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# MARCH, 2024

### March 3rd — Our Church's Wider Mission

<u>St. Mark's</u>: 9:00am Worship Sunday School 9-10 at both churches <u>St. James</u>: 10:30am Worship Service

### March 17th — Building Fund Sunday

<u>St. Mark's</u>: 9:00am Worship Sunday School 9-10 at both churches <u>St. James:</u> 10:30 Worship

### March 10th — One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday <u>St. James</u>: 9:00 Worship

Sunday School 9-10 at both churches St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship

### March 24th — Palm Sunday

<u>St. James</u>: 9:00 Worship Sunday School 9-10 at both churches <u>St. Mark's</u>: 10:30 Worship

### March 31st — Happy Easter!

<u>St. James</u>: 9:00 Worship Sunday School 9-10 at both churches <u>St. Mark's</u>: 10:30 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

### **SPECIAL LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES**

Wed., March 6th, 7pm at St. James

Wed. March 13th, 7pm at St. Mark's

Wed., March 20th, 7pm at St. James

Maundy Thursday with Communion, 7pm at St. James

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









100 Care Kits for the Homeless!

A most sincere thank you to all who participated in donating, packing and prayerful support.

A special thank you to Pat & Noreen Flook for coordinating the packing event.













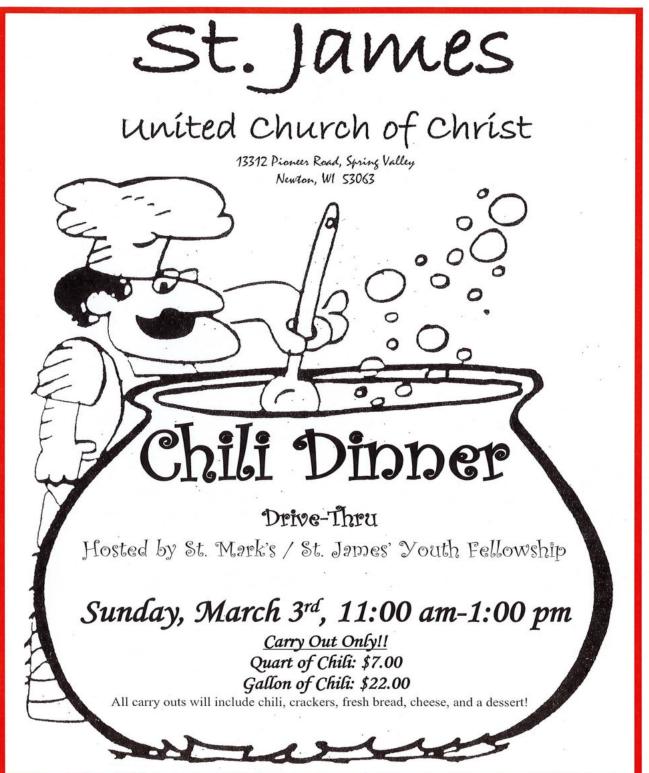




Sign up to help at the Chili Dinner clicking on the link below, or copying/ pasting it into your browser.

Thank you!

https://bit.ly/helpwithchilidinner



# **ST. JAMES CONSISTORY**

### February 6, 2023 6:30 pm

- The meeting was called to order by President Jackie Mueller. Members present were Jason Riesterer Vice-President, Sheila Hemb Treasurer, Jamie Henschel, Scott Henschel and Tanya Boman.
- Absent: Pastor Patrick Schultz and Wendy Meyer
- Prayer led by Jackie.
- Motion to approve the Secretary's Report made by Jason and seconded by Scott. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Scott and seconded by Jamie. Motion carried.
- Pastor's Report: None
- Building and Grounds: Calls were made to Klein Asphalt, Popp Asphalt and Wrightway regarding estimates for the parking lot. Estimates will be provided this spring.
- Committee Reports:

Vision of Hope: Jackie will continue as the consistory representative. Stewardship Committee: -Sheila will continue as the consistory representative. Christian Board of Education: Jamie will be the consistory representative. Service Committee: Tanya will be the consistory representative. Audio Visual: Jason will continue as the consistory representative.

Old Business:

Safe Sanctuary helper – Discussion held and explanation of time spent as a volunteer provided.

