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PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

JULY, 2025

July 6th -

St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship
St. James: 10:30am Worship Service

July 13th -

St. James: 9:00am Worship
St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship Service

July 20th - FESTIVE SUNDAY

11:00am Joint Worship Service at
Spring Hope Barn followed by a
Potluck & Social at noon and
2/5's Party Band beginning at 12:30!

July 27th -

St. James: 9:00am Worship
St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship

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 or call 920.693.8361

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FESTIVE SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

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

OUTDOOR
SERVICE
BY PASTOR
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WHERE : SPRING HOPE BARN 11424 SPRING LAKE RD

How do I sign up?
Check out events at
www.springhopebarn.com



From Pastor Patrick:

Dear church family and friends,



It's getting to be that time of the year....Confirmation classes are right around the corner, starting in September. If you have a child or know of someone who is ready for Confirmation this year (entering into 8th grade or older) please contact our church office via email (stmstjoffice@gmail.com) or contact Pastor Patrick directly (schultzpw@gmail.com or 608-352-9544) for registration.

Reach out to me if you have any questions.

~Pastor Patrick



St Mark's Financial News

A few people have asked me what fund needs the most assistance. Normally, I tell them to contribute to whichever fund they choose. We have had so many building projects going on recently that so many people generously donated to that fund. This was so appreciated. Thank you for doing that.

However...our general fund is now suffering so, at the current time, I am suggesting that the general fund needs our help right now.

Thank you for the donations made to the building fund in order to accomplish all the projects. I was amazed at the response to that call! Now let's work on getting the general fund into a happy place.

Thank you.

Judy Steinbeck, St Mark's financial secretary

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY

June 12, 2025

Ben Grunwald called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Tyler Bramstedt, Judy Steinbeck, Ben Grunwald, Jody Binversie, Lori Roelse, Brenda Miota, Pastor Schultz, and Linda Schroeder.

Pastor led us in prayer.

Judy gave the financial report. She reviewed several accounts and highlighted spending amounts from the parsonage residing project and the tuck pointing. Judy will add a note to the July newsletter thanking members for their contributions to the Building Fund and requesting they shift back to adding to the General Fund. Pastor thanked Judy for her dedication in taking care of the church's "numbers." Lori made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Linda seconded. Motion carried.

The secretary's report was again reviewed previously online. I mentioned that there was one correction brought to my attention that I had fixed. Tyler made a motion to accept the report. Jody seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor gave his report. He highlighted plans for VBS in August ("Epic Australian Adventure"), his time at the annual conference (posted summary on Facebook), and commended both churches in their support of various conferences including Leadership Forward, OCWM, Strengthen the Church, and 5 for 5. He also shared with us a list of the people he's been visiting regularly.

Ben updated us on the current projects.

- Tuck pointing project is complete
- Louvers are on hold until later this summer
- Parsonage residing is almost finished; garage to follow
- Topsoil – tabled
- Resetting the basketball hoop will be done by Tyler and Jerry within the week

We discussed Chapter 3 of *Just Say Yes*. Pastor mentioned that his goal with the book is to raise awareness and inspire fresh ideas. We posed new thoughts such as shortening pews for wheelchairs at the center aisle, making the entryway more inviting, and advertising our handicap accessibility on the website. Pastor modeled the 5 Step Rule for Engagement. Lori offered to work on a new section of the newsletter that will highlight one family each month.

Pastor denoted the large number of high school and college graduates and listed off many of their noteworthy achievements.

Lori updated us on plans made for the upcoming Family Picnic set for September. They have set a timeline for communication. They are looking for families to donate food and prizes. They have mapped out locations for each activity. Their next meeting will be August 20, 2025.

Ben investigated the State Fire Sticker situation. It has expired and needs to be updated. Ben will pursue it further.

Ben mentioned that his sister, Katie, is willing to work on a design for displaying the mission statement. She will create some mock-ups for us.

The fire inspector recently visited the building. He found one back-up battery that needs replacing.

There was discussion of advertising St. Marks UCC in the following newsletters: Cleveland, Howards Grove, Mosel, and Centerville.

Ben informed us that Reverend Kim Henning will be joining us for our July meeting to talk about the Wider Church Initiative.

