



# The Lion of St. Mark's

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## *Mission at the Crossroads:* Journeying Together



Our work in *Mission at the Crossroads* continues again this month. Honest thought, dreaming, negotiation, and prayer is work, complex work, work that proceeds at a deliberate pace.

The participants in the process gathered on January 17, enjoyed a light supper together and then plunged into the work. The four discussion groups each tackled their areas of interest and began sketching their ideas. After some time, the groups each reported to the others and the thought continued.

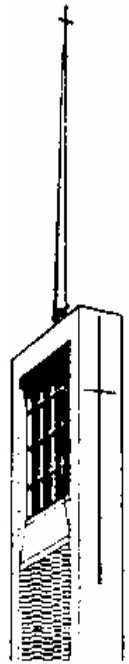
The groups will meet again on February 7 to continue their work. They will have to make the move from high floating dreams to achievable possibilities. They will have to project what resources we already have, and what new resources are needed in order for things to move forward. And finally, they will have to discern how they, personally, will be participating in the renewed activities; how they will move from talk-ers to do-ers. There is still much for us to accomplish together!

Members of the parish continue to be welcome to jump into the process at any point. Simply come at 6:30 on February 7 and pick a spot. Although it is not a requirement, being prepared in advance would be a helpful thing. Call Nancy Larson and receive a summary of where the discussion has been in order to be ready to plunge into the conversation.

Our consultant throughout the process has been Beth Yenchko, Mission Director for this region of the ELCA, with her home in State College.

## OFFICIAL NOTICE:

**The Congregation Council has called a Special Assembly of the St. Mark's Congregation for February 11, 2007, following the 10:30 service, for the purpose of considering a proposal from Chime Master Systems, Inc. of Lancaster Ohio, to replace the defunct control system for our tower bells with a 2108 Cast Bell Controller at a cost of \$11,995, to be paid from funds that have been given to the church for the care and maintenance of its musical instruments.**



The present system has been completely inoperable for some time, and our wonderful set of 10 real cast bells is not being heard. The proposed system is a vast improvement, with up to date technology, and with a 5 year warranty as well. It will enable the playing of hymns from its vast library, as well as allowing us to program in other hymns not in its library, do hour chimes when desired, tolling for funerals, peals for celebrations, etc. It will have a small keyboard for manual operation, and a remote control to initiate operation from the organ console or any other desired spot.

Other convenient features include battery backup, power surge protection, solenoid protection, and internal calendars for handling the spring and fall time changes. All we will see is one black metal box in the balcony containing the microchip electronics.

The new keyboard will be housed in the present wooden case in the balcony. Installation would be 4-5 months after signing the contract.

# COUNCIL UPDATE

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## Council Notes

The Congregation Council met in regular session on Monday, January 22 in the Crossways Room. The Council:

- heard the proposal from Mr. Lakey and the Worship and Music Committee for the renewal of the control system for the tower bells, and acted to recommend the proposal to the congregation. (see separate article.)
- received the regular printed reports of the pastor, officers, and committees.
- granted a letter of commendation to Scott and Tammy Miller and children to unite with Lycoming Center Presbyterian Church.
- moved to appoint the Nominating Committee for the year, to be chaired by Brenda Bittner.
- commended Rick Robertson for his patience and diligence in working with our basketball teams in the John Bower league.
- noted with sadness the resignation of Sue Bennett as our Financial Secretary, after nearly 4 years of service, in order to take a full-time job with the Williamsport Area School District. She has discharged her duties honorably and well. The position is being advertised, and interviews will be scheduled early in February.
- rejoiced that under the leadership of Creighton MacGill, competitive bidding is underway for our insurance contracts for the next 3 year span. It will likely result in a savings of nearly \$6,000!
- rejoiced that a bequest was received from the estate of Dr. Mary Schweikel in the sum of \$1,000, which has been used for the purchase of a much-needed video projector.
- viewed a brief DVD using the new projector, on the idea of offering hospitality to homeless families. A public meeting will be held on February 5 at the New Hope Center on Market Street (near St. Luke Church) to begin forming a coalition of congregations to tackle the problem.
- set the next meeting for February 19.
- completed the meeting with *Prayer at the Close of Day* prayed in the Chapel.

Members of the congregation are reminded that the full bulletin of reports is always posted in the office hallway for review by any member.

## Directory Changes:

- Randy & Jeannette Lukens, 17 Cherokee Lane, Wmspt., PA 17701-1211 (570) 320-2848
- Mr. John Hollenback, 1900 Ravine Rd., Apt. 1209, Wmspt., PA 17701-2065

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## From the Parish Register

- The Funeral Service for Frank Pile, Sr. was celebrated on January 14th
- The Funeral Service for the Rev. Dr. Walter Brandau was celebrated on January 20th
- The Funeral Service for Dorothy Rivetti was celebrated on January 26th.

# CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

## We Love Our Volunteers!

**A special thank you to the following people for volunteering their time and efforts in so many ways. We couldn't do all we do without your assistance!**

### Altar Guild

Deb Buckman  
Judy Fortin  
Beverly Hieber  
Shirley Hill  
Cindy Huff  
Jane Kline  
Beth Shafranko  
Connie Shaible

### Greeters

Larry & Louella Bair  
Scott, Brenda & Jeremy Bittner  
John & Ruth Burkholder  
Marie & Hugh Byerly  
Kathryn & Cecil Calvert  
Gary & Donna Clark  
Gregg & Kathy Dancho  
Lou DeSeau  
Blanche & Wilson Doebler  
Frank & Mary Lou Doebler  
Walter & Mackenzie Doebler  
Steve & Bonnie Eyer  
Charles & Judy Fortin  
Erick, Stephanie & Madalyn Fortin  
Matt & Wanda Fortin  
Edward, Brenda & Owen Gair  
Andrew, Vicki, Benjamin, Hannah & Elizabeth Haussmann  
Trish, Theoron, & Kara Hershey  
Bev & Carl Hieber  
Shirley & Bill Hill  
Gail & John Hoffman  
Ray & Cindy Huff  
Reba & Gene Jacobs  
Pam, Mike & Sean Jensen  
Robert & Bernadette Jones  
Jackie Kinney  
Shirley Kinney  
Lou Kolb  
Catherine & Larry Lundy  
Chris & Creighton MacGill

