

# The Country Church Herald

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PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

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## JUNE, 2025

### June 1st - Strengthen the Church Special Offering

St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship

St. James: 10:30am Worship Service

### June 8th – Pentecost with Communion

St. James: 9:00am Worship

St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship Service

### June 15th – Father's Day

St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship

St. James: 10:30am Worship Service

### June 22nd -

St. James: 9:00am Worship

St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship

### June 29th -

St. James: 9:00am Worship

St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship

It is good to have money  
and all the things money can buy,  
but it's good to check up once in a while  
and make sure you haven't lost the things that money can't buy.

~St. James Stewardship Team

Visit our Church Website: <https://www.stmarksstjamesucc.org>  
Worship Services are recorded weekly and uploaded to our church  
YouTube channel: St. Mark's & St. James UCC  
Visit & follow our Facebook page: St. Marks & St. James UCC



*From Pastor Patrick:*

Watch for more information regarding this summer's Vacation Bible School. We will once again be partnering with Bethlehem UCC, Kiel, Rev. Randy Koppenhaver.



# ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING

May 8, 2025

Ben Grunwald called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Members present were Judy Steinbeck, Jody Binversie, Linda Schroeder, Ben Grunwald, and Brenda Miota. Pastor Schultz, Tyler Bramstedt, and Lori Roelse were absent.

Judy started us off with the financial report. She mentioned that the recycling of the old siding taken off the parsonage helped offset some of the costs. Judy also recently paid the bill for the project. Memorial money will be used to pay for the upcoming tuck pointing work. She reviewed several other accounts. She shared the Youth Fund report submitted by Louise Jetzer. Jody motioned to accept the report. Linda seconded. Motion carried.

The secretary's reports were reviewed online. Judy mentioned she had noticed an error in the special meeting minutes from April 27, 2025. I had listed the wrong amount for the proposal by Ken Klemme. Linda made a motion to approve the reports. I seconded. Motion carried.

There was no report from Pastor in his absence.

## Projects:

- Larry will tackle the louvers after the parsonage residing is complete
- Tuck pointing is soon to be underway by Ken Klemme
- Parsonage residing is making good progress – no major, unusual, extra expenses
- Topsoil – tabled in Tyler's absence
- Basketball hoop was re-erected by Tyler and Jerry Jetzer

Chapter 3 discussion of *Just Say Yes* was postponed until June when all members are present.

An update on September's Family Picnic was sent in by Lori. Ben shared that the team met on April 23, 2025. They plan to send out "Save the Date" reminders soon. Service on picnic day will take place at 10:30 a.m. with food and activities to follow. Judy ordered games including a dunk tank (the only game with a fee). Their next meeting will be June 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

- An additional note – when Larry resides the garage, he will reopen the food service window that was covered over at one time.

Fire sticker still needs a bit more investigation.

Church building insurance – tabled until December as we get closer to renewal.

Updates on both the mission statement display and old Keurig plans were tabled.

The next meeting is set for June 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Jody made a motion at 6:45 p.m. to close the meeting. Linda seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L Miota

**~~CORRECTION~~**

There was an error in the April 27 Special Congregational Meeting minutes regarding Ken Klemme Masonry's cost for bell tower tuck pointing. The minutes stated "\$5,057.00". The correct amount is "Not to exceed \$5,757.00."

# ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETING

May 6, 2025, 6:36 pm

- The meeting was called to order by President Scott Henschel. Members present were Jamie Henschel – Vice-President, Sheila Hemb – Treasurer, Wendy Meyer – Secretary, Tanya Boman, David Lutze, and Matt Lutze.
- Absent: Pastor Patrick Schultz
- Prayer led by Scott.
- Motion to approve the Secretary's Report made by Jamie and seconded by David.  
Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Matt and seconded by Jamie.  
Motion carried.
- Pastor's Report: no report.
- Building and Grounds:
  - Oil the church bell – Scott will follow up with Jason.
  - Timing of the step replacement – The step will be worked on this week.
- Committee Reports:
  - Vision of Hope: Meeting on May 27
  - Stewardship Committee: Meeting May 7
  - Christian Board of Education: Last day of Sunday School on Mother's Day.
  - Social Committee:
    - Sheepshead tournament May 19 at 6:00 pm. There were around 13 people at the last Sheepshead Tournament.
    - Bunco May 22 at 6:00 pm.
- Old Business:
  - Mission & Vision statement displays – Wendy to contact company and get a sample of a standing display.
  - Hymnals – Scott has received feedback from several members that they are against changing to the St. Mark's hymnals.
  - Church insurance – Melissa Garcia from Church Mutual Insurance presented the current policy and will provide an estimate with the potential savings if they reduce the personal property and blanket property coverage.
- New Business:
  - Adopt a highway – May 21 at 5:00 pm. Wendy to ask Karen to add to the bulletin.
  - Brat Fry – May 14
  - Mother's Day carnations. Wendy to order 35 carnations.
  - Church picnic flyers went home with Sunday School kids
  - The CD for Pastor's Sabbatical is coming due this week. It was agreed to renew it for 9 months.
  - There was a light on the north side of the sanctuary that was blinking during service. The bulb was tightened.
  - The printer in the office has a message to order toner. Wendy will contact the company.
  - Yard clean up – It was suggested that we should maybe look into gutter guards for the church gutters. The gutters were clogged. It is risky and dangerous for someone to climb up on the ladder and clean them out. Thankfully, we had a volunteer during yard clean up that was willing to do it. Special thanks to all that helped.
- Congregation concerns: A request to not switch to the St. Mark's hymnals was received.
- Next meeting date: June 3, 2025.
- Motion to adjourn made by Tanya and seconded by Dave to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Meyer, Secretary

# STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH SPECIAL OFFERING

Both St. James and St. Mark's will be participating in the Strengthen the Church special offering on Sunday, June 1.

The Strengthen the Church (STC) offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ. You can learn more at <http://ucc.org/stc>



**ST. JAMES CHOIR** ~ The last choir practice before summer break will held on Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30pm

***Special note: Photos are taken on occasion at both churches for use in our church newsletter, on our church Website and on the church Facebook page. If you do not want your photo or those of your child(ren) shared, please contact the church office: [stmstjoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmstjoffice@gmail.com) or call 920.693.8361***

# We extend our most heartfelt congratulations to these graduates of our church family!

## **OLIVIA BRAMSTEDT**

Graduated from UW-Platteville

- *Valedictorian*

Next steps: 10 week mission trip as team leader & hospitality in Milwaukee through Next Step Ministries and then starting as a greenhouse manager for Millhome Nursery in August.



## **OWEN BRAMSTEDT**

Graduated from Howards Grove High School

Next steps: Entering the work field with Motörhead Auto Detailing as a detailer and Paint Protection Film (PPF) specialist

## LUKE GRUNWALD

Graduated from Howards High School

- *Graduated with Honors (above 3.4 gpa)*

Next steps: UW- LaCrosse; majoring in Computer Engineering



This is Ethen and his sister Ashley!!

## ETHEN LUTZKE

Graduated May 18<sup>th</sup> from UW Milwaukee

- *Bachelor's degree in Architecture*

Next steps: Designers Assistant at American Landscape in Menominee Falls, WI



## BRIANNA KAREN MIOTA

Graduating from Sheboygan Falls High School

- *Special Honors: Magna Cum Laude, Falcon Leadership, Honor Roll, Secretary of National Honor Society, Youth Apprentice at Acuity Insurance Company*

Next steps: UW-Green Bay; Double major in English and Education



## REBECCA CAROL MIOTA

Graduating from Sheboygan Falls High School

- *Special Honors: Summa Cum Laude, Honor Roll, Treasurer of the Key Club, Kiwanis Student of the Month*

Next steps: UW- LaCrosse; majoring in Diagnostic Medical Sonography

## EMMA PERRONNE

Graduated from the University of Whitewater

- *BBA in finance with an emphasis in insurance and a minor in occupational safety*
- *Risk manager for the fishing club, Dean's List every semester, Chancellor's Scholarship*

Next steps: Safety coordinator with Cru Concrete in Dane, WI



## BRIANA RIESTERER

Graduated from Carroll University

- *Bachelor of Science in Nursing*

Next steps: Working at Sheboygan Aurora Ortho/Neuro Unit



## EMMA RUSSART

Graduating from Kiel High School

- *Special Honors: Magna Cum Laude, National Honor Society, Purple Honor Roll*
- *Achievements: 4 years of Band with numerous Solo & Ensemble awards and 1 year of Jazz Band, 3 years of Show Choir with 2 State 1st Place Awards, 3 Musicals, and 1 Play*

Next steps: UW Platteville pursuing a degree in Forensic Investigation



## GRACE SCHULTZ

Graduated from Sheboygan Area Lutheran High School  
Next steps: Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design to study Graphic Design

- *Obtained a Presidential scholarship from the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design*

## AMANDA WASMER

Graduated from the University of Wisconsin–Green Bay

- *Bachelor's Degree in Marketing*
- *Special Honors: Graduated Summa Cum Laude*

Next steps: serving as a Marketing Intern at Van Horn



# YOUTH VOLLEYBALL!

The Youth Volleyball Season is once again upon us! All youth from St. Mark's & St. James 7<sup>th</sup> grade to age 21 are invited to join in the fun. Contact coach Bill Heckmann with any questions.

Everyone is invited to come and cheer on our awesome team! Check the schedule below.

