



The Country Church Herald

NEWSLETTER ~ SEPTEMBER 2022

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Dear Church Family and Friends,

Soon, the end of summer will be here, school will begin, fall is just around the corner... And that means we will begin one of the most asked after fall-winter programs I lead: Bible Study Groups!

Beginning on September 19th from 6:00pm-7:00 or 7:30pm at St. Mark's UCC, we will delve into the video series *The Chosen*. During our mission trip this summer we joined the church hosting us our first night for their Sunday morning study before worship. They were studying *The Chosen*. The discussions being held (there were several groups studying this on Sunday mornings) were great. We collectively enjoyed the study so much we talked about using *The Chosen* as our foundation for this fall. And so, we are.

Our evening study will begin on September 19 and will be held on Monday evenings.

It will be from 6pm – 7:00 or 7:30pm.

We will be at St. Mark's in the fellowship hall.

There will be 9 or 10 weeks in this study.

I already have season 1 and 2 of *The Chosen*, will be integrating the video into parts of our study. But, I need you to let me know if you plan on attending so I know how many to expect. You can purchase your own book(s):

[What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?: An Interactive Bible Study \(Volume 1\) \(The Chosen Bible Study Series\): Jenkins, Amanda, Jenkins, Dallas, Huffman, Dr. Douglas S.: 9780830782680: Amazon.com: Books](#)

Or if you want me to purchase the book for you, just let me know. Please let me know if you plan on attending this study group.

I've also had a request or two for a morning group. I'm willing to do this if there are a minimum of 5 attending regularly.

You can contact me via email: schultzpw@gmail.com; cell: 608-352-9544; or through Karen Mansker our office secretary: stmstjoffice@gmail.com.

I am looking forward to a great study group! Lots of interaction and questions with much dialogue. Peace and blessings!

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

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COME JOIN US,
GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME!

September 4th —
St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship
St. James: 10:30am Worship

September 11th —
Building Fund Sunday
St. James: 9:00am Worship
St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship

September 18th—
St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School
St. James: 10:30am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School

September 25th—
St. James: 9:00am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School
St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship
9-10:00 Sunday School

Sunday bulletins, & links to prayer requests are posted under the 'Messages' link on our church website:
<https://www.stmstjucc.org/>

Weekly recorded church services are available on our church YouTube channel: St. Mark's & St. James UCC

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY

August 1, 2022 6:30

- The meeting was called to order by President David Lorfeld. Members present were Tammy Serketich- Vice President (came later) Wendy Henschel – Treasurer, Jason Riesterer, Jamey Binversie, Jackie Mueller, and Pastor Patrick Schultz.
- Prayer led by Pastor.
- Motion to approve the Secretary’s Report made by Wendy and seconded by Jamie. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report made by Jackie and seconded by Jason. Motion carried.
- Pastor’s Report: There is a balance left for next year in the Mission Trip Fund. Saron had monies for expenses and Immanuel also helped pay for gas. The trip was GREAT! Pastor to share a power point review in church soon. VBS planning is going well. Volunteers are stepping forward and registrations are coming in. The Sharls from St. Mark’s will be marching in the Dairyland Fest Parade to hand out flyers for it also.
- Building and Grounds: Pricing for blacktop patch is being collected It also may be possible that we can get three pails from the township.
Furnace update – Still waiting
Painting of the Fellowship Hall, bathrooms, and hallways is scheduled for the first week of September to be done by Best Painting.
A new stove request came from a member. Discussion began.
Oiling of the bell was also discussed.
- Committee Reports:
Vision of Hope: Meeting Aug. 23
Christian Board of Education: Coming together on August 6 to set up rooms. Meeting on August 22 – 6:00 to set the calendar and review curriculum. We put another ad in the newsletter asking for part-time teachers. The Sunday School would like to host a time of Fellowship/Open House on Sunday September 11. The kids and teachers would host. Perhaps we could have a free-will offering or donation for them?
Service Committee: Meats from St. Nazianz will be catering the funeral of Rita Quast.
Audio Visual: Jason is checking into Bluetooth speaker for the audio system to see if it would connect.
- Old Business:
Review of Outdoor service - While the service was nice, a number of people had a hard time hearing. Low attendance so talk about making changes occurred.
Railings for the front of church – We are looking for someone to build two railings to go up to the alter area. Any suggestions would be appreciated.
Congregational meeting on August 7 to make Constitutional changes and approval for painting expenses.
- New Business:
Mission Fest – Oct. 16th - Suggested speakers were Amanda Boedecker (Mission Trip Planner), or Holy Joe’s Café video spot. Darryl Gumm from the United Churchmen and Women might be another possibility. Consulting with Doris Sprenger to see if she and her family will be willing to help with food sales in the shed again. Carry outs only.
Karaoke speaker system for outdoor service was purchased and will be shared with St. Mark’s.
Still in need of a substitute Church Secretary. Suggestion to add it to the newsletter again.
United Churchmen and Women have their meeting in October. St. James is the “host” and we are responsible of the music portion of the evening. Any suggestions would be appreciated.
Raymond Henschel has asked to use the church on October 9th at 3:00 for his Eagle Scout ceremony.
Congratulations Raymond!!
- Next meeting date: September 12 – 6:30
- Motion to adjourn was made by Tammy and seconded by Jason. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Mueller

