

The Lion of St. Mark's

The Importance of Family Promise: the Interfaith Hospitality Network



"I had known a particular youngster as an excellent student for more than four years. Then suddenly his attitude, behavior, and work at school changed dramatically. We could not figure out what was happening until finally we discovered that he and his family had lost their home and were living in a car under the bridge. I wish that were the only such situation I have known."

These were the heartbreaking words of a Williamsport school teacher at the forum held on Sunday May 20, 2007 here at St. Mark's. We were talking about the proposal to establish a Hospitality Network affiliate here in Williamsport, a coalition of congregations who will take up the responsibility of offering temporary shelter to homeless families and assist them in getting on their feet again.

"Is this really needed in our area?" is one of the first questions that is regularly asked. One night last winter a census was taken of all of the churches and institutions on one particular night. Each respondent was asked how many homeless persons they were aware that very day. The total number was many dozens more than anyone expected. Of the total, a significant number were families in crisis. We can't do everything, but we can do something. A few single men can be housed at the American Rescue Workers. A few women can be sheltered at the YWCA. But what about families? There is no place for them at all.

"But surely there is something else going on in the community, isn't there?" Habitat for Humanity is one part of the puzzle. They are building homes with persons who have employment and a relatively stable situation. Journey House is in the process of being renovated by New Covenant UCC with input from many community resources. It will be for people who have things in gear and are on the way to self-sufficiency, perhaps awaiting a chance to get into a Habitat house. But that still means that there is a large need for people who have just fallen into crisis because of an illness, job loss, or other problem that causes them to lose their home. This is where the Hospitality Network can step in.

"How many churches need to be involved?" We have said that we will move forward with the proposal when 13 congregations agree to be hosts. It will not be less than 13, but could be more!. We want each congregation to host not more than four times a year. And we will need many other congregations who will be willing to support the work with finances and volunteers.

"What does hosting entail?" A host congregation provides room for family units to be and sleep together. We provide a supper in the evening and breakfast the next morning, and help them to pack lunches for the day. We are companionship in the evening, and two persons remain in the building overnight to for safety and security. The Network provides transportation to the day's activities and school.

"Are we in the right place to be involved?" Our location is ideal: we are close to bus service, the job center, courthouse, and other things that might be needed. We are very visible in the community and widely known. We have room. And most of all, we have the compassion of Christ as our guide and example.

Come to the next forum to be held in St. Mark's on Sunday June 10 at 9:15 A.M. in the Crossways Room. A brief presentation begins the hour, and then the floor is open for questions and discussion.

Should we be a part of the Network? Yes. Could we do this? Yes.

Will we do this? The Council will be asking many more questions and considering it formally on June 18.

COUNCIL UPDATE

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Council Notes

- The Congregation Council met in inaugural session on Monday, May 21, 207 in the Crossways Room. The Council:
- (1) Reviewed its duties and responsibilities.
 - (2) Elected officers: President Bud Hershberger, Vice-president Gary Weber, Secretary Nancy Larson, Treasurer Jackie Kinney, Assistant Treasurer Brenda Bittner.
 - (3) Received and reviewed the regular reports of the pastor, officers, and committees.
 - (4) Granted letter of transfer for Linda, Stephanie, and Barbara Herbst to St. Luke Church.
 - (5) Granted letter of transfer for Mark David to Hope Lutheran Church, Toledo Ohio.
 - (6) Received by letter of transfer Shirley Miller from Hope Lutheran Church in The Villages, Florida.
 - (7) Adopted the following as a mission statement for the congregation:

St. Mark's Lutheran Church is a congregational family united in Christ, teaching, preaching, celebrating the Sacraments and sharing the Word of God as it sends its members forth in a life of service and love in our community and the world.
 - (8) Noted that installation of newly elected council members will take place on May 27.
 - (9) Set June 18, 6:30 as the next regular meeting.

From the Parish Register

- Welcome to Jack Fortin born to Erick & Stephanie Fortin on May 8.
- Transfer of membership of Linda, Stephanie, and Barbara Herbst to St. Luke Church.
- Transfer of membership of Mark David to Hope Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio
- Will receive Shirley Miller by letter of transfer on June 3.
- The funeral service for Joanne Mackey will be celebrated on June 9.

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MILESTONE MINISTRIES

PASSING ON FAITH: ANNIVERSARY MILESTONE

"Thank you so much for remembering. This was one of the nicest things we have ever experienced." There were a number of comments like this made recently as wedding anniversaries from 1949-1953 were celebrated with six couples on Sunday, May 6, 2007.



The couples and their extended families were recognized and upheld in prayer at the close of the 10:30 service that day. They were greeted by members of the congregation, posed for photos, and then moved to the Fellowship Hall for a delicious sit-down dinner. Each family was introduced to the whole group, and each couple had a chance to speak briefly. The couples honored this year included: *Richard & Louise Kneedler, Tony & Bobbie Yetsko, David & Carol McMorris**, *William & Prudence Poff, Carl & Lucille Weaver, Russell & Lois Smith, John & Constance Shaible**, *Peter & Norma Prato** and *William & Shirley Hill*.

The large plaque was unveiled, bearing the names of all of the couples. It will be displayed in the front lounge throughout the next year. Each couple received a personal-sized version of the plaque for their home, as well as a certificate reminding them that there will be a tree planted in the front yard of the church in their honor (as soon as the sidewalks, etc. are completed.) It will be a red Japanese maple, to replace the one which was lost due to the construction.

The dinner was planned under the leadership of Becky Miller Pryor with an efficient crew. It was served by some of our high school students, under the direction of Bob Jones. (One of the honorees observed that the menu, presentation and service were far superior to restaurants he had experienced in the area!) Each family's table was graced with an ivy plant and candle, which went home with the pair. The ladies were presented with a corsage crafted by the pastor.

