



St. James Weekly for May 14 - May 21, 2017
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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 5/14

9:00AM KinderChurch
10:00AM Worship
Greeters/Ushers: 2nd Sun. Team
Acolyte/Crucifer: Mary Jean Reckelberg
Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Hunner, Sudi Johnson
Readers: Richard Hall, Peggy Turnbull, Dianne Wilson
11:15AM Fellowship - Saints

Monday 5/15

Tuesday 5/16

8:30AM RUTH
5PM Worship Service
6PM Cursillo Grouping Chapel
6PM Miracle League of the Lakeshore

Wednesday 5/17

NO Choir Rehearsal
6:15PM Grief Support

Thursday 5/18

1PM Rainbow Acts Crafting
5:30PM Vestry Mtg
6PM Girl Scouts #8420

Friday 5/19

Hope House Rummage Sale

6:30AM Morning Prayer

Saturday 5/20

Hope House Rummage Sale

1PM Burial of Lois Culver Long

Sunday 5/21

9AM KinderChurch
10:00AM Worship Polka Mass
Greeters/Ushers: 3rd Sunday Team
Acolyte/Crucifer: Geri Walker
Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Hall, Sharon Meany
Readers: Karleen Cole, Skip Cole, Bob Feller
11:15AM Fellowship - Disciples
6PM - Carpool to Taize at St. Norbert's

Polka Mass Sunday, May 21 at 10AM

The Bob Kuether Band returns to St James Episcopal Church for our 10AM worship on Sunday, May 21 to provide music for a Polka Mass. Polka music with lyrics adapted to a worship setting will replace our hymns and service music on that day, and some dancing in the aisles is encouraged! Bob is the son of long-time member Lee Kuether and formed his own band in 1970. His band plays polkas and dance music at venues all over northeast Wisconsin. The polka mass tradition began in the 1970s. Various bands have adapted and shared commonly used hymn lyrics and popular polka tunes. Bob's son Mark has been offering a piano prelude before our 10AM Easter morning services since 2014. Please feel free to invite friends, neighbors and polka enthusiasts to St James on this fun day!

Many, many thanks!

Annalisa Valli graduated from UWGB with her Bachelor's in Business Administration Sat., May 13. Her Mom, Jane Robinson, would like to acknowledge all the members of St. James who have supported Annalisa and her daughter Gracie through the years. Thank you so very much.

News from Homework Club and Madison Elementary School

Homework Club concluded on Thursday with an end-of-the-year pizza party. The students took home books and school supplies. Many thanks to all of the Homework Club volunteers who supplied snacks, walked with the students from school to St. James, helped with homework, and prayed for our ministry. Some of our volunteers will continue to be involved with the students and families of Madison School in new ways.

On May 1st teachers from Madison traveled to our state capitol to receive a "Beating the Odds" award. This is the 6th year in a row that Madison Elementary has received the award and been named a "Title I School of Recognition"! The staff, students and families at Madison deserve our congratulations. Criteria for school eligibility for this award include being a Title I school, which enrolls a high percentage of economically disadvantaged children, and demonstration of above-average achievement in reading and math.

On Tuesday, May 23 see the students of Madison in action by attending their Spring Concert at either 10 AM or 2 PM in the school gymnasium. Contact Anne Schuette (242-2819) with any questions.

Milestones

May Anniversaries

May 4 Kelly & William Schultz
May 6 Leonard & Margaret Coombs
May 9 Todd &
MaryJean Reckelberg
May 23 Laura & Andrew Hooker

May Birthdays

May 4 Mayra Short
May 5 Audrey Bean
May 7 Noah Short
May 7 Owen Short
May 15 Shirley Ouradnik
May 16 Simon Schultz
May 20 Doris Hansen
May 26 Nick Reckelberg
May 28 Chase Huss
May 29 Oliver Schultz

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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Sunday Worship Ministries:

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

[Ministry Schedule March 5 - May 14, 2017](#)

[Ministry Schedule May 21 - August 6, 2017](#)

Discuss "When Breath Becomes Air" with the St. James Book Group on May 24

The St. James Book Group is reading "When Breath Becomes Air" by Paul Kalanithi during the month of May. Dr. Kalanithi's memoir concerns his diagnosis of cancer while he is completing his medical residency. The book is full of a young man's insights about life and death. Please join us to discuss the book on Wednesday, May 24 at 7 PM in the church library. We have a number of copies of the book available to sign out from the downstairs cloakroom and return on the day of the meeting. Please contact Anne Schuette (242-2819) or Marie Hawkins (683-9032) with questions.

