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PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

AUGUST, 2023

August 6th —

St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship

St. James: 10:30am Worship

August 13th —

St. James: 9:00am Worship

St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship

August 20th —

St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship

St. James: 10:30am Worship

August 27th -

St. James: 9:00am Worship

St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship

Sunday bulletins & links to prayer requests are posted under the 'Messages' link on our church website: <https://www.stmstjucc.org/>
Worship Services are recorded weekly and uploaded to our church

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ 2023

Growing With God

August 15, 16, 17

9am to noon

at St. Mark's UCC



All children welcome!

There's still time to
sign up for VBS 2023!

You can sign up at:

[https://
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5-grow](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44AFAD2EAAFEC25-grow) or by calling the
church office: 920.603.8361

Or by emailing Karen in the
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St. Marks U.C.C. & St. James U.C.C.

Invite you to

POLKA & POTLUCK

Come for an afternoon of good friends, good food and good ol' fashioned dancing.

Featuring Carl Laack

Please bring a dish to pass. You can sign up at your church or online using this QR code.



DAY
AUG. 26
TIME
2PM

Spring Hope Barn
11424 Spring Lake Rd
Kiel, WI 53042

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING

July 6, 2023

The meeting was called to order on July 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Glenn Grunwald, Judy Steinbeck, Linda Schroeder, Ben Grunwald, Julie Herrmann and Pastor Schultz. Janell Davis and Larry Perrone were absent. Pastor led us in prayer.

It was stated that some members of the congregation are concerned about animal maintenance in the parsonage and who would be responsible for payment of any repairs if they were needed. There are no current concerns at this time and Pastor Schultz and Brenda confirmed that they are very responsible with their pets and respect the parsonage and its upkeep. An occupancy agreement would state that the church pays for all normal reasonable maintenance in the parsonage and would not be responsible for additional maintenance for pets. Larry will bring a sample agreement to next month's meeting.

The financial report was read by Judy and reviewed by the consistory. Linda made a motion to accept the report and Ben seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Linda to accept the Secretary's report and seconded by Ben. Motion carried.

Pastor would like an expectant mother sign to be posted in the parking lot when lines are painted.

Glenn has suggested our by-laws and safe sanctuary policies be digital and scanned in as word documents to be able to edit in the future.

Judy will ask Pastor Kim Henning if he can present his Leadership Forward presentation to the congregation on July 30, 2023 after church at St. Mark's.

Pastor has suggested we have a basketball court in the parking lot to be purchased using the youth group fund. The youth are expressing an interest in having an activity like this to do together. Linda made a motion to approve pastor's request to put in a hoop and court and Ben seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The organ does need repairs or a replacement and it is difficult to find someone to repair it. We will keep it on our list for future conversation. The piano fund will be changed to the organ/piano fund so monies can be used for either the piano or the organ.

Pastor will be sending letters to the non-active members inviting them to return to church.

Communion will be changed from August 6th to August 13th. Daniel Gumm will be leading the service on August 6th and he is unable to serve communion.

Glenn has discussed the elevator inspection with Karen Mansker who called Otis Elevator and confirmed it had passed state inspection. Jerry Jetzer will find out what confirmation paperwork is needed to keep in the maintenance room. Glenn will continue to get more details on the boiler also.

The burning of the parsonage loan will take place on Sunday, August 13, 2023.

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. There will be no need for an August meeting.

