



The Lion of St. Mark's

NOVEMBER 2007

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

On Sunday, November 4, 2007 at the 10:30 AM service five new Stephen Ministers will be commissioned for service in the Parish. They are:



Kathryn Eshelman
Shirley Kinney
Gladys Knauss
Larry Lehman
Mary Schultz



Our five candidates will have completed 50 hours of training with Pastor Elkin and Jane Larson, Stephen Leaders. They have received training in a variety of areas designed to increase their Christian caring skills.

After commissioning they will begin their ministries of caring within our congregation and community. Stephen Ministers will offer love and support to those experiencing such life stressors as depression, grief, loneliness, the loss of a job, and many other life crises where a caring relationship might be of benefit.

As these members of our congregation begin their caring ministries among us, let us remember to support them with our prayers so they may be enabled to carry out their ministries to the fullest degree.

All Saints Sunday November 4, 2007

We recognize and rejoice
in all those who have joined the
church militant

by Holy Baptism in the past year:

Jack Fortin, July 1, 2007
son of Erick & Stephanie Fortin
born May 8, 2007

We honor and remember
all those who have moved to the
church triumphant

in the past year:

Joanne G. Lamade, November 5, 2006
Frank E. Pile, Sr., January 14, 2007
Dorothy Rivetti, January 18, 2007
Jane Doebler, March 6, 2007
Elizabeth Metzger, March 20, 2007
Joanne D. Mackey, May 19, 2007
Marian Rubendall, June 7, 2007
William H. Poff, July 28, 2007
J. Robert Lamade, July 30, 2007
Geraldine Shipman, July 31, 2007
Louise Kneedler, August 23, 2007
Annabelle Smith, August 26, 2007
Jeannette Aderhold, October 7, 2007

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COUNCIL MEETING

The congregation Council met in regular session on Monday, October 22 in the Crossways Room. The Council:

- heard a verbal report of the Pastor's adventures in Spain.
- received the reports of the officers, pastor, and committees.
- received a preliminary report of the good results of Consecration Sunday.
- approved the Thank-offering Sunday offering to be received on November 25.
- reviewed the recent property improvements.
- gave advice to the Pastor.
- prayed Compline together in the chapel to close the meeting.
- noted that the next regular meeting will be on November 19 in the Crossways Room.

From the Parish Register

- A celebration of life service was held for Jeannette Aderhold on October 10, 2007

Directory Changes

Jeremiah Doeblor, NNPTC #45A, 101 NNPTC Circle, Goose Creek, SC 29445

Julie Patrick 2025 E. Market St., 2R, York, PA 17403

Melissa Gardner, PO Box 217, West Milton, PA 17885

Clinton Eppleman, Help! Mailing address inaccurate.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

A Second Archaeological Adventure

Pastor Elkin spent two weeks on an archaeological dig on the island of Menorca in the Mediterranean. The island is located about an hour flight southeast of Barcelona. It has one main two-lane road that crosses the island, connecting the largest town of about 30,000 people with the second largest town on the western end of about 20,000. There are several other villages and a number of coastal resorts scattered around the southern coast. The work groups had a residence in the western town and traveled by van about 45 minutes over some very winding, narrow roads to the northern central coastal area called Sanisera. In Roman times it was an important port which provided a safe ship anchorage from the fierce winter winds of up to 100 mph that blow down from France. The Romans first established a military camp there, and after about 100 years of use, dismantled it in 45 BC and moved just a bit further and built a town. The town was abandoned in the 6th century, and nothing has ever been built on the site since then. This is a unique situation. In every other port-town around the Mediterranean, there are modern cities on top of ancient ruins, making excavation impossible. Because of its windy location, and the silting of the harbor, later peoples used the other ports and didn't bother with this one. Fortunately for us, the ancient things are only under a few inches of overburden.

This is the final year for excavation in the military camp, and next year they will move over and work on the town. There should be a significant number of finds there. We were assigned the unglamorous but needed job of excavating the perimeter ditch and finding whatever odds and ends had been thrown in it before it was filled up. My crew found lots of broken pieces of pottery storage jars called amphorae, some bronze nails and spikes, some pieces of lead, and a small amount of animal bones.

We also had classes to begin to learn how to identify the origin of the pottery, to mark and catalogue the items that were to be kept, and to care for the site for the future. It was physically demanding work, but the 16 persons enjoyed working together. The directing archaeologist has been working here for 10 years, and several grad students were there for a second season. One of the fascinating things is meeting people from around the world. One man was an engineer who designed the tracking stations for the Apollo moon program. Another sold cancer-fighting drugs in California. One grad student was from Germany; another from Portugal. Others were from all across the US and Canada.

In addition to work for two weeks at the dig, Pastor also spent a few days with daughter Katy. They flew to the Spanish city of Granada and visited the Alhambra, the great Moorish palaces built during the 12th -- 15th centuries. They are architectural wonders yet today.

Pastor Elkin will present a program of photos and commentary on Wednesday evening, November 14 in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 P.M. All are invited to enjoy things about the dig and the other places that were visited during October.

Social Ministry News

Lunch N' Fellowship



Nov. 14th Noon

The November meeting of Lunch N' Fellowship will be held on Wednesday, November 14th at 12:00 noon.....that's one week earlier than our usual monthly meeting.

We will be celebrating Thanksgiving!!!

Tom Turkey will be arriving early with hopes that he can be with us for our noon meal, along with a few of his friends: stuffing, smashed potatoes and gravy.

REPORT ON KITS, QUILTS, and SOAP

The response of the people of St. Mark's has again been most generous. We were able to send to Lutheran World Relief - 81 quilts, 83 School Kits, 8 Health Kits, 5 Sewing Kits, 4 Layettees, and 20 pounds of soap. Needy people are very grateful for this material aid. More importantly, they can know the love of God through your love and concern.

