

Depths of Love

LENT & HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERIES

Sunday, February 18, 2024
St. Mark's and St. James United Church of Christ
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor

Kathy Jurk/Randy Sohn, Organist
Sandy Perronne, Reader
Cindy Sohn, Choir Director

Meditative Music
Bells Ring
Prelude Gathering for Worship:
St. Mark's:

My Shepherd

Call to Worship:

Lenten travelers, when you feel the security of God's love, affirmation of God's call, and covered in God's grace...

God comes near.

When you feel deserted and alone, starving and parched for a caring hand or an encouraging word, troubled and uncertain as the ground under you shifts like sand...

God comes near.

When you feel emboldened to act, inspired to speak, energized to live as bearers of the good news that the Kingdom of God is here...

God comes near.

In all seasons of our lives, God comes near to us and does not forsake us.

We gather to come near to God whose ever-present love remains near no matter where our journey takes us.

Prayer:

Lord and Shepherd of our journeys in the desert, we come to you during this Lenten season as servants of Jesus Christ. We remember how you liberated Moses and the Israelites; we remember how you liberated the prophet Elijah in his journey to escape from a corrupt king.

Now, in our Lenten journey, we implore your direction, your patience, and your spiritual support. As you sent your angels to care for the Israelites, to the prophet Elijah in his journey, and to Jesus during his forty days in the desert, send them also to us in our earthly journeys. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Hymn: (#46 Binder or #483 Worship & Rejoice)

Take Time To Be Holy

Young at Heart:



Affirmation of Faith: (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;

**The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead:**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the One Holy Universal Christian Church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. *Amen.***

**St. Mark's Hymn (#390)
St. James Choral Anthem:**

*We're Marching to Zion
Come as You Are*

Scripture Reading:

Mark 1:9-15 ESV

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Message:

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Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering:

Offering, tithes and gifts can be made before or after worship in the offering baskets/plates at the welcome area of the church. St. James is also set up to take on-line offerings through the website (stmstjucc.org).

Offertory Music:

St. Mark's:

I Lay My Sins On Jesus

St. James:

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Holy God, we bring our tithes and offerings to your altar, understanding that on the journey in Lent, we cannot avoid the wilderness. Bless our gifts for your unfinished kingdom work. Multiply our gifts so that they may reach many for the betterment of all. *Amen.*

Hymn of Sending:

St. Marks (#447)

St. James (#287)

*Because He Lives
God of Grace and Glory*

Benediction:

Beloved, God comes near and proclaims the good news all around us. Go, now, in the blessed company of the Triune God to discover the inbreaking of the good news wherever you may go! *Amen.*

Postlude:

St. Mark's:

Forward In Faith





Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

February 19th – Wyatt Koenig

21st – Linda Schroeder, Reid Vandoske

22nd – Scott Dexter, Peter Grunwald, Tom Nye

24th – Shelia Hemb

ANNIVERSARY:

None this Week.

QUILTING/SEWING GROUP MEETING – Tues., Feb. 20th, 9:00am-12 at St. Mark's

ST. JAMES CHOIR REHEARSAL – Tuesday, Feb. 20th, 6:30pm

LENTEN WORSHIP – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 7PM AT ST. JAMES

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE WED., FEB. 21st. Email them to Karen at
stmstjoffice@gmail.com

ST. MARK'S CHOIR REHEARSAL – Thursday, Feb. 22nd, 7pm

ST. JAMES VISION OF HOPE COMMITTEE MEETING – Monday, Feb. 26th, 6:30pm

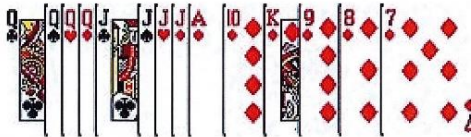
**EASTER LILY ORDER DEADLINES – St. Mark's, next Sunday, Feb. 25th
St. James, March 3rd**

TODAY!

UCC RURAL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Presents

SHEEPSHEAD TOURNAMENT



Where: Bethlehem United Church of Christ
11608 Lax Chapel Road
Kiel WI 53042

When: Sunday, February 18, 2024, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Doors open at 12:30

Entrance Fee: Canned goods and/or free will offering

Rules will be explained before the tournament begins. All levels of skill are welcome. Beginner's table(s) will be available for those who don't know how to play. Don't want to play sheepshead but want to participate in the fun? Bring your own board or card game.

Refreshments will be available.

COME ONE...COME ALL!

Child care will be supplied. Games and movies for the kiddos.



TOURNAMENT!

ST. JAMES UCC
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024
1:00 PM

OPEN TO MEN & WOMEN OF
ST. JAMES & ST. MARK'S

Soup Cookoff, sponsored by Rural Churches Mission, 11-2 on Sunday, Feb. 25th at Laack's Tavern & Ballroom.

Enter your favorite soup for tasting; Come to taste the soups!

\$10 adults/\$5 children 12 and under.

There's a sign posted with specifics.

Our 2024 Mission Team invites you to...

Miesfeld's BRAT FRY

St. Mark's, St. James, and Immanuel U.C.C. are raising funds for a youth mission trip to Elliot County, Kentucky.

WHERE: Miesfeld's
4811 Venture Dr.
Sheboygan, WI.
53083

WHEN: Saturday
March 16th, 2024
@ 9am. to 2pm.

COME & JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS!

St. James UCC

1st & 3rd Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.

2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 9:00 a.m.

~Sunday School meets 9-10am at both churches~

St. Mark's UCC

1st & 3rd Sundays..... 9:00 a.m.

2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.

Services are recorded and available on our church YouTube channel:

St. Mark's & St. James UCC

Like us on Facebook 

Check out our Website: www.stmstjucc.org

Join our prayer team; contact Karen in our Church office: stmstjoffice@gmail.com

WELCOME!

To the parents of young children:

Relax! *God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house.*

- ❖ *Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to engage.*
- ❖ *Quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of the pastors, musicians and leaders.*
- ❖ *Sing the songs, pray and voice the responses. Children learn behaviors by mimicking you.*
- ❖ *If you have to leave the Worship Center with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."*