

# The Country Church Herald

...Proclaiming the Word of God

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## October, 2025

### October 5th - Communion

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

### October 19th -

#### **Mission Fest at St. James**

10:00am Joint Worship Service at St. James  
No Sunday School & No Worship at St. Mark's  
Ham Dinner follows the Worship Service

### October 12th -

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

### October 26th -

10:00am Joint Worship Service  
at St. James, 9-10 Sunday School at STJ  
Joint Congregational Meeting follows  
the Worship Service  
No Worship at St. Mark's, come to St. James

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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:*

Confirmation has kicked off with a bang! In our second week, we gathered at Lakeland University's Bradley Center for an evening of music and singing. The group was a big one with confirmands, pastors, parents, confirmation leaders and teachers from many of our local UCC churches. It was exciting seeing some of our own kids connecting/re-connecting with friends and peers from around the area.

Andra Moran, a musician from Nashville TN with an accomplishments list that ranks with some of the best, shared with us a bit of her personal journey, songs she has written, and a lively personality.

In addition to our confirmands Peter G., Lexis K., London K., Brooklyn V., Wyatt H., Carson R., & Landin W., parents Amanda Russart, Jamie Henschel and Todd Grunwald attended ensuring all our kiddos were well chaperoned and cared for.

We even had a young confirmand in the making join us - Hailey!

We'll be spending our next few weeks of confirmation exploring the Bible more thoroughly along with a cemetery tour on October 29th.

Keep praying for these confirmands, the moms and dads, and all who are participating in this year's confirmation class! We have a lot of exciting things happening to help make this confirmation a memorable one.



## What is one question you've always wanted to ask the pastor?

Be a part of a sermon series the pastor is writing by submitting your question. All questions will be considered for a sermon topic to be preached.

Write your answer on the back of the Welcome Card or email to Pastor Patrick at: [schultzpw@gmail.com](mailto:schultzpw@gmail.com)

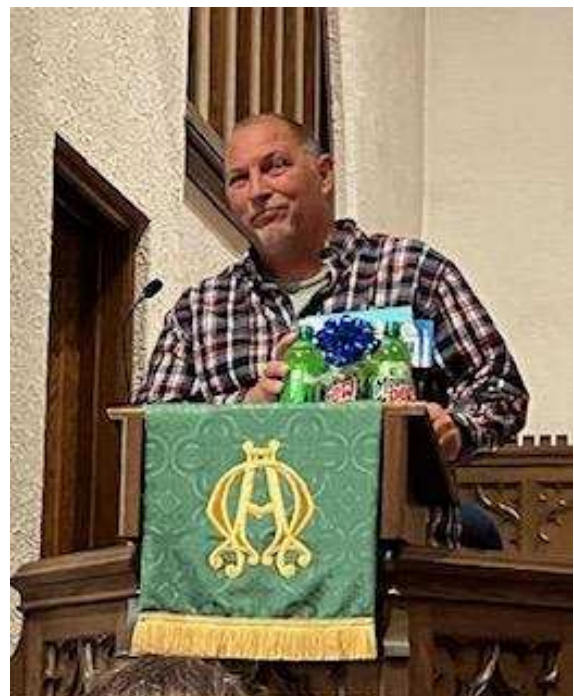
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### Larry Perronne

was recognized on September 7 for the outstanding work he did on the parsonage and garage. Thank you for your generous gifts of labor and materials, Larry!





## OUR JOINT FAMILY PICNIC DAY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

We had approximately 90 people attend. There was plenty of food. Everything was delicious! The cotton candy was amazing! Kids of all ages had fun with the games. Donations covered all of our expenses.

Many thanks to everyone who donated food, prizes, games, and elbow grease. Extra special thanks to Pastor Patrick for going in the dunk tank. He was a great sport!

If you have suggestions for another picnic, please let us know. Enjoy the pictures!

