

The Country Church Herald

St. James & St. Mark's UCC Newsletter

April, 2021

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**COME JOIN US,
GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME!**

Apr. 1st - Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion, 7pm, at St James UCC

Apr. 2nd - Good Friday Worship with Communion, 7pm, at St Mark's UCC

Apr. 4th **Easter Worship with
Communion at Both Churches**
St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship
No Sunday School at STM
St. James: 10:30am Worship
9:15-10:15 Sunday School

Apr. 11th St. James: 9:00am Worship
10-11:00 Sunday School
St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School

Apr. 18th St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School
St. James: 10:30am Worship
9:15-10:15 Sunday School

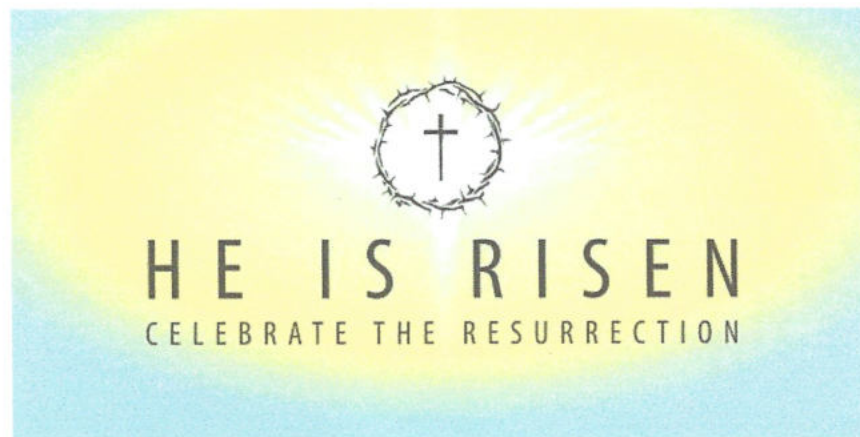
Apr. 25th St. James: 9:00am Worship
10-11:00 Sunday School
St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School

ST. JAMES UCC
13312 Pioneer Road
Newton, WI 53063
920.693.8100

PASTOR:
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

ST. MARK'S UCC
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Cleveland, WI 53015
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Sunday bulletins and a link to the messages are posted under the "messages" link on our church website: www.stmstjucc.org



Plans have been made at both churches so that everyone who is interested will be able to attend Easter Worship Services, even with the social distancing that we are practicing.

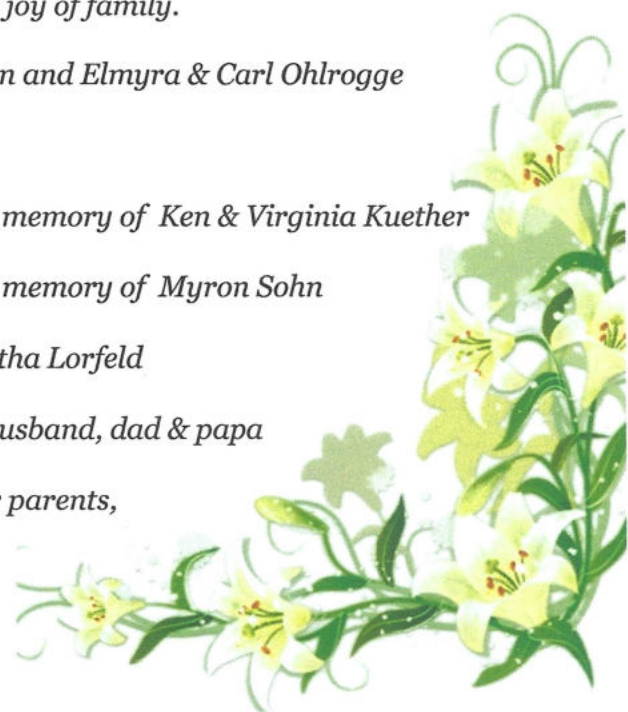
Overflow seating will be located in the Fellowship Halls of both churches, which is equipped with a large screen TV.

Come and celebrate the Risen Lord and His Gift of Salvation!

