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**OLD SAINT MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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142 Market Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania

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## PASTORAL ACTS IN 1947

- The work of Saint Mark's begins with its youngest members when they are made Children of God through Holy Baptism . . .

77 children were baptized in 1947.

16 adults were baptized in His Name.

- Young People and Adults come into the fellowship of Christ's Church through Confirmation.

32 were confirmed last year.

- Many new members come to Saint Mark's by letter of transfer . . . 58 last year.

- Altogether 90 new members were received into Saint Mark's during the past year.



- *"To have and to hold from this day forward; for better for worse . . ."*

*46 couples were united in 1947.*

- *"O Lord God, receive then our souls unto Thyself . . ."*

*Saint Mark's pastors officiated at 45 funeral services last year.*

- *“Almighty God, heavenly Father, Who has blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us wisdom and strength, so to train them that they may love whatsoever things are true and pure and lovely and of good report, following the example of their Saviour, Jesus Christ, Our Lord. . . . Amen.”*



## OUR CHURCH SCHOOL

### ON SUNDAY . . .

	Pupils	Teachers
• Cradle Roll to School Age . . . . .	213	14
• First Grade thru High . . . . .	299	32
• Post High and Adults . . . . .	231	11

### ON WEEKDAYS . . .

- Classes are held on Saturdays with 115 pupils attending. There are 10 teachers.
- Young children are cared for in the Sunday School rooms each Sunday morning, 10:45 to 11:45, while their parents attend Church.
- Frequent Faculty Conferences help to keep our standards high.

## OUR YOUTH PROGRAM

Leaders at Saint Mark's believe in the young people and have designed a program of Christian worship, study, service and fellowship which are coordinated under a Youth Council. These groups and activities are:

- Kappa Nu
- Senior Luther League
- Inter. Luther League
- Senior Girl Scouts
- Intermediate Girl Scouts
- Boy Scouts
- Junior Basketball
- Senior Basketball
- Midget Basketball
- Little League Baseball
- Grade School Boys' Club
- Junior High Boys' Club
- Cub Scouts

Thirty-one adults supervise this program for more than 276 young people.



- *Neighborhood Boys' Clubs, jointly supervised by Saint Mark's and the Y. M. C. A., are open every day in the week for games and sports, such as basketball, boxing, ping pong, and wrestling.*

# MUSIC

Saint Mark's four choirs contribute immeasurably to the joy and beauty of the Services . . . the Senior Choir every Sunday morning, the younger Choirs on special occasions. More than 90 children and 30 adults enjoy worship through participation in the musical program under the direction of Frederick A. Snell, Minister of Music.

The Choirs are:

- CAROL CHOIR for children 6 to 9  
Rehearses Saturdays at 9:30 A. M.
- CHILDREN'S CHOIR for children 9 to 13  
Rehearses Saturdays at 10:00 A. M.
- GIRLS' CHOIR for young people 14 to 18  
Rehearses Tuesdays at 6:45 P. M.
- SENIOR CHOIR for adults  
Rehearses Thursdays at 8:00 P. M.

- *A truly fine addition to the musical program of Saint Mark's in 1947 was the gift of a Liberty Carillon. Hymns ring out over the city on Sunday mornings calling people to worship.*





• *A 23 room Parish House, with 8 more rooms in the process of construction, is the physical focal point about which the Adult program of Saint Mark's centers.*

## ADULT GROUP ACTIVITIES

Sharing in the work of the parish over the years, contributing to its stability with worthwhile endeavors, are adult groups which meet for Christian fellowship and sociability. Their support of Church work at home and abroad is invaluable. Among these are:

- COTTA  
Meets the second and fourth Thursdays
- DORCAS  
Meets the first Monday
- WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY  
Meets the third Thursday
- SEMPER FIDELIS  
Meets the third Monday
- THE MARIEN GUILD  
Meets the third Tuesday
- THE SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP  
Meets every Sunday morning at 9:35
- MEN'S BOWLING TEAM • MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

Recently four of these groups cooperated in a unified Community clothing drive to send warm clothes to the needy in Europe.

# HOW WE ARE ORGANIZED

- THE STAFF:

The Rev. J. Ray Houser, Pastor

The Rev. R. E. Neumeayer, Assistant Pastor

Sister Elaine Dunlap, Deaconess

Frederick A. Snell, Minister of Music

- THE OFFICE is located on the first floor of the Parish House. Telephone: 2-3158.
- THE CHURCH COUNCIL is composed of lay leaders who assist the staff in various parish activities. A rotation plan insures many men in the congregation the privilege of serving.
- CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS, held annually, give every member the opportunity of voicing his opinion—Democracy in Protestantism.
- COUNSELING SERVICE by members of the Staff is available for all seeking help or guidance. Appointments can be made by calling the Church Office.

- *The Holy Communion is brought to the bedside of those sick or shut-ins who are unable to come to church.*
- *Members of the staff are available to answer emergency calls day or night.*



# OUR BUDGET

## FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN WILLIAMSPORT:

(1) Salaries, office maintenance, supplies, printing, advertising, postage .....	\$11,700.00
(2) Building maintenance, repairs and supplies, sexton service .....	5,000.00
(3) Heat, electric, gas, water, telephone, insurance and taxes .....	2,750.00
(4) Music .....	2,300.00
(5) Sundry Expenses .....	750.00
(6) Youth Work .....	500.00
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	\$23,000.00

This budget is an increase of \$2,000.00 over last year and will require a substantial increase in contributions for local expenses.

## FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD OUTSIDE OF WILLIAMSPORT:

(1) American missions, starting new congregations for migrant Americans, etc. ....	\$ 3,240.00
(2) Overseas Pastors, teachers, etc. ....	2,700.00
(3) Pensions and relief to aged pastors .....	1,170.00
(4) Education, colleges and seminaries .....	810.00
(5) Mercy and Service, aged, orphans, etc. ....	450.00
(6) Administrative and office salaries .....	450.00
(7) Literature, pamphlets, publicity .....	180.00
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	\$ 9,000.00

If we are to accomplish our share of the work for the Kingdom of God outside of Williamsport, which the United Lutheran Church has undertaken to do, our contribution would be doubled and spent as shown above.



- *Money can be spiritual . . . if it is given with Christian understanding for the extension of Christ's Kingdom.*