Over the past several years, this milestone event has become one of the nicest things that we do to honor and encourage some of our senior couples. Great thanks are due to many who assisted, including Shirley Kinney, Ruth Rees, Todd Smith, Lou DeSeau, Jackie Kinney, Mary Schultz, Bernadette Jones, Mark Kinney, Declan Jones, Sara Larson, Kayla Calford, Sara Jones, Gary Weber and Sharon Comini. **unable to attend*

PASSING ON FAITH: BLESSING OF THE KEYS

One of the very important days in a young person's life is the granting of a driving permit. Lots of family anxiety is present as responsibility is learned and earned. On May 13, Mark Kinney, son of Jackie and Mike Kinney, announced that he had successfully completed the driver's exam, and asked for our prayers in the milestone we call *Blessing of the young*



Driver and Car Keys. At the 10:30 service on May 20, a keychain that bears Luther's seal was given to Mark as a reminder that the gifts God continues to grant us day after day in every place we travel must be exercised with responsibility to God and all of the people around us. The keys that some see only as a sign of their independence, we acknowledge as signs of our interdependence and responsibility. When Mark is encountered, please express your encouragement to him, and remind him that we pray for him as he enters this next chapter of his life. (We might pray also for patience and wise discernment on the part of his parents Mike and Jackie as well!)

** Parents please remember to notify us when your children get their junior or senior license. We would like to celebrate their achievement with you!*

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

Lutheran Women are now collecting Kits, Quilts & Soap!

People filled with pain, abandonment, and despair need so much.
 What can You do to give them hope and dignity?

1. Donate bars of soap in the original wrappers (any brand or size).
2. Make up any of the following kits.
3. Pick up a cloth bag in the Narthex during June and fill with the school items as listed. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN SCHOOL KITS** - The notebooks need to have a total of 150 - 200 sheets of lined paper. If you buy notebooks with 70 pages, please provide 3 books. Do not include loose-leaf paper.
4. Please check that **toothpaste expiration date** is at least a year away.



School Kit

- 3 spiral bound notebooks (8"x11" lined, 70 pgs.)
- 1 pair blunt metal scissors
- 1 12" or 30cm ruler
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 6 new pencils w/ erasers
- 1 2 1/2" eraser
- 12 sheets construction paper
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- **Pack in cloth bag and secure with cord or rubber bands**



Layette Kit

- 2 shirts or Onesies
- 2 gowns or sleepers
- 2 receiving blankets
- 4 cloth diapers
- 1 sweater
- 2 washcloths
- 1 bath size baby soap
- 2 diaper pins
- **Wrap in one receiving blanket and secure with diaper pins**



Health Kit

- 1 hand towel
- 1 washcloth
- 1 bar of soap (bath size)
- 1 toothbrush*
- 1 5-7 oz. toothpaste
- 1 wide-tooth comb
- 1 metal nail file or clippers
- 6 band-aids
- **Wrap in towel and tie with ribbon or yarn**



Sewing Kit

- 3 yards 45" cotton fabric or
- 4 yards 36" cotton fabric
- 1 pack of hand needles
- 1 spool matching thread
- 6 buttons on a card or
- 6 buttons tied on string
- **Wrap inside of fabric and secure with yarn or ribbon**

Bath sized bars of soap may also be donated.



It's Summer Forum time!

On summer Sundays during the 9:00 hour, we hold a series of forums on a variety of topics. Just come, we always have a lively time.



- June 3 - Final day of the Sunday Church School calendar
- June 10 - Forum on Family Promise --the Interfaith Hospitality Network
- June 17 - What is involved in an archaeological dig? Featuring photos from Pastor Elkin's trip to Israel.
- June 24 - Carl Hieber's trip to Africa and his assistance in the dental mission.
- July 1 - Part II of Carl Hieber's trip.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

Won't You Adopt Us?



The Planting beds around the church building need to be "adopted."

On the east side (parking lot side)

On the west side (bridge

side)

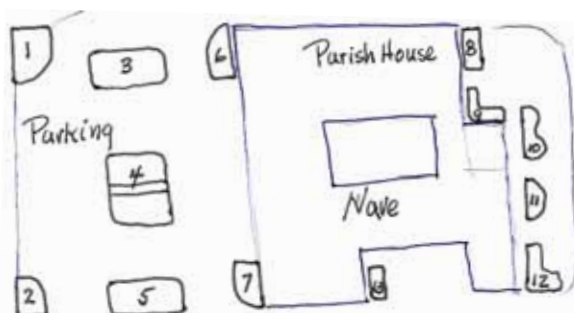
1. The "Christmas tree" bed
2. The northeast shady bed
3. The south island bed
4. The center, cherry tree beds
5. The north island bed
6. The spirea bed
7. The arborvitae bed

8. The Little Lambs door bed
9. The office corner bed
10. The rhododendron bed
11. The chapel/main door bed
12. The nave shady bed

On the north side

13. The sacristy door bed

Tasks: mulching, weeding,
picking spent blossoms,
watering if needed



Might you and your family take a share?

ST. MARK'S LOGO POLO SHIRTS

- Youth Xs-XL \$10
Adult S-XL \$20
Adult 2XL-3XL \$23

Children's - GILDAN Youth Ultra Cotton - Preshrunk 100% cotton jersey with logo.
Colors: Irish Green, Vegas Gold, Heliconia, Indigo Blue, Sapphire, Iris, Lime, Maroon, Sport Grey, Azalea, Black, Forest Green, Gold, Cardinal, Daisy, Leaf, Jade, Orange, Navy, Kelly Green, Light Blue, Light Pink, Sand, Prairie Dust, Dark Purple, Red, Royal, Violet, Tangerine, & Yellow Haze

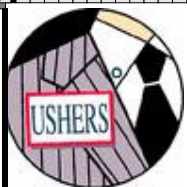
Adults-JERZEE SportShield Jersey Polo, Welt Knit Collar, Placket with pearlized buttons with church logo embroidered on pocket.
Colors: White, Birch, Gold, Black, Sports Grey, Burnt Orange, Purple, Calif. Blue, Forest Green, Granite Blue, Jade, Kelly, Lt. Blue, Maize, Maroon, Red, Putty, True Navy & True Royal

You may place your order with Susan by calling 323-4619 M-F 9AM-1PM or Donna Clark 998-2290 after 6PM M-F, or anytime over the weekend. Or you may use this convenient tear off order form. You can place it in the offering plate with your payment or mail it to the church.

