



The Annual Report

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St. Mark's Lutheran Church
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FROM THE PARISH REGISTER IN 2010

BAPTISMS

Breanna ChicasApril 23, 2011

FIRST COMMUNIONS

Gillian BuckmanNovember 21, 2010
Hannah HaussmannNovember 21, 2010
Derek LewisNovember 21, 2010
Madisyne WellenNovember 21, 2010
Bianca WellenNovember 21, 2010
Taylor WentzelNovember 21, 2010
Sadie WentzelNovember 21, 2010

AFFIRMATION/CONFIRMATION

Theron Hershey..... September 12, 2010
Max Hospes September 12, 2010
Katelyn Lauer September 12, 2010
Hannah Lynn September 12, 2010

RECEIVED BY AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Mae Thaljih.....April 23, 2011

WEDDINGS

Sandrina Gusmerotti
 & Garth Womer May 22, 2010
Jeff Hetzel & Jessica Welch October 19, 2010

MEMBER FUNERALS

Lois Graybill May 12, 2010
Carol Stackhouse July 7, 2010
William Confer July 16, 2010
Jane Oakes October 4, 2010
Prudence Poff..... October 10, 2010
Gail Hoffman October 17, 2010
Doris Fortin..... December 23, 2010
Elizabeth Chrisman.....December 24, 2010
Charles DitchfieldFebruary 12, 2011
Helen Ochs.....March 7, 2011

NON-MEMBER FUNERALS

Randy Hammerstein..... July 11, 2010
Joyce Wollyniec..... August 27, 2010
Stephen Berndt..... October 25, 2010
Lois Johns January 13, 2011
William Hoffman March 21, 2011
Mary Renninger April 29, 2011

ENROLLED IN CATECHETICAL STUDY

Ezra Buckman..... September 26, 2010
Morgan Comini September 26, 2010
Kara Hershey September 26, 2010
Anna Zeigler September 26, 2010
Laura Zeigler September 26, 2010

ENROLLED IN THE WAY

Carol Confer.....December 5, 2010
Leah HaussmannDecember 5, 2010
Walter HaussmannDecember 5, 2010
Mae ThaljihDecember 5, 2010



SYNOPSIS OF THE MINUTES OF CONGREGATION ASSEMBLIES

The Annual Congregation Assembly was held on May 16, 2010, following the 10:30 service, in the Nave. President Gary Weber called the meeting to order. The congregation elected Nick Buckman, Gregg Dancho, Bob Miller, and Ruth Pile to 3-year terms of service on the Council. The booklet of annual reports was accepted. The congregation ratified the acceptance of three grave plots given by the Tim Maggs family, to be available for use on short notice, under the guidance of the president and Pastor.

A Special Congregation Assembly was held in two sessions on December 12, 2010 following each service, for the purpose of action on the 2011 budget for the parish. The meeting was called to order by President Gary Weber. The budget was introduced by Treasurer Ken Shafranko on behalf of the Council. It was adopted.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gary Weber, Council President

St. Mark's has just entered its 160th year as an active Lutheran congregation in Williamsport. We celebrate the rich history and traditions of St. Mark's, and the people who have made possible this long history of service to the Christian community.

At the same time, as members, we must work hard to maintain and update the traditions of the Church. St. Mark's has a dedicated and hard working pastor

and staff, but only part of the effort required to offer regular worship and other essential Church services is performed by the paid staff. Volunteers perform so many of the functions we take for granted as we worship – decorating the nave, washing communion cups, acolytes, ushers, communion servers, assisting ministers, bulletin staplers. Our Sunday School teachers help make worship more meaningful. During the week, money counters, gardeners, handymen (and women), Web site and *Lion* contributors all go beyond the call of duty to perform routine, but essential responsibilities. And those of us who like to eat have seen the dedication of the kitchen volunteers to the success of many events involving the service of food.

One group of our members who serve the Church in a most important way is perhaps the least recognized. The Congregation Council meets monthly to conduct the business of St. Mark's. Many difficult decisions are placed on the backs of these dedicated individuals – financial, personnel, policy and planning are all regularly addressed by Council. This year Council is losing four of its members – Todd Smith, who has served for the last two years as vice-president; Beth Shafranko, currently the assistant secretary, long-time chair of the Worship & Music Committee and member of the Mutual Ministry Committee; Scott Bittner, chair of the Property Committee; and your president. As president for the last two years, I have seen, first-hand, the countless hours and care that Council members and the many other volunteers have given and continue to give to St. Mark's. I marvel at the capacity of many of our members to give freely and frequently of their time. At the same time, we should all recognize that many hands make for light work. There is a place for every member of St. Mark's to help out. Not everyone can be a Council member, assisting minister or Sunday School teacher; but serving on a committee or washing communion cups or preparing meals may be more your style. If you want to serve, talk to the Pastor or a member of Council - you will be led to the place where you can best serve.

After six years of Council service, I will be leaving after the May election of new members. I have enjoyed serving and have appreciated the opportunity to work with Pastor Elkin and current and past Council members. I wish the best to the newly elected members of Council and ask that you work with them to continue to do great things at St. Mark's.

~ Gary Weber



CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP **elected or appointed**

The Rev. Kenneth R. Elkin, Pastor
Gary Weber, President (term ending 5/11)
Todd Smith, V. Pres. (term ending 5/11)
Ken Shafranko, Treasurer
Jackie Kinney, Treasurer (ended 6/10)
Jane Zimmerer, Secretary
Beth Shafranko, Asst. Sec. (Term ending 5/11)
Richard Lakey, Director of Music (ended 9/10)
Donna Zierdt Elkin, Interim musician (end 5/11)
Jungwha Kim, Director of Music (begin 5/11)
Bernadette Jones, Youth & Family Ministry
Michele Owen, Youth and Family Ministry
Kathy Eshelman, Stephen Ministry Leader
Mel Wentzel, Director of *The Way*
Clint Eppleman, archivist (ending 5/11)
Scott Bittner (term ending 5/11)
Bonnie Eyer
Dinah Labenberg
Michele Ramsauer
Nick Buckman
Gregg Dancho
Bob Miller
Ruth Pile



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

The Reverend Kenneth R. Elkin

Part I: The following is a sampling of the Pastor's activities, gleaned in semi-chronological order from the regular reports given to the Council during the year.