Tim & Deb Maggs  
David & Carol McMorris  
Lillian Miller  
Helen Ochs  
Michael Ochs  
Michele, Kirk, Devon & Dawson Owen  
Becky Miller Pryor  
Robert, Michele & Hannah Ramsauer  
Ruth Rees  
Rick & Jennifer Robertson  
Tom & Helen Schramm  
Robert & Mary Schultz  
Constance Shaible  
Ken & Beth Shafranko  
Ruth Sherlinshi  
Russell & Lois Smith  
Fred & Pat Thayer  
Phil & Barb Thomas  
Tali & Taigen Thorne  
Frank & Shirley Vognet  
Annika Waffenschmidt  
Bill & Marion Waldeisen  
Gary & Shelby Weber  
Melvin & Melinda, Taylor, Sadie & Sara Wentzel  
Ralph & Lou Ann Ziegler  
Paul & Jane Zimmerer

### Ushers

Carl Albright  
Dottie Bingaman  
John Burkholder  
Donna Clark  
Frank Doebler  
Charlie Fortin  
Brenda Gair  
Bud Hershberger  
Carl Hieber  
Cindy Huff  
Mike Jensen  
Marc Kinney  
Mike Kinney

Louise Kneedler  
Roxie Larson  
Irma Logan  
Larry Lundy  
John MacMinn  
Richard Miller  
William Poff  
Norma Prato  
Robert Schultz  
Elsie Sechler  
Ken Shafranko  
Connie Shaible  
Robert Swartz  
Phil Thomas  
Frank Vognet  
William Waldeisen  
Lucille Weaver  
Bobbie Yetsko

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Jeremy Bittner  
Caitlin Butters  
Brett Campbell  
Lauren Campbell  
Christina Comini  
Paige Fortin  
Derek Gilbert  
Matthew Hartsock  
Declan Jones  
Sara Jones  
Marc Kinney  
Alex Larson  
Aric Larson  
Jamie Larson  
Sara Larson  
Hannah Ramsauer  
Taigen Thorne  
Tali Thorne  
Andrew Ziegler  
Peter Ziegler

### Assisting Minister

Jim Buckman  
Kathy Dancho  
Lou DeSeau

Andrew Haussmann  
Joyce Hershberger  
Ray Huff  
Declan Jones  
Tim Maggs  
Becky Miller Pryor  
Beth Shafranko  
Ken Shafranko  
Phil Thomas

### Lectors

Audrey Albright  
Dorothy Berndt  
Jeremiah Bittner  
Scott Bittner  
Donna Boston  
Jim Buckman  
Nick Buckman  
Jeffrey Byerly  
Brett Campbell  
Lauren Campbell  
Donna Clark  
Gregg Dancho  
Kathy Dancho  
Lou DeSeau  
Stephanie Fortin  
Andrew Haussmann  
Vickie Haussmann  
Bud Hershberger  
Joyce Hershberger  
Ray Huff  
Bernadette, Declan & Sara Jones  
Jane Kline  
Lou Kolb  
Nancy Larson  
Sue McCormick  
Becky Pryor  
Ruth Rees  
Brittany Toy  
Carl Weaver  
Lisa Weaver  
Gary Weber  
Ralph Ziegler

# CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

**“I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.”**

## Communion Assistants

Brenda Bittner  
Scott Bittner  
Deb Buckman  
Jim Buckman  
Dottie Burd  
Brett Campbell  
Gregg Dancho  
Kathy Dancho  
Lou DeSeau  
Walt Doebler  
Donna Elkin  
Bob Schultz  
Mary Schultz  
Beth Shafranko  
Ken Shafranko  
Carl Weaver  
Lucille Weaver  
Gary Weber  
Jane Zimmerman  
Paul Zimmerman

## Nursery

Brenda Bittner  
Christina Comini  
Sharon Comini  
Brenda Gair  
Vicki Haussmann  
Vicki Hospes  
Pam & Mike Jensen  
Bernadette Jones  
Nancy Larson  
Deb Maggs  
Rick & Jenn Robertson  
Elsie Sechler  
Pat Thayer  
Barb Thomas  
Holly Thorne  
Shelby & Gary Weber  
Mel Wentzel

## Flower Delivery

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Jane Angle  
Susan Baker  
Nancy Bieber

Brenda & Scott Bittner  
Deb & Jim Buckman  
Hugh & Marie Byerly  
Gary & Donna Clark  
William & Carol Confer  
Kathy & Gregg Dancho  
Steve & Candy Dewar  
Ernestine Doane  
Charles & Judy Fortin  
Matt & Wanda Fortin  
Bud & Joyce Hershberger  
Theoron, Trish & Kara Hershey  
Carl & Beverly Hieber  
Bill & Shirley Hill  
John & Renee Hinds  
Merritt Hunt  
Pam & Mike Jensen  
Jackie Kinney  
Shirley Kinney  
Jane Kline  
Richard & Louise Kneeder  
Anne Kuntz  
Nancy Larson  
Roxie Larson  
Larry & Catherine Lundy  
Deb & Tim Maggs  
William & Prudence Poff  
Becky Miller Pryor  
Robert & Michele Ramsauer  
Ken & Beth Shafranko  
Aletha & Robert Swartz  
Carl & Lucille Weaver

## Hospitality

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Deb & Jim Buckman  
Marie Byerly  
Kitty Calvert  
Sis Chrisman  
Donna & Gary Clark  
Betty Diehl  
Ernestine Doane  
Blanche Doebler  
Katy & Donna Zierdt Elkin  
Bonnie Eyer

