



The Lion of St. Mark's

APRIL 2007

Using our Time Well

Have you noticed? Each of us has exactly the same number of hours in every week! What is different is how we choose to use those hours.

Holy Week begins on April 1 this year. All members of the parish are challenged to devote some of our precious hours in this week to come together and help each other hear the Good News of Jesus in worship, study and fellowship.



Sunday, April 1, Sunday of the Passion—Palm Sunday

After the bittersweetness of the procession with palms, we focus on the whole Passion-story, this year reading from Luke. We all have parts to read and ponder.

This year we have as our guest musicians the Chamber Choir of Lycoming College under the direction of Dr. Fred Thayer. They will be singing the *Chichester Psalms* of Leonard Bernstein beginning at 10:15 A.M., and also Dr. Thayer's own composition *Agnus Dei* during the Holy Communion meal.

Do this in remembrance of me; and it can also refer to the command to ...*love one another as I have loved you*.

We have opportunity to gather for study of the Psalms at 6:31 A.M., for Morning Prayer at 9:00 A.M., for the Holy Communion in the chapel at 12:00 noon, and again in the Nave at 7:30 P.M.

Wednesday, April 4, The Passover Seder

Although the center of our story is Jesus, it begins with God's earlier saving actions in the Exodus. We retell this part of our heritage in story, song, scripture, and symbolic foods at table in Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:15 P.M. Since a served meal is part of this event, reservations are necessary. Please telephone the church of- fice not later than Monday morning, April 2, or even better, put the reservation slip in the offering plate on April 1.



We also have the opportunity to gather for Morning Prayer as we do each weekday at 9:00 A.M.

Good Friday, April 6

The community service will be held at noon, beginning with the procession around the center city for those who wish to participate. All may come and go as their schedule permits.

We also gather for Morning Prayer at 9:00 A.M. and for the Vigil at the Cross at 7:30 P.M., a time of thoughtful reflection on our sin and Christ's redemption.

Holy Saturday, April 7

We gather at sundown, 8:00 P.M. for the most important service of the entire year, the Great Vigil of Easter. The entire sweep of salvation history is celebrated, from the beginning of creation to its heavenly culmination, and centering on our Lord's resurrection. Everyone is most strongly urged to take part. All the senses are used, we use many ways to tell the story, everyone has a role. The participants in *The Way* renew their baptismal promises, and the Easter celebration begins.



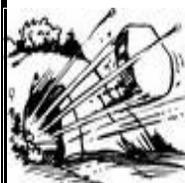
Maundy Thursday, April 5

The Thursday of the Command (mandamus – mandate – Maundy) which can refer to several things: to the command to wash feet *even as I have done to you*; it can refer to the mandate of Holy Communion



Easter Sunday, April 8

The joy that began with the Vigil continues in festive liturgies at 8:00 and 10:30 A.M.



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Council Notes

The Congregation Council met in regular session on March 19 in the Crossways Room.

The Council:

- heard reports of the pastor, officers, and committees
- called the Annual Congregation Assembly for Sunday, May 20, immediately following the 10:30 service of worship, in the Nave. The printed bulletin of reports will be made available on May 6 and 13 so that questions can be formulated and answered in advance of the meeting.
- approved the report of the Nominating Committee for submission to the vote of the congregation. Nominees for Council include Robert Miller, Bud Hershberger, Robert Jones, Jackie Kinney, Nick Buckman.
- elected Bud and Joyce Hershberger to be the Synod Assembly voting members from St. Mark's this year.
- noted that the Finance Committee has added a line for Synodical Benevolence to the special monthly offering envelope for 2008 .
- rejoiced that the *Mission at the Crossroads* work is continuing and that its working groups will be reporting to each other on April 11 and to the Council the following week.
- set the final regular session for this year's Council for Monday, April 16, 6:30 P.M.

From the Parish Register

- A Celebration of Life Service was held for Jane Doeblen on March 12.
- The funeral for Betty Metzger was held on Friday, March 23 at the Lewisburg Cemetery.
- We have received word of the recent death of Cheryl Trognitz, formerly a member of the parish, at Danville State Hospital.
- We also pray for God's blessing on Mike Jensen and his family upon the death of his father George.

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CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS



Tape Ministry

A Word from the Tape Ministry

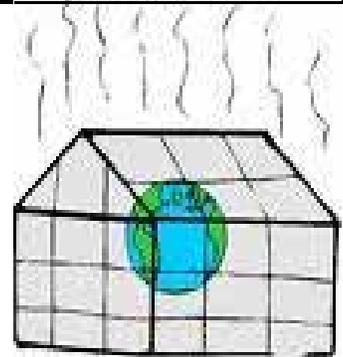
We would like to recognize the efforts of
and offer a special thank you to ~

- John Burkholder who duplicates the tapes every Sunday.
- Jim Buckman who erases all the tapes.
- Shirley Vognet who takes the phone calls and manages the placement of tapes.
- Aletha Swartz who cleans the tapes so they can be used again.
- An additional thank you to the many people, too numerous to mention, responsible for delivery of the tapes to your home.

**Do you know of someone who would like a tape of the Sunday Service?
If so, call the church office 323-4619 or Shirley Vognet at 323—0335.**

Both Heat and Light?

The debate about "global warming" goes on. As with many matters of public policy, Christians can arrive at very different conclusions about the subject. It would be nice if we were all of one mind, but of course we do not all agree on either the diagnosis or the prescription. The claims of one side may be found at www.ncecojustice.org and the rejoinder of others was highlighted in a recent newspaper editorial by Thomas Sowell. Has mankind played a large role in "warming", or is this a part of a 1,500 year cycle about which we can do very little? What is not at issue is that God has blessed us mightily and that we are to manage responsibly the earth and all of God's gifts.



Directory Changes:

Stephanie Bieber & family, 614 Girard St., Mill Hall, PA 17751-1648

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Bieber, III, 2014 Housels Run Rd., Milton, PA 17847-9020

Mrs. Dorothy Bingaman, 1900 Ravine Rd., Bldg. B, Apt. 708, Williamsport, PA 17701

Mrs. Wendy Finnerty, 516 Fairmont Ave., S. Williamsport, PA 17702-7720

Barbara Herbst, 283 Saint Paul St., Apt. #31, Brookline, MA 02446-3557

Glenn Lunger, 1201 Rural Ave., Rose View Center, Rm. 211, Williamsport, PA 17702

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

Bishop Transition For the Upper Susquehanna Synod Questions & Answers

Bishop A. Donald Main has announced that he will not be available for re-election to the office of Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

How does the synod go about electing a bishop?

