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PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

August, 2025

August 3rd - Communion

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

August 10th -

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

August 17th -

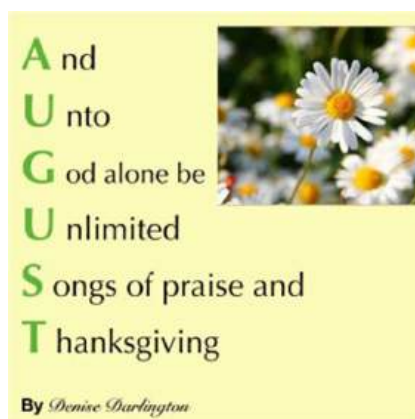
St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship
St. James: 10:30am Worship Service

August 24th -

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

August 31st -

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



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YouTube channel: St. Mark's & St. James UCC
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*From
Pastor
Patrick:*

A big, big shout out to God and the Kleinhans! We held our third annual Summer Worship at Spring Hope Barn. If you were there, you'll agree I'm sure, what a beautiful morning together. I praise God for great weather; and I give thanks for the presence of the Spirit that morning.





ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETING

July 1, 2025

- The meeting was called to order by President Scott Henschel. Members present were Jamie Henschel – Vice-President, Sheila Hemb – Treasurer, Tanya Boman, David Lutze, Matt Lutze, and Pastor.
- Absent: Wendy Meyer
- Prayer led by Pastor.
- Motion to approve the Secretary's Report made by Matt and seconded by David. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Jamie and seconded by Tanya. Motion carried.
- Building and Grounds:
 - Jason and Austin Riesterer will oil the church bell as soon as they have time.
 - Scott will take out the light bulb and replace it with a new one.
 - Still waiting for 1 more quote for gutter guards.
- Committee Reports:
 - Vision of Hope: Nothing to report
 - Stewardship Committee: Nothing to report
 - Christian Board of Education: Nothing to report
 - Social Committee: Nothing to report
- Old Business:
 - Mission & Vision statement displays – David will email the quote for the Mission Statement lettering.
 - Sheila is waiting for a reply from the insurance company.
 - 9 people showed up for kitchen clean up. July 19 at 8 am has been designated as the next clean up date.
- New Business:
- Congregation concerns: none
- Next meeting date: August 5, 2025.
- Motion to adjourn made by Matt and seconded by David. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Meyer, Secretary

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY

July 10, 2025

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

Pastor led us in prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With Brenda Absent, Minutes were approved and identified a correction from last month.

- Updated

FINANCIAL REPORT

Discussed the following Topics prior to Financial review

- Festive Sunday: Consistory approved to cover ½ of the expenses.
- Vision of Hope donation of \$10,849.00 was for the parsonage siding project
- Cancel New Mission support from Sunday School for Haitian Child
- Approved Increased Credit Limit for Judy's card to \$10,000.
- Goeke Fund received a letter saying that they need to find a new investment firm, Goeke Fund Committee is actively searching for new firm, led by Patti Taylor
- Judy presented Contribution form to be presented to the Congregation. Discussion on improving communication to congregation on Church Financial situation.
- Also, discussed Auto Pay for Communication as an option for Congregation.

Financial report Reviewed

- Judy summarized pages 1 – 9
 - Report was approved 1st by Tyler and 2nd by Linda
 - Committee approved at 6:46

SECRETARY REPORT

- Only adjustments were updated date for Picnic Meeting to August 20th 6 – 7 PM
 - Report was approved 1st by Pastor Patrick and 2nd by Tyler
 - Committee approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Discussion of only 1 child has signed up for VBS thus far

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Siding Project

- Siding on the house has been completed; Larry will be working on the garage next.
- Final Numbers for project: \$21,698.55 - \$575.50 (recycled materials) = \$21,123.05

Discussion on Chapter 4 (Move to August's Consistory Meeting

Update on Family picnic (Next Meeting August 20th)

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY....continued

OLD BUSINESS, continued....

