

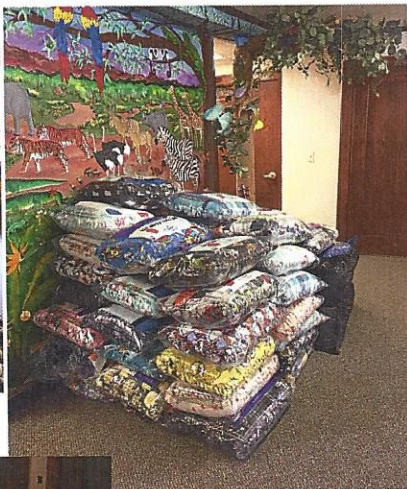
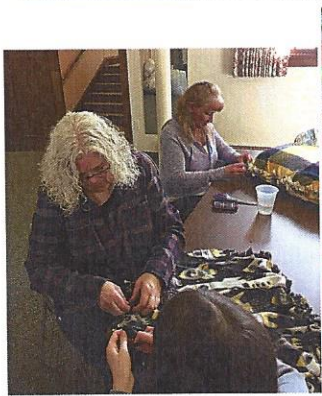
# The Country Church Herald

...Proclaiming the Word of God

NEWSLETTER | MARCH 2020

ON THE WEB [www.stmstjucc.org](http://www.stmstjucc.org) FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

On Sunday, February 23rd, members and youth from St. Mark's gathered to make 56 pillows for Manitowoc County Human Services. St James Sunday School contributed an additional 12 pillows for a grand total of 68 pillows!! These pillows have been made with love and grace and will be given as a small means of comfort to children who have been displaced from their homes for any variety of reasons. After the pillows were made all the helpers gathered around the pillows, joined hands, and we prayed a special blessing by the Spirit for those who would receive them. Many thanks to all who donated supplies, cash, snacks and their time to make the tie pillows.



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**PASTOR:**

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

## GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME!

**Mar. 1st** St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship  
9-10:00 Sunday School  
St. James: 10:30am Worship  
9:15-10:15 Sunday School

**Youth Chili Dinner at STJ, noon to 1:30**

**Mar. 4th** Lenten Worship  
at St. James at 7:00pm

**Mar. 8th** St. James: 9:00am Worship  
10-11:00 Sunday School  
St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship  
9-10:00 Sunday School

**Mar. 11th** Lenten Worship  
at St. Mark's at 7:00pm

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

**Mar. 18th** Lenten Worship  
at St. James at 7:00pm

**Mar. 22nd** St. James: 9:00am Worship  
10-11:00 Sunday School  
St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship  
9-10:00 Sunday School

**Mar. 25th** Lenten Worship  
at St. Mark's at 7:00pm

**Mar. 29th** St. James: 9:00am Worship  
10-11:00 Sunday School  
St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship  
9-10:00 Sunday School



## Joint Consistory Meeting

February 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Bruce Mansker. Present: Pastor Patrick, Colleen Lauersdorf, Deb LaDuke, Clarence Belitz, David Lorfeld, Louise Jetzer, Judy Steinbeck, Tara Vandoske, Dave Call, Lori Roelse, and Bruce Mansker.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the October 21 and November 11, 2019 Joint Consistory Meetings. Motion carried.

### Old Business:

**Newsletter**--About 30 copies were sent out in the mail. Each one cost about \$0.70 to mail. Members are encouraged to get their newsletters via email or pick up a paper copy at church. If neither of those options work, a copy can be mailed.

**Intern Search**--The intern position has been posted at Lakeland since fall, but so far there have not been applicants.

**Computer Replacement/Upgrades**--Cost would be approximately \$500-700 for the secretary's computer. Pastor's computer also needs to be upgraded. Bruce will investigate options.

**Pastor's performance and salary**--What are the best ways to communicate the congregations' expectations? What goals does Pastor have? What goals do our consistories have? Deb will call the synod office to ask about materials and rubrics currently being recommended.

