

The Country Church Herald

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NEWSLETTER | SEPTEMBER, 2021

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The rite of Confirmation is a special and important ceremony in the spiritual lives of our boys and girls - soon to be young men and women. Each confirmand makes an intentional commitment to allow the teachings and values of our faith to shape the rest of their lives. I'm grateful for the parents and grandparents, past ministers and teachers, and for the many people who have loved each of you and modeled the life of Jesus.

Our boys and girls should know and never forget – you are worthy and beloved always!

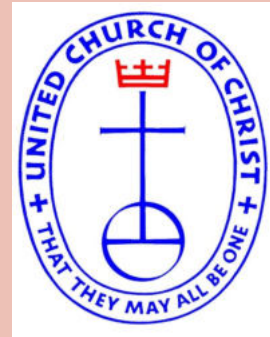
To share some words from our conference Minister, Rev. Franz Rigert: "Young friends, my prayer for you is that you might "confirm" these simple baptismal promises: that God loves you forever, that God is always for you and never against you, that with the power of the Holy Spirit you can do amazing things throughout your life, and that you are indeed called (like Jesus) to bring goodness and grace to this world."

Dear parents with 8th graders this year - we will begin Confirmation October 6th. We will meet from 6pm - 7:30pm. We will be at St. James this year, with some exceptions.

I need you as parents to confirm with our office (pun intended!) that your 8th grader will be in confirmation this year. You can call the church office and leave a message (if no one picks up) at: 920-693-8361; or you can email our church office at: stmstjoffice@gmail.com.

If you have any questions please contact Pastor Patrick at schultzpw@gmail.com or via the church telephone number.

God bless our confirmands this year! 



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Cleveland, WI 53015
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PASTOR:

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

**COME JOIN US,
GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME!**

September 5th

Communion at both Churches

St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship

St. James: 10:30am Worship

Sept. 12th – Building Fund Sunday

St. James: 9:00am Worship

St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship

Sept. 19th - Sunday School Teacher Installation/ Blessing; Bible Presentations at St. James

St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship

St. James: **9:15-10:15 First Day of
Sunday School**

10:30am Worship

Blanket Plus Sunday

September 26th

St. James: 9:00am Worship

10-11:00 Sunday School

St. Mark's: **9—10:00 First Day of
Sunday School**

10:30am Worship

Sunday bulletins and links to prayer requests are posted under the "messages" link on our church website:

<https://www.stmstjucc.org/>

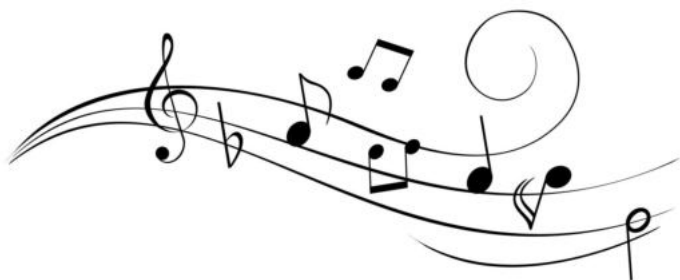
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~2021~

20 children from St. James, St. Mark's and the community joined us for three beautiful days of Vacation Bible School. Our biblical story of the week was Jesus Walking on Water (Matthew 14:28-33). By telling the story several different ways over the three days (puzzle, picture story, video, and Bible reading) the kids learned the story and were able to tell it in their own words.

With the theme being faith and trust (with water mixed in every day) there were fun activities and games including: water balloons, making and sailing boats, walking on water, being caught in a storm as well as climbing in and out of the boat - as Jesus and the disciples.

A special thank you to the leaders (who led the twenty VBSrs) Anna Marie Bramstedt, Tara Vandoske, and Brenda Schultz; their helper for all three days ~ Emily Mueller; our setter uppers who set up each activity for all three days so the leaders only had to focus on leading their groups ~ Lori Roelse, Grace Schultz, Luke (Gus) Grunwald; to those who provided snacks and beverages ~ Mary Ann Vogel, Tammy Serketich, Julie Herrmann, Cindy & Dave Call. And for all of you who provided for the supplies, financial needs, and prayer support of our VBS.