An election process will take place during the Synod's Annual Assembly, June 15 & 16, 2007 at Susquehanna University. Rostered leaders and congregational voting members will be asked to participate in the election process. A bishop's "term" extends for a period of six years.

How long will Bishop Main continue to serve as bishop?

Bishop Main will continue to serve the Upper Susquehanna Synod in his official capacity until September 1, 2007. The bishop elect will begin service on September 1, 2007 and will be installed on Sunday, October 21. Bishop Main may be asked to assist the next bishop in his or her transition into the new role.

When can we say thanks and farewell to Bishop & Mrs. Main?

A special retirement service is being planned for Bishop Main Saturday, August 18 at Zion Lutheran Church in Sunbury, P A at 2:30 p.m.

Will Bishop Main be able to keep the preaching commitment or appointment that we've made?

With a few exceptions, if that appointment for preaching commitment is before September 1 the answer is probably, "Yes." After September 1, the answer may be, "No." He will be in communication with you regarding these matters.

Will other members of the synod staff be leaving or staying?

The call to ministry as Assistant to the Bishop, currently held by Pastor Daniel May, officially ends with the term of our current bishop. There exists the possibility that readjustment of staffing within the synod office could occur, dependent upon the outcome of the vote by the annual assembly on recommendations of the synod's Strategy for Mission Task Force, or the desire of the bishop-elect. Should adjustments occur, the Transition Task Force will attempt to see that support for all staff - present and future - be provided during the time of change.

What is the process for electing a new bishop?

The synod's election process for a bishop is defined in USS Constitution section **S9.04** and the rules of procedure to be adopted by the Synod Assembly. Briefly, this process may include:

- Nomination of candidates by written ecclesiastical ballot Three fourths of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election on this first ballot
- Three fourths of the legal votes cast on the second ballot shall be necessary for election.
- The third ballot shall be limited to the seven persons (plus ties) who received the greatest number of legal votes on the second ballot. Biographical information, as well as brief presentations will be provided by each candidate prior to the third ballot; two-thirds of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election.
- The fourth ballot shall be limited to the three persons (plus ties) who receive the greatest number of legal votes cast in the third ballot; opportunity shall be made for these three persons to interact with voting members in a forum setting, prior to the fourth ballot; sixty percent of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election.
- On subsequent ballots a majority of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election. These ballots shall be limited to the two persons (plus ties) who receive the greatest number of legal votes on the previous ballot.

Who makes decisions about the bishop election process?

The Synod Nominating Committee administers the election process up to the election by the Synod Assembly (S70.40.41, S9.04.01-03). The Synod Assembly Election Committee is responsible for the preparation, distribution, collection and counting of ballots (S7.40.21). The synod Executive Committee determines when and where the Synod Assembly meets (S7.15).

Who is eligible to be elected as bishop?

Any ordained pastor of the ELCA is eligible for election, regardless of whether that pastor is a member of this synod (see S8.11). This includes ordained pastors who have retired from ministry or who are on leave from call.

How can I get answers for my questions and concerns?

Information on the transition and election of a new bishop will be distributed in synod publications, on the synod website (www.uss-elca.org), through mailings to congregations, bulletin inserts, at conference and synod meetings. Synod elected leaders and staff will try to make information available in a way that is accurate, helpful, and timely.

Questions and concerns that require individual attention can be addressed to:

Bishop Main regarding personal schedules and future plans after February 18, 2007. Synod Vice-President, Michael Schrey, Executive Committee, and Synod Council members can answer questions regarding synod transition issues.

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Women of St. Mark's Clothing Sale April 21, 2007 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.



The Women of Saint Mark's need your
our upcoming sale. We are accepting
infant to adult. We are also accepting
series.



family's no-longer-wanted clothing for
good, clean clothing in all sizes from
shoes, suits, coats, and clothing acces-



Last year we were able to raise more than \$400.00 by selling a large volume
of clothes at rock bottom prices. Our goal this year is to raise \$450.00. This
will only be possible if we have the clothes to sell. Your clothing donations
may be placed in the Bazaar Room.

We are also accepting monetary donations to offset our expenses that include
advertising and snack bar items. Checks may be made payable to Saint Mark's.



Flowers for St. Mark's at Easter

If you would like to assist in the decoration of the church at Easter, please use the envelopes available
at church or call the church office to place your order. You may mail your check to the Church office
or place it in the Offering plate on Sunday. The last day orders will be accepted is Palm Sunday,
April 1st. You may dedicate your plant to honor someone living or in memory of a loved one. This
information should be at the church office by Monday morning, April 2nd.

You may take your flowers with you after the 10:30 a.m. Easter Service.



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| Madonna Lilies | \$ 7.50 |
| Asiatic Lilies | \$ 10.00 |
| Mums | \$ 8.00 |
| Tulips | \$ 8.00 |
| Azaleas | \$ 15.00 |



CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

Feeding the Soul of the City

I have thought many times about going on a mission trip to help others. Just recently, I was given a very unique opportunity. The students in the United Campus Ministry group at Penn College were going to Washington D.C. to work with the homeless. While we were serving dinner to them back in January, they were discussing the trip. I mentioned that it was a wonderful way for them to spend spring break and they would learn a lot from it. Heather Wagner, the coordinator said they were looking for another chaperone. God had very special plans in mind when we started a partnership with Penn College.



While we were in D.C., we stayed at the Pilgrimage, a part of the Church of the Pilgrims, whose mission it is to work with and serve the homeless. They coordinated and scheduled our jobs. We were sent to the D.C. Central Kitchen on our first day. This organization prepares and serves 4,500 meals everyday. They receive food donations from hotels, restaurants, Embassy dinners and anywhere else they can. We worked in the kitchen helping to get this massive amount of food ready. What impressed me the most was not only the organization of the kitchen, but also the friendliness of the staff who works with volunteers like us on a daily basis. Many people that worked there were formerly homeless themselves. The kitchen provided training for these people so they could get back on their feet, learn a skill and become productive members of society.

