



The Country Church Herald

NEWSLETTER ~ NOVEMBER, 2022

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NEWS FROM THE ARMY ON HOLY JOE'S CAFÉ IN EUROPE-UKRAINE

Dear friends of St. James Church,
I hope this e-mail finds you and the congregation members well!

Holy Joe's Cafe has some great news to share with you.

Holy Joe's Cafe was able to transport sixteen pallets of coffee into Germany which were shared in Germany and countries bordering Ukraine. Here is a very well written article by the Army and illustrates a Chaplain's perspective who is the point of contact there. 21st TSC Chaplains Keep Coffee and Conversation Flowing with Holy Joe's (Article)

In fact, Chaplain Trotter partnered with Holy Joe's back in 2012 at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan. Here is a link for the video that he made of his Spiritual Resiliency Center: Spiritual Resiliency Center, Bagram, AF (video found on YouTube) <https://youtu.be/ghwXqcP-cuo>



CHAPLAIN SPROUSE RECEIVING PALLETS IN POLAND

CHAPLAIN BEN SPROUSE SHARING COFFEE WITH SOLDIERS



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PASTOR:
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

November 6th —
St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School
St. James: 10:30am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School

November 13th —
MISSION FEST AT ST. MARK'S
10:00 Worship Service,
Dinner following the
Worship Service
No Sunday School

November 20th —
MEMORIAL SUNDAY
St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School
St. James: 10:30am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School
*St. James Social after the
Worship Service Today*

November 27th—
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
St. James: 9:00am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School
St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School

Sunday bulletins, & links to prayer requests are posted under the 'Messages' link on our church website:
<https://www.stmstjucc.org/>

Weekly recorded church services are available on our church YouTube

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING

October 6, 2022

The meeting was called to order on October 6, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Julie Herrmann, Jacob Grunwald, Judy Steinbeck, Louise Jetzer, Glenn Grunwald, Janell Davis, Larry Perronne and Pastor Schultz.

The Secretary's report was reviewed and a motion was made by Janell and seconded by Jacob to approve. Motion carried.

The financial report was reviewed and a motion was made by Larry and seconded by Louise to approve. Motion carried.

The Mission/Vision Team will discuss options for activities such as a silent auction, special music, and meal times together.

Pastor would like the opportunity to ask questions and review the discussions made by the joint consistories regarding his salary and benefits at the joint consistory meeting.

The quote to replace the screens on the parsonage is \$1,760 and will be replaced by Ellerman Glass in Manitowoc.

The railings on the porch will be replaced along with the siding in 2023.

A walk through of the grounds will be done one time a year and has been completed.

Larry made a motion to have pastor and Jerry do research on adding better lighting outside the parsonage and the church and to bring to next consistory meeting for approval. Louise seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A new contract is being written up at MEI Total Elevator Solutions to replace our contract with Otis which will be signed and go into effect on January 1, 2023.

Cindy and Dave Call have volunteered to make the meal for Mission Fest with help from the congregation. There is a sign up sheet to bring needed items and to help with set up and take down.

Janell has found flameless tapered battery-operated candles to replace the candles currently in the candelabras. A motion was made by Larry to purchase one box of six on Amazon to ensure proper fit and brightness. Louise seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry made a motion to sign the annual contract for T&L Services as presented for lawn care and snow removal. Janell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

St. James is hosting the United Church Men and Women's banquet in October of 2023. Larry made a motion that St. Mark's Consistory will help co-host by helping with preparations for the event. Janell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Judy will get a quote on getting the carpet cleaned throughout the church. A motion was made by Janell to purchase a carpet cleaner for small spills. Larry seconded the motion.

Our new hymnals include most of the music that is in the binders in the pews so the binders will be removed.

The carport fund will be added to the agenda for the annual meeting to discuss what our future plans are for the project.

The joint consistory meeting will be on October 17th at 6:00 p.m. at St. James.

The next consistory meeting is scheduled for November 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Jake made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Herrmann, St. Mark's Consistory Secretary



Sunday, November 13, 10:00 a.m.