Loving gifts of Easter Lilies from Our Church Families, 2021

St. James Easter Lily Donations

- **Shared by Anonymous in honor of my forefathers who had the foresight to give this land so that we can worship today. I am ever grateful.*
- **Shared by Heidi & Clarence Belitz in memory of our parents.*
- **Shared by Brian & Wendy Henschel in memory of Harvey, Norma & Kevin Henschel.*
- **Shared by Charlie & Ruth Ann Kolb in memory of our parents and daughter, Kerri*
- **Shared by the Kracht Family in memory of Alvin & Loretta Kracht*
- **Shared by the Krause Family in memory of Dolores Krause*
- **Shared by Karie Ladwig in memory of Roger Spindler*
- **Shared by Val Jean Marcoe for the joy of Gavin & Colton Marcoe*
- **Shared by Dorothy Mueller in memory of my twin Don Bohne*
- **Shared by Jackie & Dave Mueller in memory of Jackie's parents, Ilene & Leroy Stock*
- **Shared by Geraldine Scheffler in memory of Ron Scheffler and Walter & Orvilla Stoeckigt*
- **Shared by Tammy Serketich in memory of Wayne Vogel and for the joy of family.*
- **Shared by Carlene Sohn & Family in memory of Leona & Elmer Sohn and Elmyra & Carl Ohlogge*
- **Shared by Carlene Sohn & Family in memory of Myron Sohn*
- **Shared by Randy & Cindy Sohn, Katie & Daniel, Danny & Rachel in memory of Ken & Virginia Kuether*
- **Shared by Randy & Cindy Sohn, Katie & Daniel, Danny & Rachel in memory of Myron Sohn*
- **Shared by Ellen Mae Surfus in memory of Bill Surfus, Arthur & Hertha Lorfeld*
- **Shared by his loving family in memory of Wayne Vogel , a special husband, dad & papa*
- **Shared by Mary Ann Vogel & Geraldine Scheffler in memory of our parents,
Walter & Orvilla Stoeckigt*



St. Mark's Easter Lily Donations

***Shared by Dave & Cindy Call in memory of our parents*

***Shared by Pat & Noreen Flook in memory of our parents & Noreen's brother*

***Shared by Gerty Free in memory of my wonderful husband, Eddie*

***Shared by Gerty Free in memory of our son, Terry Free*

***Shared by Steve Gabsch in memory of Katherine & Allen Gabsch*

***Shared by JoAnn Grant in memory of my sister, Dorothy Dunham*

***Shared by Kathy & Mark Jurk in memory of Helen & Melvin Sommer*

***Shared by Gene & Kathy Kaestner for the joy of Easter!*

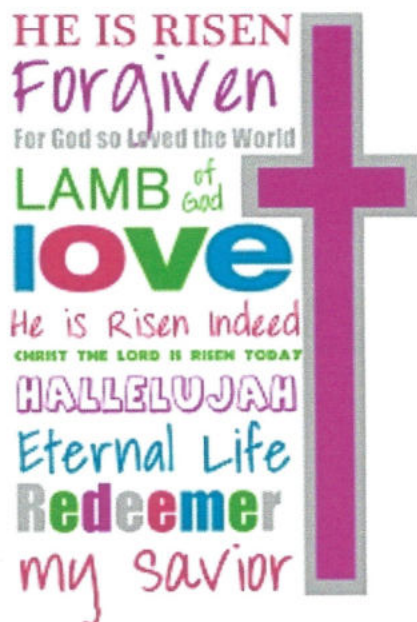
***Shared by Marlene Kammann in memory of Melvin*

***Shared by Mike & Janice Marcheske in memory of our parents*

***Shared by Chris & Family in memory of Joel Schnelle*

**Shared by Keith & Lynn Strysick in honor of our families*

THE IMPORTANCE OF EASTER LILIES



As the name suggests, this delicate white blossom is the official flower of the Easter holiday. On Easter Sunday, Christian churches adorn their altars with these beautiful lilies to honor the resurrection of Jesus. The flower emerges from a bulb planted in a ground, which acts as a symbol of new life, just as Jesus emerged from the tomb after his death. The white color signifies hope, peace, and purity, and its trumpet-like shape brings to mind the trumpet call of the Angel Gabriel. Legend has it that the Easter lily emerged from the soil where Jesus wept in the Garden of Gethsemane, but others say they first appeared in the Garden of Eden. When we decorate our homes with Easter lilies, they act as a reminder to celebrate this joyful season of renewal and rebirth.



