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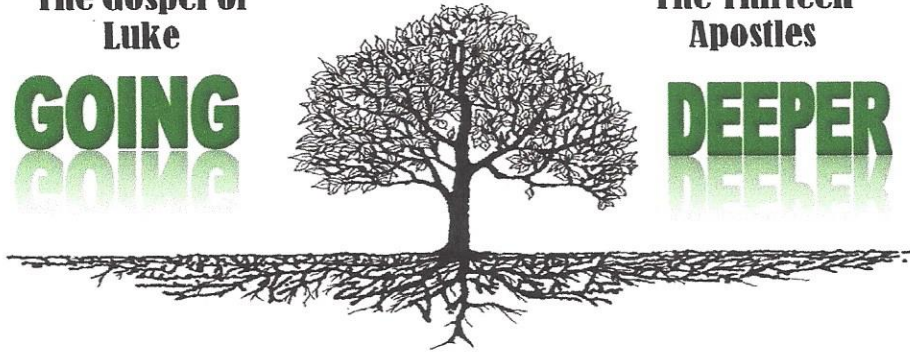
NEWSLETTER | OCTOBER 2019

The Gospel of
Luke

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The Thirteen
Apostles

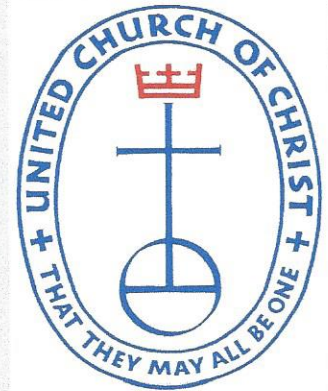
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St. James and St. Mark's recently completed a 13-week study in the Gospel of John. With many questions asked, and many questions answered a strong desire for another study has launched another ... you guessed it! Another study! These studies have an overarching theme of "Going Deeper" – going deeper in our understanding of the Bible, the stories being told, the characters we read of, and what it means to how we live our lives today. It also means going deeper in our relationship with God, our relationship with one another, and our understanding of Christianity.

Beginning October 7th (Monday) at 6:00 PM, our next Going Deeper Study begins. This time, we will delve into the Gospel of Luke using a study guide I wrote and have led with other churches. We will also be looking at the thirteen apostles, learning a bit more about each of their lives, from the late Dr. Ellsworth Kalas.

We will need to order books for the class, so please let Pastor Patrick, Karen Mansker, or Judy Steinbeck know you are planning on attending. The classes will be held at St. Mark's UCC.



ST. JAMES UCC
1332 Pioneer Road
Newton, WI 53063
920.693.8100

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

PASTOR:

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME!

Oct. 6th. St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship

9-10:00 Sunday School

St. James: 10:30am Worship

9:15-10:15 Sunday School

Both Churches - World Wide Communion
& Neighbors in Need Special Offering

Oct. 13th. St. James: 9:00am Worship

10-11:00 Sunday School

St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship

9-10:00 Sunday School

Oct. 20th.

MISSION FEST AT ST. JAMES-

St. Mark's: No Church Service
or Sunday School Today

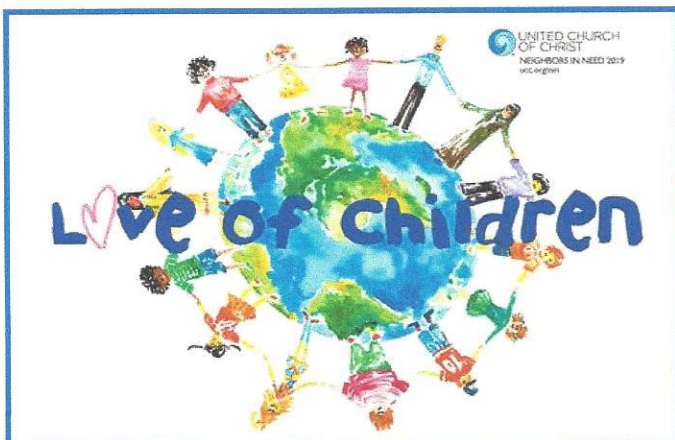
Oct. 27th. James: 9:00am Worship

10-11:00 Sunday School

St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship

9-10:00 Sunday School

ON THE WEB www.stmstjucc.org
FIND US ON FACEBOOK!