**Secretary's salary**--This will be discussed at the October meeting so salary changes can be reflected in next year's budget. An evaluation will also be investigated for the secretary's position.

### New Business:

**Hymnal Replacement**--St. Mark's has had some initial discussion about replacing the hymnals. Approximate cost for St. Mark's would be \$4,000 - \$5,000. Price will be based on the quantity purchased. There are different funding campaign options available. St. James will discuss whether this is a need or interest for their church.

**Welcome Cards**--Pastor shared a communication tool that he has used in other churches. The card offers an opportunity to communicate with pastor, share prayer requests, and express thoughts and needs.

**Christmas Eve Service Start Time**--Options were discussed on possible start times and possibilities for multiple services. No decisions were made.

### **Next Joint Consistory Meeting:**

October 19, 6:00 pm at St. James

Meeting adjourned at 7:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Roelse, Consistory Secretary

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

### **February 2, 2020**

St. James = 63

St. Mark's = 74

### **February 9, 2020**

St. James = 44

St. Mark's = 52

### **February 16, 2020**

St. James = 70

St. Mark's = 66

### **February 23, 2020**

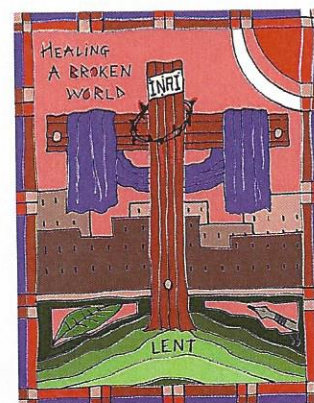
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St. Mark's = 74

### **February 26, 2020**

#### **Ash Wednesday**

St. Mark's = 70





An important part of any relationship is communication. Certainly, we find that to be true in our church relationships. St. James church leadership wants to encourage effective communication to the greatest extent possible. With that, the St. James Consistory has decided to remove the Suggestion Box from the Narthex and encourage direct communication in person, by telephone, or even by email if you have that available to you. It might sound like this is contrary – removing a box that allows individuals to communicate via written means. However, the leadership has found that anonymous communication prohibits effective communication, minimizes the ability to develop meaningful relationships and does not permit follow up with the individual. St. James Consistory members (and Pastor Patrick) and their contact numbers/emails are listed on the announcement board in the church entry way.



**volunteer**  
do good, feel good



**Great opportunities are just waiting for you at St. James Church.**

- ⇒ Have you thought about joining the team for Bell-Ringing before services? It's a simple, yet important task that shows your ability to help others and feel great about your time. Training is easy and provided.
- ⇒ How about joining the team for "The Annual Brat Fry" on May 13th? Have time to spend with great people, working, laughing, and building memories? All are welcome and everyone is greatly appreciated.

Contact a Consistory member or Pastor Schultz to sign up. Looking forward to working with you!



The Hygiene Products collection for the Homeless will continue at St. Mark's through Sunday, March 8th. A listing of donation items is posted on the bulletin board next to the elevator.

## St. James Sunday School News!

- James Sunday school tied 12 pillows for Manitowoc County Human Services. Thank you to all who donated supplies.
- Seroogy's chocolates are selling strong and Christine Gumm is taking orders for Easter.
- No Sunday School March 1st due to the Chili Dinner.
- Sunday School is scheduled next to sing on Mother's Day.
- In Outreach we are learning about animals and how they benefit the receiving families. After all animals are reviewed, a vote is taken and the winner will be announced.

If you have any questions, contact Sandy Beiersdorf.



# ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETING

February 13, 2020 6:00

The February Consistory meeting was called to order by President Clarence Belitz. In attendance were: Pastor Patrick Schultz, David Lorfeld: Vice-President, Val Spindler: Treasurer, Tom Kleinhans, Colleen Lauersdorf, and Deb La Duke: Secretary. Absent: Michelle Mauk. Pastor led the group in prayer.

