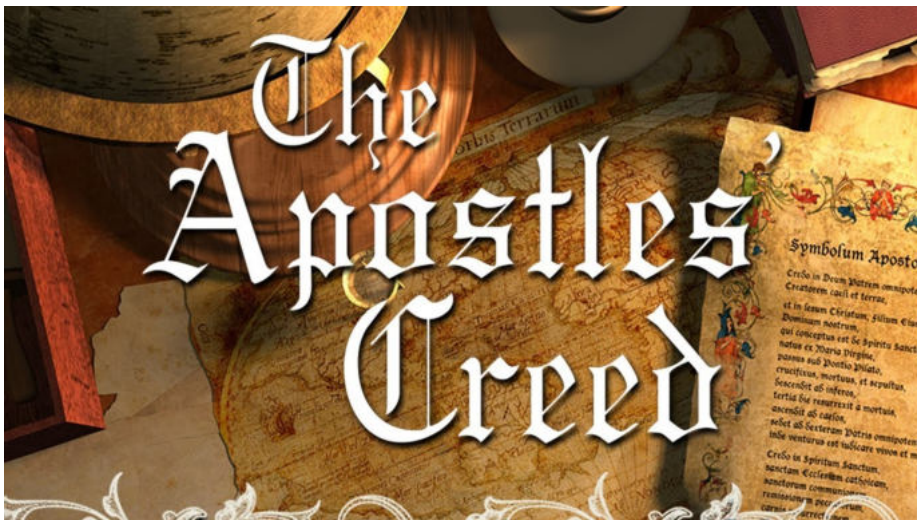


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A New Sermon Series ~ The Apostles Creed

You learned it in Sunday School; we pray it on Sunday; we proclaim and affirm our faith through it. It is the Apostles Creed. The Apostles were going from one place to another, teaching and preaching. A lot of people were being saved out of Judaism or paganism. Saved in terms of finding salvation in Christ. And the early Christians realized a basic need for a fundamental statement – or basic teachings in a simple form. The creeds were formed to do just this ~ to give a powerful statement of Christian belief. To bring about some uniformity to the understanding of being a Christian. And to help all personally experience the truth through faith of Christian Belief. This sermon series will begin in June and carry us through the summer months of July and August.

I am excited about both series. I've also begun to use the GPS again (Grow, Pray, Study) each Sunday and invite you to: 1) Bring your Bible; and 2) Listen, pray, learn, and grow. Please know our Sunday mornings are always better with you! I hope to see you in our time of worship and the sharing of these important messages.

God bless you!

Pastor Patrick

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Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

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

June 6th

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

June 13th

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

June 20th

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

June 27th

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS 2021



Brianna M., Luke G., Owen B., Pastor Patrick, Mason S., Rebecca M., Emma R., Grace S.

A special thank you goes out to the mentors who worked with the youth during their confirmation year:

Brenda Schultz (Brianna), Jon & Julie Herrmann (Luke), Tim & Wendy Schueler (Owen), Bruce & Karen Mansker (Mason), Sandy Perronne (Rebecca), Linda Lutzke (Emma), and Mike & Janice Marcheske (Grace)

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETINGS

May 10, 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, Jamie Binversie, and Pastor Patrick Schultz. Pastor led the group in prayer.
- Motion to approve Secretary's Report made by Wendy and seconded by Tammy. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by Deb and seconded by Jason. Motion carried.
- Pastor's Report:

Pastor will be working with the confirmation class and Nathan Roelse to complete the picnic table project.
Thank you the Roelse family for donating the lumber.
Visits to members continue and small gifts are also included. *Thank you* to Jan Marcheske for your wonderful ideas and donations to both churches' members.
The Sprenger family will be subbing for Randy and Cindy Sohn on janitorial needs as their daughter Katie gets married on June 19th.
- Building and Grounds:

Refilling of stones and weed spraying will be taken care of by Wendy and Brian Henschel.
Water was coming through to the balcony from the steeple. Clarence and Jason to check it out.
- Committee Reports:

Vision of Hope – meets on July 5
Stewardship Committee – met on May 3rd and reviewed financials and church attendance. A small card of church information will be included in each bag at the Brat Fry.
Christian Board of Education – Sunday School has completed another year of Christian instruction. All teachers will return next school year. *Thank you* to Sandy Beiersdorf, Amanda Russert, Scott Henschel, and Henry Langenhahn for your help this year. Pastor will look into Vacation Bible School opportunities and bringing back Bible Study.
Service Committee – no meeting or news
Audio Visual: Clarence has purchased a t.v. and stand. We will start with the camera our churches already own and evaluate as needed.
- Old Business:

The new copier has been ordered and we hope to have it installed in June.
Tammy has purchased a gift for Emma Russart our confirmand on behalf of the church.
Cleaning of the shed before brat fry will occur on Tuesday, May 11th at 6:00.
Brat fry will be on Wednesday, May 12, from 4-7. Mary Ann Vogel will chair and Tammy Serketich and Wendy Henschel will co-chair the event.
Highway clean-up netted 19 large bags of garbage. *Thank you* again all 12 volunteers.
Yard clean up went well last month. *Thank you* to all volunteers who helped. The Cemetery committee will continue to maintain the headstones.
Baptismal fees – Jason presented a second draft of the guidelines and fees. One small adjustment and that will be complete.
Covid protocols – hymnals will be returned to the pews. The CDC guidelines continue to be used as a tool in making decisions.
- New Business:

Congregation activity will continue to be shared with members in the newsletter.
Kitchen cleaning – reevaluate for possible Mission Fest dinner in September.
Memorial service will be held at the cemetery on Monday, May 31 at 8:15.
Food pantry donations at Immanuel Church – The Consistory was made aware of an opportunity to support Immanuel in a food drive. They are a certified center working with Sheboygan agencies to support the needy in our local area. We will have a box at church for donations.
Volleyball meetings have begun. Stay posted for dates and times. Bill Heckmann will coach again this year.
Spraying of bugs – Deb calling Triumph Pest Control to spray for wasps and other bugs.
- Next Meeting Date: June 3, 6:30
- Motion to adjourn made by Tammy and seconded by Jamie. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Deb La Duke - Secretary

St. James Consistory Meeting

May 22, 2021 8:00 a.m.

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, Jamie Binversie, and Pastor Patrick Schultz who led us in prayer.

The purpose of the meeting was to reevaluate our Covid protocols. We continue to review the information from the WI Council of Churches, the Wisconsin Health Department, and the CDC. Since the CDC has changed their recommendations we felt it important to address these changes soon as possible. People fully vaccinated are no longer required to wear masks indoors. Those who are not vaccinated are asked to continue to wear masks. Social distancing and frequent hand sanitizing are still recommended.

The Consistory continues to work diligently to make decisions that are informed and safe. The strength and beauty of our Board is that we are diverse in our thoughts and backgrounds. It provides the opportunity to raise questions and provide facts that help guide our decisions. We continue to review and question the details society provides to us and will work together to see us safely into our future.

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

Submitted by Deb La Duke - Secretary

St. James Stewardship Committee

With everything getting back to normal, St James is working slowly to get back to before COVID normal. This may take time but we want our members to know that Pastor and the Consistory are working continually and doing what they feel is best for our church. So please be patient, they will get us through this.

St. James Stewardship Team has been in place for many years. The intent and focus of this team are two-fold: worship attendance and financial giving. We reach out to members that have not been attending worship or giving financially, as well as making sure our church has met financial goals

It is so nice seeing our church family at church on Sundays and hope to see more people will be joining us again in the future. It was also great seeing the support our church received from our members, our sister church members, neighbors, and friends for the Chili Dinner and Brat fry. This overwhelming support proves that if we all stand together anything is possible. Supporting each other is what makes this church wonderful. Remember we are here to support you. If there is anything you need, a ride to church, a meal delivered, or anything else please please let one of us know. St. James Stewardship committee

MaryAnn Vogel (920) 693-8352, Geraldine Scheffler (920) 726-4834, Richard Lutze (920) 627-4145, Wendy Henschel (920) 918-4520, Linda Lutzke (920) 775-3750 or Pastor Patrick Schultz (608) 352-9544

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by president, Lori Roelse. Members present: Pastor Schultz, Lori Roelse, 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.