We proposed ideas for Mission Fest 2025 – Tabled.

Our next meeting is set for July 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Tyler made a motion to close the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Linda seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L Miota

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETING

June 3, 2025

- The meeting was called to order by President Scott Henschel. Members present were Jamie Henschel – Vice-President, Sheila Hemb – Treasurer, Wendy Meyer – Secretary, David Lutze, Matt Lutze, and Pastor.
- Absent: Tanya Boman
- Prayer led by Pastor.
- The Secretary's report was reviewed. The hymnals were discussed. It was decided to stay with our current hymnals. A motion to approve the Secretary's Report was made by Jamie and seconded by Matt.
Motion carried.
- A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Wendy and seconded by David.
Motion carried.
- Pastor's Report: Pastor has the Annual Conference this weekend. The siding on the parsonage is progressing and looks really nice. It was asked if there would be any interest in having a local (WI) Mission Trip. It could be for a week, weekend, or day. It will be tabled for now and discussed next year.
- Building and Grounds:
 - Oil the church bell – Scott to talk to Jason.
 - Review of step replacement – The steps look nice and are much safer. Scott will pick up some white stone to fill in.
 - Blinking light in sanctuary – The light was tightened last month and didn't fix the issue. We will try replacing the light bulbs.
 - Gutter guards – Wendy will get quotes for review.
- Committee Reports:
 - Vision of Hope: May 27 meeting was short. There were no requests for funds.
 - Stewardship Committee: Reviewed the notes from the 5/8 meeting.
 - Christian Board of Education: No meeting
 - Social Committee:
 - Sheephead tournament & Bunco will not be held over the Summer.
- Old Business:
 - Mission & Vision statement displays – Wendy contacted Praise Banners to see if they could design a banner that could be displayed on a stand. The website wouldn't allow the entire Mission Statement to be entered. Wendy to contact them directly to see if it's an issue with the website or if the Mission Statement is too long for a banner. David will investigate the costs and design for something that could be stuck to the wall.
 - Church insurance – The insurance company is asking us to fill out an Inventory Survey. Sheila is going to contact them to get more information about the reduction in coverage and the savings associated with it.
 - Adopt a Highway – We were not able to meet for cleanup because of inclement weather. We will try again in early October.
- New Business:
 - Barn potluck & joint service in July – Scott to contact Katie and Dan to confirm if we need to bring water or anything and if we need to help setup.
 - Printer toner will be arriving this week.
 - The Russart's will be using the tables and chairs for a Graduation Party.
 - The kitchen needs deep cleaning because of mouse droppings. A cleaning date of June 28 at 8:00 am has been selected. Wendy to ask Karen to put in bulletin and send out a mailchimp message. If anyone is willing to donate a few hours, the help would be greatly appreciated.
- Congregation concerns: none
- Next meeting date: July 1, 2025.
- Motion to adjourn made by Matt & seconded by Dave. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Meyer, Secretary



During the May 25th church service the Quilter's Club gifted recent graduates of both churches, Emma, Raymond, Grace, Rebecca, Luke and Brianna, with a beautiful handmade quilt.

A huge thank you goes to our Quilter's Club members, Doris Sprenger, Deb LaDuke, Cindy Call, Cindy Klapperich, Louise Jetzer and Lori Roelse for sharing your time and talent with our church community.

In addition to the graduation quilts, the quilt racks are stocked! If you or someone you know could use some hugs and warmth, please take a quilt for that person





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Spread the word! Please invite your family and friends.



Let us know who is coming to the picnic by completing this form or the [online form](#). Responses are appreciated by August 15.

Adults' names: _____

Phone number _____ email _____

Children's names and ages: _____

My family is willing to bring:

Circle one: salad bars/cookies

I have the following yard game(s) that could be used at the picnic:

Circle: croquet bocce ball ladder golf corn hole other _____

We are collecting new and gently-used items for prizes for adults and for children. There will be a box at each church in which to place donations.

