

# The Country Church Herald

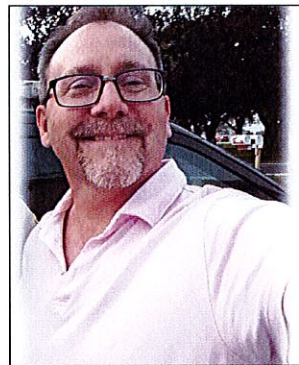
...Proclaiming the Word of God

NEWSLETTER | July 2019

## HOSPITALITY

To say that church is all about people - might be surprising to some. It might lead to a response like, "it's all about God!" Which would indeed be true. The two statements are not mutually exclusive. Church is about peoples relationship with and to God. At the very crux, people need to know God loves them, that they are of supreme value, and that their life is meaningful. People also need to know they aren't alone; that when they face difficulties they are surrounded by a community of grace; and they don't have to figure out absolutely everything on their own!

People need to know that when they have family tensions, self-doubt, despair or depression, financial hard times or temptations that hurt themselves or others, they are not in it alone. People need to know the peace that runs deeper than an absence of conflict and hope that sustains them through the most painful times of grief.

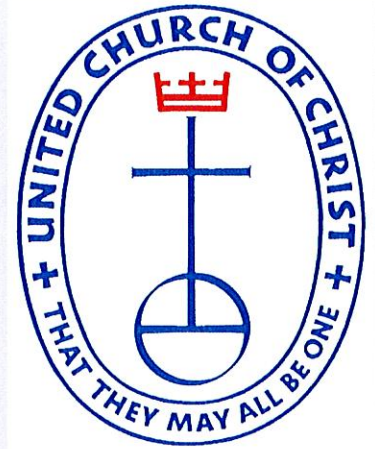


Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

Many of us who are already "in church" understand this or get this. And yet, there is a whole world of people, right outside our doorsteps, who have no connection or relationship with a church. As pastor, follower of Christ, preacher, teacher, and someone in desperate need of Christ (all the time!) I want to do everything I can to help people come to know God's love and grace through Christ.

Inviting people into a relationship with Jesus is paramount as a follower of Christ. Check out Matthew 28:19-20! One way to invite and welcome others is to show excellent hospitality. We want people to know that we really care about them here. They are not just a number. They are not just a \$\$ amount. They are not an outsider. They are invited and welcomed into the Body of Christ.

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## GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME

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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

## WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

July 7th. St. Mark's 9:00am  
St. James 10:30am

July 14th. St. James 9:00am  
St. Mark's 10:30am

July 21st. St. Mark's 9:00am  
St. James 10:30am

July 28th. St. James 9:00am  
St. Mark's 10:30am

## ON THE WEB

[www.stmstjucc.org](http://www.stmstjucc.org)

FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

# HOSPITALITY

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St. Mark's has taken the next step in inviting/welcoming by forming a Hospitality Team that currently coordinates refreshments every Sunday morning. Around "the table" people gather, connect, talk, share, laugh and "belong"

Thank you Hospitality Team:

Michelle and Michael Scharl, Sandy Perronne, Deanne Schultz, Jerry and Louise Jetzer, Tara Vandoske, Carol Weiland, Audrey Aardappel, Ann Grunwald and Brenda Schultz.



## MEET OUR NEW ASSOCIATE

### CONFERENCE MINISTER!



Rev. Lorraine Cenicerros has been named as the New Conference Minister. Her primary assignment will be in the Southwest Association and the western half of the Southeast Association.

Lorraine comes to us from Southern California, where she was born and raised. She graduated from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science, and then earned a Masters of Divinity at Claremont School of Theology in California.

Lorraine was ordained in the Southwest Conference of the United Church of Christ. She has experience as a local pastor, a pediatric chaplain and most recently has served as manager of Spiritual Care for Providence Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica. Prior to her entry into ordained ministry, she held a number of managerial positions, including managing a stem-cell storage facility in Sedona, Arizona.