Our quilters also deserve special thanks for their faithful work throughout the year. Lucille Weaver and Lillian Skeeby spearheaded the making of quilt tops. Others involved in this phase were Louise Kneeder, Grace Arner, Pat Thayer, and Shirley Hill. Knotting and finishing the quilts were Ernestine Doane, Alona Hople, Edith Anderson, Dorothy Bingaman, Elsie Sechler, Grace Arner, Shirley Hill, Jane Kline, and Louise Kneeder. **WELL DONE!!**

New Worship Opportunities



On the 1st Sunday of each month, beginning with November 4th, we will meet in the chapel at 8:00 PM. This 1/2 hour service will be a quiet, reflective time using the Taize community style of music.

On the 3rd Sunday of each month, beginning with November 18th, we will meet in the chapel at 8:00 PM. This will be a 1/2 hour service of Word and Praise using livelier, such as we explored on Wednesday's last Spring.

We hope you will join us as we explore new ways to praise and worship our Lord.

Social Ministry News

Journey House Dedication

The dedication of Journey House will be Friday, November 16th, at 11:00 a.m. at the house at 225 Church Street. Brunch will follow at New Covenant United Church of Christ. Journey House provides transitional family housing while these families dedicate themselves to the difficult task of regaining independent living in the community. Journey House is part of the Salvation Army's Project Breakthrough.



Our help is needed in providing new household items used to equip each of four apartments. Items requested include frying pans, sauce pans, cutting board, paring knives, mixing bowls, kitchen utensils, plastic storage containers, bucket, mop, laundry basket, bath towels, hand towels, wash cloths, bath mat, toilet supplies, full size sheet sets, comforter, blankets, ceiling fans, floor lamp, paper can, bedroom lamp, and monetary donations to offset the cost of larger items of furniture and appliances. Checks may be made payable to St. Mark's designated to Journey House.

Please speak to Becky Miller Pryor for additional information. If you wish to attend the brunch, call New Covenant UCC at 326-3308 for reservations.



Hunger Awareness in November

Action and advocacy regarding hunger and poverty in our community began with our annual CROP Walk on October 14, 2007 and will end with the Shepherd of the Streets Thanksgiving Basket Collection November 19th and 20th.

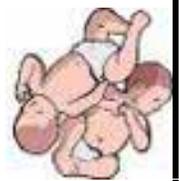
Plans are under way to provide Thanksgiving Baskets to 450 families in our community, but Dr. Smith expects the need may be greater this year. Each Thanksgiving Basket will have approximately 28 – 30 pounds of food for each family and will cost at least \$31.50.

Non-perishable items needed are canned juices and fruit, pasta, rice, cereal, Bisquick, cake mixes and frosting, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, canned soup, peanut butter, jelly, baby food, and formula. Money to purchase turkeys and other perishable foods is being accepted. Checks can be made payable to St. Mark's designated for Thanksgiving Baskets. Food donations can be placed in the tubs in the Narthex.

The Twins Are Home!

The Social Ministry Committee wishes to thank the congregation for their generous support of our newest set of twins, Nolan and Hudson born September 9, 2007.

Their mother Beth Miller and the boys continue to improve and she reports the boys are growing nicely. Your donations of diapers, wipes, baby clothes, and money for other necessities have been greatly appreciated.



It has been a joy to see this young family in church with their grandparents, George and Kay Poliska. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Social Ministry News



A Look Ahead

Please be checking the weekly bulletins in November for events that will occur early in December. Those events are :

- **Habitat for Humanity Luncheon** on Saturday, December 1, 2007. We need folks to provide a hot lunch for 15 – 20 folks at a local Habitat site. Speak to Becky Miller Pryor if you can help.
- **Annual Christmas visit to the Selinsgrove Hospital.** We will need items for gifting a group of 20 residents and their caregivers. As soon as the needed information is received, be looking for more detailed requests.
- **Barrel of Food** for the American Rescue Workers' Christmas Baskets.



Music at St. Mark's



**Oct. 28, 3:00 P.M.
Civic Chorus Concert**

**Nov. 4, 8:00 P.M.
Service of Word and Prayer**

**Nov. 11, 10:30 A.M.
Lycoming College Chamber Choir joins us in worship.**

**Nov. 11, 4:00 P.M.
Dialysis Benefit Concert**

**Nov. 18, 10:30 A.M.
Lycoming College Concert Choir joins us in worship.**

**Nov. 18, 8:00 P.M.
Service of Word and Praise**

ELCA WOMEN NEWS

THANKOFFERINGS

Giving back to God what He has first given to us



The Women of the ELCA have a tradition of making a monetary offering with a prayer anytime there is an event for which they are thankful. There are obvious times to be thankful, such as recovering from an illness. But also, ordinary events are gifts from God. We can appreciate the beauty of fall foliage, the sparkling of snow, the bright green

of spring, or the golden sun of summer. Also, the advice of a friend when you have a crisis, the smile of a baby, the loving touch of a child, or the pride of a family member's accomplishment. God is endless.

Thankoffering Sunday at St. Mark's will be on November 25th. Envelopes are available in the Narthex. Be sure to specify "Thankoffering" and include your church envelope number.

WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

Nurse's Notes

November 4 Microorganisms may be present in the droppings of birds, so consider wearing disposable gloves when cleaning or replenishing your bird feeder.

November 11 Thanksgiving is coming soon, offering a wonderful opportunity to gather a more complete family health history! Check out <http://www.hhs.gov/familyhistory/> for forms and suggested discussion questions!

November 18 Five Warning Signs of Health Issues in Aging Parents

1. Weight loss – causes may range from illness to difficulty grasping cooking tools or in reading labels or recipes
2. Home safety problems – lights not working, heat off, dishes gathering in the sink
3. Self care is deteriorating, bathing, tooth brushing grooming become problems
4. Drastic mood changes; loss of interest in favorite activities
5. Having physical difficulty with walking, standing

Talk about your concerns, and help them come up with solutions to the problems. Speak to his/her doctor and close friends to compare concerns. Your local agency on aging can serve as a vital source in offering support services.