Mission Fest

St. Mark's UCC

Ng286 Dairyland Drive, Cleveland



Featuring...

The Knoxville, TN Mission Team



Dinner to Follow

Proceeds to be used to meet OCWM Goal



\$12 - Adults --- \$6 - ages 5-10
Under 5 - Free

Ham ~~ Meat Balls ~~ Homemade Salads
Parsley Butter Potatoes ~~ Rolls ~~ Vegetable ~~ Corn
Homemade Pies & Tortes



St Mark's Mission Fest Worklist

November 13, 2022

Following is the worklist for this year's Mission Fest at St Mark's. We are still in need of more cakes, pies and salads. Please let either Karen Mansker (stmstjoffice@gmail.com or call church and leave a message: 920-207-8361) or Judy Steinbeck (920-917-2398) know if you are willing to supply these. Hopefully, we can have a very successful event. It will be nice to get together again to enjoy this meal.

ST MARK'S MISSION FEST VOLUNTEER LIST SUNDAY, NOV. 13, 2022



<p><u>Homemade Cake/Pie</u> Cindy Call Noreen Flook Ann Grunwald Kathy Jurk Marlene Kammann Karen Mansker Janice Marcheske Sandy Perronne Chris Schnelle Wendy Schueler Patty Taylor</p> <p><u>Large Salad (pasta, fruit, lettuce, jello)</u> Kathy Jurk Brenda Miota Margene Reyer Lori Roelse Judy Steinbeck Patty Taylor</p> <p><u>1 Gallon of Milk</u> Jay Sommer Kayla Sommer Carol Weiland</p> <p><u>1 lb Butter</u> Todd Grunwald Jay Sommer Kayla Sommer Scott Siekman</p> <p><u>Chair Person of Food Prep</u> Cindy Call</p>	<p><u>Sell Tickets</u> Mike Marcheske</p> <p><u>Set Up Tables</u> Dave & Cindy Call Pat Flook Ben Grunwald Jacob Grunwald Luke Grunwald</p> <p><u>Clean Up Tables & Put Away Chairs</u> Consistory Members Brenda Miota</p> <p><u>Cut & Serve Dessert</u> Louise Jetzer Deanne Schultz</p> <p><u>Cut Ham</u> Jon Herrmann</p> <p><u>Buffet Table Tenders</u> Consistory Members</p> <p><u>Beverage Helpers (serve beverages, reset tables as needed)</u> Sunday School, 3rd- 8th Grade Brianna Miota Rebecca Miota</p> <p><u>Wash Dishes</u> Terri Grunwald Louise Jetzer Karen Mansker Sandy Perronne</p> <p><u>Table Decorations</u> Sunday School</p>
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ST. JAMES CONSISTORY