A message from the Most Reverend Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury:

There's a lot about this job that stops you from getting too self-important. I remember being at some event and one of my colleagues heard someone in the crowd whisper, "Isn't that the Archbishop of Canterbury over there?" And the person's friend hissed back, "Nah, too short."

When I meet Jesus Christ at the judgment, I know one thing. He isn't going to care what size of Archbishop I was, or, I think, whether I was an Archbishop. What matters is that I loved Him and sought to follow Him, and above all, that I trusted in Him alone for my life and my future. Because the most important thing I've ever done is to become a follower of Jesus.

I took my first steps with Him about 42 years ago. Over those years, He's been a faithful friend, a Sovereign Lord, compassionate, forgiving, my ever-present Saviour, everything in my life, the heart and foundation of all I am.

Through the hardest and most painful times and in the best and most joyful times in my life, Jesus has walked alongside me. He's never left, even when I've wanted Him to. When I felt ready to give up hope, He picked me up, and it's His love that has healed me and strengthened me. Following Jesus has been the core point of my life, and that's one reason I want everyone to hear His voice calling to them and to learn what it is to find His love, His call, His direction, His purpose.

That's why I'm pledging to pray for more people to know the life-transforming love of Jesus Christ. And that's why I'm asking you, along with every Christian community around the world, to join me in pledging to pray as part of Thy Kingdom Come.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost (May 25-June 4) for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. Find out how you can #Pledge2Pray as an individual, family, or church by visiting www.thykingdomcome.global.

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. **We are highlighting the various ministries of St. James.** For more info, please talk to: Amma Diane, Liz Gordon, Sally Hunner, Tony Karl, Chuck Wernecke, and Dianne Wilson

Greeter/Usher Teams

*** Head Usher**

1st Sunday: Skip & Karleen Cole,
Donna Franz

2nd Sunday: Dave Haefke, Anne
Schuette, Mary Green

3rd Sunday: Murray Sim,
Bob & Ellen Feller, Michael Laughrin

4th Sunday: Steve Thuss*, Liz & Jim
Gordon

Fifth Sunday Months:

July 30 - 3rd Sunday team

October 29 - 4th Sunday team

December 31 - volunteers.

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.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed to End May and Start off June

St. James volunteers will deliver Meals on Wheels during the week of May 30 through June 2. A sign-up sheet will be available in the back of the church, and please talk to Judy Lavicka (684-1445) with any questions. This activity takes about one hour and involves picking up the meals at the Manitowoc Senior Center at 10:30 AM on your day, and dropping meals off at 4 or 5 senior living facilities. Thank you so much for helping out!

Worship Feedback Sessions June 4

You are invited to help shape our worship life at St James Episcopal Church! A worship feedback session is scheduled for Sunday, June 4 at 11:30AM. All are welcome to attend. Plan on an hour, but we'll run up to a max of 90 minutes if there is a lot of sharing. Worship is something very personal in our relationship with God, yet we do it together. The session 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 if 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.

St. James Book Circle June 6, 6:30PM

St James Book Circle is a co-ed group who meet the first Wednesday of the month to share and 'swap' with each other the contemporary Christian Books we are reading: Here are some titles we shared in May. We will meet again the first Wednesday of the month, June 6th at 6:30.

Donald Miller: [Blue Like Jazz](#)

Lindsey Hardin Freeman: [Stories of Women Transformed by Faith](#)

June G.Paul: [Praying Our Way Through Stress: Drawing Wisdom from the Lord's Life and Prayer](#)

Rayna Idilby, Suzanne Oliver, Priscilla Warner: [The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian and a Jew: 3 Women Searching for Understanding](#)

If you were unable to participate in the Discover and Grow series: Loving our Interfaith Neighbor, perhaps this book might be a place to begin.

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, Steve and Mary Beth, Susie and Dave, Bill, Steven, Mike and Laura, Karen, Matthew, Karen and Bob, Bonnie, Ray, Joan, Richard, Johnny and Sally, Audrey, Virginia, Judy, Marty & Nancy, Susan, Bonnie, Don, Beth, Laura, Liz, Geralyn, Chris, Stephanie & Zaine, Chip, Janice, Megan, Emily, Richard, Mike, Beverly, Tiger, Kim, Shirley

For guidance and discernment we lift up. . .

