



# The Country Church Herald

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“If only these pews could speak” I wonder what stories they would share. Stories of laughter, tears, grief and joy. That of little children misbehaving; and older parents shushing. Of hardened hearts softening and the Holy Spirit now at work within. Of lives saved, commitments made, and faith lived out. So many stories, if only these pews could speak.

Today they would tell us they are making room for very important people of church, members of our family, and welcomed guests alike.

St. Mark's has renovated and upgraded two of our pews to allow for easy wheelchair access so that a person in a wheelchair need not be in the aisle or a likely uncomfortable spot. No matter who you, or how you come to us, you are special and loved. We will continue to make necessary renovations to accommodate all who wish to worship the Lord!



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PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

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

**May 1st—Building Fund Sunday  
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*Sunday bulletins & links to prayer requests are posted under the 'Messages' link on our church website:*



## B THE 99

Some time ago, right around the beginning of the year, I heard the Spirit ~ felt the Spirit ~ pushing me in a certain direction regarding a message that needed to be put out there. Thus, began the thinking, praying, noodling, studying process for this new series, “B THE 99”

This series centers on the parable Jesus tells regarding lost sheep. We remember that one of the 100 strong flock of sheep gets itself lost. And the shepherd leaves the 99 to go seek the one. We’ve heard the story spoken from the perspective of the “lost one” and “the good shepherd” but from the perspective of the 99 ~ not so much!

What compelled the shepherd to feel it’s ok to leave 99% of his flock for the 1%? What would they do in his absence? How would they stay together ~ remaining found and not lost? How had the shepherd prepared the 99 to be ok while he was looking for the lost one? These questions and many more will be asked and hopefully answered in this new series: B THE 99

Series beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>!



The Consistory of St. Mark’s would like to thank Chris Schnelle and her family for the monument that they gave in memory of Joel. The monument is gorgeous and is located outside the entrance to the church office.

The inscription on it reads:

*“To all who visit: Stand by me, & I will stand by you. You may not see me, but I will be there. Talk to me, & I will talk to you. You may not hear me. But I will hear you. Remember me, for I will always remember you.*

*In memory of Joel Schnelle.”*

Beautiful monument, beautiful words!

# ST. JAMES CONSISTORY

April 4, 2022 6:30

- The meeting was called to order by President David Lorfeld. Members present were Tammy Serketich – Vice-President, Wendy Henschel – Treasurer, Deb La Duke – Secretary, Jason Riesterer, Jackie Mueller, and Pastor Patrick Schultz who led the group in prayer.
- Motion to approve the Secretary’s Report made by Wendy and seconded by Jackie. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report made by Tammy and seconded by Deb. Motion carried. Wendy asked for clarification on several receipts from expenditures. Clarifications provided.
- Pastor’s Report:  
“99” mugs – fundraiser to be promoted after Easter. VBS to be held at St. Mark’s again this year. It is easier for Pastor to facilitate.
- Building and Grounds:  
Yard Clean-up will be on April 23.  
We are waiting on the Badgerland Carpet basement floor estimate yet. Elevator inspection completed in March. This is done four times per year. Salt for softeners and furnace filters have been checked. David contacted Neumann Plumbing and Heating for furnace estimates and waiting for call back. The wooden railings are still being worked on.
- Committee Reports:  
Vision of Hope: Meeting with the Wagner Foundation on April 27.  
Stewardship Committee: Next meeting – May 18  
Christian Board of Education: Plans being made for Sandy Beiersdorf’s retirement recognition.  
Service Committee: We will enjoy a time of fellowship on Palm Sunday. There will also be a baptism. Mary Ann Vogel and Linda Lutzke will coordinate. Thank you ladies!  
Audio Visual: Wendy will look into the Memorial Funds for possibilities on purchasing a new video camera.
- Old Business:  
We continue to look for members to sign up for Safe Sanctuary helpers.  
New member orientation document (received at last meeting) tabled for next month.
- New Business:  
Communion supplies are sufficient for the Easter season.  
Next meeting date: Monday, May 2, 2022 – 6:30
- Motion to adjourn made by Jackie and seconded by Tammy. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb La Duke - Secretary, St. James Consistory

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## Celebration in Honor of Mrs. B’s Retirement

Please join us for service on May 8th to celebrate and honor “Mrs. B.” a.k.a. Mrs. Sandy Beiersdorf. She has announced her retirement from teaching Sunday School at St. James after a decades-long career..