We also worked in the Food Bank, a massive 48,000 sq. ft. facility that took in the salvage from grocery stores in the area. You know what I mean by salvage; the ripped packages, dented cans and other products that grocery stores cannot sell. Our job was to clean, sort, and tape up the ripped boxes so they can be shipped to people who truly needed them. I was amazed at how much salvage there was and it made me think of all the food we waste everyday.

One part of our day was spent working with the Community Group Home that worked with the elderly. We were sent to scrape wallpaper and clean up a dear woman's house so that she could keep the home she had lived in for years.

We also had the chance to join about 400 people at a church to sit in on a WIN (Washington Interfaith Network) session with the mayor of D.C. Last year they had invited all the mayoral candidates to discuss their platforms on homelessness before the election. Mayor Fenty had come back to talk about what has been done for the homeless so far. This group raised funds and awareness of the massive homeless problem and not only demanded but got action from the city government. This just goes to show that what seems impossible for man is always possible with God.

The biggest lesson I learned was that we were there to serve, not help the homeless. In an article by Rachel Naomi Remen entitled "In the Service of Life" she said that serving is different from helping. Helping is based on inequality. People being "helped" feel their self-esteem being diminished as they are "helped". Helping incurs debt. When you help someone they feel they need to owe you something back. Serving is mutual. There is no debt. We are served as well as the people we are serving. We do not serve others with our own strength instead we serve from within ourselves with all the experiences that life has given us. Then there is a feeling of gratitude from this service.

What can we do as a congregation to serve those who need our help? What can you do as individual to serve? Joshua 24:15 states, Choose this day whom you will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. When you serve others you serve the Lord and I am very thankful for my chance to serve the homeless in Washington D.C.

Your servant in Christ,

Sharon



CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS



Upcoming Milestone Calendar

- April 7** – Affirmation of Baptism
May 6 – Wedding Anniversary
May 27 – Sending out members of *The Way* with prayers for their Christian Vocation.



Lunch N' Fellowship

April 18th
**Bar-B-Que
Chicken
&
Rice Pilaf**



Nurse's Notes

April 1 According to the folks at Prevention Magazine (March 2007), caffeine has been shown to decrease calcium absorption. If you have to have that morning coffee, drink it with some milk. They report that “1 teaspoon per cup will offset the calcium loss”.

April 8 He is risen! Go out and have a blessed and restful day!

April 15 We often hear our government spending amounts in the trillions of dollars. It is difficult to begin to imagine an amount that big. David Leonhardt of The New York Times tried to put it into perspective, by putting it into terms of “what it could buy”. “For starters, [it] would pay for an unprecedented public health campaign – doubling cancer research funding, treatment for every American whose diabetes or heart disease is now going unmanaged, and a global immunization campaign to save millions of children’s lives. Combined, the cost of running those programs for a decade wouldn’t use up *even half* our money pot! So we could then turn to poverty and education, starting with universal preschool for every 3-and 4-year-old across the country.” He proposes the remainder could be used to rebuild New Orleans, beef up national security, and finance a peace-keeping force to “stop the genocide in Darfur” (nytimes.com, January 17, 2007). I guess that puts it into some perspective, doesn’t it?

April 22 If you suffer from hay fever, cut down or eliminate alcoholic beverages during the pollen season. They cause blood vessels in the nose to swell, thereby further increasing nasal congestion. (Wellness Made Easy, UC, Berkley Wellness Letter, 2005)

April 29 What your mother warned you about is true: don’t bathe or shower during a thunderstorm. If your building is struck by lightning, plumbing can conduct electricity. Do not use a phone that is attached to the base by a cord, and using a cell phone outdoors may attract lightning!

USS ARK, SYNOD & WEST BRANCH NEWS

West Branch Conference Assembly

The conference assembly is the governing body of our conference. It will be held April 29, 2:00 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church, South Williamsport. At that meeting the conference assembly will elect a dean and decide on the restructuring of the conference cabinet. If there is need for a conference caucus (a non-legislative meeting to prepare for synod assembly) it would be combined with the conference.

Upper Susquehanna Synod

As a result of hearings held in every conference the Strategy for Mission task force has presented a restructuring plan for the operation of our synod. The plan calls for serious changes in the way the synod conducts its ministry, calling a second assistant to the bishop being one of them. The text of the proposal can be obtained at the synod's website www.uss-elca.org or from your pastor.

WELCA – Day of Learning

The Synodical Women's Organization will have their annual Day of Learning on Saturday, April 28.

F.L.O.O.D. ADVENTURE

A synod youth event for High School students will be held at Bloomsburg University on Saturday, April 28. The climbing wall and other facilities will be open to us. Please register with the synod as soon as possible.

F.L.O.O.D. LIGHT

Please register your elementary youth for the synod youth event at Camp Mt. Luther on Saturday, May 5.

St. Paul Fund

Scholarship applications are received until April 15 for active Lutheran students. The fund administers the moneys designated at the closing of St. Paul Lutheran Church,

In Memoriam

The Rev. Dr. Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., a Lutheran church leader known for his outstanding contributions as a preacher, professor, seminary president and poet died in Gettysburg, Tuesday, March 13, 2007, following a long illness. Stuempfle was a son of Trinity Lutheran Church Hughesville.

Memorial Service

A memorial service for the Rev. Dr. E. Raymond Shaheen, former pastor of Messiah Lutheran, will be held at Weber Chapel, Susquehanna University, on Saturday, April 28, at 11:00 AM.

