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JULY, 2023

July 2nd —

St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship

St. James: 10:30am Worship

July 9th —

St. James: 9:00am Worship

St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship

July 16th—

St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship

St. James: 10:30am Worship

July 23rd -

JOINT OUTDOOR SERVICE

at ST. JAMES, 10:00am

Hot Dogs & Pot Luck follows

July 30th —

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 YouTube channel: St. Mark's & St. James UCC



**WISCONSIN
CONFERENCE**
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Watch for Pastor Patrick's summary report of the WI Annual Conference titled: "Changing Church, Following Christ Forward ~ A Summary Report of the Annual Conference 2023". It will be emailed later this week.



Dear church family and friends,

Last night (June 21st) we held our last informational meeting with the parents and grownups who will be going on our mission trip to Cleveland OH.

Anna Marie Bramsteadt and Tara Vandoske will pick up the two vans we'll be renting on Friday (July 14th). The van(s) will be loaded on Saturday (15th) at 11:00am at the Vandoskes. The team will meet at church on Sunday (16th) at 5:30am and will be on the road no later than 6:00am. This gives us approximately 9 hours to make it to our site in Cleveland. We will be returning on Friday (21st) The vans must be returned no later than 5:00pm.

Dress code: We will be working hard serving in the community so it is best to wear old, comfortable, and modest clothes that you don't mind getting dirty, sweating in... We are representing the Church in the community. As such, no short shorts, tank tops, sleeveless t-shirts or inappropriate sayings on our clothing.

What to bring: Bedding - sheet, pillow, sleeping bag or blanket. Water bottle - it gets hot out there and we'll need to hydrate! Sunglasses and/or hat, insect repellent, sunscreen, personal snacks, towel and washcloth. Toiletries, closed-toe work shoes, loose fitting clothes, at least one pair of jeans.

What not to bring: anything of value (jewelry, watches, expensive cameras...). Anything that might get lost, broken or grow legs that you don't want to lose. While we are gathering with other churches and Christians, learned christian values are at different levels with many Christians.

Before we pile in the vans we will have a prayer/blessing for the team. If anyone would like to come and "send us off" that would be very welcomed. We meet at 5:30am and leave at 6:00am.

Blessings,

Pastor Patrick

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

June 1, 2023

The meeting was called to order on June 1, 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.

Pastor Kim Henning was present representing the Wisconsin conference UCC Capital Fund campaign. There have been numerous campaigns in the past at Moon Beach, Sunburst, and Pilgrim Center. The campaign focuses on leadership in the church through the Damascus project with attention on the Lay Ministry program. The hope is to grow stronger education leaders and monies raised will cover 40% of their cost. Catalyst grants are being made for congregations wanting to do improvements to the church such as youth programs and pensions to allow a more livable retirement. They are inviting us to subscribe to a five year campaign with a goal of \$6,000. Personal donations are also accepted. Pastor Henning offered to come and speak about it to the congregation. We will continue to discuss after St. James consistory meets with Pastor Henning.

Our expenses have been high especially propane and upcoming lawn care and our building fund is lower in funds than average.

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.

We will consider changing the by-laws to read that two signatures are needed for writing checks that are \$5,000 or more instead of \$2,500.

Discussed bringing up our budget and how it is managed with the congregation so we all have a better understanding of it.

The mission/vision team is going through the statistics of the surveys and reviewing and preparing for the second survey to be going out over the next few months. Looking for one more person from St. Mark's to be on the team. Pastor met with Jane Anderson to talk about shared ministry. The trend is coming where one pastor serves numerous churches and share youth ministry.

Pastor Schultz will need coverage on 8/6/23 for service. Will plan for an outdoor service this summer. Plans are started for Vacation Bible School and help is needed.

We are continuing to work on the projects of the church, currently focusing on the church office ceiling, bell tower and trim and parking lot lines.

We will continue to discuss safe sanctuary at our next meeting. Larry has a copy of the policy to bring to our next meeting.

We discussed other ways to offer communion to those who have difficulty walking up to the front of church.

We will continue to make plans for Emanus House to come from St. Louis for Mission Fest such as hotel stay and mileage.