Building and Grounds:

Basement ceiling lights have been replaced by Jerry Jetzer, Mike Marcheske and Mark Jurk and they look great.

On Monday, May 10th the building and grounds committee will do a walk thru of all areas of the church and parsonage and also check the lawn and parking lot and make a list of things needing changes and get estimates and recommend contractors.

We will have a dedication Sunday for all projects to be recognized and a thank you sent to those who helped with the projects.

The Sunday school car wash was a success which netted over \$400.

It was decided that Judy will do a separate budget for technical needs and upgrades.

The Tithely electronic payment option will continue to be discussed. This would be a way for the congregation and visitors of the church to give easily via the app. There is a fee that is incorporated into each transaction.

Sandy Perronne, Cindy Call, Jane Vandoske, Janice Marcheske and Brenda Schultz are working on getting plants for the landscaping project around the church.

Atlas Painting gave a bid to paint the trim around the outside of the church and the bell tower louvers. Will hold off on wrapping louvers in aluminum until prices go down.

Pastor is going to send out a survey to see who is interested in Vacation Bible School.

Nathan Roelse will be leading the picnic table project with the youth. Matthew Roelse memorial will pay for any supplies needed. Pastor will contact youth for interest in helping.

Pastor is planning a lock in for the youth after confirmation Sunday. A few moms will chaperone. Food will be provided by parents and Dave and Cindy Call to prepare breakfast.

Confirmation Sunday is 5/23 at St Mark's and is also Pentecost Sunday. TV and chairs will be set up in the basement for overflow of people. Communion will be served.

A motion was made by Dave Call and seconded by Glen Grunwald to sing one song in church with our masks on and staying socially distanced and seated and contact tracing can end.

The custodian and financial secretary salaries were reviewed.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Glen seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Herrmann, Consistory Secretary

Thank You!

A big "Thank You" to everyone who attended our brat fry. The weather was perfect. It was a special day to be with our church family again working together as a team. Thank you to all the volunteers who attended the planning meeting, delivered posters, made banners and put them up.

Thanks to the set up group on Tuesday night, our faithful fryers, kitchen prep workers, cashier, food servers and clean up crew Thank you for the various donations along with the assortment of delicious desserts. We are blessed with a fantastic congregation of dedicated members giving of their time and talents. It was a successful day with a profit of \$1,600.00 toward our OCWM commitment. Note this amount is \$100.00 above our 2019 total.

Chairman, Mary Ann Vogel

Co-chairs, Wendy Henschel & Tammy Serketich



Sending out a HUGE "THANK YOU!" you from
St. Mark's Sunday School teachers and kids
for everyone's support with the car wash!



St. James Communion Table Marie Fessler Memorial

I would like to express my endless gratitude to everyone at St. James and St. Mark's who played a role in adding this beautiful communion table to our sanctuary. It was built by Kevin Binversie at Custom Detail Woodworking in School Hill. Across the front he etched DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME, which expresses the whole design of the sacrament of communion.

Pastor Patrick's reverently inspiring blessing and dedication of our new communion table is posted on our YouTube channel (St. Mark's & St. James UCC) as a part of the Mother's Day (May 9, 2021) playlist.



Mom would be amazed that we used her memorial gifts in this way. I can scarcely believe it myself!

How blessed I feel to be a part of such a great church family.

Joanne Fessler



Thank you, St. Mark's, for the special Mother's Day gift and beautiful flowers in honor of my musical retirement. Also, thanks for all who remembered with many forms of good wishes over the past few months.

Do I miss it? Of course I do and I hope everyone is enjoying the musical talents of Kathy & Ann as much as I am.