Sheepshead tournament – 2/25/24 at 1:00 pm. Jackie contacted the Koreans to let them know

we would be in the basement. They were fine with this arrangement.

• New Business:

Consistory binders were updated and communion services assigned. March 28; Jamie, March 31; Tanya, April 14; Scott, May 19; Jason, August 4; Sheila, October 6; Jackie, and December 24; Jackie.

Discussion held regarding Easter Lilies. Lilies will be purchased from Hartmanns; Randy and Cindy will take care of order.

Funeral for Donald Hemb will be held Saturday, February 10, 2023. Scott and Jackie will represent Consistory.

- Congregation concerns: None
- Next meeting date: March 5, 2024 at 6:30 pm.
- Motion to adjourn made by Jamie and seconded by Scott. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jackie Mueller, President

## **ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING**

### January 25, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Larry Perronne, Judy Steinbeck, Pastor Schultz, Tyler Bramstedt, Ben Grunwald, Janell Davis, and Brenda Miota. Linda Schroeder was absent. Instead of leading us in prayer, Pastor read a passage he recently came across that he wanted to share -"Be flexible."

Before moving on with the agenda, Larry asked that we nominate and elect officers.

Pastor Schultz moved to nominate Larry Perronne for president - Brenda Miota seconded. Larry Perronne nominated Brenda Miota for secretary - Ben Grunwald seconded. Larry Perronne nominated Ben Grunwald for vice president - Tyler Bramstedt seconded. Brenda Miota nominated Janell Davis for treasurer - Larry Perronne seconded. All of the officer nominations were unanimously passed by Larry Perronne. Glenn Grunwald will be removed from ability to sign checks and Larry Perronne will be added in his place.

New consistory member induction will be Sunday, January 28, 2024.

Larry agreed to be the new elevator contact person. The elevator phone line had been disconnected in December as it was thought the line was not necessary. For this reason, the elevator inspection failed. Linda will be asked to call and have the line reconnected.

Judy had nothing new to share regarding the financial report.

Ben made a motion to accept the secretary's report and Janell seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's communicated several items in his report. First, he has signed up to take a continuing education class titled UCC History Polity. Second, he is looking to transfer all of his credits from the UMC (United Methodist Church) over to the UCC. He anticipates a financial cost. Third, the Mission/Vision January meeting was postponed. There are currently four members between St. Marks and St. James in addition to Pastor. The team would welcome one more member from each church, or simply maintain their numbers until their process is complete. Janell made a motion to accept the report. Tyler seconded. Motion carried.

In inspecting the bell tower, Larry said the wood is still good. In an effort to preserve it, Larry will donate his time and labor to wrap the tower in metal, making it maintenance free. He will wrap the facia as well, requiring no additional painting. Material will be inexpensive, but renting a lift will be necessary for higher access.

Dissolving of the Canopy Fund was approved at the January 14, 2024 Annual Meeting. Judy will contact the members who have donated money to the fund. Members can either request the money back or redirect it to another fund. Larry made a motion and Janell seconded. Motion carried.

There were not enough members present at the Annual Meeting to vote on upping Judy's check writing amount.

The vote to reseal and paint the parking lot was also not voted on at the Annual Meeting.

Larry recommended calling a special meeting on Sunday, February 11, 2024 to present the quotes for the parking lot and the check-writing amount to the congregation with a vote to follow. Larry made a motion and Pastor seconded. Motion carried. Larry will announce the meeting date in church on January 28. Ben will announce it again on February 4.

Larry will donate his time and labor on re-siding the parsonage in the future. There was discussion on where those funds would come: Vision of Hope, Memorial Fund, and a St. James member donation.

Tyler mentioned plowing at the cemetery and hooking a concrete step. He will fix it as weather permits.

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# **ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING**

### JAN. 24TH CONTINUED

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Tyler mentioned plowing at the cemetery and hooking a concrete step. He will fix it as weather permits.

Larry tabled the Occupancy Agreement for three weeks.

Janell agreed to email greeters/ushers prior to each new month, but she needs addresses.

Regarding Marlene Kammann's request at the Annual Meeting, Janell volunteered to double check member contact information with Karen. Janell and Karen will send out a MailChimp Survey. When the list is compiled, it will be made available to those who request it. Paper surveys will be mailed to those with no email addresses.

