



Sunday, February 2, 2025
St. Mark's and St. James United Church of Christ
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor
Kathy Jurk/Randy Sohn, Organist Sandy Perronne, Reader

Meditative Music

Bells Ring

Prelude Gathering for Worship:

STM:

STJ:

*Hope in God
King of Love My Shepherd*

Call to Worship:

Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

We gather to worship with joy and in hope.

Come, let us worship the one who desires our hearts.

We bring our whole selves in worship to our God.

Come, let us set aside all that distracts us from true worship.

We come as we are and ask the Spirit to gather us in and direct our vision.

Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

We are here to worship with all that we are.

Prayer:

We are gathered together in the name of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We give thanks for the Holy Spirit leading us here and desire deeply to feel the presence of the Spirit in our time of worship. Bless us O Lord, as we wonder in awe at your might. Let our voices ring out with the angels in heaven, singing your praises all the day long. *Amen.*

Hymn:

You Made Us In Your Image

1. You made us in your im - age, O God of love and grace;
2. Your will is for your peo - ple to live in safe - ty here,
3. You warn a - gainst en - slave - ment and things that would op - press.
4. You made us to be e - qual; you made us to be free,

you trea - sure ev - ery per - son in ev - ery time and place.
with dig - ni - ty and jus - tice, and free from want or fear.
You call for liv - ing wag - es, for times of wel - come rest.
to speak the truth with cour - age, to change so - ci - e - ty,

You call your world to fol - low, to see in ev - ery one,
In fam - i - lies and na - tions, may all know free - dom's song;
You call for ed - u - ca - tion for all, not just a few;
to fol - low our own con - science, to choose the words we pray.

a per - son loved and cher - ished, your daugh - ter or your son.
may all en - joy the bless - ing to choose where they be - long.
you teach us: wel - come stran - gers, for so we wel - come you.
O God, may all your child - ren en - joy these gifts each day.

Affirming Our Faith: What We Believe (<https://www.ucc.org/what-we-believe/>)

We believe in the triune God: Creator, resurrected Christ, and the Holy Spirit, who guides and brings about the creative and redemptive work of God in this world.

We believe that each person is unique and valuable. That all people should be treated with dignity and respect. It is the will of God that every person belongs to a family of faith where they have a strong sense of being valued and loved.

We believe that each person is on a spiritual journey and that each of us is at a different stage of that journey.

We believe that the persistent search for God produces an authentic relationship with God, engendering love, strengthening faith, dissolving guilt, and giving life purpose and direction.

We believe that all of the baptized ‘belong body and soul to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.’ No matter who – no matter what – no matter where we are on life’s journey – notwithstanding race, gender identity, sexual orientation, class or creed – we all belong to God and to one worldwide community of faith.

We believe all persons baptized – past, present and future – are connected to each other and to God through the sacrament of baptism.

We believe that all people of faith are invited to join at Christ’s table for the sacrament of Communion.

We believe that God calls us to be servants in the service of others and to be good stewards of the earth’s resources.

We believe that the UCC is called to be a prophetic church. As in the tradition of the prophets and apostles, God calls the church to speak truth to power, liberate the oppressed, care for the poor and comfort the afflicted.

We believe in the power of peace, and work for nonviolent solutions to local, national, and international problems.

We are a people of possibility – members, congregations and structures have the breathing room to explore and to hear ... after all, God is still speaking,...

Young at Heart:



Prayer of Confession:

Before we speak, God knows our needs, yet our words open our hearts to God's grace. Let us prepare ourselves for God's healing as, in words and silence, we tell of all that separates us from God and one another. Hear now these words of prayer:

Everlasting God, we confess we have not always lived as your people. That we serve other masters – work, wealth, power, addictions – yet we find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor and shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us.

Forgive us and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives, even as Christ brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us.