1. Pastor continued to meet with several couples preparing for marriage.
2. Pastor met with Stephen Ministry monthly, with the new leadership of Kathy Eshelman.
4. The Stephen Ministers planned a festive gathering on May 27 in honor of Jane Larson. Bob Jones led the preparation of a fine feast. Gifts were presented.
5. The Iron Chef trio prepared lunch for the congregation's staff on Friday, April 23 as part of their preparation for the competition.
6. Thanks to the many persons who assisted in so many different ways in Iron Chef: public meal preparations, dining room staff, First Contact staff, referee and judges, Beiter's Home Center for the loan of chairs for the judges, the various radio stations and the newspaper for their publicity, Joyce Hershberger who managed the patrons' list, Gary Chrisman the announcer and many more. Most especially, we thank Ruth Rees and Bernadette Jones who joined with Pastor to make the intrepid Iron Chef cooking trio for 2010.
7. Pastor Elkin and Bernadette Jones represented the congregation on the street on Friday, May 28 from 5-9AM during the telecast. The station did not keep to its schedule, and we did not get on the telecast. We talked with various folks walking by, though.
8. The Congregational Picnic proceeded, despite rain earlier in the day, and it was a lovely afternoon. We had as our guests the family we have been hosting in Family Promise this past week.
9. Teachers in SCS were recognized and thanked at the conclusion of worship on June 6.
10. VBS teachers were installed for duty on June 13, and the school began that evening.
11. Pastor and Bob Schultz planned and carried out the Friendship Ministry preparation session on June 27 in the Crossways Room. 21 persons were in attendance and were sent out as visitors for the next 2 months. They will meet for a follow-up session on August 29.
12. Pastor met with many of our resident member residents at the Williamsport Home Apartments on June 25. They also invited several other friends to join us. Holy Communion was celebrated. The visit was well received.
13. Picnic to conclude the season for The Way was held on June 27 following a brief service in the chapel.
14. Pastor Elkin attended a family wedding on July

- 3 and a family reunion on July 10.
15. The July 4 event was held with great success; lots of helpers, plenty of patrons, lots of popcorn and drinks and other items given away, including old Sunday School materials, etc.
 16. Pastor hosted the catechetical class, parents, and mentors at a picnic at the pastor's home on July 11.
 17. The Luncheon Fellowship on July 21 had the largest attendance in many months...40 or more.
 18. Bernadette Jones had a leading role and Declan and Sara supporting roles in a production of Shakespeare's *the Tempest* in Brandon Park on July 22.
 19. Pastor filmed a segment on one of the church windows with Carlos Saldivia as part of the "Day in the Life" filming effort.
 20. Pastor participated in the Progressions milestone on August 1 for two students leaving for college.
 21. Pastor and Donna left for Argentina on August 4 and returned on the 17th. While there, they celebrated the third portion of Katy and Esteban's wedding festivities which have now spanned three continents. They had opportunity to experience life in a very well-to-do family, and to see also close at hand the extreme poverty which also exists there. Travel was long and tedious, but safely uneventful.
 22. Pastor, Bernadette, and Michele led a day retreat for 5th/6th graders on August 18. We watched and talked about a movie, and packed school kits and health kits, as well as joining Luncheon Fellowship.
 23. Pastor and Bob Schultz prepared for the Friendship Ministry follow-up session on August 29.
 24. A few folks enjoyed a movie in the Courtyard on the evening of August 27.
 25. Friendship Ministry follow-up was held on August 29. 14 persons attended and reviewed some of the processes they used in visiting the persons they chose. Brief written reports were solicited by the chair for information and follow-up.
 26. Pastor met with one non-member couple preparing for marriage in October. They are being invited to participate in The Way.
 27. Pastor met with a non-member couple for conversation about their marriage.
 28. Pastor met with a couple to work on future life plans.
 29. Pastor met with Kathy Eshelman and Jane Larson to review Kathy's training session and to review how things have been organized over the past decade.
 30. Pastor hosted the meeting of the Property Committee at his home on September 8.
 31. Pastor met with a couple looking toward marriage in the future.
 32. Pastor together with Carl Hieber, Mutual Ministry chair, is conducting the annual staff evaluation process.
 33. The Rite of Confirmation –Affirmation of baptism was held on September 12 for four young persons.
 34. Pastor visited the Williamsport Home apartments and shared in conversation, some photos from the Argentina trip, and Holy Communion with members and others on September 17.
 35. The catechetical process started for the year on September 19. Five new students were enrolled in the first year of the program.
 36. The staff met for a farewell luncheon with Mr. Lakey on September 27 at Olive Garden Restaurant.
 37. Marian Miller was our first substitute organist, playing on October 10 and 17. She returned for two more Sundays, November 7 and 14.
 38. Pastor Elkin had trips to Punxsutawney on October 10, 11 and 16 to visit his father who is dealing with a series of strokes and Parkinsons disease. The outlook was not good. His 86th birthday was October 14. Pastor Elkin has had continuing trips to Punxsutawney. His father is surprisingly somewhat improved.
 39. Pastor is engaged in a series of session to prepare Theoron Hershey for eventual service as an Assisting Minister.
 40. The Lundy family held a baby shower for Ashley on September 25.
 41. Pastor met with a potential new member and encouraged her to become part of The Way.
 42. Pastor met with a potential adult baptismal candidate and encouraged her to join The Way.
 43. Pastor Elkin began the annual series of preparation sessions for First Communion with young students and their parents on October 24. First Communion is scheduled for November 21.
 44. Pastor Elkin and Nick Buckman were the overnight hosts for Family Promise on 10/31 and 11/01.
 45. Pastor Elkin joined with family and friends to celebrate David Elkin's wedding with Emily Rosenberg in Philadelphia on November 14.

