



St. James Weekly for October 1 - 8, 2017

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

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

11:30AM Christian Book Circle

Monday 10/2

Read Matthew 7:1-20

Tuesday 10/3

Read Matthew 7:21- 8:13

4PM Worship

5PM Cursillo Grouping

Wednesday 10/4

Read Matthew 8:14-34

Thursday 10/5

Read Matthew 9:1-26

7PM PFLAG

Friday 10/6

Read Matthew 9:27-10:15

6:30AM Morning Prayer

Saturday 10/7

Read Matthew 10:16-42

8:30AM Diocesan Change Workshop - Wausau

9AM Mental Health Program at St. James

Sunday 10/8

Scrip Orders Due

Read Matthew 11:1-24

9AM KinderChurch

10:00AM Worship

Greeters/Ushers: 2nd Sunday Team

Acolyte/Crucifer: Geri Walker

Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Hall, Sharon Meany

Readers: Eleanor Agnew, Jane Robinson, Dianne Wilson

11:15AM Fellowship - Saints

11:30AM Vestry Retreat Part 4

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.

Thank you to our vestry and to those of you who participated in our initial Diocesan Congregation Development Institute (DCDI) project by completing the medical issue and needs survey.

We are encouraged by the responses- especially from those who don't currently need this kind of support, but believe it could be helpful to others in our church family. We will be working on a second part of this project as we move forward with this initiative. We are required to report back to our learning group when we meet again November 19th. Stay tuned!

Amma Diane, Sudi Johnson, Chris Eggert-Rosenthal

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

Milestones

October Anniversaries

Oct. 8 Eleanor Agnew &
Ron Hansen

October Birthdays

Oct. 1 Julie Jenkyn
Oct. 11 Cadance Sleger
Oct. 15 Joanna Sanchez
Oct. 17 Scott Henderson
Oct. 18 Marissa Sleger
Oct. 25 Liz Schrank

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](#)

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.

Managing Change in Congregations

The Commission on Congregational Vitality will be hosting a workshop on managing change in congregations. 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 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, 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.

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.

Parish Life Meeting - Monday, Oct. 9 at 6 PM

All are welcome to join the group responsible for organizing Fellowship Hour, planning events like our Thanksgiving meal, and hosting pot lucks, spaghetti suppers, mystery dinners, movie nights, etc. We will gather on Monday, October 9 at 6 PM in the church library to make plans for October through December. Contact Eleanor Agnew or Anne Schuette for more information or with your suggestions. Thanks!

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.

Zimmer Forum on Oct. 10 - 12noon "Song, Scripture, and Story"

Dr. Justin Kruger will focus on *Song, Scripture, and Story: Connecting to the Book of Psalms*, at the Zimmer Forum on Tuesday, October 10, at 12:00 noon. Dr. Krueger is Assistant Professor of Music at St. Norbert College, Director of Liturgy and Worship at St. Margaret Mary Church in Neenah, and Director of the Green Bay Diocesan Chorale. For all who enjoy singing, this discussion will be participatory, so look forward to using your vocal cords! Silver Lake College and St. Francis of Assisi Parish are the sponsors of the monthly forum to honor Father Bill Zimmer. The talk will take place in the Heritage Room (room 238) on the second floor of the main building of Silver Lake College, [2406 South Alverno Road, Manitowoc](https://www.silverlakecollege.edu/2406-South-Alverno-Road-Manitowoc). There is no charge for this event. Please call Anne Schuette (682-7723) if you need a ride.

New Depression/Bipolar Support Group starts Mon., Oct. 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).

St. James Book Group Meets on Wednesday, October 25

The St. James Book Group will discuss *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead on Wednesday, October 25 at 7:00PM in the church library. The author won a National Book Award and Pulitzer Prize in 2016 for this novel. He chronicles the lives of generations of Americans from their trip from Africa to the United States in the early 1820's, in the hold of a slave ship, through the antebellum South. The St. James Book Group meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month and all members and their friends are welcome to attend. We obtain our books through the Manitowoc Public Library inter-library loan. The books are stored on a shelf in the downstairs cloakroom at church and copies can be signed out at any time during the month, and returned on the day of our meeting. Please contact Marie Hawkins (683-9032) or Anne Schuette (682-7723) with any questions.

An Invitation To Music Ministry At St James

CHOIR: Do you like to sing? Our Choir's primary mission is to help lead 10AM Worship on Sundays. We also occasionally offer special music/anthems. We rehearse at 5:00PM several Wednesdays per month for 30-60 minutes--you can help on Sundays even if you can't attend rehearsal. Our first rehearsal will be November 1. You don't need to be able to read music, and no audition is required. We invite you to sing with us for a week or a season to try it!