Jerry Jetzer has agreed to record his hours more accurately in an effort to pay him more appropriately. Discussion will continue on pay increases. There are currently six people paid on staff: Pastor, Judy, Karen, Jerry, Ann and Kathy.

Joint Consistory meeting is set for Monday, February 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Larry will email the agenda, but will not be present. Ben will run the meeting in his absence. Judy and Janell will bring desserts.

Pastor will add Brenda and Tyler to the prayer team email list.

Pastor informed us that he will be switching his weekly schedule. He will now be off on Mondays and available on Tuesdays.

Larry will update the consistory contact list.

The next St. Marks Consistory meeting will be March 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Tyler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Janell seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda L. Miota

# **ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY ~ SPECIAL MEETING**

#### February 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Larry Perronne at 11:25 a.m.

Larry thanked Jon Herrmann and Mark Jurk for their efforts in acquiring quotes for the parking lot.

Larry explained that the two bids had been reviewed by the consistory and the initial contractor who put in the parking lot was the one that was selected. There was no discussion. Glenn Grunwald made a motion to go ahead with the parking lot sealing and painting project. Richard Binversie seconded. Motion carried.

Larry read the current by-laws to the congregation regarding the requirement of two signatures on checks in the amount of \$2500 or more. He then read the proposed by-law change of requiring two signatures on checks in the amount of \$5000 or more. Patty Taylor made a motion to accept the proposal of increasing the amount. Ron Vandoske seconded. Motion carried.

Glenn Grunwald made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. Ron Vandoske seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda L. Miota

## **ST. JAMES & ST. MARK'S JOINT CONSISTORY MEETING**

### February 5, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Ben Grunwald at St. Marks on February 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Members present from St. Marks were Ben Grunwald, Janell Davis, Tyler Bramstedt, Brenda Miota, and Judy Steinbeck. Larry Perronne and Linda Schroeder were absent.

Members present from St. James were Jackie Mueller, Jason Riesterer, Scott Henschel, Shelia Hemb, Wendy Meyer, and Tanya Boman. Jamie Henschel was absent.

Pastor Patrick Schultz led us in prayer. Introductions were made.

The secretary's report from the fall joint consistory meeting was reviewed. Jackie Mueller made a motion to accept the report. Tyler Bramstedt seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor in his report thanked Jason Riesterer and Judy Steinbeck for leading their respective services on February 4, 2024 in his absence. He gave us a health update following his hospital stay. Reverend Kim Henning will take over service on February 11, 2024. There are two upcoming funerals: Donald Hemb and Steve Heckmann. The Mission/Vision team has a meeting set for February 17, 2024. They have two surveys completed and are ready for the next two to go out.

Jason Riesterer reported on the Senior Ministry Polka that was held last fall. There were approximately 60 people in attendance. There is consideration of holding the event again early this summer in conjunction with an outdoor church service and a potluck luncheon. The venue would be retained, but a new polka band must be located.

Summer Sunday service times will continue as usual. There will be no change.

The Youth Fund and the Youth Fellowship Fund are now one account. A credit card was ordered for the fund. A 5-year CD was also established. There was much discussion. A job description and guidelines were discussed regarding the handling of the account. Language will be attached to the account requiring two signatures on financial transactions. Jason Riesterer made a motion to cancel/eliminate the credit card, to allow the CD to remain, and to require the Youth Fellowship to discuss financial needs with the consistory should the fund be depleted. Jackie Mueller seconded. Motion carried.

Jackie Mueller made a motion for a limit on church members who apply for credit cards in the church's name. If a member necessitates a credit card, he or she must first discuss it with his or her respective consistory treasurer and then his or her church's financial secretary. Janell Davis amended the motion to then require a discussion with either or both consistories. Tanya Boman seconded. Motion carried.

The recording of late services will continue.