ST. JAMES CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, August 14, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Meeting was called to order by David Lorfeld, President. 37 church members were present.

Motion was made to accept the Best Way Painting bid by Charlie Kolb, second by Mary Ann Vogel.

Motion carried.

Motion was made to accept the changes to our BY-LAWS, Section 1-GOVERNMENT, Line 117/118 changing expense exceeding \$2,500.00 to \$5,000.00 by Pat Kleinhans, second by Charlie Kolb.

Motion carried

Motion to adjourn made by Dorothy Mueller, second by Julianne Luebke

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Tammy Serketich, Acting Secretary



The children of St. James Sunday School would like to open the new school year with a time of fellowship after church on September 11th.

They look forward to meeting you and getting to know their fellow church members! Feel free to check out the new resources they will be working with in their classrooms if you'd like.

St. James Adult Choir

will begin rehearsals for 2022-2023

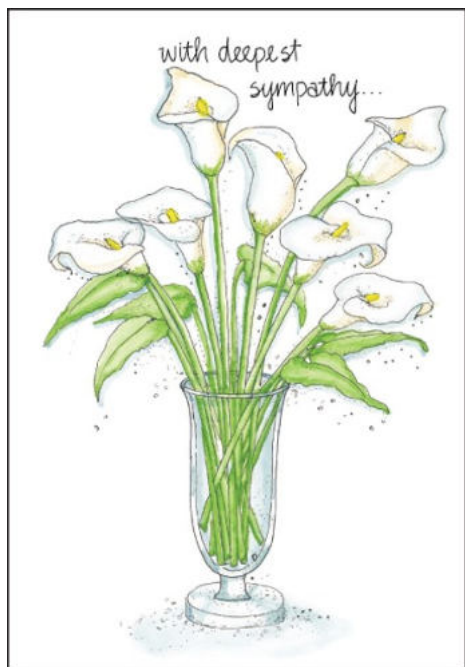
on Tuesday, Sept. 13th

at 6:30p.m.

New members are always
welcomed!



Elreta A. (Amel) Quast, 93, passed away peacefully on July 30, 2022, with her family by her side at Field of Dreams Assisted Living in Kiel, WI. Elreta was born at her parents' home in Brothertown, WI, on September 2, 1928, to Arno and Wilhelmina (Bergien) Amel. Elreta graduated from Chilton High School. Elreta was united in marriage to Marlin Quast on Sept. 15, 1948. Together, they raised six children. Elreta and Marlin celebrated 55 years of marriage together before his passing in 2004.