Secretary's Report: January minutes read by Deb. Motion to approve from Tom and seconded by Colleen. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Val. Motion to approve made by Deb and seconded by David. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds: The back kitchen door latch has been repaired by Tom and new keys have been handed out. Elevator checked and Clarence continues to repair the kitchen cabinet doors.

## Old Business:

Suggestion Box – Changes may be coming to this process. Stay posted.

Vision of Hope meeting in April

Stewardship Committee: Consistory reviewed and discussed list of "Inactive Members."

## New Business:

Hospitalized and/or recuperating: Pastor has been making visits and if possible, delivering Annual Reports.

One Great Hour of Sharing will be on 3/8/2020.

Consistory began to update their binders.

Secretary will receive reams of paper from the St. Mark's office and reimbursement for a black ink cartridge for church business. The copier in the office is in need of maintenance and Val checking with Ross Office.

Consistory members will be meeting with Oostdyke and Wilke to update/develop a plan for audio and visual equipment for church presentations.

Val offered to pick up the bulletins for Sunday services.

Brat Fry will be May 13 and we will be looking for volunteers. Watch for sign-ups.

Minutes of the Joint Consistory meeting on 2/10/2020 were shared.

Confirmation will be May 17th.

Next meeting: March 19, 6:00

Adjournment: Motion by Colleen and seconded by Val. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb La Duke: Consistory Secretary

## PASTORAL CARE

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.



## ATTENTION:

Please email:  
karenchurchsec@gmail.com  
or let a consistory member know of any address, phone number, and/or e-mail changes.

# ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING

February 6, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Bruce Mansker at 6:00 pm. Members present: Pastor Schultz, Tara Vandoske, Bruce Mansker, Dave Call, Judy Steinbeck, Jacob Grunwald, Louise Jetzer, and Lori Roelse. Pastor led us in prayer. Welcome to Jacob and Louise!

Election of Officers:

President: Bruce Mansker; Vice-President: Dave Call; Treasurer: Louise Jetzer; Secretary: Lori Roelse

The Secretary's report and the Financial Secretary's report were reviewed and approved. Two contributions have been made toward the pew cushion refurbishment, one for \$1,000 and another for \$800.

Buildings and Grounds:

- Elevator: All is good.
- Fire inspection: Northeast exit light has a weak battery and will need to be taken care of.
- Lawn care: Jerry Jetzer will be taking on the lawn care at the church.

Old Business:

- Newsletter: The transition to emailing the newsletter seems to be going well. Between the two churches, approximately 30 copies have been mailed. Copies are also available at each church for pick up.
- The inactive membership list was reviewed. Letters will be sent to those who have not been in attendance, made a financial contribution, or taken communion within the last three years.
- Computer Replacement/Upgrades will be discussed with the St. James Consistory. Bruce is willing to investigate options. Bruce and Karen Mansker are donating Microsoft Office and Virus Protection for the church computers.

New Business:

- Pastor reviewed his hospital, home, and community visits.
- Communion: Good Friday, Easter, Pentecost (May 31), World Wide Communion (Oct. 4), Thanksgiving, Christmas Day.
- A preliminary list of projects for 2020 was created:
  - landscaping around parsonage (Tara)
  - church trim and louvers (Dave)
  - refinish outside doors
  - new hymnals?
  - pew cushions (Louise)
  - handicap accessibility in the sanctuary
  - sound system (Bruce)

-The next Consistory meeting will be held Thursday, March 5 at 6:00. The joint consistories will meet Monday, February 10 at 6:00 at St. Mark's. The meeting adjourned at 7:10.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Roelse, Consistory Secretary

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The Cemetery Board of St. Mark's has appointed Jon Herrmann as a trustee to serve the remaining 2 year term of Joel Schnelle, who died early January. Joel was a faithful trustee for many years. We welcome Jon to the Board.



