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ST. MARK'S UCC W1307 Orchard Road Cleveland, WI 53015 920.693.8361

PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

NOVEMBER, 2023

November 5th —

St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship Sunday School 9-10am

St. James:

160th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION10:30am Worship Service, Sunday School 9-10Refreshments & Fellowship following Worship

November 19th —

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

November 12th —

MISSION FEST AT ST. MARK'S

ST. Mark's: 10:00am Worship

No Sunday School at either church

No Worship at STJ, Join us at STM!

November 26th —

MEMORIAL SUNDAY

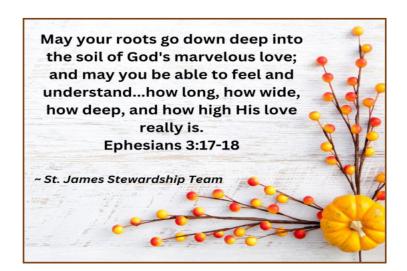
St. James: 9:00am Worship Sunday School 9-10am St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship Sunday School 9-10am

Sunday bulletins & links to prayer requests are posted under the 'Messages' link on our church website:

https://www.stmstjucc.org/

Worship Services are recorded weekly and uploaded to our church YouTube channel:

St. Mark's & St. James UCC





Welcome to ALLEN JONES, who joined St. James UCC church family on October 8th.

> 2024 Mission Trip Elliott County, Kentucky

Our Trip will be: July 14-19, 2024

All are welcome!

Mission Trip meeting will be held Thursday, November 9th, 2023 at 6:30pm at St. Mark's UCC

To reserve your spot, please bring a \$50 (non-refundable) deposit to the meeting.

I have 35 spots held until November 20th (first come, first serve). After that spots are no longer quarantined depending on Next Step Missionaries availability.

Any further questions, please contact
Anna Marie Bramstedt @ 920.698.7656 or jaab93000@tds.net

JOINT CONSISTORY MEETING

October 16, 2023 - 6:00 pm St. James UCC

Call to Order: President Jackie Mueller from St. James called the meeting to order.

Members present:

St. James – Jackie Mueller, Jason Riesterer, Jamey Binversie, Wendy Meyer, Scott Henschel, Sheila Hemb

St. Marks – Glenn Grunwald, Judy Steinbeck, Julie Herrmann, Linda Schroeder, Larry Perronne, Ben Grunwald, and Janelle Davis

Absent: Tammy Serketich

Pastor Patrick Schultz in attendance and led the group in prayer.

A motion to approve the Secretary's report was made by Glen Grunwald and seconded by Larry Perronne. Motion carried.

Topics:

2024 Calendar: The 2024 calendar was created.

Review of Summer Sunday Schedule – No changes were requested.

Organist/Choir Director/Janitor's pay – No changes were requested.

Review of Church Secretary's performance – no concerns presented.

Call Agreement – Pastor review; Mission/Vision Committee update. Pastor handed out a report showing the activities he's led or attended throughout the year. This report also contained the activity from our YouTube channel and Facebook page.

The Mission Vision Team update: The team is working to ensure they have everyone's email addresses. A Pastoral Assessment survey is being sent 10/22/23.

Pastor Sabbatical 2025. This is 3 month paid period that was established in the Call Agreement. He will then need to serve at least one full year after as part of the agreement. Possible grant available. The maximum grant is \$45,000 with \$15,000 of it to be divided between both churches. Our churches would be responsible for finding a Supply Pastor. Currently, looking at the summer of 2025.

Pastor Salary/Vacation Package: The salary and vacation package were reviewed at approved with a 3% salary increase and an extra week of vacation.

A motion was made by Larry Perronne and seconded by Jamey Binversie to accept the 3% increase and an extra week of vacation. Motion carried. This will be presented to the congregation for final approval.

Other: The Mission Trip received a \$200 donation toward gas from the Rural Church Fellowship.

Pastor resigned as the Holy Family Chaplain so he could spend more time with his family

The next meeting will be on February 5, 2024 at St. Marks at 6:00 pm.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Glen Grunwald and seconded by Wendy Meyer. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Meyer, St. James Consistory Acting Secretary

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY

October 2, 2023 6:30 pm

- The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Jason Riesterer. Members present were Sheila Hemb Treasurer, Tammy Serketich Secretary, Jamey Binversie, Wendy Meyer, Scott Henschel, and Pastor Patrick Schultz.
- Absent: Jackie Mueller
- Prayer led by Pastor
- Motion to approve the Secretary's Report made by Jamey and seconded by Tammy Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Wendy and seconded by Jamey Motion carried.

