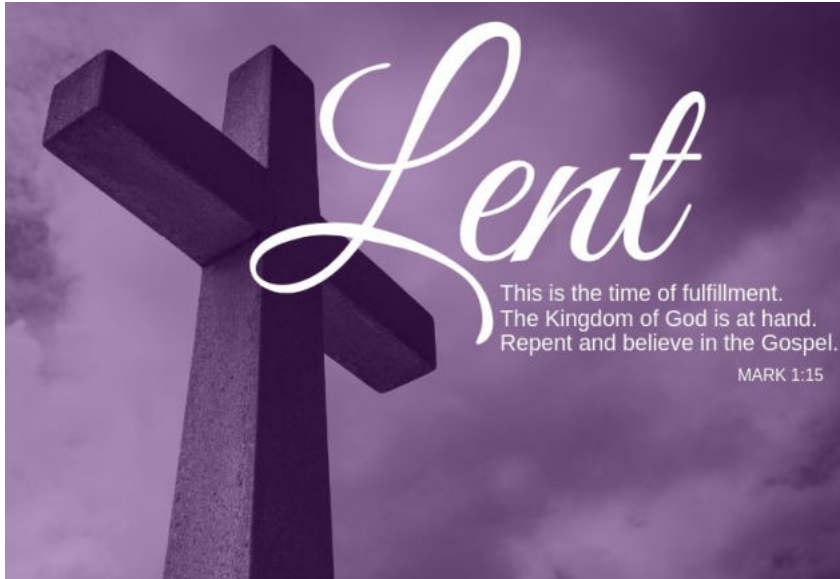




The Country Church Herald

NEWSLETTER ~ FEBRUARY, 2023

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WORSHIP WITH US THIS LENTEN SEASON

February 22nd, Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion,
7pm at St. James

Wednesday, March 1st, Lenten Worship at St. Mark's, 7pm

Wednesday, March 8th, Lenten Worship at St. James, 7pm

Wednesday, March 15th, Lenten Worship at St. Mark's, 7pm

Wednesday, March 22nd, Lenten Worship at St. James, 7pm

Wednesday, March 29th, Lenten Worship at St. Mark's, 7pm

Sunday, April 2nd, Palm Sunday
(9:00am St. Marks/10:30am St. James)

April 6th, Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion,
7pm at St. James

April 7th, Good Friday Worship with Communion,
7pm at St. Mark's

Sunday, April 9th, Easter Sunday Worship with Communion
(9:00 St. James/10:30 St. Mark's)

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

February 5th —

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

February 12th —

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

February 19th—

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

February 22nd—

Ash Wednesday Worship with
Communion, 7pm at St. James

February 26th—

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

*Sunday bulletins, & links to
prayer requests are posted
under the 'Messages' link on our
church website:*

<https://www.stmstjucc.org/>

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING

December 29, 2022

The meeting was called to order on December 29, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Julie Herrmann, Jacob Grunwald, Judy Steinbeck, Louise Jetzer, Glenn Grunwald, and Larry Perronne. Pastor and Janell were not present.

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

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

Tim Schueler has agreed to repair the crack in the drywall in the entryway.

Judy reviewed the budget in preparation for the annual meeting. Larry made a motion to approve the budget and Jake seconded. Motion carried.

The Christmas tree and decorations will be taken down after January 8th. Will coordinate a time with all those individuals who helped decorate the church for their help in taking decorations down and packing away.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

A special thank you to Louise and Jake for their time of service as consistory members as their term ends in January. We will miss you!

Larry made a motion to adjourn. Jake seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Herrmann

St. Mark's Consistory Secretary



Corrections!

ST. MARK'S...correct the following in your Annual Report:

page 10—2021— Consistory Vice President was Jacob Grunwald

page 31—should be Daniel Craig Schultz on the cradle roll (not Steven)

page 36—bottom January should read 2024 (not 2022)

page 39—Carol Weiland (not Weigand)

