



St. James' Episcopal Church: *You Belong Here*

Joyfully Proclaiming, Living, and Sharing Christ's Love

Come and Worship With Us
Canon Scott Leannah, Celebrant

Sunday, September 14, 2025

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Cross Day, 9:00 AM

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm 51:1-11

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

... In Our Thoughts and Prayers ...

Our Parish Prayer List:

“For the Sick and Those in any Need”

Pat, Tom, Steve and Nancy, Amelia, Penny, Hannah,
Bowen, Len & Vicky, Kazom & Zora, Marie, Becky,
Marisue, Dennis, Dave, Mark, Sally, Christine, Nadine
& Frank, JoEllen, Debbie, Mary, Zeke & Family, Fred
& Diane, Daryl, Christian, Ian, Wendy, Nora, Butch,
Ken, Edith, Jerry & Anita, Haisley, D’Ann & Liz,
Fritz, Nancy, Mary Lou, Jeff & Eloise

“For the Departed”

Sally, Marilyn, JoAnne



Sunshine Ministry



The Sunshine Ministry is in need of volunteers to help send cards on behalf of St. James to fellow parishioners celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Donated cards and stamps are provided. Volunteers are scheduled on a rotating basis.

If you are interested in helping to spread some cheer and the love of God, please contact Vicki Knaak at mrssmegol@gmail.com or call Vicki at 920-419-6863. A sign-up sheet can also be found on the table in the Narthex. Thank you!

Exciting Weed Elimination Days

Volunteers are still needed, so please feel free to drop by when it fits in your schedule.. If you are not available during the day, stop in the evening when it's a bit cooler. Bring your gardening gloves, a garden fork, water and lots of enthusiasm. Many thanks!



ST. JAMES FOOD CUPBOARD WEEKLY CUPBOARD REQUESTS



The Food Cupboard request for this week is for peanut butter, cereal and canned soup. The cupboard continues to be used heavily. Please place your donations in the totes behind the last pews. Anything you can bring is truly appreciated!!



~ Lay Ministry Schedule ~

	<u>September 14</u>	<u>September 21</u>
Altar Server:	Carl Harris	Jim Noren
OT Reader:	Frankie Aliota	Frankie Aliota
NT Reader:	Sandy Aliota	Sandy Aliota
Ushers:	Jim Noren Terry Driscoll	Paul Tarvin Tom Wagner
Counters:	Sue Opelt Laura Giessen	Jim Knaak Ron Kegley
Cupboard:	Joan Noren	Nadine Monroe
Altar Guild:	Nadine Monroe	Patti Pitrof
Eucharistic Ministry:	Daryl Laatsch	Father Ben

Please remember to contact the church office if you have a substitution.



St. James Family Celebrations

Birthdays

September 24	Noah Burgard
September 29	Laurie Hess

Lay Ministry Schedule for October 5 through December 28

Mary D. will be working on the Lay Ministry schedule for the months of October through December, including the Christmas services. Please let her know of any conflicts as soon as possible. You can leave a message on the church answering machine or send an email to the church office. Thank you!

St. James Episcopal Church Cookbook 1902



Onion Gruel

*Boil a few onions, sliced in a pint of new milk, with a sprinkle of oatmeal and a very little salt, until tender; then sip rapidly and go to bed.
Excellent for colds.*

Mrs. Herman J. Wagner

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A Message to St. James Parishioners

From Laurie Hess ...

I asked to attend the last vestry meeting as a member at large since I was unable to make closure as the senior warden.

As you know a couple of weeks after the vestry retreat, I was hospitalized with a pretty severe cerebral/brain event. I don't want to take a lot of time tonight, but I have had a lot (maybe too much) time to reflect.

It seems to me that St. James as a whole needs to have a come to Jesus' conversation.

We have members that easily identify problems----

- The music is not good
 - We don't have enough people in the pews
 - Not a big enough social media presence
 - We don't have a full-time priest
- And the list goes on and on.....

The senior warden is somehow identified as the person to fix the problems. Laurie Wagner had to deal with an irate member because we sang a song. My first week I was confronted by a member about how was I going to feel about being responsible for St. James closing because we did not have a Sunday School.

It is easy to identify the problems, but much harder to solve the problems. I truly believe that is because there are no simple solutions.

WE NEED TO BE HONEST.

We have limited resources not just financially but also a small, aging population.

I confess during my time as Senior Warden I called those people I knew I could count on to not only start a project but finish it.

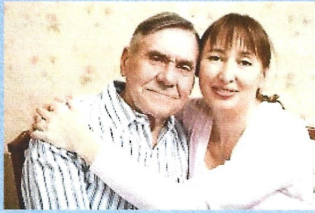
It is not enough to say we need to do whatever.

We need for people to step up, put their money where their mouth is, walk the walk, and use the gifts they have.

If St. James is going to continue it will take all of us working together to keep the doors open, with actions, not just words.

As always in my Prayers

Laurie H. your former Sr. Warden



Caring for someone with a chronic illness such as dementia, cancer, heart disease, Parkinson's disease or stroke can be physically, emotionally and financially exhausting.

**Connect with
Resources**

Balance your Life

Take Care of Yourself



Powerful Tools FOR Caregivers

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is an educational program designed to help family caregivers take care of themselves while caring for a relative or friend. You will benefit from this class whether you are helping a parent, spouse, or friend.

Participants will learn to:

- Reduce stress
- Improve self-confidence
- Better communicate feelings
- Increase their ability to make tough decisions
- Locate helpful resources.

Class meets for 2 hours, once per week for six weeks.

Dates: Thursdays – October 9, 16, 30

November 6, 13, 20

****NO CLASS OCTOBER 23****

Time: 1:30-3:30 pm

**Location: Germantown Community Library
Small Community Room
N112W16957 Mequon Rd
Germantown**

Registration is required.

**To register, call Tammy Dickman
at 262-335-4497**

Space is limited; register early!