Complete the above form Online by going to:
<https://bit.ly/jointchurchpicnic>



Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization

Bulletin Bites

JULY, 2025

1. Look what's new with the SCIO farmers market:

- **Market in Full Swing:** The farmers market is officially open, and we're excited to see patterns and rhythms starting to form.
- **Overall Attendance:** So far this season, we've welcomed **over 13,000 visitors** to the market!
- **Boosting Local Business:** We've implemented simple signage to help direct foot traffic to surrounding shops, aiming to benefit our neighbors.
- **Expanding Offerings:** We're actively reaching out to food trucks to fill out 8th Street, bringing even more delicious options to the market, and attracting new vendors and musicians.
- **Senior Support:** Our team has visited two senior living facilities, successfully signing up **108 seniors** for the SFMNP (Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program).
- **Farm Visits Underway:** We've started conducting farm visits, connecting directly with our local producers.

2. **Bridgeway & Beyond:** We are getting ready for our yearly camping trip July 25-27th. We expect 35 to 40 participants! Here are some high-need items: S'mores fixins (graham crackers, marshmallows, chocolate bars), canned fruit pie filling, white sandwich bread, complete pancake mix (just add water), hamburger buns, hotdog buns, hotdogs, granola bars, bottled water. Please drop off items by July 16th if you are able to help out - 1251 Geele Ave.

3. Save the Date: Annual Gala – *There's No Place Like Home*

Join us on **Tuesday, September 10th** at **The Berkshire** for an unforgettable evening inspired by *The Wizard of Oz*! Our annual gala supports SCIO's mission to provide hope and stability in our community by strengthening families.

📭 **Silent Auction In-Kind Donations Needed** – Help make our event magical by contributing a gift basket, experience, or item for the auction. **If you would like a copy of the in kind donation form, either contact Karen in the church office to forward it you (stmstjoffice@gmail.com), or contact office@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org if you have a donation.

🖨️ **Registration is now open online:** <https://www.sheboygancountyinterfaith.org/theres-no-place-like-home/>

Follow the yellow brick road to support a great cause—we can't wait to see you there!

4. **Mission Moment:** One of our past kids who lived at Bridgeway recently stopped by with his grandma. Grandma and Grandpa ask the children to donate money somewhere each year to somewhere they want to help others, as they receive social security from his mom's passing (former Bridgeway resident). The son decided to donate \$500 to Bridgeway, as this home was his safe space when he was living with his mom and she was healthy. We are so blessed to positively impact two generations through the Bridgeway & Beyond transitional living program.

Volunteer and Make a Difference

Are you looking for a meaningful way to give back? Consider joining the team of dedicated volunteers at Froedtert Holy Family Memorial Hospital! Volunteering is a wonderful way to share your time, talents, and compassion while making a positive impact on the lives of others.

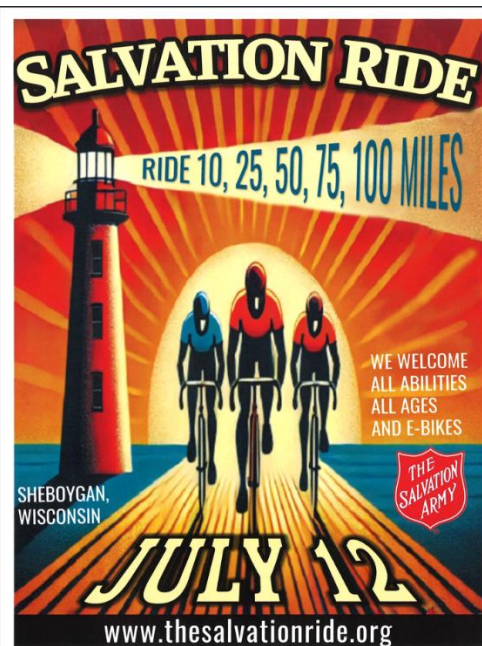
Whether you enjoy connecting with patients or prefer helping behind the scenes, we offer a variety of volunteer opportunities to match your interests. If you're 15 years or older and have a heart for service, we would love to welcome you to our team.

To learn more, please contact Susan Senglaub at (920) 320-2396 or susan.senglaub@froedtert.com.

Susan will gladly provide additional information and help guide you through the volunteer process.

Thank you for your support and for helping us connect with those who may be called to serve.

WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY



Ride for a Cause – The Salvation Ride on July 12

Join The Salvation Army's *Salvation Ride* on **Saturday, July 12**—a **family-friendly cycling event** with route options for all ages and abilities (10, 25, 50, 75, and 100 miles). The ride starts and ends at **King Park** in Sheboygan, and all cyclists are treated to a **delicious broasted chicken meal from Pizza Ranch** upon their return. Form a team with others from our church—no need to ride the same distance—and support a great cause. **All proceeds benefit The Salvation Army's 45-bed homeless shelter** right here in Sheboygan.

Register today at www.thesalvationride.org

Follow on Facebook: facebook.com/thesalvationride

Wednesday, July 2nd

4-7:30 pm

Kiel City Park

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Brats, Hamburgers, Chicken Breasts, German Potato Salad, Baked Beans,

Soda, Water, Strawberry Shortcake



Sponsored by:

St. Peter's United Church of Christ

Kiel Municipal Band Patriotic Concert at

7 pm





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August 15 & 16, 2025
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Country * Southern Gospel * Bluegrass
15 bands from all over the country, * Every 20 min. a new group!

FRIDAY * 11AM TO 7 PM
SATURDAY * 10AM TO 7PM

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St. James July Celebrations!

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ruth Ann Kolb
- 2 Matthew Lutze
- 4 Henry Langenhahn
Cody Mueller
- 6 Heidi Belitz
Laurie Heckman
Tom Kleinhans
Debra LaDuke
- 8 Marissa Fitzgerald
- 10 Jack Heckmann
- 11 James Becker
- 12 Linda Lutzke
- 13 Pat Kleinhans
Michelle Mauk
- 16 Tanya Boman
- 17 Frederick Krause
- 20 Carson Behnke
Hailey Henschel
- 21 Randall Krause
- 23 Madisan Langenhahn
- 25 Tom Urness
- 26 Doris Sprenger
- 27 Ann Rodewald
Katelynn Sibley
- 29 Chris Grotegut
- 31 Grace Schultz

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Kevin & Sherry Jump
- 6 Matt & Amber Lutze
- 23 Richard & Sarah Lutze
- 24 Hank & Barb Reimer
- 25 Jeff & Wendy Meyer
- 26 Henry & Kari Langenhahn



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

BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Brandon Cyr
- 6 Wyatt Scharl
- 10 Emily Binversie
- 12 Steven Schnelle
- 13 Crissy Athorp
- 14 Lindsay Summers
Gerald Thiel
- 15 James Schuette
- 16 Anna Marie Bramstedt
Deanne Schultz
- 19 Mary Jo Adamec
- 20 Jane Vandoske
- 22 Owen Bramstedt
Janice Marcheske
- 25 Jay Schnelle
- 26 Alissa Uttech
- 27 Ann Rodewald
- 31 Amy Clemens
Grace Schultz

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Larry & Sandra Perronne
- 9 Bob & Tara Vandoske
- 11 Steven &
Crystal Schultz
- 13 Gary Van Auken &
Sandra Stark
- 23 Tim & Wendy Schueler
Corey & Amy Clemens
- 24 Alex & Paige Perronne
- 25 Eric & Brynn Bergeman
- 26 Tim & Deanne Schultz

ST. JAMES USHERS

JULY

***Pat Kleinhans**

Tanya Boman

Hannah Kleinhans

Daniel & Katie Kleinhans

Linda Rozmarynowski

Dan Sohn

Abigail Peterson

Tom Urness

Allyson Wasmer

Amanda Wasmer

AUGUST

***Galen & Deb La Duke**

Bill Heckmann

Caroline Heckmann

Jack Heckmann

Thomas Heckmann

Dale Krause

Randy & Karen Krause

David Krause

Rachael Krause



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

JULY

Ben Grunwald,

Jacob Grunwald

John Grunwald

Katherine Grunwald

Luke Grunwald

Todd Grunwald

AUGUST

Judy Steinbeck

READERS

July 6th — Sandy Perronne

July 13th — Scott Siekman

July 20th — *not needed*

July 27th — Jacob Grunwald



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

<u>St. James</u>		<u>St. Mark's</u>
33	May 25	46
28	June 1	39
36	June 8	43
30	June 15	49
36	June 22	39

****June 29 will be reported next month.**