

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

**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: Ruby Gunderson, Richard Hall, Peggy Turnbull  
 11:15AM Fellowship - Disciples  
 11:15AM Altar Guild Training

**Monday 11/27**

**Tuesday 11/28**

4PM Worship  
 5PM Cursillo Grouping  
 6:30PM Living the Questions

**Wednesday 11/29**

NO Choir

**Thursday 11/30**

5:30PM Vestry Retreat  
 6PM Girl Scouts

**Friday 12/1**

6:30AM Morning Prayer

**Saturday 11/25**

**Sunday 12/3**

**1st Sunday of Advent**

8:45AM Study on Mary  
 9AM KinderChurch  
 10:00AM Worship  
 Greeters/Ushers: 1st Sunday Team  
 Acolyte/Crucifer: Geri Walker  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Hall, Sharon Meany  
 Readers: Karleen Cole, Skip Cole, Bob Feller  
 11:15AM Fellowship - Saints

**Milestones**

**December Anniversaries**

Dec 13 Randy & Cindy Hronek

**December Birthdays**

Dec 2 Todd Reckelberg  
 Dec 4 Chris Couris  
 Dec 5 Bill Schultz  
 Dec 11 Geri Walker  
 Dec 14 Grace Valli  
 Dec 15 Kelly Schultz  
 Dec 20 Nancy Sim  
 Dec 25 Sharon Meany  
 Dec 27 Patrick Byrd

**Interested in serving on the Altar Guild?**

Sunday November 26, anyone interested in serving on the Altar Guild may join us for a brief training after the 10AM service in the sacristy (room to the right if you're facing the altar). This ministry is open to all adults. This ministry is mostly done behind the scenes, does not take much time and can be done at a variety of hours. Contact Amma Diane if you'd like to know more or attend the training!

**You can still turn in your annual stewardship pledge. Cards are available at the rear of the sanctuary.**

**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...*

**Ways to Help Others during Advent**

Donate one or more items to *inCourage* Domestic Violence Center. A holiday wish list is posted on the Volunteer Opportunities bulletin board. Items can be placed in the red bin next to our Peter's Pantry bins. A member of the Outreach Committee will drop off our donations the week of December 20.

Ring a bell or volunteer for the Salvation Army: Sign up to ring the bell at [www.ringbells.org](http://www.ringbells.org) or call 684-7117. Help with their Toy Shop and benefit children in our county - Set up - 11/28-12/8, Distribution - 12/12-12/13, Clean Up - 12/13, 5 pm. Call Lisa Stricklin 684-7117 with questions or to volunteer.

Make a donation through Episcopal Relief and Development. Options include: chickens and cows, vitamins and fruit trees, literacy programs, seeds and tools. Or give to the ERD Global Needs Fund and your gift will be matched dollar for dollar. Check out [episcopalrelief.org](http://episcopalrelief.org).

**Living the Questions Tuesdays, Nov. 28 - 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

**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](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](#)

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

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.

**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.diofdl.org/ccv](http://www.diofdl.org/ccv)

**The Wonder of Christmas 2017**

**hosted by Lakeshore United Methodist Church**

A display of several hundred nativity scenes. Free and open to the public, this ecumenical event has been hosted by Trinity Alliance Church for over 10-years.

Fridays, December 1 & 8, 3-7PM

Saturdays, December 2 & 9, 11AM - 4PM

Sundays, December 3 & 10 12noon - 4PM

Lakeshore United Methodist is located at 411 Reed Ave. Manitowoc, WI

**St. James Book Circle Meets Dec. 3 at 11:30AM**

St James Book Circle readers shared the titles below last month. Bring one or more titles or books you are or have read that inspired you to share with the group.

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)

**Greetings from the Cursillo Community of St. Peters Sheb. Falls!**

The Cursillo Secretariat (leadership team) leaves the December Ultreya to communities to decide where and when to meet since it is such a busy time. The Cursillo community at St Peter's is offering to host an Ultreya on Saturday December 9th, for neighboring churches at the Church House located at the corner of Buffalo and Elm in Sheboygan Falls. It will run from 10:00-12:00 (noon).

Could all of you help spread the word among at your church? Bring a snack if you like, it doesn't need to be a lot.

Hope to see as many there as we can!

### **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.

### **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 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month with the gift cards being available one to two Sundays later depending on what day of the week the 15<sup>th</sup> falls.

### **St. James Book Group Meets on Wed., 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.

### **"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!

### **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, 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 Holy Apostles, Oneida, and St. Stephen Mission District of our companion Diocese of Masvingo, Zimbabwe. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for Wad Medani - (Northern Sudan). 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 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

## 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 26 Altar Guild Training 11:15AM  
Nov 28 Living the Questions 6:30PM  
Nov 29 NO Choir  
Nov 30 Vestry retreat 5:30PM  
Nov 30 Girl Scouts 6PM  
Dec 3 1st Sunday of Advent  
Dec 3 Scrip Orders Due  
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  
Dec 27 NO Choir

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