Jody Binversie, Wendy Meyer, Judy Steinbeck, and Lori Roelse





## JOINT FAMILY PICNIC DAY FUN--- page 2





## And the JOINT FAMILY PICNIC DAY FUN CONTINUES-- page 3







Greetings, UCC colleagues and friends:

Trinn and I recently watched a new documentary on the life of Temple Grandin. The film, titled “An Open Door,” tells the story of Grandin’s personal journey with autism and her lifelong commitment to the humane treatment of animals. In explaining how she imagined revolutionary new ways of structuring cattle stockyards to reduce animal stress and cruelty, Grandin said: “I see in pictures.” This insight led to her legendary influence in expanding our understanding of neurodiversity.

Toward the end of the documentary, Grandin is asked why, at age 75, she keeps up such a frenetic pace – writing, lecturing, traveling, signing books. Her answer was pure and sweet: “I’m happy when I’m solving problems. I’m happy when I’m watching my students succeed. I’m happy when I see my lifelong work have positive effects on the world.”

This story of a kind, humble hero stands in stark contrast to the cruelties of our time. These days we regularly witness the dismantling of decency as people are shut out, civil rights are clawed back, humanitarian aid is canceled, and genocide is ignored. Power is wielded in such a way that retaliation and mean-spiritedness now pervade the political landscape.

When will our better angels rise up? When will the collective goodness of humanity say, “Enough already”? This is not who we are as people of faith, and this is not who we are as a democracy committed to opportunity, liberty, and justice for all.

But even though it is easy to feel helpless these days, you and I can make a difference.

First, we can bear witness to the Gospel of love in little ways every day, remembering that kindness can be contagious. Some years ago, Trinn saw Temple Grandin in an airport surrounded by a small crowd. Instead of rushing off, Grandin patiently greeted every curious bystander, encouraging them to inspire others. “I just do unto others as I would want them to do unto me,” she says in the documentary. Kindness matters.

Second, we can muster the courage to step over some invisible boundaries. For Grandin, that meant venturing into cattle yards and daring to tell men in cowboy boots and hats that she knew a better way to organize a stockyard. Despite their inevitable resistance, she convinced one after another that reducing animal cruelty would bring positive changes to the cattle industry. The lesson for us? Talk with a stranger. Intentionally get to know people of color. Engage in random acts of kindness. Be ridiculously generous. Do what Jesus would do – cross boundaries for the good of humanity.

Third, we can hope. If “faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not yet seen” (Hebrews 11:1), then God invites us to imagine a world where goodness and compassion, justice and mercy bring lasting shalom. Perhaps “seeing in pictures” can be a spiritual practice that allows us to envision a way forward even as it feels that the norms we have known are crumbling around us.

Finally, we can keep sharing our values the way Temple Grandin does – with passion and conviction. I’m often tempted to rant against people who see the world differently than I do, but the truth is I find it way more effective to tell them what I believe: I believe in neighborly love, full inclusion, grace that fosters forgiveness, relief for the poor and healing for the broken, justice and generosity for all.

In the covenant of our common Conference life, we are seeing open doors and discovering some new ways forward. Over the coming program year, we intend to provide more opportunities for cultivating relationships among us and for sharing ministry resources. Networking builds friendships and enables the exchange of ideas that lead to congregational vitality. In two weeks, the Conference Board and staff will meet in retreat to formulate a strategy for turning these priorities into reality.

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For now, I want to let you know about a change in our communication strategy beginning next week:

- Check your inbox first thing every Monday morning for a new e-newsletter we're calling Wisconsin Conference This Week, which will contain the most valuable information pastors, lay leaders and church members need to navigate the week ahead. The focus will be on information of Conference-wide interest.
- Wisconsin Conference Life will be published on the third Wednesday of each month and will focus on innovative ministry initiatives and the people behind them.

The ideas behind these changes are straightforward: to ensure that our people and congregations stay connected to the Conference — and, more important, one another — and to point congregations and individuals to ministry resources.

As you prepare to launch a new program year, please know that the Conference staff is here to support you, and that we hold you in prayer and care. Call us as needs arise.