There was discussion on the St. James and St. Marks UCC 2024 Calendar

- •Memorial Sunday will remain November 24, 2024
- •Christmas Eve worship will remain on Tuesday, December 24, 2024 at St. James
- •Christmas Day worship will remain on Wednesday, December 25, 2024 at St. Marks
- •Confirmation will remain April 14, 2024 at St. James (single confirmand), early service with communion. Discussion to come on additional communion at St. Marks.
- •We will not be hosting the UCC Men & Women's Banquet on October 17, 2024

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## **ST. JAMES & ST. MARK'S JOINT CONSISTORY MEETING**

### **CONTINUED....**

Wendy Meyer will update the joint contact list and will email it out to everyone.

Karen Mansker asked our permission to advertise the charity Love Feeds OUR World within both churches. Approval was given for posters and in-person announcements to the congregation. MailChimp/emails are not permitted.

Pastor informed us that he has signed up to take a continuing education course titled United Church of Christ History and Polity. He is also looking to transfer his credentials from the United Methodist Church (UMC) over to the UCC. There is anticipated financial cost associated with the transfer.

Next joint consistory meeting is set for October 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at St. James.

Janell Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.. Tyler Bramstedt seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda L. Miota

# MARCH GIVING TO OUR UCC MISSIONS

**March 3rd** 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 10th 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 17th 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 **Donald F. Hemb,** 84, a resident of Rocky Knoll, passed away on Friday, February 2, 2024 at Aurora Medical Center Sheboygan. He was born October 24, 1939 in Spring Valley, Town of Meme to the late Edwin Herman Sr. and LaVerne (Sohn) Hemb. Donny graduated from Kiel High School with the Class of 1957. He then went on to proudly join and serve in the US Army from 1957 to 1965.

Donny worked in the warehouse at Schultz Save O Stores for 31 years retiring in 1993. He had a strong faith and was a member of St. James UCC in Spring Valley. Donny was a man of many talents, not only did he farm on his hobby farm, he was also a talented carpenter. Donny enjoyed the outdoors hunting and fishing with family and friends. He was a lifetime member of the Kiel Fishing Game Club.



Our deepest sympathy to the famílies of these two members of St. James who both entered Eternal Life on the same day, February 2nd. Both of their funerals were held on Saturday, February 10th. They will be missed by our church family.

**Steven Warren Heckmann**, 53, of Spring Valley in rural Manitowoc County, died Friday morning February 2, 2024, as the result of an automobile accident. Steve was the son of the late Warren and Janet (Bell) Heckmann. He was born, raised and spent most of his life in the Spring Valley area. Steve attended Meeme Elementary School, Kiel Middle School and Kiel High School.

Steve worked in the roofing and construction trade for most of his adult life. He cheered on the Packers and enjoyed spending time outside snowmobiling, fishing, and taking walks with a number of different favorite dogs over the course of his life, the most recent being Mojo.



### **ST. JAMES CHOIR**

Rehearsal will be held: Tues., March 5th, 6:30pm Tues., March 12th, 6:30pm Thurs., March 21st, 6:30pm Tues., Mach 26th, 6:30pm



### **ST. MARK'S CHOIR**

Rehearsal will be held: Thurs., March 7th, 7pm Wed., March 13th, after the Ash Wednesday Service Thurs., March 21st, 7:00pm Wed., March 27th, 7:00pm

# THERE'S STILL TIME!

The Youth Group is looking for plastic ice cream bucket for their annual chili dinner. Boxes will be set up at both churches to drop them off in.

Thank you! Kari Langenhahn Our 2024 Mission Team invites you to...

# BRAI FRY

St. Mark's, St. James, and Immanuel U.C.C. are raising funds for a youth mission trip to Elliot County, Kentucky.

Miesfeld's 4811 Venture Dr. Sheboygan, WI. 53083 Saturday March 16th, 2024 @ 9am. to 2pm.



