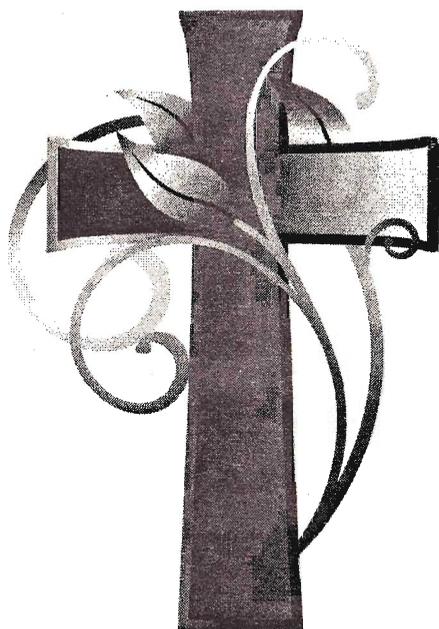


*With Gratitude for the  
Service and Leadership  
of  
The Reverend Kenneth R. Elkin  
Sunday, December 18, 2016*



*St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
142 Market Street, Williamsport, PA*

# **Program**

## ***The Holy Communion***

*10:30 a.m. in the Nave*

## ***The Celebration***

*continues in Fellowship Hall, 12:00 p.m.*

## ***Mistress of Ceremony: Joyce Hershberger***

*Welcoming Remarks*

## ***President of Council: Ray Huff***

*Invocation*

## ***Dinner***

*Turkey and filling*

*Mashed potatoes*

*Corn*

*Rolls*

## ***Cutting of the Cake***

## ***The Reverend Patrick Rooney, Sr. of STS***

*Additional Remarks*

## ***The Reverend Stephen Shipman***

*Additional additional Remarks*

## ***Entertainment***

*Please join in as indicated*

## ***Presentation of the Gifts***

## ***Final Prayer of Thanksgiving and Benediction***

*The Reverend Patrick Rooney*

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Communion ev'ry Week  
"Hanging of the Pastors"  
Milestone Ministry  
Fa-mi-ly Promise  
Chrismons for the Tree  
Stephen Ministry  
Sessions of The Way  
and a real, live, gi-normous  
Christmas Tree

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Seder Celebration  
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Hand-made Paschal Candles  
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Only natural Flowers  
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Abundant Travelogues  
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Hand-made Paschal Candles  
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*The Tenure of Ken Elkin*  
(to the tune of *The 12 Days of*  
*Christmas*)

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*A real, live, gi-normous*  
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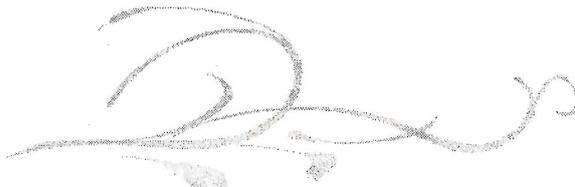
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*He is the very model of a man who runs around a lot,  
Not only that, he really likes to fly and so tra-vel a lot.  
He knows about the prophets, and can quote the verse  
that's biblical.*

*From testament to testament including all the  
miracles.*

*He's very well acquainted, too, with matters  
catechetical,*

*He understands the students, both the young  
ones and parent-ical,*

*About the L-B-double-u he's teeming with a lot o' news,  
With many cheerful facts we have to learn, we don't  
have time to lose.*

*He's very good at saying words, so very inexplicable;  
He knows the theologic names of matters metaphysical:  
In all things ecumenical, botanical, historical,  
He is the very picture of a pastor, prototypical.*

*He knows our hymnal melodies (the ones that are not  
singable)*

*He plays the organ and bassoon (though they're not  
interchangeable),*

*He composed many psalmodies to sing of things  
liturgical,*

*He uses words which are, for us, extremely  
problematical;*

*He can tell when we are thinking hard and waits for  
us impatiently,*

*We know the answers are beyond God, Jesus, or the  
Trinity!*

*"By grace through faith is how we're saved!" that's one  
which we have tried before;*

*Baptism or communion, when they're wrong we claim  
a metaphor?*

*A teaching tool he loves to use is one of iconography  
Curating and displaying here for all who want to  
learn and see.*

*In all things ecumenical, botanical, historical,  
He is the very picture of a pastor, prototypical.*

*He plants with ease, pulls all the weeds, with hoe he  
cares for all the rows  
of vegetables and much more—he cooks and eats all  
that he grows.*

*His culinary skills absorb him, making him  
profoundly deaf;*

*But that is how we rise to win that contest we call  
Iron Chef.*

*And through that, we have earned a lot to help with  
local homelessness,*

*Because of him, F-P-L-C is here, and we are truly  
blessed.*

*In short, he helps where e'er he can, determined to  
improve our lot*

*When needed he just up and gives in any way with  
all he's got.*

*For kindness and compassion our young folk are, oh,  
so well aware;*

*He's led us, taught us, oh, so much and that's  
because he truly cares;*

*In all things ecumenical, botanical, historical,  
He is the very picture of a pastor, prototypical.*