



# The Country Church Herald

NEWSLETTER | JANUARY 2022

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# Coming Soon!

## ANNUAL REPORTS TIME

Preparing the Annual Reports is a big job. To give Karen enough time to prepare them for each church, take note of the deadline for submitting articles to her email:

[stmstjoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmstjoffice@gmail.com)

You are also welcome to submit a hard copy of your report, preferably ready to scan/insert into the document.

**ARTICLES FOR THE ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE:  
St. James: January 3rd and St. Mark's: January 10th**

Please aware that articles are added to to the Annual Report document & published as submitted to Karen, so be sure to proofread your article carefully to make sure all the spelling (especially of names), dates, numbers are correct.

If you have ANY questions, be sure to contact Karen via email: [stmstjoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmstjoffice@gmail.com) or call the church office 920.693.8361 If no one answers, please leave a voice mail and she'll return your call next time she is working at church.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**St. James Annual Meeting Sunday, Jan. 16th  
after shortened late Worship**

**St. Mark's Annual Meeting Sunday, Jan. 23rd,  
after shortened late Worship**

**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

**COME JOIN US,  
GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME!**

#### January 2nd -

St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship

9-10:00am Sunday School

St. James: 10:30am Worship

9-10:00am Sunday School

after Young at Heart Message

#### January 9th -

St. James: 9:00am Worship

9-10:00am Sunday School

St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship

9-10:00am Sunday School

#### January 16th - St. James Annual Meeting after shortened Worship

St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship

9-10:00am Sunday School

St. James: 10:30am Worship

9-10:00am Sunday School

after Young at Heart Message

#### January 23rd - St. Mark's Annual Meeting after shortened Worship

St. James: 9:00am Worship

9-10:00am Sunday School

St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship

9-10:00am Sunday School

#### January 30th -

St. James: 9:00am Worship

9-10:00am Sunday School

St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship

9-10:00am Sunday School

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

# ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETING

December 2, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Clarence Belitz. Members present were Wendy Henschel – Treasurer, Deb La Duke – Secretary, Jason Riesterer, Tammy Serketich, and Pastor Patrick Schultz who led the group in prayer.

Motion to approve the Secretary's Report made by Wendy and seconded by Tammy. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Tammy and seconded by Jason. Motion carried. Thanksgiving offering will go to Peter's Pantry in Manitowoc.

Pastor's Report:

Mission Vision Committee needs one more member from St. Mark's to resume meeting. Pastor will be on vacation from December 27-January 2. A sub has been scheduled. He will be involved with continuing education from May 15-18 and will be on the Mission trip starting July 17 for the week.

Youth Group – Plans continue on planning for the Mission trip in July.

Building and Grounds:

Water system – The last water test came back passing quality inspection. A spigot was added in the furnace room. Jason Riesterer will continue to farm two acres south of the church.

Committee Reports:

Vision of Hope –Next meeting Dec. 6

Stewardship Committee – Wendy presented a comprehensive report on the status of our membership. A final letter of giving will be forwarded to members before the end of the year.

Christian Board of Education – The Christmas program practices have begun. The Sunday School will shop for the Adopt-A-Family on December 5.

Service Committee: Mary Ann Vogel will purchase new oil-cloth tablecloths for the basement tables.

Audio Visual: no report

Old Business:

Safe Sanctuary status – reviewing updated language and required policies for those working with children.

Adopt-A-Family ends 12/19.

Wendy and Tammy will assemble candy bags for the children and hand out after the Children's Christmas program.

New Business:

End of year gifts for volunteers/employees was reviewed and recommendations were made.

Annual Report was reviewed for changes and new Committee members are being searched for.

The church will not need to be opened on Dec. 31 for the Korean Methodist Congregation.

Congregation joys and concerns:

Through our recent giving and envelope campaign, several members provided their questions and recommendations for changes to the practices they witness during church. All points were read and discussed respectfully and changes will occur in several areas.