Rural Church 4 Team  
Summer Volleyball Schedule  
All games begin at 6:30pm

June 15, 2025

Immanuel/Bethel @ St. Mark's/St. James  
Bethlehem/St Peters @ Saron

June 22, 2025

St. Marks/St. James @ Bethlehem/St Peters  
Saron @ Immanuel/Bethel

June 29, 2025

St. Marks/St. James @ Saron  
Bethlehem/St Peters @ Immanuel/Bethel

**JULY 2nd - BYE WEEK FOR ALL TEAMS**

July 13, 2025

St. Marks/St. James @ Immanuel/Bethel  
Saron @ Bethlehem/St Peters

July 20, 2025

Bethlehem/St Peters @ St. Marks/St. James  
Immanuel/Bethel @ Saron

July 27, 2025

Saron @ St. Marks/St. James  
Immanuel/Bethel @ Bethlehem/St Peters

Begin each game with the home team leading with prayer

I will call for your win/loss record after the final regular season game

Please review the schedule and if you need to make any changes in your games, call and change with your opponent as soon as possible

Have a great time this summer and remember this is a church league and treat everyone with respect, even members from your own team

Playoff/tournament meeting will be held at 12:00 noon the day of the tournament at the host's location. Coaches and team captains need to be there.

**Tournament date – August 3rd, 2025  
at St Marks/St James at NOON  
Coaches/captains meeting @ 11:45 a.m.**

Each team is responsible for having at least one referee at each game and at the tournament

Tournament hosts in order – Immanuel/Bethel, Bethlehem, Saron, St. Marks/St. James

2025 – Immanuel/Bethel/Our Shepherd

2026 – Bethlehem/St Peters

2027 - Saron

2028 - St. Marks/St James

GENERATIONS BROUGHT TOGETHER BY

# FESTIVE SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

JOIN ST. JAMES & ST. MARKS FOR A SUNDAY  
FILLED WITH FAMILY, FOOD, AND MUSIC

OUTDOOR  
SERVICE  
BY PASTOR  
SCHULTZ  
STARTS 11:00

POTLUCK  
& SOCIAL  
STARTS  
12:00

VARIETY OF  
MUSIC BY  
2/5'S  
PARTY BAND  
STARTS  
12:30

WHERE : SPRING HOPE BARN 11424 SPRING LAKE RD

How do I sign up?  
Check out events at  
[www.springhopebarn.com](http://www.springhopebarn.com)



# Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization

## Bulletin Bites

MAY, 2025

- 1. Calling All Food Trucks!** The aroma of delicious food is coming to SCIO! We're actively reaching out to local food trucks to join our vibrant Saturday and expanding Wednesday markets. If you know a fantastic food truck, send them our way, [fm@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org](mailto:fm@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org).
  2. We have been working on some seasonal cleaning and could use your help: Magic Erasers, Floor Cleaner, Windex. As always and with gratitude, thank you!
  3. **Bridgeway & Beyond:** We are getting ready for our yearly camping trip July 25-27th! At present count, there should be between 35 to 40 participants! Recharging in nature with families and fellowship around a campfire is truly a healing experience! Please consider donating to this amazing annual event!
  4. We are seeking funding to expand access to fresh, local produce through the SCIO **Farmers Market's** Double Your Bucks Program. This initiative doubles the value of food assistance dollars spent at the market, empowering low-income individuals and families to purchase more fruits and vegetables while supporting local farmers. With additional funding, we aim to reach more participants, increase daily match amounts, and strengthen food security in our community. Your support will directly enhance health outcomes and promote equitable access to nutritious food for all. Contact Executive Director Lisa Stephan at [lisa@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org](mailto:lisa@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org).
  5. **Family Pathways** has five visit openings for families that could use some support through supervised visits. Please reach out to us at [familypathways@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org](mailto:familypathways@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org) if you know a family that is going through a transition.
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**SAVE THE DATE!**

St. Mark's & St. James invite you to a

**JOINT FAMILY PICNIC DAY!**

**Sunday, September 7, 2025** *(rain or shine)*

Held at St. Mark's UCC, W1307 Orchard Rd, Cleveland

**10:30 JOINT WORSHIP**

***followed by LUNCH & GAMES***

***(no service at St. James)***

*Hamburgers and Hot Dogs (donations appreciated)*

**GAMES FOR ALL AGES**

Bingo    Yard Games    Croquet    Fish Pond  
Pick-a-Duck    Corn Hole    Ring Toss    Balloon Dart  
Ladder Golf    Dunk the Pastor ***(fee per ball)*** ....And More!

*When the event draws nearer, we will be asking for donations of prizes, as well as the use of yard games and canopies.*

THERE'S STILL TIME!

