

The Country Church Herald

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PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

FEBRUARY, 2025

February 2nd—

St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship
Sunday School at St. James 9-10am
St. James: 10:30am Worship Service

February 9th —

St. James: 9:00 Worship
Sunday School at St. James 9-10
St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship

February 16th

St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship
Sunday School at St. James 9-10am
St. James: 10:30am Worship Service
Members

February 23rd —

St. James: 9:00am Worship
Sunday School at St. James 9-10am
St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship



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

The 10:30 Worship Services are recorded weekly and uploaded to our church YouTube channel: St. Mark's & St. James UCC

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR UCC CONFERENCE MINISTER



Dear friends in Christ:

The presidential executive orders issued over the past week have stirred fear and anxiety in UCC circles. I write today with a brief word of encouragement and to let you know about some emerging resources that address concerns about the protection of immigrants in our congregations and communities.

The day after the Inauguration, I found myself captivated by the gentle tone and gracious approach of Bishop Mariann Budde of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, who preached at the national prayer service. Her call to extend mercy to immigrants and welcome to all who feel vulnerable in this moment was grounded in the Gospel and offered as a genuine invitation.

I lift this up as an example of courage and kindness in addressing those whose worldviews differ from ours and whose agendas are antithetical to how we understand the teachings of Jesus. This is a moment to take inventory of our spiritual values and the biblical truths we hold. This is a time to remain hopeful and to remember that the pendulum of justice and inclusion has swung back and forth throughout history. We take two steps forward and then often take a step back.

By advocating for those whom some in this land would call "the least of these," we advocate for the love Jesus taught us. And even if we influence only one or two people to be more loving and compassionate, we will have made a real difference in this world.

So, keep your faith and claim your truth, and do so with a grace that reflects the fruit of the Spirit.

In hope,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Franz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Rev. Franz Rigert
Conference Minister



From Pastor Patrick...

Every new year we nominate and elect new leaders in key areas of our church ministry such as the Consistory. We also see a transition of leadership in areas of children's Sunday School teachers, Youth Group, Vision of Hope, Stewardship, the Sunday School Board and so on. Each exiting person leaves behind a legacy denoting their time, gifts, talents, experience, spirit and energy. Each new person coming in brings fresh ideas, new innovations, a different way of doing things.

A different way of doing things is a good thing. We don't want cookie cutter leaders. We need those who will look upon the challenges our churches face and bring to the table a fresh perspective. Several weeks ago I met with a small group of clergy and we discussed, among other things, the standings of the local church in our conference. I was surprised to hear some of the statistics regarding our churches.

We have 160 churches in the conference. One third of those churches are in transition: i.e. seeking a settled pastor, receiving a settled pastor, a retiring pastor is outgoing, two or more churches coming together under one roof – or transitioning to one pastor serving two or more churches... We currently have 3 interim pastors available to serve open churches with 12-16 seeking an interim pastor.

I share this, not to alarm anyone, but to raise the clarion call of awareness for all of us. As times change, so does how we carry out the ministry we are called to. Our conference is undergoing some of these changes in response to declining churches, low participation, low financial support... Our current structure with four associations (or districts) is being merged so that all of our local churches will be under the umbrella of the conference with no association (or district) as the "middle person". This will be a topic of discussion at the Annual Conference but is (I believe) some time out before being fully implemented.

What does this mean for our churches? We have taken the step of creating a Mission Statement that will help clarify how we do ministry. Our mission:

Is to help others deepen their relationship with God, become faithful followers of Christ, and to share the message of Christ's love with others.

Our churches have strong leadership with our consistories working well together when needed. We have a strong children's program at St. James. We have the foundation of a youth group. We serve in our community. We have done much to understand that church is not a building, but who we are. And that neither worship nor serving begins and ends within the walls of the church building. Rather, as we go forth into our communities, places of work, schools, small groups, activities, sports... we continue to worship God and serve as Jesus Christ has called us to.

Peace and blessings,

Patrick

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

WELCOME... MEGCOWE''''

TO OUR NEW CONSISTORY MEMBERS!



