



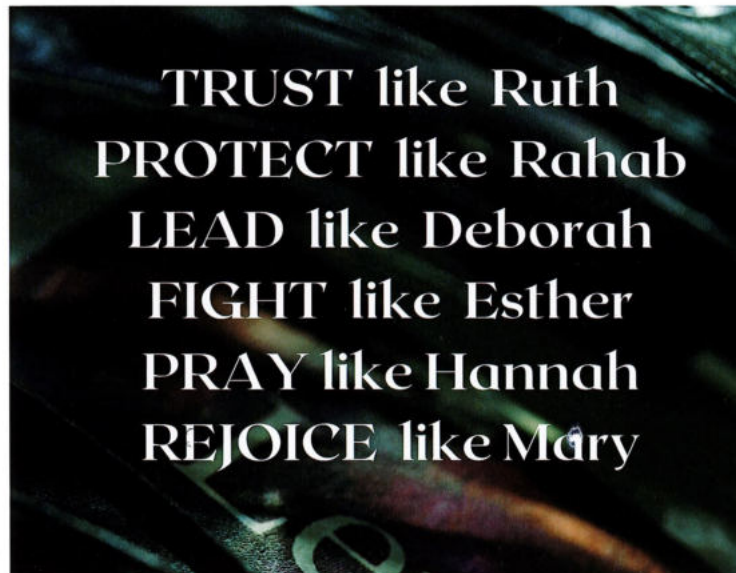
The Country Church Herald

NEWSLETTER ~ MARCH, 2023

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Lenten 2023 Series

February 22 (<i>Ash Wednesday</i>) ~ Communion 7:00 pm at St. James	<i>Ashes to Ashes</i>
March 1, 7pm at St. Mark's	<i>Trust Like Ruth</i>
March 8, 7pm at St. James	<i>Protect Like Rahab</i>
March 15, 7pm at St. Mark's	<i>Lead Like Deborah</i>
March 22, 7pm at St. James	<i>Fight Like Esther</i>
March 29, 7pm at St. Mark's	<i>Pray like Hannah</i>
April 2 (<i>Palm Sunday</i>) 9:00 St. Marks; 10:30 St. James	<i>Rejoice Like Mary</i>
April 6 (<i>Maundy Thursday</i>) ~ Communion, 7pm, St. James	
April 7 (<i>Good Friday</i>) ~ Communion, 7pm, St. Mark's	
April 9 (<i>Easter Sunday</i>) ~ Communion 9:00 St. James; 10:30 St. Mark's	



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PASTOR:
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

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

March 5th —
St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School
St. James: 10:30am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School

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

March 12th —
St. James: 9:00am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School
St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School

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

March 19th -
St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School
St. James: 10:30am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School

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

March 26th—
St. James: 9:00am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School
St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School

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

*Sunday bulletins, & links to prayer requests are posted under the 'Messages' link on our church website: <https://www.stmstjucc.org/>
Find weekly recorded church services on YouTube channel: St. Mark's & St. James UCC*

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING

The meeting was called to order on February 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Julie Herrmann, Glenn Grunwald, Judy Steinbeck, Linda Schroeder, Ben Grunwald, Janell Davis, Larry Perronne and Pastor Schultz. Pastor led us in prayer.

Elections of officers took place. Glenn was nominated by Larry Perronne to again be president of the consistory. Janell Davis seconded the motion. Larry Perronne was nominated by Glenn Grunwald for the position of vice president, Linda Schroeder seconded the nomination. Julie Herrmann was nominated by Glenn to be secretary and Larry seconded the nomination. Janell Davis was nominated to be treasurer by Glenn and was seconded by Larry.

All of the officers nominations were unanimously passed by Glenn Grunwald.

The Financial Report was read by Judy and reviewed by the consistory.

Larry voted to accept the report and Ben seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

A motion was made by Larry to accept the Secretary's Report and the motion was seconded by Janell. The motion passed.

Pastor's Report: The Mission/Vision Assessment Team update: There is a scheduled meeting on Saturday, February 4, 2023.

