



## St. James Weekly for November 12 - 19, 2017

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The Rev. Diane M. Murray, Rector 920-860-5152 (cell)

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

### Sunday 11/12

#### Scrip Orders Due

Read Matthew 28:1-20

8:45AM Discussion on Matthew

9:00AM KinderChurch

10:00AM Worship

Honoring Veterans

Baptism

Greeters/Ushers: 2nd Sun. Team

Acolyte/Crucifer: Kim Kaufmann

Eucharistic Ministers: Chris Eggert-

Rosenthal, Dianne Wilson

Readers: Karleen Cole, Skip Cole,

Bob Feller

11:15AM Fellowship - Saints

### Monday 11/13

9:30AM Conversation in Community

### Tuesday 11/14

1:30PM Conversation in Community

4PM Worship

5PM Cursillo Grouping

6:30PM Living the Questions

### Wednesday 11/15

5PM Choir

7PM Book Group

### Thursday 11/16

9:30AM Conversation in Community

1PM Rainbow Acts Crafting

6PM Girl Scouts

### Friday 11/17

6:30AM Morning Prayer

### Saturday 11/18

### Sunday 11/19

#### Stewardship Sunday

9AM KinderChurch

10:00AM Worship

Greeters/Ushers: 3rd Sunday Team

Acolyte/Crucifer: Sharon Meany

Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Hall,

Mary Jean Reckelberg

Readers: Eleanor Agnew, Jane

Robinson, Dianne Wilson

11:15AM Fellowship - Disciples

### Bible Study: Review the Gospel of Matthew

#### Nov. 12, 8:45AM in the St. James library

Independently, people have been reading the Gospel of Matthew in a 50-day Bible challenge. 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 attend even if you have not been reading along.

### 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.

### Living the Questions Tuesdays, Nov. 14 - Dec. 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. 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 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.

### Zimmer Forum Nov 14 - The Red Bandanna

Jeff Kurowski will discuss *The Red Bandanna: A Life, A Choice, A Legacy* by Tom Rinaldi, at the Zimmer Forum on Tuesday, November 14, at 12:00 noon. Kurowski is the Associate Editor of *The Compass*, the newspaper for the Diocese of Green Bay. This book comes highly recommended by several members of St. James and focuses on the life of one man who acted heroically on 9/11/2001. How did his life prepare him for that moment? The talks 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. There is no charge for this event. Please call Anne Schuette (242-2819) if you need a ride.

## Milestones

### November Anniversaries

Nov 11 Bob & Karen Owaski  
Nov 24 Clarence & Liese  
Carbon

### November Birthdays

Nov. 1 Steve Thuss  
Nov 2 Kyra Jo Laws  
Nov 3 Ron Hanson  
Nov 12 Bob Feller  
Nov 15 Rowen Schultz  
Nov 16 Margaret Coombs  
Nov 17 Marie Hawkins  
Nov 22 Charles Wernecke  
Nov 23 Mike Laughrin

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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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 Oct. 29,  
2017 - Jan.14, 2018](#)

## St. James Book Group Meets on Wed. – Nov. 15 and Dec. 13

The St. James Book Group will meet a week early this month due to Thanksgiving. Please join us on Wednesday, **November 15**, at 7 PM in the church library, to discuss *Love, Luck and Lemon Pie* by Amy E. Reichert. This will be a fun read, by a local author, involving gambling, marriage, and lemon pie. Sign out a copy from the bin on the shelf in the downstairs cloakroom at church and return it on the day of our meeting. Also: Mark your calendars for our end-of-the-year meeting and pot-luck on Wednesday, **December 13** at 6:30 PM at the home of Anne Schuette. All are invited to attend and bring your suggestion for a book to read together in 2018. Please contact Marie Hawkins (683-9032) or Anne Schuette (242-2819) with any questions.

## Stewardship Sunday, November 19, 2017

**GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION**  
**BUILDING HOPE**  
**THROUGH GRATEFUL HEARTS**

*God loves us into being...*

*God teaches us to act, to love, to serve...*

*May we be inspired to build hope in God's*

*Kingdom in our community and world...*

## Thanksgiving Day At St. James - November 23

St. James will be filled with worship and music, fun and games, and the aroma of Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 23, as we continue the tradition of a family-style meal. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:00AM, followed by games and activities in the Fellowship Hall. At noon all are welcome to sit down for turkey and mashed potatoes with gravy - supplemented by pot-luck dishes from those who attend. Please join the parish family for part or all of the day - you can come for the worship, the games, the food, or the works! Family and friends are welcome. If you know you are able to attend please sign up so we are can plan ahead. Contact Eleanor Agnew (686-1954) with any questions.

## Advent Devotionals & Study Guides

Beginning Sunday, December 3, each Sunday in Advent we draw closer and closer to the celebration of the Incarnation of our Lord. St. James will again have Advent devotionals and study guides available for individuals or small groups to use. We plan to have devotionals from the Living Compass and printed copies of a new offering from the Commission on Congregational Vitality (CCV) available at the end of November.