St. James:

Matt Lutze & David Lutze



St. Mark's:

Jody Binversie & Lori Roelse

Installation of our new consistory members occurred during the Worship Service on Sunday, January 26th. In addition to welcoming our new members, we give thanks for the service those outgoing Consistory members provided the past three years:

St. James: Jackie Mueller and Jason Riesterer

St. Mark's: Larry Perronne and Janell Davis

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING

January 2, 2025

Larry Perronne called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Members present were Larry Perronne, Janell Davis, Brenda Miota, Tyler Bramstedt, Ben Grunwald, Linda Schroeder and Judy Steinbeck. Pastor Schultz was absent.

Judy started us off with her financial report. She stated that we had a good 4th quarter. We reviewed many income and expense spreadsheets. Linda made a motion to accept the report. Tyler seconded. Motion carried.

The secretary's report was reviewed earlier online via email. There were no changes to the report. Tyler made a motion to accept. Linda seconded. Motion carried.

In his absence, there was no report from Pastor.

Larry updated us on the pending bell tower/trim project. Instead of simply making the repairs and doing some tuck-pointing, the project will now entail maintenance-free, metal-wrapping and louvers as well. Oostburg Concrete has been called to provide estimates on the cost of the tuck-pointing. Judy will reach out to families with money in the Memorial Fund to inquire on covering some of the cost. Larry will continue to run point on appointments and estimates.

The surge protector discussed previously in meetings has been ordered. When it arrives, an appointment will be made for installation.

Topsoil to fill the garden is still tabled until the spring.

Carpet cleaning has been set for April.

Celebrating the youth event tabled until after new consistory members take their positions.

The St. Marks Annual Meeting is set for January 12, 2025 after the 10:30 a.m. service. Ben will run the meeting. We discussed a few of the reports that will be shared at that time. Judy passed out copies of the preliminary budget to be shared at the meeting. We reviewed all the pages and offered up questions and corrections.

Judy inquired about the inactive members of our congregation and we discussed the contribution ladder: attendance, monetary contribution, and partaking in communion. Members who do not participate in at least one of the three aforementioned activities over the course of three years are those who would be considered inactive. Discussion tabled.

As the rates of insurance costs are rising, Judy and Pastor will shop around for alternate options.

The additional savings accounts mentioned in December will be established now that the new year is here.

Larry updated us on the parsonage project. A large contribution on behalf of Eugene Maeuser o the Memorial Fund is being set aside for new, lapboard siding (Smart Siding) - not vinyl. This siding comes with a 50 year guarantee. Larry will lead the labor portion. Discussion tabled pending a color choice and cost estimate.

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ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING—continued...

New consistory members, Jody Binversie and Lori Roelse, will be installed on January 26, 2025 during late service.

The Youth Fellowship has received approval to attend the Winter Solstice Weekend Retreat at the Daycholah Center near Ripon, WI, the weekend of January 24 - 26, 2025. Funding for the conference will come from the Goeke Youth Fund. Brenda Schultz and Brenda Miota will chaperone the five youth attending.

The St. James and St. Marks Joint Consistory will meet on February 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Marks.

In light of the Joint meeting date, the next St. Marks consistory meeting is set for January 30, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. New officer elections will take place at that time. Tyler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Janell seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L Miota



Just a reminder that there is a container on the table next to the elevator in the entry at St. Mark's to collect the aluminum tabs from your beverages. These tabs are being collected by Glenn Grunwald and are recycled to benefit the Ronald McDonald House, which is a nonprofit family & children's charity dedicated to supporting families with sick children in their time of need.

Annual Meeting for 2024

St. Mark's United Church of Christ

January 12, 2025

Consistory members in attendance: Ben Grunwald, Brenda Miota, Tyler Bramstedt, and Linda Schroeder, Judy Steinbeck and Pastor Schultz.

Vice President, Ben Grunwald, called the Annual Meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Pastor Schultz led us in prayer. Following the prayer, Pastor took a few moments to remember those members who had passed in 2024.

I, Brenda Miota, read the minutes taken by Julie Hermann at the 2024 meeting. Todd Grunwald made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Glenn Grunwald seconded. Motion carried.