You have probably been noticing a new face at the front of the church playing the organ at both churches during March. That new person is Ann Rodewald, and we are blessed to have her join our musical team and share her talents with our church families.

Here's a little more about Ann.....



Ann Rodewald, who recently joined our organist team, has a strong foundation in the UCC church. She began playing at St. Paul's UCC in Sheboygan as a child, providing piano music for the Sunday School classes and moved into assisting the organist throughout her high school years. After college, majoring in Music History and Theory, and then living in Illinois and the Washington D.C. area, Ann returned to Sheboygan and also the position of organist at St. Paul's. She also has been an organist at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Sheboygan.

Ann's family has roots in both the Cleveland and Newton areas. Her father, Milton grew up in Newton, and her Mother, Caroline Lutze Rodewald grew up in Cleveland. Ann is married, has one daughter, a precious grandson, Peyton and has the joy of having her 100 year old mother living just a few blocks away from her home.

Ann's philosophy of church music is that the worship service can be enhanced by the beauty of song and melody. Many selections bring thoughts and meditation moments to the listener. If you have favorites, please let Ann know, and she will be sure to include these in her meditations prior to the service or as special music throughout the worship service.



I appreciate everyone's patience with the situation we had with the video Sunday, March 21st at St. Mark's. Despite my putting in a lot of hours the week before to get everything ready for Sunday, there were a lot of little issues that came up to create the situation that we had. The fluctuation in the speaker's voice, the hollowness and emptiness of the room in which it was recorded, the batteries in our microphone being dead, (It hadn't been used since the outside services.) and more issues all came together to make the video hard to hear and understand.

I was at church Sunday afternoon, and now, hopefully, have the situation rectified. I am now running the audio through the church's sound system and the videos should be as easy to understand and hear as Pastor Pat's voice is when he is preaching. I will continue to work with the tv and cameras until they provide all that the consistory, pastor, and donors envision. When this system is functioning properly, it will be used to watch videos both in church and Sunday School, and enable church services to be seen downstairs in the Fellowship Hall if we should have more people in church than social distancing allows.

Please do not feel that what you witnessed on Sunday is the way that this system will be.

The BEST is yet to come!!

Jerry Jetzer

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETINGS

March 8, 2021, 6:30

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda- The meeting was called to order by President Clarence Belitz. Members present were: David Lorfeld -Vice-President, Wendy Henschel-Treasurer, Deb La Duke-Secretary, Jason Riesterer, Tammy Serketich, Jamey Binversie, and Pastor Patrick Schultz. No additions or corrections to the agenda. Pastor led the group in prayer.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve made by Wendy and seconded by David. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve made by Tammy and seconded by Davie. Motion Carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor had nothing to report this month.

Building and Grounds: Pressure tank repaired and it is being monitored. Holding tank was pumped. Consistory is looking to update contact list for service companies and prepare a comprehensive list easy to locate when/if needed. .Spring yard clean-up is set for April 17th with rain date on April 24.

Old Business:

A. Committee Reports:

Vision of Hope: meeting on April 5th.

Stewardship Committee: Reorganizing and note going to newsletter with details. Next meeting is May 3rd.

Christian Board of Education: Several members of the Sunday School staff feel no need for a Superintendent. They would rather continue on in their same manner. Youth Fellowship did well with the drive-in chili dinner. Thank you Kari Langenhahn!

Service Committee: Consistory has approved a drive-in Brat Fry. Mary Ann Vogel has volunteered to chair the event. Details to follow. A sign-up sheet for the Service Committee will be available soon.

Media Committee – no meeting

B. Mission and Vision work *Ministry of our Church Assessment team* – No meetings

C. Constitutional language for emergency situations (like Covid): After reviewing the Constitution, it was determined no language needed to be added for emergency situations such as Covid-19. Business was successfully completed with mail-in ballots.

D. Usage fees for building - baptisms for non-members: Jason will review and provide suggestions.

E. Update binders: Binders have been reorganized and we continue to review and update as needed.

F. Wifi update: David made a motion to install wifi from TDS Telecommunications and seconded by Jamey. Motion carried. This can/will be used for the new copier, classrooms, and presentation opportunities.

New Business:

A. Communion – bread – setting up supplies – Linda Lorfeld has agreed to continue to set up communion and Consistory will take turns bringing bread.