NEIGHBORS

IN NEED

SPECIAL

OFFERING

OCT. 6TH

*Please give
generously.



ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETING

St. James Consistory

September 5th, 2019

Our sincere sympathy goes to the family of Alvin Kracht on his passing on Sunday, Sept. 8th. He will be deeply missed in both church and community. Alvin's funeral was held September 14th at St. James.

Alvin A. Kracht, 88, of Newton, passed away in the presence of his family on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at Aurora BayCare Medical Center, Green Bay. Alvin was born October 24, 1930, in Town Rhine, to the late Otto and Magdalena (Dirks) Kracht. He was confirmed at Zoar UCC. He served his country in the United States Navy during the Korean War. On May 15, 1954, he married the former Loretta Luebke at St. John's UCC, Schwarzwald. She preceded him in death on September 4, 2016.

Al-lor Acres was his dairy farm, after retirement he remained active on the farm feeding calves and assisting with fieldwork. He was a lifetime member of the VFW Cleveland Post 8974, serving as Quartermaster for thirty-two years and numerous other leadership positions. He was General Leader of the Meeme Busy Badgers 4-H and served on numerous agricultural boards including Manitowoc County Holstein Board and PCA (Production Credit Association). Alvin was an active member of St. James UCC, serving on the consistory and cemetery board. He enjoyed bird watching and gardening.

The meeting was called to order by Alan Wippermann at 6:00pm. Pastor Schultz led us in prayer. Members present were Alan Wippermann, President; Clarence Belitz, Treasurer; Linda Lutzke; Secretary, Tom Kleinhahns, Michelle Mauk and Pastor Schultz. The Secretary's report was discussed. Al made a motion to approve the minutes. Michelle seconded it. Motion carried. Al presented the Treasurer's report. Michelle made a motion to approve the report. Tom seconded it. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds

Al did monthly elevator inspection. Clarence met with Otis to sign agreement concerning the elevator. Al repaired the walls in the choir closet and started painting. Tom still working with Sheboygan Falls Glass to have kitchen entrance door fixed.

Old Business

Suggestion box was empty. Vision of Hope to meet Oct. 7th, Stewardship to meet September 25th, Board of Christian Education Oct. 6th. We discussed Mission Fest and workers list. Sunday School to begin Sept. 15th with Bible Presentation & Teacher Installation the 21st. Joint Consistory meeting coming up on Oct. 21st

New Business

Please keep in our prayers for continuous healing for Dawn Marcoe, Ed Heckmann also thoughts and prayers to the Alvin Kracht Family. We will be needing to fill two consistory positions and a Treasurers position coming up in January. If anyone is interested or would like more information please contact Pastor or your current Consistory members. Next meeting Oct. 10th at 6pm. Clarence made a motion to adjourn and Michelle second it. Motion carried.

Linda Lutzke, Secretary

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Debbie & Ray Brickner and Scott & Tammy Dexter and their families on the passing of Debbie's sister and Tammy's aunt, Denise A. Maxey, on Sept. 4th.



ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING

St. Mark's Consistory Meeting
September 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Taylor at 6:00 pm. Members present: Pastor Patrick, Jim Taylor, Tara Vandoske, Bruce Mansker, Dave Call, Audrey Aardappel, Judy Steinbeck and Lori Roelse. Pastor led us in prayer.

The Secretary's report was reviewed and approved. The Financial Secretary's report was reviewed and approved. Credit cards will arrive soon. An account so members can pay church dues electronically will hopefully go live on Oct. 1.