## ST JAMES CELEBRATIONS

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Eric Grotegut
- 3 Karra Cina
- 4 James Luckow
- 6 Wyatt Henschel
- 7 Dale Krause
- 8 Jameson Binversie  
Gretchen Spindler
- 9 Randy Spindler
- 10 Milton Wippermann  
Lindsay 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

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Lloyd & Maureen  
Athorp
- 30 Randy & Valerie  
Spindler
- 31 Myron & Kathleen  
Hickman

## Importance of Accuracy on Article Submissions

Please ensure accuracy of details and spellings *prior to* submitting articles for publication to the “Country Church Herald” (Newsletter) by proofreading your submissions. The job of the Secretary is to organize and compile the submitted documents (as they are printed for integrity of the document) and ready them for distribution.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb La Duke, Secretary – St. James  
Lori Roelse, Secretary – St. Mark’s

## ST. MARK’S MARCH HOSPITALITY TEAM SCHEDULE\*

- March 1st –Deanne.
  - March 8th –Tara V.
  - March 15th – Mike & Michelle S.
  - March 22nd –Jerry & Louise J.
  - March 29th–Brenda S.
- \*For publication purposes, please let Karen know if you make changes.



**EASTER LILY ORDERS  
ARE DUE SUNDAY, MARCH 8th.**

## ST MARK’S CELEBRATIONS

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Katharine 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  
Vera Woepse
- 23 Gary Kaestner
- 26 Todd Binversie
- 28 Taylor Schnelle
- 29 Brianna Miota  
Rebecca Miota
- 30 Dennis Bitter

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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



# ST. JAMES

## MARCH & LENT USHERS

Chairpersons:

\*Dale & Doris Sprenger

Pat Kleinhans  
Roger & Colleen Lauersdorf  
Linda Rozmarynowski  
Hannah Schmitz  
Kendra Schmitz  
Lee & Terri Schmitz  
Allyson Wasmer  
Tanya Wasmer

## APRIL USHERS

Chairpersons:

Joe & Cindy Klapperich

Clarence & Heidi Belitz  
Cole Binversie  
Jamey Binversie  
Daniel Kleinhans  
Sadie Koenig  
Karie & Jeremy Ladwig  
Mark & Kathy Stolzmann  
Rachel Stolzmann  
Tom Urness  
Tim & Noel Wippermann

Day of rest



### REMINDER:

*Pastor Patrick has designated Tuesdays & Fridays as his weekly days off/out of the office. During those two days each week, you may contact him in case of an emergency only at 608-352-9544. Your Church Consistory Members would be your contact in any nonemergency situation.*

### CONFIDENTIALITY LAWS

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. MARK'S CEMETERY FUND

We welcome your donations for maintenance of our cemetery. Simply put any amount you wish to give in an envelope marked "Cemetery" and drop it in the collection plate.

# ST. MARK'S

## MARCH USHERS

Chairperson: Todd Binversie  
Jody Binversie  
Denise Heling  
Larry Heling  
Delmar Sommer

## MARCH CANDLE LIGHTERS

- 1 - Grace Schultz & Annabelle Uttech
- 8 - Bryce Schnelle & Emily Binversie
- 15 - Brianne Vandoske & Reid Vandoske
- 22 - Sierra Bramstedt & Owen Bramstedt
- 29 - Rebecca Miota & Brianna Miota

## MIDWEEK LENT USHERS

Chairperson: Gary Kaestner  
Richard Binversie  
Karen Binversie  
Steve Gabsch

## APRIL USHERS

Chairperson: Bill Roelse\*  
Cindy Call  
David Call  
Lori Roelse  
Tim Schueler  
Wendy Schueler