Updates on Projects: Larry will be working in Pastor's office to replace ceiling tiles. The Bell Tower and Trim needs to be painted or clad.

The parking lot lines need to be repainted and the carpeting needs to be professionally cleaned but both of these projects are projected for this spring.

New Business:

Glenn brought up some requests he learned about regarding adjusting service times of our church services. Some people have requested different times for the start time and also for having more time between the church services to allow the Pastor to be able to spend more time with the congregation between early and late service. This will be discussed further at the joint consistory meeting on February 6, 2023. The consistory wants to get feedback from the congregation, hear pros and cons of the ideas, have a discussion of the ideas, then have it brought before the congregations for a vote.

Christmas Eve morning and night service times and date for Memorial Sunday will be discussed at the joint consistory meeting on 2/6/23.

Pastor suggested creating an area for books to be available to check out and return.

The duties of the consistory list will be updated.

Larry and Glenn will be researching where the water spot is coming from in the ceiling tile in the entryway of the church.

In the fall we will go through the church membership list and send letters to those who have not been attending.

The Rural Church fellowship meeting will be at St. Mark's on 3/5/23.

The next meeting is scheduled for 3/2/23 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Herrmann

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY

February (Jan. 30), 2023 6:30 pm

- The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jason Riesterer. Members present were, Sheila Hemb – Treasurer, Tammy Serketich – Secretary, Jamey Binversie, Wendy Meyer, Scott Henschel, and Pastor Patrick Schultz.
- Absent: Jackie Mueller, President
- Prayer led by Pastor Schultz
- Motion to approve the Secretary's Report made by Jason and seconded by Sheila.
Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Tammy and seconded by Scott.
Motion carried.
- Pastor's Report: Pastor had nothing new to report
- Building and Grounds
Inspect elevator -This is handled by the elevator company
Check salt in water softener -Jamey recently checked
Change furnace filters- Jamey just changed filters.
Blacktop – 2 potential businesses – We will revisit this in spring.
Sunday School Room Tiles are loose; There are several loose tiles in the upstairs Sunday School room.
We inspected and will give some thought to options and discuss at the March meeting.
- Committee Reports:
Vision of Hope: Next Meeting February 27
Stewardship Committee: Next Meeting March 21
Christian Board of Education: Jamey volunteered to be on the Christian Board of Education committee; nothing new to report.
Service Committee: Mary Ann Vogel will chair. There is a sign up in the Narthex with several people signed up. Plenty of help for Ron's funeral earlier in the day.
Audio Visual: -Nothing new to report
- Old Business:
Railings- The railings have been completed and are in memory of Wayne Vogel.
Stove backsplash bids- Deb received one bid for a backsplash. Discussion and options discussed.
We would like the stoves delivered before we proceed, so we have measurements for the gas line, electrical and backsplash. The old stove was removed; special thanks to Jamey, Cole, Jason & David.
- New Business:
Consistory binders were updated, new consistory representatives were filled for committees, the key list was reviewed and communion sign up was completed.
Recording of services sign-up – We discussed recording the late services instead of the earlier services so Choir could be included. We did not complete a calendar for recording and will reach out to a few members also.
Bell ringing-Scott volunteered to ring bells on Sunday mornings and will reach out to other consistory if he is unavailable.
Monitor ushering chairpersons – Tammy will contact the Usher chairs each month as a reminder. (Contact info is kept in the drawer in the buffet of Narthex.)
Youth Fellowship account/checkbook- Kari Langenhahn will continue to help with the Chili Dinner next year, but requested to be removed from the checkbook. We have added this to the Joint Consistory agenda for our February meeting.
Easter Lilies will be purchased through Millhome Nursery. Flyers were included in Sunday's bulletin and need to be ordered by 2/26.
- Congregation concerns:
Church member would like Volleyball trophies back out on display- Trophies were moved to more visible location
Discussion was held to replace the entry chairs to match new basement décor, possibly from the Memorial Fund. The existing chairs were donated by the Ladies Aid and could be transferred to Pastor's office at St. Marks. More discussion to follow.
- Next meeting date: Monday, March 6 at 6:30 pm
- Joint Consistory Meeting at St. Mark's - Monday, February 6, 2023 6:00
- Motion to adjourn made by Tammy and seconded by Jamey. Motion carried

JOINT CONSISTORY MEETING

The meeting was called to order at St. Mark's on February 6th, 2023 at 6 p.m.