Julie made a motion to adjourn and Linda seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Herrmann
Consistory Secretary

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY

July 10, 2023 6:30 pm

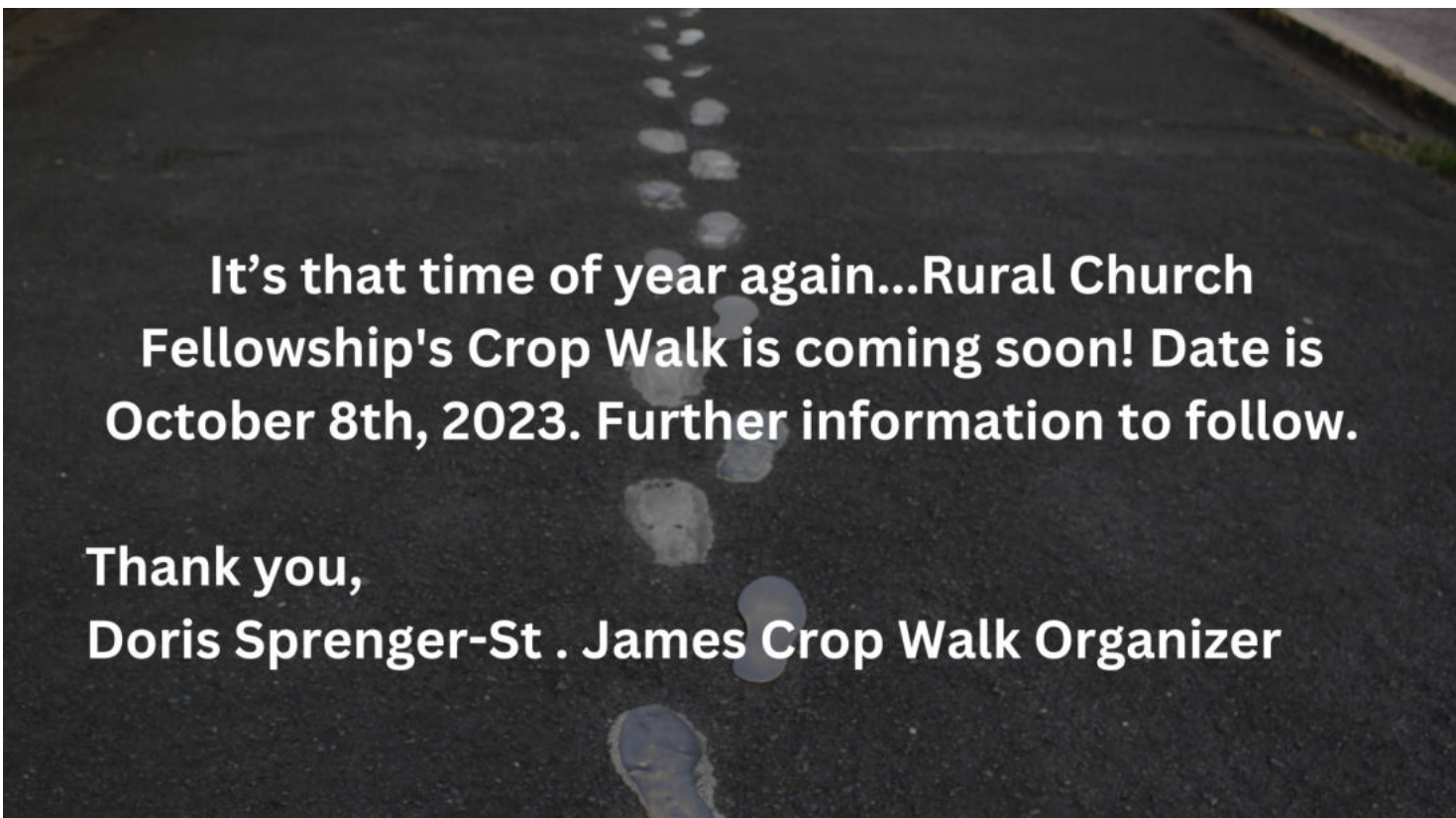
- The meeting was called to order by President Jackie Mueller. Members present were Jason Riesterer – Vice-President, Sheila Hemb – Treasurer, Tammy Serketich – Secretary, Jamey Binversie, Wendy Meyer, and Pastor Patrick Schultz.
- Absent: Scott Henschel
- Prayer led by Pastor
- Motion to approve the Secretary's Report made by Jamey and seconded by Wendy. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Tammy and seconded by Jason Motion carried. A future newsletter will feature 5 of 5 church donations. Christmas Fund offering will be the Sunday before Xmas. We also had a \$100 donation to the blanket fund, which is not part of the 5 of 5.
- Pastor's Report: Rev. Kim Henning will discuss the Leadership Forward campaign with our congregation. Date to be determined. Pastor suggested purchasing a gently used collapsible ping pong table for the Youth. Funds will come from the Youth Group account. Consistory approved. St. Mark's was purchasing a Foosball table and basketball hoop.
Mission/Vision Committee – will meet July 22
Vacation Bible School – Registration is open, donation was made to VSB from member.
- Building and Grounds:
Sunday School Floors -Jamey, Cole and Jason will research and take care of in August
Parking Lot -Jackie has a call into Rightway for an estimate
Cemetery Hose – The existing hose needs to be replaced. Discussion held if new hose and reel are needed or just a short hose, hose bracket and splitter. Jackie will purchase.
- Committee Reports:
Vision of Hope: Next meeting in August
Stewardship Committee: Met June 7, sending cards to members, reminder to members to use the giving envelopes. Will host a social hour the first week of Sunday school. Next meeting September 6th.
Christian Board of Education: Meeting in August
Service Committee: Nothing new to report
Audio Visual: Nothing new to report. Need to research microphone options.
- Old Business:
Safe Sanctuary helper – VSB teachers and volunteers will be required to complete the forms, no background checks required at this time.
Outdoor Service -Sunday, July 23. Concerns about microphones/audio. Tammy will contact relative to borrow/set up speakers and microphones. Jackie to check with Ann regarding using a keyboard or if needed the piano by the Sunday school rooms an option. We will provide hot dogs, buns, condiments, and water. Tammy to purchase. We will bring easy ups, rather than renting the big tent. We will also provide games such as cornhole, ladder golf, kids games etc.
Adopt a Highway – Will be scheduled for September or October