We are completely grateful to her for her dedication to the children of our church and the important lessons she has taught them. Please help us celebrate her years and accomplishments.



# ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING

April 7, 2022

The April Consistory meeting was held on Thursday, April 7, 2022. Members present: Glenn Grunwald, President; Jacob Grunwald, Vice President; Louise Jetzer, Consistory Treasurer; Judy Steinbeck, Church Treasurer; Pastor Schultz; and Larry Perrone. Absent: Julie Herrman, Secretary; and Janell Davis.

The Financial and Secretary's reports were reviewed and approved.

Wheelchair accommodations were discussed and after the meeting, members went into the sanctuary to determine which pew(s) should be shortened to accommodate wheelchair(s).

New hymnals were discussed. The hymnals, Pilgrims' People, were favored as they feature buff colored-pages, rather than bright white ones, which would make them harder to read.

Duties of the confirmation students were discussed with the addition of them ringing the bells before the worship service begins. Jake will get together with the students to teach them how to do this.

During the past few weeks, we had the motor burn out for the furnace for the front entrance of the church. While the contractor was here, he found that there was a lot of heat at the ceiling. He said that if we could install a ceiling fan, to get that heat down, the furnace and the motor would work less hard, and it would prolong the life of the furnace and the motor. Since replacing the motor and installing the fan are unexpected expenses, we would like to see if members of the congregation would like to contribute towards this project. If you would like to help, place your donations in an envelope marked "Motor and Fan Project," or just give it to the Building Fund and it will be used for the motor and fan. Any contribution would be appreciated.

The Goeke Youth Fund was established by Wilbur and Caroline Goeke in 1993. The proceeds are to be used for the Christian teaching of beginning Sunday School students through Confirmation age. A committee consisting of Mark Jurk, Lorie Roelse, Judy Steinbeck and Patty Taylor has been set up to monitor the fund's investments and activity. Judy will receive quarterly statements and forward copies to the committee. The Committee will meet once a year, early in the fourth quarter, to determine if we are able, based on the Goeke's specifications, to redeem some shares and use the proceeds for our youth education needs. After the consistory has reviewed the committee's suggestion Lori or Mark will contact the investment firm to make the transactions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Louise Jetzer, Acting Secretary



## Sunday ~ May 1

**May 1st is Building Fund Sunday at both churches—as always, we continue to have General Building expenses that need to be paid throughout the year. Your support is appreciated and needed.**

St Mark's has had some huge expenses in the first quarter. The building and grounds insurance premium really hit us hard. We continue to make minor improvements and upkeep in both the church and the parsonage. The parsonage renovation loan payment of \$465.00 also comes out of the building fund each month. Contributions to the building fund and/or the parsonage loan account would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generous donations in the past and the future.

Wendy Henschel, St. James Treasurer      AND      Judy Steinbeck, St Mark's Financial Secretary

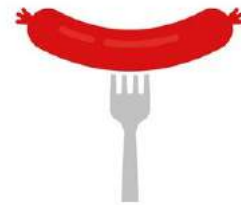
St. James will host its annual "Brat Fry" on Wednesday, May 11, 2022. Serving time is 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. CARRY OUTS ONLY. Invite your family and friends. There are sign up sheets in the church narthex for helpers and donations.

If you have any questions, please contact chairman, Mary Ann Vogel at 920-693-8352 or email [wvogel3@yahoo.com](mailto:wvogel3@yahoo.com)

Co-chairs are Wendy Henschel and Tammy Serketich

# Brat Fry

St. James UCC



Wednesday, May 11, 2022

4:00 to 7:00 P.M.