Next Meeting Date: Jan. 3 – 6:30.

Motion to adjourn by Deb and seconded by Tammy. Motion carried.

Submitted by Deb La Duke  
St. James Consistory Board Secretary

# ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING

December 6, 2021

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

The Secretary's report was reviewed and accepted by Dave and seconded by Jacob.

The Financial Secretary's report was reviewed and accepted by Dave and seconded by Glenn.

Glenn made a motion to approve the transfer of \$2,000 (the annual gain of one and one quarter percent) from the Goeke Investment account to the church Goeke Youth Fund. Dave seconded the motion.

The building and grounds committee will do a walk-through of the parsonage and church.

We reviewed and discussed Mission Fest and decided that having food would bring more people to the event. Possible drive through and pick up was discussed as an option for next year.

Christmas decorating at church was done by Cindy Call and Chris Schnelle and looks beautiful! Dave and Glenn helped set up.

Safe Sanctuary requires 2 adults to be present at youth events. A parent, consistory member or church member will be considered as needed. Meals and other expenses will be reimbursed or supplied by volunteers.

Julie will get candy for the candy bags that are distributed at the children's Christmas program.

The consistory nominee is Janelle Davis.

Glenn made a motion and Dave seconded to approve shortening one long pew to accommodate a wheelchair in church.

Dave and Glenn will set up communion for both services on Christmas Eve. Pastor will get glow sticks for the younger children to use instead of real candles.

There will be no church services on Sunday, December 26th.

Julie Mavity Maddalena from Lakeland University will be the supply pastor on January 2nd when the pastor is on vacation.

We will continue to keep covid-19 safety protocols in place with spacing between pews and communion in individual packets.

We will continue to bring up topics on what we are willing to do to attract new members.

Our next consistory meeting will be on Thursday, January 6th at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Herrmann, Consistory Secretary



The Youth of both churches had a fun time at our Christmas Party held at St. James on December 12. Bible verse clues hidden throughout the church produced this winning team of the Scavenger hunt! And, as we gathered to discuss the first gifts of Christmas (gold, frankincense, and myrrh) and their significance, we also exchanged gifts in a "White Elephant" gift exchange....and enjoyed watching Raymond open his gift to reveal.....a white elephant :)

The Youth will gather again on January 2 at St. Mark's at 5:30, and January 16 at 5:30 at St. James. We will discuss "New Beginnings" and how Jesus gives us that no matter what time of year. We

may also have a movie night on a Friday in January....date to be given once I find which will work best for the most teens.

Because of our church's Safe Sanctuary policies, it is necessary for us to secure an extra adult at each gathering we have. I will place a sign up in each church....this is not restricted to parents of the teens only. Let me know if you have any questions!

Also, now that there is a good "core" group of faithful attendees, I would like to turn over the meal at each event to you, the congregations! I will also have a sign up list for this at each church and families of the teens, or anyone, can provide a simple meal for each event we have moving forward. The contents of each meal will be noted at each date.

Please contact me if you have any questions!

Blessings,

Brenda Schultz (schultzbrenda@gmail.com)



**Welcome!!**  
**St. James United Church of Christ**  
 13312 Pioneer Rd  
 Newton, WI 53063  
 www.stjamesucc.org

Welcome to all! Thank you for worshipping with us this day. It is our sincere desire that you will find warmth and fellowship here and that you will be richly blessed.