Judy Steinbeck reviewed the 2024 Financial Report. She noted a few items:

- Technology expenses were high as two laptop computers needed to be replaced.
- The General Fund has been decreasing every year by approximately \$4,000.
- The OCWM goal was met for the year with money left over for 2025.
- We are halfway to completing our goal for Leadership Forward.
- Building Fund decreased due to the resealing and line painting on the parking lot, as well as the filling and lifting of the sidewalk.
- The Memorial Fund holds an excess of money. Judy will send out letters to specific members to inquire on how we can utilize some of that money on upcoming projects.
- The Sunday School account was closed.

Ron Vandoske made a motion to accept the report. Tyler Bramstedt seconded. Motion carried.

Judy Steinbeck went on to present the 2025 Budget. She suggested no changes be made to our donations. She also mentioned the rising costs of insurance and that she was researching other options. Lori Roelse made a motion to accept the proposed budget. Carol Weiland seconded.

Motion carried.

Special Offerings dates are found listed in the 2024 Annual Report's agenda.

Pastor Schultz referenced his report in the packet and asked members to read it over.

New Business.

- Delegates are needed to attend the Northeast Association Meeting. Pastor mentioned that the association is currently restructuring. More information to come.
- A Crop Walk Coordinator is needed. If interested, please see Judy Steinbeck.

Projects:

- Church bell tower tuck-pointing and louvers
- Residing the parsonage

If these projects do not fix the leaks, further inspection will need to be done. Larry Perronne will coordinate all project efforts. A follow-up meeting will be held in the next few months calling for the congregation's approval of the projects. The Consistory will discuss adding the painting of the church trim as well.

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ST. MARK'S ANNUAL MEETING—continued...

Brenda Schultz provided a Youth Fellowship report. She mentioned that the group will be attending a retreat at the Daycholah Center in Ripon in January. Brenda also added that all members of the fellowship are high school seniors and will be graduating this year. Lori Roelse thanked Brenda for her dedication to the group over the last several years.

Pastor provided a summary of the Mission/Vision Report. The team has been meeting since approximately November of 2022. Both Mission and Vision Statements have been written and finalized encompassing both churches. Pastor read the statements to the congregation emphasizing "Bridge, Build, Become and Go." Linda Schroeder made a motion to adopt the Mission Statement. Lori Roelse seconded. Motion carried. Lori Roelse made a motion to adopt the Vision Statement. Carol Weiand seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor spoke on the new, combined churches website which will be made live in a few short weeks. Adjustments are being made and will include the new Mission and Vision Statements. He made reference to our strong social media presence on both Facebook and Youtube.

The church calendar is set for 2025. Highlighted dates were:

- Joint Churches Outdoor Service with Potluck meal and music - July 20, 2025
- Mission Fest - November 9, 2025
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. with Communion

There was one correction to the calendar. The first Sunday in Advent will be November 30, 2025. Additionally, the Chili Dinner held at St. James on March 2, 2025 will be St. James Sunday School led - not Youth Fellowship based - and still organized by Kari Langenhahn of St. James.

Weather cancellation announcement policy remains the same as past years.

There was much discussion on setting the date for the 2026 Annual Meeting. It was felt that this year's and last year's meetings were earlier than usual in the month. It was requested that the meeting be held later to allow more time for report submissions. The Consistory will discuss date options at their next meeting later in the month.

New Consistory members nominated were Jody Binversie and Lori Roelse. Patty Taylor made a motion to close nominations. Glenn Grunwald seconded. Motion carried.

Ben Grunwald called for a motion to elect Jody and Lori. Glenn Grunwald made the motion. Pat Flook seconded. Motion carried. Welcome, Jody and Lori!

Thank you to Larry Perronne and Janell Davis for their leadership and dedicated service over the past three years.

There was no other business brought forward.

Dave Call made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pastor Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Miota

ST. MARK'S HISTORY ALBUMS

After several years, I have finally finished five albums containing past memories of St. Mark's. The albums have been created with a cross section of materials found throughout the church and some donated by generous church members. Of course, due the larger size of some of the items they were not included. Many of the larger items and duplicates are stored in the attic. The albums will be available for all to enjoy on the memorial table in the back of church starting February 2, 2025.