B. Ushering schedule – David will contact the chairpersons for each month. We are looking to go back to members ushering each month if comfortable.

C. Copier info: The copier will be replaced. It has lasted longer than expected and replacement parts are not being made. James Imaging provided a quote for a new copier. Wendy made motion to purchase from James Imaging and seconded by Tammy. Motion carried.

D. Easter service: Overflow plan discussed. Candy bags will be handed to children after the service. They are replacing the missed Christmas bags.

E. Organist position has been filled by Ms. Ann Rodewald. She is working with Randy and Cindy Sohn to establish practices and scheduling.

F. Singing in church – Based upon medical recommendations, the decision to wait on singing was made by the Consistory and will be reviewed each month.

G. Pastor's vacation – We will use a t.v. and broadcast Rev. Julie's service in Pastor's absence.

Next Meeting Date: April 12, 6:30

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Jason and seconded by Deb. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb La Duke -Secretary

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETINGS

March 3, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. Members present: Pastor Patrick, Dave Call, Julie Herrmann, Glenn Grunwald, Jacob Grunwald, Louise Jetzer, Judy Steinbeck and Lori Roelse. Pastor led the group in prayer.

The Secretary's and Financial Secretary's reports were reviewed and accepted by Dave Call and seconded by Glenn Grunwald.

Judy Steinbeck confirmed that building and grounds insurance increased over the board and that is why it is \$611 more this year. Also discussed options for members who want to donate for memorials and we added hymnals to the list of ideas and to continue to think about more ideas.

Continuing Education for pastor will take place in Kentucky. The flight, 1 night in a hotel and insurance will cost \$700-\$800 and will come out of the continuing ed fund.

Glenn made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented and Dave seconded.

Building and Grounds:

There is no reason to discuss the elevator on a monthly basis. Inspections will continue as scheduled.

Larry Perronne and Tim Schueler will head the building and grounds committee. Responsibilities will include a spring and fall walk through to prepare for the seasons, get bids for any needed repairs, furnace needs, church/parsonage water softener, and other various items to be added. Lori asked if the cemetery would be included in the ground's recommendations. Glenn will discuss this with the cemetery board. Jerry Jetzer suggested talking to the committee about replacing the lighting in the basement.

Old Business:

Kathy Jurk and the new organist could be paid quarterly instead of annually as it is now. Will offer each organist to get paid when it fits them the best. Judy Steinbeck will get paperwork ready for Ann, our new organist. It was agreed to pay the organists \$50 per service and choir service and other times of playing for weddings, funerals etc would be billed separately.

The overflow for holidays etc during covid 19 will take place in the basement and will include video presentations. Glenn made a motion and Dave Call seconded for Jerry Jetzer to purchase a 65-inch TV, mobile cart, cable and camera to be used in all areas of the church and especially in the basement for overflow. Judy will contact interested memorial donors who may be interested in donating to the purchase.

New Business:

Easter lily purchasers will be listed in the bulletin and in the newsletter for those that are not in church. Karen Mansker is working on adding the calendar to the website also.

Betty Sixel's funeral service overflow will take place in the narthex with chairs, in the balcony and in the basement. Service will be held and masks are required. Visitation will be at the funeral home. Cindy Call will keep track for any contact tracing needs.

Will continue to use the prepackaged wine and wafer until covid 19 approves for communion.

A security camera will be brought up to the building and grounds committee to research the need.

OCWM goal did not increase last year and will use covid 19 as a guideline to not increase this year. Glenn made a motion to keep the OCWM amount at \$5800 for 2021 and Louise seconded.

Most of the potential memorial projects that were listed a few years ago have been completed or purchased.

Dave Call will contact Crown Services in Kiel to get an estimate of the repair of bell tower. Will add wish list of things that the church needs to the newsletter including new hymnals and audio/visual enhancements.

Pastor will contact local churches for ideas regarding their youth programs and get ideas for activities and what works with their youth. Sending out surveys to families in the past did not get a good response. Also looking into the possibility of partnering with another church youth group where kids may have friends outside of the church. Being a rural church makes things more difficult for kids to choose where and who they spend their time with. Would need a youth director to lead and supervise kids no matter where the activity would be.

Glenn made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dave seconded.

