

The Country Church Herald

NEWSLETTER ~ AUGUST 2022

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Usually, I like to include information in my newsletter articles. Such as, information on VBS, the Mission trip, church services and so on. This time however, I want to share an experience with you. Around the beginning of July, I was on a morning walk with Blitz. I passed the parking lot entrance of

St. Mark's and looked up at the bell tower. There, on a ledge, just below the louvres, was a white bird. At first I thought it was a white mourning dove (I didn't have my glasses on at the time!). In the following days I've seen it a number of times. It is almost always sitting on the ledge by the bell tower earlier in the mornings. But I've seen it on the church roof; and the parsonage roof. I now know it is a white dove.

It's beautiful. Quiet. I haven't heard any cooing from it. And while I don't see it as a "sign from God", I do see it as a reminder of God's creative beauty. God has a hand in everything beautiful in our world. And God's hand touches the ugly parts of our world too. We see so much of the ugly around us. And for many of us it can be hard to see, or find, or realize the world's beauty. But every now and then, a beautiful sunset, a many hued butterfly, a bed of blooming hyacinth, or a white dove seen in an unexpected place reminds us. No matter where we are in the spectrum of God's creative beauty to the ugly, God does provide. God loves us and wants to remind us of his love, in any way he can. I give thanks to you and for you, God. You are awesome!

~Pastor Patrick

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COME JOIN US,
GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME!

August 7th — Communion at Both Churches St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship St. James: 10:30am Worship

August 14th —

<u>St. James:</u> 9:00am Worship

<u>St. Mark's:</u> 10:30am Worship

August 21st —

<u>St. Mark's:</u> 9:00am Worship

St. James: 10:30am Worship

August 28th <u>St. James:</u> 9:00am Worship
<u>St. Mark's:</u> 10:30am Worship

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

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY

July 11, 2022 6:30pm

- 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 Pastor Patrick Schultz who led the group in prayer.
- Motion to approve the Secretary's Report made by Wendy and seconded by Jamey. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Deb and seconded by Jason. Motion carried.
- Pastor's Report:
 - The Mission trip to Knoxville, TN will begin on Saturday July 16th. The group will leave at 4:15 and stay at a host church overnight. The will spend the week helping residents of Knoxville with projects assigned upon arrival. Pastor Kim Henning will be supply Pastor for Sunday the 17th.
 - Vacation Bible School is coming along smoothly. Many donations and helpers already secured. He will be checking onto insurance policy for using a climbing wall. Pastor is looking for individuals to participate in the Cleveland Parade.
- · Building and Grounds:
 - The cleaning and recoating of the flooring in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen, basement hallways, and Sunday School rooms will be completed on July 11-12 by Badger Carpet Care of Kohler. Motion to hire Best Painting to paint the Fellowship Hall, bathrooms, and possibly the hallways made by Jamey and seconded Tammy. Motion carried.
 - A Special meeting of the Congregation will be held on August 7 to approve the hiring of Best Painting from Sheboygan to paint the Fellowship Hall and bathrooms. We are also asking to raise the amount of money Consistory is able to spend without coming to the Congregation for a vote. Still waiting for Neumann Heating and Plumbing to provide furnace updates. The parking lot resurfacing will need to be addressed soon. Bug spraying has been completed by Triumph Pest Control.
- Committee Reports:

Vision of Hope: Meeting August 22

Stewardship Committee: Meeting September 7

Christian Board of Education: It has been recommended by the Consistory for the Sunday School to spend down some of their funds, then hold a fundraiser for additional funds.

Service Committee: No meeting

Audio Visual: No meeting

- Old Business:
 - Custom Detail Woodworking is not doing the railings. They have not started. Suggestions to go elsewhere would be appreciated
 - A combined outdoor service will be on July 31st at St. James. Hot dogs will be provided and we ask for a dish to pass for the pot luck.
 - St. Mark's and St. James will decide on combining Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services at their joint meeting in October.
- New Business:

Communion is August 7.

Deb made a motion to approve the donation from the Vernon Henschel family of a bench to be placed near the fryers in memory of Vernon – our beloved Grill Master. Tammy seconded. Motion approved.

- Motion made by Tammy and seconded by Jamey to raise the amount Consistory can spend at their discretion from \$2,500 to \$5,000. Motion carried. David will announce it to the congregation and set the meeting for August. 7th.
- Congregation concerns: Jason brought info from 2 Bit Acres, a local family, for a fundraiser for Dogs 2
 Dog Tags. They are having a croquet tournament and looking for \$150.00 sponsorships. Jamey made
 motion and Tammy seconded to donate \$150. Motion carried.
- Recently an unidentified man came into church and approached David after service looking for money.
 We are not set up for random donations. We decided to lock church after service. Jamey made a motion to give Chang a key and seconded by Deb. Motion carried.
- Next meeting date: August 1 6:30
- Motion to adjourn made by Wendy and seconded by Jason. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb La Duke, Consistory Secretary

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING

The meeting was called to order on July 7, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Julie Herrmann, Glenn Grunwald, Jacob Grunwald, Judy Steinbeck, Louise Jetzer, and Pastor Schultz.