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ST. JAMES CONSISTORY—continued

- **New Business:**
Welcome Cards – Pastor confirmed he follows up with guests and sends card or email, phone if number is provided.
Update phone numbers and addresses – Our member listing is not accurate, encourage members to update with new phone numbers/addresses.
Hymn numbers/inserts/binders -suggestion to change the “insert” or “binder” slips for the hymnal board to horizontal rather than vertical for easier reading. Jackie to discuss with Randy.
Organist Fan – Jackie will purchase fan for the organist.
- **Congregation concerns:** - Members would appreciate more patriotic themed songs on certain holidays. Pastor will consider for Labor Day service. Jason’s neighbor is again hosting a croquet tournament. All monies raised donated to Veteran’s groups/organization. Motion made by Tammy to again sponsor a hole in the amount of \$150.00, seconded by Jamey. Motion carried.
- **Next meeting date:** August 7, 2023 6:30 pm. Tammy will forward agenda to Wendy to take minutes.
- **Motion to adjourn** made by Wendy and seconded by Jamie. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Serketich, Secretary



It’s that time of year again...Rural Church Fellowship's Crop Walk is coming soon! Date is October 8th, 2023. Further information to follow.

**Thank you,
Doris Sprenger-St . James Crop Walk Organizer**



Sunday, August 13 we'll get back into the groove of our regular gatherings, this time at St. Mark's at 5:30. Patrick, Grace and I will be on vacation the last week of July and the first week of August, so this will be our first opportunity for a regular get together.

We will be heading out to Reins, Inc.* on Friday, August 11, from 1:00-3:00 to be volunteer assistants in a horse-riding class for the disabled. They need us to be "walk a long" assistants and will train you before the 2:00 class. This is an opportunity we can help with every Friday in August if you would like, but I have only scheduled us for the 11th at the moment. Culvers after!

Pending consistory approval, I am looking at August 18 (Friday) as our youth camp out on St. James church property. I will let you know more if that approval comes through for that date. Any weekday activities you would like to do outside of all this need to be scheduled before August 21, as this is Grace's first day of school.