October 3, 2022

- 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, Jamey Binversie, and Jackie Mueller
- Absent: Pastor Patrick Schultz
- Prayer led by David
- Motion to approve the Secretary's Report made by Tammy and seconded by Jamey. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Jamey and seconded by Jason. Motion carried.
- Pastor's Report: No report due to his absence
- Building and Grounds:
The basement updates are almost complete. Randy Bubolz from Reedville came to see the railing project. He will be drafting a design for approval.
- Committee Reports:
Vision of Hope: Meeting next on November 28
Stewardship Committee: No meeting but they continue to update the membership list and verify "members."
Christian Board of Education: Sunday School is going well. All seven of the students have been attending very regularly. Plans for 'Coats for Kids' campaign have begun.
Service Committee: Several members will be assisting with Raymond Henschel's Eagle Scout celebration. So proud of Raymond!
Audio Visual: No meeting
- Old Business:
CROP Walk Oct. 9 – Thank you Doris Sprenger for organizing this important event again this year. We are so grateful to you!
Mission Fest – Thank you to the Sprenger clan again for offering to run the sales through the shed. Consistory members will also help with the event.
United Churchmen and Women meeting is on Oct. 20. Tickets for sale. St. James will be hosting in 2023.
Revision of the Vision of Hope document – The committee will need to approve before it goes to the Consistory. The congregation would then need to approve .
- New Business:
Joint Consistory meeting - Oct. 17, 6:00 St. James
Special Joint Meeting of the congregations @ St. Mark's on October 30th for Pastor's salary and benefits
Pastor's Evaluation – The churches need to decide on an evaluation tool. The Call Agreement establishes the timing of this. We will consult with the Conference for support.
Memorial Sunday on November 20 – We will be remembering Rita Quast, Vernon Henschel, and Ronald Hansmann.
Ushering list is being edited for next year
Membership list being updated for next year
Adopt a Highway – We are waiting for the County to cut the grass on the sides of the road before a date is set
All volunteers/workers/helpers have offered to continue their jobs for next year – Henry Langenhahn to cut grass, Bill Heckmann to plow snow, Randy and Cindy Sohn to continue as janitors and music leaders, Barb Reimer will pick up mail, Linda Lorfeld to prepare Communion, and David and Linda Lorfeld to open and close church. Thank you!
Ushering list will be updated for next year.
The Consistory has begun calling members to fill in on committee work.
- Congregation concerns: To be discussed at Consistory next meeting
- Next meeting date: November 7, 2022 – 6:30
Motion to adjourn made by Tammy and seconded by Jackie. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb La Duke – St. James Consistory Secretary

MISSIONS

...at home and around the world



THANK YOU!!!!

On behalf of the Consistory and Pastor Schultz at St. James, we'd like to thank everyone for your help and support for the 2022 St. James Mission Fest. This mission work can only be accomplished by a team of dedicated church members and supporters whose goal it is to further the work of our Lord.

Our guest speaker was Christy Torrison, Manitowoc County Human Services Dept, Foster Care Supervisor. Christy was thrilled to share with us information about the foster care program and very appreciative of the donations and monetary gifts!

If you missed church Sunday and would still like to donate, please contact Tammy Serketich at: tserketich@yahoo.com

Thank you to our pie bakers. Delicious as always!

Special thanks to the Sprenger family for all their work and help with 'Mission Fest Meal Central.' They were instrumental in ensuring all of our customers received an ample and delicious meal. This three generation illustration sets such a beautiful example of how families can share in their faith and service to others.

St. James Consistory



CROP WALK—2022



The grand total amount from our 2022 Crop Walk held on Oct. 9th came to \$6,358.53. There were 27 walkers and 1 dog. St. James' raised \$3,925 of that total, and St. Mark's contributed \$ 458.00.

Thank you to everyone for your donations and support!



After a wonderful meal prepared by Julie Herrmann the youth got to work decorating small pumpkins to be donated to Pine Haven Senior Care facility in Sheboygan Falls. Thank you to those who donated these pumpkins, to the youth for decorating them, and to Julie for preparing a wonderful meal for our youth.



Our high school youth will gather at St. James on November 6 at 5:30 to feast, learn, and play games.

On November 13 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Mark's they will host cook, and serve a dinner to all those who have brought a meal to us throughout the past year, as well as for those who have been that "extra adult" for our safe sanctuary policies. If you fall into those categories, you are invited! Menu to follow soon in an upcoming bulletin.

On November 20, we will have a regular youth gathering at St. Mark's with a meal, discussion, and games.



**CONGRATULATIONS to
Dan & Rachel Sohn
Who were married on Oct. 8th
at
Spring Hope Barn
in School Hill.**



Rachel's parents are David and Karrie Jo Richter, and Dan's parents are Randall and Cynthia Sohn.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
ST. JAMES EAGLE SCOUT....
RAYMOND HENSCHEL!**

Raymond had his board of review on May 5, 2022 and became Eagle scout that day. He, and with the help of Troop 825, had a food drive for the Wisconsin Humane Society and raised 1018 items and \$134.84. He also made 20 Stuffer Mats for dogs to keep them productive while in their kennels.

Raymond had help from many stores and banks in Sheboygan, Howards Grove and Cleveland. He earned 55 badges and 2 bronze palms, 2 silver palms and 2 gold.