Through the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit VBS was awesome. Thank you God!



St. Mark's is gathering information on choir. If you are interested in singing in the choir this year, contact Kathy Jurk at 920.693.8603

*We'd love to hear your lovely voice :)

SMJ YOUTH



Congratulations to St. Mark's/St. James Youth Volleyball Team for taking first place in the Youth Volleyball Tournament Sunday, August 8th. Special thanks goes to the team coach, Bill Heckmann & assistant coach, Thomas Heckmann.

Team Members : Courtney Binversie, Emily Binversie, Olivia Bramstedt, Sierra Bramstedt, Caroline Heckmann, Jack Heckmann, Brianna Miota, Rebecca Miota, Madisan Langenhahn, Austin Riesterer, Briana Riesterer, Emma Russart, Grace Schultz, Allyson Wasmer

Calling all High School Youth...

Beginning September 19th at St. James, I would like to begin leading a twice monthly evening gathering of our high school youth in both churches. On the first(St. Mark's) and third(St. James) Sundays of each month, high school youth would gather together for a meal, games, and discussion time for about an hour and a half total. We could meet from 5:30-7:00, or 5:00-6:30. Please RSVP if you intend to be a part of this first gathering so that I will make sure to have enough food for all! And, in your email to me, please state your time frame preference from the two listed above. (schultzbrenda@gmail.com).

It is my hope that we can begin to form a cohesive unit of youth to culminate in a mission trip next summer through the organization Next Steps Ministries (www.nextstepministries.com), a Madison, WI based mission organization. I would also love for us to be able to indulge in a fun field trip, Christian music concert, local service opportunity, etc. Please contact me if you are interested, or if you have any questions. Thank you!

Blessings to all,

Brenda Schultz

Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization



Bulletin Bites

September 2021

- ◆ Bridgeway could use the following items: Paper plates (no styrofoam, please), 3x3 sticky notes, paper towels, toilet paper, napkins.
- ◆ The Farmers Market is still looking for a part-time employee to help with the three weekly markets. The market was established in 1989 and is held in Sheboygan on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8:00am - 1:00pm and Plymouth on Thursdays from 12:00pm - 5:00pm. SCIO is seeking a qualified, motivated part-time employee to work closely with the farmers market coordinator to assist with day-to-day operations and market promotion. Please contact Lisa@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org for more information.
- ◆ Casino Night is back! October 2nd at the Elks Lodge. We are looking for event sponsors and prize donations - please contact jodi@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org or call 457.7272 extension 114 if you can help us out!



St. James Sunday School News

September 19th is our first day of our 2021-2022 ST. JAMES Sunday School year! We will be meeting at our early time of 9:15 to 10:15. Bible presentation for 3rd graders and teachers installation and blessing will follow during church service. Registration information will be sent in the U.S. mail in the coming weeks.

For future reference, the first & third weeks of the month (when there's early church) Sunday School will meet from 10:00 to 11:00. The second, fourth, & fifth weeks (when there's late church) Sunday School will meet from 9:15 to 10:15.

Any questions may be directed to Sandy Beiersdorf at 920-693-8000 or sandrabeiersdor@gmail.com

St. Mark's Sunday School News

ST. MARK'S new Sunday School year is fast approaching. Teacher installation & blessing will occur during the 9:00 church service on Sunday, September 19th, and our first Sunday School time together will be Sunday, September 26th from 9am to 10am. Masks are optional.

Reminder that every week Sunday School is from 9am- 10.

Middle School Sunday School at St. Mark's UCC

Happy Fall everyone! I'm excited to begin a new year teaching middle school Sunday School utilizing the "Bible-in-Life" curriculum through David C Cook publishing. Our Fall units are: The God Who Created Us, The God Who Corrects Us, and The God Who Calls Us. As an added resource, we will be using Real Life Downloaded, www.reallifedownloaded.com.