SPECIAL MUSIC: Are you an instrumentalist or singer who'd like to share music? Voice, piano, guitar, organ, violin, banjo, trumpet, flute, bagpipes, accordion, or any other instrument--we invite you to share your gifts! You can offer a special piece for a one-time occasion, or offer music on a regular basis.

ACCOMPANISTS: Do you play piano, organ, guitar, or another instrument, and are able to accompany music on an occasional or regular basis? We

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.

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.

invite you to enhance our worship by accompanying one or more songs, or a full service. Accompanists are welcome for a one-time occasion, or to provide music on a regular basis.

FOR MORE INFO: Anybody who loves God is invited to express that love through the music ministry at St James Episcopal Church... any skill level or experience is welcome! If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please talk to Music Director Tony Karl (tony.karl@att.net or 920-242-4978).

NEW Bible Study Opportunity Started 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.

All Saints/Souls Worship November 2 & 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 Souls' Day worship at 12PM on Thursday, November 2 and All Saints Sunday worship at 9AM and 10AM on Sunday, November 5.** (There will not be a service on November 1). 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.

Our Next Meals on Wheels Week is Nov. 6 - 10

Mark your November calendar: volunteers from St. James will deliver Meals on Wheels during the week of November 6 - 10. Look for a sign-up sheet later this month. Please contact Judy Lavicka (684-1445) or Anne Schuette (682-7723) with any questions.

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.

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 into, 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, The family of Kim Stoner, 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. Agnes, Algoma and for St. Paule's Mission District of our companion Diocese of Masvingo, Zimbabwe and their Bishop, The Right Reverend Godfrey. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Southern Philippines. 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, Kim

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 Adult Formation at 8:45AM check calendar
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
Oct 1 Blessing of the Animals during services
Oct 1 Christian Book Circle 11:30AM
Oct 4 Deadline for an APS Christmas Wreath
Oct 7 Change Workshop 8:30AM Wausau
Oct 7 "but I have called you friends" 9AM
Oct 8 Mental Health Awareness 10AM Service
Oct 8 Scrip Orders Due
Oct 8 Vestry Retreat Part 4
Oct 9 Parish Life Meeting 6PM

Oct 10	Zimmer Forum 12Noon
Oct 12	Vestry retreat Part 5 5:30PM
Oct 12	Girl Scouts #8420 6:30PM
Oct 14	Mens' Breakfast Lighthouse Inn 8AM
Oct 14	Women's Breakfast - St. James 9AM
Oct 14	Fellowship Hall Busy noon - Private group
Oct 15	Taize Carpool 6PM
Oct 16	Bipolar/Depression group at 1st Pres. 6:30PM
Oct 17	RUTH Board Meeting 8:30AM
Oct 17	Discover & Grow Mtg 2:30PM
Oct 17	Miracle League Mtg. 6PM
Oct 19	Rainbow Acts Crafting 1PM
Oct 19	Girl Scouts #8420 6:30PM
Oct 21	Diocesan Convention - Oneida
Oct 21	Fellowship Hall busy 4PM - Private Group
Oct 25	St. James Book Club 7PM
Oct 26	Girl Scouts #8420 6:30PM
Oct 29	Vestry Report to Congregation 11:15AM
Oct 31	Living the Questions 6:30PM
Nov 1	Choir Rehearsal Begins 5PM
Nov 2	All Souls' Worship 12 Noon
Nov 5	All Saints' Worship 9AM & 10 AM
Nov. 6-10	Meals On Wheels Delivery Week
Nov 12	Remembering & Honoring Veterans 10AM

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

Living the Questions

Tuesdays, October 31 - December 12, 6:30-8PM

Living the Questions is an open-minded alternative to studies that attempt to give participants all the answers, and instead strives to create an environment where participants can interact with one another in exploring what's next for Christianity. This class meets in the lower level Fellowship Hall at St James Episcopal Church from 6:30 to 8:00 PM on Tuesday evenings October 31 through December 12.

Each week will include time watching video segments featuring a variety of scholars, theologians, and other experts, as well as time to share and discuss. Weekly themes will include: "Restoring Relationships", "The Prophetic Jesus", "Evil, Suffering, & A God of Love", "The Myth of Redemptive Violence", "Practicing Resurrection", "Debunking the Rapture", and "Honoring Creation" (this is a different set of topics than the *Living the Questions* series offered in winter 2017). You don't need to commit to all seven weeks, so attend as you are able. There is no charge, no need to sign up, and all materials are provided. Please talk to Sally Hunner, Sudi Johnson, Tony Karl, or Amma Diane for more info.