

The Country Church Herald

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If you are interested in being part of a Bible Study Group, indicate your preference of day for the group to meet on the Welcome Card, along with your name and phone number. Pastor Patrick will contact you.







The confirmands delivered our Souper Sunday donations to SCIO when they went on a tour of the facility in March. Thanks to Kari Langenhahn and Lori Roelse for being drivers & chaperones.



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

ST. MARK'S UCC W1307 Orchard Road Cleveland, WI 53015 920.693.8361

PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

COME JOIN US, GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME!

April 3rd -

<u>St. Mark's:</u> 9:00am Worship 9-10:00am Sunday School <u>St. James:</u> 10:30am Worship 9-10:00am Sunday School

April 6th—Lenten Worship at St. James, 7pm

April 10th—Palm Sunday

<u>St. James:</u> 9:00am Worship 9-10:00am Sunday School Refreshments & fellowship after Worship at St. James <u>St. Mark's:</u> 10:30am Worship 9-10:00am Sunday School

April 14th—Maundy Thursday—7pm Worship with Communion at St. James

April 15th—Good Friday—7PM Worship with Communion at St. Mark's

April 17th—EASTER! Communion at Both Churches St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship 9-10:00am Sunday School St. James: 10:30am Worship 9-10:00am Sunday School

March 27th—

<u>St. James:</u> 9:00am Worship 9-10:00am Sunday School <u>St. Mark's:</u> 10:30am Worship No Sunday School Today

Sunday bulletins & links to prayer requests are posted under the 'Messages' link on our church website: https://www.stmstjucc.org/

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY

March 14, 2022 6:30

The meeting was called to order by President David Lorfeld. Members present were Tammy Serketich– Vice-President, Wendy Henschel – Treasurer, Deb La Duke – Secretary, Jason Riesterer, Jamey Binversie, and Jackie Mueller. Pastor Patrick Schultz was on a trip with the confirmands to the SCIO. Prayer led by David.

- Motion to approve the Secretary's Report made by Tammy and seconded by Jackie. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Deb and seconded by Jason. Motion carried.
- Building and Grounds:

Jamey has replaced the interior workings of the three toilets on the west side of the building. Thank you Jamey! We began discussion on replacing the five furnaces and will be looking to get bids next. Yard clean-up is on April 23. Due to a funeral on April 30, rain date will be on May 7. Please make sure to remove all winter wreaths from the grave sites by the 23rd.

Committee Reports:

Vision of Hope: The Consistory approved the recommendations of the Vision of Hope Committee; \$1,000 to the Brenna and Kenzi Koppenhaver Fund and \$1,000 to Ukrainian Relief Fund. Motion made by Deb and seconded by Tammy. Motion carried. Linda Lorfeld has been elected as the President of the Vision of Hope Committee, Joanne Fessler is Secretary, and Pat Kleinhans is Treasurer.

Stewardship Committee: The committee will be sending out Caring cards to members. There will be a time of fellowship after Palm Sunday worship.

Christian Board of Education: Sandy Beiersdorf will be retiring from Sunday School at the end of the 2022 school year. She has devoted decades to the children of St. James and will be deeply missed! *Audio Visual:* Pricing continues for camera.

• Old Business:

Safe Sanctuary helper – We continue to look for volunteers for the Youth Group Sunday night times. Chili dinner summary – Thank you to Kari Langenhahn again for organizing this successful event! Twenty Nescos were filled and sold out by approximately 1:15. Final numbers are still being calculated but it was another highly profitable fund raiser. Thank you to the helpers also. It couldn't have been done without you!

Basement flooring coating – Badgerland Carpet is preparing a quote for coating the basement floors. It requires maintenance and is very overdue.

• New Business:

Tammy will shop for Confirmands gifts.

Brat Fry will be held May 11, 2022.

New member orientation – Consistory and Pastor will be discussing language and policy for an updated version.

David will be contacting the Korean Methodist Congregation as part of our quarterly communication plan.

- Next meeting date: April 4^{th -} 6:30
- Motion to adjourn made by Jamey and seconded by Tammy. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Deb La Duke, St. James Consistory Secretary

St. James Brat Fry Planning Meeting to be held Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 6:00pm

St. James UCC will host its annual "Brat Fry" on Wednesday, May 11, 2022. Serving time will be 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. CARRY OUTS ONLY. Tell your family and friends so we have a good turn out. A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5th at 6:00 pm to finalize 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.