A Moment of Silence:

Words of Assurance:

Now that we have let go of the pain, the bitterness, the anger of our lives, let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other, forgiving as God has forgiven us. We are God's beloved children and will model God's grace and love in our hearts. *Amen.*

Hymn:

St. Mark's (#506)

St. James (#207)

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Jesus Calls Us

Scripture Reading:

1 Timothy 2:1-7 ESV

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Message:

Reclaim Our Dignity

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:

STM:

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

STJ:

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Doxology: (Everyone stand as you are able)

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

Praise Him, all creatures here below

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Holy giver of all good blessings, we find ourselves under a debt we can never overcome. Every blessing we have received or hope to receive comes from your generosity. The gifts we bring to you this morning pale in comparison. Yet you manage your kingdom on a different economic model – one where the equity is grace, forgiveness, compassion, mercy, respect and justice. Use these gifts and ourselves to further your kingdom here on earth. *Amen.*

Hymn of Sending:

St. Mark's (#550)

We Are the Church

St. James (#467)

I Love to Tell the Story

Benediction:

Friends, our worship continues even as we leave this moment. We leave confident in our own dignity and we pray that you will give us clear sight and understanding in how we treat those around us. May we do so with the love and grace you bestow upon us. *Amen.*

Postlude:

STM:

Christ for the World We Sing

STJ:

Sing to the Lord



Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

February 2nd – Kathryn Jaehnig

4th – Mark Jurk

5th – Judy Steinbeck, Mary Ann Vogel

6th – Jeff Meyer

9th – Trevor Schueler

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

JOINT CONSISTORY MEETING – Tuesday, February 3rd, 6pm at St. Mark's

QUILTERS – meet at St. Mark's from 9am to noon on Tuesday, February 4th, at St. Mark's. Everyone with an interest is very welcome to join the group.

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETING – Tuesday, February 4th, 6:30pm.

CHOIR REHEARSALS – resume after winter next week. St. James Choir will practice Tuesday, February 11th starting at 6:30pm and St. Mark's Choir will begin their rehearsal at 6:30pm on Wednesday, February 12th. Both of the choirs would love to have more voices join them. It's a fun group to be involved with and a wonderful way to praise Our Lord.

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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORING CHURCH COMMUNITY:



The Church and Ministry Team of The Northeast Association
of the Wisconsin Conference, United Church of Christ

Invites all members,
friends and clergy of the NEA Congregations to the

Ordination of Randall Koppenhaver



At Bethlehem United Church of Christ
11608 Lax Chapel Rd
Kiel, WI 53042
(920) 894-3332

Saturday, February 15, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

The service will be live streamed on the churches Facebook page- <https://www.facebook.com/bucckiel>

A meal and reception will follow the service.

Clergy are invited to robe and the stole color is red or rainbow.

An offering will be received for the Wisconsin Conference Member in Discernment Scholarship Fund.

Bethlehem Chili Supper



11608 Lax Chapel Rd – Kiel

Wednesday Feb 5, 2025

3:00 pm- 6:00 pm

Drive Thru/Pick Up Only

◆ **Meal deal - \$10.00**

Ready-to-Heat Chili,
Fresh Bread, Cheese, Crackers, & Homemade Tortes

◆ **Gallon of Chili - \$20.00**

Directions: 67 N of Kiel - Right on Hwy X go 2 miles -
Left on Lax Chapel – the church is located ½ mile on Left

Immanuel UCC's famous

CHILI SUPPER

Drive Thru Only



Wednesday, February 12th
Serving from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

W3694 Co Rd FF, Plymouth, WI 53073
Corner of FF and M

*\$10.00 includes a quart of chili, two slices of bread,
a package of crackers, cheese, and dessert*

**(In case of inclement weather, it will be held on Thursday,
February 13th)*

HOLY TRINITY PARISH 11928 Marken Road, Kiel - (Located in School Hill) 24th ANNUAL PERCH FRY

FRI. FEBRUARY 21, 2025
Dine-In Serving from 3:30-7

Carry-outs from 11:00-1:00 and 3:30-7 ~ Call 920-773-2380

Raffle Tickets, Visit the HT Lounge, Handicapped Accessible



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MIESFELD'S Brat Fry

Our 2025 Mission Team is raising funds for a youth mission trip to Altoona, Pennsylvania.



WHERE:

MIESFELD'S 4811 VENTURE
DR. SHEBOYGAN, WI. 53083

WHEN:

SATURDAY, FEBURARY
15TH @ 9A.M. - 2P.M.



STJ/STM Mission Trip Team!

Contact
Doris
Sprenger
from STJ
with
questions

10:30am Services are recorded
and available on our church
YouTube channel:
St. Mark's & St. James UCC

Like us on Facebook 
Check out our Website:
www.stmjucc.org

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

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.