

Sunday 9/24

50-day read along bible challenge begins (see note)

Read Matthew 1:1-25

9AM KinderChurch

10:00AM Worship

Greeters/Ushers: 4th Sunday Team

Acolyte/Crucifer: Sharon Meany

Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Hall, Mary Jean Reckelberg

Readers: Chris Eggert-Rosenthal,

Richard Hall, Peggy Turnbull

11:15AM Fellowship - Disciples

11:30PM Conversation in Community

Monday 9/25

Read Matthew 2:1-23

Tuesday 9/26

Read Matthew 3:1-17

4PM Worship

5PM Cursillo Grouping

Wednesday 9/27

Read Matthew 4:1-22

6PM Book Group - Pot Luck

Thursday 9/28

Read Matthew 4:23-5:20

6PM Girl Scouts #8420

Friday 9/29

Read Matthew 5:21-48

6:30AM Morning Prayer

Saturday 9/30

Read Matthew 6:1-18

8:30AM Diocesan Change Workshop - DePere

Sunday 10/1

Read Matthew 6:19-34

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

9:00AM KinderChurch

10:00AM Worship

Greeters/Ushers: 1st Sun. Team

Acolyte/Crucifer: Mary Jean Reckelberg

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Hunner, Sudi Johnson

Readers: Karleen Cole, Skip Cole, Bob Feller

11:15AM Fellowship - Saints

NEW Bible Study Opportunity Starts Sept. 24

Independently, people are invited to read the Gospel of Matthew in a 50-day Bible challenge. It appears this method will work best for most people this season. A schedule of daily readings is available in the Info Center at the rear of the sanctuary or on the calendar on the left of the Weekly. We will gather at 8:45AM on Sunday November 12, the 50th day to share our thoughts on Matthew. All are welcome to read along. You may start anytime during the challenge.

St. James Book Group for September 27

In September our St. James Book Group is planning a pot-luck meeting as we discuss "Kitchens of the Great Midwest" by J. Ryan Stradel. Our meeting will start at 6 PM on Wednesday, **September 27**, at St. James in the Fellowship Hall, and bring a dish or beverage to share if you can. All St. James members, their friends and family, are welcome to sign out a copy of the "book of the month" from the cloakroom in the lower level at church. Please contact Anne Schuette (242-2819) or Marie Hawkins (683-9032) with any questions.

Managing Change in Congregations

The Commission on Congregational Vitality will be hosting a workshop on managing change in congregations, to be repeated in each of the deaneries. This workshop, presented by Leslie Gunter, the Rev. Diane Murray, and the Rev. Ralph Osborne, is designed for both clergy and lay leaders.

The workshop in each location will begin at 8:30 with a continental breakfast, with program beginning at 9 am. The day concludes by 3 pm. A registration fee of \$15 per person includes the continental breakfast, lunch and materials.

- Saturday, September 30, St. Anne, De Pere
- Saturday, October 7, St. John, Wausau

Register on-line at www.diofdl.org/ccv

Talk to Amma Diane if you need financial assistance to attend or a ride.

Blessing Of Animals October 1

The blessing of animals is a tradition associated with Francis of Assisi, an Italian Catholic friar who founded religious orders and is commonly known as the patron saint of animals and the environment. Francis is said to have referred to animals as his brothers and sisters. **Our annual blessing of animals will take place on Sunday, October 1 at the beginning of both 9AM and 10AM worship.** We'll bless animals, whether they can be present or not. We ask that people bringing animal(s) are able to control the animal and clean up after the animal in the event of an accident. Live pets, photos of pets, and toy pets are welcome for blessing, and we can even bless your animal if you simply mention them by name. Anybody who is able is invited to bring a bag of dry pet food or cat litter that we can donate to the local animal shelter.

Milestones

September Anniversaries

Sept 8 Ray & Liz Schrank
Sept.14 Victor & Joanna Sanchez
Sept 23 Jill & Mayra Short

September Birthdays

Sept 1 Miguel Oropeza
Sept 3 Sudi Johnson
Sept 7 Mel Ouradnik
Sept 13 Cameron Essert
Sept 15 Sean Essert
Sept 16 Victor Sanchez
Sept 19 Oliver Tessier
Sept 26 Glenn Davidowich
Sept 26 Mary Jean Reckelberg

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
920-860-5152

Sunday Worship Ministries:

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

[Ministry Schedule Aug.13 -
October 22, 2017](#)

Support the Appalachia Service Project - Buy a Christmas Wreath

October 4 is the deadline to order a hand-made Christmas wreath and support St. James members who are going on the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) mission trip in June 2018. This will be the 23rd year that high school students and adults from Manitowoc County travel to Appalachia to meet families who live there, and work on their homes. St. James partners with Grace Evangelical United Church of Christ in Two Rivers to make this trip happen. The ASP trip is entirely funded by selling wreaths and other Christmas greenery. The youth and adults going on the trip make the wreaths from fresh greens, and deliver them by the week of Thanksgiving. Please see Sophia Handl or Anne Schuette to order a wreath or for more information about ASP. THANKS so much!

