

# *The Country Church Herald*

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*The Monthly Newsletter of St. Mark's and St. James United Church of Christ*

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Grace and Peace to you all -

As we enter into June, the church moves into the season we call "Ordinary Time." There is nothing ordinary about Summer in Wisconsin. During this season of the church, we are given extra-ordinary stories about Jesus that model how we are to live.

In this season of the church and our lives, may we breathe in the beauty of summer with its power of transformation. May you be open to times of celebration and recreation that are so much a part of summer. May you experience the wonders of summer's colors. May you be refreshed, restored, and renewed in this extra-ordinary summer time. May you enjoy the unexpected and find surprises of beauty and happiness as you travel the roads on summer vacations. Finally, may you take the time to enjoy this season in our lives.

I want to take just a moment to express my gratitude to the members and friends of St. Mark's and St. James UCC. The time we have spent together has meant the world to me. You have welcomed me into your church families, invited me to share your joys and sorrows, and I am grateful. My last day with you will be on Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, but know that I will continue to hold you in prayer, wish you the best, and feel connected to you far beyond then.

In Christ's perfect love and peace,  
Pastor Beth

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# Monthly Highlights From Our Church Groups

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## *St. Mark's Consistory*

May 7, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 by President Jim Taylor. Pastor Beth Petzke led us in prayer. Members of the Parsonage Committee (Dave & Cindy Call, Gary Kaestner, Larry Perronne, Tim Schueler and Tim Schultz) gave us a tour of the parsonage, then explained their proposals, which will be shared with the congregation at a Congregational Meeting on June 3rd after service. A letter will be sent to all members advising them of this meeting. Secretary's report was reviewed. A motion was made by Tara Vandoske to accept the report; seconded by Bruce Mansker. Motion carried. Financial report was reviewed. A motion was made by Tara Vandoske to accept the report; seconded by Audrey Aardappel. Motion carried.

### **Building & Grounds:**

Pat Flook inspected the elevator; no problems. It was suggested that the church lawn, which is extremely bumpy, be rolled. Jim will investigate options. Pat Flook made a motion that, depending on Jim's findings, the lawn be rolled. Seconded by Audrey Aardappel. Motion carried.

Pastor Beth has noticed many wasps and Japanese beetles in the church. Tara will investigate hiring a pest control company to spray. Jim fixed the downstairs door jambs.

### **Old Business:**

At a previous meeting, we discussed having one service during the March chili dinner. It was decided to keep two services as normal. Deanne shared her findings on the website, which needs to be updated to help the search committee.

### **New Business:**

Audrey will order new pew envelopes. We discussed hospitalized/recuperating. Pastor Beth said home communions will start after Pentecost. We reviewed confirmation, which went well. The confirmands agreed to donate money to Bridgeway in Sheboygan. Judy will mail a letter and check. Due to Pastor Beth's call to another church, we will need to secure an interim. Deanne will work with Rev. Jane Anderson for candidates. Last day of Sunday School is May 20. If weather cooperates, bounce houses will be rented for a game day. We made plans for communion on May 20. Audrey and Deanne will prep the day before. Time TBD. It was brought to our attention that bathroom and elevator hall lights are being left on after service. Please remember to turn them off. Pastor Beth has switched her day off to every Friday, due to many hospital visits being made on her previous day off.

Next meeting is Monday, June 11, 6:00 p.m. A motion was made by Audrey Aardappel to adjourn; seconded by Pat Flook. Motion carried. We adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Deanne Schultz, Secretary

## *St. Mark's Sunday School News*

We finished up the Sunday School year on May 20th in cool weather with two bouncy houses. It is hard to buy that kind of enthusiasm. These young people are the future of St. Mark's United Church of Christ. What we give them now will form a foundation for their understanding of our traditions and their worship and mission understandings long into their adulthood. So, how about thinking of volunteering for a month next year if taking on teaching for the year isn't possible? You could be a resource and interested adult - and another adult from St. Marks sharing your wisdom and guidance for our future. Something we'd like to explore is having mentors for our confirmation students. A once a month attendance with them on a confirmation night to share your listening and experience with them and be a part of their lives in that way. The surveys about getting a new pastor weighed heavily toward our youth. A new pastor will need many of us on board willing to roll up our sleeves to help that be a reality. If not you, who?

David Aardappel, Sunday School Newsletter Contributor

## *St. James Consistory*

May 2, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Alan Wippermann at 6pm. Pastor Beth led us in prayer. Members present were Alan Wippermann, President; Joe Klapperich, Vice President; Sue Kracht, Treasurer; Linda Lutzke, Secretary; Michelle Mauk, Tom Kleinhans, Colleen Lauersdorf and Pastor Beth. The Secretary's report was discussed. Al made a motion to approve the minutes. Sue seconded it. Motion carried. Sue Kracht presented the Treasurer's report. Linda made a motion to approve the report. Al seconded it. Motion carried.