November 25 Excess Baggage Consider the weight of a typical woman's purse: key chain – 3 oz.; PDA – 6 oz.; cell phone – 3.5 oz.; glasses and case – oz.; compact – 3 oz.; lipstick – 1 oz.; mascara – 1 oz.; hair-brush – 5 oz.; hand sanitizer – 2 oz.; ipod/MP3 player – 6 oz.; small pen/pad – 9 oz.; digital camera – 7 oz.; paperback book – 8 oz.; magazine – 1 lb. 11 oz.; apple – 7 oz.. The larger the bag, the more in it, some women tote: fold-up umbrella – 9.5 oz.; pair of athletic shoes – 1 lb. 5 oz. and a lap-top computer – with the **potential of 13 lbs. 5 oz.** Lighten your load, and regularly switch sides on which you carry your purse to avoid muscle strain and posture problems!

USS ARK, SYNOD & WEST BRANCH NEWS

FLOOD Events in Our Synod

FLOOD, our synod's youth ministry (Friends Living Out Our Discipleship) has a new schedule of events planned for the next few months. A mailing with more information and registration materials has been sent to all congregations and youth leaders (that we know of). Here are the dates to get on your calendar:

FLOOD Camp Mount Luther	November 10, 2007
FLOOD SU	January 6, 2008
6-8 th Grade Retreat	February 1-2, 2008
9-12 th Grade Retreat	April 4-5, 2008
Senior High Adventure Day	May 3, 2008
Leadership Lab	June 22-26

Check the mailing for more information and for registration materials. If you have ideas of events or training you'd like to see FLOOD offer, contact Pastor Patrick Sipes at sgtmuddy@hotmail.com. If you did not get the mailing, either check with your pastor or call the synod office (570-524-9778) to get on the youth mailing list.

There are also a series of Leadership Lab Conference Events being offered for youth to experience a taste of what the full Leadership Lab will be like in June. These events are from 3:00-4:30 pm each afternoon at the locations listed here:

St. Matthew, Bloomsburg	November 11
St. Mark's, Williamsport	January 20
First, Mifflinburg	February 10
Zion, Trevorton	March 9
Trinity, McClure	April
(for Middle Creek & Juniata)	

Buffalo Valley's "Knit Wits"

Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village has formed a knitting group called The Knit Wits. They have already provided various winter items for our troops. Their next project is to knit lap robes for all the residents at BVLV. If any folks would be interested in contributing yarn to the project, please drop it off at the village, or make arrangements with Emily Kerstetter at 570-523-4244. Reminder: If you have a few hours to spare, BVLV is always looking for volunteers - contact Emily if you would like to become an important part of the caring team at the village!

Leave a Legacy for Ministry and Mission

Remember: If you have no Will or Trust, state laws will determine who will inherit your property at your death. State laws do not include your church or any other charity as a beneficiary. To learn more about how you can make charitable gifts to your church or other charities from your estate call Pr. Greg Kramer at the Lutheran Planned Giving Office at 570-374-2044 or call the ELCA Foundation, 800/638-3522, ext. 2970 or visit our website at www.elca.org/fo

News from the Mission Investment Fund

The Mission Investment Fund (MIF) and the Women of the ELCA are still promoting the MIF Challenge to all members of W/ELCA organizations. New investments are being sought from members. In return MIF will provide major sponsorship of the 2008 W/ELCA convention in Salt Lake City. Investments in MIF provide a competitive rate of return to investors. Invested monies then become mortgages for congregations and ministries of the ELCA to borrow. Materials for the challenge can be downloaded from the MIF website: www.missioninvestmentfund.org or by con-

Thrivent Builds Milestone Reached

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity has helped 500 families build affordable homes in 45 states, completing nearly one home per day in the last two years. A celebration commemorating this accomplishment was held in Pontiac, Michigan, site of the 500th home, on Saturday October 13, 2007. Photos and captions from the Michigan event are available at : http://www.thriventbuilds.com/media/photogallery/montgomery_construction.html



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Bishop Driesen Announces Staff Appointments



Pastors Karl-John Stone and Beth Ann Stone

Pastors Karl-John Stone and Beth Ann Stone will be serving as assistants to Bishop Robert L. Driesen, and Mrs. Virginia Frantz will be administrative assistant to the bishop. Staff positions in the synod have been restructured with new responsibilities and an additional assistant to the bishop, as approved by the synod assembly last June.

Beth Ann Lechtenberger Stone grew up in Lincoln, Nebraska, and attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, where she sang in the St. Olaf Choir. After being the North Carolina Synod youth ministry coordinator, she became a full-time lay associate at Christ Lutheran Church of Bethesda, Maryland. She earned the Master of Divinity degree from Trinity Lutheran Seminary of Columbus, Ohio. She completed her internship at Bethany Lutheran Church on Chicago's South Side in the Horizon Internship Program of the ELCA. She has served as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in McClure from August 2001 to the present.

Karl-John N. Stone grew up in Queens, New York. He also attended St. Olaf College. While in college, he studied abroad at University College Dublin, Ireland. He received the Master of Divinity degree from Trinity Lutheran Seminary of Columbus, Ohio. He completed his internship at Augustana Lutheran Church of Elkhart, Indiana, and has been pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church in Troxelville since August 2001.

Beth Ann and Karl-John, while both alumni of St. Olaf College, did not attend at the same time. According to Beth Ann, "[We] met in summer Greek class at the seminary. We were engaged on internship, and married just before senior year began. We lived together for one week prior to marriage, on separate floors, in the well-chaperoned home of Dr. Walt and Jan Bouman. Dr. Bouman married us at the seminary, and the newlywed Stones housesat for the Boumans upon returning from our honeymoon."

The Stones have two children: Henry, who will be three in January, and Liam, age 1. They also have a "naughty but sweet dog

named Theo...a 'beaglador' (beagle-labrador)" who showed up at their house on their first Good Friday in their new call.