"...but I have called you friend" Oct 7 9AM-12PM

The words of Jesus from the Gospel of John -- and His intuitive way of knowing what to say to each of His disciple friends, and to each of us -- are the inspiration for a morning of conversation on Saturday, October 7, from 9 AM to Noon.

Sally Hunner and Anne Schuette want to become better at being friends with and talking to people they encounter who live with mental illness. Sally and Anne have been talking to leaders from NAMI - Manitowoc (National Alliance on Mental Illness) and Painting Pathways Clubhouse, and gathering materials and information because they would like to learn more and be better at friendship!

Join Sally and Anne for a morning of learning from local experts, hearing from community members who live with mental illness, watching a video that puts mental illness into perspective - and most of all having a conversation about our own experiences, and how we have encountered and overcome some challenges. At the end of the morning we hope we'll all have learned something about how to handle those challenges.

Kathy Protsman, vice president of our local NAMI chapter, told Anne that churches are considered particularly safe places for people living with mental illness, and their families. Let's make St. James even better at that!

This event is open to all St. James people. Please call either Anne (242-2819) or Sally (755-2213) to sign up and receive more information. Those who attend will decide "what's next" for this initiative, so your ideas are welcome.

Mental Health Awareness October 8

October brings a variety of opportunities to remember those touched by mental illness. US Mental Health Awareness Week and World Mental Health Day are observed in October, as well as National Day Without Stigma and National Depression Screening Day. **Our 10AM worship on Sunday, October 8, will help us remember those whose lives are touched by mental illness.** And who is touched by mental illness? According to the National Institute of Mental Health, about one in four adults (26.2 percent of American 18 and older) suffer from a diagnosable mental illness in any given year. That means that one in four people in our pews has a family member living with mental health issues, or is living with those issues themselves.

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:

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.

Opportunities to Help Each Other

Occasionally members of St. James
need 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.

NEW DEPRESSION/BIPOLAR SUPPORT GROUP

starts Monday, October 16

You are not alone. Over 24 million people live with depression or bipolar disorder in the US. A new support group is forming in Manitowoc, and will meet from 6:30-8:30PM in the Lounge at First Presbyterian Church every Monday starting October 16 (502 N 8th St, Manitowoc; use the State St entrance). We are a caring, supportive group of peers. It's an open, free, drop-in meeting. Anyone diagnosed with depression or bipolar disorder or who thinks they may have a mood disorder may attend. For more information, email or call Donna (920.320.9054 or AffirmingPeers@gmail.com).

Church Housekeeping Update From Our Vestry

The Vestry recently reviewed the volunteer church housekeeping ministry, which has been in place at St James for about 6 months. Things are generally going well, and there are ways we can continue to improve. The Vestry decided unanimously to continue with volunteer church housekeeping. If you'd like to help, there is a schedule sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary. (If you do help with any task, please make sure you write your name on the sheet so we know a task was done.) Amma Diane will schedule follow-up training sessions in October with any who would like to help with this ministry, have questions about tasks, or would like a refresher. We are seeking a volunteer who would like to help coordinate the church housekeeping ministry (monitoring the schedule, soliciting volunteers when needed, keeping the Vestry updated with needs, etc.) if you are interested in being coordinator, please talk to Amma Diane. We are very appreciative of everybody who has helped in any way with this ministry. It's a wonderful example of great stewardship by our congregation!

All Saints Worship November 1 & 5

In early November we take time to remember and celebrate our family and friends, our sisters and brothers in Christ, and the saints in the broader church who have preceded us. **Join us for All Saints' Day worship at 12PM on Wednesday, November 1 and All Saints Sunday worship at 9AM and 10AM on Sunday, November 5.** (There will not be a service on November 2). These services will include time to remember others, as well as candle lighting and other traditions to help us remember our unity through time and place as the Body of Christ.