## Community United Church of Christ

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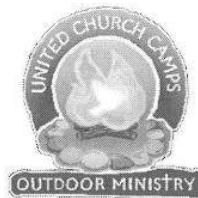
### Summer Camp Scholarship

Community United Church of Christ in Elkhart Lake is offering scholarship funds up to \$1700 to be used towards persons to attend UCC's Moon Beach Camp in northern Wisconsin. Information on 2025 camp offerings can be found online at [ucci.org](http://ucci.org). If you or someone you know is interested in applying for these funds please contact the church office at 920-876-2525 or [commucc.elkhartlake@gmail.com](mailto:commucc.elkhartlake@gmail.com)

A quintessential Northwoods Wisconsin retreat, **Moon Beach** has been welcoming guests for over 65 years! The camp sits on 110 acres between Eagle River and St. Germain on the shores of Moon Lake and Little Saint Germain Lake. Enjoy quiet and clear waters, mixed forests with many nature trails, an abundance of wildlife, and some of the best stargazing around!

This wondrous setting creates the time and place for you to rediscover your sacred connection to God, all others, and the earth. Through playing, relaxing, and learning together, we are transformed.

Moon Beach offers camps, events, and retreats year-round and looks forward to welcoming you!



# St. James June Celebrations!

## BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Ashley Lutzke
- 5 Thomas Heckmann
- 6 Johnathon Koenig
- 8 Morgan Henschel
- 9 William Spindler
- 10 Dean Sprenger
- 12 Michael Belitz
- 13 Henry Lutze
- 14 Amanda Wasmer
- 15 David Krause
- 16 David Gumm  
Austin Emre Nye
- 17 Kathleen Hickman
- 20 David Lorfeld
- 23 Bradley Mauk
- 24 Camryn Spindler
- 25 Christine Gumm
- 26 Clara Lutze
- 28 Cheyenne Behnke
- 30 Allen Stolzmann

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Dale & Doris Sprenger
- 10 Rick & Donna  
Wippermann
- 13 Jamie & Heather  
Henschel
- 19 Daniel & Katie Kleinhans
- 26 Randy & Cindy Sohn
- 28 Steven & Linda  
Rozmarynowski



Please report any corrections or additions on the birthday and anniversary lists to Karen in the church office:  
[stmstjoffice@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:stmstjoffice@gmail.com) or call the church office 920.693.8361.

# St. Mark's June Celebrations!

## BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Tim Miota
- 6 Dave Adams
- 9 Ray Sixel
- 10 Tara Vandoske
- 11 Mike Summers
- 13 Emma Perronne
- 14 Sheri Kaestner
- 15 Finley Uttech
- 16 Steve Gabsch
- 17 Bruce Mansker
- 18 Michael Marcheske
- 23 Daniel Schultz
- 24 Cody Horswill
- 26 Tim Schultz
- 27 Glenn Spindler

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Tim & Angel DeBlaey
- 6 Thomas & Stacy Hermann
- 11 Todd & Stacy Grunwald
- 15 Lee & Nancy Sixel
- 21 Mike & Roxi Bernhardt
- 28 Jim & Patty Taylor

# ST. JAMES USHERS

## JUNE

\*Scott Henschel  
 Clarence & Heidi Belitz  
 Mark & Kathy Stolzmann  
 Allen & Eunice Stolzmann  
 Val Jean Marcoe  
 Colton Marcoe  
 Gavin Marcoe  
 Raymond Henschel

## JULY

\*Pat Kleinhans  
 Tanya Boman  
 Hannah Kleinhans  
 Daniel & Katie Kleinhans  
 Linda Rozmarynowski  
 Dan Sohn  
 Abigail Peterson  
 Tom Urness  
 Allyson Wasmer  
 Amanda Wasmer



## 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 USHERS & GREETERS

## JUNE

Linda Schroeder  
 Mark Jurk  
 Kathy Jurk

## JULY

Ben Grunwald,  
 Jacob Grunwald  
 John Grunwald  
 Katherine Grunwald  
 Luke Grunwald  
 Todd Grunwald

## READERS

June 1<sup>st</sup> — Sandy Perronne  
 June 8<sup>th</sup> — Scott Siekman  
 June 15<sup>th</sup> — Lori Roelse  
 June 22<sup>nd</sup> — Jacob Grunwald  
 June 29<sup>th</sup> — Jacob Gunwald

## HOSPITALITY

Sandy Perronne share the first Sunday of the month. If you are interested in hosting, contact the church office:  
 920.693.8361 or  
 stmstjoffice@gmail.com



If you or a family member are in need of pastoral care or are hospitalized, please contact Pastor Patrick by calling the church office, 920-693-8361, or Pastor Patrick's cell phone, 608-352-9544. You may also email Pastor: schultzpw@gmail.com

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

St. James		St. Mark's
47	May 4	47
76	May 11	39
30	May 18	49
May 25 <sup>th</sup> will be reported next month		