

The Country Church Herald

...Proclaiming the Word of God

NEWSLETTER | OCTOBER 2020

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

October 4th is World Communion Sunday. While most of us have heard of World Communion Sunday, all may not know from whence it came. According to the National Council of Churches, World Communion Sunday began in 1936 in the Presbyterian Church and was adopted by the Federal Council of Churches in 1940. Since then the celebration of this sacrament has grown into an international celebration of Christian unity.



It is a day when we together, as the Body of Christ, in universal practice break bread with one another and remember the night of Jesus' betrayal. We remember the sacrament Jesus instituted which we now call the Lord's Supper as an everlasting remembrance of his sacrifice.

World Communion Sunday is a time for remembering that around the globe - in different languages, with different traditions and customs, and in various forms of liturgy - the Lord's Supper is celebrated throughout Christendom by and in the power of the Holy Spirit. At its best, World Communion Sunday serves as a joyous and meaningful partaking in Jesus' sacred meal with his friends; *and* an opening of our experiences to the unity and diversity of different Christian traditions from around the world.

On October 4th, we will celebrate World Communion at both churches. Giving thanks for the generosity of Pat and Noreen Flook who have purchased wafer and juice kits for St. James and St. Mark's, Communion will be served with sealed containers (1 container = wafer and juice). The Communion Liturgy will remain the same while the way in which we serve Communion will be slightly different.

Those who would like a kit (per person) to have Communion at home via our Online service can pick up their kit(s) at the St. Mark's office. Please contact Pastor or Karen for open office times/days.

Pastor will have additional kits and will be able to serve Communion during visits while keeping safe distances, wearing masks...

October 4th St. Mark's @ 9:00am and St. James @ 10:30am. Come worship with us! Celebrate the Sacrament of Communion with us! Pray with us and gather as the Body of Christ with us!

REMEMBRANCE



ST. JAMES UCC
13312 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!

IN-PERSON SERVICES WILL FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE. EVERY SERVICE WILL BE RECORDED & POSTED ON YOUTUBE.

Oct. 4th -WORLD COMMUNION DAY and NEIGHBORS -IN-NEED OFFERING

St. Mark's : 9:00am Worship
First day of Sunday School at St. Mark's 9-10
St. James: 10:30am Worship
NO In-Person Sunday School at St. James

Oct. 11th St. James: 9:00 Worship
NO In-Person Sunday School at St. James
St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship
9:00-10:00 Sunday School

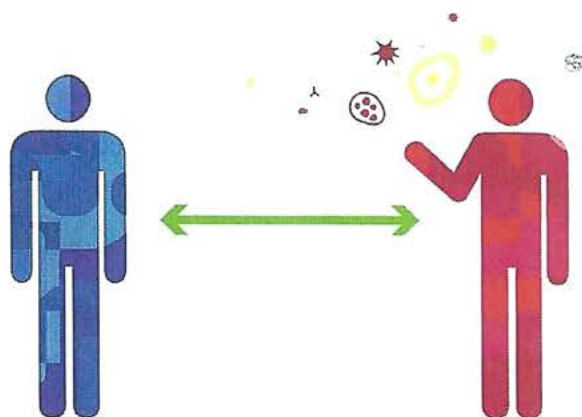
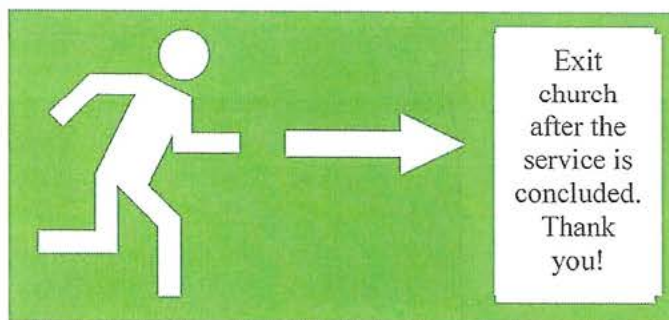
Oct. 18th MISSION FEST AT ST. JAMES, 10:00
Guest Speaker—no dinner this year
NO Worship or Sunday School at St. Mark's

Oct. 25th St. James: 9:00am Worship
NO In-Person Sunday School at St. James
St. Mark's : 10:30am Worship
9:00-10:00 Sunday School

We are delighted to be back in worship with you.
Here are reminders that we ask you to be mindful of as we continue
to be aware of COVID-19 health concerns:

PLEASE ...