Members present from St. Marks were Julie Herrmann, Ben Grunwald, Judy Steinbeck, Janell Davis, Glenn Grunwald, Linda Schroeder and Larry Perronne.

Members present from St. James were Jackie Mueller, Jamey Binversie, Tammy Serketich, Shelia Hemb, and Scott Henschel.

Pastor Schultz led us in prayer. Introductions were made.

Larry made a motion to accept the Secretary's report. Jamey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pastor stated the mission/vision team focused on the church ministry survey and senior ministry at their last meeting.

The rural church Banquet will be held at St. James in October with the help of St. Mark's consistory members.

We will have both congregations complete a survey regarding the possibility of changing the times of our church services. Tammy Serketich will create a survey listing several options of times to try during the summer months from Memorial weekend through Labor day weekend. We will share the pros and cons and the congregation will vote.

The youth fund and the youth fellowship fund will no longer be separate accounts but will be combined into one account. Larry made a motion to combine the accounts, Jamey seconded the motion. Motion carried. There will be three representatives to the account. Two of the representatives will have the ability to sign checks. The account is at Cleveland State Bank.

Pastor would like to see the late church services be recorded instead of the early service so the choir can be on the recordings. Pastor will run reports to see when most people view online to determine if the time change would affect how many people view the service.

Larry made a motion to change Memorial Sunday to November 26th instead of November 19th and Scott Henschel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Christmas Eve day is on a Sunday so there will be no morning service but will have 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. services at night at St. Mark's.

Christmas Day service will be at St. James at 10:00 a.m.

The consistory member contact list was updated.

Tammy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jackie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Herrmann

St. Mark's consistory secretary



Payton Faith Beck
Daughter of
Sara Faith Wippermann & Nicholas Raymond Beck
Was baptized at St. James on
February 19, 2023





Our Youth Chili Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 5th from 11:00-1:00. We are in need of youth to sign up to help on both Saturday and Sunday!

Please use the attached link to sign up: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b45afa82aaof94-chili1#/#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b45afa82aaof94-chili1#/)

The more help we have the faster things will go! We are still looking for baked goods donation. The baked goods can be dropped off at St. James on Saturday, March 4th from 8:00-11:00.

Thank you for all your support!!

Kari Langenhahn



The youth will meet March 5 at the parsonage, and March 19th at St. James. Both gatherings will begin at 5:30 with a yummy meal!

Don't forget, youth, to sign up to help at the chili dinner! You can help either March 4th or 5th or both!

We would like to extend an invitation to our confirmands to join us in attending a Christian contemporary concert in Green Bay on April 22. Matthew West will be performing that Saturday at 7:00 p.m. Please let us know if you are interested by March 12 so we can get everyone tickets!

Thank you to our meal preparers, and volunteer adults who help us meet our safe sanctuary policies. Investing in our youth in this way is so rewarding:)

If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Schultz at 608 839 7315 or 920 693 2858.

Thank you!
Brenda Schultz

March Giving to Our UCC Missions

March 5th is Our Church's Wider Mission Sunday- OCWM funds are invested in programs, resources, and tools needed to keep local UCC churches strong, effective and growing.

March 12th is One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday - Through One Great Hour of Sharing, lives are literally changed daily. Your support provides clean water, food, medicines, shelter, healthcare, education and so much more.

March 19th is Building Fund Sunday - as always, we continue to have general Building expenses that are paid throughout the year.