Blessings to you in the love of Christ,

The Rev. Franz Rigert  
Conference Minister

**YOU'RE  
INVITED  
TO  
JOIN  
US!**

United Church Men & Women, (UCMW) - Supporting Ministry Professionals Since 1937

**The United Church Men & Women  
PRESENTS**

**WHAT WE SING MATTERS**  
Sustaining the Church's Song in Changing Times  
A Singalong Concert & Workshop Featuring  
**Rev. Dr. Christopher Grundy**  
Friday, October 31, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
The Bradley Auditorium Lakeland University

Come join songwriter Christopher Grundy for a morning of singing and strategies for strengthening congregational song. We'll talk about the importance of congregational song, the importance of singing theology that is compassionate and just, and, of course, we'll sing together!

Dr. Christopher Grundy is a songwriter whose music has been published in hymnals of the United Church of Christ, the United Church of Canada, and the Hymn Society. He has recorded four albums and multiple singles, available on all streaming platforms. His musical style appeals to all ages, drawing upon a variety of musical styles. Come and learn, come and sing, or just come to find joy and hope.

**Advance Registration Required. Use QR Code or visit [www.ucmwscholarship.com](http://www.ucmwscholarship.com)**

Event Sponsors: Anonymous, BA/OP, LLC, Lakeland University,

Kohler Hospitality, St. John's United Church of Christ, Sheboygan



# ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING

**September 11, 2025**

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

Pastor lead us in prayer.

Financial Report:

- All parsonage invoices are in and paid
  - Garage service window and counter paid for by a donating church member – thank you
  - Building Fund Sunday is September 14, 2025
  - St. James accepted Judy's request to change to monthly payments
  - Pastor suggested a biannual report printed in the newsletter offering financial balances and comparisons for the congregation's awareness
- Tyler made a motion to accept the report. Linda seconded. Motion carried.

The secretary's report was previously reviewed online. There were no changes. Tyler made a motion to accept the report. Jody seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

- Sunday School this year has three children signed up with the possibility of more. We are looking for teachers to help out – on a rotating basis if desired. Some names were suggested. Sunday School will resume being held at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday beginning in early October. Ben will make a teacher search announcement on Sunday, September 14, 2025 at the 10:30 a.m. service.
- Confirmation roster numbers could reach 10 students. Pastor is considering a retreat to the Daycholah Center sometime during the year.

Projects:

- Tuck-pointing complete
- Louvers still need to be addressed
- No reports of continued leaking

Just Say Yes Chapter 5 discussion – tabled.

Family Picnic report was submitted by Lori Roelse via email.

- Approximately 90 people attended
- Only 24 burgers left over
- \$340 donated before the picnic; \$90 brought in by dunk tank; \$170 donated the day of
- Cotton Candy was a hit
- Bingo was popular and ran a long time
- Scott Henschel donated the dunk tank – Thank you, Scott
- Suggestions welcome for the 2nd Annual Family Picnic next summer

Joint Consistory meeting to be held October 20, 2025 at 6:00 at St. James.

DSPS Permit (Boiler and Elevator) tabled.

Monthly Featured Family in the newsletter: Sept - Charlie and Joanie Mohr; Nov - Ron Vandoske

Mission Statement Display examples were shared. Suggestions were made for making it framed, mirrored and/or moveable. Ben requested we all cast email votes on our top three favorites or suggest a combination of different ideas. Tabled.

Mission Fest ideas were discussed and a topic selected. Brenda will reach out to Lori to ask her to contact Scott LaBonte regarding the unhoused population in our area.

- Judy placed a sign up sheet in the foyer
- Cindy and Dave Call and their team will cook again this year
- Janell Davis and I, Brenda Miota, will shop for bulk food at Gordon's in Appleton
- The Grunwalds will assist by setting up tables and chairs.

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## ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING, continued...