St. Mark's Polo Shirt Order Form

Name	Adult/Child	Size	Color	Cost

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS



The Head Usher's Task

We've lost track of how many years Frank Vognet has served as head of the ushers, but it must be at least twenty! The time has come for him to lay down this particular responsibility and pass it on to another person.

At the recent Ushers' Dinner, Frank passed the mantle to Bud Hershberger to be the keeper of the schedules, recruiter of persons, solicitor of needed resources and supplies, and the person who will make sure that all of the system is functioning smoothly.

Thank you to Frank for all of those years of dedicated service, and also to Bud for agreeing to step into this role.



Lunch N' Fellowship

Turkey Salad
Oriental Cabbage Salad
Tuna Salad
Fruit Salad

Wednesday, June 20th Noon

Join us for a delicious cold luncheon

Nurse's Notes

- June 3** It's that time of year when some of use enjoy getting out and getting our hands dirty by gardening. Did you know that using a push-mower burns 420-480 calories per hour – as much as you would playing tennis. Spading, tilling, raking improve muscle tone and strength. Even the less strenuous upkeep – weeding, trimming, raking – can burn about 300 calories an hour when you work at a constant pace.
- June 10** It's time to get out the sunscreen! Dermatologists now recommend using one with an SPF 30. It does not matter whether you use a lotion, spray or stick, just be sure to apply it correctly. If using a lotion, that means about 2 tablespoons or the equivalent of a shot-glass from head to toe. Save 1 teaspoon for your face. Sprays seem to be popular, and most are now designed so they can be sprayed up-side-down, making it easier to reach the hard-to-reach spots. Reapply every two hours and immediately after swimming.
- June 17** Wow – this makes me feel better! A recent (June 2007) note in *Prevention Magazine* indicates that those of us who “inhabit a moderately messy space” are typically more creative than those who are very organized. Tidying-up once a week will keep the messiness manageable (and less distracting!).
- June 24** **Fact:** Every 100 pounds of trash contains approximately 35 pounds of paper! If 11 million folks all used 5 fewer sheets per week, we could save 317,000 trees per year!

USS ARK, SYNOD & WEST BRANCH NEWS

IMPORTANT CONSUMER ALERT BIBS RECALLED BY WAL-MART

The US Consumer Product Safety Commission has issued a consumer alert regarding a potential risk of lead exposure from baby bibs with cracked or peeling vinyl surfaces (see below). Wal-Mart is voluntarily recalling these items and can be contacted at 1-800-WAL-MART (1-800-925-6278). *The original recall was for the state of Illinois but has since expanded nation-wide!*

CPSC recommends that parents and caregivers discard bibs that are in poor condition to avoid potential exposure to lead from swallowed vinyl. CPSC Hotline: 800-638-2772.



*Baby Connection 2-Pack Easy Wipe Bibs
& Baby Connection 7-Pack Feeder Bibs*

If you suspect your child may have been exposed, please contact your pediatrician or your local Department of Health regarding having your child tested for lead exposure.

Pages needed for Synod Assembly!

What: Pages Needed! (*people, not paper!*)

Ages: Completed 5th Grade-Seminary

For: 2007 USS Synod Assembly

Where: Susquehanna University

When: Friday, June 15, 7:00AM-worship;
Saturday, June 16, 7:00AM-end of day

Responsibilities include handing-out papers, bulletins, and other materials as well as serving as Communion assistants and counting votes when asked.

Meals will be provided for the pages. Lodging is available. All pages receive a free T-shirt!

If you have interested youth, please send their names to Pastor Jill V. Seagle by email at pastorjill@comcast.net or snail mail:

Pastor Jill V. Seagle

Re: USS Synod Assembly Pages

6590 Musser Lane, Watsonstown, PA 17777

Immanuel Lutheran Church

2633 Lime Bluff Road, Muncy, PA
Located between Muncy & Hughesville,
just off Route 405

June 17, 2007, 3:00 PM

Father's Day Annual Memorial Service

Rich in heritage, for many years this church was the only church located in the lower end of Lycoming County. Although Lutheran, the edifice was made available to other denominations, including Episcopalians, German Reformed and Presbyterian. Unchanged by time and no longer used on a regular basis, this country church will host the first of its two annual services on June 17, 2007.

Everyone is invited to remain after the service for a time of light refreshments and fellowship. Historic memorabilia will be on display and light refreshments will be served.

Recovery Crews Needed for Flooding in Southern WV

Long Term Recovery Committees will soon be forming in the counties of Boone, Cabell, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Mingo, Raleigh, and Wyoming where flooding occurred in mid-April. Major/minor damage was sustained by 250 homes. Of these, many will belong to households who are uninsured or otherwise unable to fend for themselves.

CLP-LDR is currently in the process of assessing the unmet needs and obtaining financial assistance for recovery. As summer progresses, work crews will be needed to help these households repair and rebuild.

Please consider forming a crew for a week of work in these southern counties of WV. It's a lot closer than Biloxi, and the need is just as great!

USS ARK, SYNOD & WEST BRANCH NEWS

Diakon Children's Bereavement Program

Camp Evergreen Weekend 2007 will be held on Friday, June 22nd at 7:00 p.m. to Sunday, June 24th at 11:00 a.m. at Camp Kresge, 382 Camp Kresge Lane, White Haven, PA 18611. Camp Evergreen is a special camp for children and teens between the ages of 8 and 14 who have experienced the death of a loved one. It is designed to encourage them to express their feelings of confusion, loss and grief with others their age in an atmosphere of fun and friendship under the guidance and supervision of bereavement counselors and adult volunteers.