## APRIL CANDLE LIGHTERS

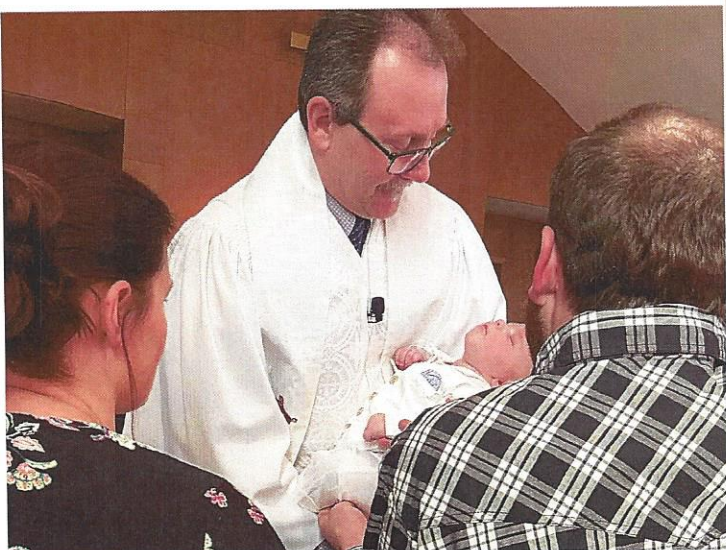
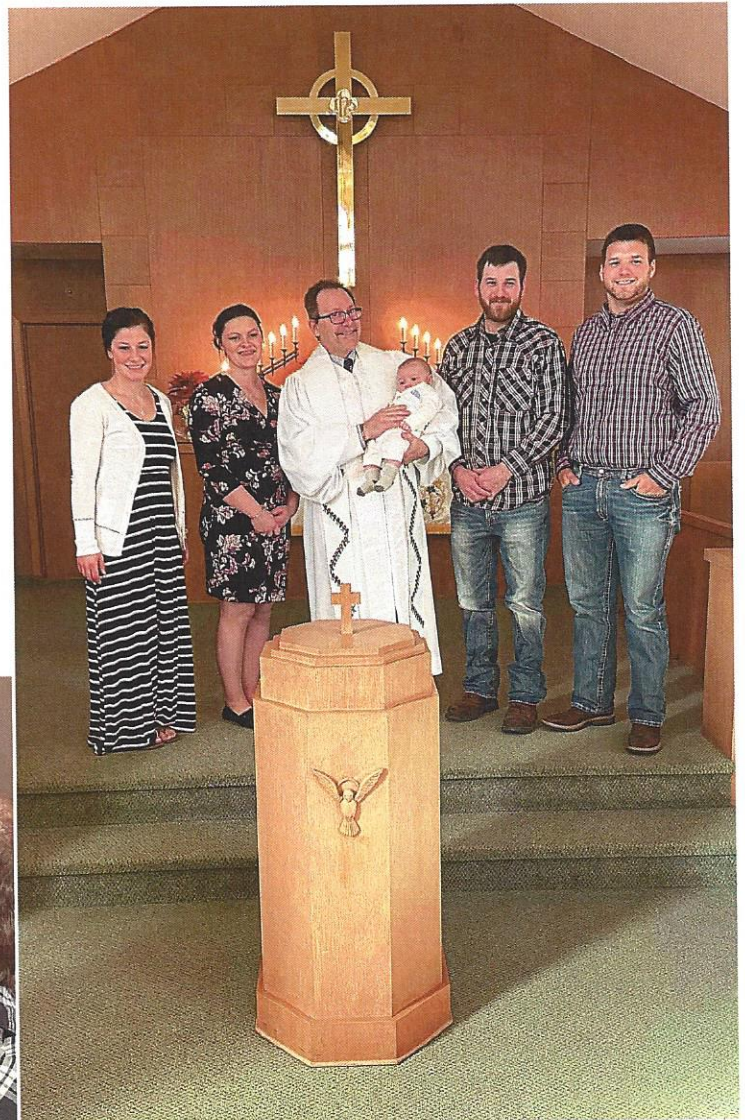
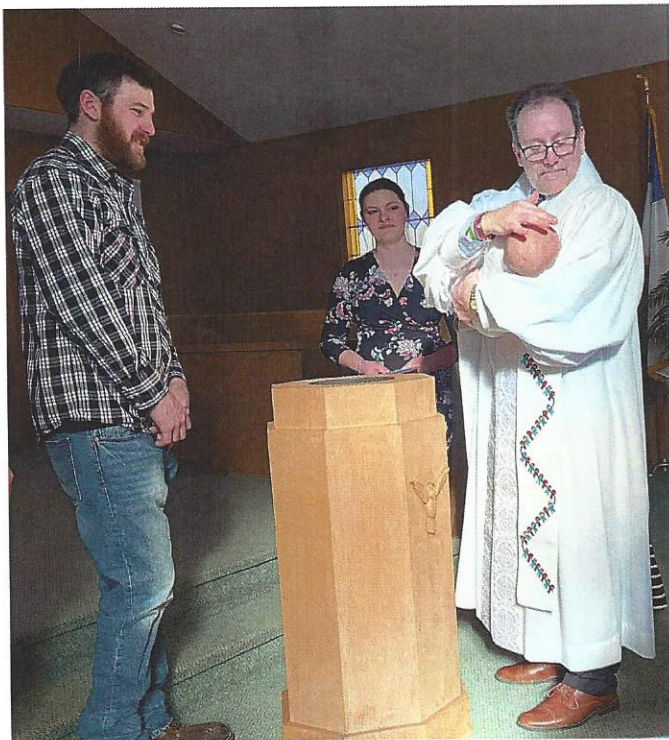
- 5 - Hillary Hermann & Colten Sommer
- 12 - Colton Scharl & Mason Scharl
- 19 - Brianne Vandoske & Reid Vandoske
- 26 - Julia Uttech & Annabelle Uttech



