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GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME!

**Sept. 6th Recorded
Communion Service/
Worship Online/You Tube**

**IN-PERSON SERVICES RESUME SEPT. 13th.
FOLLOW GUIDELINES ON THE LEFT SIDE
OF THIS PAGE. EVERY SERVICE WILL BE
RECORDED & POSTED ON YOUTUBE.**

**Sept. 13th BUILDING FUND SUNDAY-
BOTH CHURCHES**
St. James: 9:00am Worship
St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship

Sept. 20th St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship
St. James: 10:30am Worship

Sept. 27th St. James: 9:00am Worship
St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship

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.

Exit church after the service is concluded. Thank you!

Lift Up Your Voices
Just not at this time

Dear Friends and Church Family,

Confirmation will soon be starting for our 20-21 year. There are two books I will be teaching from: My Confirmation: Revised and Updated. This is a UCC guide for confirmation instruction and covers a wide range of topics. The second book is: Get Acquainted With Your Bible by Gary L. Ball-Kilbourne. This book introduces us to the Bible, how it was canonized, highlights the major happenings of our religious past, and familiarizes us with the sections, book names, significance of each...



Last year's confirmands and mentors was such a positive that I'll be doing mentors again this year, although the mentor guide is different this year. The material the mentor and confirmand will be using is a single book (mentor) and a journal (confirmand) entitled Making Disciples. If you would be interested in being a mentor this year contact Pastor Patrick as soon as possible for more information.

8th grade parents, whose kiddos will be in confirmation this year, contact Pastor Patrick (schultzpw@gmail.com or 608-352-9544) or Karen Mansker (stmucc@gmail.com or 920-693-8361) to confirm they will be attending confirmation.

While I expect to have in-person confirmation classes, we will be prepared to shift to Zoom meetings if necessary. We did conclude last year's 2nd half using Zoom and while not ideal, it does work.

Pastor Patrick

St. James Choir:

Greetings from your director. I would love to start rehearsals but, I have not been given the all clear that we could sing in church. We will be sending an email when we get the okay to begin singing in church. New members should email me at rsohn@wi.rr.com.

Your director,

Cindy Sohn



ST. JAMES

THE CONSISTORY MEMBERS WILL BE USHERING IN SEPTEMBER.

TENTATIVE OCTOBER USHERS

A Consistory Member will contact the Chairperson prior to the Oct.4th service re: ushering for the month. The chairperson will then notify the other ushers.

Chairperson:

- *Jeff & Wendy Meyer
- Jim & Karen Becker
- Marissa Fitzgerald
- Amanda Henschel
- Morgan Henschel
- Randy & Karen Krause
- Chelsea Langenhahn
- Henry & Kari Langenhahn, Jr.
- Jonathan Meyer



ATTENTION:

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



All church communications that are sent out 'in bulk' are being sent via Mail Chimp.

Notice that there is an option to subscribe/unsubscribe on each message. This means you are able to forward the email (newsletter/Sunday Morning message, etc.) to someone else and they can subscribe on their own.

It also means that you have the option of 'unsubscribing' if you no longer want to receive church communications.

Be aware that right now Mail Chimp is set up such that if you unsubscribe, you are unsubscribed to everything and will NOT receive any further church communications.

If you accidentally unsubscribe, send me a message and I can add you to the list again. I will only re-add you by your request.

ST. MARK'S

THE CONSISTORY MEMBERS WILL BE USHERING IN SEPTEMBER.

THERE WILL BE NO CANDLELIGHTERS IN SEPTEMBER.

TENTATIVE OCTOBER USHERS

A Consistory Member will contact the Chairperson prior to the Oct.4th service re: ushering for the month. The chairperson will then notify the other ushers.