### **Building and Grounds**

Sue did monthly elevator inspection. Discussed the project of the pews and floor being refinished starting in May. Al communicating with adjuster and contractors with damage from hail storm.

### **Old Business**

Suggestion Box was empty but did receive email concerning celebrating 155 years of the church in combination with 50 year plus members. After discussion 155 year will be acknowledged but no gathering. Linda L will call Chang Seiler about flooring in church being refinished. Stewardship Committee sent out letters to inactive members. Kolb Memorial dedication was May 6th. Service was very nice along with beautiful music. We are looking for volunteer to lead the upcoming church directory photo album. Yard clean up was May 5th, thank you to everyone who came. Thank You to Vernon & Scott Henschel for the lunch.

### **New Business**

No new members hospitalized at this time. Pastor Beth visited Marie Fessler who turned 101 this month. Happy Birthday Marie!! Communion May 20th. Last day of Sunday school May 13th, have a safe & exciting summer to our students. We discussed the age of the 5 furnaces as we are having some issues with them. We need to be aware that furnaces may have to be replaced in the near future. Sue Kracht brought in samples of cushions for the church pews. We are hoping to replace after pews/flooring gets refinished. Graduation is around the corner, please let Pastor know if there is a 2018 graduate in your family. Please continue to keep those facing personal and health challenges in your prayers.

Next meeting: June 4th, 6:30 pm. Michelle made a motion to adjourn and Joe second it. Motion carried.

Linda Lutzke, Secretary

## *St. James Sunday School News*

The Sunday School has made their annual donation to the heifer project. After learning about their different options they have selected to donate a llama, rabbits, and chicks this year. They also have donated to St. Jude's and will continue to do so through the summer.

Whitney Morales, Sunday School Newsletter Contributor

## *Youth News*

If there are kids interested in playing Youth Volleyball this summer, they should contact Bill Heckmann at (920)946-7713. **PLAYERS ARE NEEDED!** Practice begins June 3 at 6 pm at St James. The first game is on June 10 at 6:30pm at Immanuel.

Sandy Perronne and Kari Langenhahn, Youth Group Leaders

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## *News to Know*

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### **Newsletter Information**

If you have any information that you would like included in the monthly newsletter, please email this to Lee Anne Raleigh, church secretary, at leeraleigh@yahoo.com.

### **Confidentiality Laws**

There have been some changes to the confidentiality laws. These changes make it difficult for pastors to obtain information about anyone in the Hospital. If you or a loved one will be in the hospital please call the church office, 920-693-8361, or Pastor Beth, 920-371-8018.

### **Receive Your Church Newsletter Online**

If you are interested in receiving your monthly newsletter strictly via the internet instead of the hard copy, please send an e-mail stating such to Mike Summers, Lawrence.Summers@kohler.com. Each month an e-mail will be sent to notify you when the updated Country Church Herald is available online.

### **St. Mark's Cemetery Fund**

We welcome your donations for maintenance of our cemetery. Simply put any amount you wish to give in an envelope marked "cemetery" and drop it in the collection plate.

### **Bible Study**

Morning Bible Study - Tuesday, June 5 from 10-11 a.m. at St. Mark's. We will be continuing our study of Daniel 12:1-13. All are welcome!

Evening Bible Study - Wednesday, June 13 from 6-7 p.m. at St. Mark's We will be studying Matthew 25:14-30. All are welcome!

### **Vision of Hope - St. James**

There are copies of this document available in the narthex. Thank you.

### **Website Design**

Looking for someone to design a website for St. James church and help us maintain the site. If interested contact a member of the consistory.

### **Favorite Hymn?**

What are your favorite hymns? In preparation for a Sunday or two of hymn sings, please share your favorite song - put it in the offering plate, in the suggestion box, send Pastor Beth an E-mail and we'll see how we can incorporate them into worship, and maybe even learn more about the song itself.

### **Pastor Beth's Hours**

If you or a family member is in need of pastoral care, please contact me:  
920-371-8018 (cell)/920-457-6449(home) or bethpetzke@sbcglobal.net (E-mail)  
In general, I will hold regular office hours Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in the mornings beginning at 8:30 a.m. For additional hours, please call for an appointment. Pastor Beth will be out of the office June 7-10 for boundary training and annual conference.

### **Attention Graduates**

Sunday, June 3, the friends and members of St. James will celebrate high school and college graduations.

If there are other graduates from colleges, universities, or tech schools, please share this information by calling the church office or emailing stmucc@gmail.com. Thank you.

### **St. James Building Fund**

When we had the furnaces serviced last month, it was brought to our attention that all five furnaces are 16 years old. The life of a furnace is 15-20 years. They are all still working, but we would like to build a reserve for when they need to be replaced. Hopefully not all of them at the same time.