The camp is free of charge to the participants. Food, crafts and craft items will be provided. Registration is required. Volunteers are also needed. For additional information, please call 570-459-6778.

"Sowing Seeds: Growing a Movement"

Register now for Sowing Seeds: Growing a Movement, to be held on June 9-12 at American University, Washington, DC, .

Join Bread for the World and thousands of people of faith, who will gather to launch a renewed movement to end hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world. Come to develop skills for motivating others and mobilizing faith communities, strategize ways to best influence decision-makers, and visit your representative's and senators' offices to speak out for hungry people.

Register: <http://www.bread.org/about-us/national-gathering/2007/how-to-register.html>

Apply for a scholarship:
<http://www.bread.org/about-us/national-gathering/2007/scholarship-application.html>

Learn more: <http://www.elca.org/advocacy/sowingseeds.html>

Lay Ministry Institute

The newly formed Lay Ministry Institute of our synod is still seeking candidates for its flagship class of Authorized Lay Worship Leaders, Authorized Lay Evangelists and Authorized Lay Catechists.

The innovative Christian education program is now enrolling adult students for a two-year program which will begin this fall. The classes will produce Authorized Lay Worship Leaders, who serve in their home congregations, and others, leading worship and presiding over the Eucharist. Authorized Lay Evangelists will use their innate ability to tell God's story and reach out to people everywhere. Lay Catechists will be trained in Bible, theology, history, Lutheran practice and education.

The classes will mirror the Upper Susquehanna Synod's highly successful Authorized Lay Worship program, which has been part of the Synod for a decade and graduated nearly 60 individuals who are available to serve in a leadership role. The Lay Ministry Institute grew out of the former Authorized Lay Worship Committee.

Classes will meet one Saturday per month and students will learn from the most esteemed and respected professors from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, along with some of the best nationally known evangelists and a number of the modern church's best thinkers.

Candidates must be recommended by their local pastors, pay \$950 tuition, complete and pledge adherence to the ELCA's Vision and Expectations statement, complete an application and be interviewed by the LMI's admission committee.

Throughout the program, repeatedly, students will be evaluated by their mentor's and the Institute. Ultimately, students will complete the program and receive their Authorization at the Upper Susquehanna Synod's assembly in 2009.

Candidates may obtain more information at www.uss-elca.org or by calling the Upper Susquehanna Synod at 570-524-9778. The coordinator of the program is Pastor Melody Sell, and she can be contacted through the Synod office or at pmsell@chilitech.net.

Social Ministry News

Clothing Sale Update

The final figures are in. The annual Spring Clothing Sale made a tremendous profit of \$512.42! It qualified for \$450.00 in matching funds from Thrivent.

Again many thanks to everyone for donating clothes and working the sale. Together we do make a difference.



All money will be donated to chari-

We're a little behind kids so in order to get caught up... summer vacation will only be 45 minutes this year.



Mom's idea of summer vacation...

- Men's grey XL zip front hoodie with the word "SEEK" on the front.
- Paperback Book "Knowing God" by J.I. Packer.
- Fancy silver CZ earring with twist back.
- Key to "The Club" G426.
- Red, white & blue star tie-tac.



- Child's orange lion finger puppet.
- Navy wide tooth comb.

- Large square scarf. Tan with blue, light brown, dark brown and ivory design including roses.
- Heart mirrored key fob engraved with "BJ, JG, DK, EB, AT & OB" and "9-12-04"
- Set of GM keys in magnetic case.
- Angel pin with heart wings and dangling copper leaf at bottom.

Fourth of July Celebration

It is time to plan our annual Fourth of July Celebration on the front lawn.

The Social Ministry Committee needs members of the congregation to assist with setting up, manning the popcorn machine, serving refreshments, and cleaning up in time to enjoy the fireworks.



Donations of lemonade and ice tea mix; bags of popping corn, soda in two-liter bottles, snack size packages of chips and pretzels, bottled water, bags of small lollipops, and money to offset our other expenses are also needed.

The more the merrier so speak with Gary Weber or Becky Miller Pryor to join in the fun. Donations of food and drink items may be left in the box in the Narthex. Checks may be made payable to St. Mark's noting the event.

United Churches News



Food Pantry Update

Our United Churches Food Pantry provides a three day supply of food to those in need. During the summer months the needs at the pantry change somewhat, just like your eating habits do in the warm weather. Children will be home for the season and won't get school breakfasts and lunches. Parents won't always be home to get those meals for them, so the children will be making meals for themselves.

The items we can especially use are:

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| <i>Canned Fruits</i> | <i>Powdered Drink Mixes</i> |
| <i>Sugar</i> | <i>(Kool-Aid & Lemonade)</i> |
| <i>Saltine Crackers</i> | <i>Chunky Soups</i> |
| <i>Coffee & Tea Bags</i> | <i>Oodles of Noodles</i> |
| <i>Elbow & Egg Noodles</i> | <i>Canned Vegetables</i> |
| <i>Canned Stews</i> | <i>Jello & Pudding Mixes</i> |
| <i>Mac-N-Cheese Pasta</i> | |

As always we thank you for your continued generosity and ask that you keep us in prayer over the summer months. May you all have an enjoyable few months of relaxation, rest, time spent with family and time to thank God for all the blessings that He bestows.

Lycoming County 2007 Life Chain

Please mark your church calendars for this year's Life Chain. As in the prior 15 years it will be held on the first Sunday of October at 2:30 p.m. on East Third Street (the "Golden Strip") Williamsport, PA. The goal of the organization committee is to have 90 churches participate with 2000 individuals praying for the lives of unborn children. The date is October 7, 2007. Additional info. will be provided to Lycoming County Churches by mail.