Virginia Frantz is well-known throughout the synod, as she has been employed by the Upper Susquehanna Synod since December 7, 1987, serving under different titles over the years. She was commissioned as an Associate in Ministry in 2002, having received a Letter of Call from the Synod Council as Administrative Assistant. She also serves as an Authorized Lay Worship Leader. A resident of Winfield and member of St. Paul's (Erdley's) Church, Frantz and her husband Earl have three children, one daughter-in-law, and three grandchildren.

Beth Ann states that she brings to the position a passion for the Kingdom of God, a lifelong love for the Church, more than 12 years of full-time, ELCA ministry experience, half as a layperson and half as a pastor, and gifts for organizing, visioning, and working with people, along with a sense of humor;

Stone expresses excitement about how the synod may be growing and changing and a sincere interest in helping people discern God's callings in their lives. "Having served on the Strategy for Mission Task Force, it's exciting to be a part of implementing this vision our synod affirmed back in June," she said.

"I understand how important a good support system is for rostered leaders. The relationships we've built with our colleagues in the Middle Creek Conference made all the difference for us as pastors new to this synod in 2001. In my role as the Assistant to the Bishop working with Leadership, I hope to help foster strong, supportive relationships among our church leaders by building on what's working now, and trying many new ways to carry out this ministry. I also want to raise up the concept of vocation among all our synodical ministries. 'How is God calling you to serve today?' should be a guiding question for lay and rostered folks alike as we discern God's will for the Church and our individual parts in it."

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Virginia and Earl Frantz

USS ARK, SYNOD & WEST BRANCH NEWS

Staff Appointments (cont'd)

Karl-John says this about his position: "As in parish ministry, I believe my call as assistant to the bishop is an incarnational ministry, grounded in the Word and Sacraments, which are the heart of all ministry. I have spent most of my life in small churches, similar to so many of the congregations of our synod, six of those years as pastor of Messiah, in the rural community of Troxelville. In the parish, I encouraged the members to grow in their understanding and practice of discipleship, the priesthood of believers, stewardship of spiritual gifts, and hospitality, in order to carry out the ministry and mission of the congregation."

He added, "In pastoral ministry, I emphasized preaching, the sacraments, worship, pastoral care, teaching, and reaching out to others for the sake of Christ. Because the Church is evangelical, we need to continually discern how to faithfully present the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection to our community and world. Because the Church is catholic, we need to continually call upon the Holy Spirit to strengthen our connections among our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, congregations, synod, and the wider Church, encompassing the saints of every time and place."

Virginia Frantz reflects that "God is and always has been number ~~one~~ in my life; my wonderful husband is number ~~two~~, along with our three children, daughter-in-law, and three grandchildren. My closely-knit extended family is also a very important part of my life, as we support one another in all that life brings to us. A most important additional love in my life is Bible study and teaching God's Word, whether it be to children, teenagers, or adults."

Her vision for her work is this: "Whatever I do in my call and in my life, may it be for the glory of God and for the uplifting of God's Kingdom. That is my focus!" She adds, "I believe the job description in the Strategy for Mission statement pretty well sums up what is expected of me. By the grace and guidance of God, I hope I am able to fulfill these responsibilities in accord with God's desires."

Frantz assumes her position immediately; the Stones begin on November 1.

Pastor Daniel May will continue serving on the synod staff until December 1, after which he hopes to receive a call to a congregation. Bishop Driesen expressed that "All of us owe him a debt of gratitude, not only for his past service but also for the churchly manner in which he is assisting me and the synod during this time of transition."

The staff is being installed along with Bishop Driesen on Sunday, October 21, at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove.



Retiring Bishop A. Donald Main receives a proclamation from Michael Schrey, synod vice-president, as Carol Main looks on. Bishop Main was being honored for his service as the only bishop to serve the synod since its founding in 1987.

Up and Down the Valleys

+ **Trinity, Sunbury**, has welcomed **Pr. Collette Broady Preiss** as interim pastor for nine months. Her husband is filling a sabbatical at Bucknell University.

+ **Liberty, Liberty** has completed building renovations and improvements, which were dedicated on September 30.

+ **Christ United, Catawissa** called **Gretchen Johanson** as pastor. She will also serve **St. Peter, Grovania**.

+ **Pr. Joel Zeiders** has begun serving **St. Matthew, Bloomsburg**.

+ **A Mission Mall** will be held December 2 and 9 at **St. John's, Mifflinville**, sponsored by the **North Branch Conference**. This is the fourth year for this alternative gift fair, which has helped 14 different charities by providing more than \$23,000.

+ **Mrs. Shade's Creative Kids** is a program offered for kindergarten through fifth graders at **Grace, Shamokin**. Led by an elementary art teacher, the program engages children in creating various forms of art and learning some art history.



A new class of the synod's Lay Ministry Institute began at Washingtonville Lutheran Church in September. At the end of the two-year program of study, participants will serve as Authorized Lay Worship Leaders, Catechists, or Evangelists for their congregations. On occasion the synod also uses the graduates to help other congregations.

+ **Pr. MarthaSue D. Moll** is serving as intentional interim pastor at **Grace, Shamokin**.

+ **One Last Container for Liberia** is being loaded on Saturday, November 17, at Susquehanna University. With peace restored, there is a concern not to create a relationship of "dependency," as well as the cost of nearly \$10,000 to sent a container. With only a few exceptions, donated items are not being accepted as space is limited. Each congregation received information on this project.

+ **St Mark, Williamsport** honored more than 50 members who are 75 years of age or more, "single and still praising God." A hymn sing and a lunch served by the youth of the congregation were among events marking this milestone.



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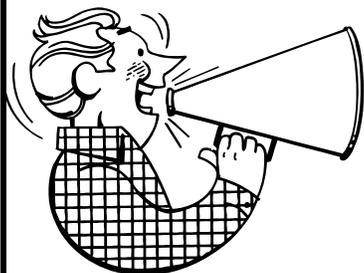
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News from the Pews

It is always satisfying to read good things about the members of St. Mark's- we know how many talented people we have in our congregation, in all sorts of ways, but it is good to see that validated in print.

