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Confirmands of 2021

I can hardly fathom that our confirmation year is coming to a much-anticipated, somewhat saddening, much celebrated ending. Our confirmands have overcome many obstacles (mostly surrounding the Covid interruptions to our time together) and have adjusted very well. Emma, Mason, Luke, Owen, Grace, Rebecca and Brianna have engaged in this class in a very meaningful way. Each comes to the class with questions, an eagerness to learn, contributing with their own unique [but blessed] personalities. Each has grown in their relationship with Christ and one another through reading the Bible, being in church services, engaging and participating in the services, and undertaking such issues like social justice. A special thank you goes to the mentors who spent time with each of our confirmands.

I am proud of each one of them! And I look forward to many more discussions and activities with them.

Thank you for being in prayer for them this last year.

Always Christ's ~ always yours,
Pastor Patrick



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 this 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!



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Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

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

May 2nd St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship
Sunday School Car Wash at STM
during church service today
St. James: 10:30am Worship
9:15- 10:15 Sunday School

May 9th St. James: 9:00am Worship
10-11:00 Sunday School
St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School

May 16th St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School
St. James: 10:30am Worship
9:15-10:15 Sunday School

May 23rd St. James: 9:00am Worship
10-11:00 Sunday School
St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School

May 30th St. James: 9:00am Worship
10-11:00 Sunday School
St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School

Sunday bulletins and links to prayer requests are posted under the "messages" link on our church website:

<https://www.stmstjucc.org/>

In March funerals were held for two of our beloved church members, Betty Sixel from St. Mark's and Dawn Marcoe from St. James. They are missed. Our deepest sympathy goes out to their family members.

Betty Faith Sixel, age 98, passed away on Saturday February 27, 2021 at Pine Haven Christian Home where she had been a resident since 2016. She was born February 23, 1923 in Manitowoc, a daughter of the late Rual and Alvina (Lindholm) Cogswell.

Betty was a 1941 graduate of Manitowoc Lincoln High School. On July 1, 1944, Ralph Sixel was united in marriage to Betty Faith Cogswell at St. Marks UCC in town Mosel.

Betty worked as a bookkeeper at Schuette's Department Store in Manitowoc until marriage. In 1957, Ralph started the R.L. Sixel Electric Company, where she worked alongside Ralph, retiring in 1986. Ralph preceded her in death on December 6, 2016.

Betty was a faithful member of St. Marks UCC where she had been in the choir. Ralph and Betty travelled the United States, went fishing in Canada and visited Germany. Betty enjoyed the challenge of a good Jigsaw puzzle, was an expert Bingo player, loved reading, playing cards, the Packers and the Brewers.

Betty is survived by her children: Gary (Vicki) Sixel, Christine (James) Hayon, Keith Sixel, Lee (Nancy) Sixel and a daughter-in-law Susan Sixel. She is further survived by her grandchildren: Stefanie (Justin) Trakel, Sarah (Joel) Reuter, Jennifer Arntsen and Maggie Hayon, step-grandchildren: Traci (Tracey) Brill, Deena (Dean) Kapelka and Travis (Krystal) Drossel, 7 great-grandchildren, 6 step-great-grandchildren, 2 step-great-great-grandchildren, her brother-in-law Richard (Mary Lou) Sixel, Jr., many nieces, nephews, cousins, and other friends.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents, her siblings, her husband Ralph, and her son, Jeffrey.

Dawn Angela (Hartman) Marcoe, age 49 of Sheboygan Falls, formerly of Newton, passed away with her family by her side, in Menasha at her sister Colette & Tom Eichinger's home on Friday, March 5, 2021. Dawn had a courageous battle and fought hard against Glioblastoma brain cancer.

Dawn was born in Oconto Falls on January 20, 1972. She is the daughter of Gerald and Sharon (Diehlmann) Hartman. She was a graduate of Kiel High School with the class of 1990 and a graduate of Lakeshore Technical College with a degree in Criminal Justice.

Dawn was married to Val Jean Marcoe from 1995 until 2016. She was employed with the Sheboygan Police Department for 10 years. Dawn also was an employee of Kohler until her diagnosis in 2017. She loved to spend time with her two boys. In her free time, Dawn could be found Kayaking, reading, shooting her bow, camping, hunting, traveling, listening to music and attending concerts.