Storm Ready

A great way to get local weather information is on the internet from the Lycoming County web site which is www.lyco.org. You can get current weather conditions, our local forecast, current warnings, local storm reports, severe weather alerts, and stream and river level data.

Movie Night

Movie Night is being held the third Friday of every month at New Covenant United Church of Christ, 202 East Third Street, Williamsport. Thought provoking films and documentaries are shown at 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge. Childcare is provided. Call 435-0653 or 326-3308 for the film title for the month.

In The Sun-Gazette From our creative kids

Different *by Riley Weber*

I am
 Different
 By the fact that
 I'm a Boy Scout and
 I can find my way like
 A compass.
 I am also a good camper
 So I can pitch a tent and
 Camp well.
 I also know how to hike
 As my feet trek along the
 Trail and the thump, thump sound
 Of my feet
 Along the ground.

Animal Avian Hospital
 We make your pets feel better!

Artist: Emily Newcomer Age: 11 Teacher: Mrs. Rizzo

THE ANIMAL & AVIAN HOSPITAL 1828 E. 3rd St., Williamsport, PA 17701 323-9431

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Williamsport Crosscutters Baseball Club

presents

ALL FAITHS NIGHTS 2007

Enjoy an evening of Crosscutters baseball
and receive your general admission tickets at **HALF PRICE!**



Monday, July 16, 7:05 p.m.
Sunday, August 19, at 6:05 p.m.

We must have a group of 20 or more to qualify for the \$2.50 admission.

TheY must receive the orders & payments no later than 2 weeks prior to the games.

Sign-up sheets for both games are in the narthex.

When we get the required 20, you will be notified to bring in your money.

For the first game, the deadline is Sunday, July 1; for the second game, Sunday, July 29.



Sunday School
MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Just Five Hours a Month

The education of our children is a vital part of our entire society, but most especially in our church. What they learn here will stay with them forever and give them the moral foundation from which they go out into our society.

Every member of St. Mark's has something to teach our young people and it means so much to our youth to see their parents, grandparents and friends actively involved in their instruction.

Our structuring of the Sunday School program requires a commitment of just one month at a time. If you wish to sign up for longer, of course you may. But, all our youth ask is just 4-5 Sundays out of the entire year. **PLEASE, HELP OUR CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT GOD.** Lead a Sunday School class here at St. Mark's during the 2006-2007 school year.

"You shall love the Lord you God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." ~Deuteronomy, 6:5-9

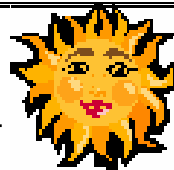
Please call Sharon or Bernadette soon about which month you would like to teach or sign up in the staff hallway. You are essential to the continuing success of St. Mark's Sunday School program.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



Thank you to all those who helped to make the group's visit here so successful. A huge thank you goes out to Larue Dieter for, first, alerting us about Captive Free and, secondly, for assisting us so much with providing for them. Thanks, also, goes to the Hills, Elkins, Shafrankos, Weavers and Larue for opening their homes to house the members, to Becky Pryor, and to everyone who contributed the pot-luck meal—we couldn't have done it without any of you! Look for pictures in the July Lion.

Having finished their course of study for this school year, our confirmands—Hannah, Sara, Paige, Brandon and Christina—are ready to go with confirmation camp on July 16-18 (yes we are giving them a break!).



These five have met with their families and mentors (Deb, Jane, Stephanie, Lou and Karen) the third Sunday of every month since September, studying the gospel according to Luke and exploring different aspects of worship, prayer and service, as well as doing some service projects with their mentors.

When you see any of these young people, please thank them for their services and encourage them in their further studies.

Camp Mount Luther

Interested in a great camping experience?
Camp Mt. Luther is the place for you!

In the front lounge, parents, guardians and future campers will find brochures about the Lutheran-based camp that is located west of Lewisburg. If you are interested in more information, please contact Bernadette at the church office, 323-4619.



YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

ANNUAL ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH PICNIC

**Sunday, June 3 at 1 p.m.
Indian Park in Montoursville**

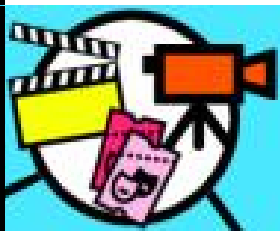
Please plan on bringing a dish to share, your appetite and a chair!
Meat and drinks and paper products will be provided.

**Volunteers for manning the grill, set-up and clean-up are needed—
a sign-up sheet is in the staff hallway.**

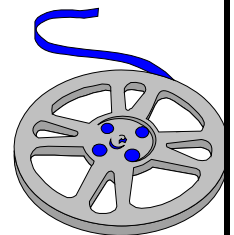


SUMMER FAMILY FILM FESTIVAL at the Community Arts Center!

At 10:00 on Tuesday mornings from the end of June, through July, there are free showings of films for families. We are organizing a trip each of these weeks. We will walk over directly after Morning Prayer (feel free to join us at 9!), between 9:15—9:30 a.m. Please call to let us know if you want to go. We wouldn't want to leave anyone behind!



- June 26 *Charlotte's Web* (G)
- July 6 *Happy Feet* (PG)
- July 13 *Cars* (G)
- July 19 *Flushed Away* (PG)
- July 27 *Open Season* (PG)



(Evening showings of these films are available at 7:00 p.m. the following Thursday at \$1.00 per person for all ages) For more information on these films, check out the links at <http://www.pct.edu/commarts/>



Children's Church

The last children's service of this school year was held on Sunday, May 14. Thank you to all those who helped make all the services this year so wonderful: readers, acolytes, ushers, greeters, those who volunteered during the sermon, Mrs. Boone and Mrs. Elkin for the music, Mr. DeSeau for setting up for us, Pastor Elkin for his knowledge, the adult ushers who "cued" us for when it was time to go to the Nave, and all those who attended.