Our next meeting will be on April 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Herrmann, Consistory Secretary

Youth Fellowship Report



A HUGE Thank You to everyone who helped out for our annual chili dinner!! Whether you made a financial or food donation, helped with the chili dinner preparation, made desserts, brought in needed materials, or bought chili we appreciate all you did to make our chili dinner a success. With everyone's help and support we were able to make just short of \$2,000 in the two hours we served before we ran out. We are hoping to use the money in the future to send some of our youth on a mission trip!

Just a quick note for the Chili Dinner 2022, we are in need of any extra ice cream buckets/covers you might have lying around your house. They can be dropped off at the bucket in the front entrance at St. James or be given to Pastor at St. Marks.

Thank You again to Everyone for all of your Support. It is much appreciated!

Kari Langenhahn

Youth Fellowship Coordinator



**St. James UCC will host its annual "Brat Fry" on
Wednesday, May 12, 2021.**

Serving time will be 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

CARRY OUTS ONLY.

Tell your family & friends so we have a good turn out.

A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 6th at 6:00 pm to finalize brat fry plans. All are invited to attend and suggestions are always welcome. There are sign up sheets for helpers and donations in the church narthex.

If you have any questions, please contact: Chairman, Mary Ann Vogel at 920-693-8352, or email wvogel3@yahoo.com. Co-Chairs are Wendy Henschel and Tammy Serketich.

PASTORAL CARE

If you or a family member are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Patrick at 920-693-2858 or leave a message on the church's answering machine at 920-693-8361.

CONFIDENTIALITY LAWS

Current confidentiality laws make it difficult for pastors to obtain information about anyone in the hospital.

If you or a loved one will be in the hospital, please call the church office 920-693-8361 or contact Pastor Patrick at 920-693-2858.



ST. JAMES SUNDAY SCHOOL

St. James Sunday school children continue to do a great job observing covid guideline! We will not have our annual Easter egg hunt due to covid this year. However, a little bird told me that there will be a goodie bag for kids after Easter church service. Thank you consistory for thinking of us!

Outreach has met our goals for the 2020-2021 school term. We remained active even though we were not present! Outreach posts gifts on the bulletin board in the church lobby. Weekly totals are charted and displayed in the church narthex.

Sunday School is currently organizing a Mother's Day presentation and craft. Mother's Day will be our last day of Sunday School. Any questions may be directed to Sandy Beiersdorf by calling or emailing her at: sandrabeiersdorf@gmail.com

Save the Date!

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CONFIRMATION:

**May 16th at St. James -
late service**

**May 23rd at St. Mark's -
late service**

ST. MARK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be NO Sunday School on Easter Sunday (April 4th) due to the basement being used for any overflow for Easter service. So that means on March 28th, we will be doing our lesson along with egg hunt! If weather permits, we plan to do our Easter egg hunt outside so please have your kids dressed appropriately. However, if mother nature doesn't cooperate, we will be doing the egg hunt inside the church. Last but not least, please have your kids bring a bag/basket with them to collect their eggs in!

If you have any questions, please reach out to any of the Sunday School teachers.

St. Mark's Sunday School Car Wash Fundraiser

**Date: Sunday, May 2nd
OR**

Sunday, May 16th (Rain date)

Time: 9am - during early church service



Due to the pandemic the last two Sunday School years, our annual bake sale and brunch has not been a possibility. Thus, our Sunday School funds are running extremely low. This year, the kids are excited to try something new!

While you are enjoying worship, the kids and teachers will wash your vehicles along the west side of church. All you have to do is come to church and we will take care of the rest! Keep in mind, this is student run!

Don't want your vehicle washed but would still like to support the Sunday School kids? Donations are always appreciated and welcomed.

Thank you so much for your support,
St. Mark's Sunday School Students and Teachers

St. Mark's Members,

Do you have an interest in building inspection and maintenance?

The consistory would like to form a Buildings and Grounds Team to oversee the condition of the property, make recommendations to the consistory, and work with Jerry Jetzer, our cleaning and maintenance person.

If you are interested, please contact Lori Roelse at laroelse@gmail.com or 920-946-3540



THANK
YOU

**Thank you to the following members of St. James UCC
for their committee work in 2020**

Sandy Beiersdorf – Board of Education
Tom Urness and Maureen Athorp – Stewardship Committee

Pastor Patrick has designated Tuesdays & Fridays as his day of Sabbath and his day out of the office. During those two days each week, you may contact him in case of an emergency only at 608-352-9544.

