

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

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

Monday 11/20

Tuesday 11/21

1:30PM Conversation in Community
 4PM Worship
 5PM Cursillo Grouping
 6PM Miracle League Meeting
 6:30PM Living the Questions

Wednesday 11/22

NO Choir

Thursday 11/23

10AM Worship Service
 11AM Games
 12Noon Thanksgiving Dinner

Friday 11/24

6:30AM Morning Prayer

Saturday 11/25

Sunday 11/26

Christ The King Sunday

9:00AM KinderChurch
 10:00AM Worship
 Greeters/Ushers: 4th Sun. Team
 Acolyte/Crucifer: Mary Jean
 Reckelberg
 Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Hunner,
 Sudi Johnson
 Readers: Chris Eggert-Rosenthal,
 Richard Hall, Peggy Turnbull
 11:15AM Fellowship - Disciples

Milestones

November Anniversaries

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

Stewardship Sunday, November 19, 2017

GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION
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Living the Questions Tuesdays, Nov. 21 - 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.

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

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](#)

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

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:

December 31 - volunteers.

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.diofdl.org/ccv

"Come and See" Bulletin Boards

Stop downstairs before or after worship on Sun., Nov. 19, and take a look at two spruced up bulletin boards - "Come and See" and "What God Has Done". The Women's Breakfast group suggested posting stories on our bulletin boards about what God is doing in our lives and at St. James. Stories and photos posted this week are: "Zai 's Baptism", "Women's Breakfast Group takes a look at the Psalms", and "The Appalachian Service Project at St. James". All are welcome to submit photos and stories - if you have a story but don't know how to "write it up" please talk to Liz Gordon or Anne Schuette. We'll add stories regularly and love to have suggestions. Expect our bulletin boards to be a source of inspiration and information!

St. James Book Group Meets on Wednesday, Dec. 13

Mark your calendars for the St. James Book Group end-of-the-year meeting and pot-luck on Wednesday, **Dec 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.

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 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:

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, Ron Hansen, Amy Healey, Dan Hornung, Anne ,Schuette*, Bob & Peggy Turnbull, Geri Walker.

Disciples Team (3rd& 4th Sun.)

Dave Haefke, Judy Lavicka*, 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.

Scrip Order Dates

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

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, Melissa, Ben

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 the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for Uyo - (Nigel Delta, 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, New York, and Southerland, 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.

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 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	Vestry retreat 5:30PM
Nov 30	Girl Scouts 6PM
Dec 3	1st Sunday of Advent
Dec 3	Scrip Orders Due

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.

Dec 3 Christian Book Circle 11:30AM
Dec 5 Living the Questions 6:30PM
Dec 6 Choir Rehearsal 5PM
Dec 7 PFLAG 7PM
Dec 9 Men's Breakfast 8AM
Dec 9 Women's Breakfast 9AM
Dec 10 2nd Sunday of Advent
Dec 10 Scrip Orders Due
Dec 12 Discover & Grow Mtg 2:30PM
Dec 12 Living the Questions 6:30PM
Dec 13 Choir Rehearsal 5PM
Dec 13 St. James Book Group 6:30PM
Dec 14 Vestry Meeting 5:30PM
Dec 14 Girl Scouts 6PM
Dec 17 3rd Sunday of Advent
Dec 19 RUTH Mtg 8:30AM
Dec 19 Miracle League of the Lakeshore 6PM
Dec 20 Choir Rehearsal 5PM
Dec 21 Rainbow Acts Crafting 1PM
Dec 21 Girls Scouts 6PM
Dec 24 4th Sunday of Advent
Dec 24 Christmas Eve 6:30PM Music, 7PM Church
Dec 25 Christmas Day 9AM Morning Prayer
For a full calendar visit our website www.stjamesmanitowoc.com

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Greetings to you in this season after Pentecost!

"Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son." (Ephesians 1:4-6 The Message)

Over the past year we have studied and practiced becoming more faithful stewards through fearless living, service, sowing and giving. In the year ahead, our goal is to put our gratefulness to God, into action. May we build hope in God's Kingdom through our witness.

We will look at our uses of Time, Talent and Finances. Our giving Financially through our annual pledge for our daily Mission & Ministry. Our giving Financially through Capital (Project) Funding for the future/growth of our Mission & Ministry and our giving financially through Planned (Estate) Giving for the continuation of our Mission and Ministry.

We will look back at our history as a worshiping community in this place, our memories of our lives lived in community, of our ministries past, present and future and we will look at today and forward to new opportunities and ways God is drawing us into new creations for the future.