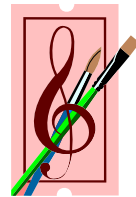
Thank you, thank you!! We couldn't have done it without you!!!

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

FABULOUS SUMMER CAMPS FROM FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

All camps take place at the
Christian Life Center, 601 Market Street, Wmspt.
Bernadette has registration forms and more info on all of these.

CAMP: CREATIVE KIDS: FEARFULLY MADE
WHO: GRADES 4-8
WHEN: JULY 16-20
TIMES: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM
COST: Early Registration \$20.00 (Sunday, June 3)
Regular \$25.00 (Sunday, July 1)
WHAT: Students would choose one of four concentrations: Art, Drama, Vocal Music or Movie Making. Their week would culminate in a showcase from 5:00-6:00 pm, on Friday, July 20.
Camp Director: Denay Gair



CAMP: FIRST HOOPS: INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL CAMP
WHO: GRADES K-3
WHEN: JUNE 18-20
TIMES: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
COST: Registration \$15.00 (Wednesday, June 3)
WHAT: Basketball training from coaches and athletes and biblically based lesson: children learn ways to handle themselves on and off the court.



CAMP: JUMP SHOT: INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL CAMP
WHO: GRADES 4-6
WHEN: JULY 11-15
TIMES: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM
COST: Registration \$2.00 (Sunday, June 3)
WHAT: Basketball training and short lessons on what it really means to "Go the Distance."
Coach: Jeremiah Washington, head coach at Montgomery High School.



St. Mark's Positively Angelic Dog Training



will click into motion for the summer on Thursday morning, June 14, at 10 a.m. in the Courtyard. Learn to communicate with your dog in a fun and easy way. Sign up by contacting Trish Hershey or Donna Elkin. We are both eager to answer your questions and have you join us.

"Ask the animals, and they will teach you...For the life of every living thing is in his hand, and the breath of all humanity." (Job 12:7a,10, NLT)

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



Get in the swim!!
 YOU'LL WANT TO GET CAUGHT
 IN THE NET FULL OF ADVENTURES AT THE
 Great BIBLE REEF VBS!!



Dive head-first into life along the Great Bible Reef! Great Bible Reef VBS is just the place for cool crafts, fun songs, zany games, and a school of friends!

THE  TAKE

PLUNGE! SIGN UP NOW!!

We still need help!!

“IN THE BEGINNING...”

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



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!!! Sewers, carpenters, painters, phone callers...you name it, we need it!! Stay tuned for more information!!! Please contact Bernadette or Dick to let us know of your interest. **Stay tuned for more information!!!**

Please contact Bernadette or Dick if you are interested.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



PARENTS!!
EXCITING THINGS ARE IN THE WORKS
JUST LOOK!!

ST. MARK'S SUMMER PLAYGROUP!

Summer is upon us! Grab your calendar and pencil in the following dates for some Summer Fun with the kids. If time permits, we'd love for you to join us in socializing, snacking and tiring out the kids!!

Sun.-Thurs., June 10-14	5:30-8:15 p.m.	Great BIBLE REEF VBS!!
Wednesday, June 27	10:00 a.m.	Bruce Henry Park
Wednesday, July 11	10:00 a.m.	Brandon Park
Wednesday, July 25	10:00 a.m.	Short Park (near Loyalsock Pool)
Wednesday, August 8	10:00 a.m.	Indian Park
Wednesday, August 22	10:00 a.m.	Bruce Henry Park (bring a picnic lunch)

If you have any question or need directions, please call Vicki Haussmann at 320-0561.
 We hope to see you there!



CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!!

College: from Lycoming college: Andrew Kneedler (Louise Kneedler's grandson)
 Brittany Toy
 from Elmira College: Kim (huff) Hufnagel
 from Wyoming Technical Institute: Anthony Clark (Donna Clark's grandson)

High school: Jeremy Bittner, Caitlyn Butters, Jamie Larson,
 Rob Bergman (Dot Berndt's great-grandson),
 Caitlin Kneedler (Louise Kneedler's granddaughter)

Pre-School: Emily L. Clark (Donna Clark's granddaughter)



If we overlooked anyone, it was unintentional and we apologize.



Children's Summer Chapel...

...will be held on the second Sunday of June, July and August at 10:30 a.m.
 What a great time to celebrate the season with cousins visiting on vacation or friends staying over-night, before heading out to the day's activities!

On June 10, we will be previewing the songs from the **Great BIBLE REEF** vacation Bible school. We'll revisit those songs on July 8 and August 12, as we continue with our fun-with-the-Son themes. The entire family is welcome: we look forward to seeing you there!

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

FRIDAY FUN NIGHT 6:30 p.m. JUNE 22

YOU ALL KNOW THE DRILL BY NOW: COME AND HAVE FUN!!
 If you haven't been able to join in yet, make plans to do so!
 It's a great time you won't want to miss!



THE Great BIBLE REEF VBS mission project:

In keeping with the water theme for vacation Bible school, the children are going to focus on providing means to obtain water for those who are in need. The following chart shows how little from us can provide so much for them:

\$30 - \$500 buys **water pumps**

\$40 - \$250 buys **water treatment filters**

\$275 builds a **home cistern** to collect rain water

\$1,000 provides for **digging a well**

\$5,000 - 15,000 builds a **community irrigation or water reservoir system**



Life-giving Water
for Liberia

Please consider helping the children attain one or more of these goals. You may place your gift in the narthex box clearly marked "VBS Mission Project". Thank you.



HOUSING NEEDED FOR FLS INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

As most of you know, Ken and Beth Shafranko hosted two Chinese boys last summer for a couple of weeks through the FLS (Foreign Language Studies) Homestay Program. The FLS Homestay Program combines a student's Intensive English study with the experience of living with an American host family. Says Beth, "We had them for two weeks and it would have been fine to have them for the whole summer... We learned so much from them about their culture... It was a good experience and the boys still keep in touch with us."