Your Church Consistory Members would be your contact in any nonemergency situation.



Sheboygan County Interfaith
<https://www.sheboygancountyinterfaith.org>
April, 2021

- ⇒ Pop-up Market begins in April and continues through May! We will continue our current schedule of first and third Saturdays, extending the hours from 9:30-11:30. Location continues to be at Frist Congregational Church UCC on Bluff. Check our website, [sheboygancountyinterfaith.org](https://www.sheboygancountyinterfaith.org), and our Facebook page for the most current news about the Market. Mark your calendars -- summer market begins Wednesday, June 2nd!
- ⇒ Bridgeway could use the following items: Bridgeway could use the following items: Paper towel, triple AAA batteries, disinfectant wipes, replaceable dish wands.
- ⇒ **Celebrate Moms @ Home**, May 8th. Online registration open:
www.sheboygancountyinterfaith.org/spring-luncheon Customize your order with meal options, flowers, gourmet cupcakes, wine pairings, and raffle tickets. This is our exclusive fundraiser for Bridgeway so we can continue to provide this valuable program to the Sheboygan community. Make this special event part of your Mother's Day weekend! Registration open until April 23rd.

ST JAMES APRIL CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Hannah Kleinhans
- 7 Karen Becker
Dale Sprenger
Eric Stolzmann
- 11 Bonnie Langenhahn
- 12 Michael Stolzmann
- 13 LaVern Wippermann
- 14 Alivia Maxey
- 15 Lee Schmitz
- 16 Dorothy Mueller
- 17 Brenda Schultz
- 19 Julianne Luebke
Terri Schmitz
- 23 Mark Stolzmann
- 24 Sarah Lutze
Elliot Quast
- 28 Ronald Henschel

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Rev. Patrick & Brenda Schultz
- 6 Jason & Jenny Riesterer
- 9 David & Christine Gumm
- 14 Dean & Emily Sprenger
- 22 Allen & Sandra Kracht-Jones

Consistory members will continue to usher this month. There will also be no candlelighters.



St. James Stewardship Meeting

Monday, May 3rd

6:30pm

CONFIRMATION:

St. James, May 16th

St. Mark's, May 23rd



"Application for Funding" forms are available in the narthex, from **VISION OF HOPE** Committee members, or under "More" on our website. We welcome specific requests as well as your suggestions for using our semiannual gifts from the Wagner Foundation.

PLEASE NOTE THAT A PRIVACY SECTION HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE FORM. Effective Jan. 1, 2021, old forms without a completed "privacy choice" section will not be accepted.

The next Vision of Hope Committee meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 5, at St. James.

ST MARK'S APRIL CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Carol Weiand
- 2 Glenn Grunwald
- 3 Dale Dirks
Chris Schnelle
- 5 Karen Binversie
- 9 Heidi Konz
- 12 Gene Kaestner
John Grunwald
- 16 Jerry Jetzer
- 17 Brenda Schultz
- 18 Kathy Kaestner
- 22 Ann Grunwald
- 23 Karen Mansker
- 24 Kenneth Dirks
Erick Heling
- 28 Abby Herrmann
- 30 Ryan Binversie

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Rev. Patrick & Brenda Schultz
- 22 Dick & Karen Binversie
- 23 Bruce & Karen Mansker
- 28 Jack & Wendy Schnelle
- 29 Ron & Sue Vandoske
- 30 Gene & Kathy Kaestner
Thad & Crissy Athorp

Brat Fry

St. James UCC

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

4:00 to 7:00 P.M.

**Brats, Burgers, Chicken Breasts,
and Dessert!!**

Carry-outs Only

Held at St. James UCC

In Spring Valley

13312 Pioneer Road, Newton

WELCOME TO MEDICARE

VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

Tuesday April 13, 2021 3:00-4:00pm

Presented by ADRC of the Lakeshore

(Please note: all sessions will be held virtually until further notice)

Join us for a virtual presentation (webinar) to learn more about Medicare. This presentation will provide objective information about the options and benefits available through Medicare including:

- Enrollment in Medicare
- Medicare Basics
- Your Coverage Choices
- Help for People with Limited Income
- And more!

This presentation is free and open to the public.

Call to reserve a spot and receive login information!

Aging & Disability Resource
Center of the Lakeshore

877-416-7083 or 920-683-4180



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