If you have information that you feel might be a welcome addition to the albums please share them with me. While viewing the albums, if you find errors please do not hesitate to discuss them with me.

PLEASE, So that the albums do not get lost and/or damaged it is asked that you enjoy them before or after church and not take them home. However, it is understood that you may wish to share them with shut-in members. Please ask permission before taking them out and return them the following week.

I have enjoyed putting them together and hope you will enjoy them as well.

~Marlene Kammann~

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETING

January 7, 2025 6:40 pm

The meeting was called to order by President Jackie Mueller. Members present were Jason Riesterer – Vice-President, Sheila Hemb – Treasurer, Wendy Meyer – Secretary, Tanya Boman, Jamie Henschel, Scott Henschel, and Pastor.

- Absent: none
- Prayer led by Pastor.
- Motion to approve the Secretary's Report made by Scott and seconded by Jason.
Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Wendy Meyer and seconded by Scott.
Motion carried.
- Pastor's Report: Pastor will be adding the proposed Mission and Vision statement to the annual report and information regarding Leadership Forward. It will be good to remind the congregation about the Leadership Forward program. Pastor is going to use the first week of January as sick time instead of vacation because of being sick during his scheduled vacation.
- Building and Grounds:
 - ◇ The septic system box arrived. Jason will mount it. The cost was reduced by \$71.99 because it is being used for the church. Thank you, Jason.
 - ◇ It was mentioned that light bulbs in the kitchen need to be replaced, and some are out in the hallway. The light bulbs in the kitchen are the old style. Jason changed the bulbs in the hallway, but it didn't fix the problem. It appears the ballasts need to be replaced.
 - ◇ Jackie will be ordering more donation envelopes from Fricke Printing.
- Committee Reports:
 - ◇ Vision of Hope: Nominees are Chris Grotegut and Jason Riesterer. Pastor received a notice from the Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization that their furnace went out and they are looking to raise \$5500 for the boiler pump and motor repair. The consistory voted to allow the VOH to donate \$2000 or less to SCIO. Jamie made a motion to spend \$2000 or less and Jason seconded the motion. The Vision of Hope committee was notified of the vote so they could move ahead with their review and approval.
 - ◇ Stewardship Committee: Clarence Belitz is the nominee
 - ◇ Christian Board of Education: Jamie to reach out to Ashley Grotegut to see if she is interested.
 - ◇ Social Committee: Sheepshead tournament will be held February 23. There will be no Bunco until Spring.

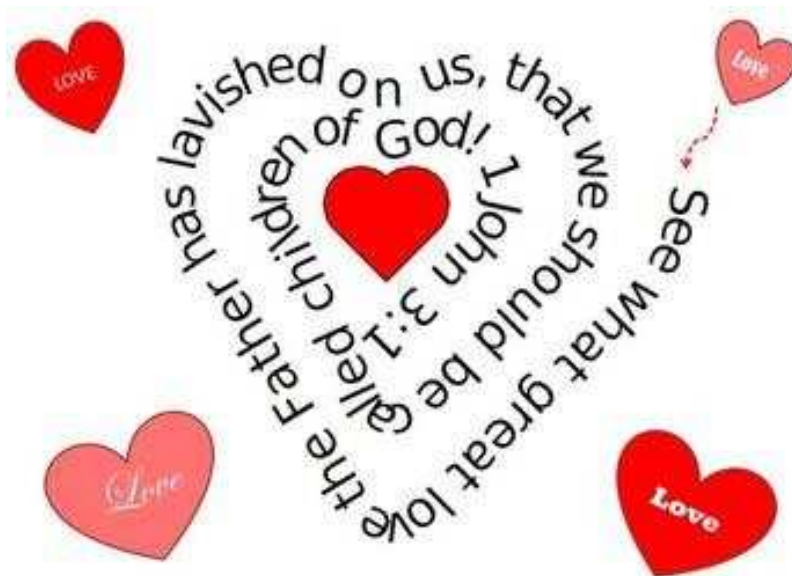
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ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETING—continued...