Brats, Burgers, Chicken Breasts,  
and Dessert!!



*Carry-outs Only*

Held at St. James UCC

In Spring Valley

13312 Pioneer Road, Newton

# RE- MEMBER

Outreach to Re-Member @ Pine Ridge Reservation

Mitakuye Oyasin  
“We are all Related”

We are pleased to tell you that we are now able to collect items for the community of Pine Ridge, SD. During the pandemic we were unable to enter the Reservation, but now the Oglala Sioux Covid-19 Task Force has lifted many restrictions. After two years of little outside help the needs are many!

Some may ask “why Pine Ridge?” The answer is simply after spending time on the Reservation and seeing the need, it is sobering and unsettling—a real eye-opener! The people there got into our hearts, and with your help we can once again give a little “Hand up”. The needs are basically the same as in the past.

Personal care products, clothing for infants, children, adults, New pillows & twin sheet sets, blankets, round toilet seats (for outhouses) winter hats, gloves, jackets, New Toys for Christmas, Back to school supplies.

We will have detailed lists available at each church.

We realize the needs of our Nation as well as the world are many and some of our budgets are stretched a bit “thin”, however if you are able and prefer to make a monetary donation there will be buckets at each church for collection. Cash or checks made out to Re-Member; or if you wish for your donation to be added to your church contribution make your check out to your church with Re-Member in the memo.

We will be collecting through the month of July.

Wakan Tanka Kici Un----May God Bless

Pat & Noreen Flook (St. Marks)

If you have any questions feel free to call us at 920-467-1248



The grass is turning green, flowers are “trying” to bloom. It’s also time for St. James Spring Adopt-A-Highway clean up. Please meet at St James on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 1 pm. If that date is rained out a different date will be determined.

All volunteers must be at least 11 years of age or in the 6th grade. We clean up Hwy 42 from CTH XX (the first part) to CTH X. Garbage bags and safety vests are provided. Please dress accordingly for the weather and it’s highly recommended to wear gloves and boots.

Any questions please contact Michelle Mauk (920) 980-3484  
or Keith Mauk (920) 980-3483.

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**Wagner-Eberle-Sukawoty American Legion Post 477  
PO Box 162 St Nazianz, WI 54232**

**April 2022**

**This year, Memorial Day is on Monday May 30, 2022, and will mark the seventy-sixth year that the Wagner-Eberle-Sukawoty American Legion Post in St Nazianz has conducted military honors at local cemeteries to respect our Veterans. The first honors were performed in 1946 and have continued every year since then. One of our Post members, Jerry Augustine, has been involved for fifty-two years.**

**The ceremony consists of a memorial prayer, the reading of the name of each Veteran buried in that cemetery, a three-round volley by the Honor Guard, and the playing of taps.**


**The schedule for this Memorial Day, 30 May 2022, is as follows:**

**7:15 – Ucker Road – near St Nazianz  
7:30 – Holy Trinity – School Hill  
7:45 – Meeme Center Cemetery  
8:00 – St Fidelis – Spring Valley  
8:15 – St James – Spring Valley  
8:30 – St Isidore – Osman  
8:45 – St Thomas the Apostle – Newton  
9:00 – Salem Ebenezer – Newton  
9:15 – St John – Newtonburg  
10:15 – Salvatorian – St Nazianz  
10:45 – St Gregory – St Nazianz**



We celebrate the April 10th Baptism of  
*Aubriana Kay Peterson*

daughter of Andrew & Abigail Peterson,  
sister of Andrew Peterson, Jr.

*May your life be filled with blessings* 



### **ST. JAMES SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Congratulations to Everit Gumm and Williem Langenhahn on their Confirmation ceremony to take place on May 15th, 2022.

Please join us to celebrate Mother's Day with a Sunday School presentation during church service on May 8th.

We extend a big thank you to Henry Langenhahn Jr. for his dedicated work on behalf of Sunday School. Henry was with us for 10 plus years and he will be missed by all!