Elreta was a devoted mother and grandmother and cherished the time she spent with them. She was a member of St. James United Church of Christ in Spring Valley and was a member of the Ladies Aid and taught Sunday School for many years. She was also a member of the Manitowoc Homemakers' Association. Elreta enjoyed spending time with Marlin and family camping and fishing. Elreta was a very devoted fan of the Green Bay Packers and loved to watch them play with an Old Fashioned with lots of cherries in her hand.

Elreta is survived by two sons, Herbert Quast and Jeff (Linda) Quast; three daughters: Janet (James) Roe, Lisa (Mark) Koenig, and Amy (Karl) Christianson. Also surviving are 18 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; brothers, Dennis "Pat" Amel and Arvid "Ob" (LaVerne) Amel; nieces and nephews; and many other relatives and friends. Elreta was preceded in death by her loving husband, Marlin Quast; daughter, Pamela (David) Balzer; two grandsons, Alex and Brian Quast; three brothers; two sisters; sister-in-law, Diane (Eugene) Hanson; and other relatives and friends.

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Elreta's funeral was held on August 4, 2022, at St. James UCC with Pastor Patrick Schultz officiating.



Elreta's family sent a special thank you to St. James:

" Words cannot express how deeply we appreciate everything all of you have done to help us through this difficult time.

The Family of Elreta Quast "

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING

August 4, 2022

The meeting was called to order on August 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Julie Herrmann, Jacob Grunwald, Judy Steinbeck, Louise Jetzer, Larry Perrone and Pastor Schultz. Glenn Grunwald and Janell Davis were absent.

The Secretary's report was reviewed and a motion was made by Louise and seconded by Larry to approve. Motion carried. The financial report was reviewed and a motion was made by Larry and seconded by Louise to approve. Motion carried.

Larry made a motion and Julie seconded to approve the \$1.89 per gallon for fuel from Co-Energy Alliance. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

Mission Trip went well. There will be a video shown during church service.

Two members of St. James will represent the Mission/Vision team. There are no representatives from St. Mark's. Meetings will start in the near future. The team evaluates our church, pastor, consistory and plans missions.

The Scharl family and Raymond Henschel will pass out flyers at the Cleveland Dairyland Fest parade to invite community members to vacation bible school. Helpers are ready and plans are being finalized.

The joint outdoor service went well. Would like to alternate services each year between the two churches.

Project Update:

We are waiting for an estimate for the screens on the parsonage and for wrapping the bell tower louvers.

Two hundred church hymnals have been ordered and will be paid for through memorial funds.

Ceiling fan in entry way should be installed in the next few weeks.

Old Business:

Pastor will purchase a Keurig for fellowship time after church services.

Communion plans were made for August 7, 2022.

New Business:

Larry to trim the bushes around the church sign.

Otis Elevator company is suggesting the oil to be replaced on the elevator. This letter does not come due to an inspection so Jake will contact to discuss further.

We are in need of a sub for Karen Mansker for secretarial duties when she is on vacation. We will get a list of duties from her so we know more specifically what would be expected.

The guest registry/stand in back of the church is in need of cleaning up and repairing. It was discussed to keep it so it can be used for a sign-in for funerals. Larry will do repairs on it.

We will continue to discuss Mission Fest celebration ideas and who will speak during the service.

Our next meeting is scheduled September 8th at 6:30.

Larry made a motion to adjourn and Louise seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Herrmann, Consistory Secretary



We want to give a BIG THANK YOU to everyone from St. Mark's and St. James for the tremendous giving once again to the residents of Pine Ridge Reservation. As in the past, you came through in a big way! Thank you from us and most of all from the Oglala Sioux.

Re-Member continues to give year-round assistance to the residents. We were able to see the work being done at Feather II which in the future will be the home of Re-Member. One of the major accomplishments are the "Hoop Houses" for growing vegetables to make their diets healthier.