The Sunday Collects serve as prayers that lead us in preparation for the Birth of Jesus. This Advent you are invited to spend time and engage the Collects of Advent using the Advent Series developed by the CCV. Each week consists of one of the Sunday Advent Collects accompanied by several questions for small group discussion or individual reflection. Perhaps you might want to invite others to join you? You may also download the CCV series at [www.diofd.org/ccv](http://www.diofd.org/ccv)

## **Greeter/Usher Teams**

**\* Head Usher**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday:** Skip & Karleen Cole, Donna Franz

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday:** Dave Haefke, Anne Schuette, Mary Green

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday:** Murray Sim, Bob & Ellen Feller, Michael Laughrin

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** Steve Thuss\*, Liz & Jim Gordon

Fifth Sunday Month:

December 31 - volunteers.

Please talk to anyone on the teams to become involved in this ministry.

## **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.)

Dave Haefke, Judy Lavicka\*,

, 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**

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.

## **St. James Book Circle Update**

St James Book Circle readers shared the following titles when we met last Sunday. (new schedule is the first Sunday of the month following worship)

A Handful of Quiet: Happiness in 4 Pebbles by Thich Nhat Hahn

My Life with the Saints by James Martin

Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World by Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu

The Jesus Heist by C. Andrew Doyle (Episcopal Bishop of Texas)

I ♥ Francis by Donna Schaper (Love letters to Pope Francis from a UCC pastor)

## **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, Chip, Janice, Megan, Emily, Beverly, Tiger, Dan and Maria, Billy, Murray, Brenden, the family of Geralyn Dineen, Melissa

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

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

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

**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 All Saints, Appleton. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Ughelli - (Bendel, Nigeria). 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, and for those affected by the violence in Las Vegas, and New York, and Southland, Texas.

**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, Geralyn

### Scrip Order Dates

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.

### Vestry Updates

Approved Vestry Minutes, Financial Statements and Agendas for our meeting can be found on the bulletin board across from the office on the lower level.

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
Nov 12	Scrip Orders due
Nov 12	Discussion on Matthew 8:45AM
Nov 12	Remembering & Honoring Veterans 10AM
Nov 13	Conversations in Community 9:30AM
Nov 14	Conversation In Community 1:30PM
Nov 14	Living the Questions 6:30PM
Nov 15	Choir 5PM
Nov 15	Book Group 7PM
Nov 16	Conversations in Community 9:30AM
Nov 16	Rainbow Acts Crafting 1PM
Nov 16	Girl Scouts 6PM
Nov 19	Stewardship Sunday
Nov 21	Conversations In Community 1:30PM
Nov 21	Miracle League of the Lakeshore 6PM
Nov 21	Living the Questions 6:30PM
Nov 22	Choir 5PM
Nov 23	Worship 10AM, games after, dinner 12noon
Nov 28	Living the Questions 6:30PM
Nov 29	Choir 5PM
Nov 30	Girl Scouts 6PM

For a full calendar visit our website [www.stjamesmanitowoc.com](http://www.stjamesmanitowoc.com)

## CONVERSATIONS IN COMMUNITY, ROUND 2 - NOVEMBER 2017

During November, your St James Episcopal Church Vestry is inviting everyone to be a part of the second round of Conversations in Community. Anybody who cares about St James Episcopal Church is invited. You are important to us, so we hope you will all participate! Our September 2017 Conversations helped lead us to a better understanding of who we are as a church in 2017 and what our concerns and dreams are for our future. This round will focus on 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. We'd like to hear some of your thoughts, concerns, ideas, and dreams about the future of our congregation when it comes to two of the largest portions of our budget-our building and our clergy:

1. Thinking about our current physical church structure (interior and exterior), grounds, and location, what do you like most?
2. Thinking about our current physical church structure (interior and exterior), grounds, and location, what do you like least?

3. Here's a list of some options related to our physical presence to consider as we discern our future. These are all options other churches have done-some have implemented more than one. No ideas are off the table. Speak to any of these that move you, positively or negatively. Big ideas and outside-the-box ideas are welcome.

What would it look like if...

*...we stay in our current location and make no major changes?*

*...we stay in our current location and face major building expenses beyond our endowment fund?*

*...we stay and find other groups to lease part of the space in our current location?*

*...we move and lease part of the space in another church (sometimes called "nesting")?*

*...we move to another site (building a new site or leasing another site)?*

*...we move to another shared location (not in a traditional church space)?*

*...we share some combination of resources (ministries, finances, staff, and/or space) with one or more local churches?*

*...other ideas about where we do ministry?*

4. Here's a list of some options related to clergy to consider as we discern our future.

These are all options other churches have done-some have implemented more than one. No ideas are off the table. Speak to any of these that move you, positively or negatively. Big ideas and outside-the-box ideas are welcome.

What would it look like if...

*...we continue as-is with a half-time rector?*

*...we transition to a part-time rector (less than half-time)?*

*...the bishop is able to assign us a permanent Deacon in addition to our rector?*

*...we yoke with another non-local Episcopal Church, sharing one priest?*

*...we join an ecumenical partnership with local churches sharing multiple clergy?*

*...we stop having a rector and use supply clergy only?*

*...we stop having a rector and use supply clergy and contract additional fill-in ministry?*

*...other ideas about our relationship with clergy in our ministry?*

Sign up for a Conversations in Community group at the back of the church starting Sunday 10/29. 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: Monday 11/13 at 9:30AM; Tuesday 11/14 at 1:30PM; Thursday 11/16 at 9:30AM; and Tuesday 11/21 at 1:30PM. If you are unable to make it to church to sign up, please contact Amma Diane and she can assist you in signing up. If you are unable to attend any of the scheduled groups, let Amma Diane know and we'll make other arrangements with you.

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)