A headline about the Millionaire soccer team and their win over Selinsgrove - **Alex Larson** scored the winning goal to defeat Selinsgrove. His coach said, "It was a great finish-He had a lot of poise". Nice compliment for Alex who is the son of **Barb and Ted Larson**.



We have seen the successful dramatic work that **Bernadette Jones** has done for us in our church - but she was recently featured as director of "A Perfect Crime" at the Community Theater League. She has directed many presentations but found the script of this one especially challenging.

A recent article about a murder plot in Eldred Township highlighted the work of **Brad Eisenhower**, a member of the Pennsylvania State Police. It's nice to know our security is in the hands of such an effective (and handsome) law enforcement officer. Brad is the son of **Ken and Beth Shafranko**.

Pam and Mike Jensen had an exciting event in their lives when they cut the ribbon on their new building on River Avenue. Computer Connections. Worldwide is the place to go for your computer needs.

Then our world traveler arrives home from his dig this month and I am sure **Pastor Elkin** will have lots of pictures and stories.
~ Joyce Hershberger

Operation Christmas Child Needs You!

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. This program of Samaritan's Purse provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ.



National Collection Week is November 12-19.
Boxes are due Sunday, November 11th

A Note to Hunters ...

Small game season is just around the corner, and although avian (bird) flu is not yet an immediate threat here in the US, your state's Game Commission offers tips to decrease exposure to all types of microorganisms and parasites that can be transmitted through small game.

- Do not handle or butcher game animals that are obviously sick or found dead.
- Do not eat, drink, or smoke while cleaning or handling game.
- Wear rubber or disposable latex gloves and washable clothing when cleaning game.
- Wash your hands with soap and water or alcohol wipes immediately after handling game.
- Wash tools & work surfaces with hot soapy water, then disinfect with a 10% solution of chlorine bleach (1 c. bleach to 10 c. water)
- Place uncooked game in a plastic bag or container for transport to home.
- Cook all game meat thoroughly; poultry should reach an internal temperature of 165° Fahrenheit.

Viruses and microorganisms can be transmitted through animal and bird droppings or torn intestines, so always use caution when cleaning game.

In addition, be sure to carefully examine clothing and any exposed skin areas for ticks to lower your risk of Lyme Disease. For additional information regarding avian flu and other wildlife diseases, check out <http://wildlifedisease.nbio.gov/> or contact your state Game Commission.

Lycoming County United Churches News



SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS

Dr. J. Morris Smith Contact at: 322-8568

It's an opportunity to serve others through the THANKSGIVING BASKET MINISTRY

The holiday season will soon be here. Plans are under way to provide Thanksgiving Baskets to hundreds of area families who would otherwise miss the blessing of this festive dinner. For this to happen, however, we need the support of the community. Contributions of time, food and financial aid will make this project a success. Volunteers are needed to receive food and fill boxes on November 19th and finally to distribute the baskets of food on the 20th.

Food items to supplement the basic package for larger families and to provide post-holiday meals are also needed. These items will be received at The Center, 600 Campbell Street, on Monday, November 19 from 9-3. We'll need non-perishable items like:

<i>Canned Juice</i>	<i>Pasta Sauce</i>	<i>Cereal</i>	<i>Canned Fruit</i>	<i>Bisquick</i>	<i>Canned Vegetables</i>
<i>Pasta and Rice</i>	<i>Canned Soup</i>	<i>Jelly</i>	<i>Peanut Butter</i>	<i>Baby Food</i>	<i>Formula</i>
<i>Cake Mixes</i>	<i>Frosting</i>				

Each Thanksgiving Basket will have approximately 28 to 30 pounds of food for each family and will cost at least \$31.50. Cash support of \$14,250 will supply the food for the basic holiday meals to 450 families in our community, but we expect need may be greater this year. Because of the increased prices and the increased need, we will concentrate on helping families. Single persons may partake of the many opportunities provided by churches and social groups to sit down to a Thanksgiving dinner, or if homebound, to have one delivered to them. Please help in whatever way your heart directs. Financial donations should be sent to the United Churches Shepherd of the Street Ministry marked "Thanksgiving Basket Fund", 202 E. Third St., Wmspt, PA, 17701. For details or to volunteer call the Shepherd office at 322-6538 or our Thanksgiving Basket Coordinator, Gail Burkhart at 322-5234.

NOVEMBER WEDNESDAY ECUMENICAL LUNCH SCHEDULE

Join us from 12 to 1 p.m. for the Wednesday Noon Ecumenical Lunch Program. 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 to 1:30 p.m. No reservations are necessary.

- 7- **Dr. Jonathan Williamson**, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Lycoming College,
"Reflections on the 2007 Election"
- 14- **The Rev. Ken Weiss**, Pastor, First Church of Christ Disciples,
Disciples of Christ Christians: Who Are We" (Part 2 of a Series)
- 21- **Mrs. JoAnne Girton**, pianist, and **Mrs. Doris Teufel**, soloist, and **Mr. Paul Frances**, soloist,
Area Musicians, *"Fall Festival of Music"*
- 28- **Mrs. Heather Wagner**, Campus Ministry Coordinator for United Churches,
"The Vibrant Faith of Our Young Adult"

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Heather Wagner, Coordinator,
Contact at: 419-5376 or hastywagoner@aol.com

United Campus Ministry this fall is joyfully active. We have great students involved and a lot of neat events are planned by the students, faculty advisors, local educators and pastors.

The Krislund Fall Retreat was fun and the high ropes course really challenged us to overcome our fears and trust in God. The food provided by local churches was super and abundant. Thanks to all who provided food: St Michael's Lutheran, St. John- Newberry UMC, Montoursville Presbyterian, First Baptist, and St. Mark's Lutheran.

