



Sunday, February 16, 2025
St. Mark's and St. James United Church of Christ
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor
Kathy Jurk/Randy Sohn, Organist
Lori Roelse, Reader

Meditative Music
Bells Ring
Prelude Gathering for Worship:
St. Mark's:
St. James:

*Ever Faithful, Ever Near
Immortal, Invisible*

Call to Worship:

Enter into this sacred space, all you who are hurting.

Let the loving Jesus Christ comfort you.

Leave behind sharp anger, rejection, confusion, disappointment and tears of fears.

Let Christ's mercy be shown, his love be known, his grace flow and his tenderness reassure you.

If these cannot be left behind this morning, then bring them in!

For Christ will surely bear these burdens with you.

Blessed is he the Great Physician; the Giver of Life; the Comforter of those hurting; the Love for those unloved, unknown, unsheltered, abused, abandoned, ridiculed, and bullied.

Lord, we come to you this morning seeking to know you more deeply, too praise and honor you in our worship, and to learn to love as you love.

Holy Spirit, grant us each a righteous conviction of the heart leading us to true repentance and desire to have our Lord Jesus Christ be our Lord in all ways, in all things, and always. We sing your praises this morning and humbly receive any blessings you will give unto us this hour. Amen.

Hymn:

St. Mark's (#136)

St. James (#192)

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me*

Affirming Our Faith:

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried:

He descended into hell: The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead:

I believe in the Holy Spirit: The One Holy Universal Christian Church: the communion of saints: The forgiveness of sins: The resurrection of the body:

And the life everlasting. Amen.

Young at Heart:



Prayer of Confession:

Bless the works of our hands and minds and hearts, O God, that they might bear fruit for your greater purposes. May all that we do be done to honor and glorify you. But if our hearts have already been tempted this day to believe anything about ourselves or others that does not take into account your creation, your mercy, your sacrifice, your grace, your forgiveness, your redemption, and your unshakeable love, O God, then remind us again of these truths, giving us faith enough to believe and hope enough to choose to embrace them again and again.

A Moment of Silence:

Words of Assurance:

May we this day be rendered unto you and our works be such that the benefits might be eternal. Amen.

Hymn:

St. Mark's (#257)

St. James (#252)

*What Wondrous Love is This
Take Thou Our Minds*

Scripture Reading:

Daniel 7:13-14 ESV

*"I saw in the night visions,
and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.
And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.*

Message:

Visions, Missions, Ways and Means

Dr. Patrick Schultz

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering:

Offering, tithes and gifts can be made before or after worship in the offering baskets/plates at the welcome area of the church. St. James is also set up to take on-line offerings through the website (stmstjucc.org).

Offertory Music:

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Doxology: ~ *The offering is brought to the altar* ~

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye Heavenly Host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Shape our thoughts O Lord, by your truth, even as you shape our hearts by your love. Grant us the strength and grace that in our giving we put you first. May these humble gifts be used to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, care for the misplaced-abused-abandoned and lost. We pray in your precious name, *amen*.

Hymn of Sending:

St. Mark's (#248)

St. James (#236)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Benediction:

Let all that we do here, in these our brief lives, in this our brief moment to love, in this the work you have ordained for this community, flower in winsome and beautiful foretaste of greater glories yet to come.

O Spirit of God now shape our hearts.

O Sprit of God now guide our hands.

O Spirit of God now build your kingdom among us.

Amen.

Postlude:

St. Mark's:

St. James:

Recessional

Come, Thou Almighty King



Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

February 16th – Cole Herrmann

17th – Everit Gumm

19th – Wyatt Koenig

21st – Linda Schroeder, Reid Vandoske

22nd – Scott Dexter, Peter Grunwald, Tom Nye

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

St. James choir practice will be Tuesday, February 18th, beginning at 6:30pm. New members are welcome!

St. Mark's choir practice is on hold right now. Kathy will contact you with any new information regarding getting together.

THE QUILTERS WILL MEET 9-noon on Tuesday, February 18th at St. Mark's. Everyone is welcome to join the group!

ST. JAMES STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – Wed., Feb. 19th, 5:30pm

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH. Email them to Karen at: stmstjoffice@gmail.com

ST. JAMES VISION OF HOPE will meet on Tuesday, February 25th, at 6:30pm.

TODAY!

RURAL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Presents

SHEEPSHEAD TOURNAMENT



Where: Bethlehem United Church of Christ
11608 Lax Chapel Road
Kiel, WI 53042

When: Sunday, February 16, 2025, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
[Snow date is Feb. 23rd, same time]
Doors open at 12:30

Entrance Fee: Canned goods and/or free will offering

Rules will be explained before the tournament begins.

All levels of skill are welcome.

Beginner's table(s) will be available for those who don't know how to play.

Don't want to play sheepshead but want to participate in the fun?

Bring your own board or card game.

Refreshments will be available.

COME ONE...COME ALL! Open to the Public!

Childcare will be supplied. Games and movies for the kiddos.



TOURNAMENT!

**ST. JAMES UCC
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd
1:00pm**

*Open to Men & Women of
St. James & St. Mark's UCC*

**NEXT
WEEK
SUNDAY!**

St. James

13312 Pioneer Road, Spring Valley
Newton, WI 53063



Chili Dinner

Drive-Thru

Hosted by St. Mark's / St. James' Youth Fellowship

Sunday, March 2nd, 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Carry Out Only!!

Quart of Chili: \$10.00

Gallon of Chili: \$25.00

All carry outs will include chili, crackers, fresh bread, cheese, and a dessert!

COME & JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS!

St. James UCC

1st & 3rd Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.
2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 9:00 a.m.
~Sunday School at St. James 9-10am ~

St. Mark's UCC

1st & 3rd Sundays..... 9:00 a.m.
2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.

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

Like us on Facebook 

Join our prayer team; contact Karen in our Church office: stmstjoffice@gmail.com

WELCOME!

To the parents of young children:

***Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have
to suppress those wiggles in God's house.***

- ❖ *Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to engage.*
- ❖ *Quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of the pastors, musicians and leaders.*
- ❖ *Sing the songs, pray and voice the responses. Children learn behaviors by mimicking you.*
- ❖ *If you have to leave the Worship Center with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."*