# Introducing Maverick Leo Beck

Baptized February 23, 2020

Maverick is the son of Sara Wippermann & Nicholas Beck.





# Rural Church Fellowship Report

## Upcoming events:



### March 28 Brat Fry at Kiel Piggly Wiggly

St James and St Mark's are responsible for the 11:00 to 1:00 shift. We need 6 people to volunteer – 3 from each church. We will also need baked goods for the bake sale. Please contact Doris Sprenger or Judy Steinbeck if you are able to help. Hopefully, it will be a nice day so a drive to Kiel for a good brat or hamburger will be fun.



### June 7 – 11 Pilgrim Center Work Camp

This yearly event consists of maintaining the camp. Please consider donating your time and talents for this project. More information can be viewed on the Pilgrim Center website.



### July 22 – 25 National Youth Event

This event will take place at Purdue University. We strongly suggest that our teens take advantage of this event since it is not a long commute. A bus is available for a fee which will leave from Milwaukee; however, it is filling up quickly. Total cost for the event is \$375.00. The WI conference will subsidize \$100.00 per youth, maximum of \$500.00 per church. The Rural Church Fellowship has agreed to give each youth an additional \$50.00. Registration is due in early June. More information and a schedule of events can be found if you google UCC National Youth Event or go to: <http://www.uccpages.org/nye2020/pillars/>

Good news! The Rural Church Fellowship has graciously offered to pay any adult or youth \$50.00 per person, maximum of \$100.00 per person each year, to attend any UCC event. This includes any camp experiences you want to attend, the Pilgrim Center Work Camp, the General Synod Meeting, and the Northeast Assn Meeting among others. Please consider volunteering your time as a delegate.

St Mark's is looking for another RCF representative. Please contact Judy Steinbeck if you are willing to share in this rewarding experience.

Your RCF Representatives,

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING ~ Sunday, March 8th**

Please give generously, people's lives truly depend on it!

Visit <https://www.ucc.org/oghs> to learn more





**Friends of Peace Park Sheboygan** invite you to visit Sheboygan Peace Park located at N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Michigan Avenue at Broughton Drive, along Sheboygan's Lake Michigan shoreline. This park is a place ~ to share community, peace and healing accessible to all ~ to gather, linger and relax ~ to experience the joy of going to a beautiful location to pause and reflect.

You can support our efforts in continuing to beautify this park by enjoying a stroll on its pathways, grabbing a drink at the new hydration station, making a donation or purchasing an engraved paver or a permanent bench to honor a loved one, share a peaceful quote, or giving your support to the Heroes Walk of Peace pathway.