The winning animal for our Outreach project going to Heifer International is a \$10 share each of a goat, sheep, pig and rabbit. Honeybees, 2 sets for \$60 and flock of chicks for \$40.

May 8th is our last day of Sunday School and we wish everyone a safe and fun summer!

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

### **ST. MARK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

On our last day of Sunday School, May 1st we will be having our Bake Sale. All proceeds go back to the Sunday School program, and your support is greatly appreciated!

**MAY 1ST IS THE LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AT ST. MARK'S**  
**MAY 8TH IS THE LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AT ST. JAMES**



# HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

A good time was had by all who attended our Game Night on April 23rd, as seen by the pictures.. It was also the Confirmand's introduction to this fun group.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, May 1st at 5:30pm at St. Mark's. Thank you, Brenda Miota, for providing the meal :)

We will also be meeting at St. James on May 22nd. Watch your email for meeting details.



Ray explaining his "escape room" .



Nerf Battle :)



playing  
"Spoons"



playing  
"Twister"



# Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization

Bulletin Bites, May 2022



- ◆ The Bridgeway & Beyond program has seen lots of recent transitions. Three families have moved out in the last couple of months, two new families have moved in, and we anticipate 2-3 more families in the coming weeks. Please hold the Bridgeway family in your thoughts and prayers as they navigate new paths on their journeys
- ◆ The 3rd Annual Night Market season is approaching! Join us for family fun, live music, eclectic vendors/crafters/makers, food trucks and more! June 24, July 29, and August 26 from 4-9pm at City Green in Sheboygan. Get more information at our website: [www.sheboygancountyinterfaith.org/night-market/](http://www.sheboygancountyinterfaith.org/night-market/) Bridgeway could use the following items: Batteries (AA, AAA and C), sidewalk salt, Lysol spray, Pine-Sol floor cleaner, games for 10-12 year olds, fabric softener sheets.
- ◆ The summer farmers market season begins on June 1st in Fountain Park! Hours will again be 8am - 1pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and a Thursday market in Plymouth in the Dairy Queen parking lot from 12-5pm. We look forward to seeing you for the 33rd season of the SCIO Farmers Market!
- ◆ Winter Farmers Market will be held every first and third Saturday through April, The market runs from 9a-12p inside the First Congregational Church UCC located at 310 Bluff Avenue. We have a wide variety of farm, food and craft vendors. We will also continue to offer EBT and Double Your Bucks through the end of April .



## St. James Choir Practice for May

Tuesdays at 6:30pm

May 3rd

May 10th

May 17th

May 24th

May 31st



**Monday, May 23, 6:30 p.m.**

## St. James Vision of Hope Committee Meeting

"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.

# ST. JAMES USHERS

## MAY

\*Tom Urness  
David Lorfeld  
Linda Lorfeld  
Alan Wippermann  
Rick & Donna Wippermann  
Tim & Noel Wippermann  
Cindi Wippermann  
Sara Wippermann  
Lindsay Wippermann

## JUNE

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

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

St. James		St. Mark's
49	April 3	58
45	April 6	*
78	April 10	72
44	April 14	*
*	April 15	71
83	April 17	118
56	April 24	49

\*Lenten service-held at  
only one church.

# ST. MARK'S GREETERS

## MAY

Janice Marcheske  
Mike Marcheske  
Scott Siekman

## JUNE

Ben Grunwald  
Jacob Grunwald  
John Grunwald  
Katy Grunwald  
Luke Grunwald  
Todd Grunwald

# CANDLE LIGHTERS

## MAY

- 1 - Sierra Bramstedt,  
Claire Clemens
- 8 - Brianne Vandoske,  
Brooklyn Vandoske
- 15 - Colten Scharl,  
Reid Vandoske
- 22 - Wyatt Scharl,  
Colten Sommer
- 29 - Hillary & Hailey  
Herrmann

## June, July, August

No candlelighters needed



Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to  
Mark & Kathy Jurk on the death of Mark's  
mother, Barbara Jurk, on April 27th.