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING

March 3. 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Larry Perronne, Julie Herrmann, Glenn Grunwald, Jacob Grunwald, Judy Steinbeck, and Louise Jetzer. Pastor Schultz and Janell were absent due to illness.

The Secretary's report was reviewed and a motion was made by Louise and seconded by Jake to approve. Motion carried.

The financial report was reviewed and a motion was made by Larry and seconded by Louise to approve. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds:

The shower door in the parsonage will be installed within a week. The laundry cabinet will be built in the next two months by Larry. Glenn offered to help with the prep work with Jerry and Tim to get the fellowship wall repaired. The spring walk through will be completed by the building and grounds committee.

Old Business:

We don't have any OSHA restrictions on wheelchair accommodations. We will take out a pew and put in a short pew temporarily to get an idea of how it looks and how it will work for accommodating a wheelchair. Stackable chairs were suggested to be used to not lose capacity when a wheelchair is not present. Will be further discussed.

Judy and Kathy Jurk are working on getting samples and estimates of new hymnals. We will review the samples at our next meeting.

As of March 1, 2022 Sheboygan County has lifted restrictions of covid 19 protocols so pew dividers and mask signs have been removed. Masks will continue to be available at church entrance. A motion was made to remove safety protocols by Jake and Louise seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

Glenn would like to see wine offered again for communion and serving bread in cubes with a tong instead of individual plastic containers. Will discuss and confirm at the next meeting.

Judy suggested we create a consistory binder with information about our church and its processes. Louise agreed to help. Larry made a motion to create a binder and Jake seconded. Motion carried.

There was a suggestion that we have an automatic defibrillator. After discussion of training needed by several people and the prep for using it and the maintenance involved, a decision was made to continue to utilize the nursing and EMT members of our congregation in case there would be such a need.

We are looking for bell ringers. This is a paid position and will be posted in the monthly newsletter.

Judy contacted the insurance company to confirm that she is bonded for \$10,000 and no additional bonding is needed.

Neumann Plumbing and Heating suggested we install a ceiling fan to help force air down so the furnace motor would not run as much. We are waiting for a quote on the ceiling fan.

Judy will contact the UCC Counsel to find out how we can support Ukraine as a church.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 4/7/22 at 6:30 p.m. Larry made a motion to adjourn and Louise seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Herrmann, Consistory Secretary

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We also extend our heartfelt sympathy to these members of St. James:

Henry Langenhahn Sr. and family along with Fredrick Krause and family on the death of their sister Ruth Kellogg on February 22, 2022.

To Fredrick Krause and family on the death of his brother-in-law Dale Horneck on February 25, 2022.

Ryan Lutzke and family on the death of his mother Barbara Lutzke on March 2, 2022.

Jackie Mueller on the death of her cousin Wendy Robley Schaefer on March 6, 2022.

Doris Sprenger, Julianne Luebke, Fredrick Krause, Geraldine Scheffler, and Mary Ann Vogel on the death of their cousin, Donald Rambadt on March 7, 2022.

Milton Wippermann and family on the death of his sister Gloria Casper on March 19, 2022

Our deepest sympathy to the family of St. Mark's Church Member, Heidi Konz, who entered Eternal Life on February 28th, 2022.



Heidi J. Konz, 61, passed away unexpectedly on February 28, 2022, at her home. She was born in Sheboygan on April 9, 1960, to Lloyd and Delores (Kuhlow) Wehmeier. She graduated from Howards Grove High School. On July 2, 1977, Heidi married Thomas Konz at St. Johns UCC in Elkhart Lake. He preceded her in death on October 25, 2015.

She was employed at both Bemis Manufacturing and Eclipse Manufacturing for many years. She was a member of St. Mark's UCC.

Heidi loved feeding and watching the birds. Overall, she enjoyed spending time with her family. She will be deeply missed. St. Mark's is in need of bell ringers! This is a paid position and easy to learn. Please contact Julie Herrmann at jjherrmann12@gmail.com or any consistory member if you or someone you know may be interested.

Thank you!

St. Mark's Consistory





Many prayers have been raised for the safety and protection of the people of Ukraine.

Part of the offerings given to OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission) have been used to help the people of Ukraine.