I encourage all of you to help out with VBS if you are able to! Enjoy these last days of summer!

Blessings,
Brenda Schultz

**Reins, Inc., Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies,
W2647 County Road O, Sheboygan Falls, WI (920) 946-8599*

Trinity Fellowship Church in Waldo is hosting Westward Road for an evening performance. This concert is free with a Love donation and open to the public to attend. We invite your church family to join us for a wonderful experience in Christian music and fellowship.

If you would like more information, please contact Lori Schmidt t 920.627.6720

DATE: August 27, 2023

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Westward Road



**PLACE: Trinity Fellowship Church
425 N. Lyndon Street, Waldo**

CONTACT: 920-627-6720 / 920-528-7123



We extend our most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Mary Ellen Schnelle, member of St. Mark's, who entered into Eternal Life on June 29th, 2023. Mary Ellen will be missed by our church families.

Mary Ellen V. Schnelle, 92, of Cleveland, went home to be with her Lord on Thursday, June 29, 2023 at Sheboygan Senior Community. She was born June 19, 1931 in Newton, WI daughter to the late Arthur and Hertha (Wippermann) Lorfeld. She attended Spring Valley grade school and St. James United Church of Christ where she was baptized and confirmed. She also sang in the church choir and served as a Sunday School teacher. She was a 1949 graduate of Kiel High School.

On May 31, 1952 she was united in marriage to Lloyd E. Schnelle at St. James UCC Spring Valley. They met at Tourist Inn where their love of polka dancing began, which they thoroughly enjoyed throughout their lives. They attended many polka events and never went home until the last song was played. You would often catch Mary Ellen dancing in the kitchen while listening to the Jerry Schneider show on the radio.

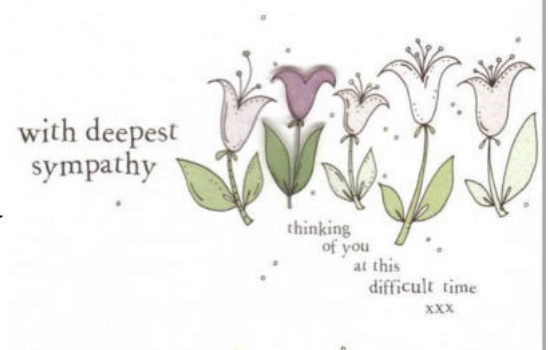
They resided on the home farm near Millhome for 13 years. In 1965, they moved to Cleveland where they operated the Wagner farm and apple orchard. Mary Ellen was a devoted farm wife. She loved the farm, working alongside Lloyd and her family. She enjoyed serving their apple customers along with working in the gardens. During that time, she also served as an election official in the Town of Mosel for 12 years. The couple shared 48 wonderful years of marriage before Lloyd preceded her in death in 2001.

Her family filled her heart with pride, joy and love. The family gatherings as well as the many visits of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, who all lived nearby, were very special to her and were her most cherished times. She and Lloyd enjoyed attending many of their music programs, sporting events and cattle shows. They enjoyed many bus trips and visiting relatives in neighboring states. Time spent with her cousins and special friendships she made were never taken for granted. Her love of writing letters to family and friends were enjoyed by many. Her children and their families will always be grateful to Mary Ellen for her selflessness, her faith in God, her generosity and positive outlook. Mary Ellen will always be remembered for her warmth and gentle kindness.



Our Sympathy is extended to the families of Janice (Henschel) Brass upon her entering Eternal Life on July 11th, 2023.

Janice attended Sunday School, was confirmed and married at St. James UCC.



St. James Stewardship Team:

"No matter who you are and what you've done, God wants you on his side. There is nothing you have to do or be. It's on the house. It goes with the territory."