\$\$\$ St Mark's Financial News \$\$\$

Thank you to all who donated towards the Crop Walk. St Mark's had no walkers but we had many who made donations. Also, thank you for your support for Neighbors in Need.

As requested by a few people, I will be sending a letter to all members in November advising your current giving record.

Judy Steinbeck, St Mark's Financial Secretary

ST. MARK'S CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

What is better than Christmas cookies? Having several different varieties!

If you would like to participate in a cookie exchange, sign up on the sheet in the church entry. Package your cookies in groups of 6 in bags, boxes, or plates. Signups are due by Saturday, December 3. I will let you know by Sunday, December 4 how many half-dozens to bring. Have your cookies at St. Mark's by 10:30 am on Sunday, December 11. After the church service, you will have a beautiful assortment of cookies to take home. A maximum of 12 people may participate.

If you would like to bring extras for Pastor to take along on his home visits, that would be welcomed as well.

Please let Lori Roelse know if you have any questions, 920-946-3540.

Merry Christmas! And Happy Baking!



ST. JAMES CHOIR:

Practice in November:
Wednesdays:

Nov. 2, 9, 16, & 30 at 6:30.

We welcome new
members.



CHOIR!

ST. MARK'S CHOIR:

Choir practice at 7pm on
all Wednesdays in
November: 2, 9, 16, 23,
and on the 30th.

Come & join us!

**Practice on the 23rd after the
Thanksgiving Eve Service just
to run through Sunday's song.*



*VISION OF HOPE will meet at 6:30pm
on Monday, Nov 28th, at St. James.*

Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization

Bulletin Bites, November 2022



- ◆ Winter market begins the first weekend in November at the First Congregational Church, located at 310 Bluff Avenue. The winter market will continue every first and third Saturday through April, from 9am-12pm. We will continue to offer EBT and \$15 Double Your Bucks match at every market!
- ◆ We have had some unexpected transitions in Bridgeway, as well as some hardships among our after-care families, such as serious medical issues, mental health instability, and reduced employment. If you are able to help some of our families with holiday gifts, we would be grateful that they have an opportunity to create warm memories during difficult times. Please contact executive director, Lisa Stephan, at lisa@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org.
- ◆ Giving Tuesday and End of Year Giving: Please mark your calendar and join us on November 29th. We will be taking curbside donations (9-10:30am, 1-2:30pm, 4-5:30pm) and providing house tours (11am-12pm, 3-4pm). Our fundraising end of year goal is \$20,000. There is an **In-kind Donation List** posted below.
- ◆ Items that we would especially appreciate at this time are copy paper, black Sharpies, ballpoint pens, bus passes, and birthday decorations (adult and child).



SHEBOYGAN COUNTY INTERFAITH ORGANIZATION
1251 Geele Ave Sheboygan, WI 53083
(920) 457-7272

GIVING TUESDAY NOVEMBER 29, 2022

In-Kind Donation Wish List

- 6 Pack of Fridge/Freezer Thermometers
- 13 Gallon Sturdy Garbage Bags
- AA Batteries
- AAA Batteries
- Amazon Gift Cards
- Black Sharpies
- Copy Paper
- Countertop Ice Machine
- Daily Bus Passes for Adult/Child
- HotHands Warmers
- Kwik Trip Gift Cards
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Napkins
- Over The Counter Children's Medications
- Paper Clips
- Paper Towels
- Pens
- Postage Stamps
- Toilet Paper
- Tuna
- Sturdy Rectangular Laundry Baskets
- Walmart Gift Cards

ST. JAMES USHERS

November

*Mary Ann Vogel
Geraldine Scheffler
Jamie & Heather Henschel
Jon & Diane Luckow
Jim & Michelle Luckow
Karra Cina
Allison Luckow
Dawson Luckow

December

*Kim Grotegut
Tom Kleinhans
Amy Christianson
Alyssa Grotegut

Ashley Grotegut
Christopher Grotegut
Brian and Sheila Hemb
Rieck & Sandy Beiersdorf