It was decided that the propane meter will not be replaced by CO Energy Alliance. The Schultzs have agreed to pay 15% of the propane costs from here on out (just as the Kestings did in the past). A motion was made by Linda Schroeder to accept the propane changes. I, Brenda, seconded. Motion carried.

The garage needs to be cleaned out before the end of the month. Larry will be contacted regarding some remaining tools. The nativity and stack of bricks need to be relocated.

Communion will be served on Sunday, October 5, 2025. Linda will buy the bread. Tyler, Ben and Linda will serve.

Jody suggested we expand our social media presence to more than Facebook. Tabled.

We will host a food drive for the month of October to feed hungry kids attending North High School. Items of need are granola bars, mac and cheese cups, pasta and pasta sauces.

The next meeting is set for October 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Tyler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Linda seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L Miota

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### ST. MARK'S FINANCIAL NEW\$

We will be participating in the Neighbors in Need special offering on October 5. This offering supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the US. One third of the NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry and two thirds is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

I will be sending out reports to all households of the St Mark's family sometime in October stating where you stand this far in contributions made in 2025. I will also put together information explaining where our money goes and where we may be in need.

Thank you for your support.

Judy Steinbeck, St Mark's Financial Secretary



# ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETING

September 2, 2025

- 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, Matt Lutze, and Pastor.
- Absent: none
- Prayer led by Pastor.
- Motion to approve the Secretary's Report made by Matt and seconded by Jamie.  
Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Jamie and seconded by Tanya.  
Motion carried.
- Pastor's report:
  - Review of vacation bible school. 12-14 kids attended. Everyone had a lot of fun. Thanks to all the great helpers and those that provided donations.
  - Potential new member – Pastor made contact. He's looking for more information about church.
  - Confirmation – Potentially 5 will be attending. Looking to start in mid-September.
- Building and Grounds:
  - Blinking light – The light has been fixed.
  - Gutter guard announcement – Planning to have a meeting with the congregation on September 28.
  - Weeds in parking lot – Thanks to Dave Mueller who sprayed the parking lot and Scott Henschel for weed eating.
- Committee Reports:
  - Vision of Hope: Approved 3 requests for funding. The committee is setting up guidelines for future submissions. November 17 is the next meeting.
  - Stewardship Committee: September 10
  - Christian Board of Education: A rotation will be set up to cover all the classes. Thanks to all those that have volunteered.
  - Social Committee: Bunco September 11.
- Old Business:
  - Mission & Vision statement displays – David will contact the company to request examples.
  - Adopt-a-highway – October 12
- New Business:
  - Church picnic – September 7. Games and food to be provided.
  - Mission Fest speaker & price. Discuss with Sprenger's. Wendy to create a sign-up sheet for dine-in reservations.
    - Speaker ideas – Decided to move forward with Rogers Behavioral Health. Wendy to contact them.
      - Love Inc
      - Rogers Behavioral Health
      - Lakeshore Foster Families
      - Nourish
      - Grow it Forward
      - Million Dollar Dreamz
  - Crop Walk – October 12. Thanks to Doris Sprenger for her continued support.
  - Shared Expenses with St. Marks – Request to be paid monthly instead of quarterly. A motion was made by Jamie and seconded by Sheila to move forward with monthly payments.

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## ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETING, continued

- Start looking for new Consistory members. Need a replacement for Scott, Wendy and Sheila.
- Review budget to actuals 2 times a year. Determine how to share that information with the congregation.
- Congregation concerns: none
- Next meeting date: October 7 at 6:30 pm.
- Motion to adjourn made by Matt and seconded by Pastor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Meyer, Secretary

# St. James UCC

13312 Pioneer Rd, Newton WI 53063

## Ham Dinner

## Dine-In & Carry out

Sunday, October 19, 2025

11:00am – 12:30 pm

Please join us in worship at 10:00 am.

Dinner will include: Ham, German Potato Salad, Corn, Applesauce, Coleslaw, Dinner Rolls, Pumpkin or Apple Pie.

Cost: \$15.00 per meal

Thank you for supporting "Our Church's Wider Mission".