## ST JAMES MAY CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Timothy Heckmann  
Brian Henschel
- 4 William Heckmann
- 7 David Lutze
- 13 Katie Belitz
- 16 Andrew Peterson, Jr.
- 19 Jean Henschel  
Carson Spindler
- 22 Daniel Kleinhans
- 28 Jared Luebke  
Carlene Sohn
- 29 Carson Russart
- 30 Kelly Luebke

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Jamey & Amanda  
Binversie
- 14 Tim & Amanda Russart
- 20 Brian & Sheila Hemb
- 21 Randall & Karen  
Krause

*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.*



We extend a great big  
“Thank You!”  
to everyone for the cards  
and prayers during our  
recent illness.

Sincerely,  
Kevin & Betty Kellner

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.

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 Pas-  
tor Patrick at 920-693-2858.

## ST MARK'S MAY CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Luke Grunwald  
Layla Schultz
- 5 John VanDerMale
- 8 JoAnn Grant  
Henley Hermann
- 13 Alyssa Boutelle
- 14 Alice Broehm
- 20 Noreen Flook
- 21 Owen Schnelle
- 22 Samuel DeBlay
- 26 Stacy Hermann
- 27 Steven Schultz
- 28 Wendy Schnelle

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Steven & Mary Jo  
Gabsch
- 2 Jared & Emily Urban
- 16 Warren & Karen  
Vandoske
- 18 Pat & Noreen Flook
- 31 Mark & Kathy Jurk

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!



The gifts of our congregation to OCWM Basic Support make a real difference in the life of congregations across our state.

**Because of our generosity, the Wisconsin Conference United Church of Christ connects, supports, and resources local congregations and leaders as they creatively and vibrantly live out the values of Jesus in this time and place.**

This winter, members of Washington Reformation UCC in Monticello struggled with how to “re-start” their congregation after the interruption of the pandemic. Some questioned the leadership of their pastor. Church leaders reached out to Bridge Associate Conference Minister Ted Drewsen for help.

“The best thing that could have happened was meeting with Ted. He was clear about our roles as lay leaders,” said Julie, a lay leader at the church. Ted underscored the need for a job description so that the congregation and their pastor would be clear about expectations. And he explained the role of a Pastor-Parish Relations Committee.

A Pastor-Parish Relations Committee helps a pastor connect with a community, thinks through questions and ideas, and helps the congregation understand the complexity of the pastoral office. “A new pastor coming into a congregation always finds things about the church that mystify them. The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee helps explore and explain those peculiarities,” Ted said.

As Washington Reformation worked on the job description and creating the committee, the need for a strategic plan emerged. Now Pastor Kelly and church leaders work together to imagine a project that can excite and engage the congregation. “The soul of this church is being of service, and now we have a process to find our next big opportunity,” observed Pastor Kelly.

**When the congregation felt “stuck,” support from the Wisconsin Conference helped the pastor and leaders find a new way to get restarted. Our gifts to OCWM Basic Support provided the support Washington Reformation UCC needed to move forward positively.**

*The Congregation of Washington Reformation on Palm Sunday*



**Learn more about the Wisconsin Conference at [wcucc.org](http://wcucc.org)**

Please thank your congregation for their amazing support of our soupcook off for the mission trip to Tennessee. It was a very successful event. We made \$2,500 to put towards the mission trip expenses.

thank you

Carol & Kail Knoeier  
Nelli Schumacher  
Janet Boedek  
Janet Boedek

Barbara Post  
Whitney Schumacher  
Anna Marie,  
Olivia + Sierra  
Bramstedt



## DRIVE THRU FISH FRY

May 13<sup>th</sup> at Anchor Lanes  
from 4-7PM

3-pieces beer battered cod,  
German potato salad, coleslaw,  
bread, veggie & dessert.

**\$13 for all!**

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Church emails are sent via Mail Chimp on a weekly basis. For an unknown reason, sometimes those messages end up in your "Promotions" or "Spam" box. To make sure you don't miss out on any important church news, it would be a great idea to get in the habit of checking those boxes at least twice weekly.