Please learn more about Sheboygan Peace Park and our organization by visiting our website: [www.sheboyganpeacepark.org](http://www.sheboyganpeacepark.org) or contacting Mary at 920-889-0082.

Join us in spreading peace in our world.



St. James Brat Fry will be held on May 13, 2020. The Consistory will be looking for individuals to Co-Chair and volunteer for this important event. Please contact a Consistory member if you are ready to sign up now or watch for information at church. We look forward to working with you!

St. James Consistory Members

SCIO (Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization) is an organization in our community that is helping families in need. The last two pages of this newsletter give you more information about this group





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## **SCIO BULLETIN BITES**

### **MARCH 2020**

**Calling all Foodies!** Mark your calendars and purchase your tickets for a unique culinary experience. “**Celebrity Chef**” will feature a chef demonstration and sumptuous dinner. Barkha Limbu Daily, owner and founder of the award-winning restaurant The Cheel, will prepare a selection of cuisine from Nepal on **March 15**. Proceeds will benefit Bridgeway, Family Pathways and the farmers market. Get more information and purchase tickets online, [www.sheboygancountyinterfaith.org](http://www.sheboygancountyinterfaith.org).

**Women Empowering Women:** Your faith community can impact the lives of our Bridgeway families. Please plan to join us on **Saturday, May 2** at Pine Hills Country Club for our annual **Spring Luncheon**. Hear a powerful testimonial about our program from a participant, enjoy a delicious meal, and unite with others to support the Bridgeway mission to assist homeless moms move beyond instability toward self-sufficiency. Tickets can be purchased at [www.sheboygancountyinterfaith.org](http://www.sheboygancountyinterfaith.org).

**Bridgeway & Beyond:** Do you wonder who we serve? Here is a snapshot of the five families currently in our program. Room 1- This young mom and almost 2 year old daughter are doing quite well! Mom recently secured a better paying job in a dietary position and is beginning to save money for her own apartment. Mom continues to attend weekly therapy and actively progresses through the traumas she endured before coming into the Bridgeway program.

Room 2- This mother and her 7 year old daughter are starting the transition into their own apartment. Since moving into Bridgeway, this mom was able to leave an abusive relationship, pay off debt, enroll in college, and accept a promotion at work for a managerial position. She was also able to purchase a newer vehicle due to her paying off debt and being able to qualify for a low interest loan. She and her daughter plan on being part of the Bridgeway aftercare program that continues to assist families after they transition out.

Room 3- This mother of 4 continues to work full time as well as actively parent. Due to a lack of any child support, this mother struggled to make ends meet for a very long time. Along with this, she became homeless due to her landlord selling the home she rented for 7 years. She wasn't able to find affordable housing that would fit her family. Mother and her children attend weekly counseling to work through past traumas. Mom is working hard at





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paying off past debt and saving for a reliable vehicle. She is grateful for the Bridgeway program and the opportunity to get back on her feet.

Room 4- This mother of a 7 year old boy recently found full-time work at a well respected company in Sheboygan. She also was approved for an income based apartment! Mom has worked extremely hard at bettering her life since moving into Bridgeway a year and a half ago. Along with this, she is celebrating 2 years clean in March!

Trisha's house- This mom of 3 recently lost her mother to cancer. Her mother was a huge supporter of Bridgeway and before she passed asked that staff continue to be a part of her daughter's life after she is gone. She stated "Bridgeway saved my daughter's life and I will be eternally grateful." This mother comes to Bridgeway daily for love and support as she grieves this tremendous loss.

**Farmers Market:** With only a few more winter markets remaining, we are turning our focus to a robust summer market season. We are pleased to announce that Acuity has partnered with SCIO to sponsor the 2020 farmers market! Watch for a new health and wellness initiative in which we will spotlight an organization at each market to improve the health of our Sheboygan County community.

**Donations:** We continue to be blessed by our generous community! Thank you to each one of you who have donated time, talent and in-kind items to support SCIO. Our current needs include aluminum foil, 13-gallon garbage bags, and gallon or quart size sealable bags.