## **Member Spotlight – Matthew and Amber Lutze Family**

If you haven't spent much time with Matthew, Amber, Clara, and Henry Lutze, you need to. This young family made the important decision to become a vital part of the St. James congregation several years ago and have added dynamic energy to many aspects of the church already.

While Matthew grew up with the local families, his life took him elsewhere for college and early career opportunities. Fortunately for St. James members, he has returned and gifted the congregation with his wife Amber, daughter Clara, and son Henry. They are raising their children on the Lutze Homestead where many generations have proudly built local history.

Matthew is now a Lieutenant for the Two Rivers Police Department. Amber is a Reading Specialist for the Kiel School District. Clara and Henry complete this young family. They enjoy camping, swimming, gardening, hunting, riding bikes, visiting parks, hiking, and basically anything outdoors. You might also find them putting puzzles together or playing board games in their quiet time.

When contemplating their faith and where to raise their family, it was St. James that helped them feel connected. It not only aligns with their beliefs and values but regards the kindness of the congregation as equally important. They love how welcoming everyone is. Some of their favorite memories are Henry's baptism and youth volleyball.

The Lutze's are hoping for continued growth and fellowship at church and would love to see more youth in church. Wouldn't we all!



## **MAKE YOURSELF HAPPY... JOIN OUR WONDERFUL CHOIR!**

**Practices at 6:30pm every October  
Wednesday at St. James.**

*"It'll be fun", they said...and it was!*



### **QUILTERS CLUB**

**Our quilters are ready to start stitching again. Please join us on Tuesday, October 7 and Tuesday, October 21, 9:00 - noon.**

**You don't need any special skills, just a love for serving and sharing warmth with others.**



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](mailto:schultzpw@gmail.com)



***United Church Men & Women  
Scholarship Banquet***

6:30 pm, Thursday, October 30, 2025  
Ebenezer United Church of Christ  
3215 Saemann Ave., Sheboygan, WI 53081

Tickets can be purchased from  
Scott Henschel or Lori Roelse. Cost is \$20.

Please join in this opportunity to support those who are  
studying for ministry and leadership in the United  
Church of Christ.

Feel free to reach out to Lori with questions. Phone  
920-946-3540 or email [lroelse@gmail.com](mailto:lroelse@gmail.com).



**United Church Men & Women  
PRESENTS**

**The 88th Annual  
Scholarship & Grant Presentation Event**

Thursday, October 30th  
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Dinner  
7:45 pm - 9:00 pm - Program

**Featuring Julie Kinney**

speaking about the  
Sonshine Stitchers

**& Music by Rev. Dr.  
Christopher Grundy**

Ebenezer U.C.C.  
3215 Saemann Ave.  
Sheboygan, WI 53081



REGISTER ONLINE

**Advance Registration  
Required**

**Dinner - \$20**

**Program - Freewill Offering**

# ST. MARK'S FOOD DRIVE for North High School



## We're collecting:

- \* Granola/Breakfast Bars
- \* Mac & Cheese (microwave)
- \* Pasta/Pasta Sauce

*\*\*We are also in need of  
Male & Female Deodorant\*\**

**Collection boxes will be in the church entry way Oct. 5 - 26.**

*THANK YOU for your support!*

**The collection box will be at St. James the two weeks  
there's no Worship at St. Mark's, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>.**

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## AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU FROM



LAURIE BALMER | Volunteer Outreach Coordinator  
(205) 719-7452

I am a volunteer coordinator for the Brandon Lake concert coming to Milwaukee, WI on Friday, October 10th at 4:30pm. We are in need of World Vision volunteers for this event and I wanted to reach out and see if your Church would be interested in this! The volunteers will get in for free and get to enjoy the show. They would only be handing out packets to anyone interested in sponsoring a child during intermission and after the show. This can also count towards community service hours if needed. I can also speak with you over the phone about this if you would like me too. Please let me know if you are interested in this opportunity!