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
PLEASE SEND NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

I TOOK COMMUNION AT ST. JAMES TODAY.  
 MEMBER  
 FREQUENT ATTENDER  
 VISITING FAMILY/FRIENDS  
 FIRST TIME GUEST  
 If you are a guest, how did you find out about St. James United Church of Christ? (circle one)  
 FRIEND WEBSITE FACEBOOK OTHER  
 I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME AND HAVE QUESTIONS

I would like more information about the following:

- ASSISTING DURING WORSHIP
- SUNDAY SCHOOL
- CONFIRMATION CLASS
- CHURCH MEMBERSHIP
- BIBLE STUDY GROUPS
- MISSION OUTREACH
- CHOIR OR MUSIC
- PLAYING MUSICAL INSTRUMENT
- YOUTH/CHILDREN PROGRAMS
- OTHER (please specify)

**Prayer Requests and Praises**

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This prayer is confidential  
 Please share this with the prayer chain  
 Contact me to discuss my faith journey  
 Please have the pastor contact me



**ST. JAMES MEMBERS ~**

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions we would like to hear from you. Please use the back of the Welcome Card under Prayer Requests and Praises.

St. James Consistory

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

Thank you!



**ST. MARK'S CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE**

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Christmas Cookie Exchange. I'm looking forward to doing it again next year.

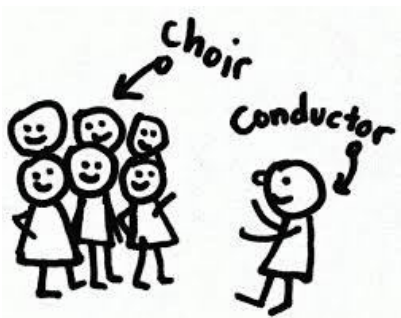
Lori Roelse



**ST. JAMES CHOIR**

St. James choir will have rehearsal recess during the month of January.

We will let members know when we will start in Feb.



**ST. MARK'S CHOIR**

Kathy will contact St. Mark's Choir Members to let them know when the next practice will occur.



# Congratulations

Katelynn Mauk & Rowan Sibley  
were married at Cartsens Mill in  
Brillion on November 30th.



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## ST. JAMES SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

A big thank you to all who made Sunday School Christmas program a success!  
Winter break is December 26th, 2021 and January 2nd, 2022 for Sunday School returning  
after winter break, beginning January 9th. Sunday Schools starting time will be 9:00am to  
10:00am at all times. If church service should start at 9:00am, we will begin Sunday School  
after the "Young at Heart" message.

Any questions may be directed to Sandy Beiersdorf  
at 920-693-8000 or sandrabeiersdorf@gmail.com



## ST. MARK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We will not have any Sunday school on December 26th and  
January 2nd. Classes will resume at 9am on Sunday, Jan., 9th.  
Enjoy your vacation :)

## Bethlehem Chili Supper



11608 Lax Chapel Rd – Kiel

**Wednesday Feb 2, 2022**

**3:00 pm- 6:30 pm**

**Drive Thru/Pick Up Only**

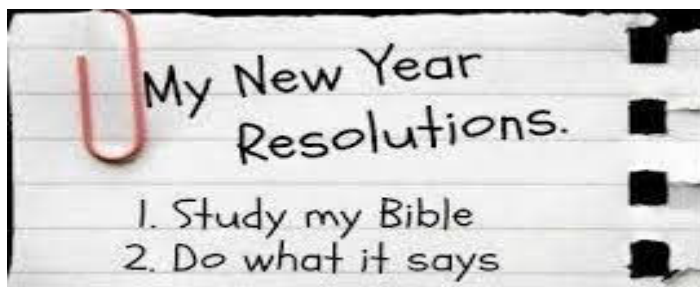
Ready-to-Heat Chili,  
Fresh Bread, Cheese, Crackers, & Homemade Tortes

**Meal deal - \$8.00**  
**Gallon of Chili - \$15.00**

Directions: 67 N of Kiel - Right on Hwy X go 2 miles -  
Left on Lax Chapel – the church is located ½ mile on Left

“ May God give you... For every storm, a rainbow,  
For every tear, a smile,  
For every care, a promise,  
And a blessing in each trial. For every problem life sends, A faithful friend to share, For every sigh, a sweet song, And an answer for each prayer. ”