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY

January 2, 6:30

- The meeting was called to order by President David Lorfeld. Members present were Tammy Serketich - Vice-President, Wendy Henschel - Treasurer, Secretary - Deb La Duke Jamey Binversie, Jason Riesterer, Jackie Mueller, Sheila Hemb and Pastor Patrick Schultz. Pastor read a piece of scripture about spiritual holiness and led the group in prayer.
- Motion to approve the Secretary's Report made by Tammy and seconded by Wendy. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Tammy and seconded by Jamey. Motion carried.
- Pastor's Report:
Mission/Vision Committee will meet on January 7, 2023 - 8:00 St. Mark's. We reviewed the Children's Christmas program and clarified which services communion would be at for the future. Pastor also handed the Consistory a paper asking for sermon topics, themes, or books of the Bible that we may like to look at or that members might be interested in studying.
- Building and Grounds:
Jamey changed the pumps for the furnaces and the new stoves are in stock at Bitter Neumann.
- Committee Reports:
Vision of Hope: Meets on February 27th.
Stewardship Committee: There were twelve names taken off the membership list. March 21st is the next meeting.
Christian Board of Education: The Sunday School's Christmas program was not only funny and well performed, but a beautiful message about the Wise Men and the birth of Jesus. Sunday School will resume on January 8th.
Service Committee: no report
Audio Visual: No report
- Old Business:
Safe Sanctuary helper - always looking for help
The backslash behind the stove will need to be replaced and the search is on for a fabricator. The final Consistory nominee for the Board has been found.
David and Jackie met with the Korean Methodist Congregation and things continue to go well.
- New Business:
The agenda was set for the Annual Meeting on Jan. 15. A review of the budget was completed. A review of the Annual Report documents was completed. The Christmas decorations will be taken down on January 6. Weekly bell ringing and videotaping schedules will need to be established.
- Congregation concerns:
Hymn sing will return again for the 2023 holiday season. There has been a request to change the Sunday service times to 8:00 and 10:00. St. James Consistory was in favor of this. St. Mark's Board will discuss at their meeting and it will be discussed next at the Joint Consistory meeting in February.
- Next meeting date: January 30, 2023
- Motion to adjourn made by Jamey and seconded by Deb. Motion carried.

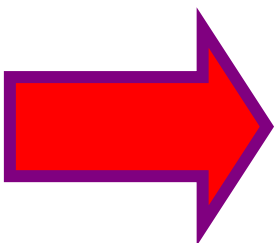
Respectfully submitted,
Deb La Duke - St. James Consistory Secretary

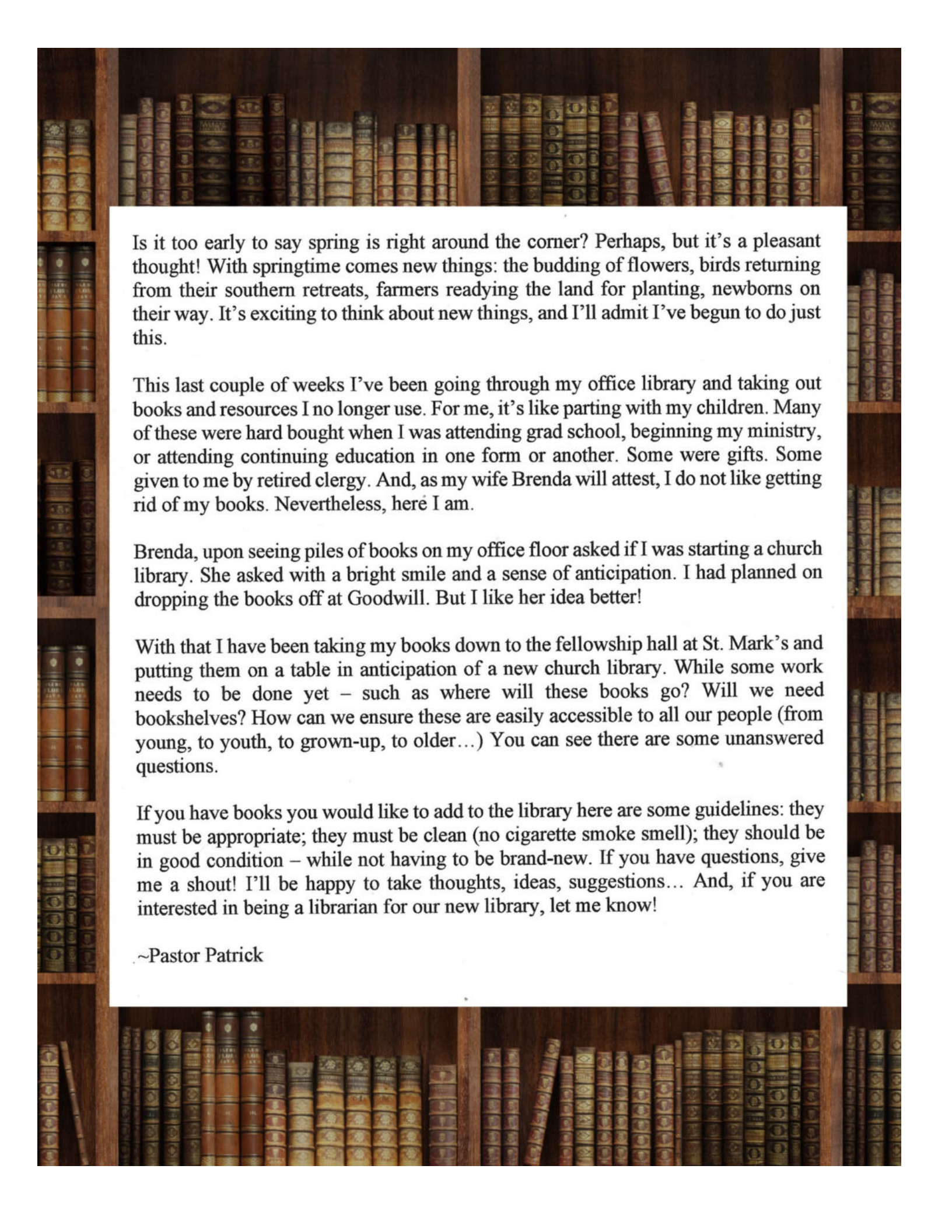
ST. JAMES.....