- Old Business:
 - ◇ The Daycholah retreat will cost \$1310. There were savings of \$350 (\$50 for each person toward a scholarship). A motion was made by Sheila and seconded by Wendy for the \$1310.
 - ◇ The Youth Group will be dismantling around June because the active members of the group will be leaving for college. Brenda will be stepping down at that time. Thank you, Brenda, for donating your time and talent for the group.
- New Business:
 - ◇ Review consistory terms – David Lutze is the nominee. Still need to look for 1 more person. Karen to send a mail chimp to see if we can find anyone.
 - ◇ The 2025 budget was reviewed. Jason made a motion to accept the proposed budget and Scott seconded it.
 - ◇ The Annual Meeting is January 19. Do we have all of the information together?
- Congregation concerns: none
- Next meeting date: February 4, 2025.
- Motion to adjourn made by Pastor and seconded by Jason. Motion carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Meyer, Secretary



Annual Meeting for 2024

St. James Christ

The Annual Meeting of the St. James Cemetery Association preceded this meeting at 11:35 am.

The St. James 2024 Annual Meeting was called to order by President Jackie Mueller at 11:40 am. Pastor Patrick Schultz led the congregation in a prayer and read the names of those that passed during the year.

The previous year's secretary's report was reviewed as printed in the annual report. A motion was made by Charlie Kolb to accept the secretary's report and a second was made by Randy Sohn. Motion approved.

Sheila Hemb, Treasurer, presented the 2024 Treasurer's report. As of 12/31/23, our beginning balance was \$12,466.73. Total income for 2024 was \$143,169.69 and total expense for 2024 was \$143,413.24, leaving a balance of \$12,223.18. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Mary Ann Vogel and seconded by Henry Langenhahn Sr. Motion carried.

Pastor presented his Pastoral Report. He highlighted the number of baptisms performed at St James and those that received gifts.

Sheila Hemb presented the proposed 2025 budget. She highlighted the huge increase in insurance costs and the need to look for alternatives. A question was raised as to why the Leadership Forward was not in the budget. Pastor provided a review of the Leadership Forward program and how the funds are used. St James agreed to pay \$6000 for 5 years. There was further discussion around congregation donations and if the Vision of Hope should be considered to help cover the pledge. Tammy Serketich made a motion to approve the 2025 budget and Chris Grotegul seconded it. Motion carried.

Mary Ann Vogel presented the Stewardship Report. She encouraged everyone to use the designated envelopes in the pews. Out of 169 members, the financial support came from 114 members.

Daniel Kleinhans, Treasurer of the Vision of Hope, presented the VOH account balances. The 12/31/23 money market balance was \$52,549.34 and the 12/31/24 balance is \$53,975.66. The 12/31/2023 checking balance was \$11,585.86 and the 12/31/24 balance is \$2905.74. The long term assets funds equal \$244,128.05 leaving a total assets as of 12/31/24 of \$301,009.45.

Jackie Mueller reviewed the completed projects for the year. The biggest project was the parking lot paving. A special thank you was given to Cole and Jamey Binversie for the completion of the Sunday School Room and Jason Riesterer and Jamey Binversie for the continued church maintenance. Future projects will be repair of the slate steps in front of church and the cleaning of the church floors.

Chris Grotegut and Jason Riesterer are the nominees for the Vision of Hope Committee. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Richard Lutze to close nominations and have the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Chris and Jason. Dave Mueller seconded the motion. Motion carried. A special thank you to Linda Lorfeld and Randy Sohn for their service to the Vision of Hope.

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ST. JAMES ANNUAL MEETING—continued...

Ashley Grotegut is the nominee for the Christian Board of Education Committee. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Richard Lutze to close nominations and have the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Ashley. The motion was seconded by Tammy Serketich. Motion carried. A special thank you to Christine Gumm for her service to the Christian Board of Education.

Clarence Belitz is the nominee for the Stewardship Committee. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Richard Lutze to close nominations and have the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Clarence. The motion was seconded by Tammy Serketich. Motion carried. A special thank you to Geraldine Scheffler for her service to the Stewardship Committee.