Thanks again,

Kathryn



FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Please drop off your donations at St. James anytime in the box provided

or

Immanuel United Church of Christ
(corner of Cty. Rd. FF & M – near Lakeland University)
Thursdays from 4-6 or Saturdays from 9-11

Food Pantry Wish List items:
Along with monetary funds for grocery shopping,
the follow food items are most helpful:

Cereal	hamburger/tuna helper	small bags of dog/cat food
mac & cheese	canned tuna or chicken	pasta & sauce
canned fruit	peanut butter	instant potatoes
granola bars	canned ravioli/spaghetti O's	jelly
baby food	small bags of dog/cat food	baby diapers sizes 3, 4, 5, or 6



Sheboygan County Interfaith
<https://www.sheboygancountyinterfaith.org>
June, 2021

- ⇒ Opening market day is Wednesday, June 2nd! Market hours this season in Sheboygan will be from 8-1 and Plymouth remains the same on Thursdays from 12-5pm...No early sales! This year we'll have prepared food, crafters, wellness vendors and more. FoodShare/EBT is accepted at the market information tent and customers will once again have the opportunity this season to 'Double Your Bucks' and receive \$10 in fresh produce vouchers. The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers will be available for distribution in mid-June. More information will be available on our website as June approaches.
- ⇒ Bridgeway is full of energy and action! We have 4 families living with us, which includes 7 children ranging in age from 1-16. But wait! There's more! We are expecting a baby this summer, too. Three of these families have been at Bridgeway less than two months. Moms are working hard on their goals to move toward stability and lasting change. As some of you may know, the most significant difference with our program is the ability to work with moms through past traumas and barriers over a longer period of time to create sustainable change and self-sufficiency. Please keep these families in your prayers as they navigate new strategies towards a healthier life.
- ⇒ Bridgeway is in need of the following: Pine-Sol floor cleaner and paper towels.

Save the Date: SCIO is happy to announce the return of the summer Night Markets! Mark your calendar for Friday, July 30th and Friday, August 20th at City Green. We are looking forward to celebrating community through music, food, arts & crafts, and family activities.



"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, July 5th, at St. James.

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

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.

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 JAMES JUNE CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Ashley Lutzke
- 5 Thomas Heckmann
- 6 Johnathon Koenig
- 8 Morgan Henschel
- 9 William Spindler
- 10 Dean Sprenger
- 12 Michael Belitz
- 13 Henry Lutze
- 14 Amanda Wasmer
- 15 David Krause
- 16 David Gumm
- Austin Emre Nye
- 17 Kathleen Hickman
- 18 Brittany Stolzmann
- 20 David Lorfeld
- 21 Steven Henschel
- 23 Bradley Mauk
- 24 Camryn Spindler
- 25 Christine Gumm
- 28 Cheyenne Behnke
- 30 Allen Stolzmann

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Dale & Doris Sprenger
- 10 Rick & Donna Wippermann
- 13 Jamie & Heather Henschel
- 26 Randy & Cindy Sohn
- 28 Steven & Linda Rozmarynowski



Our deepest sympathy goes out to Tom Kleinhans and family on the passing of his mother, Mavyn "Mamie" Kleinhans, on May 10th.



CHURCH ATTENDANCE

St. James		St. Mark's
34	May 2nd	47
53	May 9th	54
66	May 16th	52
40	May 23rd	110

ST MARK'S JUNE CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Janet Schueler
- 4 Tim Miota
- 9 Ray Sixel
- 10 Tara Vandoske
- 11 Mike Summers
- 13 Emma Perronne
- 14 Sheri Kaestner
- 15 Finley Uttech
- 16 Steve Gabsch
- 17 Bruce Mansker
- 18 Michael Marcheske
- 19 Mary Ellen Schnelle
- 26 Tim Schultz
- 27 Glenn Spindler

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Tim & Angel DeBlaey
- 6 Thomas & Stacy Hermann
- 11 Todd & Stacy Grunwald
- 15 Lee & Nancy Sixel
- 21 Robert & Barbara Pragalz
- 28 James & Patty Taylor

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