Add the following to the Calendar of Events book:

September 16th—Tom & Cora Kleinhans anniversary

October 8th—Dan & Rachel Sohn anniversary





Is it too early to say spring is right around the corner? Perhaps, but it's a pleasant thought! With springtime comes new things: the budding of flowers, birds returning from their southern retreats, farmers readying the land for planting, newborns on their way. It's exciting to think about new things, and I'll admit I've begun to do just this.

This last couple of weeks I've been going through my office library and taking out books and resources I no longer use. For me, it's like parting with my children. Many of these were hard bought when I was attending grad school, beginning my ministry, or attending continuing education in one form or another. Some were gifts. Some given to me by retired clergy. And, as my wife Brenda will attest, I do not like getting rid of my books. Nevertheless, here I am.

Brenda, upon seeing piles of books on my office floor asked if I was starting a church library. She asked with a bright smile and a sense of anticipation. I had planned on dropping the books off at Goodwill. But I like her idea better!

With that I have been taking my books down to the fellowship hall at St. Mark's and putting them on a table in anticipation of a new church library. While some work needs to be done yet – such as where will these books go? Will we need bookshelves? How can we ensure these are easily accessible to all our people (from young, to youth, to grown-up, to older...) You can see there are some unanswered questions.

If you have books you would like to add to the library here are some guidelines: they must be appropriate; they must be clean (no cigarette smoke smell); they should be in good condition – while not having to be brand-new. If you have questions, give me a shout! I'll be happy to take thoughts, ideas, suggestions... And, if you are interested in being a librarian for our new library, let me know!

~Pastor Patrick

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Ronald Henschel, member of St. James, who entered into Eternal Life on January 24th, 2023.

Ron will be missed by our church family.

Ronald Henschel, 80, of Cleveland died Tuesday morning January 24, 2022 at Sheboygan Health Services. He was born on April 28, 1942 in rural Cleveland, son of the late Harvey & Norma (Oehldrich) Henschel. Ron graduated from Kiel High School. On October 12, 1963 he was united in marriage to Jacqueline Foster in Cleveland. The couple enjoyed going to baseball games on Sundays, the annual trip to Shawano Lake for fishing and fun, going to a fish fry on Fridays and playing cards with family and friends. They shared 57 years together until she preceded him in death on June 17, 2021. Ron was employed by the Vollrath Company, retiring after over 40 years. During this time, he also was employed part-time as a weekend security guard at Lakeshore Technical College. He was a life-long member of St. James UCC, Spring Valley, where is also served on the Consistory. Ron retired as a longtime member of the Cleveland Fire Department. He was an active member of the Cleveland Fish and Game Club. He enjoyed being outdoors, hunting with family and friends, trap shooting and fishing trips to Canada. He was a member of the Cleveland Lions Club, a trustee for the Village of Cleveland. He played softball for many years and rarely missed a chance to attend the Cleveland Wildcat games.



Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to St. Mark's member Barbara Pragalz and her family on the death of her husband, Robert Pragalz, who entered Eternal Life on December 24th, 2022.

Robert Pragalz of Elkhart Lake died peacefully on Christmas Eve after a courageous seven-month battle with Leukemia. He was 83 years old.