Buildings and Grounds:

- The outdoor sign message is still not working. Software solutions are being sought.
- Elevator inspection was completed. Regular maintenance was completed as well.
- The Karstaedts have resigned from church cleaning. Dave and Cindy Call will continue until someone new is found. Anyone interested should contact Cindy at 920-565-3066 by Oct. 31. Leave a message if she doesn't answer.

Old Business:

- The copy machine is working great!
- Church credit cards should arrive in about 2 weeks.
- The new church directories have arrived. Members can pick them up at Sunday services.

New Business:

- Pastor continues his home and community visits.
- The United Church Men and Women's Banquet will be held October 17 at 6:30 at Lakeland College. Lori Roelse has tickets for sale.
- Confirmation class will be starting September 18. Students, parents, and mentors will be introduced during the September 22 service.
- Hospitality feedback was offered. Thank you to the committee for providing a wonderful fellowship opportunity.
- Sunday School will start on September 22. The time will be 9:00-10:00 every week.
- Mission Fest will be Nov. 17. The speaker will be Katie Popp from Love Inc. St. James will be celebrating their Mission Fest on Oct. 20.

The next Consistory meeting will be held Thursday, October 3 at 6:00. The meeting adjourned at 7:20.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Roelse, Consistory Secretary

OCTOBER HOSPITALITY TEAM SCHEDULE*

October 6— Deanne S.
October 13 — Carol W.
October 20— Sandy P.
October 27— Ann G.

*It's fine if you make changes to the schedule, just be sure to let Karen in the church office know of any changes for publication purposes.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 25, 2019

St. James = 43

St. Mark's = 60

September 1, 2019

St. James = 61

St. Mark's = 45

September 8, 2019

St. James = 40

St. Mark's = 68

September 15, 2019

St. James = 51

St. Mark's = 50

September 22, 2019

St. James = 60

St. Mark's = 69



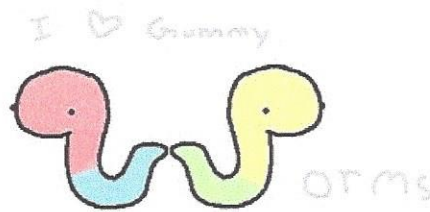
ST JAMES CELEBRATIONS

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jackie Mueller
- 3 Diane Luckow
- 7 ValJean Marcoe
- 8 William Luebke
- 9 Joanne Fessler
- 20 Joe Klapperich
Aric Jump
- 21 Chelsea Langenhahn
- 24 Donald Hemb
- 27 Wendy Henschel

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Lee & Terri Schmitz
- 8 Mike & Kristin Zolltheis
- 12 Ronald & Jacqueline Henschel
James & Michelle Luckow
- 13 Jim & Karen Becker
- 14 Vernon & Jean Henschel
Rieck & Sandra Beiersdorf
- 16 Zachary & Sadie Koenig
- 20 Milton & LaVern Wippermann
- 26 Clarence & Heidi Belitz
- 29 Mark & Kathy Stolzmann



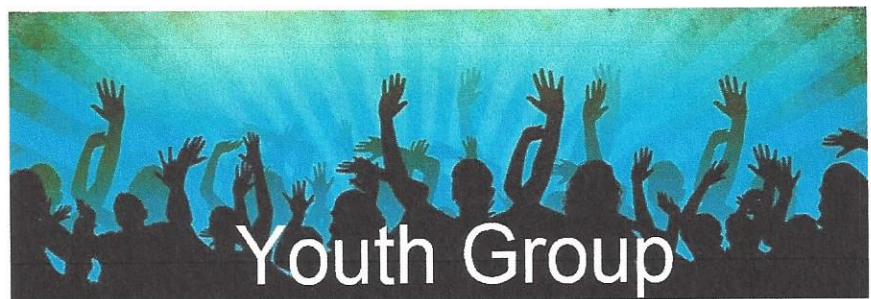
St James is seeking a volunteer to bag the gummy worms for children's message. Contact a member of the consistory.