Liberia Volunteers

On January 16, 2007, five volunteers flew to Liberia to join two others already there. The seven have divided into two separate teams to work on projects selected by Bishop Harris of the Lutheran Church in Liberia. Please include these seven volunteers in your congregation's Prayers of the Church on Sundays and in your personal prayers at home throughout the week. Work sites and projects are as follows:

Re-building and re-roofing Curran Lutheran Hospital, 200 miles in the interior of Liberia in the town of Zorzor:

- 1-2. Mr. James & Mrs. "Butch" Foster*
(American Lutheran Church, Livingston MT)
3. Mr. Gary Winters*
(Vinemont Lutheran Church, Reinholds PA)
4. Mr. Frank Morano**
(Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Marlton NJ)

Teaching ESL to adult women in the adult literacy program at Lutheran Training Institute, 180 miles in the interior of Liberia near the town of Salayea:

5. Ms. Ruth Koble**
(Zion Lutheran Church, Sunbury PA)
6. Ms. Sandra Nelson**
(St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Cogan Station P A)
7. Ms. Marlee Yant**
(Church of the Brethren, Springfield, MO)

*Serving as ELCAIGlobal Mission volunteers for 3 months until March/April. **Serving as Upper Susquehanna Synod volunteers for 6 weeks (until February 28).

Social Ministry News



UNITED CHURCHES FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. -Hebrews 13:16 (NRSV)

During April the Social Ministry Committee will be collecting non-perishable food items to be given to the United Churches Food Bank. The Food Bank provides a three-day supply of food to people in need in our community. Food Bank Coordinator, Gail Burkhardt reports that they can barely keep up with the requests for food. Our help is needed and greatly appreciated!!

Your donations may be placed in the bins in the Narthex. See page 10 for a listing of currently needed food items.



Columbarium Update

To date, 30 of the 60 niches in the columbarium have been reserved. If you are interested in learning more about reserving a niche for yourself or a loved one please contact Dick Wagner at the office, 323-4619.

Thank You!

The Social Ministry Committee thanks the many members of the congregation who donated hygiene products to the Shepherd of the Streets for their many clients. A special thank you goes to Lou DeSeau for delivering more than 100 items on our behalf.

Greetings for the Vicars

Matthew and Elisabeth Schuster are serving as vicars in the Jersey Shore area as part of their training at Gettysburg Seminary. We had the opportunity to meet with them this past Fall. If their schedule allows they will be joining us for our Seder meal, April 4, 2007. Please consider remembering them with an Easter greeting.

Cards may be sent to:

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Schuster
3411 Middle Rd., Jersey Shore, PA 17740

Ladies Night Out! Annual Women's Dinner

Wednesday, May 2nd, 6:00 PM
Fellowship Hall



Lucy & Bruce
Henry will entertain
us by playing their
dulcimers.

The deadline for reservations & payments is April 25th.

Adult meals - \$8.00,
children 6 to 12 - \$3.95,

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:

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| Coffee | Hamburger & Tuna Helper |
| Cocoa | Powdered Drink Mixes |
| Sugar | Saltine Crackers |
| Canned Stew | Canned Pasta Products |
| Chunky Soups | Microwave Popcorn |
| Canned Fruit | Cake Mixes & Frosting |
| | Clean Plastic Grocery Bags |

Sojourner Truth Ministries



Benefit Praise Concert

Sunday, April 15, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Pine Street UMC, 441 Pine St., Wmspt.

The Vision Praise Team, Trinity UMC Praise Team, Ron Ginter, Heart Song, First Born, Clinton County Quartet, a children's dance rap group from Freedom House, Covenant UMC choir, duets by Emily and Mark Brumbaugh, solists Dawn Astin, Marcelene Brown, and Eugene Field, and many other talented groups and individuals will perform.

A free will offering will be taken to benefit Sojourner Truth in their vital ministry to the homeless, lonely, and disenfranchised. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a relaxing evening. Refreshments will be served prior to the event beginning at 6:00pm.

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.

April Luncheon Speakers

- 4th—**Rev. James Sunderland**, Pastor, Balls Mills United Methodist Church, **“Obedience” - Psalm 132**
- 11th—**Mr. Lloyd Lamm**, Regional President, Legacy Bank, **“Protecting Your Identity”**
- 18th—**Mrs. Anita Casper**, Returned Peace Corps Volunteer, **“The Peace Corps in Honduras”**
- 25th—**Mr. Perry Landon**, Director, Albrite LIFE, **“The New Living independently for Elders Program”**

To check for cancellations due to winter storms listen to WRAK or call Gwen at 419-1464

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.

POVERTY - A FAITH-BASED RESPONSE

from our Christian Social Concerns Committee

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; defend the rights of all those who have nothing. Speak up and judge fairly, and defend the rights of the poor and needy.” (Proverbs 31:8-9)

Hunger Facts:

- In Lycoming County, the most recent statistics reveal that 13,378 live in poverty. The country poverty rate is 11.3% -- which is higher than the statewide average of 10.6%.
- In Pennsylvania, over 1.2 million people live each day with inadequate or insecure means for food.
- In the United States, 12.4 million children live in households where people have to skip meals or eat less to make ends meet.
- In developing countries, 6 million children die each year, mostly from hunger-related causes. In the world, more than 850 million people go hungry.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



Breakfast with the Pastor *St. Mark's Annual*
Saturday, April
7th

**Toddlers
 through**

**7th
 a.m.**



9:45

**Please R.S.V.P.
 to the Church of-**



NEW WINDSOR TRIP

Twice each year, a bus trip planned to the Service Center in New Windsor, MD, where the quilts made by the women of St. Mark's and many other items are prepared for shipment to wherever they are needed around the globe. This year, the trip will be on Monday, May 7.

For any youth interested in going, this would be an excused absence from school (Pastor would write a letter for you) and would also count as volunteer hours for community service.

The cost is \$25.00 per person for transportation and lunch. Additional money is needed for supper. We would leave St. Mark's at 6:00 a.m. and return at approximately 9:00 p.m. Call the church office if you are interested in this great service project.

Sunday School in the Middle Lounge

A new course of study in the Middle Lounge will begin soon. We will explore "how Christian fellowship shapes our sense of self and purpose in life. In an age of isolation and lack of community, this course focuses on the important life support we gain through Christian fellowship." Join us for this small group study of Caring and Community: Perspectives from Ephesians by Robert H. Albers.



LUTHERAN YOUTH DAY

April 14, 2007



This event is for youth in grades 6-12, their pastors and advisors, at Weber Chapel, Susquehanna University. Registration is at 9 a.m., with the event concluding at 5:30 p.m. with a concert by **The Pool Boys!** Cost is \$10 per person (\$5 after church contribution), which includes lunch and the concert. **Participants must register by April 3, 2007.** Call Bernadette if you want to go. She is available to drive interested youth down to Susquehanna.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY

Finals Week Survival Kits!