Chairperson:

- *Sandy Perronne
- Mark Jurk
- Emma Perronne
- Jay Sommer

TENTATIVE OCTOBER CANDLELIGHTERS

- 4 - Bryce Schnelle, Colten Sommer
- 11 - Sierra Bramstedt, Owen Bramstedt
- 18 - Mason Scharl, Luke Grunwald
- 25 - Colten Scharl, Grace Schultz

ST JAMES SEPT. CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Alyssa Grotegut
Clarence Belitz
Brett Spindler
- 2 Elreta Quast
- 6 Jamey Binversie
Cindy Sohn
- 8 Linda Lorfeld
- 9 Colton Marcoe
- 10 Cole Binversie
- 11 Mike Spindler
Mark Spindler
- 12 Dawson Luckow
Douglas Luebke
Randy Sohn
- 17 Katie Sohn
- 20 Rachael Krause
Sherry Jump
- 22 Ruby Jump
Austin Riesterer
- 24 Michelle Luckow
Jon Luckow
Geraldine Scheffler
- 26 Daniel Sohn
- 27 Sandra Kracht-Jones
- 29 Andrea Spindler

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Tom & Nancy Nye
- 4 Ryan & Linda Lutzke
- 5 Al & Judy Wippermann
- 6 Tim & Noel Wippermann
- 8 Dale & Christine Krause
- 15 Amy & Karl Christianson
- 18 Brian & Wendy Henschel
- 23 Roger & Colleen
Lauersdorf
- 24 Mark & Gretchen Spindler
- 28 Jon & Diane Luckow



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.

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 SEPT. CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Thad Athorp
- 6 David Call
- 9 Richard Sixel, Jr.
- 11 Barbara Pragalz
- 15 Alexa Rae Dexter
- 19 Chase Heling
- 20 Ryan Athorp
Alyssa Hess
Abbey Sheldon
- 22 Betty Kellner
Payton Schnelle
- 24 Claire Clemens
- 26 Richard Binversie
- 27 Eion Heling
- 30 Olivia Bramstedt

ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Wayne & Ann Grunwald
- 10 Scott & Tammy Dexter
- 26 Steve & Jenny Schnelle
- 28 Jay & Dawn Schnelle
Dave & Jan Strynick
- 30 Jason & Anna Marie
Bramstedt

Give
thanks
to the
LORD
for He is good
His love endures
forever

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETING

August 6, 2020 – 6:30

The meeting was called to order by President Clarence Belitz. Members present were David Lorfeld - Vice-President, Val Spindler - Treasurer, Deb La Duke - Secretary, Tom Kleinhans, Michelle Mauk, and Pastor Patrick Schultz. The agenda was approved without additions or corrections. Pastor led us in opening prayer. Motion to approve the July Secretary's Report as printed was given by David and seconded by Tom. Motion carried. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed was made by Deb and seconded by David. Motion carried. It is noted that St. James has expenses to meet and without weekly gatherings, our balance is down. Thank you to those members who regularly hand or mail in their contributions. They are greatly appreciated!

Building and Grounds: The Consistory is attaining bids to fill cracks in and asphalt parking lot and possibly seal. We are so thankful to David and Linda Lorfeld for taking care of our building and grounds. This past month they worked on killing and removing the weeds in the parking lot, removing the wasps' nests under the canopy, power spraying the siding to remove webs and dirt, and painting the Town Meeme sign. Church looks great!

Old Business:

The Vision of Hope Committee met on July 6th. They voted to approve twelve applications for funding and forwarded them to the Consistory. Deb made a motion to accept the Vision of Hope's recommendations and Val seconded. Motion carried. Stewardship Committee - No meeting

Christian Board of Education held a joint meeting with St. Mark's on August 13 at St. Mark's. The goal was to draft a plan for return to classes. Tentatively, they will begin on September 20th. Plans were established for materials, teachers, and protocols for Covid-19. Parents will be receiving a survey with regard to their learning preferences for their children. It is understood that plans may need to change due to recommendations from community leaders.

Service Committee - No meeting

Evaluation process for church - Pastor has a list of potential members he would like to contact when forming this committee. Timeline to be determined.

Returning to church during Covid - While St. James and St. Mark's have been trying to move forward in their worship services, most other locals churches are still only offering online access. We will continue to review and adjust if needed.

Setting up for Wi-Fi and Internet - Val checked on pricing for TDS. Since we are not in need of this service currently, installation is tabled.

Joanne Fessler is working with Kevin Binversie from School Hill to build a communion table as a memorial to her mother, Marie.

Korean Methodist congregation will be notified when church is available to hold services.

New Business:

The Consistory is in need of a replacement for Colleen Lauersdorf as she and her husband Roger have decided to leave St. James. We are very thankful to her for sharing her talents with us and for all of her help. We wish them the absolute best in their faith journey. If you have the opportunity to support St. James by serving the remainder of this term (ending January 2022) please contact Pastor or a consistory member. We would love to have your help!