Our next meeting is 7/6/23 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Herrmann
Consistory Secretary

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY

June 5, 2023 6:30

The meeting was called to order by President Jackie Mueller. Members present were Sheila Hemb – Treasurer, Tammy Serketich – Secretary, Jamey Binversie, Wendy Meyer, Scott Henschel, and Pastor Patrick Schultz. Guest: Rev. Kim Henning

Absent: Jason Riesterer – Vice President

Prayer led by Paster Schultz

Motion to approve the Secretary's Report made by Jamey and seconded by Sheila.

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Annual conference will be held Thurs 6/8 thru Sun 6/11 in Green Lake WI.

Rev. Henning will preach 6/11. Vacation Bible School theme will be Growing with God; held 8/15-8/17 at St. Marks.

Mission/Vision Committee – Meeting held Sat 6/3. Working on 2nd survey. There will be 3 total. Discussion was held regarding results of 1st survey.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Kim Henning. Rev. Henning spoke about the capital campaign for the WI conference. This is the 4th in 35 years. Leadership Forward; raising monies for Lay Academy, Catalyst Grants and Pension board. More information to follow. Goal is \$6,000 over 6 yrs.

Building and Grounds: Jackie spoke to Badger Floors regarding the loose tiles in the upstairs Sunday school room; they stated tiles were loose before cleaning and they do not fix and could not make any recommendations. Jamey will check into installing vinyl flooring. Kitchen window/frame were inspected. Scott pressure washed North side of church and checked gutters with a friend. THANK YOU! Scott will look at gutter covers. Small tree needs to be trimmed as well as pine trees by the VB courts. Parking Lot, company Jackie will contact another company.

Committee Reports:

Vision of Hope: Donations/Minutes – Motion to approve scholarships made by Tammy and seconded by Wendy. Motion carried. Motion to approve VOH minutes made by Tammy and seconded by Sheila. Motion carried.

Stewardship Committee: Meeting scheduled Wed 6/7

Christian Board of Education: Met May 7th, discussed Mothers day and field trip to the zoo.

Service Committee: Will help with funeral on Saturday 6/10 for Rev. Coleman

Audio Visual: Discussion regarding replacing Amp and receiver or add-ons

Old Business:

Safe Sanctuary helper: Jackie and Jason met with Brenda; forms completed will continue followup. More discussion held

Chairs: Entryway chairs have been replaced. Thank you Deb LaDuke. Memorial monies from Ella Meyer, David Grotegut, Ronald Henschel and Rev. Glenn Coleman

Fellowship Gatherings: Bunco was held in May, 11 attendees and request to do again. We will meet at St. James at 6:00 on Thursday, July 20. Polka & Potluck will be held August 26, 2023 at 2:00 pm at Dan and Katie Kleinhans' barn. Open to all rural churches.

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY—continued

New Business:

Church Envelopes – Jackie ordered more giving envelopes; slightly smaller to fit in pews.

Outdoor Service – Outdoor service will be held at St. James, Sunday, July 23rd at 10:00 am.

Rev. Henning will be preaching. Rev Schultz is returning from vacation that day and will try to attend. Consistory will provide Hot dogs, buns, condiments, and paper products.
Pot luck meal following service.

Schedule Quarterly Meeting with the Koreans -Jackie will schedule meeting.

Congregation concerns: None

Next meeting date: Monday, July 10th at 6:30 pm

Motion to adjourn made by Scott and seconded by Tammy. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Tammy Serketich, Secretary



St. James Members:

A reminder to fill out an envelope when making a contribution to the church.

Parsonage Renovation Project

On September 5, 2019, St Mark's took out a loan for \$74,800 to renovate the parsonage. The St Mark's consistory is happy to report that, as of June 7, 2023, the loan has been paid in full! We would like to thank all St Mark's members, St James members, St James Vision of Hope, and any non-member contributions that were made to this project.

It is remarkable that we were able to pay off this loan in less than four years. Praise the Lord!!!



BUNCO



St. James and St. Mark's ladies join us for **BUNCO NIGHT**, Thursday, July 20th at 6:00 pm at St. James.

A \$5 participation fee is optional

Please join us and **RSVP** to Jackie Mueller or Tammy Serketich or email tserketich@yahoo.com



Because of all the church "happenings" during the month of July, please check the bulletin and emails for youth events for July.

~Brenda Schultz

★ THE VILLAGE OF WALDO ★

100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, JULY 15

PARADE THROUGH THE VILLAGE BEGINS AT 10 AM AT THE WALDO MEMORIAL HALL
CELEBRATION AT THE WALDO VILLAGE PARK FROM 11 AM TO 4 PM

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BRAT FRY / FOOD TRUCKS / MUSIC / GAMES / FLEA MARKET

Join us as we celebrate the Village of Waldo's 100th Anniversary!

