

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

**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

**Monday 12/12**

Meals On Wheels Delivery All Week

6PM Outreach Ministry Mtg

**Tuesday 12/13**

Meals ON wheels Delivery All Week

3PM Homework Club

5PM Worship Service

6PM Cursillo Grouping Chapel

**Wednesday 12/14**

Meals On Wheels Delivery All Week

NO Choir Rehearsal

6:15PM Grief Support Group

6:30PM Book Club Pot Luck

**Thursday 12/15**

Meals On Wheels Delivery All Week

1PM Rainbow Acts Crafting

3PM Homework Club Party

6PM Girl Scouts

**Friday 12/16**

Meals On Wheels Delivery All Week

6:30AM Morning Prayer

**Saturday 12/17**

10AM Ordinations at St. Paul's Cathedral  
Fond du Lac

**Sunday 12/18**

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

8:45AM Adult Christian Formation

9AM Kinderchurch

10:00AM Worship

Greeters/Ushers: 3rd Sun. Team

Acolyte/Crucifer: Geri Walker

**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!

**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.

**Stewardship Announcement:  
Fearless Generosity**

In the words of 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms". On November 13, 2016, St. James was blessed to receive 31 pledges in the amount of \$61,000 to help financially support God's mission at St. James Church. Last year our congregation received 42 pledges in the amount of \$92,000. If you missed pledge Sunday, there is still time to turn in your pledge cards and help us meet or exceed last year's pledge amount. Only with your help can St. James Episcopal Church continue to serve God and his mission in our church, community, and the world around us.

Thank-you - The Vestry

**Christmas Flower Donations**

If you would like to donate toward Christmas Flowers there are envelopes at the rear of the church. If you would like to have those flowers donated in someone's honor, please write those names on the sheet located near the envelopes.

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Hunner & MaryJean Reckelberg  
Readers: Glenn Davidowich, Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, Peggy Turnbull  
11:15AM Fellowship - Disciples

### 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](#)

[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](#)

## 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](mailto:schuette57@hotmail.com) or Amy Healey at [aah@alumni.northwestern.edu](mailto: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

## 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\*,

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 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 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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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 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

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.

### **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, and GERALYN, Bonnie, Charlie, Bev, Owen, Donna, Margaret

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

For those serving in the military:

Kyle Kurschner and 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 persons Baptized, confirmed and Received this past year. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Kericho - (Kenya). We pray for the people of our companion diocese, the Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and their bishop The Right Reverend Godfrey Tawonezvi. 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, Ernie

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. 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](http://www.stjamesmanitowoc.com)

### ACTS OF KINDNESS Reverse Advent Calendar

*The YMCA is sponsoring this event to benefit local charities.*

*For more information on how and where to donate items, please talk to Mary Burckle.*

- Dec. 7: Salvation Army - non-perishable food items
- Dec 8: Two Rivers Ecumenical Pantry - Christmas cookie mixes, sprinkles, frosting
- Dec. 9: Peter's Pantry - personal care items
- Dec 10: Peter's Pantry - non-perishable food items
- Dec 11: The Crossing - diapers, wipes, baby items
- Dec. 12: The Crossing - diapers, wipes, baby items
- Dec 13: Hope House - non-perishable breakfast food items, personal care items
- Dec. 14: KAN Cool for School - new school supplies
- Dec. 15: The Haven - Men's socks, gloves, hats, scarves, Men's body wash
- Dec. 16: Lakeshore Humane Society - pet food
- Dec. 17: Lakeshore Humane Society - pet supplies
- Dec 18: Painting Pathways - paper products-napkins, paper towels, toilet paper
- Dec. 19: Painting Pathways - printer paper, foil, zip-top bags, garbage bags, paper plates
- Dec. 20: DVC/In courage - toilet paper, body wash, hair brushes and combs
- Dec. 21: DVC/In courage - facial tissue, AA size batteries, Size 4 disposable diapers
- Dec. 22: Southfield Townhouses - Personal Care items
- Dec. 23: Homework Club - Children's books, educational games (Grades 1-6)