• Pastor's Report:

Mission/Vision Committee – There is a meeting scheduled 10/14. Committee agreed to move more quickly and is sending out the remaining two surveys shortly. Bruce Mansker is working on a few revisions.

Pastor is beginning to research grants available for his sabbatical in 2025.

New Pastoral Visits: None

• Building and Grounds:

Church Cleaning- Randy and Cindy have started their "deep" cleaning.

Check if Shrubs and Trees need trimming-Scott will check/trim the trees by the cemetery and the tree at the corner of church.

Check salt for water softener and furnace filters -Jamey checked and changed last month Jamey mentioned he will check the smoke detector batteries if David has not already done so.

• Committee Reports:

Vision of Hope: No new update

Stewardship Committee: No new update

Christian Board of Education: We have seven kids in the younger room and will have either a parent or high school student assisting.

Service Committee: There was a good turnout for the social on the 24th

Social Committee: -Bunco was held 9/21 with 17 attendees. Cornhole was held on Oct 1 with 8 attendees and a request to get together one more time this fall.

Audio Visual: Jason met with a friend familiar with our system. We need to replace the power strip with a surge protector. Pastor mentioned an option with a battery backup and will forward the information to Jason. Jason will purchase. Rough numbers to add to our system is \$800, which would include more portable microphones. We will review and talk more next meeting.

Old Business:

Safe Sanctuary helper – We are still in need of an adult volunteer to be present at St. James for the Youth Group meetings on Sunday evenings.

Mission Fest – Will be held October 15th. Guest speaker, confirmed. Tammy will place donation boxes out at both churches. Wendy went thru our supplies and Tammy/Wendy will take care of ordering/picking up supplies and food. Sprenger family will serve.

160th Church Anniversary – A committee has been formed and met with some ideas for a special service to be held November 5th. Tammy to forward pictures to pastor to put together a power point.

Memorial Sunday, November 26 – We need to order candles. Tammy will contact Heidi to see if she will make a candle for Ron Henschel. Will also notify Randy/Cindy for set up.

Joint Consistory Meeting will be held on Monday, October 16. Tammy will contact Glen Grunewald for any additional agenda items.

Review Consistory terms, start planning for replacements. Consistory also needs to find a new member for Vision of Hope beginning in January. Jamey volunteered to take care all plumbing items after his term is complete.

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(Old Business continued...)

Communion – change in communion went well. Pastor prefers everyone to come forward. We will have an usher available to assist anyone who prefers to remain seated. Two consistory members will assist serving.

Review membership list and usher list and other items for annual report. Tammy will work on this and change the person in charge each month. Comments from members are they prefer to keep the same month each year. Will review.

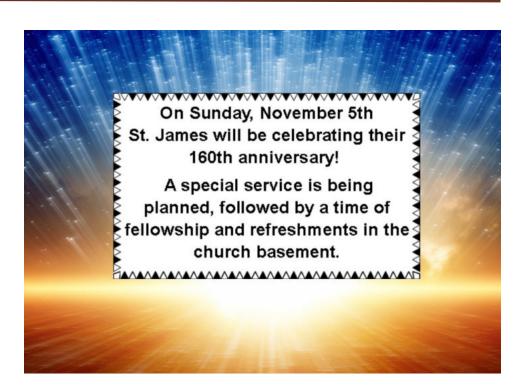
Cemetery Wreath – Tammy will purchase; not done yet

Adopt a Hwy Cleanup – we had 13 people and were finished at 9:00 am. Tammy will submit an article for the newsletter.

United Churchmen and Women Banquet -Scott reported he sold 18 tickets to St. James members. We expect a good turnout. Choir will sing and everything is all set.

- New Business:
- Blanket Sunday We missed blanket Sunday (was scheduled 9/17) We decided that any
 donations specified for Blanket Sunday will continue to be forwarded to CWS; however,
 we will no longer designate a specific Sunday.
- Leadership Forward- Pastor Henning will be available to present after the October 22nd service. Pastor will provide a flyer for Karen to print for the bulletins.
- Congregation concerns: Just a reminder to introduce ourselves to guests and be welcoming. Let Pastor know of any new visitors. Conrad and Kathy Joahnning have moved to Florida, we were happy to have them join us each week and wish them well.
- Next meeting date: Monday, November 6, 6:30 pm
- Motion to adjourn made by Tammy and seconded by Scott. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Tammy Serketich, Secretary



ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING

October 11,2023

The meeting was called to order on October 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Glenn Grunwald, Judy Steinbeck, Linda Schroeder, Ben Grunwald, Julie Herrmann, Pastor Schultz, Janell Davis and Larry Perronne. Pastor led us in prayer.