**Time:** Friday, October 10th at 4:30pm

**Location:** Fiserv Forum 1111 North Vel R. Phillips Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53203

**Task:** Handing out packets for World Vision

**Age Requirement:** 18+ (14 -17 with an adult) (If younger - please ask for more details)





# Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization

## Bulletin Bites

**OCTOBER, 2025**

### 1.FRESH FROM THE MARKET:

**GALA SUCCESS!** Our Gala was an incredible success, thanks in large part to our farmers and craft vendors! Their generous donations of beautiful flowers and artisanal products for the silent auction helped us raise crucial funds and made the event truly special.

**SEASON'S CHANGE:** The SCIO Farmers Market has signed up the last Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) voucher for the season.

**DOUBLE YOUR BUCKS!** The "Double Your Bucks" food initiative program is a major success, consistently processing 30 EBT transactions per market—even on our slower Wednesdays! This program is a powerful way we help make healthy, local food accessible to more families.

**COMMUNITY COLLABORATION:** We had a successful collaboration with a Sheboygan Pops concert and the farmers market! We've already scheduled another one for next season and are working on a night market as well.

**2. We are all watching for fall!** Sometimes change begins in subtle ways. Watching the gentle change of fall colors has always been a personal joy, much like being able to help our families. With your help, we do this every single day. This month we are still in need of a few things: With gratitude!

Toilet paper

Kitchen garbage bags

Diapers size 5 and 6

Paper towel

### 3. There's No Place Like Home Gala by the Numbers:

147 attendees

\$4,001 raised in the silent auction

\$34,050 reverse auction

\$5,000 in sponsorships

**\$42,181 total revenue**

We are profoundly grateful for the overwhelming success of our recent gala. Your generosity, enthusiasm, and unwavering belief in our mission made the evening not only memorable but truly transformative. Because of your support, we are able to continue walking alongside families on their journeys of healing, hope, and stability. Every bid, every gift, and every moment of encouragement helps open doors to brighter futures. Thank you for standing with us, believing in our vision, and ensuring that together, we can create lasting impact in the lives of those we serve.

**4. Family Pathways:** We have seen several new families joining our supervised visitation schedule the last couple of months. It has been both a busy and rewarding experience meeting new families and learning more about them. We continue to provide birthday gifts for the visiting children, and appreciate any donations of new toys, crafts, books, games, etc.

# A MESSAGE FROM REV. RANDALL KOPENHAVER, BETHLEHEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

11608 Lax Chapel Rd., Kiel, WI 53042 920-894-3332

Greetings UCC Friends!

Last spring, a number of adults from area UCC churches participated in a week-long mission trip to Kentucky. We are just beginning to plan for our next trip in the spring of 2026. We'd love to have members of your congregations join us.

Would you be so kind as to include this invitation in your communications for the next couple weeks? If you have any questions, please let me know. God Bless!

## ADULT MISSION TRIP 2026!

Area UCC churches will be joining together to send adult members (only because school will be in session) to flood-damaged Kentucky next spring. Here's your chance to help others and feel like you're making a difference. We will be having our first meeting to pick dates and begin planning on Sunday, September 28 at 6 pm at Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 11608 Lax Chapel Rd, Kiel, WI 53042. Mission trips are hard work, but great fun! All who are interested in participating are encouraged to attend! Please contact Pastor Randy at Bethlehem for more information, or if you'd like to be involved but cannot make the meeting. We hope you will join us!

## ...SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBORING CHURCHES...

### WISCONSIN GOSPELLERS OCTOBER 11th-12th WORKSHOP AND CONCERT



WORKSHOP, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 3pm - 5pm

CONCERT/WORSHIP EXPERIENCE  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 AT 10 AM  
(Before worship rehearsal 9:00am)

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL - UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
310 Bluff Avenue, Sheboygan

Register for this event by contacting David Wernecke,  
davidmusic1213@yahoo.com, by October 1, 2025. Workshop participants are  
invited to sing with the Gossellers at the Sunday Concert Worship experience.