She is survived by her two children: Gavin Marcoe (Rebecca Brewser) and Colton Marcoe, parents: Gerald and Sharon Hartman, her siblings: Melissa (Rodney) Stock, John Hartman, Duaine Hartman (Deb Wichmann), Brenda Bashaw (Brian Hagedorn), Colette (Tommy) Eichinger, Johnny (Linda) Hatfield, Candida (Donald) Pence, Ted (Sharon) Hatfield. Dawn is further survived by a large family that includes aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, Gaige Lloyd Marcoe, paternal grandparents: Freida and Arwin Hartman and maternal grandparents: Lillian and Albert Diehlmann and her birth mother, Mary Ann Church.



ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETINGS

April 12, 2021 6:25

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 the group in prayer.

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

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Deb and seconded by David. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Visits to the hospitalized and/or recuperating continue. Pastor shared a picnic table project he would like to complete with the confirmands and a few talented craftsmen from both churches.

Building and Grounds:

The crack in the canopy foundation will be repaired on yard clean-up Saturday.

The cracked stained glass window on the east side of the church will require approximately \$2,200.00 to repair. Pella windows will work on the window and Clarence will continue to search for a company that repairs stained glass. Tammy made a motion to pursue the repair and Jamey seconded. Motion carried. Clarence will consult with Jerry Jetzer on amplifier system because areas of the church are not working.

Yard cleanup on April 17 – 9:00 Rain date April 24

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Vision of Hope – motion to approve the two recommendations from the Vision of Hope Committee made by David and seconded by Jason. Motion carried. *Stewardship Committee* – Next meeting on May 3.

Christian Board of Education – Last day for Sunday School is Mother's Day. The children are planning a small program.

Service Committee – Sign up for the Brat Fry is in the narthex. All are welcome to volunteer.

Audio-Visual – The committee met on March 18 and shared St. Mark's plan. Motion made by Deb and seconded by Wendy to proceed with the purchase of a large t.v. to be used where needed. Cost not to exceed \$700.00. Motion carried.

Evaluation process for church – group to meet in late July or early August; Clarence and Deb from St. James and two members from St. Mark's along with Pastor Patrick to make up the committee.

Copier update – Minor change on the contract and then we will set the date for installation. Instructional lessons will need to be set up for those using the machine.

New Business:

The supply pastor fee is currently is set at \$175.00 for both services. Speaker fee is currently \$200.00 Generally, the speaker fees go to the organization they represent. Discussion to continue at next Joint Consistory meeting with regard to keeping or raising this amount.

Baptismal fees –A first draft for baptismal fee for non-members was presented. Consistory suggested minor additions. It will be reviewed at our next meeting.

Easter service went well. The basement was set of overflow guests but we did not need it. Baptism also went well.

Thank you notes were shared and will be posted on the bulletin board.

We reviewed section 2 in the Consistory binder. No updates needed.

Masks will continue to be required. We will slowly begin singing in church again. April 19 will be the first service where we will sing the last hymn of the service. Monitoring of the Covid situation continues.

Highway clean-up – April 24th – 9:00. Michelle Mauk is coordinating the community service event.

Consistory to present our Confirmand with a gift. Tammy will shop for it

Brat fry update – May 12 - 4:00-7:00 Carry-outs only – Mary Ann Vogel, Tammy Serketich, and Wendy Henschel to chair.

Next Meeting Date: May 10 - 6:30

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

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING

April 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Pastor Patrick, Dave Call, Julie Herrmann, Glenn Grunwald, Jacob Grunwald, Louise Jetzer, Judy Steinbeck and Lori Roelse. 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.

We reviewed the Sunday morning checklist that was written up by Jim Taylor in the past. Dave will contact Ron Vandoske about the air conditioning temperature.

Building and Grounds:

The screens on basement windows have been replaced by Dave Call.

Jerry Jetzer brought quotes for basement ceiling lights. They are LED lights and should never need bulbs replaced. Would like to replace 8 lights. Dave made a motion and Glenn approved to change the lighting fixtures and Jerry will place the order.

The building and grounds committee consists of Larry Perronne and Tim Schueler. Pastor proposed a list of people who may have interest in the landscaping project. A date will be set for May.

It was confirmed that the cemetery will not be included in the building and grounds committee.

It was discussed that the pastor's office ceiling should be added to the list for being replaced.

Lawn care will be done by T&L Services.

The elevator lights will be turned on at the beginning of church services and will be turned off after service so they are not on all week.

Old Business:

The March 21st service had some sound issues regarding the TV that have been figured out and new batteries have been purchased for future use. The Easter service overflow plan went well with 12 people in the basement.

New Business:

The Sunday school will be doing a car wash in May during the church service for free will donation.