Stephanie, Eric & Madalyn Fortin  
Judy Fortin  
Wanda Fortin  
Doris Griggs  
Vicki Haussmann  
Joyce Hershberger  
Trish Hershey  
Beverly & Carl Hieber  
High School S. S. Class  
Bob & Bernadette Jones  
Jackie Kinney  
Shirley Kinney  
Louise Kneeder  
Marion Larson  
Nancy Larson  
Roxie Larson  
Irma Logan  
Catherine & Larry Lundy  
Creighton & Chris MacGill  
Deb Maggs  
Carol & Dave McMorris  
Prudy Poff  
Becky Miller Pryor  
Robert & Michele Ramsauer  
Rick & Jenn Robertson  
Bob & Mary Schultz  
Connie Shaible  
Lillian Skeeby  
The Stephen Ministers  
Betty Stroup  
Shirley Vognet  
Lucille & Carl Weaver  
Mel & Mindy Wentzel  
Ralph & Lou Ann Ziegler

## Sunday School Teachers

### & Helpers

Karen Boone  
Ashley Butters  
Deb & Nick Buckman  
Eric & Sharon Comini  
Kathy Dancho  
Pastor Elkin  
Bonnie & Steve Eyer  
Wanda Fortin

Matt Fortin  
Vicki Haussmann  
Trish Hershey  
Bill Hill  
Ray Huff  
Bernadette Jones  
Kathy & Lou Kolb  
Nancy Larson  
Sue Newcomer  
Jim Newcomer  
Kirk & Michele Owen  
Becky Miller Pryor  
Bob Schultz  
Brittany Toy  
Amanda Weaver  
Lisa Weaver  
Mindy Wentzel

## Money Counters

Bill Confer  
Art Decker  
Ernestine Doane  
Bud Hershberger  
Bill Hill  
Louise Kneeder  
Larry Lundy

## Newsletter Crew

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Lawrence & Louella Bair  
Beverly Gottschall  
Gladys Knauss  
Irma Logan  
Elsie Sechler  
Connie Shaible

## Office Angels

Lois Smith  
Shirley Vognet

## Kitchen Angels

Lou DeSeau  
Carl Hieber  
Jackie Kinney  
Shirley Kinney  
Dick Lakey  
Lois & Russ Smith  
Shirley Vognet

# CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

## Upcoming Milestone calendar

- February 4** – All the Languages of Good News
- February 25** – Prayer Pillows
- March 11, 18, and 25** – Blessing of Affirmers
- April 7** – Affirmation of Baptism
- May 6** – Wedding Anniversary
- May 27** – Sending out members of *The Way* with prayers for their Christian Vocation

## Leave a Legacy for Ministry & Mission: Make your pension fund work thrice.

If you have an IRA or other Qualified Retirement Account, you can use it three times. First, it can be used for you and your spouse in retirement, it can be passed on to your children and grandchildren, and it can be used to make charitable gifts to your favorite ministries. For more information about how to make charitable gifts using your retirement account or other ways to make charitable gifts, call Pr. Greg Kramer at the Lutheran Planned Giving Office at 570-374-2044 or call the ELCA Foundation, 800/638-3522, ext. 2970 or visit our website at [www.elca.org/fo](http://www.elca.org/fo).

## Lunch N' Fellowship

February 14th at Noon

Dick's Famous Heart Shaped Meatloaf!  
Bring a dish to share. Why not invite a friend?



## Nurse's Notes

- February 4** Tips to decrease your chances of catching a cold:
  - carry your own pen – borrowing others or using the one at the bank expose you to germs
  - sneeze into your elbow if you are caught without a tissue – it keeps germs off your hands
  - after using a public restroom, dry hands with a paper towel, then use the towel to turn off the faucet and open the restroom door
  - use your cell phone instead of making a call from someone else's phone
  - flip the light-switch on and off with the back of your hand, it lessens the chance you will transfer germs toward your face
- February 11** According to the folks at Prevention Magazine (February 2007), there are four questions you need to ask whenever you get a new prescription:
  1. When and for how long should I take this medication?
  2. What are the side affects, and how should I react if I have them?
  3. Is there anything I need to avoid – food, beverages, vitamins or supplements or herbs?
  4. What do I do if I forget to take a dose?
- February 18** Brush your teeth after sucking on hard candy. They are more likely to lead to tooth decay than other soft, sweet foods, since the candies dissolve slowly and surround the teeth with sugar. And did you know that raisins, which are sticky, can cause more cavities than chocolate?
- February 25** Grandparents, remember to keep all medications out of reach of little, exploring grandchildren. Even vitamins and mineral pills (especially iron) can be poisonous if ingested by a small child.

# USS ARK

## FLOOD Events Coming Up

FLOOD (Friends Living Out Our Discipleship), your youth ministry of the Upper Susquehanna synod, has some events planned for the coming year. The first, FLOOD SU, is described further down in this newsletter. The Junior High Retreat for youth in grades 6-9 will be at Camp Mount Luther on February 9-10, 2007. Senior High Adventure Day in Bloomsburg for grades 9-12 will be April 14, 2007. FLOODLIGHT, a special day of outdoor, Christian, family fun for kids grades 1-6 and their families is scheduled for May 5, 2007 at Camp Mount Luther. And CML's annual spring overnight and Work Day is set for May 18-19, 2007. More information on these events will follow in mailings—just wanted you to get these dates on your calendars now!

## Lutheran/United Methodist Celebration!

A Liturgy in Celebration of the Lutheran-United Methodist Agreement on Interim Eucharistic Sharing will be held on Sunday, March 25, 2007, 4:00 pm, at Susquehanna University's Weber Chapel. This service will be led by Bp. Donald Main of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, Bp. Carol Hendrix of the Lower Susquehanna Synod, Bp. Gregory Pile of the Allegheny Synod, and Bp. Jane Middleton of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, United Methodist Church. Bp. Middleton will also be the preacher. Since this liturgy is being held on the territory of our synod, it would reflect well on us to have a good showing--so get the word out!