Those serving in the military: Kyle Kurschner, Zach Truett, Jordon Rosenthal, Brady, Shannon, Logan, Jesse Hansen

We also pray for: Tim, Guy and Mary, Kurt, Tyler, Lisann, Ronald, Kellen, Pat

Opportunities to Help Each Other

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.

Scrip Order Dates

June 11
July 9
August 13
September 10
October 8
November 12
December 3 & 10

Scrip is a way for you to purchase store gift cards for your own use or to give as gifts. The card user gets full value for the amount and St. James receives a percent (varies with retailer). The money St. James receives is going into our Outreach Fund. Order forms are available at the info center at the back of church

Orders and payment for the orders can be given to Mike Laughrin or Tammy McVeigh at any time during the month, no later than the date above for that month. The order will be sent in on the 15th of the month with the gift cards being available one to two Sundays later depending on what day of the week the 15th falls.

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 St. Ambrose, Antigo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for New Jersey - (II, The Episcopal Church). We pray for the people of Lowveld Churches and our companion Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and their bishop The Right Reverend Godfrey. 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 pray for those working in government in our cities, state, country and the world. We pray for our neighborhood.

We offer thanks for...

Diane our Rector, Richard and Tammy, 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, Howard, Bob, Cindy, Stan, Dale, Ray, Bill, Mary, Randy, Jill, Andy, John, Michelle, Clayton, Elaine, Carolyn, Ernie, Pat, Michael, Dorothy

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 check calendar
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 (not first Wednesday)
Thursdays	Homework Club 3PM
Fridays	Morning Prayer 6:30AM
May 16	RUTH Mtg 8:30AM
May 18	Rainbow Acts Crafting 1PM
May 18	Vestry Retreat Part 4 5:30PM
May 18	Girl Scouts #8420 6PM
May 19-20	Hope House Rummage Sale
May 20	Burial of Lois Culver Long 1PM
May 20-21	Diocesan Congregation Development Inst
May 21	Polka Mass 10AM
May 21	Carpool to Taize at St. Norbert's 6PM
May 23	Madison School Concert 10Am or 2PM
May 24	Sharing Faith Stories 5PM
May 24	St. James Book Group 7PM
May 25	Girl Scouts #8420 6PM
May 25	Hope House Open House 3 - 6:30PM
May 26 - June 3	Thy Kingdom Come Prayer
May 29 - June 2	Meals On Wheels Delivery all week

For a full calendar visit our website www.stjamesmanitowoc.com

Hope House Updates

Hope House of Manitowoc County empowers homeless families and individuals to progress toward self-sufficiency, one household at a time.

Amma Diane has joined the Board of Directors of Hope House.

Volunteer to Help with the Hope House Rummage Sale the Week of May 15

The Hope House annual rummage sale - May 19 and 20 at Hamman Construction (4613 Custer St. in Manitowoc) is a major fundraiser and volunteers are needed during the week of May 15 to move and sort items, and on the days of the sale to run the concessions stand, grill brats, and check out customers. Please call Steve Carlson (688-1436) if you are able to help on any day from Monday, May 15 through Saturday, May 20. Thanks!

We Are Invited to Visit the New Hope House - Thursday, May 25 from 3 - 6:30 PM

Thursday, May 25th is the next Hope House open house for the following congregations: St. Johns Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian, Lakeshore United Methodist, St. James Episcopal Church, Unitarian Universalists, Pax Christi, and St. Johns United Church of Christ. All are welcome to drop by the new location (corner of Custer and S. 35th Streets) between 3 - 6:30 pm. These open houses are not only for congregation members to come and be a part of the move and see the new building, but this will be a great opportunity to bring a friend or family member who is not currently volunteering at Hope House to come and see what we are all about! I am so excited for all of you to come and experience the new locations and see how we will be able to nearly double the amount of families we can serve! Please contact Steve Carlson, Volunteer Coordinator, at 686-1436 with any questions.

Hope House residents will be moving into the new house hopefully by mid-summer!

St. James is helping fund the Hope House move

The St. James Outreach Fund will match up to \$2,500 that is donated to Hope House through St. James. Our goal is to be able to contribute a total of \$5,000 (or more) over a three year period. The loose plate offering on the first Sunday of the month, every other month is being donated to Hope House and we have had other specific Sunday donation days. Individual donations can also be made.

St. James volunteers regularly help at Hope House. We share a volunteer week with United Lakeshore Methodist Church. If you want to know how you might be able to help, please talk to Amma Diane.