Residents assist in many of the jobs at Re-Member, including helping us unload all the "goodies" we bought. Volunteers continue making and installing bunk beds, ramps, skirting for trailers, building outhouses, and providing wood in the winter to keep them warm in harsh winter conditions!

So until next time—— WankanTanka Kici Un (*"May God Bless"*)

Pat & Noreen Flook



A huge thank you goes to everyone involved with this year's Vacation Bible School (including all the attendees!!)

Find more pictures at our church YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r2DYQY4G4qo>



**VBS
2022**



CONFIRMATION 2022-2023!

Dear Parents,

All are back in school by now, settling into new (old) routines of early mornings, full day classes, evenings of homework and other school related activities. Sunday school for St. Mark's and St. James will begin before the end of September. And Confirmation will have its first meeting on Wednesday, September 7th, beginning at 6:00pm – held at St. Mark's UCC.

While I fully expect our confirmation classes to meet in-person; we have Zoom capabilities and can move to online confirmation with a few modifications of the calendar and overall expectations ~ if we need to. For our first meeting, September 7th, I would like parents/guardians to attend. It's important and beneficial for all to understand the overall expectations to have everyone on the same page. We will look at the expectations for the confirmands and parents, as well as some of the projects we will be working on. Confirmation class is planned for Wednesday evenings from 6pm – 7:30pm at St. Mark's [with possible exceptions].

The resources we will be using this year are: *My Confirmation* (UCC Guide through confirmation) and *Get Acquainted With Your Bible* (to help our confirmands get familiar with the Bible.) Each confirmand will also have a *making disciples confirmand's journal* to go along with each mentor's *making disciples mentor's guide*. I will provide a pre-made 3-ring binder as well as a “notebook”.

A Bible + pen/pencil are required for *each class*. Hence, I will be presenting each confirmand a new Bible to use for confirmation and to keep throughout their years. They will need to provide their own pens and pencils

If you have any questions before the meeting, please email Pastor at: schultzpw@gmail.com or Karen (office manager) at: karenchurchsec@gmail.com. Call Pastor at: 608-352-9544 (cell) or the church at: 920-693-8361.

Save the date~ Sept. 28th~ for a Confirmation Event at Lakeland University.

I am looking forward to a great confirmation class this year! Peace and blessings!

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz



Our High School Youth Group will meet at St. James on September 4, and St. Mark's on September 18 for a meal, lesson, and games. Please come if you are high school or college age and bring a friend!

~Brenda Schultz

Volleyball

2022 Tournament



All-Church Outdoor Service at St. James, July 31st





Building Fund Sunday - Sept 11

St. Mark's has been making quite a few improvements to the church this year. Your financial support to the building fund is greatly appreciated. It looks like we may have some costly upkeep expenses coming up for the elevator later this year. Further research needs to be done before we commit to that; however, please keep that in mind when making your donations to the building fund in September. Again, thank you for your support of the building fund.

Judy Steinbeck, Financial Secretary of St Mark's UCC

Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization

Bulletin Bites, September 2022



- ◆ Items that we would especially appreciate at this time are School Supplies (notebooks, pens, 2-pocket folders, pencils, erasers, scotch tape, kleenex), AA Batteries, and Emergency Preparedness Kit, including Plastic Jugs of Water.
- ◆ Three families are currently living at Bridgeway. One family with 4 children, one family with 3 children, and one family with 2 members. One more family of 2 will be moving in on August 31, 2022. This will put our transitional living program at capacity. SCIO's mentoring program has started! Coffee gift cards are welcomed for our mentors and mentees to meet up and chat over a cup of Joe. Please hold the Bridgeway family in your thoughts and prayers as we venture through a season of change with staff and new residents.
- ◆ We wish to thank the community for helping us make the 3rd Annual Night Market season successful. We had many volunteers and sponsors helping behind the scenes and on-site, and without them, we could not have hosted these large-scale events. The Sheboygan Business Improvement District (BID)/Harbor Centre has been our premier sponsor for three seasons - THANK YOU! We are thankful for donations from Larry's Distributing, Jolly Good/Krier Foods, and Lakeside Pepsi. We are looking forward to celebrating community again in 2023.
- The SCIO Summer Farmers Market is at peak season! The market runs from 8am-1pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays in Fountain Park and 12pm-5pm on Thursdays in Plymouth in the Dairy Queen parking lot. We accept EBT at the information tent -- this year we are offering a match of up to \$15 in fresh produce vouchers through the Double Your Bucks program thanks to a generous donation from The Hunger Ball and continued generosity through St. Nicholas Hospital. Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers are available through Sept.