Host families responsibilities include taking the kids to Wegman's around 7:00 every morning, where a bus picks them up and takes them to Lock Haven University for the day. The students are delivered back to Wegman's around 6:00 each evening. Hosts are to feed them dinner and breakfast and give them a place to sleep. There is a current need of housing for 250 students. Dates for which host families are needed are as follows:

Students with Spanish as their native language:

Group 1: June 25 - July 24

Group 2: July 1 - July 28

Students with Chinese as their native language:

Group one: July 15-July 21

Group two: July 22-July 28

There is a possibility that St. Mark's will receive a referral fee of \$100 per host family that signs up because of us. This applies whether they host a one-week student or a one-month student.

A host receives \$100.00 per week/per student. For more info call Beth Shafranko at 322-6005.



A VIEW FROM THE PEW

Only 2 out of 332
have been returned...
are you one
of the two?



Remember,
Inquiring minds want to know...

Please help me update the database by submitting the current information for your family.
You may place this form in the offering plate, mail it to the church office
(attn: Susan), or email the information to me at smsmith@stmarkswilliamsport.org.
Thank you!

Family member name:

Birthdate

email address

1) _____	_____	_____
2) _____	_____	_____
3) _____	_____	_____
4) _____	_____	_____
5) _____	_____	_____
6) _____	_____	_____
7) _____	_____	_____
8) _____	_____	_____

Anniversary _____

Phone Numbers: (H=Home, W=Work, C=Cell) Please use the corresponding family member #1-8 from above to identify cell phone owners.

Address:

_____	_____
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HEALTH, HEALING & WHOLENESS

The first five chapters of the Old Testament are bursting at the seams with the genealogy of Abraham and his descendants (*Genesis – Joshua*). Indeed the entire Bible is a snap-shot frozen in time connecting the 'old' Adam' to the 'new' Adam (in the person of Christ). Some are comical (imagine Noah's neighbors coming home to find this huge boat parked in the drive, or Noah attempting to assign clean-up after the animals – especially the elephants); others more poignant (Ruth, after the death of her husband, left with her mother-in-law to try to carve out an existence) – all connected.

They say that when a butterfly flaps its wings in Chile, thunderclouds begin to form across Indiana. Scientists remind us what we already know - that all things are woven together in God's world. So when we say we are a church "family", we are being more honest than we sometimes realize! As in any family, there are squabbles and disagreements, intermingled with love, respect, and anger. We can become so enmeshed in the lives of one another that we don't recognize that, like that butterfly in Chile, what we do as individuals can have a huge impact on fellow members of the body of Christ – for better or worse. In counseling terms, these interconnections are known as **systems**. Family Systems Theory suggests that individuals cannot be understood in isolation from one another – that we are interconnected and interdependent to the people around us.

Think of a child's mobile – when one object is bumped or tugged, all other parts of the mobile react to try to bring the entire mobile back into balance. The same can be said of actions within our congregations. If you want to stir things up, propose some kind of change! Change is unsettling – it 'throws us off' balance, and sometimes we have the automatic reaction to want to pull things back to the way they always were – back to when we were comfortable. That's when we hear those famous (or infamous) seven words – "But we've always done it that way ...". Our automatic response to that which causes us discomfort is to react – sometimes inappropriately. Rev. Dr. Peter Steinke suggests that it is at those times we resort to using that part of our brain which is like that of a snake – and we all know what a snake does when disturbed – it reacts!

However, that which sets us apart from reptiles, and other animals, is the part of our brain which allows us to reason. Unfortunately, we don't always see that part of the brain being utilized – think of road rage, or the person who decides to settle an argument with fists or a gun. Psychologists and social scientists tell us that we have shorter and shorter attention spans, and that we want a 'quick fix' or instant gratification. If that is true, than we are making snap decisions, not allowing our brain to take in the information necessary for us to behave in an informed, 'well thought out' way.

Somehow I don't see Christ modeling that kind of behavior for us. Instead I believe he approached his life and his death in a purposeful manner – after all, it took him three years to apprentice twelve ordinary men and establish his ministry. We also see that he took intentional time for prayer, periodically pulling himself away from pressing, hectic crowds. He even took his time when he learned that one of his best friends – Lazarus - was dying, and chastised his mother for trying to force him to turn water into wine by saying, "My time has not yet come." (John 2:4, NIV)

Another commonality between family and congregational relationships is our tendency to depend on certain (and often unspoken) roles and rules. Look around your congregation and ask yourself, "Who is the congregation's matriarch or patriarch?" "Who are the people who need to be won over whenever the leaders want to try something new?" "Who takes the role of 'the responsible one' – 'the scapegoat' – 'the lost child' – 'the peacemaker'?" What are the unspoken rules for behavior? "When people are angry with one another, does the church family provide a safe place in which to express this anger, or is anger something we 'keep to ourselves' and allow to fester under the surface?" "How are decisions made – who has input and who is expected to 'just go along'?" "Are children to be seen but not heard?"

Yes, when we say our congregations are 'just like a family' we just might be more truthful than we realize ... for good ... or bad!