Dear St. Marks, St. James Church Family,

We are once again asking for your help on behalf of the Oglala Lakota Sioux of Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. We know there are new members at both of our churchs' so I will try to explain our mission. What? We will be collecting much needed supplies such as gently used clothing, new school supplies, hygiene products and much more. Lists for your taking will be available in the Narthex. Where will these be going? We will take them to an organization named Re-Member on the reservation. The name Re-Member simply means "to put back that which is broken". Re-Member is a non-profit organization that is a year round presence on the "Rez" and has been for 25 years! Re-Member continues to build hope for the future and to heal wounds of the past. Why do we continue doing this? Over the years we have seen the many changes that Re-Member has brought to the residents. I believe I can say that for any of us who have spent time working on the "Rez" that the Oglala Lakota people will intrigue you and get into your heart. It reminds us that the saying Mitakuye Oyasin "we are all related" is very true! There will be collection boxes at both St. Marks & St. James starting in March. We will be collecting through June. We will also be accepting monetary donations for those who prefer that. Re-Member will use these donations to help supply much needed firewood for homes (in January 145 homes received this help). Money will be used to purchase building supplies for bunk-beds, handicap ramps, trailer skirting, outhouses and the list goes on. We will accept cash or your check made out to your church with Re-Member in the memo.

Once again we wish to THANK all of you for your generosity in the past! It has been heart-warming and over-whelming!!

If you have any questions please feel free to ask---we are happy to talk to you.

In Faith, Pat & Noreen Flook



The quilters have decided to meet twice a month, on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 9:00 to noon in the St. Mark's basement. March's meetings will be on the 5th and the 9th. New members are always welcome!

We will be making quilts and lap robes. Our finished projects will go to Bridgeway in Sheboygan, Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, and Rocky Knoll Health Care Center in Plymouth.

We are seeking a few donations: cotton fabric quilt batting self-healing cutting board working sewing machines ironing board iron

Please contact Lori Roelse with any questions, laroelse@gmail.com or 920-946-3540.





# Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization BULLETIN BITES MARCH 2024

- We are ready for spring and continue to think warm thoughts. If you could help us out, we could use the following: Diapers (size 6), laundry detergent, fabric softener, dishwasher pods. Thank you for your generous support!
- We currently have five families in our transitional living programs, Bridgeway and Trisha's House. We are seeing women meet their goals every week, including enrollment in the Wisconsin Works (W-2) program, enrollment in daycare, obtaining a driver's license, maintaining sobriety, attending mental health counseling, and attending doctor appointments to advocate for improved health. Bridgeway continues to help single women with children to stabilize and overcome past traumas and barriers.
- The Winter Farmers Market runs until the end of April on the first and third Saturdays from 9am-12pm at the First Congregational Church UCC, 310 Bluff Avenue. The winter market offers fresh produce, meat, eggs, bread, bakery, honey, syrup, preserves, microgreens, coffee beans...plus, prepared food! We are delighted to see many new vendors this winter season. See you there!
- Family Pathways, a supervised visitation program, has helped several families transition to a less restrictive environment over the past few months. This has created some openings on our schedule, which currently offers 90-minute visits at 3:45pm and 5:45pm during the week and 10:45am, 12:45pm and 2:45pm on the weekends. If you know a family that is navigating transitions between a parent and child(ren), encourage them to email the coordinator at <u>familypathways@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org</u>

# ST. JAMES USHERS

### **MARCH & LENT**

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

### **APRIL**

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

# CHURCH ATTENDANCE

<u>St. James</u> <u>St</u>		<u>St. Mark's</u>
46	Feb. 5	38
54	Feb. 11	61
*	Ash Wed., Feb. 1	4 41
51	Feb. 18	43
29	Wed., Feb. 21	*
Will report the 25th & 28th next		

# ST. MARK'S

# **USHERS**

### **MARCH**

Bill Roelse Margene Reyer (two more people needed)

### Mid-Week Lenten

Steve Gabsch (three more people needed)

### **APRIL**

Jay Sommer Colten Sommer Glenn Grunwald

### **READERS**

March 3— Sandy Perronne March 10— Scott Siekman March 17— Lori Roelse March 24— Jacob Grunwald March 31—Jacob Roelse

### **HOSPITALITY**

March 3 — available March 10 — available March 17 — Margene Reyer March 24 — available March 31—Margene Reyer

Please report any corrections or additions on the birthday and anniversary lists to Karen in the church office: stmstjoffice@gmail.com Or call 920-693-8361

## ST JAMES MARCH CELEBRATIONS

### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Eric Grotegut
- 3 Karra Drewieske
- 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** 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 Mondays & 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-



## 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 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 Mike Bernhardt
  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

# AN INVITE FROM ONE OF OUR NEIGHBORING CHURCHES...

