

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Williamsport, Pennsylvania



St. Mark's Lutheran Church has been an important part of the Williamsport scene for over 130 years. On March 7, 1852, our church was formed with a membership of 21 individuals.

In the years since, innumerable changes have taken place in Williamsport, and also in our congregation. But some things remain constant, they never change. For example, our responsibilities as a church: to worship the Triune God, to educate children and adults in the Christian faith, to serve those in need, to witness to others about new life in Christ. These are the essential tasks we commit ourselves to as Christ's people.

This Directory, with its pictures of families and individuals, is an important part of the ministry of this church. It is important because with its pictures, it serves as a daily reminder of our responsibilities as Christians: to worship, to learn, to love, to witness. This book is visible, tangible evidence of our life together at St. Mark's. We hope you will

enjoy and use it. Let it be a useful book enabling us to grow together in love and unity as we match names and faces, as we learn to know each other better and call each other by name.

A most sincere word of thanks is extended to everyone who participated in this venture by having their pictures taken, and a special thanks to those who gave so much of their time, energy and talent in assembling and coordinating the materials.

Pastor Johnson

Whatever else this little book is, it is above all a dramatic piece of time frozen for years to come. It is primarily a historic document. What and who St. Mark's Williamsport was in the middle of 1982 is forever preserved for future generations. Forty years from now when people look at this book they will recall, remember, laugh, and cry. This is the way it was, St. Mark's 1982. This book will also serve to remind us that the foundation of this church is not its pastors, staff, or people, but Jesus Christ alone. Our generation, this 'our time' will pass away, but Christ remains forever. Whatever else we are, we are His body, this unique parish, and we represent Him in this space for this community. And because we are His, we know that although the past holds many great memories, our future holds much more. The best is yet to be. This book tells us what we are now, but our Lord tells us too that what is to come is even better. Of all people we are most fortunate. Thanks be to God.

Pastor Yelovich



- March 7, 1852 - English Lutheran Congregation with 21 members organized — Dr. Herman Zeigler, Pastor (1852-1853)
- Jan. 22, 1856 - First edifice completed and dedicated — Rev. Joseph Welkes, Pastor (1853-1856)
- 1858 - 1863 - Rev. J. F. Fahs, Pastor
- May 1863 - The German Lutherans (130 members) and the English Lutherans (120 members) joined together to worship — Rev. F. C. Lampe, Pastor (1853-1864)
- 1865 - 1871 - Rev. A. R. Horne, Pastor

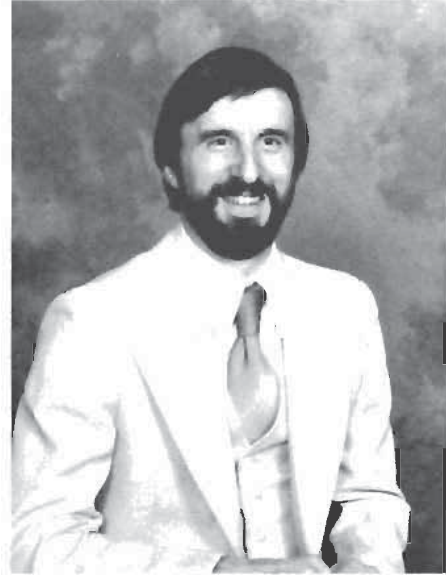


- 1871 - 1886 - Rev. William Rickert, Pastor
- 1886 - Name changed from Market Street Lutheran Church to St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church — Rev. Yount, Pastor (1886-1891)
- 1892 - 1893 - Rev. George G. Kunkle
- 1896 - The first St. Mark's built — Rev. Wm. F. Rick, Pastor (1893-1898)
- 1898 - 1903 - Rev. Edwin Lunn Miller
- 1905 - 1911 - Rev. Stephen Paulson
- 1911 - Parish House built during the pastorate of Rev. Henry Douglas Spaeth (1911-1920)
- 1920 - 1928 - Rev. Paul L. Yount
- 1928 - 1954 - Dr. J. Ray Houser, Deaconess Sister Mildred Winter and Rev. Franklyn Lambert. Land purchased for expansion.

- 1955 - Rev. Frederick G. Hasskarl, Pastor (1955-1981) Present St. Mark's built. Serving with Pastor Hasskarl were Rev. Paul Bosch, Rev. William Hershey, Rev. Robert Miller, Rev. Jesse Houck and the Rev. Dale E. Johnson.
- Feb. 28, 1960 - Present St. Mark's Dedicated
- 1982 - Rev. Stephen F. Yelovich, Pastor.
- 1982 - Team ministry concept implemented with Pastors Yelovich and Johnson.



REV. STEPHEN F. YELOVICH



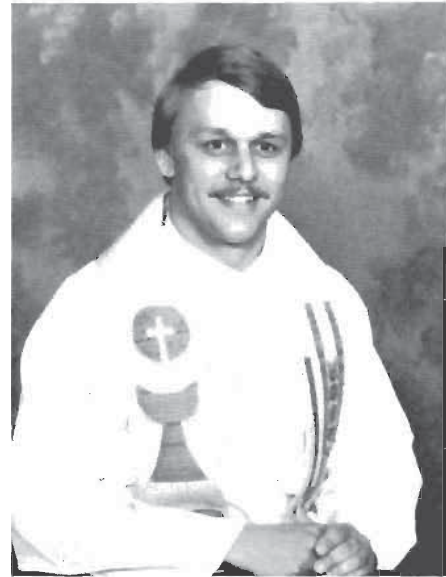
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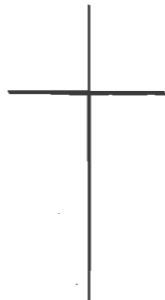
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*Decisions to be made
Problems to be solved
Joyous occasions
Times of sorrow*

OUR MINISTER IS THERE

*To advise and counsel
share and comfort*

1. IF YOU MUST MAKE AN IMPORTANT DECISION

If you are a young person and face a decision about going to college, arranging your course of study, or choosing your life work, make an appointment to see our Minister. The viewpoint of your spiritual adviser should be considered.

2. IF YOU ARE FACING A SERIOUS PROBLEM

Our Minister can help you with your personal, family and other problems. The important judgment of a spiritual leader, together with prayers for Divine guidance, will enable you to face your problems with confidence. Don't allow your problem to get too big for you.

3. IF THERE IS A WEDDING

Our Minister should be consulted before the wedding day is set. Since you will undoubtedly desire to have one or more conferences with your Minister, it is advisable to make contact well in advance of the wedding.

4. IF SOMEONE DESIRES TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

Happy, indeed, is the Minister who is asked to talk with someone desiring to become a Christian. Tell our Minister about friends of yours who are interested in knowing more about the Christian faith.

5. IF THERE IS ILLNESS

Our Minister is as near as your telephone. A Minister's presence, counsel and prayer will be helpful. Our Minister will appreciate your phone call when you, your loved one or friend is sick or going to the hospital.

6. IF THERE IS A DEATH

Our Minister should be notified when there is a death in the family. Our Minister can give comfort and counsel at this difficult time.



We are grateful for the privilege given us to prepare this directory. We will welcome inquiries from your friends from other churches, locally, and throughout the nation concerning preparation of a directory.

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