Judy presented the financial report and Linda made a motion to accept the report as presented and Ben seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as presented and Ben seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The mission/vision team will be meeting on Saturday, October 14, 2023. They will be finalizing the next survey that will go out within the next two weeks.

The bell tower and trim repairs will be completed next year.

We have a quote from Tony Rosbeck to paint lines and reseal the parking lot for \$8500. They would not be able to get the project done any more this year. We will be getting another quote to further discuss at our next meeting. An approval from the congregation will be needed before the start of the project.

The Sheboygan County Sheriff's department will be completing the safe sanctuary background checks on our Sunday school teachers, Brenda and Pastor at no charge to us.

We received many appreciative responses to serving communion to the members in the pews.

We reviewed and planned for duties to be done and the supplies that will be needed for Mission Fest on November 12th. Our speaker will be Lisa Key from Emmaus Homes from St. Louis. Cost for dinner will be \$15 for adults, \$5.00 for ages 5-10 and five and under is free.

A friendly reminder to all those who use the kitchen to keep things tidy and clean.

Linda made a motion to begin to pass the collection plate for the offering in the pews instead of leaving the plate at the back of church. This will start on 11/12/23. We will ask the greeters to take part in the collection. Pastor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Janell made a motion for T&L Services to continue with lawn cutting and snow removal for 2024. Larry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

We reviewed the credit card spending history sheet.

Future discussions will be done regarding an annual review for pastor and staff regarding wages, compensation, and expectations for 2024.

Linda will be making an announcement in church on 10/22/23 regarding changes to collecting the offering and that real candles will replace the current battery-operated candles.

The joint consistory will meet on Monday, October 16th at 6:00 p.m. at St. James.

Our next consistory meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1,2023.

Glenn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Herrmann Consistory Secretary



Sunday, November 12, 10:00 a.m.

Mission Fest

St. Mark's UCC

N9286 Dairyland Drive, Cleveland

Featuring... Lisa Key from Emmaus Homes in St Louis

Dinner to Follow

Proceeds to be used to meet OCWM Goal

\$15 - Adults --- \$5- ages 5-10 Under 5 - Free

Ham ~~ Meat Balls ~~ Homemade Salads Parsley Butter Potatoes ~~ Rolls ~~ Corn Homemade Desserts



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Sunday, November 12, 2023					
Homemade Dessert	Cindy Call	Sell Tickets	Louise Jetzer		
(Cake, pie, torte)	Ann Grunwald				
	Julie Herrmann	Set Up Tables	Dave & Cindy Call		
	Marlene Kammann	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	Pat Flook		
	Betty Kellner		Glenn & Terri Grunwald		
	Karen Mansker		Deanne Schultz		
	Sandy Perronne				
	Lori Roelse	Take Down Tables	Ben, Jacob, and Luke Grunwald		
	Linda Schroeder		Rebecca Miota		
	Patty Taylor				
		Cut & Serve Desserts	Karen Mansker		
Large Salad	Alice Broehm (Jello)		Judy Steinbeck		
(pasta, fruit, lettuce, jello)	Cindy Call (broccoli/cauliflower)				
	Noreen Flook (7-layer)	Cut Ham	Dave Grunwald		
	Ann Grunwald (3 bean)		Jon Herrmann		
	Brenda Miota (Italian pasta)				
	Margene Reyer	Clean Up	Brenda Miota		
	Judy Steinbeck (Jello)		Brianna Miota		
	Patty Taylor		Sandy Perronne		
			Carol Weiand		
1 Gallon of Milk	Glenn Grunwald				
	Deanne Schultz	Table Decorations	Sunday School		
	Carol Weiand				
1 Pound of Butter	Todd Grunwald				
	Betty Kellner				
	Scott Siekman				

St. Mark's Christmas Cookie Exchange

Merry Christmas! And Happy Baking!

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 9. I will let you know by Sunday, December 10 how many half-dozens to bring. Have your cookies at St. Mark's by 9:00 am on Sunday, December 17. 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.