Susan Kracht, Treasurer

### **Supply Pastors**

June 10 - Pam Hodgson  
June 24 - Rev. Dan Borchers  
July 1 - Rev. Barb Loose

### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

We invite everyone to join us for a special "coffee hour" in Fellowship Hall after 9:00am worship on June 10 to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Pat and Noreen Flook

## Brat Fry Thank You

A big "Thank You" to everyone who attended our brat fry by eating in the dining room or purchased takeout orders.

Thank you to all the volunteers for their hard work and donations. The array and beautiful presentation of all the delicious tortes was awesome and made you want to eat dessert first.

Thank you to members who attended the planning meeting and put up posters and banners for marketing this event. Thank you to those who set-up the night before. Thank you to the fryers, food servers, kitchen crew and lastly the cleanup group.

The team effort by the membership of St. James all contributed to a successful day.

Mary Ann Vogel

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## *Ushers*

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### *St. Mark's*

#### *June Ushers*

David & Audrey Aardappel, chairs  
Wayne Grunwald  
Ann Grunwald  
Warren Vandoske  
Corey Vandoske

#### *Candle Lighters*

**June, July, August -  
No Candlelighters needed**

#### *July Ushers*

Todd Grunwald, chair  
Jacob Grunwald  
Ben Grunwald  
Katy Grunwald  
John Grunwald

### *St. James*

An updated directory is in the narthex of Church, in the black binder. Usher chairs can find phone numbers there.

#### *June Ushers*

David & Jackie Mueller, chairs  
Jason & Jenny Riesterer  
Julianne Luebke  
Scott Henschel  
Cody Mueller  
Cheyenne Mueller  
Charles & Ruth Ann Kolb  
Katelynn Mauk

#### *July Ushers*

Hank & Barb Reimer, chairs  
Dan Sohn  
Katie Sohn  
Thomas Heckmann  
Hannah Kleinhans  
Whitney Morales  
David Krause  
Rachael Krause  
Abigail Wasmer  
Amanda Wasmer  
Dale Krause

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## June Celebrations

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### *St. Mark's Birthdays*

- 1 Janet Schueler
- 4 Tim Miota
- 7 Rebecca Kesting
- 9 Ray Sixel
- 10 Jane Kesting  
Tara Vandoske
- 11 Mike Summers
- 13 Emma Perronne
- 14 Sheri Kaestner
- 15 Finley Uttech
- 16 Steve Gabsch
- 17 Bruce Mansker
- 18 Michael Marcheske
- 19 Robert Gumm, Jr.  
Mary Ellen Schnelle
- 20 Bruce Opitz
- 26 Tim Schultz
- 27 Glenn Spindler

### *St. Mark's Anniversaries*

- 1 Dave & Audrey Aardappel (50)
- 3 Tim & Angel DeBlaey
- 6 Thomas & Stacy Hermann
- 11 Todd & Stacy Grunwald
- 15 Lee & Nancy Sixel
- 16 Rev. Bill & Jane Kesting
- 21 Robert & Barbara Pragalz
- 28 James & Patty Taylor

If there is a correction for the birthday or anniversary list, please contact the church office, 693-8361. Thank you.

### *St. James Birthdays*

- 4 Ashley Lutzke
- 5 Thomas Heckmann
- 6 Johnathon Koenig
- 7 Rebecca Kesting
- 8 Kenneth Zolltheis  
Morgan Henschel
- 9 William Spindler
- 10 Jane Kesting  
Mikaela Spindler  
Dean Sprenger
- 12 Michael Belitz
- 14 Amanda Wasmer
- 15 David Krause
- 16 David Gumm
- 17 Kathleen Hickman
- 18 Matthew Reif  
Brittany Stolzmann
- 20 David Lorfeld
- 21 Steven Henschel
- 23 David Johnson  
Bradley Mauk
- 24 Camryn Spindler
- 25 Rieck Beiersdorf  
Christine Gumm
- 28 Cheyenne Mueller
- 30 Allen Stolzmann

### *St. James Anniversaries*

- 3 Dale & Doris Sprenger
- 10 Rick & Donna Wippermann
- 13 Jamie & Heather Henschel
- 16 Rev. Bill & Jane Kesting
- 25 Michael & Micaela Douglas
- 26 Randall & Cindy Sohn
- 28 Steven & Linda Rozmarynowski

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## June

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### *We Invite You To Join Us...*

If you have been joining us for worship and fellowship and would like more information about joining either St. James or St. Mark's, please contact the church office (693-8361).

April 29, 2018  
St. Mark's - 43  
St. James - 50

May 6, 2018  
St. Mark's - 56  
St. James - 72

May 13, 2018  
St. Mark's - 76  
St. James - 78

May 20, 2018  
St. Mark's - 49  
St. James - 59

Our sympathy to Rita Quast and Family on the death of her daughter, Pamela Blazer.

Our sympathy to Mike & Kris Zolltheis and Family on the death of Mike's mother, Jeanette Zolltheis.

On Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> the friends and members of St. James welcomed into the church by the sacrament of baptism, Avery Cruz Morales.

## Vital Stats