"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. MARK'S GREETERS

November

Lori Roelse
Mike Scharl
Chris Schnelle

December

Charlie Mohr
Joanie Mohr
Bob Vandoske

HOSPITALITY

Nov. 6th — Sandy Perronne

Nov. 13th — **

Nov. 20th — Margene Reyer

Nov. 27th — **

*If you are interested in providing hospitality on the two Sundays marked **, please contact the office.*

*Words to Remember from
St. James Stewardship:*



*Our sympathy to
Jon & Julie Herrmann & family
on the passing of Jon's father,
George J. Herrmann, on
October 13th.*

ST JAMES NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kim Grotegut
Jamie Henschel
- 3 Rick Wippermann
- 5 Hank Reimer
- 6 Amanda Henschel
- 10 Richard Lutze
- 16 Ashley Grotegut
- 18 Caroline Heckmann
- 21 Cheyenne Spindler
- 22 Allison Luckow
Jonathan Meyer
- 23 Wendy Meyer
Keri LaDuke-Rafeld
- 26 Amy Christianson
- 27 Maverick Beck
- 28 Rev. Patrick Schultz
- 29 Barb Reimer
- 30 Donna Wippermann

ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Dave & Jackie Mueller
- 14 Eric & Natalie Lodes
- 20 Rowan & Katelynn
Sibley
- 21 Keith & Michelle Mauk
- 25 Henry & Bonnie
Langenhahn

If you or a family member are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Patrick at 920-693-2858 or leave a message on the church's answering machine at: 920-693-8361.

Pastor Patrick has designated Tuesdays & Fridays as his day of Sabbath and his day out of the office. During those two days each week, you may contact him in case of an emergency only at 608-352-9544.

Confidentiality laws make it difficult for pastors to obtain information about anyone in the hospital. If you or a loved one will be in the hospital, please call the church office 920-693-8361 or contact Pastor Patrick at 920-693-2858.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

St. James		St. Mark's
45	Oct. 2	45
41	Oct. 9	48
56	Oct. 16	*
37	Oct. 23	58

*Mission Fest at St. James
The Oct. 30th attendance will be published next month.

Please report any corrections or additions on the birthday and anniversary lists to Karen in the church office to ensure they are correct in future publications:
stmstjoffice@gmail.com

THANK YOU!

ST MARK'S NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Tyler Athorp
- 2 Benjamin Summers
- 3 Brynn Bergeman
Nathan Roelse
- 4 Michelle Scharl
- 7 Brian Karstaedt
- 11 Lori Roelse
- 13 William Dexter
- 14 Sierra Bramstedt
Angel DeBlaey
Pat Flook
- 21 Isabella Dexter
- 22 Reina Scharl
- 24 Alex Perronne
- 26 Marlene Kammann
- 28 Tiffany Schnelle
Rev. Patrick Schultz
- 30 Logan Strysick

ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 James & Bonnie
Schuette



30 Days of Gratitude

1. What made you smile today.
2. Who are you grateful for?
3. What made you laugh today?
4. What is different today than a year ago that you are grateful for?
5. What beauty did you encounter today?
6. What freedoms are you grateful for?
7. What challenge are you grateful for?
8. What is something in nature you are grateful for?
9. What is something about your body that you are grateful for?
10. What is the best thing that has happened today?
11. What kindness did you give someone today?
12. What do you love about where you live?
13. What family member are you grateful for today?
14. What do you love about a friend?
15. What is your favorite family activity that you did recently?
16. What modern convenience are you grateful for?
17. What technology are you grateful for?
18. What food are you grateful for?
19. What do you like about the current season?
20. What about your home are you grateful for?
21. What memory are you grateful for?
22. What is your favorite family tradition?
23. What gave you comfort today?
24. What smell are you grateful for?
25. What sound are you grateful for?
26. What color are you grateful for?
27. What knowledge are you grateful for?
28. What form of expression are you most grateful for?
29. What abilities, talents or skills are you grateful for?
30. What small thing happened today that you are grateful for?