DSPS Permitting

- Followed up with Neumann Plumbing and Heating they do not do inspections.
- Online System to Register
 - Need to follow up with Inspection company to update DSPS when inspections are complete
- Follow up with Insurance Company if they have a Recommended Inspection company if not, we will need to locate one.

Mission Statement Display

- Ben to follow up with Kati if she had worked on anything yet.

Other Miscellaneous Topics

- Battery Replacement Exit Signs (Pastor Patrick to follow up with Jerry)
- Advertising the church Village of Cleveland \$275.00 Consistory voted No
- Youth Coordinator Position Open
- Mission Fest Discussion (prepare candidates for next meeting discussion)
- Communion August 3rd, (Jody to bring Bread)

Church Website Concerns (Ben to send follow up to Karen)

- Additional Billing Costs are believed to be covered under additional Security coverage
- Optimization Search Not working
- Contact Us Link is not working
- Old website not linking to New Website
- Before work is done that is above and beyond what we've paid to be communicated and approved.
- Ben will follow up with Karen and address the information that Charlie needs to provide

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held August 7th. 6 PM

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 Approved 1st by Linda and 2nd by Tyler.

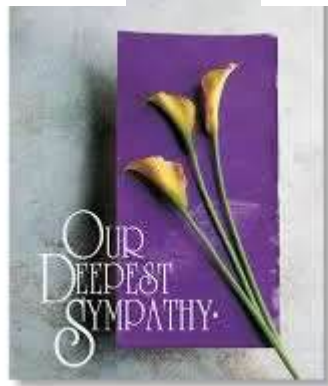
Respectfully submitted,

Jody Binversie, acting secretary in Brenda's absence

Patricia Kleinhans and the family of Steve Thuecks. Steve passed away unexpectedly on Monday, July 7th.

Steve was a quiet man - at least on Sunday mornings. He always had a ready smile, a good morning, and a warm handshake. He has been a special friend to Pat for the last three years and will be heartily missed.

Kathryn Jaehnig, your bright smile and hearty laugh are missed by our church families since you entered Eternal Life on May 26th. We were so honored and blessed to have you as our church organist for over 65 years.



Our sympathy goes to Pat Kleinhans and family on the unexpected passing of her special friend, Steven Thuecks, who entered Eternal Life on July 8th. Steve always had a ready smile, a good morning and a warm handshake. He will be missed.



Kathryn A. (Schmahl) Jaehnig, age 86, formerly of the Village of Cleveland, passed away on Monday, May 26, 2025, at the Manitowoc Health & Rehabilitation Center where she resided since August 2022.

Kathryn was born February 2, 1939, in Sheboygan to Rev. Carl & Emelia (Bohne) Schmahl. She attended grade school at Elm Grove School, graduated from Sheboygan Central High School, and received her bachelor's degree from Lakeland College.

In her early working years, Kathryn worked at Wigwam Mills Inc, Lakeland College, Security Travel, and retired from AAA Travel Agency in Sheboygan. She often served as a tour guide which took her to places such as Germany, Australia, and Russia.

On June 27, 1959, she married Melvin A. "Buddy" Jaehnig, at St. Mark United Church of Christ in the Town of Mosel. Melvin "Buddy" preceded her in death on June 15, 2015.

Kathryn was a member of both St. Mark United Church of Christ in the Town of Mosel and St. James United Church of Christ in Spring Valley where she was the main organist at both churches for over 65 years. She was also a member of the VFW Ladie's Auxiliary in Cleveland and volunteered for the Red Cross Blood Drives.

Steven "Steve" Thuecks, age 68, of De Pere, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Tuesday July 8, 2025.

Steve was born on June 21, 1957 in Chilton, Wisconsin, son of the late Jerome "Jerry" & Donna (Flynn) Thuecks. He was a graduate of New Holstein High School, class of 1975. He went on to further his education by graduating from ACME Institute of Technology. Steve was employed at various places throughout his career, most notably Ariens Co, The Lullaby Shop, Schneider National, and with the PrimeTime Timing family in which he often worked alongside his son, Jamin.