Professional Supply has been contacted and an order for automatic soap dispensers for bathrooms and soap is placed.

Tractor Sunday - A member inquired about having a Tractor Sunday this year. The first one was held in 2013. The second was held in 2018. We are looking forward to hosting another in the future.

Recording Sunday morning services - I you are planning on attending in-person worship and would possibly consider monitoring the video camera, please contact Pastor or a consistory member.

The Consistory began discussions on a sub plan if Patrick is not able to present Sunday morning service. A list of supply pastors is available but church members may be asked to help facilitate the service if needed.

Henry William Lutze was baptized in a private family service at St. James. Congratulations Lutze family!

Pastor Patrick continues to be busy with private baptisms, weddings, and funerals. A "Pastor's Report" heading will be added to the agenda

Hospitalized and/or recuperating - With strict Covid-19 restrictions, no one is allowed to enter facilities. Pastor continues to call members each month.

Mission Fest - The Executive Director for Sheboygan Co. Interfaith is available to be the speaker for Mission Fest Sunday provided we have an in-person service. Discussion followed about serving a meal as has been past practice. Consistory felt it not safe to do so at this time. Motion to postpone the Mission Fest meal was made by Michelle and seconded by David. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 10th, 6:30

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

Respectfully submitted,
Deb La Duke - Secretary

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING

July 7, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm. Members present: Pastor, Bruce Mansker, Tara Vandoske, Dave Call, Judy Steinbeck, Louise Jetzer, 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

- Bruce is working on the renewal of the elevator license.
- Bruce will follow up with Spectrum about a cable line needing to be buried.
- The parsonage dryer is making noises. Bitter Neumann will be contacted.
- The fire extinguisher inspection has been completed.

Old Business

- The secretary's computer will be replaced soon.
- Sanctuary Handicap Accessibility: A preliminary sketch exists, but greater development will need to be done to create a plan to present to the congregation.
- The south side doors will be painted next week.
- Crown Painting will look at the trim, but it won't be until next year.
- Jerry Jetzer made wooden signs to hang outside to denote office locations.

New Business

- Two weddings are coming up in the next few weeks.
- Preliminary plans for reopening details were discussed.
- For Mission Fest, a mission speaker will deliver a message, but the dinner will NOT be taking place this year. The director of Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization will be our speaker. Pastor will check with her about her availability for Nov. 8. Pastor will also ask her about supply donations which we could collect for Bridgeway House.
- The possibility for new/better equipment for recording will be explored.
- Pastor will be meeting with the Sunday School teachers on August 13.

Next Consistory Meeting

6:30, Thursday, September 3 at St. Mark's.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Roelse, Consistory Secretary

REMINDER:

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

Your Church Consistory Members would be your contact in any nonemergency situation.

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.



Our churches provide copies of The Upper Room, a bimonthly magazine, for anyone who wants to take one. They are usually available in the narthex of each church. Of course, with the church not open now, there is no access to this devotional.

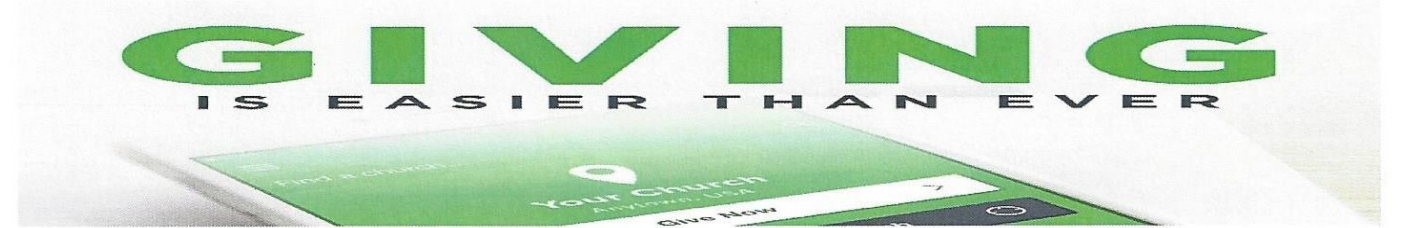
The publishers of The Upper Room recognize this situation & have generously provided FREE downloads of the magazine by clicking on the link below (I'm not sure how long they'll continue to offer this free opportunity):

https://www.upperroom.org/special-editions?fbclid=IwAR1eS8JMmzvpajzdng9qZfQYU-mLXj6idxjj5Ptx2GZj_LlwL7wm-VT8geM

If you know of anyone who does not have the Internet, usually picks this magazine up at church to read, and would like a copy mailed to them, notify Karen at :

karenchurchsec@gmail.com

From St. James Treasurer...