St James Stewardship Team

St. James has had a stewardship team in place for many years. They work together for the glory of God through Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. The intent and focus of this team are two-fold: worship attendance and financial giving.

Worship attendance: This team is concerned for St. James members and longtime guests who have been inactive for some time (pre-dating Covid-19). They reach out, extend invitations, and share exciting news from the church. But the concern also includes the un-churched or nominally churched. One of its goals is to always make guests, visitors and congregants feel welcome and comfortable when attending a church service or function and extending an invitation to return.

Financial giving: This team reviews the overall financial support and giving of the congregation. It looks for new ways for guests, visitors and congregants to be able to give-on-line giving through Tithe.ly as an example. They provide information that helps us to determine our individual giving to the church. This helps church leadership have a better understanding of funds and finance for the church budgeting purposes and new ministries.

Our current team members are Mary Ann Vogel (president); Richard Lutze (secretary); Wendy Henschel (treasurer and consistory liaison); Linda Lutzke; Geraldine Scheffler; and Pastor Patrick (ad hoc member).

The stewardship Team is also here to remind you that your Church Family is here for you! To share joy and praise with you, pray for you and be that comfort for you when needed. To full fill that role please reach out to Pastor or any Stewardship member when these events occur.

Our love, attention, help support, forgiveness and acceptance is given to all.





St. James Sunday School:

Our new time of 9am to 10am at all times is working out well. Sunday School will be voting on our Heifer International animal of a goat, sheep, pig, chickens, honeybees, or rabbits. Our budget goal is \$150.00 and the winner will be posted.

The Easter bunny will be hopping our way for an egg hunt on Sunday Easter morning! This is open to all children, during Sunday School time and bring a basket!

Mother's Day project has been decided on with a small presentation for that day. May 8th is our last day of Sunday School for the 2021-2022 term. Any questions may be directed to Sandy Beiersdorf at 920-693-8000 or sandrabeiersdorf@gmail.com

Youth Fellowship:

A HUGE Thank You to everyone who supported the Youth's Group recent chili dinner!!! The Youth Group made over \$1400.00. An extra special THANK YOU to everyone who donated either your time, food items, made a monetary donation, or bought chili, it was all GREATLY Appreciated! If you do not need your ice cream pail, there will be boxes at St. James/St. Marks for you to drop off your pail. Thank You Again to Everyone who Supported the Chili Dinner!

Kari Langenhahn Youth Group Chairperson

High School Youth Group:

The high school youth will meet on Sunday, April 3 at 5:30 at St. Mark's UCC. This will be our only gathering in April. We will meet again on May 1 at St. Mark's. Looking ahead we will likely be doing our picnic table builds in June, and I hope to work out a volunteer service opportunity in May---both of these events will include our confirmands. Other upcoming events are: quarry swimming, movie night, and game night:) Lots to look forward to as our weather improves! Blessings to everyone who has helped by their presence, or by bringing food to our get togethers! If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Schultz.



HS Youth Group trip to Sunburst



Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization

Bulletin Bites, April 2022



- The last winter market of the season is April 16th! We will continue to accept SNAP at the information table and Double Your Bucks vouchers can be redeemed at the market through April. We'll have special musical guests on April 2nd, and we have new vendors lined up so stop in and check it out! Stay tuned for details about the summer market, beginning Wednesday, June 1st...
- Trisha's House Relaunch: Join us for an Open House on Tuesday, April 19th from 4:30pm 6:30pm. Trisha's House is located at 1724 N 29th Street in Sheboygan and is an extension of our Bridgeway & Beyond transitional living program. We are incredibly grateful for the support of so many to get this beautiful property polished up so we can continue to create transformational change for families in our community. Light refreshments and tours available.
- Spring Luncheon, May 7th: We really could use raffle basket donations from the faith community! These are a primary source of raising funds for Bridgeway. Please contact jodi@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org for more information. Additional event details online at https:// www.sheboygancountyinterfaith.org/spring-luncheon/.
- SCIO could use the following items: Dry Erase Markers- any color, 2 1/2-inch Binders with pockets (Green & Blue color), Zippered Pencil Case pouches for binders (Green & Blue color), 13-gallon garbage bags, 3 vinyl tablecloths-large rectangle size, Shower curtains- neutral colors.



Thank you so much for being a sponsoring CWS Blanket Congregation! Church World Service couldn't do our Blankets ministry without congregations like yours. We are so grateful for your generosity

Blessings!