## Winter/Spring On-line Courses at Wartburg

"Ethics in Lutheran Perspective" is a 12 week course beginning Feb. 5th with an Orientation Week, and taught by Craig Nesson, Professor of Contextual Theology and Academic Dean. This course will offer an introduction to the field of Christian ethics, paying particular attention to distinctively Lutheran themes. Lectures and readings will examine how the Lutheran theological tradition shapes ethical reflection for the church in its mission today. How do the Word of God, law and gospel, sacraments, liturgy, reason, theology of the cross, Christian freedom, vocation, and two kingdoms teaching shape and condition ethical deliberation? Together we will consider how to give constructive leadership in order that congregations become communities of moral deliberation. DVDs of lectures must be available for this course. Contact the Center for Theology and Land for how to obtain copies.

God and the World in Christ: The Christian Narrative," a 9 week online course beginning March 12th, will be taught by Dr. Duane Priebe, Professor of Systematic Theology at Wartburg. The Nicene Creed briefly summarizes the basic Christian narrative of God's engagement with the world. It runs from creation through redemption in Jesus Christ to the ultimate consummation of all things in the power of the Holy Spirit in the resurrection of the dead. This is the story of all creation; it also is the story of each one of us. This course will examine this basic story and ways of bearing witness to God's engagement with the world in Jesus Christ.

"Understanding Loss and Grief: Perspectives for Effective Ministry," a 6-week online course beginning April 16th, and taught by Dr. Daniel L. Olson, Professor of Pastoral Care at Wartburg.

Loss is a pervasive human experience that comes in many shapes and sizes. We experience it in the death of a loved one as well as in the closing of a store on Main Street. We experience loss in social change as well as in the normal transitions of family life. With loss comes grief – certainly one of the most disorienting and painful experiences of which human beings are capable. In this course we will learn to identify the wide range of losses that people experience, and to understand the grieving process. We will learn how to minister to grieving people in ways that are both theologically and psychologically sound.

## 2007 Alice Pope Shade Lecturer at SU: Jim Wallis

Jim Wallis, author of "God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It," will present the Alice Pope Shade Lecture on Monday, February 26, 2007 at 7:30 PM in Weber Chapel Auditorium at Susquehanna University.

From HarperCollins' website: "Jim Wallis is a leading figure at the crossroads of religion and politics in America today. He is a public theologian, nationally renowned preacher, faith-based activist, author of seven books, and the founder of Sojourners, a nationwide network of progressive Christians working for justice and peace."

Wallis is also co-founder of a new group, Red Letter Christians, a network of Christian communicators committed to advancing the message "that our faith cannot be reduced to only two hot button social issues - abortion and homosexuality. Fighting poverty, caring for the environment, advancing peace, promoting strong families, and supporting a consistent ethic of life are all critical moral and biblical values." The lecture is free and open to the public. No tickets are required.

# Social Ministry News

## From the Archivist's Corner



Have you noticed anything new? Have you seen the framed stained glass cross on the window (across from The Way room)?

There is a little bit of history to this piece of art. Seems that back in early spring of 2000 I found some chards of stained glass in a small envelope with information written on the front "pieces of stained glass from St. Mark's old church". There was no date but I felt it could be around 1959 when the "second" old church was demolished and our present bulding was being built. I have no idea who the person was who collected the pieces of glass but it was someone who felt the need to preserve some of St. Mark's history.

My first thought was to make something with them, perhaps, a cross? Yes, but how? I talked with several local people who were artists and they didn't give me much hope. Sometime later I was talking with my very dear artist friend, Grace M. Baier, who lives in Virginia and told her about the glass. She said she would love to do something with it for me. A week or so later we met in Thurmont, Md, discussed ideas and a month later she called and said the cross was finished. I was so pleased with the results and couldn't wait to show it. I talked with Bob Miller about framing it, but it would be several years before this came to pass. The following six years have gone by swiftly but the cross had to wait. There were plans for St. Marks 150th Anniversary, later on much work was done on renovating the Chapel, there was illness. Finally, this past year Bob and I were able to decide on the type of frame and where the cross could be displayed.

Please stop by and view the creation - it is beautiful, especially when the sun is shining through the windows! This piece of art is part of your heritage. The heritage of St. Marks!

Thanks be to God!  
 Dorothy Berndt  
 Archivist, St. Mark's

## Lasagna Dinner

Wednesday, February 7,  
 from 5 ~ 7 p.m.

St. Paul, Calvary United Methodist Church  
 1427 Memorial Ave., Williamsport, PA



Dine in or take out a great plate of meat or meatless lasagna, salad, bread and homemade cakes made by baking & pastry arts students at PCT!

Suggested donations \$6 Adults & \$3 Kids

Sponsored by United Churches College Students to raise money for a mission trip to Washington DC.

## Attention local churches members:

We have an active United Campus Ministry student in need of housing. She is 19 and is looking for a family or individual to live with. She will work to pay for food and rent.

Do you have a room in your house to share and a welcoming supportive heart? This could be a "win-win" situation. Please consider it.

For more information contact:

Heather Wagner,  
 UCM Coordinator  
 419-5376  
 or email: [hastywagner@aol.com](mailto:hastywagner@aol.com)

Please pass this request along to your friends who may consider this opportunity of ministry.

# United Churches News



## Food Pantry Update

Donations, if possible, should be brought into the Food Pantry on Monday mornings from 9:30-Noon. We are located in the Sojourner Truth Building on the corner of High & Center Sts.