- Wear a mask. (per Governor Evers.)
- Practice social distancing.
- Wash your hands frequently or use hand sanitizer.
- Move to the sanctuary and be seated.
- Remember, we will have music during church, but will not be singing at this time.
- Exit the building immediately after service.
- Stay at home if you have an underlying condition, a fever, persistent cough, or a respiratory ailment.



Confirmation 2020-2021

Confirmation classes are ready to begin! And this year we have a fine group of young gentlemen and ladies from both churches. For all church members and friends who are receiving this email (hard copy or email) I'd like you to cut this article out (print it out) and put it in a prominent place where you will see it at least once a day. I'll tell you why in a moment.

Our first meeting takes place on October 7th at 6:00 PM at St. Mark's in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. There we will have introductions and go through our materials – handing out books/binders and folders I have had put together for the confirmands.

We will walk through our schedule; discuss expectations and projects for the 20-21 year. And I will answer your questions to the best of my ability. If I don't have an answer then and there, I will get one for you. Confirmation is an important part of our youth's spiritual development. It is a continuation of the spiritual education and maturity learned from early childhood into young adulthood from our Sunday school classes and Sunday morning worship services. At the end of confirmation classes each confirmand will need to make a decision to join the church as a confirmed youth. It is my task (one I welcome wholeheartedly) to ready our confirmands so their decision is based on a solid foundation and is an informed decision.

I expect confirmation classes to meet in-person this year; however, as you know “things can change!” If we need to move to an online confirmation, we can do so with a few modifications of the calendar and overall expectations.

This year we will have mentors for each confirmand. Last year's mentor program went so well, we are building upon that success and lessons learned to create a meaningful year for the confirmands. We will use two primary resources in confirmation: *My Confirmation* (UCC Guide through confirmation) and *Get Acquainted With Your Bible*. There will be a mentor guide for the mentor(s) and a separate journal for the confirmand for their time together.

I am proud to introduce you to this year's confirmands at this time:

Rebecca Miota.
Grace Schultz.

Brianna Miota.
Owen Bramstedt.

Luke Grunwald.
Emma Russart.

I asked you ~ church members and friends ~ to cut out or print out this article. Here's why. I want you to be in prayer for each of these confirmands every day. My confirmation classes are fun, exciting (at times), and filled with opportunities to learn, projects to complete, and chances to in mission and ministry (in church and in our community). But my confirmation classes are not necessarily easy.

Parents: each student will need to work hard. You will at times need to work alongside your son or daughter(s) to help them. Each mentor(s) is giving their time and sharing their own faith journey with your children to help this be memorable, meaningful, and a time of spiritual growth and maturity.

At our first meeting on October 7th I will have a “Big Reveal” introducing our mentors and sharing which mentor(s) is partnered with which confirmand. I will share that information so all of our church can be in prayer for the mentors as well.



When: October 7, 6:00PM
What: Confirmation Class begins
Who: Confirmands, parents & mentors
Why: Kicking off our confirmation year together!
Where: St. Mark's UCC ~ Fellowship Hall (downstairs)
How: In-Person.

Any questions please contact Pastor Patrick via email (schultzpw@gmail.com) or telephone (908-693-8361).



St. James Sunday School Update

Due to the recent increase in the local school and community COVID confirmed cases and quarantines; the St. James Sunday School teachers have decided to keep its kids safe at home for the month of October. This decision was made after extensive discussion, thought, and prayer. We are instead preparing and forwarding materials to each student through the mail. Please enjoy these lessons with your family.

Each month will come up for review as the health concerns continue to fluctuate. We will keep you informed as the weeks move along. We are hoping and praying to be able to greet our students back into their classrooms in November!

