schuette (242-2819) if you would like to help out and we can arrange an orientation for you. Homework Club also welcomes volunteers from outside of St. James - so if you know someone who has a talent for working with elementary age students please tell them about our Homework Club. THANKS!

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, Susan, Bonnie, Don, Beth, Laura, Liz, GERALYN, Owen, Donna, Margaret

For guidance and discernment we lift up. . .

For those serving in the military:

Kyle Kurschner, Zach Truett, Jordon Rosenthal, Brady, Shannon, Logan
Also for: Bill, Tim, Kathy & family, Guy and Mary, Caleb, Lisa, Kurt, Corey,
John, Tyler, Lisann, Ronald, Greg & Tiger, Janet, Jim, Kath, Carole

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 All Saints,
Appleton. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Karnataka North -
(South India). We pray for the people of our companion diocese, the
Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and their bishop The Right Reverend
Godfrey Tawonezwi. We pray for 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

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, Elaine

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
Dec. 6	Green Bay Deanery Clergy at St. James
Dec. 7	Christian Book Circle 7PM
Dec. 8	Vestry 5:30PM
Dec. 10	Men's Breakfast - Lighthouse Inn 8AM
Dec. 10	Women's Breakfast - Sudi Johnson's home 9AM
Dec. 11	Scrip Orders due
Dec. 11	Homework Club gifts due
Dec. 11	CCV feedback gathering 11:30AM
Dec. 12-16	Meals On Wheels Delivery
Dec. 12	Outreach Meeting 6PM
Dec. 13	Zimmer Forum 12noon
Dec. 14	Book Club Potluck 6:30PM
Dec. 15	Homework Club Christmas Party 3:30PM
Dec. 17	Ordinations at St. Paul's Cathedral
Dec. 18	Worship Feedback gathering 11:30AM
Dec. 20	Madison Elementary Concert 10AM & 2PM
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Worship Music 6:30PM Worship starts at 7PM
Dec. 25	Christmas Day Worship 9AM 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	

**2017 Position Summaries and Nomination Form for Elections at the
January 29, 2017 Annual Meeting**

Note: this summary with the Nomination Form is available at the rear of the sanctuary.

From the Diocesan Canon 6.7 of Communicants (1) All persons who have received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit in a Christian Church, and whose baptism has been duly recorded in this Church, are members thereof. (2) All such members who have received Holy Communion in an Episcopal Church at least three times during the preceding year are communicants. (3) All such communicants who for the previous year have been faithful in the observance of the general church canon "Of the Due Celebration of Sundays," unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God are communicants in good standing.

3 Diocesan Convention Delegates and **3 Diocesan Convention Alternates:** Must be a member (no minimum membership length). Will receive materials to read in preparation for Diocesan Convention, taking place in the Fall of 2017. Will also attend pre-convention meetings and possibly other meetings. There is also a chance a special Diocesan Convention meeting can be held. We will elect three Delegates and three Alternates for one-year terms.

1 Endowment Trustee: Must be a member for not less than two years. Meets as needed throughout the year working with the Vestry on significant financial decisions. We will elect one Trustee for a three-year term.

3 Vestry Members: Must be a member for not less than one year. Vestry members have the business (financial and building) work of the church at the heart of what they do. Commitment includes regular monthly meetings, occasional special meetings, potentially one or more one-day retreats, and other learning opportunities. Reads, studies, and prays individually and as a group. Communicates with the Vestry and church members regularly by mail (e-mail, US Postal), phone, and in person. We will elect two Vestry members for three-year terms.

1 Junior Warden and **1 Senior Warden:** Must be an adult communicant in good standing for not less than two years. Works as the leadership team with the rector, planning meetings and ensuring work is carried out between meetings. Commitment includes the same list as Vestry Member, as well as additional meetings with the Rector and additional leadership responsibilities. We will elect one Junior Warden and one Senior Warden, each for a one-year term.

Vestries evolve over time based on the needs of the congregation. The Vestry at St. James has been intentionally working on development as spiritual leaders in addition to their "business" role.

Voting members of the parish are persons 16 years of age or older who have contributed to the support of the parish, who is not a member of another parish in the Diocese and who is a member in good standing