46. Mr. Lou Kolb consented to be the preacher for the service in St. Mark's on 11/14.
 47. Communion was served from Reserve Sacrament on 11/14 in the absence of the Pastor.
 48. Pastor is pleased to announce that Ruth Rees did the sewing for the All Saints banner again this year.
 49. First Communion was held on November 21.
 50. Theoron Hershey first served as an Assisting Minister on January 23.
 51. Pastor Elkin and Becky Pryor led the annual trip to the Selinsgrove Center on December 7.
 52. The staff Christmas lunch was December 13.
 53. Pastor Elkin and Lou DeSeau organized the flowers and prepared them for delivery on December 28.
 54. Due to the illness of Bernadette Jones, Pastor Elkin led the bread-baking session on January 6.
 55. Evening prayer was sung on 12th night, Epiphany Eve, January 5 in the nave, with Jungwha Kim as the guest organist. The selection committee was interviewing her that day.
 56. Gary Stackhouse was received into membership at Faith United Methodist, Montoursville, on October 31, 2010.
 57. Pastor had two sessions with little Lambs classes to introduce the church to them, and to point out the connections of the Gospel with youth in the building and windows.
 58. Pastor visited Katy in Barcelona, leaving on 2/23 and returning 3/3. They had a surprise trip to Santiago de Compostella in northwestern Spain for two days.
 59. Pastor attended the birthday celebration for Larry Bair, 90, and Helen Ochs, 95.
 60. Pastor visited with residents of the Williamsport home apartments on February 17, and shared Holy Communion with them.
 61. One of pastor's aunts has died, funeral on 2/16.
 62. Pastor and Bernadette led the catechetical students and parents on a trip to Philadelphia on March 5. They visited an historic Lutheran church (now Episcopal). The congregation dates from 1640; the building from 1700. Then on to the waterfront museum and a WWII sub and the flagship from 1898 Spanish American War. And finally we went to the University of Pennsylvania museum, seeing the mummies and much, much more. Written reports from the participants were published in the Lion
 63. Pastor assisted in Family Promise hosting by staying overnight 2x.
 64. Pastor met with Ken Sawyer in preparation for the Wednesday March 16 broadcast.
 65. Pastor was pleased to enroll Breanna Chicas as a candidate for Baptism at the Easter vigil.
 66. Some YouTube videos on topics from Genesis have now been released.
 67. Pastor hosted Ken Sawyer for the Wednesday March 16 broadcast from St. Mark's Fellowship Hall. The broadcast successfully presented info about all of the local homeless work in the community.
 68. The Iron Chef competition was held March 27. Pastor appreciated the cooperation and assistance of so many persons with this endeavor. The team this year was Bernadette Jones and Jackie Kinney together with the Pastor.
 69. Pastor appeared on the Gary Chrisman show on March 21 in preparation for Iron Chef.
 70. Pastor met with the Family Promise Board each month, and serves as its Vice-president.
 71. Lenten series was held with prayers at 11:30 and lunch at noon, supper at 6:15 and Evening Prayer at 7:00 This year we used a dialogue of a "truth-seeker" and five of the silent characters around the passion story. We invited the participation of our Family Promise guests during our hosting week, and several participated.
 72. The complete cycle of Holy Week services was held, beginning with Palm Sunday, the Passover Seder on Wednesday, Holy Communion with Foot-washing and stripping of the altar of Thursday, the Community Good Friday service at noon and the Tenebrae in the evening, the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday, and the Feast of the resurrection on Easter Sunday. Thanks for the cooperation from many to care for the myriad details in all of these different events.
- Part II:** The following are goal statements prepared by the Pastor for the coming year.
1. Every person who wishes to be known as a member of St. Mark's will desire to be together in worship every Sunday unless impeded by grave illness.
 2. Each member of the Council and committees will be involved in some aspect of Christian education, and be urging others to join in as well.
 3. Additional groups at varying times of the week will be formed to accommodate these studies.
 4. A new Stephen Ministry training group will be formed.

5. Members will recognize their responsibility to share with family, friends, and neighbors the joy they feel in connection with the Lord Jesus, and invite them to worship, study, and serve with us.
6. Candidates and mentors for *The Way* will be identified and recruited.
7. The Pastor will foster and develop a strong working relationship with the new parish musician.
8. The possibility of some level of participation in First Friday will be honestly and fully explored.
9. We will move to develop plans for possible uses of the property at the Mulberry corner.
10. We will negotiate use/lease/sale of the Mulberry corner to facilitate those plans.
11. We need to carefully study the provision in our constitution that says *This congregation accepts the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God and the authoritative source and norm of its proclamation, faith, and life.*
12. We need to discern a way to honor the bound conscience of those who cannot in good conscience financially support the organization of the ELCA as it is presently directed.
13. The pastor will accelerate development of video resources for the thoughtful reflection of persons both inside and outside the congregation.

BAPTISM

1. Pastor Elkin presided at the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Breanna Chicas, daughter of Mae Thaljah and Ozzie Chicas at the Easter Vigil on April 23.

WEDDINGS

1. Pastor presided at the wedding for Sandrina Gusmerotti and Garth Womer on May 22 in the Nave.
2. Pastor officiated at the wedding of Jeff L. Hetzel and Jessica M. Welch on Saturday, October 9, 2010 in the nave. The reception was held at Heywoods on the Water.

FUNERALS

1. Pastor Elkin officiated at the funeral service for Vivian and Donald Douglass on June 5, graveside at Twin Hills Memorial Park.
2. Pastor officiated at the funeral for Carol Stackhouse on July 7 at the Spitler Home.
3. Pastor officiated at the funeral for Randy Hammerstein on July 11 at St. Mark's.

4. Pastor officiated at the funeral for Bill Confer on July 16 at St. Mark's.
5. Pastor officiated at the funeral service for non-member Joyce Arlene Dixon Wolyniec on August 27 at the Maneval Home.
6. Pastor officiated at the funeral for Prudence Poff that was held on Tuesday October 12, 2010 in the nave with well over 100 in attendance. A meal followed in Fellowship Hall. Interment was earlier in the morning at the Montoursville Cemetery.
7. Pastor officiated at the graveside funeral service for Jane Oakes in the Wildwood Cemetery on Tuesday, October 12, 2010. She was one of our oldest members at age 97.
8. Pastor Elkin presided at the memorial service for Gail Hoffman on October 28 in the Nave.. Inurnment was in our columbarium immediately prior to the service.
9. Pastor Elkin presided at the funeral for Doris Fortin on December 23 in the Nave.
10. Pastor Elkin presided at the funeral for Sis Chrisman on December 24 in the Nave.
11. Pastor Elkin presided at the funeral for Lois Johns on January 13 in the Nave.
12. Pastor presided at the funeral for Helen Ochs in the nave on March 7
13. Pastor officiated at the graveside service for William Hoffman in Wildwood Cemetery on March 21.
14. Pastor officiated at the graveside funeral for Mary Renninger in the Montoursville Cemetery on April 29, on behalf of Messiah Church.



ITEMS OF ECUMENICAL INTEREST

1. Pastor attended the regional retreat for the Society of the Holy Trinity on May 3-4 at Chambersburg, and was asked to serve as the musician for the event. The presenter was Dr. Robert Benne, noted Lutheran ethicist and professor from North Carolina.