(Irish Blessing) – JollyNotes.com



## **Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization**



### **Bulletin Bites** **January, 2021**

- ◆ THANK YOU! As we reflect on this holiday season, we are especially grateful and humbled by our community's generosity in caring for the families we serve. Our doorbell rang daily from organizations and individuals with gifts of good cheer for our families and needed supplies for SCIO - from rolls of wrapping paper, food donations, paper products, toys, and gifts for our families. We hope you enjoyed all the special moments- both big and small- during this busy time of year and reflect on the blessings you have received. We are counting our blessings, and you are one of them!
- ◆ We are changing the model of Trisha's House to incorporate additional on-site support services and increased utilization of this wonderful resource, which is property managed by St. Nicolas Hospital. Trisha's House is an extension of Bridgeway and some families that successfully complete the Bridgeway program have the opportunity to move into a less structured but case managed facility. If you are redecorating, we could use some gently used furniture. Contact Melissa Puksich at [melissa@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org](mailto:melissa@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org).
- ◆ Mark your calendars for a change in dates for the month of January: we will be at the First Congregational Church UCC, 310 Bluff Avenue, Sheboygan from 9am - 12noon on the 15th and 29th. We also continue to offer EBT services and DYB vouchers!
- ◆ Bridgeway could use the following items: sidewalk salt, toilet bowl cleaner, Pine-Sol floor cleaner, 13-gallon garbage bags.
- ◆ Do you have interest in helping the community? We are looking for a part-time program assistant to work in both Bridgeway and Family Pathways. Hours are typically afternoons and evenings, and rotating weekends. A full posting can be found on [www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com)

# ST. JAMES USHERS

## January 2022

\*Dale & Doris Sprenger  
Pat Kleinhans  
Linda Rozmarynowski  
Hannah Schmitz  
Kendra Schmitz  
Lee & Terri Schmitz  
Allyson Wasmer  
Tanya Wasmer

## February 2022

\*will be shared when the  
Annual Reports are published.

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

# ST. MARK'S GREETERS

## January 2022

Bruce Mansker\*  
Karen Mansker  
Janell Davis

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# CANDLE LIGHTERS

## JANUARY

- 2 - Sierra Bramstedt, Hillary Hermann
- 9 - Colten Scharl, Bryce Schnelle
- 16 - Brooklyn and Brianne Vandoske
- 23 - Colton Scharl, Zander Miota
- 30 - Bryce Schnelle, Colten Sommer

## FEBRUARY 2022

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Annual Reports are published.

**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.**



"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.

**NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 6:30PM**

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.

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

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

St. James		St. Mark's
47	December 5	65
50	December 12	65
70	December 19	59
—	Dec. 19, SS Program	*
		*not recorded



## ST JAMES JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Karen Krause
- 7 Jim Becker
- 17 Andrew Nye
- 21 Scott Henschel  
Williem Langenhahn
- 24 Henry Langenhahn, Jr.
- 25 Gavin Marcoe
- 27 Maureen Athorp
- 29 Allyson Wasmer

### ANNIVERSARIES

NONE

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!

*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.*



### A SPECIAL THANK YOU :)

Thank you to Dave and Cindy Call, Glenn Grunwald and Chris Schnelle for decorating for Christmas. We appreciate your time and talent. It looks beautiful!

St. Mark's Consistory

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**The Mission Vision Committee needs one more member from St. Mark's to resume meetings.**

**Contact Pastor or call the church office if you're interested in joining the team or want more information about it.**

## ST MARK'S JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Terri Grunwald
- 7 Corey Vandoske
- 9 Scott Siekman
- 11 Azalea Heling
- 12 Margene Reyer
- 14 Brenda Miota  
Tim Schueler
- 16 Andy Schnelle  
Warren Vandoske
- 18 Hailey Herman  
Dorothy Schnell
- 23 Ray Brickner  
Jason Bramstedt
- 29 Nancy Sixel

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Kevin & Betty Kellner
- 14 Gary & Sheri Kaestner



EPIPHANY, JANUARY 6