It is my hope that we can gather together a couple of times outside of Sunday School, too.....movie night, or service opportunity, or perhaps a field trip of some sort :) Please let me know if you have any questions. You can contact me at: schultzbrenda@gmail.com Blessings to all of you:)

Brenda Schultz

Building Fund Sunday, September 12

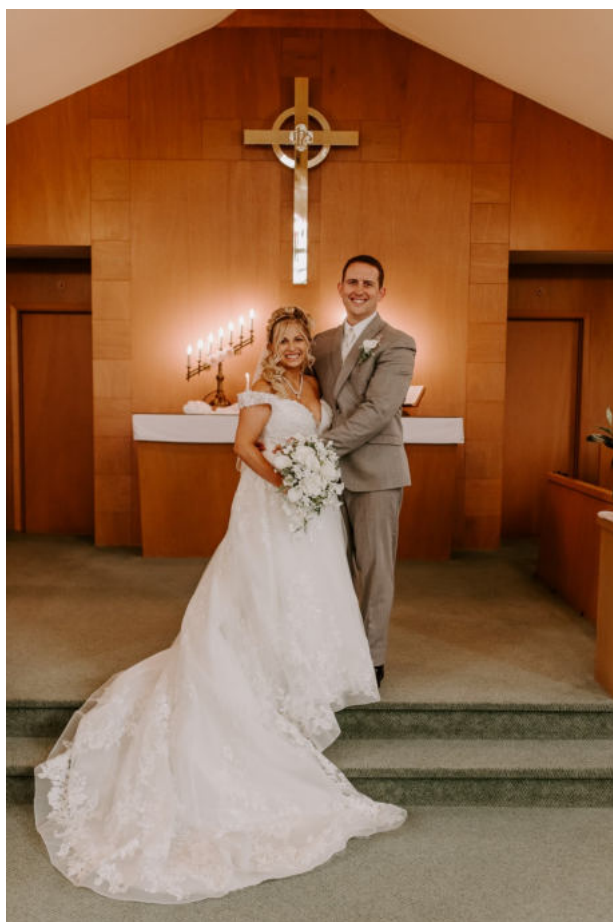
Building Fund Sunday will occur at both churches on Sunday, September 12.

St Mark's has nearly reached the goal for the bell tower project. Thank you to those who donate funds for this project! The parsonage renovation loan payments continue to be a burden on the building fund. A few small maintenance projects have been suggested to the consistory. We ask that you consider these projects when planning for your building fund donations. As always, both churches are blessed with members who care and contribute to these causes.

God bless all of you.

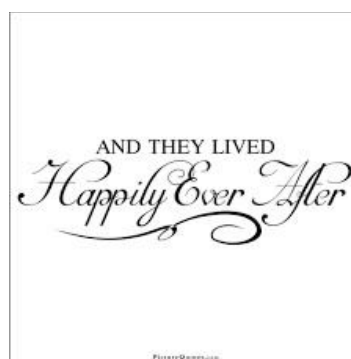
Judy Steinbeck, St. Mark's Financial Secretary





We celebrate the wedding of
Abigail Wasmer & Andrew Peterson
on August 7, 2021 at St. James UCC.

Congratulations!