### Items we are currently in need of:

- |                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Spaghetti Sauce       | Canned Fruit      |
| Oodles of Noodles     | Coffee & Tea Bags |
| Box Crackers          | Sugar—1 lb. Box   |
| Tuna & Tuna Helper    | Chunky Soups      |
| Pasta & Noodles       | Instant Oatmeal   |
| Canned Pasta Products | Jelly             |



## 29th Annual Ecumenical Lenten Service 7:30 PM

Sunday, February 25, 2007  
St. Boniface Catholic Church

326 Washington Blvd., Williamsport  
Speaker: The Rev. William K. Knudson  
Presbytery of Northumberland  
Pastor to the Presbytery

### Sermon: "The Towel, the Cross, and the Crown"

The Rev. William K. Knudson, Pastor to the Northumberland Presbytery of Central Pennsylvania, will challenge us as we move into the Lenten season, to reflect upon Christ's servant Leadership.

Sunday, February 18th is a wonderful opportunity to witness to our Lord, Jesus Christ, who calls us to renew our faith and unite as people of God, with one another. Plan to join us for this ecumenical celebration this year.

## Wednesday Ecumenical Lunch

United Churches of Lycoming County invite you to join them for their Wednesday Noon Ecumenical Luncheon. You're always assured of a tasty \$4 lunch, warm, ecumenical fellowship and a thoughtful program designed to enrich your life mentally, physically, spiritually and socially. The parking is free in the Pine Street lot north of the church from 11 AM to 1:30 PM No reservations are necessary.

### February Luncheon Speakers:

7th—**Rev. Clara Bensen**, Pastor, New Covenant United Church of Christ, "*Journey Home: A Transitional Living Center for Homeless Families*"

14th—**Mr. Perry Landon**, Dir., Albright LIFE, "*The New Living Independently for Elders Program*"

### GOOD NEWS FOR LENT

21st—**Rev. R. Kenneth Weiss**, Pastor, First Church of Christ, Disciples, "*Forgiveness: Psalm 32*"

28th—Speaker" To be Announced "*Providence: Psalm 121*"

Everyone in our congregations and community is welcome to participate in this ministry. Please make plans to join us and you're welcome to bring a friend.

## HOMELESSNESS

### is a Real, Local Problem



Did you know that on any given night, 2.1 million children in the USA are homeless? Even though they may be nearly invisible to us, some of those children and their families are right here in our community.

What should we do? What can we do? The public is encouraged to come together at the New Hope Center on Market Street (not far from St. Luke Lutheran Church) and begin the thinking process on Monday, February 5 at 7:00 P.M. Our aim will be to build a broad coalition of many congregations who can become parts of a hospitality network to host families and help to get their lives back on track.

A basic information packet has been shared with our Council members, and they have viewed a brief DVD on the problem and the hospitality network approach to a solution. In the 130 towns and cities around the country who are working on the hospitality network approach, it is reported that 60% of the participating families are able to find permanent housing, and 20% find other more temporary housing. That is an impressive success rate!

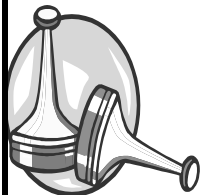
Join Council members and folks from around the area for this public meeting.



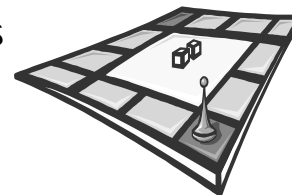
## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

### →CHURCH-FAMILY, FEBRUARY, FUN FRIDAY NIGHT←

(Don't you just love alliteration?)



For our church-family members of all ages  
Friday, February 16, 6:30 pm 'til ??



Do you like to play games? Do you just like to sit and kibitz? Come on down!! Bring your favorite game, snack and enthusiasm to Fellowship Hall. If we have more games than we can play in one evening—we'll just have to schedule a night to get together again!! What's that? You don't have any games to bring?? C'mon down anyway!!

**IF YOU DON'T DRIVE AT NIGHT OR DON'T WANT TO COME BY YOURSELF—DON'T LET THAT STOP YOU!!!!**

**WE WILL GET RIDES FOR THOSE WHO NEED ONE!**

Call the church office or sign up on one of the available sheets if you plan on coming. Please let us know so we can plan for setting up!

## newsboys Tickets Available!

newsboys | go



This contemporary Christian band's music has taken them from Australia to Africa but it's the mate-ship that makes **newsboys** one of the most enduring success stories of rock music.

Musically, **newsboys** are difficult to pigeonhole, blending melody and rhythm, making you think to the beat with a truly international sound. Despite selling more than six million records and being nominated for three Grammy awards, **newsboys** has never been a band to rest on its success. They always strive to make the next album their best - and by all accounts their latest concert tour will reflect that. Visit their website at [newsboys.com](http://newsboys.com) to check out their music.

Sharon has tickets available, at \$21.50 each, for anyone wanting to attend their concert **HERE**, in Williamsport, on Saturday, February 24, at the Community Arts Center. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

# YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

## The John Bower Basketball League St. Mark's Lions



### JOHN BOWER 2006-2007 SUNDAY SCHOOL BASKETBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE FOR *ST. MARK'S LIONS* BEGINNERS & MIDGETS AND *MESSIAH'S PEE-WEES*

#### BEGINNER PEE-WEES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COMPETITORS</u>
Feb. 3	<u>9:30 am</u>	Arena Center	<u>St. Mark's</u> vs. First Baptist
Feb. 10	2:00 pm	Arena Center	Montoursville Presbyterian vs. <u>St. Mark's</u>
Feb. 17	12:30 pm	Arena Center	St. Boniface-A vs. <u>St. Mark's</u>

#### PEE-WEES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COMPETITORS</u>
Feb. 3	12:00 pm	Arena West	<u>Messiah</u> vs. Newberry Church of Christ
Feb. 10	9:00 am	Arena West	<u>Messiah</u> vs. Pine Street U.M.
Feb. 17	11:00 am	Arena West	<u>Messiah</u> vs. St. Luke Lutheran

#### MIDGETS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COMPETITORS</u>
Feb. 3	11:00 am	upstairs Main	New berry Church of Christ vs. <u>St. Mark's</u>
Feb. 10	9:30 am	upstairs Main	First U.M. vs. <u>St. Mark's</u>
Feb. 17	9:00 am	upstairs Main	St. Boniface-B vs. <u>St. Mark's</u>

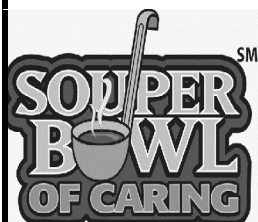
Players, please arrive a half-hour early for your games!!