ST JAMES: September 15th Sunday School reconvened with games and a picnic. Congratulations to Ethan Spindler and Mikaela Spindler on receiving their bibles. Elliot Gumm, Jack Heckmann, and Austin Riesterer are our confirmation students.

Sunday School's Outreach is learning about Blanket Sunday. Coats for Kids, and the Crop Walk this month. A great big Thank You to Amanda Russart, Henry Langenhahn, Scott Henschel, and Sandy Beiersdorf for their teaching commitment.

Next Christian Board Meeting is October 10th at 6:30pm. Christmas program is on the agenda and we are open to ideas.



Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, October 6th at 11:00 at St. James! We will be talking about the Summer Mission Trip and fundraising ideas as well as other fun activities we have planned for the remainder of this year! Snacks and beverages will be provided and we plan to keep the meeting short!

See you on October 6th!

CROP WALK!

Crop Walk – Sunday, October 13, at Memorial Park in Howards Grove. Registration at 12:30. Walk starting at 1:00. St James and St Mark's will supply refreshments. We will be asking for donations and walkers starting in September. Please be generous



First Annual Muskies Tailgate Party!!



Please join us on Saturday, October 26th for a Lakeland College Muskies Football Game!!

Admission to the game is FREE and we will begin tailgating at 11:30 in the parking lot at Lakeland College. We will be doing a potluck dinner!

A sign-up sheet will be in the back of the churches!! Please Join Us for A Great Time!

~ St. James Mission Fest ~

Sunday, October 20th, 10:00am

Speakers from Love Feeds OUR World

Ham dinner to follow

*Check the newsletter insert for Mission Fest responsibility list

St Mark's Church Directories ~ A Note From Tara

The Church Directories have arrived and are now available at church.

Please note that Kevin & Betty Kellner's address is wrong in the directory, it should be 3905 S. 12th Street, Sheboygan, I apologize for this mistake. Also, if there are any other mistakes regarding your information in the directory please contact me at tavandoske@hotmail.com, we will make sure to notify members of the changes in the following month's newsletter.

On that note, there are a couple of members that submitted photos to me and they didn't make it into the directory, I want to deeply apologize for my mistake. I know how disappointing that may have been not seeing your photo in the long-awaited directory but please know it wasn't intentional but simply a mistake.

ST MARK'S CELEBRATIONS

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bruce Karstaedt
Sandra Stark
- 2 Kevin Kellner
- 9 Colten Sommer
- 10 Kay Bitter
- 11 Christine Hayon
- 12 Kathy Jurk
Milton Karstaedt
- 14 Trace Damrow
Sandy Perronne
Wendy Schueler
- 15 Denise Heling
- 20 Todd Grunwald
- 24 Marlee Strysick
Dawson Strysick
- 25 Brooklyn Vandoske
- 26 Cindy Call
Robert Vandoske
- 29 Bonnie Schuette
- 30 Autumn Risch
Colton Scharl

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 Jay & Kayla Sommer
- 12 Jon & Julie Herrmann
- 22 William & Lori Roelse
- 23 Jim & Christine Hayon

ST. JAMES

OCTOBER USHERS

Chairperson:

Henry & Kari Langenhahn, Jr.

Jeff & Wendy Meyer
Chelsea Langenhahn
Morgan Henschel
Amanda Henschel
Jim & Karen Becker
Marissa Meyer
Jonathan Meyer
Randy & Karen Krause

NOVEMBER USHERS

Chairpersons:

Brian & Wendy Henschel

Keith & Michelle Mauk
Galen & Deb LaDuke
Brad Mauk
Lloyd & Maureen Athorp
William Luebke



I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during my recovery from my fall. Having the support of our church family's thoughts and prayers brings home the love we all share as members of St. Mark's United Church of Christ!

Thank you,
Betty Kellner



The Rural Church Fellowship is sponsoring a Chili Cook-Off at Laack's Hall in Johnsonville on November 17, 2019 at 12:30 to support transportation for the 2021 Back Bay Mission Trip.

\$20 entry fee.