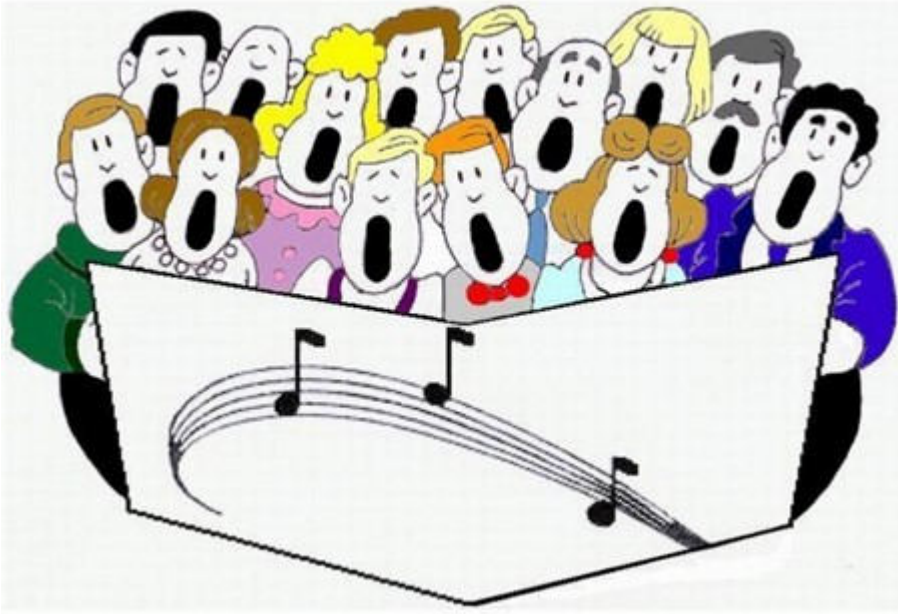


Do you recognize this guy? Officer Mathew Lutze recently joined the Two Rivers Police Department. Congratulations and welcome back to the area, Matthew!

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Amanda Wasmer who graduated from Howards Grove High School. Amanda is attending UWGB this fall.



St. James Adult Choir
will begin rehearsals for
2021-2022
on Tuesday, Sept. 14th
at 6:30p.m.

New members are
always welcome!

Faith in the Fall

Bring your friends and family and please join us for an entertaining and spirit filled day!

Sunday, September 19, 2021
10:00am - 2:00pm
Free Admission
Our Shepherd UCC - 710 Ethan Allen Drive, Howards Grove
For more information visit www.ourshepherducc.com

Music Schedule:

10:00 Worship Service with
BELLA MUSIK
www.bellamusik.com

11:00 **PRAISEWORTHY**
from Our Shepherd UCC

11:45 **THE STILL SPEAKING BAND**
From Ebenezer UCC

1:00 **VOX**
from Sheboygan, WI

Canned goods for the Sheboygan County Food Bank are welcome and proceeds from the 50/50 raffle will be donated to the Sheboygan County Food Bank.

**Bring Lawn Chairs
Rain or Shine**

Music
Fellowship
Food
Raffles
Children's Tent

The poster features several hand-drawn illustrations of autumn-themed items: various shapes and colors of leaves (orange, yellow, brown) and two ears of corn with husks. These are scattered around the text, particularly on the left side.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Jill Schuette whose funeral was held on August 25th at St. James .

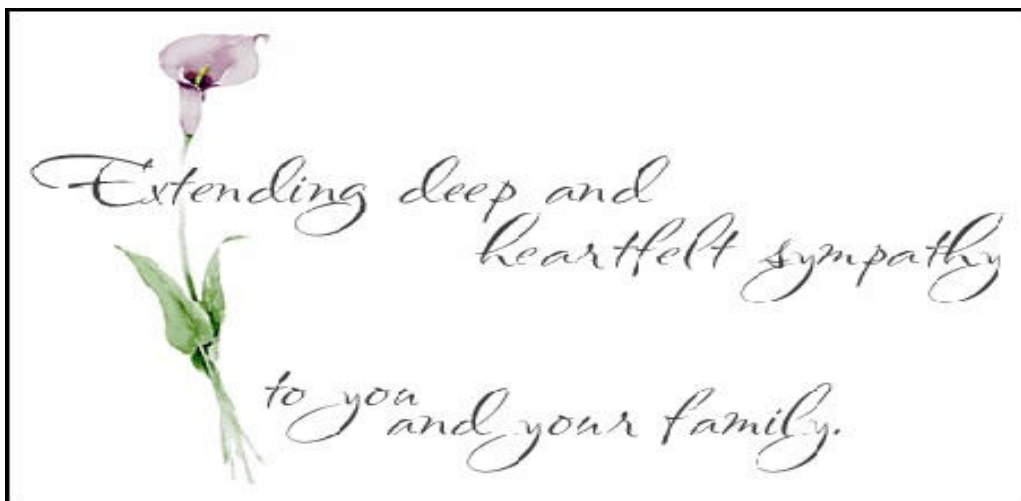
Jill was born on February 6th, 1937, and adopted into the Clarence W. and Lenora Schuette family in 1946. She developed a love for books after seeing the Osman School Library and shared that love with her siblings. She is fondly remembered for taking time to play Piggly Wiggly and Pollyanna with them.