Tonda Pirtle

Senior Administrative Assistant Church World Service PO Box 96 Elkhart, IN 46515 "



Brat Fry

St. James UCC

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 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



ST. JAMES USHERS

April & Easter

*Dale & Doris Sprenger David & Christine Gumm Corra Gumm Elliott Gumm Dean Sprenger Charles & Ruth Ann Kolb Ashley Lutzke Ethen Lutzke Linda Lutzke

<u>May</u>

*Tom Urness David Lorfeld Linda Lorfeld Alan Wippermann Rick & Donna Wippermann Tim & Noel Wippermann Cindi Wippermann Sara Wippermann Lindsay Wippermann



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Church emails are sent via Mail Chimp on a weekly basis. For an unknown reason, sometimes those messages end up in your "Promotions" or "Spam" box. To make sure you don't miss out on any important church news, it would be a great idea to get in the habit of checking those boxes at least twice weekly.



"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.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

<u>St. James</u>		<u>St. Mark's</u>
47	Feb. 27	54
_	Mar. 2	56
46	Mar. 6	52
53	Mar. 9-Wed.	—
56	Mar. 13	43
—	Mar. 16-Wed.	38
45	Mar. 20	60
36	Mar. 23-Wed.	
56	Mar. 27	59

ST. MARK'S GREETERS

<u>April</u> Jason Bramstedt Cindy Call Dave Call

Midweek

Lenten Services

Gary Kaestner Jim Taylor Patty Taylor

<u>May</u>

Janice Marcheske Mike Marcheske Scott Siekman

CANDLE LIGHTERS

<u>April</u>

3 - Hillary Herrmann, Colten Sommer
10 - Colton Scharl, Hailey Herrmann
17 - Brianne and Reid Vandoske
24 - Julia and Annabelle Uttech

<u>May</u>

- 1 Sierra Bramstedt, Claire Clemens
- 8 Brianne Vandoske,
 - Brooklyn Vandoske
- 15 Colten Scharl, Reid Vandoske
- 22 Wyatt Scharl, Colten Sommer
- 29 Hillary and Hailey Hermann

ST JAMES MARCH CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Hannah Kleinhans
- 7 Karen BeckerDale SprengerEric 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

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22 Allen & Sandra
Kracht-Jones
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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.

Please report any corrections or additions on the birthday and anniversary lists to Karen in the church office to ensure they are correct in future publications: stmstjofice@gmail.com

THANK YOU!

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 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 MARK'S APRIL CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Carol Weiand
- 2 Glenn Grunwald
- 3 Dale Dirks Chris Schnelle
- 5 Karen Binversie
- 12 Gene Kaestner Johnathan 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



OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND OUR DOOR...



March 16, 2022

Dear Friends in the Northeast Wisconsin Association,

You are invited to an Ecclesiastical Council for Nicole Herda which will take place at Grace Congregational United Church of Christ, 2801 Garfield Street, Two Rivers, Wisconsin, 54241, beginning at 1:00p.m., Saturday, April 2, 2022. Light refreshments to follow.

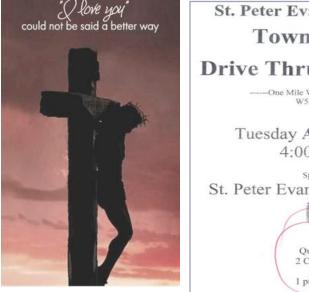
Please attend the celebration of Nicole's spiritual pilgrimage. A copy of Nicole's ordination paper has been sent to the Northeast clergy and churches electronically. A paper copy may be obtained by request to Susan Taylor at the Conference Office (staylor@wcucc.org).

According to our Northeast Association Constitution, a vote will be taken at the conclusion of Nicole's presentation that will affirm the wider church's support of her candidacy for ordination – pending a call. All pastors may vote, and lay delegates may also vote in the manner described in the constitution (III. G. 5 - page 7). "Two lay delegates for every 500 members, or fraction thereof, from each church in full standing, plus one lay delegate for each 500 members or major fraction thereof beyond the first 500." Visitors beyond the voting delegates are strongly encouraged. This would be a wonderful experience for a confirmation class or a youth group.

Please include this invitation in your worship bulletins and/or announce the Ecclesiastical Council at your worship services. If you are not able to be present, please keep Nicole in your prayers.