Come be entertained and well fed at our Dinner Theatre on Friday, November 2nd at St. Matthew's Lutheran at 6:00 pm or Saturday, November 3 at Church of the Savior, Lutheran at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for children, children 3 and under are free. The musical play is titled "Pieces of the Kingdom" directed by David Estes. The special dinner is prepared by United Campus Ministry Students and Chef Judy Shimp a Professor in the School of Hospitality at Pennsylvania College of Technology and UCM advisor. Come and enjoy glazed chicken, oven roasted potatoes, salad, bread, and a surprise dessert. All proceeds go to support UCM's Spring Break Mission Trip to NYC to feed the homeless and poor. For reservations/tickets call 326-7082, Church of the Savior office.



Churches that want to get more involved are so welcomed. UCM students really appreciate the contact with the community, churches, and their ministries. The worship services and dinners at Trinity Episcopal for Penn College students on Wednesday nights are well attended. Monday nights on campus for Faith Talks with the scheduled pastors are also a time for many students to come and study God's word and share in their faith journey together.

Thanks for your continued support!

St. Mark's Logo Polo Shirts are still available!
If you order by 11/18 you can receive it in time for
Christmas Gift giving! Call Donna Clark 998-2290

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Start your Christmas shopping early, and you don't have to leave the church!

Sandy Grier from Along the Way will offer a Book Fair for St. Mark's for one day only – NOV. 18th

You'll have a chance to purchase quality Christian gifts/books for the entire family. There will be several Greater Gifts (fair trade) gifts from around the world as well as some terrific books for the entire family. Cost of all items starts at \$.99 – so something for everyone. Join us. 10% of all table sales is donated back to support our ministry here at St. Mark's.

Below are just a few of the books available on Nov. 18th.

Personal Prayers for Teachers – This book offers brief, simple prayers that deal with experiences and feelings common among teachers. *Great Gift for your child's teacher.* \$6

The Christmas Message – Arch Book – This little paperback tells the Christmas story in a wonderful way. \$1.99

The Story of Christmas – Count down the days until Jesus' birthday with this charming book filled with reflections, prayers and Advent activities for the whole family. \$.99

Joy To The World – Inspiration to Celebrate the Season – This book is filled with a variety of Christmas goodies! You'll find Christmas poems, scriptures, trivia and even holiday hints and recipes-all to help celebrate the joy of the season. \$6.99

Sing Glory, Glory! Jesus is Born! – This board book offers sweet illustrations and a delightful rhyme about the baby Jesus. Read it or sing it to the melody of "Jesus Loves Me." \$6.99



What Happened to Merry Christmas? – When Sam is invited to a holiday party, he worries that the celebration of Jesus' birth has been lost. Read along as Sam's mother helps him learn where to see the real meaning of Christmas. \$14.99

Where Do Angels Sleep? – This bedtime book answers important questions about angels and what they do. A wonderful explanation about our heavenly guardians. \$14.99

Lutheran Book of Prayer – This wonderful hardbound book offers prayers for various situations/concerns, prayers for festivals and times of the church year, prayers for mornings and evenings, the Nicene Creed, Athanasian Creed, selected Psalms and much more. \$9.99

Key Bible People made easy – Improve your knowledge of prevalent Bible figures with this handy new pocket reference book: over 60 key figures from the Bible; meanings of names; key Bible verses and links to Jesus' life and actions plus a 7 page pull out chart of seven Bible figures helped by Jesus. \$5.00

The book fair will be set up in Fellowship Hall after church.

So stop by and see the Holiday collection of books and gifts for everyone on your list.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



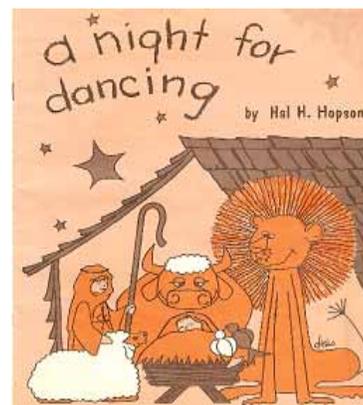
a night for dancing

This lovely Christmas Cantata by Hal H. Hopson will be presented during the Sunday School hour on December 23 and again on Christmas Eve, at the 7:00 pm service.

We need children, youth and adults to stage this retelling of Christ's birth. Stephanie Fortin, Nick Buckman and Declan Jones will be filling the parts of Mary, Joseph and Matthew, the shepherd. Adults and children will fill in the choral parts, with the youngsters acting out the animals and shepherds. Adult and youth assistance is also required for assembling and organizing costumes and props for our young actors.

We realize how busy everyone is at that time of year and have put together a rehearsal schedule keeping that in mind. Rehearsals will be December 15 and 22 (both are Saturdays) from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex and the staff and choir hallways. If you have never participated before—please consider it now. We look forward to you joining us!!

a night for dancing will be under the direction of Bernadette Jones, with Richard Lakey as Musical Director. Please play a part with us in presenting this fun and meaningful rendering of the Christmas story. We can't do it without you.



Installation Service for Pastor Frontz

Messiah Lutheran Church has extended a call to Rev. Frontz as their senior pastor. His service of installation will be Sunday, November 18th at 4:00 PM.

A reception will follow the service.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the service and reception.

Your continued prayer support during this time of transition is requested.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Children's Church

**Sunday,
November 11th
10:30 AM**



We look forward to seeing everyone there. Bring a friend!!!

The children's special collection that day will be shoe boxes for Operation Christmas child see the article on page 11 for suggestions of items to place in your box.



This is a "from children, for children"

donation.

See you November 11!!!

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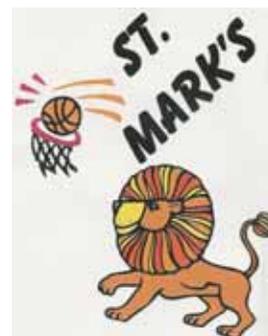
The John Bower Basketball League is starting soon!