2. Pastor was a guest on the Ken Sawyer show on April 21 for Family Promise (FPLC).
3. Pastor was a guest on WGRC in Lewisburg on April 22, a full ½ hr. program interview re: FPLC.
4. Pastor recorded a spot for the Backyard radio stations on April 22 re: Family Promise.
5. Pastor met with a deacon from another possible host congregation for FPLC on April 19.
6. FPLC Board met on April 21.
7. The final Core Committee meeting of FPLC was held on April 27 at St. Mark's. Henceforth the new Director will meet with the Congregational Coordinators and the President will be meeting with the Board. The Board will have committees to carry on its various functions.
8. Pastor attended the Conference Assembly on May 2, 3:00 at Messiah Clarkstown.
9. Synod Assembly was held June 18-19 at SU.
10. Pastor attended the LSM regular bi-monthly meetings.
11. Pastor served an afternoon in the Shepherd of the Streets office on May 24. He used our Parish Benevolence line to fund several prescription needs for folks.
12. Family Promise Board met monthly and at several special sessions.
13. Pastor met on May 25 with the seniors of WAHS on the Commencement Planning Committee, and their faculty advisors which includes Jenn Robertson, for the purpose of planning the Baccalaureate Service set for Sunday, June 6, 7PM in our nave.
14. The Baccalaureate service was held as planned; the seniors choices of lessons and hymns, the prayers they wrote, and the brass music they played were all used. Declan Jones was invited by the Pastor to share in the proclamation of the sermon, which was also put in print for those who wish, and will be available also on the congregation's website in the sermon archive.
15. Pastor assisted at the Family promise Open House at the Day Center on June 23.
16. Pastor served as Associate Shepherd of the Streets on June 29 during the Shepherd's vacation.
17. Area Lutheran Pastors met on July 1 to bid farewell to Pastor Zetto of Montoursville, who is moving to Texas to serve a troubled congregation there.
18. Pastor met with the new pastor of Trinity Hughesville both to welcome her to the area and also to introduce Family Promise to her on July 26.
19. Pastor and Board met with a national official of Family Promise on 7.26 to work on board development.
20. Pastor met with the pastor of First Presbyterian on July 27 to introduce Family Promise.
21. The Rev. Cinda Brucker was installed as the new pastor of Trinity Church, Hughesville on 9/26, 4PM.
22. Pastor Elkin led a course at the Lay School on Wednesday evenings in October. Attendance was poor this year, but the subjects seem to be interesting to those who attend. Each week is a different topic. Consensus seems to be that since the audience is generally our senior members, that we should move this event to the afternoon next year, in order to minimize transportation problems.
23. Pastor consulted with other pastors about matters of common concern on October 14.
24. Pastor traveled to Mundelein Illinois on October 18 for the annual general retreat of the Society of the Holy Trinity, in the company of several hundred other pastors and lay leaders from the US and Canada.
25. The American Guild of Organists held its September dinner meeting at St. Mark's on 9.24.
26. The office manager at the Synod office since 1988 has had to retire for health reasons. Our secretary Susan, who has been serving also as a bookkeeper in the Synod office for some time will be assuming additional duties as a result of rearrangement of responsibilities in the office.
27. The Center City and West Fourth Street Ministeriums joined forces for their monthly meeting.
28. St. Mark's was chosen as a site for the Amazing Grace Tour of churches next August.
29. The annual Dialysis benefit concert was held on November 7 at St. Luke.
30. Catechetical retreat was held on January 8 at Messiah Church. Pastor Elkin led a session on "Telling the Story by Food". In addition to

- Bible-study, the participants baked bread, made a salad and stuffed dates for dessert.
31. Pastor Elkin met with other members of the Society of the Holy Trinity on November 29-30 in Danville. He served as musician for the retreat.
 32. Pastor attended the Family Promise Finance Committee meetings beginning in January
 33. 33.Pastor and others met with the national director of Family Promise at our local Day Center on January 19.
 34. Pastors of the Lock Haven area are interested in the concept of Family Promise, and met with Melissa our director on March 1, to introduce the program to them..
 35. St. Mark's hosted Family Promise quarterly beginning last May.



MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Carl Hieber, Chairperson

The purpose of the Mutual Ministry Committee is to proclaim Jesus Christ to each other and to all the world by keeping the Pastor and staff advised of conditions within the congregation and to interpret to the congregation the ministry of our professional leaders.

The "Working Description of Committee Functions" adopted by Council in September, 1999, continues to guide the committee's activities.

Activities:

1. We thank retiring committee members: Nancy Larson and Beth Shafranko for their dedicated service on the Committee.
2. Pastor Elkin reported on staff annual reviews. A member of the committee was present for each of them for the first time. This practice will continue in the future.

3. Salary recommendations for the staff were developed and given to the Finance Committee for consideration in the budget process.
4. Gary Weber and Carl Hieber met with Pastor Elkin for his annual review and a report was given to the committee.
5. Under the leadership of Bob Schultz, a Friendship ministry program was begun in March 2010.
 - a. Part 1 – A list of congregational leaders with telephone numbers and email addresses was prepared for inclusion in the monthly Lion.
 - b. Part 2 – Several people met to review the current calling list and to make recommendations for needed revisions.
 - c. Part 3 – A group of visitors developed a process to contact members of our church family who have not been attending, to share our concern and to invite them to renew their participation in St. Mark's. This will be picked up again at a later date.
6. We revised and updated the policy for paid vacations for staff since several staff members have increased hours in order to cover all of the tasks.
7. Richard Lakey, Director of Music for 33 years, resigned in September 2010. We thanked Dick for his many years of service to St. Mark's. A joint meeting including Congregation Council, Finance Committee, Search Committee, Worship and Music Committee and Mutual Ministry was held at which time it was voted to change the position of Director of Music to part-time.
8. Mutual Ministry accepted the recommendation of the search Committee (Carl Hieber, Karen Boone, Deb Buckman, Joyce Hershberger, Bernadette Jones and Pastor Elkin) to offer the part-time position to Jungwha Kim. She accepted and began on May 2, 2011. The job description and pay scale was reviewed and revised by the committee.
9. Activities and events in parish life and their impact on the life and work of our pastor, staff, and members was discussed regularly.
10. The committee expresses its appreciation to Marian Miller and especially to Donna

Zierdt Elkin for serving as exemplary interim musicians.

We are very fortunate to have an outstanding staff at St. Mark's. We thank Pastor Elkin, Lou DeSeau, sexton, Bernadette Jones, Coordinator of Youth and Family Ministry, Michele Owen, Director of Sunday School, Dick Wagner, Financial Secretary, and Susan Mahserjian-Smith, Church Secretary for their dedicated service to St. Mark's and its members. We also thank the many persons who volunteer to assist the staff on a regular basis.

~ *Carl Hieber*



WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Beth Shafranko, Chairperson

The purpose of the Worship and Music Committee is to proclaim Jesus Christ to each other and to all the world by Word and Sacrament in and beyond the congregation. To this end the Committee shall see that the worship of God is conducted in good order in accordance with the Bible and the Lutheran tradition.

The Worship and Music committee, in an oversight capacity, continued to be very busy again this year within the congregation, as well as the community. We have two beautiful spaces for worship and the nave where we sang Sunday liturgies, weddings, funerals, concerts and other events; and the chapel where we sang a variety of services including Morning Prayer, Lenten services funeral visitations, Children's Church and more.

The committee is pleased to recognize the musical groups serving in the church's worship: the senior choir, the adult hand-bell choir, the family hand-bell choir and the many soloists both vocal and instrumental. Under the direction of Donna Elkin various youth have participated during the past year as instrumentalists as well as two of our youth having joined the senior choir. We are very pleased with all involved and especially applaud our musically talented youth.

