



## St. James Weekly for Dec 9-16, 2018

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

### Sunday 12/9

#### Scrip Orders Due

#### 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:45AM Adult Study Group

9AM KinderChurch

10:00AM Worship

Greeters/Ushers: 2nd Sunday Team

Acolyte/Crucifer: Geri Walker

Eucharistic Ministers: Glenn

Davidowich & Dianne Wilson

Readers: Karleen & Skip Cole

11:15AM Fellowship - Saints

### Monday 12/10

### Tuesday 12/11

1Pm Rainbow Acts Crafting

### Wednesday 12/12

4PM Worship

5PM Choir

6:30PM Book Club Pot Luck

### Thursday 12/13

5:30PM Vestry

6PM Girl Scouts

### Friday 12/14

6:30AM Morning Prayer

### Saturday 12/15

### Sunday 12/16

#### 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:45AM Adult Study Group

9AM KinderChurch

10:00AM Worship

Greeters/Ushers: 3rd Sunday Team

Acolyte/Crucifer: Kim Kaufmann

Eucharistic Ministers: Sudi Johnson &

Chris Eggert-Rosenthal

Readers: Richard Hall,

Mary Green

11:15AM Fellowship - Disciples

11:30AM Special Worship Service

Planning Meeting

### Advent Calendars for 2019

Thanks to Marian Flint, Liz Gordon, Amy Healey, Sophia Handl, Clara Handl, Macy Schultz, and Anne Schuette for contributing squares to our Advent bulletin board. There are still copies of the color-able Advent calendar from Forward Movement available -- feel free to take one home.

### Thanks for Supporting the ASP wreath sale

Thanks again to all who supported the Appalachia Service Project wreath sale this year. The funds raised will send over 40 youth and adults from all around Manitowoc County to West Virginia the week of July 13 - 20, 2019. Much of the funding goes toward materials to make homes "safer, warmer, and drier" for families. Sophie Handl and Anne Schuette will represent St. James on this trip.

### Advent Study: Sundays before Church, Dec. 9, 16

8:45 Gather in Church Library, Downstairs

9-9:45 Read & Discuss

- Read together & discuss *Your Untold Story: Tales of a Child of God* by Jake Owensby, Bishop of Western Louisiana.
- Learn about how God's presence works in our lives.
- Presiding Bishop Michael Curry says, "Bishop Owensby is one of the finest thinkers and writers on today's scene, religious or secular. I read everything he publishes, and I learn something, think deeply, and am moved every time I do. This book is no different. **You'll learn, think, be moved, and live a bit differently.**"

### Help Manitowoc-Two Rivers YMCA Swimmers

#### Monday, December 10, 4-7PM at Pizza Ranch

Mary Burckle, Swim Team Manager at the Manitowoc-Two Rivers YMCA has let us know that the Y swim team has swimmers that qualify for Y Nationals. The swimmers could use our help to raise money to send them and a coach (required) to Florida for this event. All we need to do is show up at the Manitowoc Pizza Ranch located at 3212 Calumet Ave and eat dinner. No coupons required. A portion of the profits made between 4-7PM will go to the Y swimmers competing in the Y Nationals.

### Zimmer Forum on Dec. 11 - "A Marginal Jew" by John Meier

Tim Olson, principal of Roncalli High School, will discuss the influential theological study *A Marginal Jew: Rethinking the Historical Jesus*, by John Meier, at the Zimmer Forum on Tuesday, December 11 at 12:00 noon. Meier, a biblical scholar and Roman Catholic priest, published this five-volume work between 1991 and 2016. He was able to bring newly discovered or re-discovered extra-Biblical sources into a comprehensive discussion of "who Jesus was and is." 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 - Silver Lake College, 2406 South Alverno Road, Manitowoc. There is no charge for this event. Please call Anne Schuette (242-2819) with questions or to arrange a ride.

## Milestones

### December Anniversaries

13 Randy & Cindy Hronek

### December Birthdays

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

**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](#)
- [Diocesan & Anglican Cycles of Prayer](#)

[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

[Nov 11 2018 - Jan 27 2019 Ministry Schedule](#)

### 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

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

## Book Group Year-End Pot Luck on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 6:30PM

The St. James Book Group will meet to talk about *A Redbird Christmas* by Fannie Flagg on Wednesday, December 12 at 6:30 PM in the church parish hall. Our end-of-the-year meeting starts with a pot luck and includes selecting books to read together in 2019. All are welcome to attend the meeting and, if able, bring a snack to share, and/or a book suggestion for the coming year. Copies of *A Redbird Christmas* are available to sign out - check the shelf in the lower level cloakroom. Please contact Marie Hawkins (683-9032) or Anne Schuette (242-2819) with any questions.