Lorraine has significant ecclesiastical experience, having served for five years on the Central Association Committee on Ministry, which she now chairs. Additionally, Lorraine has served as Chair of the Board of Directors for the Southern California Nevada Conference, UCC. She cares deeply about supporting congregations and pastors in their work. She has a skillset and gifts for churches facing conflict and she has a compassionate pastoral heart. The Search Team found Lorraine to be gracious, wise, non-anxious and courageously rooted in the faith.

Lorraine herself says, "It is an honor to join such a talented team of leaders who are serving the Wisconsin Conference. Coming with me is a passion for music, animals, and serving others as they grow to their full potential."

Lorraine plans to relocate to the Madison area by mid-July, and to assume the Associate Conference Minister responsibilities on August 1.

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Youth Group has been very busy with lots of different exciting activities going on to promote fellowship within our church and local community! On May 1st, a group of youth prepared a meal for the Bridgeway House in Sheboygan and enjoyed fellowship with several of the residents there. We all had a Fun time!



The Youth Volleyball team began its season and currently has a 1-1 record. Please come out and support us on Sunday evenings at 6:30!! Check the church calendar to see where our next game is at!

On Tuesday, July 16th the Youth Group will be headed to Mt. Olympus for a day of Sun and Fun! Future e-mails will be coming out regarding this day! As we look ahead, we are now in the planning stages to do some mission trips.



Resorts - Waterparks - Theme Parks

An informational meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, July 24th at St. Marks. We will share some tentative plans, discuss

finances, fundraising, and establish some timelines. Please mark your calendar to attend! To help us get in gear for mission, youth age 14 and older and any adults are asked to join us for a workday with Habitat for Humanity in Sheboygan. An exact date and further details will be coming soon for an August workday.



If you have any questions about any of the Youth Group activities, please feel free to contact Pastor Patrick, Kari Langenhahn, or Sandy Perronne. We look forward to seeing everyone at the various activities we have planned!

Thank you for all you do to support our Youth!

Kari Langenhahn and Sandy Perronne  
Youth Group Co-Coordinators

## GOING DEEPER IN JOHN BIBLE STUDY-MONDAYS

Due to the lack of attendance at the 10:00 Bible Study Group, that session has been cancelled.

The Gospel of John Bible Study will continue to meet on Mondays at 6pm at St. Mark's

## OUR GRADUATES



**Courtney Binversie** graduated from Howards Grove High School and will be furthering her education at Lacrosse.

**Jade Oostdyke**, former St Mark's Sunday School & granddaughter of Judy Steinbeck, graduated from Sheboygan South High.



**Thank you** to those who have contributed to the parsonage renovation. Please don't forget that we continue making our monthly payments and any contributions are greatly appreciated.

~Judy Steinbeck,  
St. Mark's UCC  
Financial Secretary

## CHURCH CAMP!

What would you say if asked to describe what camp looks like? Canoes on a lake? Tents or cabins? Campfires and s'mores? Our United Church of Christ Outdoor Ministry is so much more! Church camp gives campers of all ages great experiences and lifelong memories.

There is a huge variety of camp options and camp dates (sessions run all year long!) to interest everyone!

Camp schedules are available in the church entry, or you may visit [www.ucci.org](http://www.ucci.org) for more information and to register.

With two beautiful camp locations, Pilgrim Center in Ripon and Moon Beach in St. Germain there are opportunities for campers of all ages!

There are also camp scholarships available, and those application forms are also in the entry.

## ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETING

June 12th, 2019

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

### **Building and Grounds**

Al did monthly elevator inspection. Clarence will set up appointment to meet with Elevator Inspector for Annual Check Up . Some adjustment/ maintenance have been done to doors in church. Al got a load of dirt and filled in around the concrete slab by the back of shed, there was a concern of someone getting hurt because of steep drop off the slab to the grass.