We'd like to have an older team, along with our younger teams—so we need more players!!

Friends from other churches are welcome ~

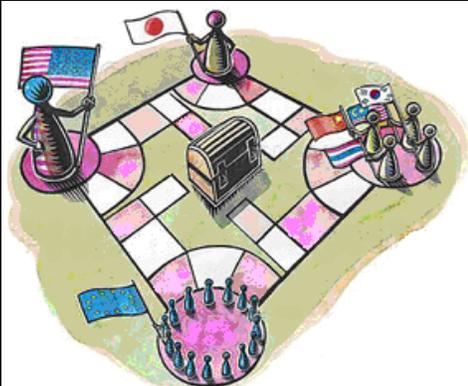
as long as they attend Sunday School at their home church and don't have a team there.

Practices will begin on Tuesday, November 6, at 6:00 pm—but you need to sign up before that!! Pick up a registration form from Bernadette Jones or Rick Robertson.



Adults, feel free to help out Coach Rick, Coach Kirk and Coach Jeff by volunteering to train our future "ballers". Contact the church office at 323-4619 or e-mail us through the website.

C'mon!! Let's have some fun!



Friday Fun Night

November 16th 6:30 PM

IF YOU HAVEN'T JOINED US YET,
THERE'S NO TIME LIKE THE
PRESENT!!!

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES BEGAN ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28.

The children's instruction continues through November 4 and 11 at 3 PM each day. The sacrament will be given on November 18.



MUSIC MINISTRY

18th Annual Organ Concert

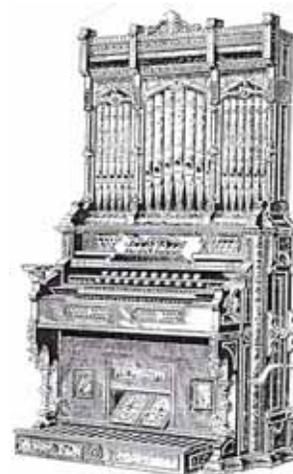
for the benefit of North Central Pennsylvania Dialysis Clinics

November 11, 2007

4:00 pm

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Featuring Nancy Ackerman & Richard Lakey as they perform compositions written for two organists, that's right, four hands and four feet attempting to play all the correct notes while not getting into one another's way!



Tickets may be obtained by sending your check to
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, c/o Dick Lakey, 142 Market Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

Non-Sponsorship Tickets

Individual \$ 8
 Family \$15

Please note: Contributions to this concert are NOT tax deductible.



Special Sponsorship Opportunities

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Contributor	\$ 75—\$ 99
Supporter	\$100—\$249
Donor	\$250—\$499
Benefactor	\$500+

Sponsorship benefits:

Your name listed in the concert program
 A complimentary ticket for you
 & your guests

- Tickets may be purchased at the door on the afternoon of the concert.
- We hope that you will be generous in your donations.
- The money raised will be used in many ways:
 cookbooks for dialysis patients,
 supplemental drink "Nepro" to help maintain their health,
 taxi rides to and from dialysis are but a few of them.

Stewardship Committee

Consecration Sunday 2007 was a Success

Consecration Sunday was very successful,
and we would like to thank the following:

- † Our Everlasting Father who has blessed this church with many gifts.
We give all the glory to our Lord Jesus Christ
- † For all the prayers from all of you.
- † to everybody that did something-
- † it doesn't matter how big or how small-
- † what matters is that we worked as a team-
- † Additional thanks to:
- † Our three announcers
- † Guest Pastor Gordon Smith
- † Everyone who helped in the kitchen
- † Those who worked with the caterer.
- † Dining room workers
- † Set up clean up helpers
- † Slide show and technical assistance
- † Those who organized the event
- † Those who passed out and collected information
- † Those who prepared the phone list and made calls.
- † Those who made the printing and mailings possible.

- † Teamwork is important for the body of believers

Breakfast and lunch were delicious, and we had a very good turn out.

† Breakfast	69
† Lunch	97
† Total	166

And finally, thanks to all of our church family who attended
and made this day possible.



~The Stewardship Committee

HEALTH, HEALING & WHOLENESS

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest." (Ps. 22:1-2, NRSV)

Here we are at the beginning of yet another November! The stores have already been trumpeting the Christmas holidays, though Thanksgiving has not yet arrived. It's the time of year that everyone anticipates, full of fun, family, and very soon, the first Sunday of the season of Advent – and yet you may be asking yourself, "Why do I feel so tired and sad?" If you have noticed a persistent change in mood and loss in energy around this time of year, you may be one of the millions of people affected by a form of depression called Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD).

The cause of SAD has not been isolated, however it appears to be connected to the amount of daylight we receive. It is believed that as the seasons change, and days of sunlight grow shorter, our 'internal clocks' readjust as well. Scientists theorize that this type of depression is linked to a change in the sleep-related hormone melatonin, or the decrease of the brain chemical serotonin. Symptoms include fatigue, sleep problems, craving for sweets and starches, headaches, and problems in personal relationships (increased rejection sensitivity). What makes this form of depressed mood different is that typically the sufferer experiences full remission during the spring and summer months. Though most common in women aged 20 – 40, it can occur in teens and children as well.

We all have intermittent days when we feel down, however, if you begin to notice those feelings lingering for two or more weeks, see your doctor or behavioral health specialist. Only a trained professional can determine whether you have a physical problem or some form of clinical depression. An actual diagnosis of Seasonal Affective Disorder may depend on whether:

- You've experienced depression and other symptoms present during at least two consecutive years, during the same time of year;
- These periods of depression have been followed by non-depressive seasons;
- No additional causes can be identified (illness, grief, loss) for the change in mood.