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 Louise and seconded by Jake to approve. Motion carried.

Update from last month: We have a committee to monitor the Goeke Youth Fund. The committee consists of Mark Jurk, Lori Roelse, Patty Taylor and Judy Steinbeck. Patty Taylor has been removed from signing rights and Lori Roelse and Mark Jurk are the only members who will have signing rights to make transactions through our investment company.

Rev. Henning will be substituting while Pastor is on the Mission trip to Tennessee on 7/17/22.

Pastor will discuss having a joint outdoor church service with St. James Consistory with a potluck after.

Thank you to Tim and Wendy Schueler for repairing the drywall in the basement. It looks great!

Judy will order Worship and Praise hymnals to replace our current hymnals.

Thank you to Jerry Jetzer for the second wheelchair accommodation in the church pew. It turned out very well.

Jake made a motion and Louise seconded for Pastor to purchase a keurig machine for our coffee hour in the back of church. Motion carried.

Water samples were taken to be tested.

Pastor would like to have church members walk in the Dairyland Fest parade in Cleveland to invite community members to Vacation Bible School.

Communion will be served 8/7/22. Glenn reported he will be on vacation the month of August.

Our next scheduled meeting is on August 4th at 6:30 p.m.

Jake made a motion to adjourn and Glenn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Herrmann, Consistory Secretary

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 2022

Aug 16, 17, 18 at St. Mark's

Mark your calendar & invite children who are entering grades 1-8 this fall to join us with this mountain theme experience:)

Registration forms are available Online: https://www.stmstjucc.org/





On July 10th,
Daniel Craig Schultz,
son of Steven and
Crystal Schultz, was
baptized at St. Mark's.

We pray God's richest blessings fill your life, Sweet Little One.



Church is not an organization you join; it is a family where you belong, a home where you are loved and a hospital where you find healing.

~ St. James Stewardship Team

THANK YOU...

Pat & Noreen Flook for donating a fire pit (along with S'mores makings) to the Youth for their recent campout. Your gift is much appreciated!





OUR CHURCH YOUTH

With the summer volleyball season drawing to a close, the youth will resume their bi-monthly meetings once again on the first and third Sundays of the month. In August we will meet only on the 3rd Sunday of the month, though, since the volleyball tournament is on the first Sunday in August. On August 21 we will meet at St. Mark's at 5:30 for a meal, lesson, and video game night!

Please RSVP by AUGUST 19 if you plan to attend so that our meal preparers know how many to accommodate.

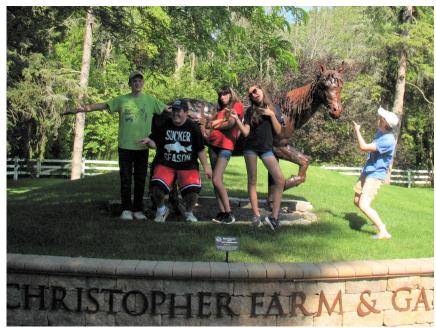
Please contact me with any questions. Brenda Schultz





Our own Mike Scharl made it possible for our youth to engage in a service opportunity at Christopher Farms and Gardens on a hot July day recently. They spent a couple of hours working in weeding and harvesting while learning more about how Christopher Farms serves the community.





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The Bill & Lori Roelse family provided the materials, which were purchased in memory of their son, Matt Roelse. Bill instructed three of our youth on the finer points of picnic table construction. One picnic table will be available at each of our two churches for our youth, and really anyone in our two churches, to use. Thank you Mr. Roelse for the materials, and for your patient teaching of our youth!













St. James is still looking for a volunteer to help develop & maintain the church website. If you are able to help with this exciting opportunity, please contact Pastor Schultz as soon as possible.

Thank you!



St. James Sunday School is in need of your help! Please consider joining this wonderful group of Christian educators in spreading the word to our most important resources....our children!

Scheduling can be very flexible. Perhaps once a month or several weeks in a row works for you. Curriculum is prepared and your time with our young is essential for their growth with Jesus. All materials are supplied.

Contact Deb La Duke, Jamie Henschel, Christine Gumm, or Amanda Russert if you could possibly give of your time.

(Smiles and gratitude are part of the benefit package.)



"Building Up Bridgeway's Kitchen with Pampered Chef Products", a huge success!