*To all members of the congregation,  
please take some time out of your day to cheer on some of our young ambassadors.  
Your support could make the difference!*

## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

**We are on a mission  
to fight hunger and poverty.  
You can help.**

*“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game,  
help us be mindful of those  
without a bowl of soup to eat”*



More than 15  
years  
ago on a Super Bowl  
Sunday, a single youth  
group was inspired by

a simple prayer. They started the *Souper Bowl of Caring*, a youth-led movement that is now an international event.

Since 1990, the *Souper Bowl of Caring* has raised more than \$33 million for individual charities across the country. It is also turning our nation's biggest weekend of football into its largest weekend of giving.

Each year, tens of thousands of our nation's youth put God's love into action through the *Souper Bowl of Caring*. You can help them feel the significance of caring for others. Drop a dollar in the soup pots that will be in the narthex on January 28 and February 4 as you leave worship. Your donation will go directly to a charity right here in our community.

With your help, more dollars will be raised, more



## Catechetical Retreat 2007

The ninth annual Catechetical Retreat, 2007, took place on January 6, 2007, at Messiah Lutheran. Christina Comini, Brandon and Paige Fortin, Sara Jones and Hannah Ramsauer attended with at least one parent in tow, each. Yes—we had 100% attendance of our confirmation class.

Our students chose three different classes to attend that day. They split for the first session, going to **Help! Help! Who am I?**, offered by Pastor Driesen (Messiah) and **That's not Fair! What is God's Justice?** By Pr. Huckfeldt (St. Michael's). They were unanimous in choosing to go to Pastor Frontz's (Messiah) **Keepin' It Real: the Scoop on Reality TV**. When you see them, ask how they enjoyed their day!

? Look for news  
about this year's  
**Vacation Bible School!!** ?

? What will the theme  
be this year?? Sharon  
and Bernadette are in  
the process of planning a  
very special time for all!

## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

### Blessing of the Keys: Did you know???

We have a special milestone celebration for the youth in our congregation who attain their junior driver's licenses. It's a meaningful observance, during which the new driver gives up something from his or her childhood in exchange for the new responsibility of driving. We have also developed a means of recognition for those drivers receiving their senior license.



Unfortunately, we have no idea of those youth who are reaching these important milestones in their lives—unless you tell us!! Please let the church know if you or your child has recently received a junior or senior license as soon as possible. A date for celebration will be set once we know who these special teens are. **PLEASE CALL US!!**

*Since this article was first printed in the January Lion, we haven't heard from anyone—and we know there have to be some new drivers out there! Please give your child the opportunity to receive this wonderful blessing and CALL US!*

### ST. MARK'S LIONS

Our athletes have been playing great games with lots of fantastic teamwork! Our coaches have been awesome in the guidance of these young players. Our Beginners are having a blast—even though they're playing against mostly second graders! We're building a great bench for next year! In the older teams, the St. Mark's and Messiah players are getting along very well and working together even better on the court. All-in-all, we have a fantastic group of kids representing us!!

Our practices continue every Tuesday, beginning January 2, 2007, at Trinity Episcopal Church. The Beginner Pee Wee team practices from 6 p.m. until 6:45 p.m., the Pee Wee team, from 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and the Midgets from 7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

A schedule of their remaining games is included in this newsletter. Players, please arrive a half-hour early for your games!!

*To all members of the congregation, please take just on half of an hour out of your day to cheer on some our young ambassadors. Your support could make a difference!*



**Children's Church**  
will be held on Sunday,  
February 11, 2007,  
at

**Faith Life Weekly**, a take-home resource, is available in the Narthex every Sunday. This resource offers an at-home plan for nurturing faith and faith practices based on Sunday's worship service. Also, **Kid's Celebrate** is available for youth to use during the worship service or to take home to add to family devotional time throughout the week. Stop and pick up a copy!

# YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

## MILESTONE MINISTRY



On Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup>, St. Mark's will be giving out the "All the Languages of the Good News" milestone to those children in kindergarten here at St. Mark's. Taylor Wentzel, Sadie Wentzel, Annika Waffenschmidt, Kyseem Smith, and Lynna Robertson will be the recipients of the milestone. This milestone is a reminder that the St. Mark's congregation is a huge part of the **Passing the Faith** ministry. The bags may be used as a tool for nurturing faith in the home. Please acknowledge these children and their families and wish them well on this day!

**Passing on Faith: The Prayer Pillow**, for all of our two-year-olds, marks the beginning of prayer within the family. This Milestone is fast approaching on February 25, 2006. We are planning a get-together for that Saturday, February 24, with Annette Frontz, from Messiah Lutheran, who will review with us ways to make prayer a part of our daily lives with our children. Parents, and grandparents, of our two-year-olds, please bring your child with you for this event. It will run from 11:00-12:30 that Saturday, with a light lunch being served.



## "IN THE BEGINNING..."

A MUSICAL STORY BASED ON  
GENESIS 1 AND 2  
BOOK, MUSIC & LYRICS  
BY RICHARD LAKEY

This is it!! Our summer musical!!!  
Save the week of July 15<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
for rehearsals culminating in a dinner-theatre  
performance on Sunday evening, July 22.

A cast of thousands...  
well, maybe only hundreds...is required  
—remember, we are talking the creation story here!  
Also needed are sewers and crafters for costumes,  
construction-and-painting-type people for set and  
scavenger hunters for props and set decorations.

God may have been able to accomplish this in seven  
days by himself, BUT WE NEED HELP!!  
Yes, in a nutshell, we need everyone!!!  
Stay tuned for more information!!!