Those of us who have been through the higher-education process know how grueling finals week can be. Social and Youth & Family Ministries would like to put together "Survival Kits" for the campus ministry students of Penn College and Lycoming College, and St. Mark's kids who are attending college. Any and all donations of Coke/Pepsi, chewing gum, chocolate bars, chips, pre-packaged cookies, individual servings of instant soups/mac & cheese/etc., trail mix, or monetary contributions would be gratefully accepted. Please drop your gift in the box in the narthex or at the church office no later than April 22. Thank you!!

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



Milestone Ministry

Blessing of the Keys: New Junior or Senior Drivers

WE'RE STILL WAITING TO HEAR!!! WE NEED TO KNOW WHO SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED!!

Since different families have different timetables for these events, we can't just refer to the church register for the information. 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!!**

↪ *This is the fourth newsletter in which we've run this article and we haven't heard from anyone! 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!*

Passing on Faith: Anniversary Milestone Our next milestone will be taking place on Sunday, May 6, 2007. St. Mark's Lutheran Church will be celebrating those folks in our congregation that have been married for between 54 & 58 years with a Wedding Anniversary Milestone. A sit down lunch will be served by some of the youth of St. Mark's. Please look for more information about this milestone in the May newsletter and future bulletins!

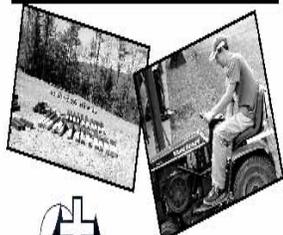


We don't want to miss anyone!! If you were married or if you know someone who was married between 1953 or 1949, PLEASE CALL US TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THAT INFORMATION!

**CAMP MOUNT LUTHER
SPRING
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Practice stewardship through service at Camp Mount Luther on Saturday May 19, 2007 for the annual Spring Work Day. We need your help getting the camp grounds and facilities ready for the Summer Program. There will be plenty to do and everyone in the family can help! The day will start at 8:00 a.m. and end with a light lunch. RSVP by May 11 if staying for lunch.



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Spring Open House

Sunday, April 22, 2007
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Are you a little concerned about your first camp experience? Never been to Mount Luther and have heard so much about it? Come to Camp Mount Luther for an enjoyable afternoon. Guests can learn all about our Summer Program and take a guided tour of the camp.



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YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

AFRAID TO FLY? TRY A HOME MISSION TRIP!

While the need for missions abroad is significant, the need is also very great here!

Probably many of you have overheard or been a part of conversations regarding mission trips to the southern United States to help those affected by Hurricane Katrina. The two articles that follow, from Jersey Shore and Bloomsburg, outline opportunities to help those in very real need.

Pr. Kerry Auker & Alice Fox of St. John Lutheran, Jersey Shore, are coordinating a **Mission Trip to Biloxi, Mississippi**, June 25-29. They will be leaving Saturday, June 23, at 6:00 a.m., and staying overnight at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. Groups will carpool as a group, but the individual cars are on their own to schedule their return. Pr. Auker's car is visiting NASA and the Saturn car manufacturing plant on the way back. Expenses for the travel days would be the responsibility of each individual, plus contributions toward fuel.

In Biloxi, volunteers will be staying in a dorm building or tent (air-conditioned) with beds. Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) has provided a trailer with showers. Initially the suggested cost was \$20/day or \$100/week for accommodations and meals. However, in recent conversation LDR has said that if people do not have the money, they are urged to come anyway, as the need to help Hurricane Katrina victims is still great and the number of volunteers has dropped off significantly.

Initially, the trip was opened to local congregations but response has been limited. St. John has planned several events to raise money to cover those from their church who are going. The next Mission Trip meeting is April 15 at noon.

On their last Mission Trip St. John's Church had about 30 go including three grandparents with their grandchildren and a mix of youth and adults. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a parent and have secured permission from LDR before leaving. If any youth or adults interested in going, contact Bernadette ASAP.

The following is from Mike McCay, Ministries Coordinator at St. Luke's in Bloomsburg:

"We are partnering with **Bethlehem Lutheran Church in New Orleans** to help rebuild/restore homes in their community. Our hosts can accommodate up to 40 persons. People of all ages are welcome. Skills are helpful but not necessary. We will be staying at the church facility. They have showers, air mattresses to sleep on, and a full kitchen/dining area. We will be responsible for most of our meals. You will need to bring your own linens. Youth are welcome. They must be accompanied by an adult. There are jobs for men and women, young and old. All persons going should have a current Tetanus vaccination.

Tools needed: Those you are comfortable using--especially needed: hammers, pry bars, gloves, face-masks (there will be lots of dust). Tools will be checked as part of our luggage. Each person is entitled to two, 50-pound bags, plus a carry-on bag. It will be hot and humid. Everyone should have hand-towels to contend with sweat. Water: you MUST drink lots to avoid heat exhaustion and dehydration. Cost of air travel to New Orleans is approximately \$ 250 / round-trip per person.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church is the ONLY African-American ELCA church in Louisiana. It is a neat concept that we share the same faith, same doctrine, same Lord, yet have such diverse cultural identity and customs. What a unique opportunity to encounter fellow believers who can help us experience different tradition and culture, yet have no difference in belief. What a blessing this will be! Interested? Contact Mike at mlal@ptd.net or at 570-784-5035.

The pastor of Bethlehem Church, Pastor Patrick Keen, will be visiting St. Luke's in Bloomsburg on Sunday, April 15. He will be their guest speaker for all three services, telling them about the realities of a city devastated by natural disaster, as well as the heroism of everyday people sharing Christianity through hands-on outreach.

Following services, there will be a covered-dish luncheon of fellowship and interaction with Pastor Keen. Visitors are welcome.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

THEY DID IT!



The confirmation class put together and led the Children's Church service on Sunday, March 11. As part of their education and service projects, the students learned the different parts of the weekly service (how many of you know the four main parts?) and what it takes to find appropriate music, and write a sermon in addition to the physical preparation that day.