~Frederick Buechner



Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization

Bulletin Bites

AUGUST. 2023

- ⇒ The Bridgeway Transitional Living Program continues to grow and serve single women with dependent children. We currently have 3 families living at Bridgeway and will welcome another new mom at the end of July who delivered a beautiful baby boy this month. We also have 2 families living at Trisha's House. Your support, prayers and engagement are greatly appreciated!
- ⇒ Come and see us at the farmers market! We are offering EBT again this year and Double Your Bucks up to \$10 for low-income neighbors. We will also hand out Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers again, beginning in June. This year the senior vouchers have increased to \$35 and are available to people over 60 and income-restricted. See you at the Market! Every Wednesday and Saturday from 8-1 at Fountain Park, and Thursdays from 3-6pm at Riverwalk Center, 515 Mill Street, Plymouth.
- ⇒ Moment of SCIO Truth: We are struggling with keeping basic items in stock to serve our families. While we see abundant generosity over the holiday season, the summer months become long and sparse with donations. If you have capacity, please consider donating from the following list of items: toilet paper, paper towel, liquid dish soap, laundry detergent, 13-gallon garbage bags, Kleenex, floor cleaner, baby wipes, ziplock bags (quart and gallon size).
- ⇒ The Family Pathways program is thriving! As the only private supervised visitation program in the county, we are currently serving 10 families every week. We have the ability to add a few more families, so keep us in mind if you know of a family experiencing transitions between parents and children. We provide a safe and nurturing environment and offer 90-minute visits each week. Inquiries can be directed to familypathways@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org.

ST. JAMES USHERS

AUGUST

*Bill Heckmann
 Caroline Heckmann
 Jack Heckmann
 Thomas Heckmann
 Hank & Barb Reimer
 Dale Krause
 Randy & Karen Krause
 David Krause
 Rachael Krause

SEPTEMBER

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

ST. MARK'S GREETERS

AUGUST

Gerty Free
 Margene Reyer

SEPTEMBER

Cindy Call
 Dave Call

READERS

Aug. 6— Sandy Perronne
 Aug. 13— Scott Siekman
 Aug. 20— Lori Roelse
 Aug. 27— Jacob Grunwald

HOSPITALITY

Aug. 6 — Sandy Perronne
 Aug. 13 — available
 Aug. 20 — Margene Reyer
 Aug. 27 — available

****If you're interested in hosting one of the 'available' Sundays, please contact the office.**



VISION OF HOPE-ST. JAMES

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

STUDENTS! Use this form for tuition help (currently \$1,000) each year.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

St. James

St. Mark's

25	July 2	58
34	July 9	37
30	July 13	44

July 23rd & 30th will be reported in the August newsletter.

ST JAMES AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Linda Rozmarynowski
- 2 Rhonda Krause
- 3 Sadie Koenig
Emmett Vogel
Alan Wippermann
- 5 Emma Russart
Davie Lorraine Vogel
- 17 Heather Henschel
- 23 Cindi Wippermann
Sara Wippermann
- 26 Abigail Peterson
- 30 Kendra Schmitz
Kathy Stolzmann
Emmett Vogel
- 31 Kevin Jump
Grace Schultz

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Allen & Eunice
Stolzmann
- 7 Andrew & Abigail
Peterson
- 4 Charles & Ruth Ann Kolb
- 13 Joe & Cindy Klapperich
- 17 Galen & Debra LaDuke

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!

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.



Remember to complete your "Welcome" cards & check "Took Communion" on August 13th. That information is recorded, saved, and becomes part of an important church document.

***You may leave your Welcome Card in the pew and it will be collected after church :)**

ST MARK'S AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Larry Heling
- 3 Jay Sommer
- 5 Charlie Mohr
- 9 Debbie Brickner
Courtney Binversie
- 18 Julie Herrmann
- 23 Gerty Free
- 26 Matthew John Roelse
Alicia Schueler
- 27 Carter Clemens
- 28 Bradley Grunwald
Faith Grunwald
- 31 Joanie Mohr
Grace Schultz

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

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