Remembering & Honoring Veterans Nov. 12

God calls us to be people of peace saying, "Blessed are the peacemakers", and reminding us that we are to love our neighbor and enemy as we love ourselves. There are times we as a global community fail to live out those words; times when young men and women hear the call to don the uniforms of their country and serve under their flag. **Join us for 10AM worship on Sunday, November 12, which will include a time of remembrance, recognizing, and honoring veterans.** Invite any veterans you know to join us for this special day.

Scrip Order Dates

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.

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

Saint 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, Susan and Bonnie, Don and Beth, Laura, Liz, Geralyn, Chip, Janice, Megan, Emily, Beverly, Tiger, Kim and Tracy, Dan and Maria, Billy, Baby Jack and his parents, Madeline, Aurelia, Murray, Brenden

For guidance and discernment we lift up. . .

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

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

Additional prayers we offer include...

Peace in our world...The people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Sudan and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Barnabas, Tomahawk, and for St. Francis Mission District of our companion Diocese of Masvingo, Zimbabwe. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for Southeast Florida - (IV The Episcopal Church). 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 pray for those affected by storms in the US and around the world.

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. Arch Bishop of Canterbury Justin Welby.

For our companion Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and their bishop The Right Reverend Godfrey.

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, Sharen

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:

Sunday KinderChurch at 9AM; Main Service 10AM
Tuesday Worship 4PM
Tuesday Cursillo Grouping 5PM
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal 5PM (check calendar)
Fridays Morning Prayer 6:30AM
Sept 24 Conversation in Community 11:30AM
Sept 27 St. James Book Group 6PM Potluck month
Sept 28 Girl Scouts #8420 6PM
Sept 30 Change Workshop 8:30AM DePere
Oct 1 Blessing of the Animals during services
Oct 1 Christian Book Circle 11:30AM
Oct 7 Change Workshop 8:30AM Wausau
Oct 7 "but I have called you friends" 9AM
Oct 8 Mental Health Awareness 10AM Service

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

CONVERSATIONS IN COMMUNITY SEPT 10-24 - AN INVITATION FROM YOUR VESTRY

During September, your St James Episcopal Church Vestry is inviting everyone to be a part of Conversations in Community, a series of small groups engaging in holy conversations to share information, feedback, and hopes for our future together. Anybody who cares about St James Episcopal Church is invited. You are important to us, so we hope you will all participate!

These conversations can lead us to a better understanding of who we are as a church in 2017 and what our hopes are for our future. Pairs of Vestry facilitators will lead each group and take notes. All are encouraged to listen with open hearts and minds as others share their own feelings and opinions relative to the questions that will be asked. Amma Diane has actively participated in planning these conversations and will be part of the follow-up, but has chosen not to facilitate or attend these groups.

Every participant will have the opportunity to respond to all questions; it's okay if you don't have a response for every question. We're including the questions in this announcement for those who would like to think about them in advance. In these small groups, we will seek answers to the following:

1. What originally brought you to St James Episcopal Church, and why did you stay?
2. Remembering your entire experience at our church, when were you most alive, most motivated, and most excited about your involvement?
3. What do you value most about our church?
4. Thinking about the present or short-term future (your answers to parts A & B may or not be related)...
 - A. What additional ministries or programs would you like to see offered?
 - B. What are any skills, gifts, or abilities you'd like to share with or teach others?
5. How would you imagine the future for St James?

Sign up for a Conversation at the back of the church starting Sunday August 13. If you can't be in church to sign up in August, contact Amma Diane and she can assist you. Some may find their experience enhanced by attending a group with a friend or family member, and others may prefer to attend separate groups. Groups of up to six participants and two Vestry facilitators will meet at St James for about 90-120 minutes. Water, coffee, and tea are available, and you are welcome to bring other snacks or refreshments. We've scheduled a variety of days and times The last session will be: Sunday 9/24 at 11:30AM.

We will all gather together to discuss feedback from Conversations in Community on Sunday, October 29 after 10AM worship.

We hope to see you all in Conversations in Community!

Your Vestry - Skip Cole, Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, Richard Hall (Senior Warden), Ron Hanson, Sally Hunner, Tony Karl (Clerk), Kim Kaufmann (Assistant Treasurer), Mike Laughrin, Tammy McVeigh (Junior Warden), Amma Diane Murray (Rector), & Mary Jean Reckelberg (Treasurer)