### Community UCC in Elkhart Lake

#### Fish Fry

Dine In or Carry Out

174 N. East Street

Friday, October 17, 2025

4:00-7pm

We will be serving our famous 3-piece beer  
battered Cod, German potato salad, bread, tartar  
sauce, veggie, coleslaw, and a dessert.

All for \$15

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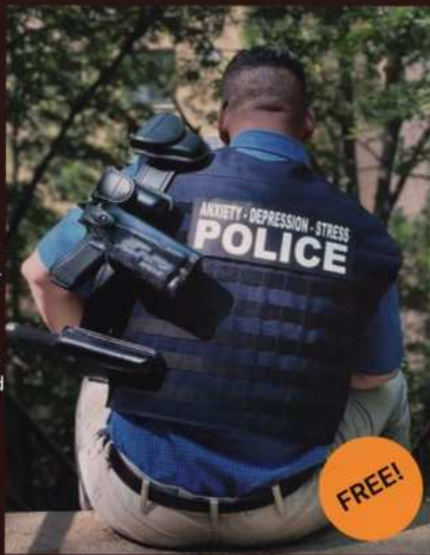




## Special Presentation



We welcome law enforcement Officer Adam Meyers, founder of [stopthethreatstopthestigma.org](http://stopthethreatstopthestigma.org). Officer Myers will discuss how a critical incident affected his mental health and will describe the work he has done to NORMALIZE conversations about mental health, particularly for those in law enforcement and emergency response.

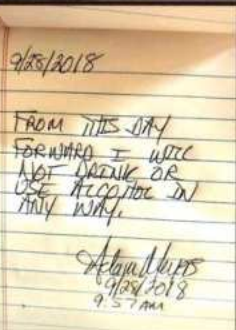


Presentation is **FREE** and open to all who are concerned about de-stigmatizing mental health issues.

**Monday, October 20th  
6pm-8pm**

Kiel Community Center  
510 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Kiel, WI

\*Event sponsored by the WISE team at Bethlehem United Church of Christ in the Kiel community as a community service and is NOT intended to promote our church or religion in any way.



Join the Sheboygan County Housing Coalition on November 7th at 6 PM for an educational experience like no other. The Night Without Shelter is an event that aims to raise awareness and educate those within our community about homelessness. This year, we'll address common myths and misconceptions regarding homelessness and some of the underlying causes. Participants will have an opportunity to learn more about organizations that serve folks experiencing homelessness, hear from individuals with lived experience, and process the experience with other participants. Finally, you'll have the opportunity to spend a night without shelter, in your car, in a tent, or simply under the stars. This a great opportunity to step into the shoes of our unhoused neighbors and learn more about what we can each do to make the world a little kinder to one another. We will also be seeking donations for winter gear and cash donations, if you feel so inclined. A portion of any proceeds will go back to St. Luke United Methodist Church, which will be our host this year.

## Book Signing Event

### Meet the Author - Tim Keenan



- Date: Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- Location: St John's United Church of Christ, W3401 Orchard Road, Elkhart Lake, (rural Ada)
- Book Sales: There will be limited hard copies available for purchase on the day of the event. We encourage you to order a book in advance for \$25. **The deadline for ordering a book is Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.** You are also welcome to bring your own copy of Tim's book to get signed.
- All donations and proceeds go to Samaritan's Hands / Sheboygan.
- Book Signing: Get your favorite book signed and personalized by Tim Keenan.
- Enjoy refreshments and snacks in the narthex (back of church).
- Our event space is wheelchair accessible. If you need assistance, please see contact info below.



Tim Keenan - local author from Howards Grove WI  
Among the best Christian Novelists

### Contact Information

For questions, to purchase a book, or more details, reach out to:

- Email: [joan.bender@yahoo.com](mailto:joan.bender@yahoo.com) or [judywagner122928@gmail.com](mailto:judywagner122928@gmail.com)
- Text or call: 920.242.5040 (Joan) or 920.207.0473 (Judy)

November 7-8,  
2025

6:00 PM-7:00 AM  
Participants can arrive as early as 5:30 PM

### WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE TO SLEEP OUTSIDE WITH NO SAFE PLACE TO CALL HOME?

Join us for A Night Without Shelter, in an immersive community event. This includes a speaker, an activity that gives you a glimpse into the harsh reality many of our neighbors face, and the bone-chilling experience of sleeping outside.