## Parish Life Committee



The members of the parish  
life committee are looking for a few good men  
or women to join their kitchen team!

If you can:

- Cook
- Stir
- Fry
- Slice
- Dice
- Saute
- Boil
- Chop

Or just look good in an apron they want you!  
Call the office at 323-4619 if you can volunteer  
to help cook & serve parish meals. A Parish  
Life Committee meeting will be held soon for  
new members.

## Social Ministry Concerns

### Blood Donations Needed

The Northcentral PA Chapter American Red Cross is requesting your help in combating the current drop in blood donations. Please mark your calendar to donate at one of the following sites:

**Friday, February 9th 12:00 to 6:00 PM**  
 St. John's Newberry United Methodist Church  
 2101 Newberry Street.  
 Williamsport, PA

**Monday, February 12th 12:00 to 5:00 PM**  
 Williamsport Hospital—Medical Hall  
 777 Rural Avenue  
 Williamsport, PA

Remember your donation may be "the Gift of Life" to someone in need.

### AN INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

Although we have no plans at this time to purchase *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, the new hymnal just released, still, we should have information about the new book. Any person may come to the workshop on Sunday, February 11 at 2:00 P.M. At Messiah Church, South Williamsport. Four leaders, including Donna Zierdt Elkin, will lead us in exploring the resource. The cost is \$15, payable at the time of registration. Those who register in advance will receive a copy of the book (a \$20 value), the spiel, and a meal. Send your name and check made out to Messiah Church to register.



I asked Jesus,  
 "How much do You love me?"  
 He said, "This much...."  
 And He stretched out His arms  
 and died....

### Time for Lenten Activities

The season of Lent each winter/spring provide us with excellent opportunities for reflection, fellowship, and worship. The season begins with Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday, in the Chapel at noon and in the Nave at 7:30 P.M.

On subsequent Wednesdays the schedule will be as follows: 11:30 Mid-day prayers in the Chapel, 12:00 Pot-luck meal, built around a soup provided, and 12:30 conversation and reflection. Each Wednesday evening, we share pot-luck supper built around a provided soup at 6:15, have conversation and reflection at 7:00 and move to the Chapel for Evening Prayer at 7:30.

This year our conversation and reflection will center on the role of music in the proclamation of the Gospel in our day. It is not a neutral thing; music can lead us to Christ or help us get lost in something less than the good news of Jesus Christ. Every generation needs to think about these things carefully.

### UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY

On Wednesday evening, January 24, St. Mark's hosted dinner and devotions for the UCM of Pennsylvania College of Technology. Sharon arranged this through Heather Wagner, the coordinator of the group. Sharon, Becky and Bernadette took over chili, baked potatoes and toppings, and cakes to share with about twenty college students.

Before we ate, Sharon led devotions and discussion about "Does God want us to be rich?". Conversation was thought-provoking with the group which had a wide range of backgrounds: geographically, socially, racially, and in their faith.



It was also a kind of farewell party for one of their members who is moving out of the area. It was heartwarming to see how close these kids are. Pastor Huckfeldt, a regular with the group, and Pastor Elkin also participated in the evening. We look forward to serving them again in the spring.

## HEALTH, HEALING & WHOLENESS

The Old Testament contains numerous stories of ordinary people who suffered as the result of a seemingly innocent act. Eve immediately comes to mind in the story of the fall of man (Gen. 3:1-7). Lot's wife is turned to a pillar of salt because of a backward glance over her shoulder (Gen. 19:24-26). Uzzah dies because he reached out to steady the ark of God when the oxen shook the cart containing it (2 Sam. 6:3-6). On the surface, all seemingly innocent acts for which there were very painful consequences.

If you follow the news, there have been reports of the Food & Drug Administration's concern with usage of some seemingly innocent over-the-counter (OTC) medications. Probably no one would disagree that aspirin and other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) have been some of the most important scientific breakthroughs in medicine, however, because they are readily available to the general public, we sometimes forget how powerful and in some cases, dangerous these products can be. Lately, even the often recommended pain reliever, Tylenol has come under scrutiny.

Tylenol (acetaminophen) appears frequently as an active ingredient in many cold, sinus and flu medications. If taken for pain or fever, then compounded by a cold or flu remedy, or even Alka-Seltzer, one can easily exceed the recommended daily limit (Example: 2 Extra Strength tablets every four hours + cold/flu medication also containing acetaminophen), and add up to dire circumstances – liver damage or failure, making it the leading cause of sudden or acute liver failure in the US.

Were you aware that diphenhydramine, the active ingredient in the allergy medicine, Benadryl, is also a primary ingredient in sleep aids such as Sominex, Nytol, Advil PM and Tylenol PM? Taking Benadryl for allergies along with one of the sleep aids spells a-c-c-i-d-e-n-t, or worse!

Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications such as aspirin or ibuprofen have been known to cause stomach irritation, occasionally leading to ulcers, therefore they should not be taken for more than a few days without monitoring by your physician. If you have been prescribed a blood thinner, they should never be taking without consulting your doctor. Even something as simple as Pepto-Bismol should not be taken if you are using NSAIDs – it contains a form of salicylate, the primary ingredient in aspirin.

At the risk of sounding like a nagging mother, drugs are drugs – whether they are purchased over-the-counter, or by prescription. Problems can occur at any point in time during their use, so the bottom line is this:

- Use OTC medications only when necessary; read the label or package insert and follow directions exactly!
- Always keep your doctor, surgeon, dentist, and pharmacist informed regarding medications you are taking – especially important if you are pregnant or nursing, or if you have a long-term medical condition or are susceptible to allergies! Even OTC vitamins and herbs can have adverse effects.
- Do not medicate your child without checking with your doctor!
- Never take medication in the dark, and finally,
- Always, Keep medication in its original container, and away from children!

