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Vacation Bible School!

At this time, we have 20 of our children, plus some friends signed up for three days of VBS August $17^{th} - 19^{th}$. It's been a while since we've had VBS, but it's like riding a bike. We never forget how to do it.

Each day we'll begin with everyone in the Sanctuary for greetings, announcements and prayer. In that time, we'll also take a look at the Biblical Story that will ground us in our three days together. We'll sing, *Footprints on the Water*. And have meaningful activities and crafts – as well as some silly ones. Like, Musical Chairs (with a pool). Odd person out gets the pool!

Our undergirding theme is Finding Jesus and Faith in Jesus. To which, we'll play some games like Blind Lawn Darts (Perfectly safe! Nothing sharp or pointed) or Bat and Moth; Walking on Water (with Oobelek) and telling the story of Jesus walking on water (by the end of our time together) in our own words.

There are many that are helping in this adventure with our kiddos, for which I am grateful. It is important that we spend time with our youth in our church. It is certainly worth 3 days (3 hours each) of our time in our summer months.

As always, I ask that you be in prayer for our children, our helpers, your pastor and all that are making this Walking on Water Adventure happen!

Pastor Patrick





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PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz COME JOIN US, GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME!

August 1st

Communion at both Churches

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

August 8th

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

August 15th

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

August 22nd

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

August 29th

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

Sunday bulletins and links to prayer requests are posted under the "messages" link on our church website: https://www.stmstjucc.org/

VBS Generosity Gifts at the Altar

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETINGS

July 15, 2021 6:30

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 who led us in prayer. Motion to approve the Secretary's Report made by Wendy and seconded by David. Motion carried. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Deb and seconded by Jason. Motion carried. Pastor's Report:

Vacation Bible School – Pastor has worked extensively on the program and has received many supplies and financial support for the three days. At this point, approximately 20 children are interested. The group discussed Chapter 2 of <u>Just Say Yes</u>.

Building and Grounds:

The steeple has a leak and David will call Luedtke Roofing for consult. The cracked stained glass panels were delivered to The Glass Haus in Green Bay and are being repaired. Committee Reports:

Vision of Hope – The Consistory approved the 7 recommendations from the Vision of Hope. Audio Visual – There is a possibility of purchasing a small t.v. to be placed in the narthex. It would provide church info before and after service.

Old Business:

Clarence continues to be in conversation with TDS about bill discrepancies. The updated baptismal document was added to the Consistory binder. Consistory

New Business:

Choir will begin singing again this fall. Leaflets and snacks will continue to be handed out to any children present in church. Pastor will continue his Children's message (Young at Heart). Jason will check with Matt Schneider about the speaker issues. Pastor will order a "Coachman" wireless mic for services. communion on August 1. Pastor will be on vacation from August 2 – 15. Pastor has contacted several Pastors as subs and we may have a hymn sing one Sunday.

Next Meeting Date: Aug. 3

Adjournment motion given by Tammy and seconded by Deb. Motion carried.

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.

There have been some changes to the confidentiality laws. These changes 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 CONSISTORY MEETING

July 1, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by president, Lori Roelse. Members present: Pastor Schultz, Dave Call, Julie Herrmann, Glenn Grunwald, Jacob Grunwald, Louise Jetzer, and Judy Steinbeck. 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.

Larry Perronne joined us at the meeting to discuss an estimate for the bell tower. He has contacted Ryan Guenther from Crafts Incorporated in Manitowoc and it was confirmed that we need to remove the roof membrane. The ideal time to do it is during the summer when it's warm. We will announce in church two times and send an email stating that there will be a meeting to ask for approval of the repairs on 7/18/21. Dave will announce on July 4th and July 11th.

We summarized the updates to the parsonage for the insurance policy.

The priorities that the building and grounds committee suggested were reviewed and Glenn made a motion to have the cast iron vent pipe in the pastor's office repaired, a shower door to be installed in the master bath of the parsonage and the tin roof on the airing porch to be waterproofed. Dave seconded the motion. Glenn will ask Larry to get paint and then will apply the waterproofing. Dave will contact Neumann Plumbing and Heating about the cast iron vent pipe. Jerry Jetzer will check into shower door for parsonage.

Brenda Schultz has expressed an interest in the substitute secretary position and Karen Mansker will get together with Brenda for training.

The Lock -in for Confirmands has been canceled due to not being able to find chaperones.

Plans for Vacation Bible School are being made for 8/17, 8/18 and 8/19 from 9:00-12:00. There are 16 kids signed up. They will be recording the biblical story of walking on water. Looking for helpers for each day and will put a supply list needed in the bulletin.

It was decided to continue to keep the back pews closed off for those wanting separation due to Covid but the front pews would be opened to allow for more seating.

The offering plate will be presented to the altar during offering time but continue to stay in the back of church for money collection.

There will continue to be no ushers but will have a greeter at the entrance. The usher list will be used to contact the people and ask them to be greeters instead.

The use of the fellowship hall will be available to members to use for personal gatherings for those who are interested.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2021 at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Herrmann, Consistory Secretary

St Mark's Bell Tower

At the congregational meeting at St Mark's on July 18, the congregation approved a proposal prepared by Craft Inc. in the amount of \$14,961.00 to repair the bell tower. This project will be partnered with fixing piping over the pastor's office which is causing a leak. Since we have already received donations to cover half of the project, the congregation approved to take the balance from the General Fund with the understanding that the Building Fund will have to pay back the General Fund as it is able.

Thank you to all of those who have already contributed to this cause. Please keep this project in mind as you think about donations to the church.