Paige, Brandon, Sara and Christina (Declan filled in for Hannah, who was ill) showed up bright and early at 8:30 a.m.—quite a feat considering the trip the day before and the time change!—and began going through their check-list for set-up. When asked if something was done, the frequent answer was, “We did that already!” During the Sunday School hour, they rehearsed their sermon and the order of service.

They were all set and ready to go when the “littles” processed to the Chapel at 10:30. All progressed smoothly and the younger children were very responsive to the sermon “Better next Time.” The confirmands were thrown a curve ball when, having to fill time, their congregation was invited to ask questions about what it was like to prepare and lead the service and about their trip the day before.



They said they would like to repeat the experience and the younger kids indicated that it was something that they would look forward to doing when they get older. Great job everyone!!



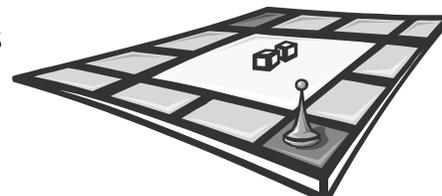
Wow! It's hard to believe a group could sustain this level of enthusiasm—but we did!!!

Thirty-four, count 'em 34, folks showed up on Friday, March 23, prepared to have a blast—and we did!! And, not wanting to put an end to a good thing—yes, we are doing it again!

On Friday, April 27, we will once again gather in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 to party hearty!! There are lots of great snacks brought in by everyone; we have coffee, iced tea, lemonade (or punch) and ice water. Rummikub has become a standard favorite, along with Scrabble; there was a group for Setback in one corner; Battleship sailed into view for younger folk, along with Connect Four, Trouble and many others for the children.

If you haven't been able to join in yet, make plans to do so on the 27th!

It's a great time you won't want to miss!



YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



Children's Church

will be held on Sunday, April 15, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. The children's special offering will be canned goods for the United Churches Food Bank. We look for-



Guess what's swimming up ahead?

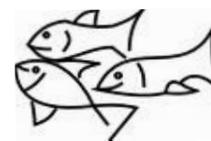
Are you looking for fathoms of fun this summer?

Then you'll want to head to for a net full of adventures at the Great Bible Reef! Great Bible Reef VBS is just the place for cool crafts, fun songs, zany games, and a school of friends!

Join us as we explore the Bible along with creatures of the deep! Help lead youngsters as we embark on this voyage of discovery of God's Word from June 10 to June 14!

TAKE THE PLUNGE! MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!

Adults and teens!! Come share the fun!!! Anyone interested in helping with this year's event please call the church office or sign up on the sheets located in the staff hallway.



If anyone has any ocean-themed decorations (fabric, nets, starfish, seahorses, coral...) that we can use for decorations, please let us know. Thank you!!

"IN THE BEGINNING..."

A musical story based on Genesis 1 and 2 Book, music & lyrics by Richard Lakey

>>CHANGE IN DATES<<

The Summer Choir Camp will meet **Sunday, July 29, through Sunday, August 5**, for rehearsals culminating in a dinner-theatre performance on Sunday evening.

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!!!

Please contact Bernadette or Dick if you are interested.



Camp Mount Luther

Booklets for the programs this year are available in the staff hallway.

Senior High Adventure Day in Bloomsburg for grades 9-12 will be April 28, 2007. Find out what Camp Mount Luther is like at the **Spring Open House** on Sunday April 22, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. **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 is on other pages—get these dates on your calendars now!

Confirmands' Trip to Philadelphia

THERE AND BACK AGAIN

(Thanks, Tolkien)

An intrepid group of eleven St. Mark's members set out from the church parking lot at 6:07 a.m. on Saturday morning, March 10th. They ranged in age from 11 to Lou and although they all had cheery attitudes, some passed out as soon as they entered the van. They arrived in Philadelphia (after stopping for a reviving breakfast) before ten o'clock. They proceeded to visit and travel to the following places...

Penn's Landing

By Paige Fortin

One of the places where we went on our trip to Philadelphia was Penn's Landing. At Penn's Landing we could go into a warship called the U.S.S. Olympia. Then we also went inside a submarine called the U.S.S. Becuna.

The one thing I found most interesting was the U.S.S. Becuna. The submarine was used in 1944 to serve as the submarine flagship of the Southwest Pacific Fleet under General Douglas McArthur. When I was in the Becuna, I found it very small. I couldn't imagine how these men could all live in the submarine for many months out at sea.

GLORIA DEI (OLD SWEDES') CHURCH

By Sara Jones

Old Swede's Church has nameplates on the backs of the pews where people sat during church. I think it was to remember those who have moved on. Hanging from the ceiling were models of ships that the Swedes came over on.

On the floor they had marble blocks about certain people like the pastors or special verses in the bible where people were buried.

At the entrance there is a verse on a cement block.

In the cemetery the older stones were destroyed by acid rain so there is only one that is still readable.

After we got done with the tour, we had lunch in the van.

Confirmands' Trip to Philadelphia

Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology

by Brandon Fortin

On our trip to Philadelphia, we visited the University of PA Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. My favorite part of the museum was the Sphinx. This was made around 1400 BCE.

When the Sphinx was found, it was buried up to its neck in sand. Its facial features were eroded from the sand blowing on it for so many years. The body of the Sphinx was still in good shape with all of its hieroglyphics still readable. The sand it was buried in helped to preserve it.

There were a lot of neat things at the museum but this was my favorite.

Augustus Church, Trappe, PA

By Christina Comini

The Old Trappe Church was erected in 1743. Pastor Henry Melchior Muhlenberg founded the church. They held their first service on September 12, 1743 in the unfinished building. By 1752, the interior of the church building was completed as it appears today. The pulpit is the finest piece of furniture within the church. The old church was cold and damp inside. It was colder inside than outside.

Although Pastor Muhlenberg hoped to keep the Lutheran church neutral in the Revolutionary War, some of the members enlisted in Washington's army.

Pastor Muhlenberg died in 1787, and this is where his resting place is; right at the church he built.