A huge thank you goes to everyone who participated and made this possible! The above picture shows all the products that we were able to get for Bridgeway, lots crossed off their Wish List. In fact, when I delivered the boxes to Bridgeway, Denise Cesar, the Program started crying as she thanked me, saying we have no idea how great the need was and how greatly they were blessed. Denise was excited to be able to discard some of the items that were in really bad shape (she mentioned metal trays that were all rusty and covered with aluminum foil to 'make them work'). Again, thank you!

Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization Bulletin Bites, August 2022



• Three families are currently living in the Bridgeway House. One family with 4 children, one family with three children, and one family with 2 members. One more family of two will be moving into Bridgeway on July 31, 2022. This will make our transitional living program full. SCIO's mentoring program kicked off in July! Interested mom's who have graduated from Bridgeway are being matched up with new moms that recently moved in. The mentors will work on guidance, motivation, programming and emotional support with the mentees.

SCIO is in need of two pocket folders and spiral notebooks for our families that are moving into the Bridgeway House.

Please hold the Bridgeway family in your thoughts and prayers as we venture through a season of change with staff and new residents.

- SCIO has the following needs: 6 pedestal fans to be used in resident rooms.
- The SCIO Summer Farmers Market is underway! The market runs from 8am-1pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays in Fountain Park and 12pm-5pm on Thursdays in Plymouth in the Dairy Queen parking lot. Once again, we will be accepting EBT at the information tent -- this year we are offering a match of up to \$15 in fresh produce vouchers through the Double Your Bucks program thanks to a generous donation from The Hunger Ball and continued generosity through St. Nicholas Hospital. SCIO is requesting bottled water and flannel backed vinyl tablecloths (60x102) in sets of three.
- Seeking Board members! If you have interest in joining an engaged and active group that helps shape SCIO, please contact Executive Director Lisa Stephan, lisa@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org. Areas of expertise that we are seeking include IT, marketing, law/legal, or lived experience in agriculture/farmers market or supervised visitation.

ST. JAMES USHERS

August

*Clarence & Heidi Belitz
Scott Henschel
Raymond Henschel
Allen & Eunice Stolzmann
Mark & Kathy Stolzmann
Val Jean Marcoe
Colton Marcoe
Gavin Marcoe

September

*Kris Zolltheis
Scott Zolltheis
Jeff & Wendy Meyer
Marissa Fitzgerald
Jonathan Meyer
Brian & Wendy Henschel
Amanda Henschel
Morgan Henschel



"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.

ST. MARK'S GREETERS

August
Jerry Jetzer
Louise Jetzer

Carol Weiand

September

Jay Sommer Kayla Sommer Margene Reyer

June, July, August
No candlelighters needed

HOSPITALITY

Aug. 7th — Sandy Perronne Aug. 14th — HELP NEEDED* Aug. 21st — HELP NEEDED* Aug. 28th — Margene Reyer

Contact church office if you can helpstmstjoffice@gmail.com or 920.693.8361



SHARING THE BOUNTY!

This is just a sampling of one leaf lettuce delivery made to the Food Bank from the Schultz's vegetable garden. One delivery, and there have been and continue to be many more this summer!

Is anyone sharing their abundance? Send pictures to stmstjoffice@gmail and share the details...

Hebrews 13:16

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,

ST JAMES AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Linda Rozmarynowski
- 2 Rhonda Krause
- 3 Sadie Koenig
 Emmett Vogel
 Alan Wippermann
- 5 Emma RussartDavie Lorraine Vogel
- 17 Heather Henschel
- 23 Cindi WippermannSara Wippermann
- 26 Abigail Wasmer
- 30 Kendra Schmitz
 Kathy Stolzmann
 Emmett Vogel
- 31 Kevin Jump

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Allen & Eunice Stolzmann
- 4 Charles & Ruth Ann Kolb
- 13 Joe & Cindy Klapperich
- 17 Galen & Debra LaDuke
- 18 Jeffrey & Amy Bodoh

FAITH

(F) FORWARDING (A) ALL (I) ISSUES (T) TO (H) HEAVEN 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.

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.

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.

<u>CHURCH</u> ATTENDANCE

St. James		St. Mark's	
26 31 35 38	July July July July	10 17	40 50 38 36

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: stmstjoffice@gmail.com

THANK YOU!