SCAN THIS CODE FOR UP-TO-DATE INFO PROCEEDS GO TO LOCAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS





Pictures from the first brat fry fundraiser for our Mission Trip.

Thank you everyone for your support with the brat fry, bake sale/coin drop, candy bar sales, and car wash gift cards.

We can certainly feel your love & support!

~The Mission Trip Team



Youth Volleyball is in full swing!

These pictures are from the team's second game, played June 18th at Bethlehem UCC.

SAVE THE DATE!

All area children ages kindergarten through 8th grade are invited to our Vacation Bible School. Children do not have to belong to our church to attend.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ 2023

Growing With God
 August 15, 16, 17
 9am to noon
 at St. Mark's UCC

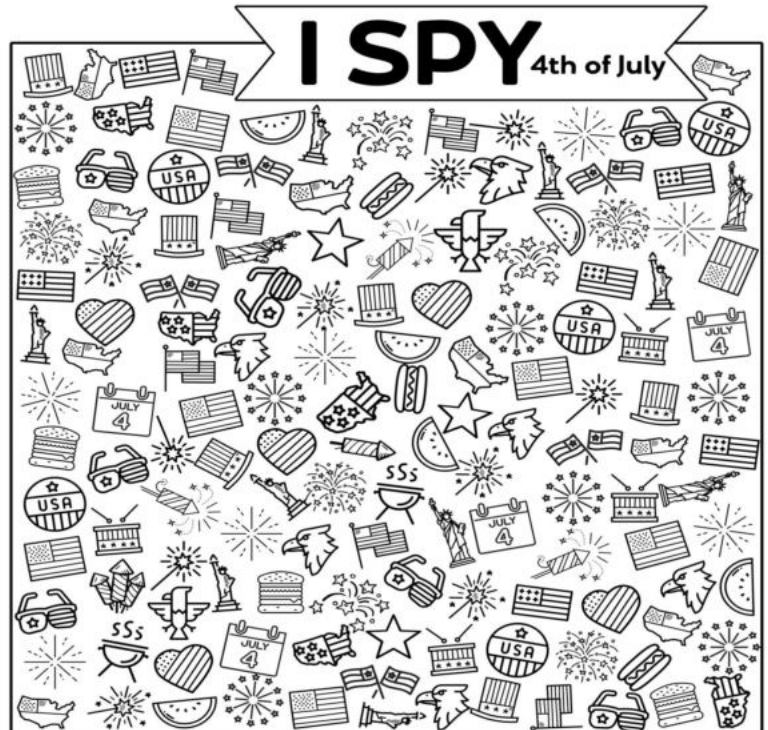
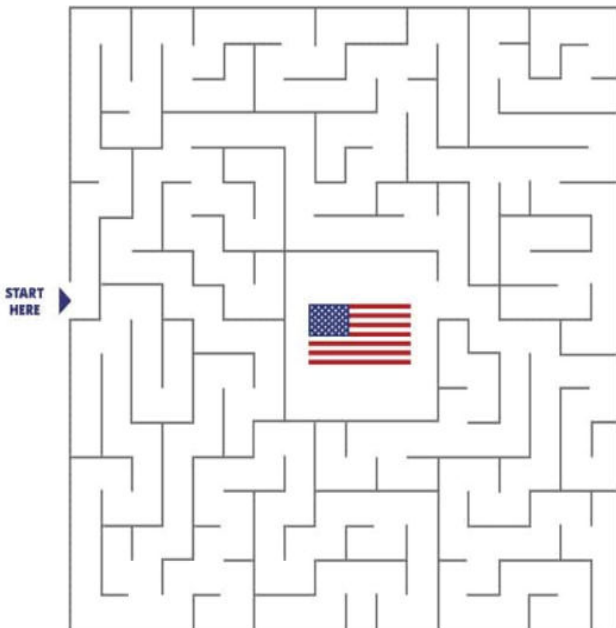


All children welcome!

4TH OF JULY MAZE

Find your way through the maze to reach the flag in the center.

Happy 4th of July!



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| 3 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 3 |

*Words to remember
from
St. James Stewardship
Committee:*

"Love is a fruit in season
at all times, and within
reach of every hand."