Your support is appreciated and needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Hemb, St James Treasurer

Judy Steinbeck, St. Mark's Financial Secretary



ST. JAMES CHOIR PRACTICE:





Tuesday, Feb. 28, 6:30
Wednesday, March 8, 6:00
Tuesday, March 14, 6:30
Wednesday, March 22, 6:00
Tuesday, March 28, 6:30

ST. MARK'S CHOIR

Wednesdays: March 1, 15, 29 after our Lenten service
Thursdays: March 9, 23, at 7:00

Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization

Bulletin Bites, March 2023

-  Three families are currently living in the Bridgeway House - one family of four, and two families with 2 members. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers regarding staffing shortages. We are happy to announce that our team is fully staffed, and stronger than ever. Bridgeway is in need of twin bed blankets and new pillows. Donations would be greatly appreciated. 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!
-  Changes have been made to Wisconsin's "Cottage Law", which pertains to home made goods that can be sold to the public, often at farmers markets. The recent ruling expands the options to include candies and fudge, doughnuts, dried products, and more. You can expect to start seeing exciting new products at the market!
-  Family Pathways currently serves (10) families in the supervised visitation program. The purpose of these visits are for reunification and strengthening family bonds. We have two families who have been recently reunited after an absence of visits with their kids for two years. It is heart warming and our cup truly runneth over seeing these kids/parents' faces light up on visits. The visitation area is welcoming and kid friendly. Families engage in a safe, neutral environment for some quality time with their kids, where birthdays and holidays are celebrated and with weekly connection opportunities - emotionally, spiritually and physically (face to face). Donations are welcomed such as board games i.e Kerfuffle, Kites, Quakes and Co to name a few. Please help SCIO with the following items: sidewalk salt/de-icer, diapers size 5 and 6, infant and toddler socks.
-  Bridgeway is bursting at the seams with toddlers at the moment, any help with diapers size 4 or 5 would be wonderful. We are also in need of feminine hygiene products and laundry soap.

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

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

April

*Charles & Ruth Ann Kolb
 Ashley Lutzke
 Ethen Lutzke
 Linda Lutzke
 Dale & Doris Sprenger
 David & Christine Gumm
 Corra Gumm
 Elliott Gumm
 Everit Gumm
 Dean Sprenger

ST. MARK'S GREETERS

March

Glenn Grunwald
 Mark Jurk
 Linda Schroeder

GREETERS-MID-WEEK

LENTEN

Steve Gabsch
 Gary Kaestner
 Jim & Patty Taylor

April

Jon Herrmann
 Julie Herrmann
 Carol Weiland

HOSPITALITY

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

CHURCH

ATTENDANCE

St. James		St. Mark's
50	February 5	70
48	February 12	53
63	February 19	49

February 26th will be included next month.



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 MARCH CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Eric Grotegut
- 3 Karra Cina
- 4 James Luckow
- 6 Wyatt Henschel
- 7 Dale Krause
- 8 Jameson Binversie
- 10 Lindsay Wippermann
Milton Wippermann
- 13 Hannah Schmitz
- 16 Scott Zolltheis
- 18 Dave Mueller
- 19 Steven Heckmann
Kristin Zolltheis
- 22 Charles Kolb
- 23 Cynthia Klapperich
- 24 Corra Gumm
- 28 Nancy Nye
- 30 Sandra Beiersdorf
Tim Wippermann

ANNIVERSARIES

- 31 Myron & Kathleen
Hickman

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 MARCH CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Katy Grunwald
- 3 Tracy Steinbeck
- 10 Larry Perronne
Jack Schnelle
- 11 David Grunwald
- 13 Louise Jetzer
- 14 Kayla Sommer
Patty Taylor
- 17 Adelia Scharl
Delmar Sommer
- 18 Tammy Dexter
Margene Karstaedt
- 19 Jody Binversie
- 23 Gary Kaestner
- 26 Todd Binversie
- 28 Taylor Schnelle
- 29 Brianna Miota
Rebecca Miota
- 30 Dennis Bitter

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Dave & Cindy Call
- 12 Tim & Brenda Miota



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

St. James

United Church of Christ

13312 Pioneer Road, Spring Valley
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Chili Dinner

Drive-Thru

Hosted by St. Mark's / St. James' Youth Fellowship

Sunday, March 5th, 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Carry Out Only!!

Quart of Chili: \$7.00

Gallon of Chili: \$22.00

All carry outs will include chili, crackers, fresh bread, cheese, and a dessert!