St. James Members!

We're excited to share that we've added additional ways for you to send in offerings to St. James Church. In addition to our traditional ways of giving by sending checks or weekly offerings, we are launching an online and mobile app giving opportunity through Tithe.ly, a **safe, secure**, and easy to use giving platform that allows you to give one-time or recurring gifts! This will allow you to give at any time and from anywhere. If you have questions, please call Pastor (920-693-8361) or Val (920-901-3161).

You can get started by using one of the below options:

1. Website Giving:

1. Go to the St James/St Mark's Website <https://www.stmstjucc.org/>
2. Click on *Give* in the top menu
3. Scroll down and click on the blue "Give Now" button. (There is also important information to read about giving on this page.)
4. Fill in the blanks with the amount, which fund you want to give to, and your account information. Just to assure you, the church does not get your account information, only your name and amount so we can give you credit for your generous contribution.
5. You can also set up your own personal log-in by checking the "Remember me" box and setting up a password protected account. By doing this, you will not need to reenter your information each time you wish to give. This will also track your giving and you can check it anytime. You can also receive annual giving statements.
6. You can make a one-time contribution or setup recurring contributions.
7. You will get an email confirming your contribution.
8. Of course, nothing is free, so there is a fee for the convenience and security of using this app. You can either choose to pay the fee which will increase your contribution by the amount of the fee, or you can have the fee taken out of your total contribution, at which time the church would receive less. In either case, you will receive credit for the total amount as a contribution. The fees are 2.9% of the transaction + thirty cents for debit and credit card transactions and 3.5% of the transaction + thirty cents for ACH transactions (these are when it is taken directly from your bank account)

2. Tithe.ly Mobile Giving App:

Download the *Tithe.ly App* from the [App Store](#) (iPhone) or [Google Play Store](#) (Android). Choose the finance app (the first one). Once you've downloaded the app, select *St. James United Church of Christ, Newton* and follow the same steps as above.

- Since this is your first time giving with [Tithe.ly](#) you will be prompted to create an account that you can use for all future gifts.
- The first time you will also need to add your credit/debit card or ACH/banking info.
- Once your account has been created you won't need to enter your personal or payment information. Just enter your PIN and give!
- A reminder--you are able to set your gift up as recurring.



Habitat Needs Volunteers

Below is a list of current Home Repair/Warranty projects within the city of Sheboygan that we need volunteers for. You do not have to be able to sign up for all days of the projects that last more than one day. We are following safety guidelines and do require wearing facemasks.

Program

Home Repair #15

Task/Overview

Siding on garage, strip of siding on house needs replacing, scrape and paint garage soffit/fascia.

Volunteers Needed and Timeframe

3 volunteers needed, 8:30am-3:30pm, for two days. Complete project by first week of September.

Program

Warranty Work

Task/Overview

Address front porch sinking, address back porch issues, attach siding on back of house.

Volunteers Needed and Timeframe

3 volunteers needed, 8:30am-3:30pm, for multiple days. Complete project by mid-September.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Lee Anne Raleigh



Volunteer & Community Engagement Manager

Habitat for Humanity Lakeside



p: 920-458-3399 ext. 301 (Office)

e: lraleigh@habitatlakeside.com



Thank you David and Linda Lorfeld for your attention to detail. We appreciate your help taking care of the resident wasps, quack grass, irt and mold on the church, and Town Meeme notice board.

Great job!

INTRODUCING HENRY WILLIAM LUTZE, baptized August 1st, 2020 at St. James.

Henry is the son of Matthew and Amber Lutze, sister of Clara Ann
His Godparents are Andrew Maile & Courtney Maurer.

Welcome
To the **WORLD**
Little One



Happy Forever!



*Congratulations
to
Abbey Perronne
&
Brett Sheldon
who were
married
on August 22nd.*