- Mother Teresa



Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization

Bulletin Bites

JULY 2023

- ⇒ Bridgeway continues to operate at capacity - 5 moms and 8 children. We have celebrated 2 reunifications in the past month and another family will be moving to Trisha's House soon! We are still in need of twin comforters. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.
- ⇒ Summer Market is in full swing! We are offering EBT again this year and Double Your Bucks up to \$10. We will also hand out Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers again, beginning in June. This year the senior vouchers have increased to \$35. 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.
- ⇒ Our families have been enjoying the sun and are getting ready for our annual camping trip! This is often the first time our families have gotten to experience camping, and we also see past participants enjoy coming year after year. This is an anchor event to our mentoring program. Help us round out the camping experience - we need some Pudgy Pie makers, Sunscreen, and Size 5 diapers. Thank you for supporting our families!
- ⇒ We have seen a number of families move to unsupervised visits in our Family Pathways program - we are happy to see families healing and moving to a less restrictive environment. If you know someone who is going through transitions and could benefit from weekly supervised visitation services, please send them our way familypathways@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org.
- ⇒ Looking for volunteer opportunities?
Please contact Joua Lee at office@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org. We are looking for child care assistance and partners for meal shares. Got a different idea - let us know!

ST. JAMES USHERS

JULY

*Pat Kleinhans
Hannah Kleinhans
Daniel & Katie Kleinhans
Dave & Jackie Mueller
Cheyenne Behnke
Cody Mueller
Linda Rozmarynowski
Dan Sohn

AUGUST

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



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.

ST. MARK'S GREETERS

JULY

Dick Binversie
Karen Binversie
Judy Steinbeck

AUGUST

Gerty Free
Margene Reyer

READERS

July 2— Sandy Perronne
July 9— Scott Siekman
July 16— Lori Roelse
July 23 & 30— Jacob Grunwald

HOSPITALITY

July 2nd — Sandy Perronne
July 9th — available
July 16th — Margene Reyer
July 23rd — available
July 30th—Margene Reyer

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

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

St. James

St. Mark's

33	May 28	50
32	June 4	46
33	June 11	54
26	June 18	45
33	June 25	41

ST JAMES JULY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ruth Ann Kolb
- 2 Matthew Lutze
- 4 Henry Langenhahn
Cody Mueller
- 6 Heidi Belitz
Debra LaDuke
Tom Kleinhans
Laurie Heckmann
- 8 Marissa Fitzgerald
- 10 Jack Heckmann
- 11 James Becker
Ryan Lutzke
- 12 Linda Lutzke
- 13 Pat Kleinhans
Michelle Mauk
- 16 Tanya Wasmer
- 17 Frederick Krause
- 20 Hailey Henschel
- 21 Randall Krause
- 23 Madisan Langenhahn
- 25 Tom Urness
- 26 Doris Sprenger
- 27 Katelynn Sibley
Ann Rodewald
- 29 Chris Grotegut
- 31 Grace Schultz

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Kevin & Sherry Jump
- 23 Richard & Sarah Lutze
- 24 Hank & Barb Reimer
- 25 Jeff & Wendy Meyer
- 26 Henry & Kari Langenhahn

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 JULY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Brandon Cyr
- 6 Wyatt Scharl
- 10 Emily Binversie
- 12 Steven Schnelle
- 13 Crissy Athorp
- 14 Gerald Thiel
Lindsay Summers
- 15 James Schuette
Jan Strysick
- 16 Deanne Schultz
Anna Marie Bramstedt
- 19 Mary Jo Adamec
- 20 Jane Vandoske
- 21 Emily Urban
- 22 Owen Bramstedt
Janice Marcheske
- 25 Jay Schnelle
- 26 Alissa Uttech
- 27 Ann Rodewald
- 30 Wayne Grunwald
- 31 Amy Clemens
Grace Schultz

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Larry & Sandra Perronne
- 9 Bob & Tara Vandoske
- 11 Steven & Crystal Schultz
- 13 Gary Van Auken &
Sandra Stark
- 23 Tim & Wendy Schueler
- 23 Corey & Amy Clemens
- 24 Alex & Paige Perronne
- 25 Eric & Brynn Bergeman
- 26 Tim & Deanne Schultz

There are flyers at each church of this free event!

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Peace Church, Potter*
18th annual
Gospel Music Fest



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AT THE PARK**

Friday, August 18
11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 19
10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



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Bring lawn chairs! • Bring your family!
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