...After fortifying themselves at the Old Country Buffet, our valiant party made their weary way home—where they had to prepare these reports and a PowerPoint presentation (which was shown during some of the Wednesday meals during Lent)—not to mention get up the next morning to lead Children's Church!

Special note: *All the students are very grateful to the congregation of St. Mark's for making this trip possible—Thank you!!*

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



Senior High Adventure Day!

Last Chance!

Saturday, April 28, 2007
10:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bloomsburg University's Quest
Total cost: \$25 (you pay 1/2)

test your endurance?

challenge your skills?

HIT THE WALL...

...and LIKE IT?

Find out at the first-ever Senior High Adventure Day on the Quest climbing wall course at Bloomshurn University!

Call Bernadette now!

Camp Mount Luther

FLOODLIGHT



"SOWERS OF SEEDS"

Saturday, May 5
10 am--3 pm

Kids grades 1—6 and their parents

\$15 for adult/child pair
\$8/additional child
(You pay 1/2 of this)

Games, devotions, small group activities, lunch, craft, camp exploration

bjones@stmarkswilliamsport.org

It's been a 30 Year ride! Come Celebrate!

Dick Lakey



When: April 15th following the 10:30 Service

Where: Fellowship Hall

Menu: Salad, Lasagna with meat or meatless, Bread & Dessert

- Come prepared to share your favorite memories of Dick. Bring your best humor to honor a great man!
- Also, if you have any pictures of Dick over the last 30 years please send them into the church office (in an envelope marked with your name so we can return them) and we will scan them into a slide show and put a copy into his memory book. We figure over 30 years someone will have some great ones!
- Write a personalized letter or card that can be included in a memory book.

HEALTH, HEALING & WHOLENESS

"Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'" (Matthew 18:21-22; NRSV)

Forgive ... such a small word, yet so hard to comprehend and to put into practice! Though it is changing, there is still relatively little research on the direct connection between forgiving and health – no direct evidence that proves once-and-for-all that holding a grudge leads to long-term health problems. There is however, a great deal of scientific evidence that **does** exist on the health affects of depression, anxiety, and anger – by-products of the hurt and betrayal felt when someone has wronged us – increased blood pressure, increase in heart rate, the release of hormones that trigger out fight-or-flight reactions, headache, stomach problems, sleeplessness – all occurring whenever we allow the painful episode to re-wind and replay over and over in our minds.

We compound these effects whenever we allow the 'things we wish we'd said' to roll across our tongues as we smack our lips at the thought of retribution. The result is that we begin to stew in our own juices. Archbishop Desmond Tutu has been credited as saying that forgiveness is the highest form of self-interest, "I need to forgive so that my anger, resentment, and lust for revenge can't corrode my being." Rev. Dr. Lewis Smedes once said, "Forgiving is the only way to be fair to yourself – without it you give the person who wronged you, the power to continue hurting you in your memory – forgiveness is about helping yourself get free of unfair pain." Forgiveness, as well as its opposites, resentment and revenge, all begin the same way – **with a decision**.

Lest we confuse the two, let's begin by saying that forgiveness **does not** mean forgetting! It does not sanction or justify the actions of the one who has deeply wounded us, and does not release the other person from responsibility - or in some cases, even legal punishment. Those who forgive are not fools – it doesn't mean that the relationship can or even should, go back to the same as prior to the incident. Instead, forgiveness empowers **us** to take responsibility for our own future happiness. The process may not be easy, and likely will not adhere to a set time-table - we may even find we need to work and re-work our way through it. In some cases, forgiving can be extremely difficult, so it may be wise to find someone trained to assist in the process – someone we trust, such as our pastor or a therapist.

The important point is that we don't have to wait for the other party to say they are sorry – we could have a rather long wait - one that leaves **us** stuck with the pain. Instead, with God's grace, working through the process of forgiving empowers us to become the ones who determine when the healing begins; that typically means allowing ourselves to feel the full impact of the pain incurred. Trying to forget and push the resulting emotions out of our awareness, only leads to repressed feelings that can later manifest themselves in other emotional or physical ways (for example, chronic headaches, depression, ulcers or in some extremes, substance abuse).

The bottom line is this; recognizing the fact that we can forgive the person without forgiving his/her actions, takes away that individual's power over us, and in the process allows us to no longer be held captive to the role of being a victim. Worship offers us several opportunities to reflect on forgiveness – during confession, through the creeds, during the Eucharist, and within the Lord's prayer. Through prayer, scripture, and openness to the Spirit, God reminds us that He is there to journey with us to healing and release from the pain that has made us captive. Take the first step in the journey today, by arranging to speak to someone you trust!

May the peace and blessings of the risen Christ remain with you now and always!

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

BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------------|-------|---|------------------|-------|
| Jon Huff | 04/02 |  | Steven Bieber | 04/15 |
| Bernadette Jones | 04/02 | | Jamie Larson | 04/15 |
| Mary Helen Scinicarello | 04/02 | | David Hughes | 04/17 |
| Tina Harvey | 04/05 | | Paiton Patrick | 04/17 |
| Eric Comini | 04/05 | | Beverly Best | 04/18 |
| Linda Rosini | 04/06 | | Christina Comini | 04/18 |
| Carol Butters | 04/07 | | Jeffrey Byerly | 04/20 |
| John Goertz | 04/07 | | Doris Griggs | 04/20 |
| Zachary Travis | 04/08 | | Karen Pelleschi | 04/20 |
| Elda Zeigler | 04/09 | | Carl Reidy Jr. | 04/20 |
| Taylor Wentzel | 04/10 | Catherine Kneeder | 04/21 | |
| Sadie Wentzel | 04/10 | Benjamin Haussmann | 04/23 | |
| Robert Clouser | 04/11 | Marc Fish | 04/23 | |
| Nathan Hafer | 04/12 | Karen Burd | 04/26 | |
| Geoffrey MacGill | 04/13 | Lisa Welker | 04/27 | |
| Michael Ochs | 04/13 | Ruth Ditchfield | 04/29 | |
| Johnny Hinds | 04/14 | Dorothy Bingaman | 04/30 | |
| Ezra Buckman | 04/14 | | | |