See Doris Sprenger or Judy Steinbeck for more details.

ST. MARK'S

OCTOBER USHERS

Chairperson:

Mark Jurk

Jay Sommer
Carol Weiand
Larry Heling
Denise Heling

OCTOBER CANDLE LIGHTERS

6 -Bryce Schnelle &
Colten Sommer
13-Owen Bramstedt &
Sierra Bramstedt
20- St. James Mission Fest/
none needed
27-Annabelle Uttech &
Emily Binversie

NOVEMBER USHERS

Chairperson:

Sandy Perronne*

Emma Perronne
Jerry Jetzer
Louise Jetzer

NOVEMBER CANDLE LIGHTERS

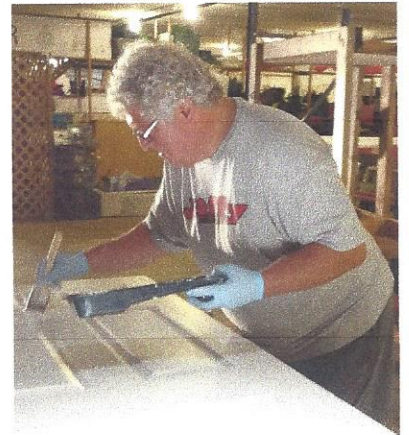
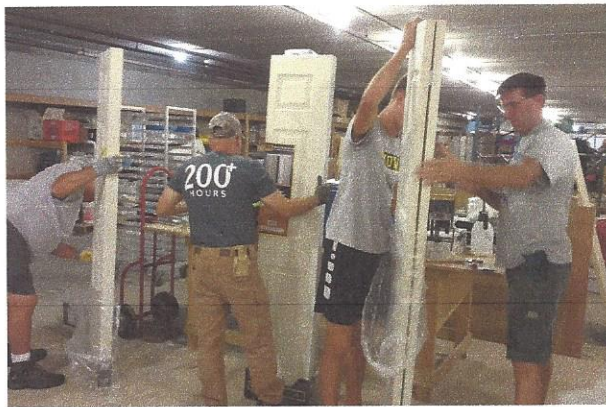
3-Owen Bramstedt &
Sierra Bramstedt
10-Brianne Miota &
Rebecca Miota
17- Luke Grunwald &
Colten Sommer
24-Ben Summers &
Reid Vandoske

LED BY THE SPIRIT

August 24th St Mark's youth and adults (truly young at hearts!) met in Sheboygan to work on a Habitat for Humanity Home. Cole and Emma - two of our generous, big hearted teens - helped paint the trim and doors for a home which is being built for a single mom with two kiddos

What made this a special local mission project for me, was working side-by-side with my younger brother, Tim. Also, deep thanks to John, Pat, Mark, Sandy for your hard work. Special thanks to Cindy and Noreen for our lunch! It was also great working with Will - our project manager from Habitat who kept us all in line and on task. Not an easy job, I must say!

May God bless the work we did - not to our glory but to His; May God bless the family who will be moving in - may they know and feel a sense of peace and comfort offered by the Spirit.





Help Wanted-- St. Mark's is looking for someone to take on the job of cleaning the church. Anyone who is interested in or has questions about the job should contact Cindy Call at 920-565-3066 by Oct. 31. Leave a message if she doesn't answer.

The mission of the United Church Men and Women (UCMW)

is to financially support the work of the people who are entering the ministry or who have newly graduated from seminary. Local churches (like St. James and St. Mark's), as well as many kind individuals, fund those scholarships. Two of the three scholarships presented each year are actually named for dedicated St. James members who held this mission close to their hearts and have passed on. The Donald Lorfeld Scholarship is presented to someone currently attending seminary. The David Heckmann Scholarship is given to a recent seminary graduate to assist with student loan payment. The scholarships will be presented at a banquet on held October 17 at 6:30 at Lakeland College. Lori Roelse and Scott Henschel have tickets for sale. If you would like to make a contribution, Lori is also able to help you with that. We hope to have a full table at the October 17 banquet!