ST MARK'S AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Larry Heling
- 3 Jay Sommer
- 5 Charlie Mohr Keith Sixel
- 9 Debbie BricknerCourtney Binversie
- 18 Julie Herrmann
- 23 Gerty Free
- 26 Alicia Schueler
- 27 Carter Clemens
- 28 Bradley Grunwald Faith Grunwald
- 31 Joanie Mohr

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Chad & Alyssa Boutelle
- 8 Jerry & Louise Jetzer
- 9 Ray & Debbie Brickner
- 10 Richard & Linda Schroeder
- 20 Glenn & Terri Grunwald
- 21 Mike & Janice Marcheske
- 22 Larry & Denise Heling
- 22 Brett & Abbey Sheldon
- 26 Gerald & Jola Thiel
- 28 Michael & Michelle Scharl



You are invited to... Audit Religion Classes at Lakeland University

In recognition of the historic support given to Lakeland by many UCC churches and members across the state, Lakeland is pleased to extend this special offer.

- UCC Audit Fee: \$100 per course
- Non-UCC Audit Fee: \$200 per course
- Applies only to religion classes offered in person at the main campus

Current classes being offered in the Fall 2022 Semester:

REL 111 01 Old Testament as an Act of Resistance - Tuesdays, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

REL 132 01 Religious Diversity in America - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:10-11:05 a.m.

REL 233 01 Western Religious Traditions - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00 - 2:20 p.m.

REL 450 01 Religious Thought, Faith, Vocation - Mondays, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

For more information or to register for a class visit: http://lakeland.edu/ulrich-center/ucc-members-audit-courses



A fall could change everything

One in four people age 65 or older has a fall each year. You don't have to be one of them.

Take a Stepping On workshop!

Stepping On can help you avoid a dangerous and costly fall so you can keep doing the things you love to do. In just seven weeks, you'll learn:

- To identify and remove or avoid fall hazards in your home and outside
- How vision, hearing, medication, and footwear affect your risk of falling
- Strength and balance exercises you can adapt to your individual level
- To get back on your feet the right way if you do fall

Stepping On has been researched and proven to reduce falls by 30%!

Stepping On Falls Prevention Workshop

When: Wednesdays beginning August 24th through October 5th, 2022.

Where: Manitowoc-Two Rivers YMCA- Harborview Room

205 Maritime Drive, Manitowoc

Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm

Registration: Suggested donation of \$10

To Register:

Call the ADRC of the Lakeshore: 1-877-416-7083 or 920-683-4180







There's a Living Well with Chronic Conditions workshop starting soon near you!

Living Well with Chronic Conditions

When: Sept 19th, 26th, 28th Oct. 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th 1:00pm-3:30pm

Where: HFM Harbortown Campus Cooperstown Room 1650 S. 41st St, Manitowoc A medical-grade face mask must be worn at all times.

Call for more information and/or to register at 1-877-416-7083.

There is a suggested donation of \$10 per participant to assist in defraying the cost of the textbook and class materials.

Help Yourself to Better Health

Living with a chronic condition such as arthritis, cancer, heart disease, or another on-going health problem can be physically, emotionally and financially draining.

Taking care of yourself is important. And you can! But you need the tools and knowledge to help you.

Living Well with Chronic Conditions can show you the way!

What is Living Well with Chronic Conditions? And why should I take it?

Living Well is focused on teaching you the skills to better manage your health and well-being. The workshop meets once a week for six weeks and has been studied and shown to help family caregivers:

- Short-term goal setting
- Healthy eating and nutrition: food label reading and meal planning
- Relaxation techniques
- · Planning for the future
- Partnering with health provider
- · Fitness for exercise & fun!
- · Feedback and problem-solving
- · Stress and depression management
- Communicating effectively with friends, family, and your medical team









I don't think of myself as a caregiver.

I'm her husband. She needs me. And because she needs me, I know I need to take care of myself.

Powerful Tools helped me do that.

There's a Powerful Tools for Caregivers workshop starting soon near you!

The ADRC of the Lakeshore will be hosting a Powerful Tools for Caregivers workshop. We would love for you to join us!

Class Dates:

Wednesdays beginning August 31st- October 5th

Time: 1:00pm-3:30pm

Where:

Harbor View Assisted Living 2115 Cappaert Road Manitowoc, WI 54220

There is a suggested donation of \$10 per participant to assist in defraying the cost of the textbook and class materials.

Contact 1-877-416-7083 to register!!

Caregiving is rewarding.

But it can be challenging too.

Caring for someone with an injury or illness — such as dementia, cancer, heart disease, Parkinson's disease, stroke or others — can be physically, emotionally and financially demanding.

Taking care of yourself is important.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers (PTC) can show you the way!

What is Powerful Tools for Caregivers? And why should I take it?

Powerful Tools focuses on **your** well-being. The class meets once a week for six weeks and has been studied and shown to help family caregivers:

- Reduce stress, guilt, anger, and depression and improve emotional well-being
- Manage time, set goals, and solve problems
- Master caregiving transitions and be part of decision-making
- Communicate effectively with the person needing care, family members, doctors, and other helpers
- · Find and use community resources