Many materials have been gone through by the teachers that are no longer needed for Sunday School and will be on display on the tables in the fellowship hall during the month of April for the congregation to look at and take if they would like.

Judy will find out how much we have spent on technical needs and upgrades and then we can see how much we are putting towards it and decide if we want a separate budget for these items.

Our church insurance policy through Church Mutual Options is offering a CM Sensor at no charge and they pay for installation and the system. The CM Sensor 24/7 temperature and water alert system can help protect the church from water related incidents including frozen pipes. Judy will call and see if fees will come later and contact Larry Perronne and see what he thinks about the armed intruder emergency service that is also an option.

The quote to repair the bell tower louvers was reviewed.

Pastor presented Tithe.ly, a quicker and easier way to give online automatically. Pastor feels this will open more options for people to donate. Pastor will follow up with Tithe.ly to get more questions answered.

Pastor introduced a picnic table project for the youth of both churches to make for each church.

Pastor would like to try vacation bible school to be shared by both churches and have it open to church members and non-church members.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 6th at 6:30.

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



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

- ⇒ The Pop-up Farmers Market continues the first and third Saturdays in May, from 9:30-11:30, in the parking lot of the First Congregational Church UCC (310 Bluff Avenue). Check our website, sheboygancountyinterfaith.org, and our Facebook page for the most current news about the Market. Mark your calendars -- summer market begins Wednesday, June 2nd!
- ⇒ Bridgeway could use the following items: Multipurpose floor cleaner, multipurpose printer paper, paper towels.
- ⇒ Our Program Assistant Office is in desperate need of a facelift! This office is bustling with families and staff between the hours of 4pm – 9pm, as well as weekends. Whether it's engaging in a friendly conversation, problem solving an issue, checking off daily chores on the chart, or following up on a programming topic, our Program Assistants spend all their time walking alongside our Bridgeway families. The office is small – probably about 8x10. We are looking for a small staff desk, 3-4 shelf bookcase, a comfy side chair, and a comfortable desk chair.
- ⇒ Night Markets are scheduled to return this summer! Mark your calendars for Friday, July 30th and Friday, August 20th. We will create a safe event with a wide variety of family fun and eclectic offerings. Interested in vending? Contact Lisa at lisa@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org.



"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.

St. James UCC
Stewardship Meeting
Monday, May 3rd
6:30pm



Please share graduation information and future plans with the church office for publication so we can all celebrate with you!

stnmstjoffice@gmail.com



CHURCH ATTENDANCE

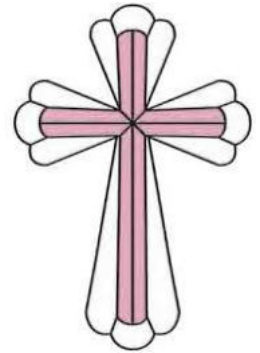
St. James		St. Mark's	
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—	March 10	32	
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—	March 24	20	
47	March 28	49	
47	April 1	—	
—	April 2	47	
61	April 4	97	
33	April 11	48	
31	April 18	61	
30	April 25	37	



Davie Lorraine Vogel,

Born on
August 5, 2020

To
Ashley R Grotegut and Gabriel M Vogel
**Baptized at St. James on
April 4, 2021**



Welcome to our Church Family!



ST. JAMES SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Please join us for our Mother's Day presentation on May 9th. The kids' crafts are near completion and then have been rehearsing their program.

Congratulations to Emma Russart on her up and coming confirmation ceremony on May 9th.

May 9th will be our last Sunday School session for the 2020-21 school year. We extend a big thank you to Amanda Russart, Scott & Raymond Henschel, Henry Langenhahn Jr., Sandy Beiersdorf & Deb LaDuke for their commitment to this most unusual year!

Wishing everyone a safe and fun summer and see you all in September! Any questions may be directed to Sandy Beiersdorf by emailing her at: sandrabeiersdorf@gmail.com

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.

A Message from Pastor Patrick....

Dear Families of St. Mark's and St. James,

I have been giving much thought and prayer to a possible Vacation Bible Study this summer. I do believe that God is leading us in this direction and would like to know your thoughts and interest.

There are many things we still need to work out: when in the summer; how many days; half-day or full; morning or evening... and an overall theme to our VBS. We would have:

Bible story and theme; we would also have games, arts and crafts, skits, and Music and snacks.

Can you answer some questions to help determine interest and planning? You can send your answers to me via this letter, email, call, or stop in my office.

Would your children be interested in VBS this summer?

Would a parent, grandparent or other family member be able to help with VBS?