Pastor presented the Mission and Vision Committee Report. He shared a special thank you for the members of the committee who helped draft the proposed Mission and Vision statements. The proposed statements were shared with the congregation. The new website is in process and almost complete. A motion was made by Pat Kleinhans to accept the Mission Statement and seconded by Jamie Henschel. Motion carried. A motion was made by Scott Henschel to accept the Vision Statement and seconded by Henry Langenhahn Sr. Motion carried. Pastor reported on the Facebook and YouTube channel. A special thank you to Karen Mansker for her work on maintaining these.

Doris Sprenger presented the highlights of the Crop Walk. St James had 5 walkers and raised \$3895.00. A special thank you to our church members for their continued support. Doris will continue to represent St James and coordinate the Crop Walk and Rural Church Fellowship.

Scott Henschel presented the United Church Men and Women report. Just over \$9000 went to the following scholarship recipients: Julie Maddalena for the David Heckmann Scholarship, Randall Koppenhaver for the David Lorfeld Scholarship, and Elliot Luedke for the Delmar Meyer Scholarship.

Jackie Mueller provided an update on the Korean Methodist Congregation. They are very grateful for the use of our church.

The 2025 annual meeting will be held January 18, 2026. A motion was made by Henry Langenhahn Sr. to accept the date for the 2026 meeting and Jamie Henschel seconded it. Motion carried.

David Lutze was the nominee for the Consistory. Matt Lutze was the nomination from the floor. Matt accepted the nomination. A motion was made by Richard Lutze to close nominations and have the secretary cast a unanimous ballot to accept David and Matt. It was seconded by Charlie Kolb. Motion carried. A special thank you to Jackie Mueller and Jason Riesterer for their service to the Consistory.

A motion was made by Henry Langenhahn to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 pm and Jamie Henschel seconded it. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Meyer

**Celebrating the Baptism of Hudson Mateo Binversie
who was Baptized on January 19th at St. James**



With
Sympathy



*Our heartfelt sympathy goes out
to Sarah & Richard Lutze and
family on the death of Sarah's
stepmom, Marjorie Daane, on
January 12th.*

QUILTERS CLUB

We welcome anyone interested to join us.
Our upcoming sessions will be 9:00-noon
at St. Mark's on the following dates:

Tuesday, February 4th

Tuesday, February 18th



St. James Choir

Because of Lent we will be practicing
on Tuesdays right now.

Tuesday, February 4th: No rehearsal

Tuesday, February 11th: Practice at 6:30

Tuesday, February 18th: Practice at 6:30

Tuesday, February 25th: Practice at 6:30



St. Mark's Choir

~~To Be Determined~~

CHURCH CHOIR RESUMES!



Please take time to check over the birthday and anniversary list that was provided to you with your church Annual Report. If you notice a mistake in the date or spelling, please contact Karen in the office to have it corrected. That is the list that is used to publicize in the weekly bulletins & monthly newsletters, and I want it to be correct.

Either email the correction to:

stmstjoffice@gmail.com

Or call the church office: (920) 693-8361

Thanks!

Randall Koppenhaver is currently serving at Bethlehem UCC. He helped Pastor Patrick with Vacation Bible School last summer and brought over students from Bethlehem to share in the VBS experience. Your support is encouraged. ❤️



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.

Supporting our Church Mission Trip Team!

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, FEBRUARY
15TH @ 9A.M. - 2P.M.**



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.

Weather Cancellations will be made available on the church voicemail (920.693.8361), the church Facebook page: St Marks & St James and via our email messaging.

You may also call a Consistory Member.

Please use your own discretion in deciding whether to go out in inclement weather.



Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization

Bulletin Bites

FEBRUARY, 2024

1. We celebrate new beginnings at Bridgeway every day! This time of year, we get to celebrate in a big way, and we are always excited for that. As we start the new year, we are in need of a few things and we are always grateful for your help: Bottled Water, Garbage Bags, All Purpose Cleaner.
2. Look for us at the Winter Farmers Market on February 1st and 15th from 9am - 12pm at First Congregational Church UCC, 310 Bluff Ave Sheboygan. Check out some new vendors! The winter market runs through the third Saturday of April. .
3. The final tally is in! In 2024, the Bridgeway Case Managers assisted 492 women and children through their outreach and aftercare programs! This is an increase of 228 clients over 2023! We are so thankful for our donors and partnerships that help support the important work that we do!
4. THANK YOU!!! In early January, SCIO put out a call to our faith community and supporters through social media and the newsletter to help us pay for an urgent repair to our furnace. Not only did we reach our goal in less than 24 hours, we exceeded that goal and have a nice little nest egg to help with any unplanned future needs. Please know we are so grateful for your continued support, love and prayers for our ministries.