AUGUST

*Jeff & Wendy Meyer Jim & Karen Becker Marissa Fitzgerald Jonathan Meyer Amanda Henschel Morgan Henschel Randy & Karen Krause Chelsea Langenhahn Henry & Kari Langenhahn, Jr.

SEPTEMBER

*Keith & Michelle Mauk Brad Mauk Brian & Wendy Henschel Galen & Deb La Duke Doug Luebke William Luebke Myron and Kathleen Hickman Tim & Noel Wippermann Lindsay Wippermann



ST. MARK'S GREETERS

AUGUST

Dave Call* Cindy Call Tim Schueler Wendy Schueler

SEPTEMBER

Mike Summers* Amy Summers Ben Summers JoAnn Grant



FREE 6:30-9pm: Cold Soda Club ENTRY 8:45pm: 50/50 Raffle Winner Announced (both nights) FOOD TRUCKS 8:45pm: 50/50 Raffle Winner Announced (both nights) BEVERAGE TENT FAMILY ZONE ENTERTAINMENT Hosted by:		<u>ъъъадъъъадъъъад</u> ъъад
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Interfaith Organization SHEBOYGAN	ENTERTAINMENT Hosted by: Sheboygan County	SHEBOYGAN

VOLUNTEERS:

We need groups to empty garbage cans, beverage servers, set up crew, clean up crew, Family Zone, smiling faces!

Various shifts available, no experience necessary! (Jodi: 920-457-7272 ext.

ST JAMES AUGUST CELEBRATIONS BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Linda Rozmarynowski
- 2 Rhonda Krause
- Sadie Koenig
 Emma Russart
 Emmett Vogel
 Alan Wippermann
 Davie Lorraine Vogel
- 17 Heather Henschel
- 23 Cindi Wippermann Sara 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

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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.

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The United Church of Christ (UCC) is a distinct and diverse community of Christians that come together as one church to join faith and action. With over 5,000 churches and nearly one million members across the U.S., the UCC serves God in the co-creation of a just and sustainable world. The UCC is a church of firsts, a church of extravagant welcome, and a church where "...they may all be one" (John 17:21).

United Church of Christ: https:// www.ucc.org

St. James UCC/St. Mark's UCC: www.stmstjucc.org

Please report any corrections or additions on the birthday and anniversary lists to Karen in the church office: stmstjofice@gmail.com

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

<u>St. James</u>		St. Mark's
24	July 4th	44
35	July 11th	48
27	July 18th	40

ST MARK'S AUGUST CELEBRATIONS BIRTHDAYS

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

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



"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 on Monday, October 4th, at St. James at 6:30pm.

STUDENTS: Use the "Application for Funding" form for tuition help (currently \$1,000) each year.



Do you remember FLAT JESUS from last summer? Well, he's back!

Flat Jesus is part of Church-On-The-Go! Boxes that were introduced June of 2020. The pizza-size boxes are available at each church to be used during extended vacations. Each box contains laminated game sheets for road trips: I Spy, the Licenses Plate game, Skittles, prayers, Beach Bal Prayers and Thanksgiving (with your very own beach ball), a Trip Talks booklet (to take a break from video games for a while), and most importantly, Flat Jesus!

You're asked to color & decorate Flat Jesus any way you wish, cut him out, take him with you and take pictures of your adventure. Then, email us a picture and tell us about that adventure. Send the picture & story to: flatjesusstmstj@gmail.com We will publish your picture & story in the next month's newsletter for all to enjoy :)

Contact Pastor Patrick to pick up your Church-on-the-Go! Box (btw, it's not just for summer, these boxes may be picked up anytime of the year!)









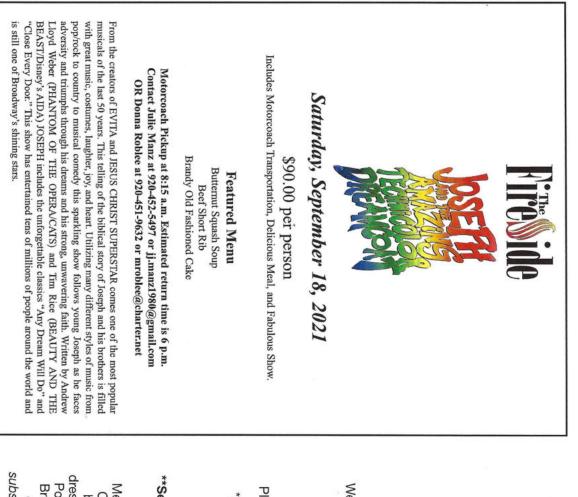












PLEASE JOIN Ebenezer United Church of Christ

JOSEPH and the AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

At The Fireside Theatre in Fort Atkinson

We will gather in Ebenezer's parking lot before departure on September 18th at 8:15 a.m.

Cost of the trip - \$90/person - includes Motor coach transportation, meal, show and driver tip

Please make your reservation before August 16th, 2021 by contacting

*Julie Manz at 920-452-5497 or jj.manz1980@gmail.com OR

*Donna Schwinn-Roblee at 920-451-9632 or mroblee@charter.net

Seats will be reserved when we receive your payment on a first come, first served basis.

Meal includes Butternut Squash Soup garnished with Fresh Chives, Freshly Baked Breads from the Fireside's Artisan bakery, Beef Short Rib Slowly braised in beef stock and dressed with a red wine Demi-glaze, Garlic and Herb Whipped Potatoes, Roasted Shaved Brussel Sprouts with Bacon and Brandy Old Fashioned Cake Garnished with a Cherry and a candle Orange. *Vegetarian, Gluten-Free or other menu substitutions available. PLEASE indicate dietary requests when making your reservation.*

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