ANNIVERSARIES

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| Matthew & Wanda Fortin | 04/03 |  |
| Robert & Bernadette Jones | 04/08 | |
| Louis & Kathy Kolb | 04/08 | |
| Joe & Annette Peluso Jr. | 04/16 | |
| Frank & Danielle Bardo III | 04/20 | |
| Theodore & Jane Larson | 04/21 | |
| Carl & Audrey Albright | 04/23 | |
| Randy & Jeannette Lukens | 04/23 | |

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Youth XS-XL \$10

To order contact Donna Clark at 998-2290 anytime after 6 pm
or Susan in the church office 323-4619 between 9 am -1 pm

SPECIAL THANK YOU'S

*Thank You to St. Mark's Members ~
Thank you so much for the
prayers, cards, soup and bread and
telephone calls sent to me during my
convalescence. Your love and con-
cern was a big help in getting well.
It was appreciated very much.*

*Much love to everyone,
Ethel Chambers*

Dear Pastor Elkin,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Thank you, most sincerely, for the time you recently spent at the Shepherd of the Streets office while I was undergoing knee surgery and the accompanying recovery therapy. My recovery is going well and the doctors are pleased with my progress. Your help as an Assistant Shepherd put my mind at ease. It meant that the daily activities of the ministry could continue as usual. Emergency situations and problems requiring counseling and assistance could be handled with ministerial expertise and compassion.

May God be with you as we continue to work together to serve those in need in Lycoming County. It is indeed true that the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

Serving Him and you,
J. Morris Smith, Th. D.
Shepherd of the Streets

Thank you for the lovely bouquet of flowers that Becky Miller Pryor delivered to us—we truly appreciate them and will continue to enjoy them.

We had a very nice visit with Becky and she caught us up on St. Mark's news.

Thank you so much.

Blessings,
Elda & Ralph Zeigler

Dear Friends at St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

Your recent \$118 donation to the Shepherd of the Streets Ministry is deeply appreciated.

Your gift of love is the spark needed for the candle to burn brighter in the hearts of those walking a difficult road.

Thank you for your donation dated 2/21/07 from your Souper Bowl Sunday. Your contribution has been deposited into the Shepherd's Prescription Fund. This money helps those in need to purchase life saving medications. Thank you for your support of this ministry, and helping us serve those in need.

May you be richly blessed in all you do.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
J. Morris Smith, Th. D.
Shepherd of the Streets

To Our friends of St. Mark's,

Thank you for all the special cards and good wishes set to us to help celebrate our 65th wedding anniversary. We truly appreciate each one. We miss seeing all of you on Sunday mornings.

Sincerely,
Elda & Ralph Ziegler

Pastor Elkin & people of St. Mark's -

Thank you all for hosting my father's celebration of Life service and dinner. You all meant so much to him and my mother. It was a beautiful service. Thanks to all who participated. Thanks to the cooks also for the delicious dinner.

Love to all of you,
The Brandau families

Dear St. Mark's,

Thank you so much for providing us breakfast for our trip to D.C.

We appreciate you!

Love,
The Students of United Churches
& Penn College Students

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SAINT MARK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2007

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 Passion/Palm Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Chamber Choir 11:38 AM Kantorei 4:00 PM The Way 5:15 PM Fam. Handbell | 2 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Civic Chorus | 3 9:00 AM Morning Prayer | 4 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Staff Mtg. & Sewing 6:15 PM Seder Dinner | 5 Maundy Thursday 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:00 PM HC in chapel 7:30 PM HC in Nave 8:30 PM Senior Choir | 6 Good Friday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:00 PM Ecumenical Service - Vigil at the Cross 7:30 PM Tenebrae Service | 7 9:45 AM Breakfast With the Pastor ~ Easter Egg Hunt to follow 8:00 PM Vigil of Easter |
| 8 Easter Day 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM HC 9:15 AM 9:15 Sunday School Fellowship Time | 9 Office Closed 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:45 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Civic Chorus | 10 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM Conference Pastors 7:00 PM Property Committee | 11 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Staff Mtg. & Sewing 12:00 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Mission at the Crossroads Mtg. | 12 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 8:00 AM Stephen Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:30 PM Senior Choir | 13 9:00 AM Morning Prayer | 14 12:00 AM - 5:30 PM Lutheran Youth Day |
| 15 Easter II 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Children's Ch. 11:39 AM Contemporary Choir 11:46 AM Dick's Celebration 4:00 PM The Way 5:15 PM Fam. Handbell 6:00 PM Mtg./meal with Confirmands | 16 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 PM Council Mtg. 6:45 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Civic Chorus | 17 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:00 PM Usher's Dinner 7:00 PM Music Club Event | 18 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Staff Mtg. & Sewing 12:00 PM Lunch 'N' Fellowship 1:00 PM Clothing Sale Set up | 19 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:30 AM Clothing Sale set up 7:00 PM Synod PoF mtg. Lewisburg 7:30 PM Senior Choir | 20 Newsletter Deadline 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:30 AM Clothing Sale set up | 21 9:00 AM Women's Clothing Sale |
| 22 Easter III Survival Kit Deadline 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 11:38 AM Kantorei 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM CML Open House 4:00 PM The Way 5:15 PM Fam. Handbell | 23 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:45 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Civic Chorus | 24 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Hospitality Mtg. @ Cov. Central | 25 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Staff Mtg. & Sewing 10:45 AM Bible Study | 26 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 8:00 AM Stephen Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:30 PM Senior Choir | 27 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Newsletter Crew 6:30 PM Fam. Fun Night | 28 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Sr. High Adventure Day @ Bloomsburg Univ. |
| 29 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 11:39 AM Contemporary Choir 11:40 AM Communion Visitor Mtg. 3:00 PM Civic Chorus Concert @ Trn. Episcopal 3:00 PM Conference Assembly @ Messiah 5:15 PM Fam. Handbell | 30 Pastor at STS Retreat 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:45 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Civic Chorus | | | | | |

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Please join us during Holy Week

Wednesday, April 4

Seder Meal, 6:15 pm

Thursday, April 5th

Holy Communion, Noon & 7:30 pm

Good Friday, April 6th

Ecumenical Service, Noon to 3 pm

Tenebrae Service, 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 7th

Easter Vigil, 8 pm

Easter Sunday, April 8th