Bob spent 45 years in the grocery business from the age of 16 and spent the last 25 years with Piggly Wiggly in Sheboygan. He loved being outdoors whether on the golf course, the water or in his Gator. He will be missed by all who knew him.

A private service will be held at a later date.

Our sympathy is extended to...

Laurie & Bill Heckmann and family on the death of Laurie's father, Roland A. "Rollie" Tess, on December 30th.

Alice Broehm and family on the death of her nephew, Steve Meiselwitz, on December 31st.

The family of Rev. Glenn Coleman who passed away on December 23rd. His wife was Margie Heckmann.



Blair Alyssa Sheldon

daughter of

Brett & Abbey Sheldon

was baptized on

January 15th.



RURAL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

We just wanted to give you a report on the Rural Church Fellowship. Our churches pay annual dues of \$150.00 per church and it would be nice if we could participate in some of the events that the Rural Church Fellowship sponsors. There are a variety to choose from!

- We donate food and money to local food pantries in our area from numerous activities that we sponsor during the year.
- The Rural Church Fellowship is trying something new this year and we are hoping that this might turn into an annual event. We will be sponsoring a Sheepshead Tournament on February 5th. This year's event will take place at Bethlehem UCC near Kiel. Entrance fee is a canned good and/or a free will offering. If you don't play sheepshead but would like to participate in the fun, you are welcome to bring your own card or board game. Please see the poster in the entrance of church for more details.
- We hold the annual Crop Walk each October. This year's event will occur on October 8. Please think about walking or sponsoring someone. Details will follow later in the year.
- Of course, the Rural Church Fellowship also sponsors the youth volleyball league each year. This is well-attended by the youth of both churches. It is a good way to bond with each other and meet other youth from other local churches. Lifetime friendships have been created over the past years.

Think about getting more involved in the activities sponsored throughout the year. You may even consider getting involved in the organization. Meetings occur only a few times each year. There is very little commitment but with great rewards.

Doris Sprenger, St James representative

Judy Steinbeck, St Mark's representative

St. James Choir practices will be held Wednesdays, February 1, 8 and 15th at 6:30pm, on Wed. the 22nd at 6:00pm (that's before the Ash Wednesday service), and on Tuesday, February 28th at 6:30pm.



St. Mark's Choir practices will be held on Wednesdays February 8th & 15th beginning at 7:00pm, on Thursday, February 23rd starting at 7, and after the Lenten Service on Wednesday, March 1st.



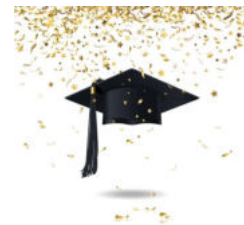
February might be the coldest month, but our youth are staying busy with our regular events plus a few extra! Raymond will once again host an "escape room" game at our gathering February 5 at St. Mark's with a meal prior at 5:30.

We'll get together again February 19 at St. James, then leave for our Faith Formation retreat at the Daycholah Center in Ripon February 24, returning February 26.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Mason Jar mix as it has greatly helped pay for our fees for this retreat!

Graduations:

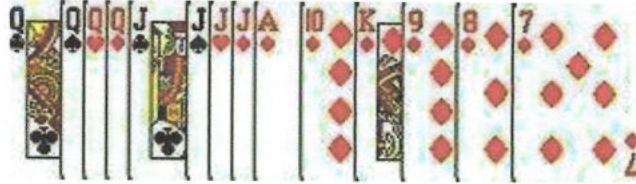
Congratulations to Aric Jump! Aric graduated from UW Green Bay with a Bachelor Degree in Human Biology with an emphasis in nutrition and dietetics. In January Aric will start his internship program to become a Registered Dietitian.



UCC RURAL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Presents

SHEEPSHEAD TOURNAMENT



Where: Bethlehem United Church of Christ
11608 Lax Chapel Road
Kiel WI 53042

When: Sunday, February 5, 2023, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Doors open at 12:30

Entrance Fee: Canned goods and/or free will offering

Rules will be explained before the tournament begins. All levels of skill are welcome. Beginner's table(s) will be available for those who don't know how to play. Don't want to play sheepshhead but want to participate in the fun? Bring your own board or card game.

Refreshments will be available.





COME ONE...COME ALL!

Child care will be supplied. Games and movies for the kiddos.