ST. JAMES USHERS

FEBRUARY

*Joe and Cindy Klapperich
Richard and Sarah Lutze
Jamey Binversie
Sadie Koenig
Cole Binversie
David & Megan Lutze
Matthew & Amber Lutze

MARCH & LENT

*Jason & Jenny Riesterer
Tim & Amanda Russart
Austin Riesterer
Briana Riesterer
Emma Russart
Henry & Bonnie
Langenhahn, Sr.
Henry & Kari
Langenhahn, Jr.
Williem Langenhahn
Chelsea Langenhahn
Madisan Langenhahn



ST. JAMES VISION OF HOPE

"Application for Funding" forms are available in the narthex, from VISION OF HOPE Committee members, or under "More" on our church website.

We welcome specific requests as well as your suggestions for using our semiannual gifts from the Wagner Foundation.

STUDENTS! Use this form for tuition help (currently \$1,000) each year.

ST. MARK'S GREETERS/ USHERS

FEBRUARY

Jon Herrmann
Julie Herrmann
Mike Bernhardt
Roxi Bernhardt

MARCH

Dave Adams
Ann Adams
Glenn Grunwald

MIDWEEK LENTEN

Steve Gabsch
Gary Kaestner

READERS

Feb. 2nd—Sandy Perronne
Feb. 9th—Scott Siekman
Feb. 16th —Lori Roelse
Feb. 23rd —Jacob Grunwald

HOSPITALITY

Feb. 2nd — Sandy Perronne
Feb. 16th— Margene Reyer

Any Sundays not listed above are available, if you are interested in hosting, contact the church office: 920.693.8361

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

<u>St. James</u>		<u>St. Mark's</u>	<u>St. James</u>		<u>St. Mark's</u>
57	Dec. 24, 4pm	*	39	Jan. 5	40
87	Dec. 24, 7pm	*	41	Jan. 12	42
*	Dec. 25	80	63	Jan. 19	45
36	Dec. 29	45	51	Jan. 26	? Not counted

ST JAMES FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Mary Ann Vogel
- 6 Jeff Meyer
- 9 Kari Langenhahn
- 10 Elliot Gumm
Briana Riesterer
- 12 Amanda Russart
- 15 Clara Meyer
- 17 Everit Gumm
- 19 Wyatt Koenig
- 22 Tom Nye
- 24 Shelia Hemb
- 25 Myron Hickman
Jason Riesterer
- 26 Rieck Beiersdorf
- 27 Karie Ladwig
- 28 Poppy Binversie
Theodore Sibley
- 29 Eunice Stolzmann

ANNIVERSARIES

- 26 Bill & Laurie Heckmann



Please report any corrections or additions on the birthday and anniversary lists to Karen in the church office:

stmstjoffice@gmail.com

OR call 920-693-8361

so that the information will be correct on future publications.



Please let the church secretary know if you have a change in your mailing address, email or phone number.

You may either note the change on the Welcome Card and write a note that it's new info., email the church office at stmstjoffice@gmail.com or call the church office 920.693.8361.

ST MARK'S FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Kathryn Jaehnig
- 4 Mark Jurk
- 5 Judy Steinbeck
- 8 Trevor Schueler
- 9 Hillary Hermann
Ron Vandoske
- 10 Jon Herrmann
Sue Vandoske
- 16 Cole Herrmann
- 21 Linda Schroeder
Reid Vandoske
- 22 Scott Dexter
Peter Grunwald
- 25 Bill Roelse
- 26 Amy Summers
- 29 Walter Taylor

ANNIVERSARIES

None

Pastor Patrick has designated Mondays & 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.

Your Church Consistory Members would be your contact in any nonemergency situation.

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

**AREA EVENTS YOU
MAY BE
INTERESTED IN...**

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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