The United Church Men & Women 86th Annual Banquet and Scholarship Presentation was held on October 19, 2023 at St. James UCC. A sincere appreciation to the 2023 scholarship fund donors. A total of \$8,000,was raised. These funds are used to award scholarships and pastoral care grants. This year there were three scholarship recipients entering into the ministry, David Kohls, Mark Schmitt and Bridget Hill.

Our thanks to Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, St. James choir, Cindy Sohn-director & accompanist, and Raymond Henschel for doing the table prayer. A special thank you to all the volunteers who assisted in preparing the banquet meal and clean up.

Scott Henschel is our representative from St. James and Lori Roelse is a representative from St. Mark's.



Darryl Gumm, president of the United Church Men & Women









Thank you to everyone who attended.





Adopt-a-Highway clean up was held Sunday, October 1st at 8:00 a.m. We had a crew of 13 people and finished at 9:00! Thank you to all who helped. We collected several bags of trash!

St. James Social Committee update:

Men's cornhole was held Sunday, October 1, 2023 with 8 attendees. A good time was had by all. We will try to schedule one more get together before the snow flies.

Bunco will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm.



St. James - Mission Fest was held on Sunday, October 15, 2023. Our guest speaker was Jessica Jensema from Project Angel Hugs. Jessica presentation hit close to home for many and was very moving. A generous cash donation and a box of donation items for Christmas boxes were collected. If you wish to donate or volunteer, please contact Jessica at Project Angel Hugs, Plymouth WI.



Special thanks to the Dale and Doris Sprenger family for serving our carry-out meals. There was a mix-up on the ham order/slices. We served 109 full meals and 19 discounted meals (without ham). We appreciate everyone's support and the understanding of those who did not receive full meals. Due to the mix up, monies collected for OCWM were not as high as anticipated.



Need a Winter Coat?



Sheboygan County Interfaith Org may be able to help!
Please visit us, 1251 Geele Avenue
Wed 11/1, Thu 11/2 or Fri 11/3
3:00pm-5:00pm







When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our **Surviving the Holidays** seminar helps participants discover:

- · How to deal with emotions
- · What to do about traditions
- · Helpful tips for surviving social events
 - How to find hope for the future



Please join us for this encouraging seminar.



Saturday, November 4, 9-11am Call today for more information (920) 452-6520 Sponsored by Sheboygan eFree Church www.e-free-family.com

QUILTING AND SEWING FELLOWSHIP

Several years ago, a large group of people met over time to make quilts that a mission team took to Re-Member in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Besides producing many beautiful quilts, we built fellowship and service among our group, along with wonderful memories. I'm hoping to again gather people together once or twice a month to sew or quilt in service of one or more charities. Not everyone needs to be a sewist. I'm happy to teach anyone who wants to learn. We will also need people to do pressing and cutting.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please let me know.

What day/days and time of day work best for you?

What causes could we support? I have some ideas, but would like to hear of causes near and dear to you.

Lori Roelse 920-946-3540 laroelse@gmail.com

CROP WALK, 2023

CROP Walk was a Huge Success this year. The walk was held on Oct. 8th. There were a total number of 19 walkers between the churches of the Rural Church Fellowship. These walkers received donations totaling \$5,827.63! A big Thank You goes out to all the walkers and

those that supported us with their donations through cash, checks and Online donations. Money raised this year will go to Church World Service/CROP and area food banks which include Immanuel UCC, St. Peters UCC, Kiel, United Ministries, New Holstein and Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry.

~Doris Sprenger, St. James UCC CROP Walk Organizer



St. James CROP Walk Crew

In case you're wondering what CROP stands for

When CROP began in 1947 (under the wing of Church World Service, which was founded in 1946), CROP was an acronym for the Christian Rural Overseas Program. Its primary mission was to help Midwest farm families to share their grain with hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia.

Today, we've outgrown the acronym but we retain it as the historic name of the program. CROP Hunger Walks are interfaith hunger education and fundraising events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by CWS local offices across the

U.S.



Both St. James and St. Mark's would love to have more voices join their choir! It is such a fun group to take part in, and you don't have to know how to read to music! If you have any questions, you can talk with Randy or Cindy Sohn at St. James, Kathy Jurk at St. Mark's, or any choir members.