### **Old Business**

Suggestion box was empty. No new news from committees, Vision of Hope July 8<sup>th</sup>, Stewardship met in May with next meeting in September and Board of Christian Education TBD. We discussed again the upcoming Tractor Sunday which will be on July 21<sup>st</sup>, newsletters will be sent to other church's in the area. Any volunteers to help out please contact Keith Mauk. Discussion was made for the options of a lease for new copy machine at St.Marks. Clarence made a motion and Michelle 2<sup>nd</sup> it to go ahead with a lease of a new copy machine for 5 years. Al will contact Consistory members at St.Marks and soon we, along with Pastor and the Church's Secretary will be blessed with a maintenance free machine.

### **New Business**

Please keep in our prayers for continuous healing for Dawn Marcoe, Randy Spindler, Ashley Lutzke and Ed Heckmann. We are pleased to hear Bible Study had a great turn out, look for more information in Sunday bulletins and monthly newsletter for next session. Have you seen the Pastor in a Police car in Sheboygan County or reminiscing on campus at Lakeland college? All is good!! Pastor has been spending time in the community spreading the good word and sharing with people how blessed we are to have beautiful, family friendly church's at both St.James and St.Marks. He also shared with consistory his passion for our children and along with our Youth Group Leaders they are looking for ways to explore the possibilities of mission work. Any concerns or comments concerning our Church, Sermons or what you would like to do to volunteer please share with Pastor or a Consistory member. Always remember, embracing New or Change together will make a stronger community! Next meeting July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Clarence made a motion to adjourn and Sue second it. Motion carried.

Linda Lutzke, Secretary

# ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING

June 5, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Taylor at 6:00. Members present: Pastor Patrick, Jim Taylor, Tara Vandoske, Bruce Mansker, Judy Steinbeck, Audrey Aardappel, 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.

## Buildings and Grounds:

- Elevator inspection was completed. The Otis Elevator Co. technician also inspected the elevator as part of regular maintenance.
- An exterminator came to take care of the hornet/wasp issue. Special thanks to Preferred Pest Management for providing complimentary service to the church.
- Pastor's family has asked permission to put up a swimming pool. Permission granted.

## Old Business:

- Copy machine update: a representative from Ross came to meet with Karen Mansker, Al Wippermann, Bruce, and Judy. A decision will be made in tandem with the St. James consistory.
- Credit card for the church: Judy will talk to the bank about parameters. She will also ask about setting up electronic funds transfer for members who wish to pay their dues online.
- The church directory was missing a few pages. The company is being contacted about making a correction.

## New Business:

- Pastor continues his home and community visits.
- Ideas to think about to increase engagement and accessibility: wheelchair seating in the sanctuary, hanging microphones.
- Pentecost is June 9. Communion will be served, and we will have the Strengthen Our Church offering.
- Bike/motorcycle blessing will be held in the church parking lot, 9:00-11:00 on Saturday, June 15. It will be an informal opportunity to stop in for a brief blessing and visit.
- Bible study on the book of John will be starting on Monday, June 10.
- Pastor is checking into the possibility of having an intern from Lakeland University. One of the duties might include working with the youth.
- A hospitality committee needs to be formed. Perhaps it could be added to the ushering sign-up. Pastor will reach out to various members.

The next Consistory meeting will be held Wednesday, July 10 at 6:00. The meeting adjourned at 7:38.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lori Roelse, Consistory Secretary

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

### **May 19, 2019**

St. James = 41

St. Mark's = 58

### **May 26, 2019**

St. James = 37

St. Mark's = 32

### **June 2, 2019**

St. James = 48

St. Mark's = 49

### **June 9, 2019**

St. James = 48

St. Mark's = 53

### **June 16, 2019**

St. James = 48

St. Mark's = 60

### **June 23, 2019**

St. James = 43

St. Mark's = 44

*To gather with God's people  
in united adoration of the  
Father is as necessary to the  
Christian life as prayer.*

