



**Sunday, October 8, 2023**  
**St. James and St. Mark's United Church of Christ**  
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor  
Ann Rodewald, Organist  
Scott Siekman, Reader

"I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee."

Meditative Music

Bells Ring

Prelude Gathering for Worship:

*Praise to the Lord*

**Call to Worship:**

L: Come let us sing of our love for God:

**P: For you, O God, we will sing our songs!**

L: Come, let us tell of compassion and faith:

**P: For you, O God, we will tell of your great strength and goodness.**

L: A parent's love, a child's laughter, a prophet's word, a wise persons' wisdom:

**P: For these, O God, we will proclaim your name, tell your stories, and praise you always!**

**Prayer:**

Lord, rekindle your spirit within us; make us burn with your power and love. Increase our faith; set us ablaze with courage, that we might fulfill our calling before you and our neighbors – not simply because you command it, but because we demand it of ourselves. *Amen.*

**Hymn:**

St. James (#191)

St. Mark's (#461)

[Please Be Seated]

*Breathe on me breath of God*



**Young at Heart:**

**Prayer of Confession:**

O Christ, who knew the pain of rebuking friends but did not hesitate to risk that pain; who counted the cost of discipleship but did not hesitate to pay that cost: we adore you. You are our Lord, before whom we bow in awe and gratitude, you are our light in the darkness – a light that burns brighter than the sun and can be clearly seen on the brightest of days or the darkest of nights. You are our Teacher, to whom we turn in need and expectation. As you have taught us the meaning of lordship, teach us the meaning of discipleship; teach us what it means to be members not simply of the church but of your body.

**Words of Assurance:**

We come to you, asking for another chance – not a second chance but a third, fourth and fifth chance. We ask for the grace to hear and to heed your voice; for the fortitude to confront and to correct our friends; for the determination to respect and to rely on others; and for the courage to count and to pay the cost of discipleship. Help us, O Christ, to do as well as we know and, better yet, to do the greater works you promised we would do. *Amen.*

**Hymn:**

St. James (#373)

St. Mark's (#654)

*Christ for the World We Sing  
Holy Ground*

**Scripture Reading:**

Job 1:1, 2:1-10 ESV

*There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.*

*Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. And the LORD said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from*

evil? He still holds fast his integrity, although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason.” Then Satan answered the LORD and said, “Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life. But stretch out your hand and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.” And the LORD said to Satan, “Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life.”

So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and struck Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. And he took a piece of broken pottery with which to scrape himself while he sat in the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, “Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die.” But he said to her, “You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

**Message:**

*Disoriented*

**Offering:**

Offering, tithes and gifts can be made before or after worship in the offering baskets/plates at the welcome area of the church. St. James is also set up to take on-line offerings through the website (stmstjucc.org).

**Offertory Music:**

*Make Me a Servant*

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

**Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**

Let it be a joy to come to the altar and bring our gifts, offerings and tithes. Our giving may be sacrificial or painful. But we give cheerfully knowing what we have to offer will be multiplied many times over to the betterment of others. **Amen.**

**People’s Prayer ~ Lord’s Prayer:**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. **Amen.**

**Hymn:**

St. James (#471)

St. Mark’s (#557)

*More Love To Thee  
It Only Takes a Spark*

**Benediction:**

The road is long. Let us walk it with integrity of heart – seeking God and scorning evil; loving good and loathing corruption; rendering justice and righting wrong. Let us walk confidently in the power of heaven, remembering one another constantly in our prayers and honoring one another continually with our lives.

Go now to love and serve the Lord in all that you do, all that you are, and all you will be building the kingdom of heaven here on earth as it is in heaven. **Amen.**

**Postlude:**

*He Is Thy Salvation*

**COME & JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS!**

**St. James UCC**

**1st & 3rd Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.**

**2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 9:00 a.m.**

**~Sunday School meets 9-10am at both churches~**

**St. Mark's UCC**

**1st & 3rd Sundays..... 9:00 a.m.**

**2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.**

# St. James UCC

13312 Pioneer Rd, Newton WI 53063

## Ham Dinner Carry outs only

Sunday, October 15, 2023

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Please join us in worship at 10:00 am.

Guest speaker from Project Angel Hugs.

Dinner will include: Ham, German Potato Salad, Corn,  
Applesauce, Coleslaw, Dinner Rolls, Pumpkin or Apple Pie

Cost: \$14.00 per meal

Thank you for supporting "Our Church's Wider Mission".