Thank you!
St. James Sunday School Teachers

GIVING IS EASIER THAN EVER

St. James Members!

Don't forget about the online giving! It's easy, convenient and safe. Just go to our website and click on the give option, Give Now button and follow the directions! To date we have already received over \$700 through online.

Your envelope contributions are also in that software so you can see your year-to-date contributions at any time. You can also get the mobile app for your phone (tithe.ly). It's easy and convenient especially for individuals that live out of the area or have conflicting schedules with our in-person worship. Just another tool for your giving!

Val Spindler, Treasurer



ST JAMES MISSION FEST!

DATE: Sunday, Oct. 18th (no church a St Mark's that day)

TIME: 10:00am

SPEAKER: Lisa Stephan, Executive Director, from SCIO-Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization

****No dinner this year due to the COVID restrictions.**

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETING

September 10, 2020

6:30pm

The meeting was called to order by President Clarence Belitz. No additions or corrections were needed for the agenda. Members present were David Lorfeld – Vice-President, Val Spindler – Treasurer, Deb La Duke – Secretary, Tom Kleinhans, Michelle Mauk, and Pastor Patrick Schultz. Pastor led the group in prayer. Motion to approve the Secretary's Report was made by David and seconded by Michelle. Motion carried. Tom made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Deb seconded and motion carried.

Pastor's Report

A new topic to the agenda is Pastor's Report. He is busy with numerous celebrations including the Oct. 17 -Cheyenne Mueller and Ben Behnke wedding, the Oct. 18 baptism for Poppy Binversie, the Oct. 18 Mission Fest speaker, another baptism, and calls to those recuperating continue. We continue to look to add AV equipment but have limitations due to financial support. Congregational meetings and votes are needed.

Building and Grounds

The Consistory reviewed the timeline of events for property maintenance. David will be taking care of wasps' nests on the property. The Consistory discussed two quotes for maintenance on the parking lot. This project is tabled. Clarence has been working with the agency to get an updated elevator inspection.

Old Business

Christian Board of Education met and outlined their yearly calendar. They established Covid protocols and educational options should the situation change. Teachers are always welcomed. Please call Sandy Beiersdorf if interested.

The Consistory continues to review cleaning plans and supplies necessary for upcoming events. We are working in tandem with Randy and Cindy Sohn to ensure we meet necessary protocols. Pastor has collected resources for the evaluation process for church. He is looking to build a committee of one Consistory member and three church members from each church.

New Business

Michelle proposed an opportunity for church to 'Adopt a Highway.' There is a section near church that may be available. She will continue to gather information and lead the efforts. Thank you Michelle! We reviewed the process for returning to church on September 13th. Joanne Fessler has worked with Keith Binversie to make a communion/memorial table in honor of her mother, Marie. Clarence will be contacting the Korean Methodist congregation on starting their own church services. Pastor and Deb will work together to keep the Records book updated. Tom Kleinhans is in charge of ushering for September.

Next Meeting Date: October 12 – 6:30

Motion to adjourn made by Tom and seconded by Val. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb La Duke – Consistory Secretary

With
Sympathy



Our heartfelt sympathy to Ruth Ann & Charles Kolb on the passing of Ruth Ann's brother, Walter "Wally" Siemers, on September 3rd.

Our hearts also go out Noreen & Pat Flook on the passing of Noreen's brother, Daniel Lindow, on September 4th.

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING

September 3, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm. Members present: Pastor, Bruce Mansker, Tara Vandoske, Dave Call, Judy Steinbeck, Jacob Grunwald, and Lori Roelse. Pastor led the group in prayer.

The Secretary's and Financial Secretary's reports were reviewed and accepted.

Buildings and Grounds

- The elevator license is being renewed.
- Spectrum will take care of burying the cable line within 10 business days.

Old Business

- The secretary's computer will be replaced soon.
- Dave is checking on the finishing of the south side doors.

New Business

- Pastor shared the communication he will be sending to confirmation families.
- Plans for reopening details for September 13 were discussed. Consistory will meet at church at 9:45 to make sure all preparations are in place. Services will continue to be made of the services and posted on YouTube.