Steve was a technical wizard who could quickly visualize the inner workings of mechanical objects in order to design or fix them. He could fix anything, from machines to computers, and would often have them running better and with fewer parts than they started with. He was selfless and would frequently drop anything he was doing to help his family and friends, and the only payment he would accept was a HUG or an upside down german chocolate cake. Family holidays, especially Thanksgiving, involved spreadsheet cooking schedules and perfect execution (especially of his mom's stuffing recipe), for he truly wanted to create the best experience for his family. When he wasn't planning the next event, he could be found tinkering with computers or in the yard, particularly mowing lawn or snow blowing. He also enjoyed driving, often without a direction in mind or a map, going to the family cabin in Hayden, reconnecting with old friends, and spending time with his family. He loved the years when his kids were young, running road races, having family grill outs, and making the best Sunday malts. Over the last several years, Steve and his sweetheart, Pat, enjoyed the simple joys of life together - going to church, getting haircuts, but most of all, spending time with their families. Steve enjoyed being known as Dad, Grandpa, and Grand"paw" to their dogs - all of whom were his pride and joy.

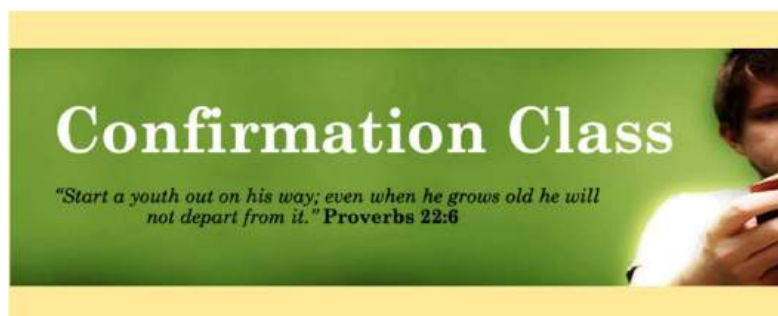
\$ St. Mark's Financial News \$

This month, I would like to address the different ways of contributing financially to the church.

- Envelopes are available in the card holders in all of the pews. You may insert cash or checks. Please make sure to put your name on the envelope and note to which fund you wish to contribute. There is no need to put a dollar amount on the envelope unless you wish to contribute to a few different funds.
- You may put cash in the offering plate; however, this will not be noted on your giving record as we have no way of knowing who contributed.
- Some members are setting up bill pay through their bank. You can set this up to donate a single amount or the bank can automatically make payments weekly or monthly for a recurring amount. It all depends on how your bank is set up and how you wish to donate. This method will result in a check being sent from your bank to the church.
- There is also a way for you to set up recurring donations from your bank directly into the church account. This method is so easy for you. You will not have to worry about making donations. It will automatically be done for you. If you are interested in this, please contact me.
- Finally, some members have set up something with their retirement investment firms to forward checks directly from their account to the church. You will have to check that out with your investment firm.

How ever you wish to donate, we appreciate the financial support. I will try to update you with other financial concerns in upcoming months. I hope to supply information about where your money is going next month. Stay tuned.

Judy Steinbeck, St Mark's Financial Secretary



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.

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

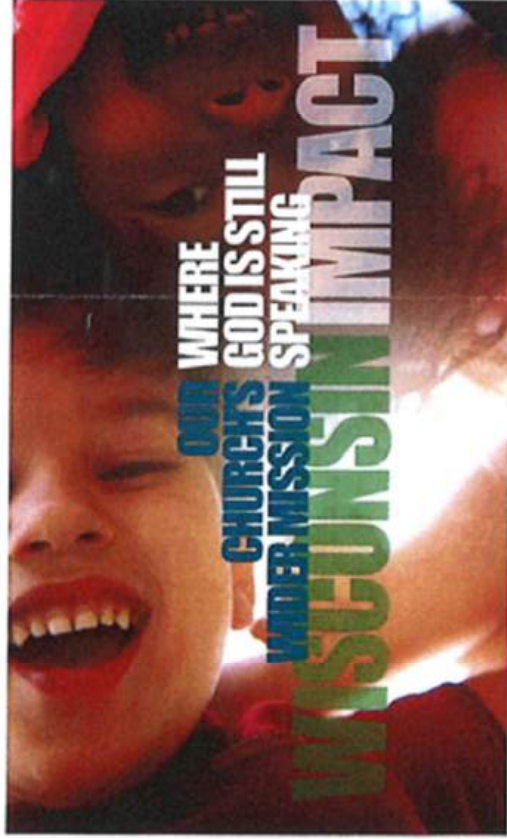
I have the following yard game(s) that could be used at the picnic:

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>



By Rev. Franz Rigert, Conference Minister

The Wisconsin Conference UCC can support and strengthen the faithful ministry of congregations like ours because of your gifts to OECWM Wisconsin Impact (formerly, OECWM Basic Support).

Recently, people from across the Conference gathered at Green Lake to think about the ways God transforms us. We all hope for transformation – to be changed, as the Apostle Paul said, “from glory into glory” (2 Cor. 3:18). We look – and work – for the transformation that expands love and advances justice.

But for too many people in this world, transformation is a regressive metamorphosis – deepening poverty, increasing marginalization, and worsening discrimination. The mission and ministry of the United Church of Christ, across all our congregations in Wisconsin, matter deeply in this moment. I see many signs of promise and hope across the Conference:

- Congregations are developing and sharing resources. One example is First Congregational in River Falls, where the Rev. Stacy Johnson Myers and a team of artists and writers

responded to the need for quality faith formation programs aligned with our values by creating “KidLit.” Imagine how biblically literate we would be if every generation of UCC people could recite 52 key stories from the scriptures! We are building out the Conference website to better share these kinds of resources.

- New ministers and leaders are responding to God’s call in their lives – people like Carly Gaeth, who was ordained May 18. A year ago, I challenged us to raise up to 20 pastors in two years from within our congregations. Already, a dozen people have come together to share their stories of God’s holy tug on their hearts. We’re working to prepare the quality leaders our congregations need.
- People across our Conference are working for transformation through justice ministries that address the social issues before us: WISE, Creation Care, Immigration, Open and Affirming, Break the Silence, Disaster Ministry, Older Adult Ministry, and the revitalizing racial justice team. We’re strengthening the connections among us so that we can engage in advocacy and action together.

The generosity of your congregation nurtures transformative ministries around our state and enables the Conference to share them among our congregations.

OECWM WISCONSIN IMPACT

OECWM Wisconsin Impact, formerly known as OECWM Basic Support, funds the wider mission and ministry of the United Church of Christ. Because of our gifts to OECWM Wisconsin Impact, the Wisconsin Conference can support the vitality of congregations like ours. A portion of OECWM Wisconsin Impact goes to regional missions like United Church Camps, Inc. (outdoor ministry) and the National Ministries of the UCC.

Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization

Bulletin Bites

AUGUST, 2025

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

- **RECORD VENDOR TURNOUT!** July 19th was our busiest yet, with the most vendors of the season! Come see the amazing variety!
- **EBT & SENIOR VOUCHERS:** We're processing EBT and signing up seniors for food vouchers at *every* market!
- **MARKET BUZZ ONLINE:** Follow us on Facebook & Instagram for unique posts, "market watch" updates, and spotlights on each market day's specials!
- **NIGHT MARKET IN THE WORKS:** Stay tuned! We're planning an exciting pop-up night market!
- **LIVE MUSIC @ THE BANDSHELL!** Sheboygan POPs will perform at the market on September 6th (9:30-10 AM & 10:30-11 AM)! We're working on more bandshell activations to bring diverse fun!
- **FEEDING OUR COMMUNITY:** We're regularly donating surplus produce to the Sheboygan Food Bank on both Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- **WINTER MARKET PREP:** Believe it or not, we're already getting ready for the cozy winter market season!