Jill was a hard worker ... working on the family farm, helping with her siblings and the never-ending household chores. When her parents sold off the cows, Jill ventured out on her own. She took a job as a dishwasher at H.C. Prange, where she embraced her newfound life.

She made a lot of good friends ... many of them through work. They were the 'Prange Girls'; a group of about 30 and they would all go out monthly for dinner ...something she always enjoyed. The group dwindled over the years but after she moved to Appleton in 2009 it was still a priority for her to go visit with the remaining 'Prange Girls' twice a year. She said they always had a good time when they were together.

Jill delighted in bus trips (Mt Rushmore, Grand Ole Opry, etc.) with her traveling companion, Ardis Ohlinger. They visited State Parks, spent time in Door County and took in local highlights. She went to Hawaii, Las Vegas, Puerto Vallarta, and Belfast Northern Ireland with family members, as well as visiting her nephew Jamie and family near Atlanta. She spent winter months doing jigsaw puzzles and loved collecting teddy bears.

She loved the outdoors ... and enjoyed any opportunity that presented itself. Her niece Cherilyn and her husband Jeff own a hot air balloon and although she wasn't crazy about heights, she was all about going up for a ride ... three actually. She even traveled around the state for the balloon rallies (Monroe, Wausau, Seymour, etc.). She was introduced to camping (well, glamping) and spent many days walking the campground and adjacent Potawatomi State Park. Her sister Carol decided she liked camping as well and would spend a couple weeks with Jill over the summer months...look-out Door County, especially when Peggy (sister of the heart) joined them...shopping, eating, shopping and all kinds of tomfoolery. She met a lot of great people and made new friends during this time.



Our hearts go out in sympathy to Richard Sixel & family on the passing of his wife, Mary Lou Sixel, on August 4th.

Mary Lou wore many hats throughout her journey as she always found ways to remain active. She found happiness in working and communicating with others. Admitting patients at St. Nicholas Hospital where her gift of gab gave her the ability to make patients feel at ease. Performing clerical duties at Simonsmeier, Weber & Corson, and volunteering her time at Sharon Richardson and Church functions. The hat that gave her the greatest joy in life was that of farming, tending to and milking the cows and harvesting the crops. In fact just this past week they harvested the wheat and she was asking Richard about the weight slips even though they were not even done combining yet!

Throughout her life, Mary Lou loved baking treats not only for her family but for her co-workers as well. Mary Lou and Dickie thoroughly enjoyed going out with many friends, horse drawn wagon train rides, playing sheepshead, dominos, and wintering in Arizona. She also enjoyed a good whiskey with mozzarella sticks.

She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren, especially the popcorn and orange crush parties along with the gator rides. If she wasn't doing that, she was out in her yard planting flowers