Peace and grace,

Rev. Lorri Steward Chair Placement and Transition



St. Peter Evangelical Church Town Of Rhine

Drive Thru Chili Supper

-----One Mile West of 57 on CTY FF-----W5375 Cty Rd FF

Tuesday April 19th, 2022 4:00-6:00PM

St. Peter Evangelical Ladies Aid

Menu \$10.00 Quart of Chili 2 Cheese Sticks Crackers 1 piece of Torte Additional Torte \$2.00 a piece

to Rural Life Mass! Thursday, April 7th @ 10:00 AM at St. Thomas the Apostle Rural Life Day is a day set aside to celebrate those involved in food production...from the backyard gardener to the full-time farmer, anyone in between, as well as those who appreciate where their food comes from. All are welcome, and we would be happy for you to join us! The 10:00 Mass will be celebrated with Bishop Ricken, who will bless any seeds or equipment you wish to bring, followed by a chicken and beef tips dinner. A presentation by Cory Geiger, author and managing editor of *The* Hoards Dairyman magazine will follow. We hope you can join us! Call 920-726-4228 or stop at St. Thomas the Apostle (8100 Brunner Rd, Newton) to get your dinner tickets now! SARON UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Brat Fry and Cornhole Tournament Saturday, April 9, 2022 11AM-5PM Laack's Hall in Johnsonville Brats Hamburgers Desserts 50-50 Raffles **Bucket Raffles** Beverages **Cornhole Tournament Doubles Teams** Bags Fly at 11AM **Double Elimination Competitive and Social Brackets** Entry Fee \$50 (Competitive) and \$30 (Social) Payouts based on # of entries Registration Forms at Laack's Hall or request one via e-mail from jegrossh@gmail.com Forms due back by April 2 MAUNDY THURSDAY

ALL ARE WELCOME



READERS THEATER

PERFORMED BY: BETHLEHEM PLAYERS

BETHLEHEM U.C.C. 11608 LAX CHAPEL Rd. KIEL,WI

THURSDAY APRIL 14. 2022 7:00 P.M PUBLIC WELCOME - NO ADMISSION

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A Workcamp in our Community Opportunity....

March 12, 2022

Fountain Park UMC 828 Erie Avenue Sheboygan, WI 53081

Greetings:

This summer, Fountain Park UMC will co-sponsor a Workcamp in our community. Perhaps as many as 65 resident homeowners (and their households) will benefit from the work of a projected total of 300 adult and teenage volunteers participating in the "Love Your Neighbor" Workcamp held in Sheboygan County from June 26 – July 2, 2022. The Workcamp will provide free home improvements through the Group Mission Trips program.

To allow participants to reach the areas needing repair, we will need ladders or scaffolding. This is where we could use your help!

On average, each Workcamp requires up to 75 ladders of varying heights, stepladders and extension ladders are needed. Because ladders are very difficult to transport, many volunteers who will come to Sheboygan from other cities and states will be unable to bring ladders along with them to Workcamp. This means we will need to find ladders from within our county to use for the week.

Would you be able to loan us a ladder (or several) to use for the week? All loaned equipment will be tracked carefully, treated respectfully and returned immediately after the Workcamp. If you are willing to provide a ladder or scaffolding, please call (Ed) at the phone number below, so I can schedule times for pick-up and return of offered equipment. Such support would be greatly appreciated!

We are looking for volunteer helpers from Sheboygan County who would assist us in a few other ways. Volunteers could help us get set up prior to the week of the mission by running errands, picking up supplies, pressure washing houses and doing other tasks to prepare for the Workcamp.

During the week of the Workcamp, we would appreciate having people provide and/or serve snacks in the afternoon (3-5pm) when the campers return to Horace Mann Middle School in Sheboygan, their lodging facility for the week. If you can volunteer in either or both ways, please call Sue at her phone number listed below.

Following the week of Workcamp, if there are any unfinished projects that are not completed during the Workcamp, we could use the assistance of willing workers to finish up those projects. If you could aid us in any of these endeavors, please contact Lisa at her phone number listed below.

Thank You for reading and considering these requests. If you have a question or can offer help, please contact the respective coordinator by May 1, 2022.

Sincerely, Edward Gilligan Set up Coordinator 920-917-4058

Sue Gilligan Snack Coordinator 920-918-5874 Lisa Radder Head Coordinator 920-892-0040