Closing off every other pew--Louise

Hand sanitizer will be provided--Tara and Dave

Masks will be available.

Signs will be posted with reminders of safety precautions.

A record of attendance will be kept for each service.

North and southwest doors will be locked. Everyone should use the main entrance.

Dave will greet people as they enter.

Offering will be taken as people exit the sanctuary.

- Sunday School will be in person, starting in late September.

Next Consistory Meeting

6:30, Thursday, October 8 at St. Mark's.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Roelse, Consistory Secretary

St Mark's Financial News – OCWM

St Mark's has traditionally held a Mission Fest dinner as a fundraiser in meeting our OCWM goal. Since we are unable to sponsor the dinner this year, I am putting out a plea to members to consider making additional donations to satisfy our goal. At this time, we are approximately \$3,900.00 away from our goal which is not unusual for this time of year. I will keep you updated of our progress in future newsletters. Thank you in advance for meeting our commitment to this very important mission project.

Judy Steinbeck, St Mark's Financial Secretary

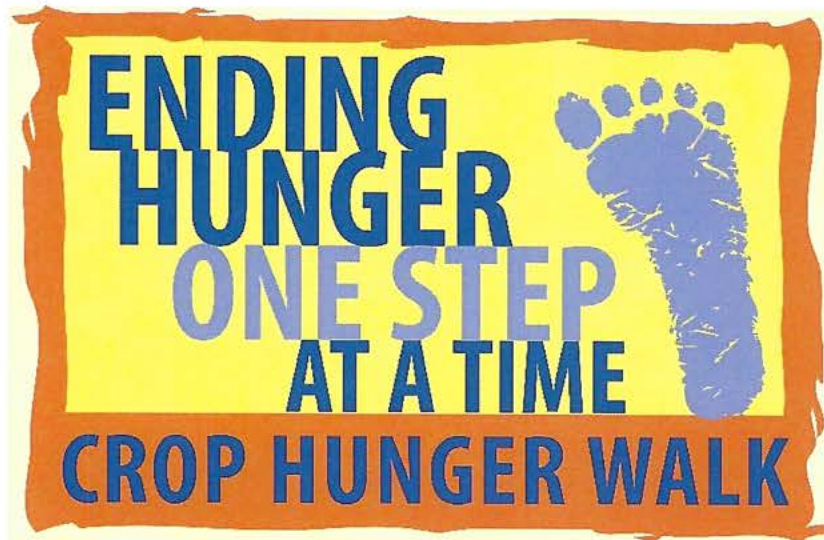


St James!

Crop Walk 2020 to be held on Oct 11. Starting at 12:30p.m. at Howards Grove Memorial Park. Walker may sign up with Doris Sprenger at St. James. Donations of cash, check or on-line will be accepted until the day of the walk. If a check is used please make it to CWS/CROP. Social distancing will be put in place.

Thank you!

Doris Sprenger, Rural Church Fellowship Representative



St Mark's!

In spite of so many things being cancelled due to COVID-19, the Crop Walk will still occur; however, it may be a little different than past years. The walk is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 11. Please check out the display table at the entrance to the church at St Mark's. Sign up information is available as well as a donor list. Donations are greatly appreciated. Anyone interested in walking can meet at the park in Howards Grove as normal or can walk on their own at any location as I plan to do. There will be no sign in and sign out this year. Just make sure your donations are turned in to Judy Steinbeck or Carol Weiland by October 11. Thank you for your support during this difficult time.

ST JAMES OCT. CELEBRATIONS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

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



ST. JAMES' VISION OF HOPE FUND

"Application for Funding" forms are available in the narthex or from Vision of Hope Committee members. We welcome specific requests as well as your suggestions for using our semiannual gifts from the Wagner Foundation.

The next Vision of Hope Committee meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 5, at St. James.

STUDENTS! Use the "Application for Funding" form for tuition help (currently \$1,000) each year.

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

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 HOSPITALITY —
Is postponed until further
notice.**

ST MARK'S OCT. CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

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



ST. JAMES

THE CONSISTORY MEMBERS WILL BE USHERING IN OCTOBER.