ST. JAMES CHOIR

Rehearsals will be held:

Wednesday, November 1st, 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 8th, 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 15th, 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 29th, 6:30pm



ST. MARK'S CHOIR

Rehearsals will be held:

Wednesday, November 1st, 7pm Wednesday, November 8th, 7pm Wednesday, November 15th, 7pm Wednesday, November 29th, 7pm

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



We will be collecting small toys for boys and girls ages 5-9 through Nov. 19 and we will have our shoebox packing party on November 19 after church. All Sunday School and youth group kids (and kids at heart!) are encouraged to help us pack those shoeboxes! Patrick and I will drop them off at the nearest drop off location on November 20th (Crossroads Community Church). Let's see if we can surpass the number of shoeboxes we packed two years ago!

Toy Ideas for Boys and Girls:

Ball Plastic dinosaurs, animals, and action figures Toy cars Yo-yo

*Etch A Sketch® *Slinky® Interactive toys Kaleidoscope

Building blocks Other small toys and figures Small board games Small doll

*smaller versions of these items

Youth group:

As we approach the season of thankfulness and gratitude, I am thankful for each one of you! We will have a regular youth group gathering at St. Mark's on November 5 at 5:30, and November 19 at 5:30 (also at St. Mark's so we can finalize the shoebox packing we will do after church that day!) We won't meet again until December 3 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

May each of you enjoy the peace of God's Holy Spirit this month, and always! Questions? Please contact Mrs. Brenda Schultz.



St. James and St. Mark's ladies
join us for BUNCO NIGHT
Thursday, Nov. 16th
6pm at St. James.
A \$5 participation fee is optional
Please join us and RSVP to
Jackie Mueller or Tammy
Serketich or email
tserketich@yahoo.com



Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization BULLETIN BITES

NOVEMBER, 2023

- Please come and visit us on GIVING TUESDAY November 28th. We will be providing tours of SCIO, serving refreshments, and sharing highlights from 2023, as well as our anniversary plans for 2024. Watch for additional information!
- As with the leaves of fall, things in the Bridgeway transitional living program are changing, though a few things will always remain the same! Our families would very much appreciate some frozen vegetables, batteries of all sizes, and 13 gallon garbage bags. Thank you!
- Did you know that November is Homelessness Awareness Month (HAM)? SCIO belongs to the Sheboygan Housing Coalition to actively address and advocate for our vulnerable neighbors who are experiencing homelessness. Winter wear was collected in October and will be distributed in November to our neighbors in need. Sending a big thank you to Wigwam for providing new socks to be shared for this purpose.
- The winter farmers market begins this month. Visit the market on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 9:00am-12noon at First Congregational Church UCC, 310 Bluff Ave. Thank you for supporting local
- The count is in! SCIO was able to assist 286 income-restricted seniors with the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program during the 2023 summer farmers market season. This means eligible seniors were able to purchase \$35 of fresh produce at the market and enjoy delicious fruits and vegetables. Thank you for spreading the word we look forward to a successful SFMNP year in 2024.

ST. JAMES USHERS

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

*Tammy Serketich
Tom & Nancy Nye
Karie & Jeremy Ladwig
Alivia Maxey
Hannah Schmitz
Kendra Schmitz
Lee & Terri Schmitz
Tanya Wasmer
Abigail Peterson
Amanda Wasmer
Allyson Wasmer



VISION OF HOPE-ST. JAMES

"Application for Funding" forms are available in the narthex, from VISION OF HOPE Committee members, or under "More" on our church website. We welcome specific requests as well as your suggestions for using our semiannual gifts from the Wagner Foundation.

STUDENTS! Use this form for tuition help (currently \$1,000) each year.

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, November 27, 6:30 p.m.

ST. MARK'S USHERS

NOVEMBER

Lori Roelse Colton Scharl Michelle Scharl

DECEMBER

Mike Scharl Wyatt Scharl

READERS

Nov. 5 — Sandy Perronne Nov. 12— Scott Siekman Nov. 19— Lori Roelse Nov. 26—Jacob Grunwald

HOSPITALITY

Nov. 5 — Sandy Perronne Nov. 12 — available Nov. 19 — Margene Reyer Nov. 26 — available

**If you're interested in hosting one of the 'available' Sundays, please

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

St. James			St. Mark's
46	Oct.	1	48
61		8	51
70+		15	*
48 Will report in Dec.		22 29	53

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

<u>ANNIVERSARIES</u>

- 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.



ST MARK'S NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Dave & Ann Adams
- 6 James & Bonnie Schuette

Please report any corrections or additions on the birthday and anniversary lists to Karen in the church office.