*Debbie Best, Program Coordinator  
Congregational Health Ministries and Family Life Services  
Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries*

# BIRTHDAYS

Daniel Boone	02/01
Melissa Robbins	02/01
Kelly Foust	02/03
Lucille Markel	02/03
Lawrence Bair	02/04
Ethel Chambers	02/04
Susan Curry	02/04
April Biblehimer	02/08
Matthew Heaps	02/08
Paul Zimmerer	02/08
Robert Lamade	02/09
Gloria Greevy	02/10
Charlene Wright	02/10
Betty Diehl	02/12
Erick Fortin	02/12
Helen Ochs	02/12



Emily Newcomer	02/13
Michelle Owen	02/13
Elsie Sechler	02/13
Robert Curry	02/14
Scott Kimble	02/16
Jarrett Eyer	02/17
Betty Stroup	02/17
Rick Robertson	02/17
Tyler Stugart	02/20
Donna Elkin	02/21
Evelyn Ward	02/21
Brandon Pelleschi	02/21
Seth Greninger	02/22
Gary Clark	02/27
Patricia Hershey	02/27
Irma Logan	02/27
Arlene McCoy	02/28

# ANNIVERSARIES

Henry & Harriet Fornwalt	02/01
Lawrence & Louella Bair	02/07
William & Helen Hibschan	02/10
Frank & Shirley Vognet	02/14



Wilson & Blanche Doebler	02/23
Robert & Mary Schultz	02/25
Robert & Marguerite Smith	02/28



## The Lutheran Confessions Books have finally arrived!

After a very long delay, copies of the Lutheran Confessions that were ordered many months ago have finally arrived from the publishers. They are handsome editions on good paper and clear type, with extras including woodcuts and color illustrations, indices, glossary, historical introductions, and a ribbon marker. The price is \$20.00. When this shipment of copies is gone, the standard price will become \$30.00. Those who pre-ordered of course have first opportunity, but there are several extras for others who will appreciate this foundational statement of our faith. The books are available from Pastor Elkin.

The Lutheran Confessions are the collected documents of the first two generations of the Lutheran movement. The volume begins with the three ecumenical creeds and the Augsburg Confession of 1530 which set out the subject of the Lutheran movement. It is followed by a much longer explanation of the Augsburg Confession and other documents that became necessary in the arguments with other parts of the church, and also arguments within the Lutheran camp. The familiar Small Catechism and its companion the Large Catechism have prominent places. The final document is the Formula of Concord which was to settle the inter-Lutheran disputes in 1580. The volume soon gained normative status and remains the standard by which Lutheran preaching and teaching is to be judged. We discover that the old problems may be dressed up differently, but that they are often quite up to date!



# SPECIAL THANK YOU'S

**Thank you Ruth Rees and everyone responsible for the beautiful flowers and the delicious soup and bread. Your visit was a welcome ray of sunshine on a rather cold and gloomy winter day. Thank you, too, for your concern and prayers.~ Linda Rosini**

Dear St. Mark's Friends,

I very much appreciated the cards, prayers, altar flowers and phone call from Pastor Elkin during my recent illness. I am doing much better and hope to be fully recovered soon.

Sincerely,  
Gloria Greevy

If you have a moment check out the beautiful card that Gloria's mother, Elda Zeigler, made for her to send. It is on the bulletin board in the Office Hallway.

To the Members and Friends of St. Mark's Lutheran Church:

Thank you so much for your recent contribution of \$75.00 toward the ministry of Yokefellow Prison Ministry. Your consistent generous support of our ministry is very, very helpful in enabling us to continue taking the 'good news' of Jesus Christ into the prisons of our area.

Each week our 50 plus volunteers take God's forgiveness to murderers, rapists, drug dealers and the like in local prisons. They want the prisoners to experience God's grace and mercy. In other words, they want to see those they minister restored!

Yokefellow Prison Ministry volunteers want to share Jesus with those who need Him. Your gift will help us open that locked door and give the gift of Eternal life. We solicit your daily prayers for our ministry.

Yours Truly,  
Evadna Cline, Area Coordinator  
Upper Susquehanna Valley Council  
Yokefellow Prison Ministry

Dear People of God at St. Mark's,

On behalf of the officers, deans and all the members of the Society of the Holy Trinity, I thank you for your contributions of \$375 during the calendar year 2006.

Your gift will help the Society as it seeks to encourage the exercise of a disciplined and faithful ministry of God's Holy Word and Sacraments in the Church and for the world. As we strive for faithfulness in ministry, we pray for your continued support.

May the Lord fill you with all joy and peace as you celebrate the birth of the Savior of the world.

In Christ,  
Rev. John E. Priest,  
STS Secretary

Dear St. Mark's Lutheran Church:

I would like to thank you for your recent donation of Teddy bears to the YWCA, Liberty House Program. As a non-profit organization, we rely heavily on donations in running our many programs. Because of you and people like you, it is possible for us to offer the kind of services our clients need.

Sincerely,  
Vanessa Hunter  
Director of Liberty House

Dear St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

**Thank you so much for the Teddy Bears! They will be enjoyed!**

Dear Pastor & St. Mark's,

Many thanks for sending a copy of *The Lion* newsletter to me each month. It's good to read about the ways that St. Mark's is active and how everyone is serving God and each other.

I'd like to make a donation towards the postage. Thank you again.

Peace & Blessings,  
Joyce Jones

Dear Friends & Members of St. Mark's,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the totally unexpected, yet so very much appreciated Christmas bonus check! What a lovely and thoughtful gift.

It is such a joy to minister with you it seems inappropriate to refer to it as a job.

Please know that whenever I count my blessings I count St. Mark's twice!

God's love & mine,  
Susan Mahserjian-Smith  
Parish Secretary

## SPECIAL CONCERNS LIST

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Ward #311  
Danville, PA 17821

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# SAINT MARK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## February 2007

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That whosoever  
believeth in Him  
should not perish,  
but have everlasting life.

This Valentine's Day  
may you and your  
loved ones be blessed  
by the knowledge that  
your Heavenly Father  
sent you your very  
first Valentine in the  
form of His only Son.