If yes, would you like to see 2 – 3 – 4 days of VBS?

Do you have a preference over morning, afternoon or evening?

What length of time would be appropriate each day, 2 hours or 3?

Is there a particular month and/or week of the month that would work best for you and your family?

What is the number, name(s) and age of the children that will join us?

Other: Is there something you would like to see with VBS this summer?

MEMORIAL DAY 2021

This Memorial Day will mark the seventy-fifth anniversary that the Wagner-Eberle-Sukawoty American Legion Post in St Nazianz has held services at local cemeteries honoring our Veterans buried there. The first honors were done in 1946 and have continued every year since then. One of the Post members has been involved for fifty 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, 31 May 2021, 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



ST. MARK'S BUILDING FUND

Sunday, May 2nd, is Building Fund Sunday. On Building fund Sundays any loose offerings (offerings not put in envelopes) are given to the Building Fund. These Sundays occur once a quarter, in February, May, August, and November.

Past projects which have been completed with Building Fund offerings are the pew cushions, t.v. and sound system, and the lights in the Fellowship Hall. The major funding for the pew cushions and t.v. have come from Memorials, but there are always incidental expenses which come from the Building Fund.

Future projects which we are looking into are painting or repairing the bell tower, lowering the ceiling in pastor's office, and replacing the landscaping around the parsonage. Many of the past and future projects are ones that have needed to be done for a while and finally we are working on them. And, of course, when these things happen, we still have our routine maintenance and upkeep expenses going on. Please be aware of these Sundays and continue to be generous with them.

THANK YOU to all the volunteers available to help with church yard cleanup on April 17th:



Clarence Belitz, Jason and Austin Riesterer, David and Linda Lorfeld, Jamey, Jameson, Poppy, and Cole Binversie, Henry Langenhahn Sr., Al Wippermann, Bill, Laurie, and Jack Heckmann, Galen and Deb La Duke.



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for you and our church.**

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Online:

<https://www.stmstjucc.org/donate>

Mobile:

**Download free Tithe.ly church app.
Open and find St. James UCC.**

St. James UCC launched online giving through the Tithe.ly church app as detailed in our September 2020 newsletter. Whether worshipping virtually or in person, Tithe.ly has given all of us a great offering option beyond cash and checks. It is safe, secure, and available at any time from wherever you are. Tracking your giving history becomes effortless for you and our treasurer, too.

You are valued members of our church family, and we sincerely appreciate the difference your ongoing support is making!

(Note: Church or donor covers processing fee of 2.9%+30¢ for credit/debit card or 1%+30¢ for ACH/bank account.)

The first Adopt-A-Highway clean-up for St. James was a success!

The weather was perfect! We had a total of 12 members that assisted with the clean-up of Hwy 42 from CTH XX to CTH X. There were 19 bags of trash collected along with some other miscellaneous items. We are committed to clean-up this area of HWY 42 two to three times a year. So if you were unable to participate in this clean-up there will be another one in early fall. Thank you church members for volunteering your time to keep a little part of God's World cleaner! Please consider helping with the fall clean up. There will be plenty of fresh air, exercise, fellowship and fun.

Respectfully Submitted, Michelle Mauk



ST JAMES MAY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Timothy Heckmann
Brian Henschel
- 4 William Heckmann
- 7 David Lutze
- 13 Katie Belitz
- 16 Andrew Peterson, Jr.
- 19 Jacqueline Henschel
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
- 21 Randall & Karen Krause



**St. James UCC will
host its annual
“BRAT FRY”
on
Wednesday, May 12
Serving time will be
4:00 pm until 7:00 pm.
CARRY OUTS ONLY.**

**Tell your family & friends
so we have a good turnout.**

**We are in need of helpers
and torte donations.
There are sign up sheets
in the church narthex. All
proceeds go to our OCWM
commitment.**

**If you have questions,
contact chairman Mary
Ann Vogel at
920.693.8352 or email
wvogel3@yahoo.com**

**Co-Chairs are
Wendy Henschel and
Tammy Serketich.**

ST MARK'S MAY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Luke Grunwald
Layla Schultz
- 5 John Vandermale
- 8 JoAnn Grant
Henley Hermann
- 11 Andrew Taylor
- 13 Alyssa Boutelle
- 14 Alice Broehm
- 20 Noreen Flook
- 21 Owen Schnelle
- 22 Samuel DeBlaey
- 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

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS:**

**CONFIRMATION AT
ST.MARKS: MAY 23rd**



**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS:**

**CONFIRMATION AT
ST.JAMES: MAY 16th**