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETINGS

August 3, 2021 6:30

- The meeting was called to order by President Clarence Belitz. Members present were David Lorfeld - Vice-President, Wendy Henschel - Treasurer, Deb La Duke - Secretary, Jason Riesterer, Tammy Serketich, Jamey Binversie. Pastor Patrick was on vacation. Clarence led the group in prayer.
- Motion to approve the Secretary's Report as printed made by Wendy and seconded by David. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed made by Tammy and seconded by Jamey. Motion carried. There was investigation into the phone bill. The amount is accurate and we will continue to keep the Wifi.
- The group discussed Chapter 3 of Just Say Yes.
- Building and Grounds:
 - Cleaning of green vinyl flooring - Deb to call Badger Care Floor cleaning again for pricing.
 - Railings for front of church - Deb will call Jason Reimer for estimate.
 - Second spraying for bugs - Deb will call Travis Schnelle from Triumph Pest Solutions for second spraying of bugs.
 - Stained glass window - Clarence checking for wood quality around the stained glass window. The window has been repaired. Ben Luedtke checked the west side of the steeple and caulked the holes. Jason and consultant discovered that the dimmer switch on the candles were causing static. Problem corrected.
- Committee Reports:
 - Vision of Hope - meeting in October
- Old Business
 - The Records Book needs to be updated. Tammy will help.
- New Business:
 - The plan for Aug. 8 and 15th services was discussed while Pastor is on vacation. The Youth Fellowship to host their end-of-year volleyball tournament. They will be selling brats and hamburgers. All are welcome.
 - We are currently planning to move forward with Mission Fest. The Consistory continues to monitor for any shifts needed due to pandemic issues. Sohn's will clean for Mission Fest again this year. The speaker will be Pam Wittkopp for Dogs2Tags.
- Next Meeting Date: September 8, 6:30
- Motion to adjourn made by deb and seconded by Jamey. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Deb La Duke,
St. James Consistory Secretary



St. James Building Fund

September 12th is Building Fund Sunday at St. James. Your donations are always appreciated to help out with building expenses.

Wendy Henschel, Treasurer

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING

August 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by president, Lori Roelse. Members present: Dave Call, Julie Herrmann, Glenn Grunwald, Jacob Grunwald, Louise Jetzer, and Judy Steinbeck. Pastor Schultz was on vacation.

The Secretary's and Financial Secretary's reports were reviewed and accepted by Glenn and seconded by Dave.

Building and Grounds:

The bell tower project is complete.

The pipe over the pastor's office was repaired.

The shower door will be replaced when the pastor and family decide on a style they would like.

Glenn bought supplies to waterproof the tin roof on the airing porch and is waiting for dryer weather to complete.

Outlet in the master bathroom of the parsonage will be done at the same time they install the shower door.

Some of the screens need replacing on the parsonage and will be discussed with the building and grounds committee.

Pastor Karl Kuhn will be filling in for Pastor Schultz while he is on vacation and Lori Roelse will be welcoming him.

Mission Fest-Scheduled for 11/14/21. We will need to find a speaker and decide what food we will have and need a list of workers.

The pews will continue to be partially blocked off, the offering plate will stay in the back of church and greeters will continue to be used instead of ushers due to continuing covid concerns.

Suggestion was brought up to stay on top of the weeds in summer so not so much clean up needs to be done at one time which could be a few people volunteering to pull weeds one to two times a month.

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Herrmann, Consistory Secretary

Bell Ringers:

We are in need of bell ringers for St. Mark's church services! Easy to learn and a paid position.

Please contact Julie Herrmann at jjherrmann12@gmail.com or 920-912-3874 if you are interested or know someone who may be interested. Thank you!



ST. JAMES USHERS

SEPTEMBER

*Keith & Michelle Mauk
Brad Mauk
Brian & Wendy Henschel
Galen & Deb La Duke
Doug Luebke
William Luebke
Myron and Kathleen Hickman
Tim & Noel Wippermann
Lindsay Wippermann

OCTOBER

*Jon & Diane Luckow
Karra Cina
Jamie & Heather Henschel
Richard & Sarah Lutze
Camryn Spindler
Cheyenne Spindler
Mike Spindler
Mary Ann Vogel
Geraldine Scheffler

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.

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 GREETERS

SEPTEMBER

Mike Summers*
Amy Summers
Ben Summers
JoAnn Grant

OCTOBER

Sandy Perronne*
Pat Flook
Noreen Flook
Mark Jurk



Landscaping

If you haven't noticed, I'd like to point out the landscaping around the parsonage. It looks great! Mark and Kathy, David and Cindy, Jane, Mike and Jan. I hope I'm not forgetting anyone - but if I have it's all on me. Take a few moments and look at how they took dilapidated shrubbery and changed it into beautiful bushes, plants and flowers. Thank you for your hard work. You all are awesome!