*St. James  
Mission  
Fest next  
week  
Sunday!*

**See the  
Project Angel  
Hugs  
'Wish List'**



# Project Angel Hugs 2023 Holiday Wish List



## Most Needed Items

Minecraft  
Fortnite  
Pokemon  
Bakugan  
Dragon Ball Z  
Roblox  
Lego Sets (Boy and Girl - Please No Classic Sets)  
Handheld Games  
LOL Dolls  
Blippi  
Unicorn/ Mermaid  
Science Activity Kits  
Nail Polish  
Makeup & Play Makeup  
Lip Balm  
Jewelry/Earrings  
Hot Wheels/Matchbox Cars  
Green Bay Packer and Milwaukee Brewers  
Peppa Pig  
Jewelry or Craft Kits  
Superhero (Batman, Avengers, and Spiderman)  
Crayola Watercolor Paints  
\$15 Amazon Gift Cards

## Other Needed Items

Bluey  
Collectable Sports Cards  
Hunting Items (Camo)  
Teen Board Games  
Outer Space  
Baby Yoda  
Ninjago  
Scooby Doo  
Card Games  
Small Math Games  
Sensory Toys  
Teen (Girl and Boy) Lotion and Body Wash Sets  
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
Model Trucks & Cars Kits  
Paint by Numbers Sets  
500-Piece Puzzles (Dog, Cat or Animal Themed)  
Mickey and Minnie Mouse  
Small Nerf Guns  
Paw Patrol (Chase, Rebel, or Rocky)  
-or-  
Shop our Amazon Wish List  
(Link on [projectangelhugs.com](https://projectangelhugs.com))

\*ITEMS MUST BE NEW AND UNUSED

\*PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT WE SHIP THESE ITEMS. TO SHIP, ITEMS MUST BE NO LARGER THAN 12"X12"

**The guest speaker for St. James Mission Fest on Oct. 15th is Jessica Jensema, Executive Director of Project Angel Hugs located in Plymouth Wisconsin. This is their Wish Link, and there's also an Amazon link below if anyone would like to donate. Orders may be brought to church and placed in the box in the entryway. Amazon link: <https://a.co/4ctgACE>**

# Staying Close, Staying Connected

## Our Church Celebrations!

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:**

*October 8<sup>th</sup> - William Luebke*

*9<sup>th</sup> - Joanne Fessler, Colten Sommer*

*10<sup>th</sup> - Kay Bitter*

*11<sup>th</sup> - Christine Hayon*

*12<sup>th</sup> - Kathy Jurk*

*14<sup>th</sup> - Brian Hemb, Sandy Perronne, Wendy Schueler*

### **ANNIVERSARY :**

*October 8<sup>th</sup> - Dan & Rachel Sohn*

*Mike & Kristin Zolltheis*

*11<sup>th</sup> - Jay & Kayla Sommer*

*12<sup>th</sup> - Jon & Julie Herrmann*

*James & Michelle Luckow*

*Andy & Hannah Roelse*

*13<sup>th</sup> - Jim & Karen Becker*

*14<sup>th</sup> - Rieck & Sandra Beiersdorf*



Services are recorded and available on our church YouTube channel:  
St. Mark's & St. James UCC

Like us on Facebook 

Check out our Website: [www.stmstjucc.org](http://www.stmstjucc.org)

Join our prayer team; contact Karen in our Church office: [stmstjoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmstjoffice@gmail.com)



**\*\*ST. MARK'S MEMBERS—BE SURE TO SIGN UP ON THE MISSION FEST SHEET IN THE CHURCH ENTRY TO INDICATE HOW YOU'LL HELP \*\*\***

**CROP WALK TODAY!** There's still time to make a donation ☺

**HS YOUTH MEET TODAY,** 5:30pm at St. Mark's.

**FALL STUDY GROUP** – Mon., Oct. 9th, 10am/5pm at St. Mark's. Bring your Bible.

**ST. JAMES ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL** – 6:30pm, Wed., Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>

**ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY-** Wednesday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm

**MISSION/VISION TEAM** – Meeting was rescheduled to THIS COMING SATURDAY, Saturday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, 8-9:30am, St. Mark's

**NEXT WEEK SUNDAY IS ST. JAMES MISSION FEST. THERE IS ONE JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 AT ST. JAMES** followed by a carry outs only Ham Dinner. There is NO Sunday School at either church.

**JOINT CONSISTORY MEETING** – Next week Monday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at St. James

**UNITED MEN & WOMEN'S BANQUET** – at St. James on Thurs., Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Lori Roelse or Scott Henschel.



**OUR JOINT SMJ YOUTH, AS WELL AS ST. MARK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, ARE COLLECTING** girls and boys ages 5-9 clothing and personal care items.

Ideas: comb or brush, toothpaste, washcloth, fun adhesive bandages, reusable eating utensils, nail clipper & file, clothing & undergarments, wristwatch or jewelry, flipflops/shoes, hats, sunglasses, bags/backpacks/purses, hair accessories, flashlight, cold weather items.

# NOTES:

## **WELCOME!**

### ***To the parents of young children:***

***Relax!*** *God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house.*

- ❖ *Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to engage.*
- ❖ *Quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of the pastors, musicians and leaders.*
- ❖ *Sing the songs, pray and voice the responses. Children learn behaviors by mimicking you.*
- ❖ *If you have to leave the Worship Center with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."*