With the resignation of our long-time friend Richard Lakey as Music Director and organist, Donna Zierdt-Elkin, who is a music teacher in the Jersey Shore school district as well as an accomplished organist, stepped in and performed those jobs while the Search Committee interviewed a variety of musicians to replace Dick. Jungwha Kim will fill the capacity as a part-time musician in the role's that Mr. Lakey had filled over the past 33 years starting on May 8 of this year. Donna performed with cheerful and talented instruction the choirs and soloists, both vocal and instrumental, from mid-October through the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. We are extremely grateful to her for helping us through this time of transition. Thank you Donna!!! We also look to expand the number of folks, both young and old and in-between, who would like to be engaged in musical leadership in the church's worship.

Non-perishable food, flowers, quilts, clothing and financial contributions were gathered and then shared in support of various community and global efforts. Outreach programs to our shut-ins provided home-communion for those congregational members who were unable to attend regular services. We also reached out to them with cards, carols, visits, flowers, phone calls and more. Pastor Elkin has been going to the Williamsport Home, where many of our elderly members live and are unable to attend Sunday services, to lead a Holy Communion service with Word and song on a quarterly basis. These folks are visited at other times by Pastor and other church members as well as receiving home-communion as part of that service.

The Altar Guild was extremely active again this year with their rigorous scheduled activities to keep the church supplies and articles in proper order.

Acknowledgment must be made for the diligent service of our committee members, musicians, the behind the scene helpers and those who share in the worship leadership roles. Without the assistance, leadership and contributions of all of them, our services to the Lord would not be as fulfilling. The committee would like to express our sincere appreciation and thankfulness to Pastor Elkin and Donna Zierdt Elkin – their leadership in both areas is truly inspirational.

Additional communion assistants, assisting ministers, communion assistants and acolytes were introduced this year. The service opportunities are always expanding. There still is a critical need for

assistance in our Nursery during Sunday services as well as the delivery of flowers to those in the nursing homes and hospitals.

Children's Church continues to occur on one Sunday morning each week during the 10:30 service. Attendance has grown during this time with family members of the kids and other interested people in attendance also. The children do a terrific job taking turns at leadership in their service. The service is completed in time to join all in the nave for Holy Communion.

I would like to thank all who so graciously help in the many duties to keep things flowing throughout the entire year, especially the committee members: Lucille Weaver, Lois Smith, Roxie Larson, Sally Bjornstad, Mary Lou Doebler, Cindy Huff, Bev Hieber, Gregg Dancho, Connie Shaible and Michele Owen.

Challenges continue each year mainly in the areas of volunteerism, meeting parishioners' needs and increasing our membership. It may not be obvious to most people that it truly takes a host of people to keep the church, music and worship services ministering properly. This is most evident during the Christmas season and Holy week, but this need continues every day during the year. There exist numerous opportunities for volunteer ministry here at St. Marks. Please feel free to contact any member of the Worship and Music committee or Pastor Elkin if you are able to share in any of the various volunteering capacities. Together we all will continue to praise and proclaim Jesus Christ through his Word and Sacrament.

~ Beth Shafranko



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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

*Youth and Family Ministry Coordinators
Michele Owen and Bernadette H. Jones*

The purpose of the ministry of Christian Education is to proclaim Jesus Christ to each other and to the entire world by planning and administering the total educational program of the parish. To this end, the Youth and Family Ministry Coordinators supervise educational opportunities for all youth and adults in and beyond the congregation in the Christian faith as found in the Bible and the Lutheran tradition.

Sunday Church School:

1. For curriculum, we continue with Augsburg's SPARK program which is lectionary based. The materials are very "user friendly" and reinforce each Sunday's lesson with the children.
2. Our youth were divided into the following configuration based on numbers, age, and/or grade level: preschool (3-4 year olds)—kindergarten; grades 1—2; grades 3—4; and grade 5.
3. Our middle school class of 6-8 graders continues with the *To Know, to Live, to Grow* program by Augsburg Fortress.
4. The confirmation class includes seven members who meet on the third Sunday of every month with their families, mentors, Pastor and Bernadette. They all have been involved in a variety of service projects.
5. Lou DeSeau and Bob Jones continue teaching the high school class. The curriculum revolves around topics of concern with the students and revisits prayer and parts of the service. The class is consistently attended by 5-6 youth.
6. The monthly rotation schedule for teachers continues to be successful, although volunteers are sparse.
7. Pastor Elkin led the adult class in the Crossways room.
8. The Middle Lounge Class for adults was led by Kathy Dancho on a variety of subjects.

9. Vacation Bible School, Group's *High Seas Expedition*, was held in June, 2010. Roughly three dozen children attended, with 9 teen assistants and two dozen adults in teaching/support positions.
10. Adult forums were presented in the Crossways Room each Sunday in August.
11. We hosted Lutheran Shared Ministry's School of Religion.
12. We organized the Twelfth Annual Youth Retreat for confirmands in January.
13. The Way, a process of faith formation, under the leadership of Pastor Elkin and Melvin Wentzel continued. All four candidates affirmed their baptism and one became a member of St. Mark's at the Great Easter Vigil, April 23, 2011.
14. Children's Church continued on a once a month schedule during the school year.
15. A joint celebration for all Sunday Church School attendees was held in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday Church School hour at Easter.

Youth and Family Ministry Activities:

1. Passing on Faith (formerly Child in Our Hands), remained a keystone of our family ministry at St. Mark's. Milestones celebrated this year: Receiving blankets for newborns; First Communion; Baptismal Lunch with faith chests for recently baptized; Prayer Pillows were given to children ages 2-4; children in kindergarten and 1st grade received "All the Languages of the Good News" bags; third graders received their Bibles; The Blessing of the Keys was offered to those youth who became new drivers; and "Progressions," a new milestone for those young adults leaving for college, the military or business and their parents.
2. The Annual Church Picnic was held at Montoursville's Indian Park.
3. A dinner/pool party was held for first and second year confirmands, their families and mentors on July 11, following the confirmation camps.
4. St. Mark's Church Choir Camp was held for one week last summer. The intergenerational cast of 30 rehearsed *Wizard of Oz* for performance Saturday evening, August 7.
5. Five of our youth were confirmed on September 13, by Bishop Driesen. A luncheon for the Bishop and the families was held afterward.
6. Teen Movie Night continues for our youth on the fourth Sunday of every month. There is a consistent attendance on these evenings.
7. A group pack'n'wrap for Operation Christmas Child was held in November. Participants packed 43 shoe boxes with small gifts for needy children around the world.
8. A group of 21 traveled to Corning to view the museum and design gifts.
9. Family Advent Wreath Making & Luncheon was attended by over two dozen people on the first Sunday of Advent.
10. Kids' Morning Out was attended by 10 children; 10 teen assistants were on hand as well.
11. The 7 members (and 5 visitors) attending the Christmas Cookie-Baking event produced the cookies sent for our shut-ins.
12. Christmas Caroling was conducted by 22 carolers, visiting all of our shut-ins who were at home.
13. A Christmas Carol: raised \$894 for United Campus Ministry of PCT. Many of our youth were involved with the production end and the meal. Many our adults performed as carolers and in other areas.
14. Well over 70 pieces of winter warmers, scarves, hats, and gloves were collected for those in need. Two dozen teddy bears were collected and given to local shelters.
15. Bread-baking this year was led by Pr. Elkin and Michele: our kitchen was once again filled with laughter and the wonderful smell of baking bread.
16. Ed Gair continues crafting our Faith Chests for the Baptism Milestone; John & Ruth Burkholder continue with ornaments and keepsakes for various milestones.
17. We trained four new acolytes in January.
18. The John Bower Sunday Church School Basketball League for our youth began in December and continued on through February of 2011. Our youth created three teams. Coach Rick Robertson headed the teams with Mike Jensen and Kirk Owen assisting him.
19. 80 cans of soup and \$122.74 were collected for "Souper Bowl Sunday," held in February.
20. Two of our youth traveled to the middle school retreat at Camp Mt. Luther.
21. A family bowling party was held February 19; 36 attended.
22. Michele again led Lenten childcare for children to experience materials that relate to each