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

**ADVENT:** Our Advent journey begins! Join us for 9AM KinderChurch and 10AM Worship on Sundays 12/9, 12/16, and 12/23 as we prepare ourselves for the remembrance of the Christ child's birth. We'll also have our weekly 4PM Worship on Wednesdays and 6:30AM Morning Prayer on Fridays.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS:** The holiday season can be a difficult time for those who have experienced loss. We invite you to a special "Blue Christmas" themed Worship at 4PM on Wednesday 12/19 to remember and honor our loss and grief.

**CHRISTMAS EVE:** Join us starting at 6:30PM on Monday 12/24 for a musical prelude celebrating Christ's birth. Anybody who would like to sing or play a song is welcome to do so-talk to Tony Karl or Amma Diane if you are interested or have questions. Worship begins at 7PM, includes festive music, and ends with our Sanctuary softly glowing by candle light.

**CHRISTMAS DAY:** Christ is born! On Christmas morning, Tuesday 12/25, join us for Morning Prayer at 9AM.

**CHRISTMAS HYMN SING:** 10AM Worship on Sunday 12/30 will continue the celebration of Christ's birth with a Christmas hymn sing. Be ready to request your favorite Christmas songs from our blue Hymnal 1982 books.

## The Salvation Army Giving Tree

Thanks to all who adopted a family member as part of our Salvation Army Giving Tree.

Some things to remember: The Salvation Army is also in need of help to assist parents who come to shop on the scheduled distribution days. If you'd like to help the distribution and clean-up dates are: December 11 and 12 from 9 am-5 pm. Shifts of two or more hours are appreciated.

Please call the Salvation Army office (920-684-7117, ext. 111) if you can help during any of these times. You are a valuable part of ALL we do!

## SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE PLANNING 12/16 & BEYOND

One of our 2021 goals is: "*St James is known as a spiritual and healing place, responding to local needs and national events*". In order to help work toward that goal, we are going to begin preparing some special Worship services based on specific events or themes. The first step will be a brief Conversations in Community gathering after 10AM Worship on Sunday 12/16. Participants will be invited to contribute ideas for a list of special Worship services that are a response to a specific event (natural disaster, shooting, terrorism, etc) or that are based on a specific theme (peace, suicide, domestic violence, etc).

The next step after 12/16 will be to invite those who are interested to help research, adapt, or write prayers, texts, music, and other items for one or more special Worship services that they are interested in. Your involvement can be flexible based on your schedule and interest. You can help with any or all parts

## 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.

#### Disciples Team (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun.)

Dave Haefke, Judy Lavicka\*, Steve Thuss, Ruby Gunderson, Murray Sim

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.

## St. James Church Building Contacts

If you are aware of anything inside or outside our building that needs attention or maintenance, please call or e-mail one of our building contacts. Please try Dave first and work your way down the list. Thanks!

Dave Haefke 920-860-4127  
dhaefke@gmail.com

Steve Thuss 920-323-6595  
schnidrr@tm.net

Murray Sim 414-617-9291  
murray.sim@cenallc.com  
If there is an emergency, please call 911

## Opportunities to Help Each Other

### Green Bay Airport Transportation for Chris Rosenthal and dog Abby

Chris's employment in Little Rock, AK may be extended further than she anticipated. Please consider taking a turn- either picking her up on a Thursday/Friday (typically 1 pm) or returning her on a Monday am (departing Two Rivers around 7:45 am). We will try again, the Meal Train Plus 'on line' calendaring system (which seemed to work well for Sudi's medical appointments.)

Sign up with your email address. You will then be invited to the Meal Train website to sign up for a Thursday/Friday or a Monday time

of the planning stages, and you can choose to help with just one special Worship service or as many as you like. Once we have these resources prepared, we'll be able to respond with short notice to needs and events by scheduling and hosting a special Worship service for our congregation and community.

Those who'd like to help with this project will also have the option to help develop ways to target, promote, and evaluate these special Worship services. If you have any questions, please contact Amma Diane or Tony Karl.