ST. JAMES USHERS

September

*Kris Zolltheis
Scott Zolltheis
Jeff & Wendy Meyer
Marissa Fitzgerald
Jonathan Meyer
Brian & Wendy Henschel
Amanda Henschel
Morgan Henschel

October

*Galen & Deb La Duke
Keith & Michelle Mauk
Bradley Mauk
Katelyn Sibley
Julianne Luebke
Doug Luebke
William Luebke
Jared Luebke
Kelly Luebke/Handrow



"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.

ST. MARK'S GREETERS

September

Jay Sommer
Kayla Sommer
Margene Reyer

October

Anna Marie Bramstedt
Mark Jurk
Sandy Perronne

HOSPITALITY

Sept. 4th— Sandy Perronne
Sept. 11th— **
Sept. 18th— Margene Reyer
Sept. 25th— **

*If you are interested in providing hospitality on the two Sundays marked **, please contact the office.*

CANDLE LIGHTERS

4 - No Candlelighters

11 - Claire Clemens and
Brooklyn Vandoske

18 - Reid Vandoske and
Sierra Bramstedt

25 - Wyatt & Colton Scharl

Nothing can change GOD'S LOVE for you!

St. James Stewardship Team

ST JAMES SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Alyssa Grotegut
Clarence Belitz
Brett Spindler
- 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 Kleinhans
- 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

If you or a family member are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Patrick at 920-693-2858 or leave a message on the church's answering machine at: 920-693-8361.

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

Confidentiality laws make it difficult for pastors to obtain information about anyone in the hospital. If you or a loved one will be in the hospital, please call the church office 920-693-8361 or contact Pastor Patrick at 920-693-2858.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

St. James		St. Mark's
23	Aug. 7	38
40	Aug. 14	47
20	Aug. 21	58
30	Aug. 28	52

Please report any corrections or additions on the birthday and anniversary lists to Karen in the church office to ensure they are correct in future publications:
stmstjoffice@gmail.com

THANK YOU!

ST MARK'S SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Thad Athorp
- 6 David Call
- 9 Richard Sixel, Jr.
- 11 Barbara Pragatz
- 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 Charlie & Joanie Mohr
Jay & Dawn Schnelle
Dave & Jan Strysick
- 30 Jason & Anna Marie
Bramstedt

Faith in the Fall

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

Sunday, September 18, 2022
 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
The Siegmann Family Band
 from Watertown, Wisconsin

11:15 PRAISEWORTHY & GOSPEL GUYS
 from Our Shepherd UCC

12:15 VOX
 from Sheboygan, Wisconsin

1:15 FIRE
 from Saron UCC

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

Opportunities Beyond Our Doors

BETHEL UCC Drive-Thru CHILI SUPPER

Wednesday, October 5th
 Serving 11:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Tickets \$9.00

W4225 County Line Rd
 Elkhart Lake, WI 53020

Special Thank you to:
 Henning's Cheese
 Roeck's Bakery
 Tietz's Piggly Wiggly
 Sign Me Up of Wisconsin
 North Haven Farm
 Mainstream Boutique of Sheboygan



**Note: Drive thru only