Inclement weather date February 19

Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization

Bulletin Bites, February 2023

-  Three families/10 people are currently living in the Bridgeway House. We continue to meet each individual where they are at to set goals and move through past traumas. Please hold the Bridgeway family in your thoughts and prayers as we venture through a season of change with staff and new residents. Bridgeway is in need of twin bed blankets and new pillows. SCIO families are also in need of transportation assistance. Daily bus passes and gas cards are welcomed donations as we make our way through the winter months.
-  The Winter Market will continue every first and third Saturday from 9am-12pm, January through April. The Winter Market is located inside First Congregational UCC Church, 310 Bluff Avenue. We will continue to offer EBT and \$15 Double Your Bucks match at every market! Look for new vendors in 2023!
-  Want to make a difference? Looking for a part-time position in the evening and alternating weekends? We are hiring Program Assistants for about 10-15 hours a week for Family Pathways and Bridgeway. Please send a resume or email your interest to lisa@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org.
-  Please help SCIO with the following items: sidewalk salt/de-icer, diapers size 5 and 6, infant and toddler socks.

Weather Cancellations will be made available on the church voicemail 920.207.8361, the Church's Facebook Page, and via our email messaging.

You can also call a Consistory Member.

Please use your own discretion in deciding whether to go out in inclement weather.



ST. JAMES USHERS

February

*Jamey Binversie
Richard & Sarah Lutze
Sadie Koenig
David Lutze
Cole Binversie
Matthew Lutze
Joe & Cindy Klapperich

March

*Jason & Jenny Riesterer
Emma Russart
William Langenhahn
Austin Riesterer
Chelsea Langenhahn
Henry & Bonnie Langenhahn, Sr
Briana Riesterer
Madisan Langenhahn
Henry & Kari Langenhahn, Jr.
Tim & Amanda Russart

ST. MARK'S GREETERS

February

Brenda Miota
Jay Sommer
Kayla Sommer

GREETERS-MID-WEEK

LENTEN

Steve Gabsch
Gary Kaestner
Jim & Patty Taylor

March

Glenn Grunwald
Mark Jurk
Linda Schroeder

HOSPITALITY

Feb. 5th — Sandy Perronne
Feb. 12th — **
Feb. 19th — Margene Reyer
Feb. 26th — **

****Available to host, contact the office if you're interested.**

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

St. James		St. Mark's
35	Jan. 1	46
42	Jan. 8	45
50	Jan. 15	76
38	Jan. 22	50
45	Jan. 29	33



VISION OF HOPE

"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)

ST JAMES FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Mary Ann Vogel
- 6 Jeff Meyer
- 9 Kari Langenhahn
- 10 Elliot Gumm
Briana Riesterer
- 12 Amanda Russart
- 17 Everit Gumm
- 19 Wyatt Koenig
- 22 Tom Nye
- 24 Shelia Hemb
- 25 Myron Hickman
Jason Riesterer
- 26 Rieck Beiersdorf
- 27 Karie Ladwig
- 28 Poppy Binversie
- 29 Eunice Stolzmann

ANNIVERSARIES

- 26 Bill & Laurie
Heckmann

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.

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 FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Kathryn Jaehnig
- 4 Mark Jurk
- 5 Judy Steinbeck
- 8 Trevor Schueler
- 9 Hillary Hermann
Ron Vandoske
- 10 Jon Herrmann
Sue Vandoske
- 16 Cole Herrmann
- 21 Linda Schroeder
Reid Vandoske
- 22 Scott Dexter
Peter Grunwald
- 25 Bill Roelse
- 26 Amy Summers
- 28 Gary Sixel
- 29 Walter Taylor

ANNIVERSARIES

NONE



If you have noticed any omissions or errors on the Calendar of Church Events (birthdays/anniversaries), please let Karen in the office know. They were not intentional and I want to make the corrections asap to make sure it's published correctly.

Email the corrections to: stmstjoffice@gmail.com

Easter lilies will be purchased from Millhome Nursery & Greenhouse. These lilies will have 5+ buds, single stem and will be wrapped in foil with a bow.



Orders must be placed by Sunday, February 26th. Please call the church office (693-8361) to place your order, or fill out this slip and place it in the offering plate. It would be helpful if payment would accompany your order. You may take your flower after the Easter worship service on April 9th.

Cost: \$9.35

Please make checks payable to your church.

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I would like to order an Easter lily for 2023.

My lily is _____

(in honor - in memory - for the joy, etc.)

of _____

(name of honoree , ***printed clearly*** as it should appear in bulletin)

Given by: _____

(your name, ***printed clearly*** as it should appear in bulletin)