Debbie Best

Congregational Health Ministries & Family Life Services; Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries

BIRTHDAYS

Andrew Sims	06/01		Carl Knowlden	06/18
Evelyn Bastian	06/02		Kelli Travis	06/18
Kathryn Elkin	06/02		Barbara Larson	06/19
Marian Rubendall	06/02		Christina Ciesielski	06/19
Grace Arner	06/03		Brandon Fortin	06/20
Sean Jensen	06/03		Barbara Rechel	06/22
Linda Herbst	06/06		Lillian Miller	06/23
Heidi Arner	06/07		William Poff	06/23
Jeffrey Kneedler	06/08		Taigen Thorne	06/23
Kenneth Elkin	06/10		Tali Thorne	06/23
Jennifer Robertson	06/10	Sharon Comini	06/23	
Heather Snyder	06/10	Nathan Fillnow	06/24	
Stephanie Fortin	06/12		Ernestine Doane	06/25
Anne Rhodes	06/12		Kristin Lynn	06/27
Doris Fortin	06/13		George Poliska	06/28
Robert McCullough	06/14		June Decker	06/29
Julie Patrick	06/14		Kenneth Shafranko	06/29
Wanda Fortin	06/16		Doris Brownlee	06/30
Merritt Hunt	06/16		April Clark	06/30
Nathan Edler	06/17		Emily Welker	06/30

ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Robert & Anne Miller</i>	<i>06/01</i>	
<i>David & Carol McMorris</i>	<i>06/10</i>	
<i>Donald & Barbara Switzer</i>	<i>06/13</i>	
<i>James & Kristine Wacker</i>	<i>06/13</i>	
<i>Steven & Randa Bieber III</i>	<i>06/14</i>	
<i>William & Carol Confer</i>	<i>06/14</i>	
<i>Richard & Louise Kneedler</i>	<i>06/18</i>	
<i>Gary & Shelby Weber</i>	<i>06/18</i>	
<i>John & Ruth Burkholder</i>	<i>06/19</i>	
<i>Donald & Mary Armstrong</i>	<i>06/21</i>	
<i>John & Brenda Bower</i>	<i>06/21</i>	
<i>Kenneth & Donna Elkin</i>	<i>06/23</i>	
<i>James & Susan Newcomer</i>	<i>06/23</i>	
<i>Andrew & Vicki Haussmann</i>	<i>06/28</i>	
<i>Harold & Joyce Hershberger</i>	<i>06/30</i>	

SPECIAL THANK YOU'S

Dear Becky and the Milestone Committee,

Our heartfelt thanks to the Milestone Committee for the outstanding celebration of wedding anniversaries. It was a wonderful and unforgettable occasion for us.

Special thanks go to the Parish Life Committee for preparing the excellent meal, to the young people for the efficiency of their service, to Pastor Elkin for the lovely corsage, and to the parish staff for their help in organizing the event, especially Sharon Comini for the beautiful keepsakes and artwork. The plantings in front of the church will be particularly meaningful as the years go by.

We thank God for the privilege of being a part of the family of St. Mark's.

Sincerely,
Bill and Shirley Hill

To Pastor Elkin and all our friends at St. Mark's who so graciously and carefully made our 58th year "celebration of marriage" possible,

Everything was perfect ~ the church service ~ the lovely corsage ~ the meal in Fellowship Hall ~ the gifts and pictures (especially Sharon Comini's) contribution to the drawings, etc. A big thank you to the kitchen crew!

Thanks to all,

Dick & Louise Kneidler

We want to thank each and everyone who was involved in the Anniversary Dinner on Sunday, May 6th. The food was delicious and the service extraordinary. The professionalism displayed was very impressive. Thank you all very much.

*God's blessings,
Russ & Lois Smith*

Dear Pastor Elkin, Becky & the Milestone Committee,
The Anniversary celebration on Sunday was absolutely WONDERFUL!

Our sincere thanks to you all who made it a very special day for us.

Bill & Prudy Poff

Thank you goes out to all the terrific folks (Rick, Kirk & Jeff especially) who were so instrumental in creating such a wonderful basketball program for all the kids. It was a nice experience all the way around—due in large part to the individuals involved and their selfless spirit of giving. (Patience too!) The pizza party was AWESOME too! So were the personalized trophies and certificates!

Mel and Mindy

Wentzel

Dear Becky & Committee Members,

Thank you very much for the wonderful Anniversary day, the corsage, pictures, delightful lunch & good fellowship. It was a great day & a special day.

Bobbie & Tony Yet-

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A Sincere thank you ~

~to all who have sent cards, notes, letters of sympathy and memorials,

~to all who attended and participated in the Celebration Service for the life of Pastor Walter L. Brandau,

~to all who spent time and effort for the wonderful meal following the service. It was much appreciated by our family and friends.

I pray God's blessings on all, as you continue your ministry in Our Lord's name who enables us to move forward.

Shirley Brandau & family

Dear St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

Easter greetings! Thank you for your recent gift to the ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal, which provides both immediate and long-term assistance to children, families, and whole communities around the world and close to home.

Through your gift, you nurture the efforts of people who are recovering from disasters. Your gift connects survivors with the resources they need, such as shelter, emergency supplies, medical attention,

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SAINT MARK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2007 St. Mark's Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 <i>Holy Trinity</i> 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 1:00 PM Church Picnic - Indian Park	4 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Hospitality Network Mtg. @ St. Matthew's Newberry	5 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	6 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:00 PM Bible Study	7 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 8:00 AM Stephen Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	8 9:00 AM Morning Prayer Agenda Deadline**	9 11:00 AM Funeral for Joanne Mackey
10 <i>Pentecost II</i> 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM HC 9:15 AM Summer Forum 11:39 AM Contemporary Choir 11:41 AM Acolyte Training 5:30 PM VBS	11 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 5:30 PM VBS	12 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 5:30 PM VBS 6:30 PM Property Comm. Mtg. (Narthex) 7:30 PM Finance Comm. Mtg. (Pastor's Sacristy)	13 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:00 PM Bible Study 5:30 PM VBS	14 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM Angelic Dog Training 5:30 PM VBS	15 7:00 AM Synod Assembly at Susquehanna Univ. 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	16 7:00 AM Synod Assembly at Susquehanna Univ.
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24 <i>St. John the Baptist</i> 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM HC 9:15 AM Summer Forum 11:39 AM Contemporary Choir	25 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	26 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Fam. Film Festival 7:00 PM Hospitality Network Mtg. @ Lycocoming Center	27 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:00 PM Bible Study 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM Picture Taking Day	28 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM Angelic Dog Training 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM Picture Taking Day	29 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Newsletter Crew	30

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