- evening's lesson in chapel.
23. Fun Night continues as a monthly event.
 24. The confirmation class went to Philadelphia.
 25. Bernadette held an egg-dying session for adults and older youth; attendance remains high.
 26. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt and breakfast with Pastor Elkin was held on Saturday, April 23, 2011: well over 50 were served.
- The children bagged jelly beans and included a card with a special prayer to hand out to the congregation on Easter Sunday.
27. The St. Mark's Old Fashion Church Family picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 5, 2011.
 28. Summer Choir Camp will be held this summer. The program is yet to be decided.
 29. Vicki Hospes and Brittany Toy continued to schedule nursery and acolyte volunteers, respectively.
 30. Family hand bell choir continued under the direction of Donna Elkin.

Outreach/Continuing Education:

1. Bernadette attended Little Lambs Open House with flyers about St. Mark's and Sunday School.
2. Several of our youth attended the *See You at the Pole* events on September 22, 2010, at their various schools.
3. Several of our youth participated in serving the Consecration Sunday meal at St. Luke.
4. Our continued involvement with campus ministry this year included:
 - a. hosting table for the Fall Fiesta at the beginning of the school year
 - b. leading bible studies for Monday Faith Talks
 - c. providing breakfast items for their mission trip through contributions from the congregation during Children's Church.
 Sharon would like to thank the council and congregation for their support of this ministry
5. Finals week Survival Kits were packed and sent to our youth in college. They were very much appreciated.
6. Iron Chef Williamsport, our fundraiser for Family Promise of Lycoming County, raised over \$6500 this year. Our youth earned over \$600 from their Tips for a Promise.
7. Gary Weber has been instrumental in getting Youth and Family information on St. Mark's website. To that end, we have provided him

- with text and photographs of our events.
8. Assistance continues for the YouTube videos.

~ Bernadette H. Jones

~ Michele Owen



SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Becky Pryor-Miller, Chairperson

The purpose of the Social Ministry Committee is to proclaim Jesus Christ to each other and to all the world by providing opportunities to share Christian love. To this end, the committee will address social needs by leading the congregation in extending Christian compassion and helpfulness to the aged, ill, orphaned, and persons of all ages in need.

Since assuming the chairmanship of this committee in June of 2004, it has been my goal to continue with the many long-standing activities of this committee and to expand our congregation's service to our community in additional ways. In fulfilling those goals many members of the congregation assisted with various activities throughout the year. Our outreach to the community included

1. Hosting the community on our front lawn for the Fourth of July festivities. We provided refreshments, information about St. Mark's, and good cheer to more than 400 people.
2. Providing food and monetary donations to St. Anthony's Center.
3. Entertaining the 16 residents of the Selinsgrove Center with songs, a story, and gifts for the residents and their caregivers. It was our most engaging visit to date with the ladies of CM-6.
4. Providing sweatshirts, socks, pajamas, robes, slippers, and the like for Christmas gifts to 35 residents of the Danville State Hospital.
5. Collecting hygiene items, linens, and making monetary donations to the Shepherd of the Streets Emergency Fund.

6. Supporting the work of The Pregnancy Care Center by providing clothing and baby items through our association with the Newberry Branch of NGA.
7. Collecting a variety of non-perishable food for the United Churches Food Pantry. This is an ongoing activity for our congregation. These ongoing donations support the work of the Worship and Music Committee.
8. Assisting the Women of St. Mark's in their collection of school kits, hygiene and sewing kits, and infant layettes.
9. This year saw the opening of Family Promise of Lycoming County. Jane Zimmerer and Becky Miller Pryor are co-coordinators for hosting at St. Mark's. They have collected items needed for hosting, attended training, and continue preparing for families experiencing a housing crisis. To date we have hosted families experiencing a housing crisis four times between May 2010 and May 2011. This is by far the most significant work of the Social Ministry committee.
10. Assisting with the Iron Chef Williamsport cooking competition to raise money for Family Promise.
11. Welcoming the ongoing assistance from Gary Weber in posting this committee's activities on our web site.

Pastor and other members of the congregation provide service to our community and beyond by volunteering locally at St. Anthony's Center and Shepherd of the Streets.

Many other opportunities to reach out in Christian love to our neighbors exist. I encourage you to pray and answer Christ's call to serve.

We can do no great things – only small things with great love. ~ Mother Teresa

~ Becky Miller-Pryor



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Kathy Eshelman, Stephen Minister Coordinator

The purpose of Stephen Ministry is to proclaim Jesus Christ to each other and to all the world by providing process in which Stephen Leaders train, organize, and supervise lay persons known as Stephen Ministers to provide effective Christian Care to others.



PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

Bob Jones, Chairperson

The purpose of the Parish Life Committee is to proclaim Jesus Christ to each other and to all the world by encouraging mutual care and fellowship within the congregation and presenting to the public a Christian image, which will reflect favorably on the work of Christ through this congregation.

1. Involved more of the congregation in committee activities (Iron Chef, Seder and Lunch & Fellowship)
2. Assumed responsibility of Lunch & Fellowship from Worship and Music committee.
3. Training continues of congregational members in food preparation and table service.
4. Purchases were made for the kitchen and Fellowship Hall from funds that were gifted to the committee.
5. Additional equipment was purchased from funds generated by non-church events.
6. Funeral luncheons were held through out the year under direction of Shirley Kinney— Funeral Team Leader.
7. Milestone and Christian Ed events were co-produced with the Christian Ed and Youth & Family departments.

~ Robert Jones



PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Scott Bittner, Chairperson

The purpose of the Property Committee is to proclaim Jesus Christ to each other and all the world by promoting the use of the congregation's physical resources in the support of our Christian Mission. To this end the committee arranged for the promotion, protection, maintenance, repair and expansion of church properties. The Committee supervises the use of the same by the congregation and other organizations so that the facilities are adequate for the functions assigned by the congregation.