Together we'll reflect, learn & stand in solidarity with those experiencing homelessness.

Register here:



**A  
Night  
Without  
Shelter**

**ONE NIGHT. A LASTING IMPACT.**

Registration can be found at: <https://forms.gle/ENNNczjDTtUS2dX17>  
Let me know if you have questions. Thanks!

Rev. Ruth Hallstead,  
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# St. James October Celebrations!

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jackie Mueller
- 3 Diane Luckow
- 7 ValJean Marcoe
- 8 William Luebke
- 9 Joanne Fessler
- 14 Brian Hemb
- 20 Joe Klapperich  
Aric Jump
- 21 Chelsea Langenhahn
- 22 Daphne Jane Lutze
- 27 Wendy Henschel

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Lee & Terri Schmitz
- 8 Mike & Kristin Zolltheis  
Dan & Rachel Sohn
- 12 James & Michelle Luckow
- 13 Jim & Karen Becker
- 14 Rieck & Sandra Beiersdorf
- 16 Keri LaDuke-Rafeld &  
Jason Rafeld  
Zachary & Sadie Koenig
- 17 Ben & Cheyenne Behnke
- 19 Cameron & Marissa Fitzgerald
- 20 Milton & LaVern Wippermann
- 26 Clarence & Heidi Belitz
- 29 Mark & Kathy Stolzmann



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birthday and  
anniversary lists  
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or call the church  
office 920.693.8361.

# St. Mark's October Celebrations!

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sandra Stark
- 2 Kevin Kellner
- 5 Alexander Miota
- 9 Colten Sommer
- 10 Kay Bitter
- 11 Christine Hayon
- 12 Kathy Jurk
- 14 Sandy Perronne  
Wendy Schueler
- 15 Denise Heling
- 20 Todd Grunwald
- 21 Keith Styrsick
- 25 Brooklyn Vandoske
- 26 Cindy Call  
Bob Vandoske
- 29 Bonnie Schuette
- 30 Colton Scharl

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 Jay & Kayla Sommer
- 12 Jon & Julie Herrmann  
Andy & Hannah Roelse
- 20 Keith & Lynn Strysick
- 22 William & Lori Roelse
- 23 Jim & Christine Hayon
- 24 Todd & Jody Binversie





# ST. JAMES USHERS

## OCTOBER

\*Julianne Luebke  
Keith & Michelle Mauk  
Badley Mauk  
Katelyn Sibley  
Doug Luebke  
William Luebke  
Jared Luebke  
Kelly Luebke/Handrow

## NOVEMBER

\*Kim Grotegut  
Jon & Diane Luckow  
Jim & Michelle Luckow  
Karra Drewieske  
Allison Luckow  
Dawson Luckow  
Mary Ann Vogel  
Geraldine Scheffler  
Ashley Grotegut  
Alyssa Grotegut  
Christoper Grotegut



## 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

## OCTOBER

Dave Call  
Cindy Call  
Jay Sommer  
Colten Sommer

## NOVEMBER

Larry Perronne  
Sandy Perronne  
Brenda Miota

## READERS

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> — **\*\*Available\*\***  
Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> — Scott Siekman  
Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> — *not needed*  
Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> — *not needed*

**\*\*Let Pastor or Karen know if you're interested in reading.**

A smile for you from St. James Stewardship Team:

Adam may have had his troubles,  
but he never had to listen  
to Eve talk about the  
other men she could have married.

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

### St. James

### St. Mark's

44	August 24	64
22	31	28
*	September 7	84
52	14	49
41	21	41

**\*\*Sept. 28 will be reported next month.**