2. **Register Today!** Step into an evening of hope and transformation at our annual gala, *There's No Place Like Home*, on September 10th. This inspiring event fuels three life-changing programs that provide safety, healing, and new beginnings for those who need it most. Your presence and support will help create brighter futures and stronger communities—because together, we can ensure everyone finds their way home. Reserve your spot today and be part of the impact! <https://www.sheboygancountyinterfaith.org/theres-no-place-like-home/>

3. **Paper Products Needed** We have had such a wonderful summer and still have so many wonderful things planned. As we have been busy, we have had a lot of clean up along the way, our paper closet is running REALLY low. Any help with paper products is appreciated:

Toilet paper

Paper towel

Table napkins

Diapers size 5, 6 and 7

4. **THANK YOU!** We received a few donations to help with our annual camping trip, and we are grateful! We look forward to giving you a recap of the weekend next month.

5. **Mission Moment:** "Many times I miss living here (Bridgeway). You guys always have fun activities for the kids and good groups for the moms. This place became my daughter's and my family when we literally had no one. I will always be grateful for my time here and the family we built. That's why it's so easy to come back!"



CHURCH CAMP OPPORTUNITIES!

There are a variety of UCC camp events happening at Moon Beach, Daycholah Center, Cedar Valley and Camp AweSum for all ages and interests. Go to <https://ucc.org/events-calendar/> to learn more.

ANOTHER FUN ACTIVITY IN OUR AREA:

Church Rummage Sale

Bethlehem UCC

11608 Lax Chapel Road

Kiel, WI 53042

Thursday, August 7 - 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Friday, August 8 - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday, August 9 – 8:00 am to noon

Something for everyone

Lots of Miscellaneous

Half price on Saturday





MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS YEAR'S
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St. James August Celebrations!

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Linda Rozmarynowski
- 2 Rhonda Krause
- 3 Sadie Koenig
Emmett Vogel
Alan Wippermann
- 4 Emma Russart
Davie Lorraine Vogel
- 10 Amber Lutze
- 17 Heather Henschel
- 23 Cindi Wippermann
Sara Wippermann
- 26 Abigail Peterson
- 30 Kendra Schmitz
Kathy Stolzmann
Emmett Vogel
- 31 Kevin Jump

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Allen & Eunice Stolzmann
- 7 Andrew & Abigail Peterson
- 4 Charles & Ruth Ann Kolb
- 13 Joe & Cindy Klapperich
- 17 Galen & Debra LaDuke



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.



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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 August Celebrations!

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Larry Heling
- 3 Jay Sommer
- 5 Charlie Mohr
- 9 Courtney Binversie
Debbie Brickner
- 18 Julie Herrmann
- 23 Gerty Free
- 26 Matthew John Roelse
Alicia Schueler
- 27 Carter Clemens
- 28 Bradley Grunwald
Faith Grunwald
- 31 Joanie Mohr

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Jerry & Louise Jetzer
- 9 Ray & Debbie Brickner
- 10 Richard & Linda Schroeder
- 20 Glenn & Terri Grunwald
- 21 Mike & Janice Marcheske
- 22 Larry & Denise Heling
- 22 Brett & Abbey Sheldon
- 24 Ted & Dianne Kaczmariski
- 26 Gerald & Jola Thiel
- 28 Michael & Michelle Scharl

ST. JAMES USHERS

AUGUST

*Galen & Deb La Duke
Bill Heckmann
Caroline Heckmann
Jack Heckmann
Thomas Heckmann
Dale Krause
Randy & Karen Krause
David Krause
Rachael Krause

SEPTEMBER

*Jeff & Wendy Meyer
Marissa Fitzgerald
Jonathan Meyer
Brian & Wendy Henschel
Amanda Henschel
Morgan Henschel
Kris Zolltheis
Scott Zolltheis



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

AUGUST

Judy Steinbeck

SEPTEMBER

Greeters/Ushers Needed

READERS

Aug. 3rd — Sandy Perronne
Aug. 10th — Scott Siekman
Aug. 17th — Lori Roelse
Aug. 24th — Jacob Grunwald
Aug. 31st — Jacob Grunwald



A lot of us have
seen the light,
but for many of us
it's the one
inside of the
refrigerator.

shared by: St. James
Stewardship Team



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

32	June 29
36	July 6
37	July 13
65	July 20

St. Mark's

40
48
45
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*Festive Sunday, one service at Spring Hope Barn
**July 27th will be reported next month.