There are a great number of tasks that need to be done to keep the property in good functioning order and ready to serve as tool for mission. The following list is some of the larger items of maintenance, repair, and improvement; we have chosen not to list many smaller items.

1. The Parish House steam boiler jacket was resealed and pressure switches were relocated.
2. The annual preventative maintenance for all the boilers was done.
3. Smoke alarms were installed and hard-wired in the choir hallway, fellowship hall, the crossways room, and nursery. (Thus if one is activated, all will sound.)
4. Choir hallway exit lights were wired in such a way that they are always on. This is a required safety measure which should have been done a generation ago.)
5. The flat chapel roof was repaired.
6. New lawnmower was purchased for the church property.
7. Little Lambs purchased a new dehumidifier for the old scout room which they use for crafts.
8. Little Lambs purchased a replacement cupboard for their staff break room.
9. Wheels were installed on the Crossways planters.
10. The telephone in the Nursery was repaired.
11. A telephone was installed in the kitchen and in the Snell room for Jungwha.

12. Plaster repair around the windows was completed on the second floor, and chapel ceiling.
13. Ballasts were installed in various lights.
14. Little Lambs purchased a dehumidifier for basement play area.
15. Proper electrical outlets were installed for the steam table around fellowship hall.
16. Outdoor lighted sign was cleaned and bulbs were replaced.
17. Weed-whacker was purchased for the property.
18. A ruptured hot water line inside the wall of the handicapped restroom was repaired.
19. Televisions, DVD players and two carts for them were purchased.
20. Slop sink was installed in the basement for use by Little lambs.
21. Little Lambs purchased a new hand-washing sink with automatic water controls for the basement restroom.
22. Flush valve diaphragms were replaced in various restrooms.
23. A valance was crafted and installed in Fellowship Hall for sound control.
24. A new trap system was installed in the 2nd floor restroom.
25. Lighting was installed over the sinks on the west wall of the kitchen.
26. Hinges on the west entrance door to the Parish House were replaced.



FINE ARTS COMMITTEE

Joyce Hershberger

It is the task of the Fine Arts Committee to proclaim Jesus Christ to each other and to the world by searching out what is good, true and beautiful to serve as aids in the proclamation of the Gospel.

Our primary focus in the latter part of the year has to be to get Fred Snell's old office ready for Jungwha Kim, our new organist and choir director who begins her work on May 8. Some of us

remembered that the cabinets in that room were the same as they had been when Fred was here so it was a real challenge to bring the room into the twenty first century.

We began with the selection of a rug and then coordinated paint to make the room more cheerful and welcoming for its new function. Through the efforts of Pastor Elkin and Lou DeSeau it is shaping up to be a great space. More need to be done but it has been a great start.

My thanks to a great committee always ready for a new challenge – Jane Larson, Lucille Weaver and Bob Miller and of course to Pastor and Lou who are always ready to help.

~ Joyce Hershberger



LIAISON COMMITTEE

Joyce Hershberger

It is the task of the Liaison Committee to proclaim Jesus Christ to each other and to all the world by maintaining the connection between the Little Lambs Pre-School and the congregation.

We meet on a quarterly basis to discuss dates of mutual interest, consider requests for additional space and attach costs to those space issues.

We are all happy that the outdoor play equipment has been installed and is in use- the children have enjoyed the opportunity to be outdoors in a safe environment and have helped to beautify the space.

The committee deals with a multitude of issues including space issues, repair and maintenance concerns, coordination of dates for special events and equipment needs.

We continue to have a very good relationship with Little Lambs and we feel it is a good thing to have them as part of St. Mark's family.

Special thanks to Lou, our *jack-of-all-trades* sexton, who is always ready to accommodate the needs of Little Lambs, always cheerful and

uncomplaining - he is a real asset to us and to Little Lambs.

Pastor Elkin, Nancy Larson, Lou DeSeau, Bernadette Haas and I meet with Holly Tillman, school director, and consult with other committees as needed.

~ Joyce Hershberger



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Stewardship Committee is to proclaim Jesus Christ to each other and to all the world by initiating programs for the development of good use of all of the resources entrusted to us by God.



ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Clinton Eppleman, Chairperson

It is the purpose of the Archives Committee to keep and protect the heritage of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

As one might expect for a church with nearly 160 years of history, St. Mark's has a rather extensive archive. For much of that history the archive has been a victim of benign neglect. That is, records, photographs, documents and publications have been kept, but mostly in a disorganized and random state.

A few years ago, the History Committee under Dorothy Berndt undertook an extensive effort to gather, organize and catalogue records in the archive. This undertaking was successful in bring-

ing together all of the records, in categorizing and boxing similar records and in creating an index of the types of records and their topics.

Additionally, some of the records have been scanned and preserved digitally. Indeed, some photographs and historical records are preserved for public viewing on the St. Mark's Web site, www.stmarkswilliamsport.org, in the history section. Separately, we have scanned all of the early Pastors' records (back to the congregation's founding in 1852) and these records are being regularly posted on a genealogy Web site hosted by RootsWeb, <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~stmarkswilliamsport/index.htm>. There members or relatives of former members can view the actual pages of the Pastors' records that record baptisms, confirmations, marriages and burials.

Although much has been done to preserve St. Mark's archives, a great deal of work is still required. Of greater concern are the current space constraints, difficulty of access and lack of display space. The archives have been stored in 2 closets in the high school Sunday School room and in cupboards in the former Snell office. The closets are bursting at the seams. The materials in the Snell office have been stacked in the high school room as the Snell room is being remodeled to resume its use as the Music Director's office. In any event, the rich history represented by the materials that are stuffed into the boxes is mostly inaccessible, and there is no place where the materials can be displayed for the congregation to examine. In the short term, the storage issue must be addressed.

Over the longer term, we must complete the indexing of records and then create a digital record of the index. Scanning of photographs and documents, as well as the Pastors' records must continue, to preserve the records and to allow for Internet access. Ultimately, indexing of the Pastors' records so that all the data is preserved in a computer record, and is searchable by name, is a laudable goal, but one that would require a tremendous effort by very dedicated volunteers. Anyone willing to join this effort is welcome.



MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

Carl & Beverly Hieber, Chairpersons

The purpose of the Memorial Committee is to proclaim Jesus Christ to each other and to the whole world through the thoughtful use of special gifts to the congregation.

Gifts have been received in memory of the following members and friends of the parish in the past year:

Arthur Kline	Gail Hoffman
Jonathon Phillips	Doris Fortin
Ruth Beryl Kohler	Elizabeth Chrisman
Wilbur Hughes	William Poff
Carol Stackhouse	William Confer
Prudence Poff	Robert Schnars
George Bjornstad	Jane Oakes
Sally Ann Millikan	Charles Ditchfield
Merritt Hunt Estate	Helen Ochs
Wanda Hibschan	

~ Carl & Beverly Hieber



FINANCE ANNUAL REPORT

Ken Shafranko, Treasurer

The purpose of the Finance Committee is to proclaim Jesus Christ to each other and to all the world by managing the financial resources of the congregation.



**WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

Shirley Hill, Chairman

The purpose of the Women of the ELCA is stated as a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. We commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our calling, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

The 7,000 units of the Women of the ELCA combine to form an organization dedicated to bringing God's message of love and peace to the world. Our own unit, The Women of St. Mark's, participates in this work both inside and outside our community.

St. Mark's continues to rank among the highest in our Synod in quilt, kit, and soap projects for Lutheran World Relief. Our Blanket Sunday collection of funds helped to purchase blankets for those in need. We also collected used cell phones and used eye glasses for recycling.

Our proudest achievement is the making of quilts. Last year we produced 101 quilts that were sent all over the world to cover desperate people with warmth and love. Our faithful group of women work at home and at church every

Wednesday morning. Thank you, Lucille Weaver, Grace Arner, Lillian Skeeby, Shirley Hill, Ruth Sherlinski, Ernestine Doane, Elsie Sechler, Dorothy Bingaman, Alona Hopley, Liz Ruesskamp, and Roxie Larson.

The profit from our rummage sale, chaired by Jane Kline, resulted in contributions to both local and global charities. Although we found it necessary to reduce some contributions, we continued to send donations to Shepherd of the Streets, United Churches of Lycoming County, Camp Mt. Luther, St. Anthony's Center, Habitat for Humanity, Church Women United, Lutheran World Relief Shipping Fund, ELCA Disaster Response (Domestic and International), American Rescue Workers, Newberry Branch of New Garment Agency, and Family Promise.

An enjoyable Women and Children's Dinner was organized by Bernadette and Michele, featuring a professional storyteller. A delicious dinner was prepared by Bob Jones and crew.

Because of illness and our older members passing away, we continue to face a seriously declining membership. We have faith that God will inspire younger women to join us. All the women of St. Mark's are encouraged to join our activities and enjoy the fellowship. Lasting friendships are formed as we go about God's work and proceed on our faith journey.

We are so grateful to God for the blessing of a congregation that can be counted on for support. Thank you, St. Mark's, for all your generous help by bringing in quilt and kit materials, soap, and rummage sale items. In these ways you are "giving back" to the glory of God.

~ Shirley Hill, Chairman

~ Jane Kline, Treasurer

~ Ernestine Doane, Secretary

**ST MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
FINANCIAL REPORT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010**

GENERAL FUND:

INCOME:	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Envelope: Pledges	\$ 247,665.00	\$ 244,165.00
Other Religious Income	\$ 12,051.00	\$ 13,750.00
Parking Lot/Rentals	\$ 19,570.00	\$ 20,060.00
Transfer From Investment Fund	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 46,075.00
Welker/Capital-General	\$ 25,731.00	\$ 17,000.00
Welker/Benevolence-General	\$ -	\$ 1,900.00
Heat Envelope Income	\$ 521.00	\$ 1,000.00
Synod Donations	\$ 1,255.00	\$ -
Bequests	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 325,793.00	\$ 343,950.00
EXPENSES:		
Staff	\$ 219,723.00	\$ 227,575.00
Administration	\$ 13,654.00	\$ 16,050.00
Worship & Music	\$ 3,635.00	\$ 5,550.00
Christian Ed/Youth	\$ 5,643.00	\$ 6,650.00
Property	\$ 63,200.00	\$ 61,550.00
Benevolence & Charity	\$ 27,224.00	\$ 26,575.00
Total Expenses	\$ 333,079.00	\$ 343,950.00
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	\$ (7,286.00)	\$ -

DEDICATED BENEVOLENCE INCOME:

Hunger, Food, Blankets, G Missions, St. Anthony Shepherd, Thanks-Offering, Mossy Foot, Misc,	\$	4,914.00
Capital Income	\$	3,273.00
Organ Fund	\$	621.00
Theological Fund	\$	130.00

MEMORIAL FUND:

Balance as of December 31, 2009	\$	8,712.00
Gifts	\$	19,290.00
Disbursements	\$	(2,701.00)
Balance as of December 31, 2010	\$	25,301.00

INVESTMENT FUND:

Balance as of 12/31/09	\$	958,993.00
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Income:

Gifts, Various Transfers & Reclassifications	\$	20,244.00
Interest/Dividends	\$	22,452.00
Total Income	\$	42,696.00

Expenditures:

Fees	\$	(11,273.00)
Various Transfers & Reclassifications	\$	(41,544.00)
Total Expenditures	\$	(52,817.00)

Market Value Change	\$	102,016.00
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Balance as of 12/31/10	\$	1,050,888.00
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Women of the ELCA
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Williamsport, PA 17701
Treasurer's Report
(Prepared by Jane Kline, Treasurer)
April 28, 2011

Checking Account

	Balance May 13, 2010		\$233.11
	Income:		
	Bazaar	\$982.67	
	Transfer from Savings	800.00	
	Adjustment from May 2010	99.00	
	<i>Total Income</i>	\$ 1881.67	<u>\$ 1881.67</u>
	Total		\$ 2114.78
	Expenses		
2010	Fiona Powell (Women's dinner)	80.00	
	Ad for Bazaar	26.95	
	USSWO (Mission in-gathering)	100.00	
	Women ELCA (2nd quarter)	75.00	
2011	ELCA (International Disaster)	50.00	
	NGA (New Garment Agency)	100.00	
	Women of the ELCA	275.00	
	St. Mark's (Family Promise)	150.00	
	Shepherd of the Street	250.00	
	United Churches	150.00	
	Camp Mt. Luther	200.00	
	St. Anthony's Center	150.00	
	Williamsport/ Lyco Habitat for Humanity	100.00	
	Church Women United	100.00	
	Lutheran World Relief (Quilt/Kits Shipping Fund)	100.00	
	ELCA Domestic Disaster Response	50.00	
	American Rescue Workers	100.00	
	<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$ 2056.95	<u>-\$ 2056.95</u>
	Balance 4-28-11		<u>\$ 57.83</u>

Savings Account

Balance May 30, 2010		\$ 3540.97
Income:		
Interest	\$ 3.41	
Profit - Women's Dinner	185.45	
Profit - Women's Dinner	38.48	
Change for Bazaar	300.00	
Total Deposits	\$ 527.34	<u>\$527.34</u>
		\$4068.31
Withdrawals:		
Change for Bazaar	300.00	
Transfers to checking	800.00	
Federal Interest Withheld	<u>.24</u>	
Total Withdrawals	\$1100.24	<u>-\$1100.24</u>
Balance Savings 4-27-11		<u>\$ 2968.07</u>