ST. JAMES' VISION OF HOPE FUND

Monday, October 7th, 6:30p.m. - St. James Vision of Hope Committee Meeting at St. James.



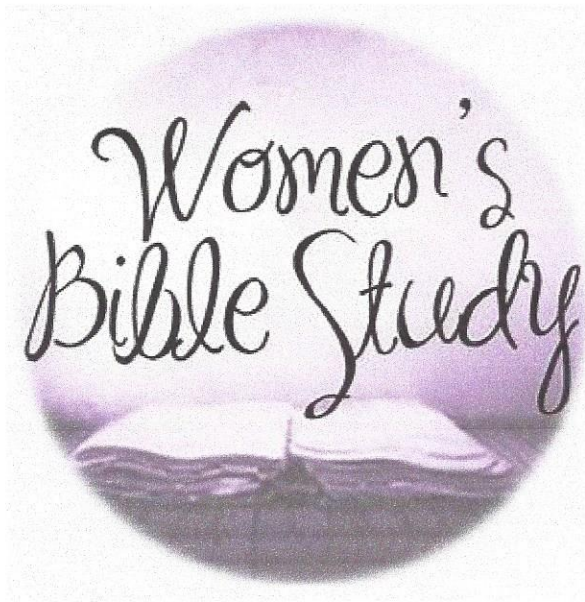
ATTENTION GENTLEMEN OF ST. MARK'S & ST. JAMES:

I would like to start a gathering of men who would like to get together for conversation, breakfast or coffee. It will be informal and during the fall & winter months. The first gathering will be Wednesday, October 9th at 8:00am at Whispering Orchards. At that time we will discuss what day of the week, time, place, and how often we would like to get together. If you



have any questions or suggestions, feel free to talk with me at church or call my cell phone number of 920-980-8865 Hope to see you there!! Friends are always welcome!!

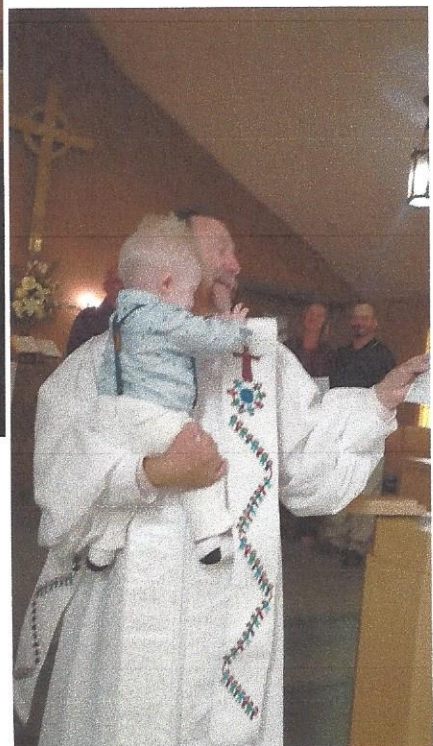
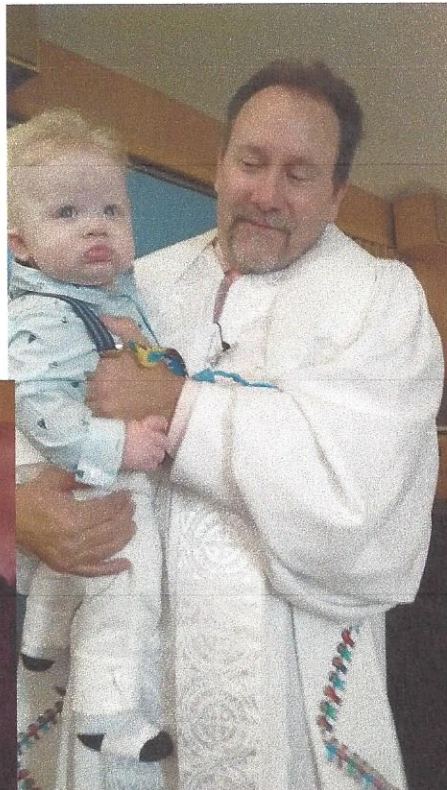
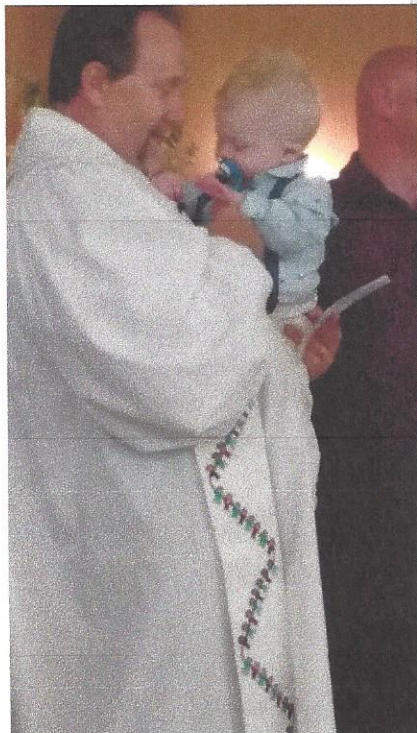
Jerry Jetzer