## Meals on Wheels Volunteer Week is December 17 - 21

Volunteers from St. James will deliver Meals on Wheels during the week of December 17 through 21. This ministry involves signing up, arriving at the Senior Center at 3330 Custer St. at 10:30 AM, loading the meals into your car, and delivering the meals to several senior living apartment buildings (the "purple route") around Manitowoc. This job is most fun when done with a friend, and it takes about an hour. If you can help on one or more days during the week, please sign up on the clipboard at the back of church. Contact Judy Lavicka (684-1445) or Anne Schuette (242-2819) with any questions.

## Nominations are now open

Nominations are open for Vestry, Endowment Trustees, and Delegates and Alternates for our 2019 Diocesan Convention. See nominations forms at the back of the Sanctuary for details. Elections will take place at our Annual Meeting in early 2019. People may be nominated for more than one position. Nomination close two weeks before our Annual Meeting, which will be in early 2019. Nominations received so far:

Senior Warden (1 position) - Tammy McVeigh  
Junior Warden (1 position) - Chris Eggert-Rosenthal  
Vestry Member (2 positions) - Kim Kaufmann & Richard Hall  
Endowment Trustee (1 positions) - none  
Convention Delegate (3 positions) - none  
Convention Alternate (3 positions) - none

## 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 . . .**

Steve and Mary Beth, Susie, Bill, Steven, Mike and Laura, Matthew, Karen and Bob, Bonnie, Ray, Joan, Audrey, Virginia, Judy, Marty, Don and Beth, Tiger, Billy, Ben and Gail, Mary, Brenden, Cherity, Silas, Bonnie, Andrew, Bob, Mary and Vince, Faith, Mary Jean, Peggy Jane, Emily, Robin, Carol, Maggie, Joe Mike, Liese, for the family of John Hunner

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

Those serving in the military: Kyle Kurschner, Zach Truett, Jordon Rosenthal, Brady Cook, Shannon, Logan, Daniel  
We also pray for: Tim, Guy and Mary, Kurt, Ronald, Alison, Scott, Margaret, Frankie

### **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 retired clergy of the Diocese. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Falkland Islands. 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 offer thanks for...**

Diane our Rector, Dan 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.

slot. Chris is happy to pay you for your time/gas. Or In lieu of payment, Chris is making donations to St James per your request (ie. outreach, Amma Diane's discretionary fund etc)

#### Rides to Church

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. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church.

#### Share One of Your Talents/Gifts

If you are able to share something you can do such as offering a ride, mowing grass, cleaning the house, caring for a pet, etc. Please contact Donna Franz at 973-3017 and let her know what you can do. Donna links those in need of some help with those who are able to offer the help!

#### **We remember the departed...**

Paul, Tom, Joe, Myrna, Cindy, Dale, Bill, Mary, Randy, Clayton, Pat, Audrey, John Hunner, former President George H.W. Bush

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. Thanksgivings 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  
Wednesday Worship 4PM  
Wednesday Cursillo Grouping - follows worship  
Fridays Morning Prayer 6:30AM  
Dec 9 Scrip Orders due  
Dec 10 YMCA Swim Team Fundraiser Pizza Ranch  
Dec 11 Rainbow Acts Crafting 1PM  
Dec 11 Zimmer Forum - Silver Lake 12 noon  
Dec 12 Book Club Pot Luck 6:30PM  
Dec 13 Girl Scouts 6PM  
Dec 13 Vestry Mtg 5:30PM  
Dec 16 Planning Special Services after 10AM Service  
Dec 16-22 Hope House Week  
Dec 17-21 Meals On Wheels Delivery week  
Dec 19 Blue Christmas Service 4PM  
Dec 20 Girl Scouts 6PM  
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Music 6:30PM Worship 7PM  
Dec 25 Christmas Day Morning Prayer 9AM  
Dec 30 Christmas Hymn Sing during 10AM Service

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

#### **Vestry Updates:**

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

Vestry Members: Sr. Warden - Dan Hornung; Jr. Warden - Tammy McVeigh; Vestry - Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, Jim Gordon, Ron Hansen, Sally Hunner, Mike Laughrin; Treasurer - Peggy Turnbull; Clerk - Tony Karl

#### **Scrip Order Dates for 2018**

December 9

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.