*-Martin Luther*



# ST JAMES CELEBRATIONS

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

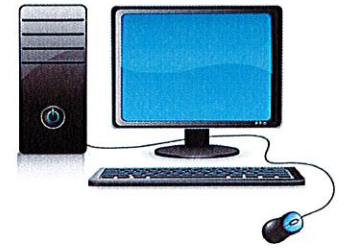
- 1 Ruth Ann Kolb
- 2 Matthew Lutze
- 4 Henry Langenhahn  
Cody Mueller
- 6 Heidi Belitz  
Debra LaDuke  
Tom Kleinhans  
Lori Heckmann
- 7 Rachel Stolzmann
- 8 Marissa Meyer
- 10 Edward Heckmann  
Jack Heckmann
- 11 James Becker  
Ryan Lutzke
- 12 Linda Lutzke
- 13 Pat Kleinhans  
Michelle Mauk
- 15 Thomas Spindler
- 16 Tanya Wasmer
- 17 Frederick Krause
- 18 Sue Johnson
- 21 Randall Krause
- 22 Ronald Hansmann
- 23 Madisan  
Langenhahn
- 25 Tom Urness
- 26 Doris Sprenger
- 27 Katelynn Mauk
- 29 Chris Grotegut
- 31 Roger Lauersdorf  
Grace Schultz

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Kevin & Sherry Jump
- 15 Tommy & Nicole  
Spindler
- 23 Richard & Sarah  
Lutze
- 24 Hank & Barb Reimer
- 25 Jeff & Wendy Meyer
- 26 Henry & Kari  
Langenhahn

## From the Secretary.....

We continue to seek out and collect updated contact information from our members. The information we are looking for is phone numbers and e-mail addresses. You may either send your information to karen-churchsec@gmail.com or ask the ushers for an "Information Request" form. *Your information will ONLY be used for church purposes.*



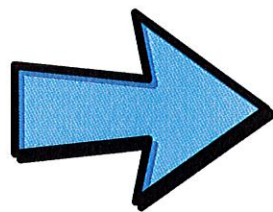
## THE NEWSLETTER.....

You are receiving your newsletter a little later than usual this month due to the fact that we were waiting and hopeful that our new copier would arrive prior to the printing (so many problems with the old one!). However, that was not the case, and the numerous misfeeds and resulting service call slowed the process. Next month will definitely be better with the new machine!

Speaking of the newsletter..... I'm not sure if you're aware of what is involved in the monthly newsletter preparation. As you notice, this month there's a new newsletter format. Much time was spent researching and gathering sample newsletters from other churches. To prepare it, I rely on receiving the newsletter articles from everyone in a timely manner. Typing takes time and I do my best proofreading to catch any errors BEFORE printing. Then there's the printing, which the last months has been a huge frustration because the old copier is 'just barely hanging on'. There are many misfeeds and very loud squealing noises when making the copies.

After the printing is finished, I contact Kathryn Jaehnig & Sue Vandoske and they work to find time in their busy schedules to come and fold/tape/add mailing labels to 201 newsletters. When they're finished, I return to church to weigh & complete the mailing form and then take them to the Post Office. Kathryn & Sue are SOOO appreciated, as it takes the two of them working together almost 3 hours of time (I shudder to think how long that would take me working alone!).

How can you help? As I mentioned, I try my best to avoid errors (I am a perfectionist and it bothers me so very much when I make a mistake!). However, no matter how hard I try, they still happen. How you can help is if you see an error, especially on the calendar, let me know ASAP. I use the newsletter calendar when preparing the "Staying Close/Staying Connected" portion of the bulletin. If no one mentions it, the wrong info will be publicized on Sunday.



Speaking of dates, if you need something posted on the monthly calendar and/or in the bulletin insert, be sure to send me a separate email. Do NOT assume that because it's in the article it'll automatically go on the calendar, it very well may be missed. Another thing to be aware of is that I copy/paste the majority of articles, I do not edit them (so make sure they read as you want them to when you send them me).

Another way you can help speed up the process is by sending me newsletter articles as soon as they're ready, not waiting until the deadline. It is much more efficient if I work on the newsletter throughout the month instead of working to do it all in a day or two. Additionally, I don't know everyone or all that goes on in both churches and appreciate you sharing anything that needs to be included in the newsletter and/or the bulletin insert.