"No Other Gods", a women's Bible study, will begin Tuesdays from October 1st and continue for 8 weeks. The sessions will meet from 6:30 to 7:30. Present day idolatry will be looked at in depth during this video-based curriculum with daily readings and reflections in the Bible study guide book. All women from St. Mark's and St. James are invited. Please bring a friend!

Let the church office know if child care is needed for you to be able to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Schultz at schultzbrenda@gmail.com or call her at 608-839-7315.

Introducing Scott Wayne Weifenbach ~ Baptized September 1, 2019!



Did you realize??

Just like the rest of us, Pastors need time some time away to refresh, rejuvenate and de-stress. *Even Jesus took 'vacations' to get away from his flock. Jesus made a habit of going into the mountains, the wilderness, i.e., the places where he was inaccessible. If Jesus had to guard his mental health and his spiritual standing by cutting the cords of connection from time to time, so does* the minister of St. James & St. Mark's (and the need for that 'weekly time away' is also recognized in our UCC Conference).

Therefore, 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 an emergency only at 608-352-9544. Your Church Consistory Members would be your contact in any nonemergency situation.

Please respect Pastor's weekly Sabbath (Tuesday & Friday) by only contacting him in an emergency. Show him you care about his well-being.

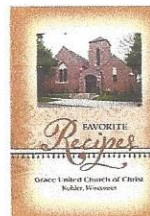
~ Article written by Karen Mansker, *excerpt taken from *The Too Accessible Pastor: The Danger of 21st Century Ministry* written by Jeremy Farley published in AppalachianMagazine

COMMUNITY OF FAITH ~ REACHING BEYOND.....



Volunteer for Fresh Meals On Wheels of Sheboygan County. Kind-hearted, responsible volunteers are needed to help with chopping vegetables, scooping cookie dough and packaging bread (around 9 a.m.) and to deliver meals (at 11:10 a.m.). You can volunteer individually or as part of a group and as often as you'd like whether that's once a week, once a month or as a substitute. We promise you some fun and smiles! For more information, or to refer someone in need of meals, contact Meals On Wheels at 451-7011

or volunteers@freshmealsonwheels.org



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BEV KRAMER 467-6219
OR,
ROSEMARY LOHSE 452-8397



ST. JAMES MISSION FEST RESPONSIBILITIES – OCTOBER 20, 2019

Menu: Ham, Potato Salad, Corn, Rolls, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Ice Cream, Apple & Pumpkin Pie, Coffee, Milk.