~Pastor Patrick



ST JAMES SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Alyssa Grotegut
Clarence Belitz
Brett Spindler
- 2 Elreta Quast
- 6 Jamey Binversie
Cindy Sohn
- 9 Colton Marcoe
Parker Sprenger
- 10 Cole Binversie
Tammy Serketich
- 11 Mike 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

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Tom & Nancy Nye
- 5 Al & Judy Wippermann
- 6 Tim & Noel Wippermann
- 8 Dale & Christine Krause
- 15 Amy & Karl Christianson
- 18 Brian & Wendy Henschel
- 28 Jon & Diane Luckow

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.

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).

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Please report any corrections or additions on the birthday and anniversary lists to Karen in the church office: stmstjoffice@gmail.com

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

St. James		St. Mark's
34	August 1st	34
13	August 8th	28
22	August 15th	33
33	August 22nd	45

ST MARK'S SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

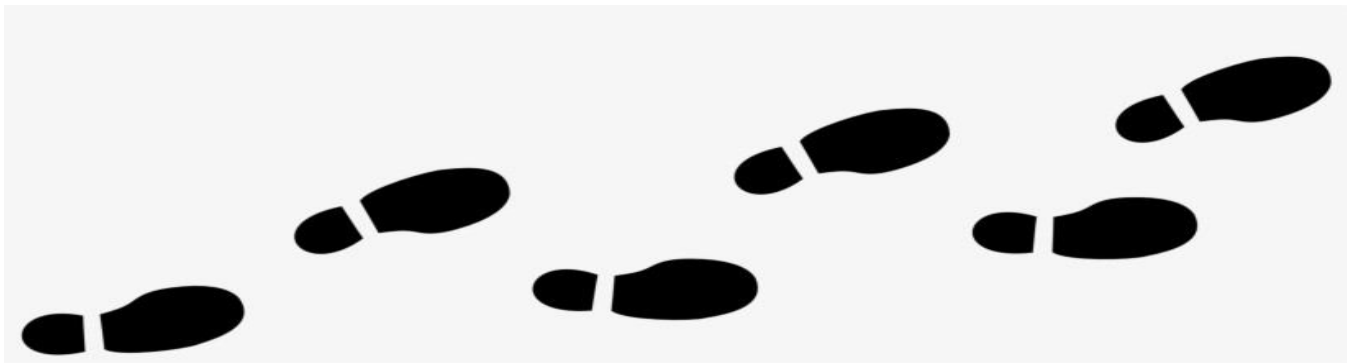
BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

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

*God
BLESS
You*



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR CROP WALK

The annual UCC Crop Walk will take place on October 10. Details will be supplied at both churches later this month. Let's see if we can get a great turnout this year.



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

PLEASE NOTE THAT A PRIVACY SECTION HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE FORM. Effective Jan. 1, 2021, old forms without a completed "privacy choice" section will not be accepted.

The next Vision of Hope Committee meeting is at St. James on Monday, Oct. 4th, at 6:30pm.

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



There's a workshop with Chronic Conditions starting soon near you!

Living Well with Chronic Conditions

When: Sept 14th, 21st, 28th
Oct. 5th, 12th, 19th
1:00pm-3:30pm

Where: ADRC of the Lakeshore Education Room-Lower Level (Snacks included)

Call for more information and/or to register at 1-877-416-7083.

There is a suggested donation of \$10 per participant to assist in defraying the cost of the text book and class materials.



Help Yourself to Better Health

Living with a chronic condition such as arthritis, cancer, heart disease, or another on-going health problem can be physically, emotionally and financially draining.

Taking care of yourself is important. And you can! But you need the tools and knowledge to help you.

Living Well with Chronic Conditions can show you the way!

What is Living Well with Chronic Conditions? And why should I take it?

Living Well is focused on teaching you the skills to better manage your health and well-being. The workshop meets once a week for six weeks and has been studied and shown to help family caregivers:

- Short-term goal setting
- Healthy eating and nutrition: food label reading and meal planning
- Relaxation techniques
- Planning for the future
- Partnering with health provider
- Fitness for exercise & fun!
- Feedback and problem-solving
- Stress and depression management
- Communicating effectively with friends, family, and your medical team