TENTATIVE NOVEMBER USHERS

A Consistory Member will contact the Chairperson prior to the Nov. 1st service regarding: ushering for the month. The chairperson will then notify the other ushers.

Chairpersons:

*Keith & Michelle Mauk

Brian & Wendy Henschel
Galen & Deb LaDuke
Sue Kracht
Doug Luebke
William Luebke
Brad Mauk

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.

ATTENTION:

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



CHURCH ATTENDANCE

St James ---Date---St. Mark's

33 9/13/2020 44

33 9/20/2020 31

39 9/27/2020 38



St Mark's & St. James

We want to thank our church families for all your continued prayers throughout my brother Dan's illness.

Since his death we have received so many cards and expressions of sympathy. They have touched our hearts.

THANK YOU!

Noreen & Pat Flook

ST. MARK'S

THE CONSISTORY MEMBERS WILL BE USHERING IN OCTOBER.

THERE WILL BE NO CANDLELIGHTERS IN OCTOBER.

TENTATIVE NOVEMBER USHERS

A Consistory Member will contact the Chairperson prior to the Nov. 1st service regarding: ushering for the month. The chairperson will then notify the other ushers.

Chairperson:

*Dave Grunwald

Bradley Grunwald
Faith Grunwald
Brian Karstedt

TENTATIVE NOVEMBER CANDLELIGHTERS

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




Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization

October 2020

We re blessed that Pastor Patrick is an active member of **SCIO-Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization**. SCIO is a spiritually based **organization** of faith communities in **Sheboygan County**. The shared values of the group bring the faith communities together to educate and advocate for social justice, dignity, and to improve the quality of life for all people. This monthly update will let you know what has been going on with SCIO and will tell of needs they have in case you feel it in your heart to help. Lisa Stephan, Executive Director of SCIO, is going to be our Mission Fest Speaker this year at *both* churches!

The last summer farmers market is October 31st! We will continue to offer the Double Your Bucks Program, sponsored by St. Nicholas Hospital, every market day throughout the month. Stay tuned for more information about our winter pop-up market, starting in November!



 **SCIO could use the following items:** Disinfecting wipes, Multi-purpose printer paper, Paper towels and Napkins. We have also launched our Coming Together for Change campaign, <https://www.sheboygancountyinterfaith.org/coming-together-for-change/>. Please consider a modest monthly donation to help SCIO. Thank you for your continued support!

Bridgeway & Beyond Update: Room 1, 4, 5- This mom of 4 recently secured full time employment as well as a casual/part time job. Due to COVID this mother struggled with finding sustainable income to support her large family (she receives no child support). Securing both jobs has been a true blessing! She and her children have participated in weekly counseling since coming into the Bridgeway program a year ago. The trauma they experienced was tremendous so living in a supportive environment has been truly beneficial. Mom and kiddos really appreciate the love and support they receive in the Bridgeway program and are so grateful for the extra assistance they have been given during the hardest times of their lives.

Room 6-This mom of 1 recently completed an Intensive Outpatient Group for substance abuse. It was a struggle for this mom to leave an abusive relationship, however once she did, she hasn't looked back. She and her daughter have grown leaps and bounds since entering the Bridgeway program! Her 2 year old daughter came into Bridgeway not walking or showing any emotion due to the extent of trauma she experienced in her young life. Within 2 months she began walking and even saying a few words. She is now such a happy little girl who is truly thriving! She even loves to give hugs! Mom is connected to the W2 program, attends weekly counseling, has a sponsor and attends AA meetings. She is determined to make a better life for herself and her daughter.

Trisha's house- This mom of 3 continues to work at a local factory. She also started her own business this summer selling macarons! "Stephanie's Sugar Fix" has been an amazing hit in the community! In fact, it's gotten so popular she has a hard time keeping up with the dozens of orders she receives each week!!! At \$20 per dozen, she is able to do what she loves AND put money away in savings! She is so grateful and feels so blessed to be able to live the life she once dreamed of!

Outreach/Aftercare- Our Case Manager has been really busy these last few months assisting approximately 30 families in outreach and aftercare.