I truly appreciate your understanding. There's a whole lot to learn and lots to do. I am working to be as accurate and punctual as possible. Sometimes I have to remind myself not to be too hard on myself....I've only been the secretary about 4 months.....



## PINE RIDGE DONATIONS



Due to the generosity of our friends and our church families, we now have a sufficient amount of adult & teen clothing. The things most needed are baby clothing & other baby needs, school supplies, personal care products, new pillows, cleaning products, mops, brooms, and buckets. We will continue collecting through July 14th.

Once again, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

## GENERAL SYNOD 32



So much meaningful and important work was completed at General Synod 32. The Synod reporting team has provided articles on many of the resolutions, including discussion points and final vote. You can read these stories by going to the UCC news page at [www.ucc.org/news](http://www.ucc.org/news)

Be sure to scroll down to the bottom of the page and click "More news" for additional Synod stories. #uccsynod

## PICTURES, PLEASE!

We are interested in including more photographs in our newsletters and online publications and would like your help. Please send any pictures of church events to: [karenchurchsec@gmail.com](mailto:karenchurchsec@gmail.com) If you're a person who takes pictures with your cell phone, you could send them to Karen at 9202078361 However, be aware that you may encounter a data fee (not reimbursed for).

If for some reason you do not want pictures of yourself or your children published, please contact the church office at 920-693-8361 or email Karen at [karenchurchsec@gmail.com](mailto:karenchurchsec@gmail.com)



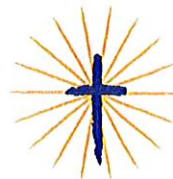
## VISION OF HOPE

"Application for Funding" forms are available in the narthex. 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 6:30pm on Monday, July 8th, at St. James.

## OOPS! A CORRECTION.....

Correction on the printed date in the June newsletter for Rev. Ruben Grosshuesch's passing into eternal life. It was MAY 18th, not March. He was a wonderful man and we were blessed to have him share with our Church Families.



## ST MARK'S CELEBRATIONS

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Brandon Cyr
- 6 Wyatt Scharl
- 10 Emily Binversie
- 12 Steven Schnelle
- 13 Crissy Athorp
- 14 Gerald Thiel  
Lindsay Summers
- 15 James Schuette  
Jan Strysock
- 16 Deanne Schultz  
Anna Marie Bramstedt
- 19 Allen Gabsch
- 20 Jane Vandoske
- 21 Emily Schultz
- 22 Owen Bramstedt  
Janice Marcheske
- 25 Jay Schnelle
- 30 Wayne Grunwald
- 31 Amy Clemens  
Grace Schultz

### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Richard & Mary Lou Sixel (75)
- 8 Larry & Sandra Perronne
- 9 Bob & Tara Vandoske
- 13 Gary Van Auken & Sandra Stark
- 23 Tim & Wendy Schueler  
Corey & Amy Clemens
- 26 Tim & Deanne Schultz

# DRIVE YOUR TRACTOR TO CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 21

ST. JAMES UCC

13312 PIONEER ROAD, NEWTON, WI

WE ARE MEETING AT C.F. HECKMANN  
13107 PIONEER ROAD, NEWTON, WI AT  
10:00 AM THEN PARADING TO THE  
CHURCH AT AROUND 10:20 AM

EVERYONE IS WELCOME FOR OUR  
10:30 AM CHURCH SERVICE WITH  
REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING THE  
SERVICE.

QUESTIONS: KEITH AT (920) 565-4308, (920) 980-3483



## ST. JAMES

### JULY USHERS

Chairperson:

Dale Krause

Hank & Barb Reimer

Dan Sohn

Katie Sohn

Thomas Heckmann

Hannah Kleinhans

David Krause

Rachael Krause

Abigail Wasmer

Amanda Wasmer

Called to *Serve*

## ST. MARK'S

### JULY USHERS

Chairperson:

Todd Grunwald

Jacob Grunwald

Ben Grunwald

Katy Grunwald

John Grunwald



## **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](http://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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