Table Decorations

Dorothy Mueller

Outdoor Sales

Dale & Doris Sprenger

Dean Sprenger

David & Christine Gumm

Corra Gumm

Kevin & Sherry Jump

Aric Jump

Ruby Jump

Tickets & Greeter/Usher: Tom Kleinhahns & Daniel Kleinhahns

Food Preparation & Serving Committee

Chairpersons: Michelle Mauk 565-4308

Linda Lutzke 920-775-3750

Heat & Serve Ham - Scott Henschel

9am Raymond Henschel

Heat & Serve Vegetables - 9am Cindy Klapperich

Prepare Coffee -9am Michelle & Linda

Serve Rolls -11am Julianne Luebke

Milk & Water -11am Ethen Lutzke

Heat & Serve Potatoes Sue Kracht

Pie & Ice Cream -11am Kari & Henry Langenhahn

Cut pies & put on plates Pat Kleinhans

Set Up Committee (Oct.19 3:30pm)

(Set up tables/dishes/flatware, ect.)

Chairpersons :Clarence Belitz

William Heckmann

Thomas Heckmann

Cody Mueller

Daniel Sohn

Prepare Potatoes

(Saturday Oct.19 , 3:30pm) Chairperson: Heidi Belitz

Maureen Sukowaty

Sue Kracht

Ruth Ann Kolb

Deb LaDuke

Bonnie Langenhahn

Cashiers

9:00am - 11:00am David & Jackie Mueller

11:00 - 1:00pm Richard & Sara Lutze

Wait Staff - 11am Dining Hall

Chairperson: Tanya Wasmer

Hannah Schmitz	Caroline Heckmann	Alyssa Grotegut	Kendra Schmitz
Ashley Grotegut	Cheyenne Mueller	Katie Sohn	Amanda Henschel
Katelynn Mauk	Jenny Riesterer	Morgan Henschel	Madisan Langenhahn
Cindi Wippermann	Amy Christianson	Amanda Wasmer	Sara Wippermann
Ally Wasmer	Chelsea Langenhahn	Brianna Riesterer	Abby Wasmer
Racheal Krause			

Bring 1lb. Butter

David Lorfeld
Jason Riesterer
Rick Wippermann
Randy Spindler
Tom Urness

Bring 1 gal. Milk

Roger Lauersdorf
Mark Spindler
Tommy Spindler
Eric Grotegut
Jamey Binversie
Henry Langenhahn Sr.
Charlie Kolb

Pie (Apple or Pumpkin) Cut into 6 pieces

Cynthia Klapperich	Julianne Luebke	Chelsea Langenhahn	Michelle Mauk
Pat Kleinhans	Sarah Lutze	Linda Lorfeld	Colleen Lauersdorf
Ruth Ann Kolb	Wendy Meyer	Alivia Maxey	Karen Krause
Jackie Mueller	Marissa Meyer	Deb LaDuke	Kelly Luebke
Cheyenne Mueller	Karie Ladwig	Nancy Nye	Whitney Morales
Keri Langenhahn	Ashley Lutzke	Tom Kleinhans	Bonnie Langenhahn
Sadie Koenig	Sue Kracht	Diane Luckow	Sandra Kracht
Linda Lutzke	Michelle Luckow	Rachel Krause	Al Wippermann

Dishwashing/Clean Up Committee

Chairperson: Colleen Lauersdorf 773-3163

11:30am-12:30pm

Bradley Mauk	Wendy Henschel	Terri Schmitz
Lee Schmitz	Kim Grotegut	Chris Grotegut

12:30-End

Dale Krause	Val Spindler	David Krause
Linda Lorfeld	Jim & Michelle Luckow	Jon & Diane Luckow
Bradley Mauk	Keith Mauk	

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The United Church of Christ (UCC) is a distinct and diverse community of Christians that come together as one church to join faith and action. With over 5,000 churches and nearly one million members across the U.S., the UCC serves God in the co-creation of a just and sustainable world. The UCC is a church of firsts, a church of extravagant welcome, and a church where "...they may all be one"

(John 17:21).

United Church of Christ:
<https://www.ucc.org>

St. James UCC/St. Mark's UCC:
www.stmstjucc.org

ST. MARK'S CEMETARY 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.

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.

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.

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