Treatments may include medication, counseling, and/or a special form of light therapy (NOT a sun-tanning bed!). Let your physician know if symptoms persist, or if they become more severe. ***If you find you are having thoughts of suicide, immediately contact your physician, your therapist, or go to the nearest emergency room.***

If you have been diagnosed with SAD, here are some recommendations from the experts at www.MayoClinic.com: increase the amount of light that filters into your home – open blinds and drapes – add skylights – trim overhanging branches that block light; walk outdoors on sunny days; exercise regularly; learn more about stress management; if possible, take a vacation in a warmer climate; eat a balanced diet to improve your energy and combat cravings. Finally, maintain your social contacts, including worship!

"And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth', and it was so ...and God saw that it was good." (Gen. 1: 14, 18b, NRSV).

November blessings!

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

BIRTHDAYS

Shawn Wright	11/01	Kyle Doeblor	11/17	Donna Hutchinson	11/20
Marguerite Smith	11/04	Ronald Baker	11/18	Ray Reams	11/21
Elizabeth Ward	11/04			Robert Jones	11/23
Samantha Kneedler	11/06		James Newcomer Jr.	11/23	
John Bower	11/07		Nancy Bieber	11/25	
Ann Kuntz	11/07		Stephen Dewar Jr.	11/25	
Paul Fornwalt	11/08		Ashley Miller	11/25	
Brenda Gair	11/08		Lois Smith	11/25	
Cathy Fenderson	11/09		Henry Fornwalt	11/27	
John MacMinn	11/09		John Burkholder	11/29	
Shawn Zimmerman	11/11		James Gilbert	11/29	
Pamela Davenport	11/12		Donna Baker	11/18	Matthew MacGill
Elizabeth Hausmann	11/13	Tracey Heaps	11/20	Harold Hershberger	11/30

ANNIVERSARIES



Rick & Jennifer Robertson	11/05
Gregg & Kathleen Dancho	11/06
Charles & Ruth Ditchfield	11/10
Eugene & Reba Jacobs	11/12
Ralph & Lou Ann Zeigler Jr.	11/19
Charles & Judith Fortin	11/26



Lycoming College Choirs

Two of the Lycoming College Choirs will be worshipping with us on Sunday, November 11th and November 18th.

The 28 voice Chamber Choir will be with us on November 11th. This choir of select voices, whose repertoire includes a wide range of music and styles ranging from jazz through classical choral literature, will be singing several compositions of Gabriel Faure and several anthems of other composers.

On Sunday, November 18th the 125 voice Lycoming College Choir will be with us and will present a varied selection of several choral compositions in our 10:30 worship service.

Both choirs are under the direction of Dr. Fred Thayer. We look forward to both choirs and their musical contributions to our 10:30 morning worship services.



SPECIAL THANK YOU'S

Dear friends at St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

Your recent \$275 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.

Your gift has been deposited into both the Shepherd's Discretionary Fund and the General Fund. May God richly bless you for your acts of compassion towards those in need.

Karen Nelson, Volunteer

Harvest home Sunday thank you

Thank you to everyone who brought food or gave monetary gifts for Harvest Home Sunday. A van was filled to capacity with bags of food. Gail Burkhart, coordinator of the local United Churches Food Pantry, advised us that the shelves were somewhat bare this summer.

When fuel bills start to arrive the need is much greater. This is an ongoing project year round. Food and hygiene items can be brought in any Sunday and placed in a box located in the narthex. Thank you again for helping those in need in our community.

~ Worship and Music Committee

Hi to everyone at St. Mark's, we miss you all very much. Thank you for the beautiful flowers that we received on Sunday—delivered to us by Donna Clark. We appreciate the flowers very much.

Sincerely,
Elda & Ralph Zeigler

To the Women of St. Mark's, For three days beginning October 11 and 12, 2007, Women of St. Mark's converged on Fellowship Hall to arrange a humongously wide assortment of goods to be sold at our annual Fall Rummage/Bazaar Sale; and what a fantastic job they did!!! On Saturday, October 13, 2007, the doors were opened to a large crowd of bargain seekers and each station was manned by a group of top notch salesladies!!

My sincere thanks to these ladies for the hard work put forth to make this fall event one of the most successful we have had at St. Mark's for a long time. (We raised about \$1200 before the Thrivent Matching Funds.) From the baker and the kitchen staff to the floor staff, each person put forth the extra effort making this such a successful event. And they all did it with smiles on their faces. Success is a group effort and you folks certainly are proof of that!!

Thanks again, ladies,
L Jane Kline, Chairperson

Please, help us solve the mystery of... ****GASP****

THE MISSING CROCKPOT!

It's sad but true! ****SOB, SOB**** Our crockpot ran away and is on the lam...we just want her back in our kitchen...if you see her will you send her home? No questions asked... ****SNIFFLE****

SPECIAL CONCERNS LIST

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1745 Chestnut St.
Williamsport, PA 17701

Nancy Bohartz
624 Sixth Ave.
Williamsport, PA 17701

Doris Brownlee
Fulmer's Personal Care Home
201 Woodward Ave.
Lock Haven, PA 17745

Ethel Chambers
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Williamsport, PA 17701

Bonita Crossley
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Hillsgrove, PA 18619-9300

June Decker
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South Williamsport, PA 17702

Larue Dieter
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Montoursville, PA 17754

Charles Ditchfield
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Luther Doeblor
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Williamsport, PA 17701

Jeanne Fargus
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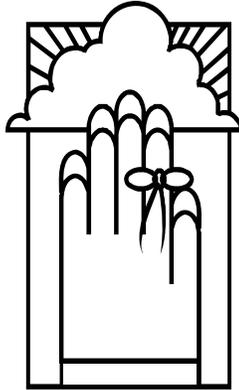
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THESE FRIENDS IN
PRAYER**

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Charles Homan
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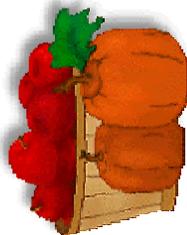
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SAINT MARK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2007 St. Mark's Calendar of Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4</p> <p>Milestone: Blessing of the Keys 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Stephen Ministers 11:40 AM Cont. Choir 3:00 PM 1st Communion Class 4:00 PM The Way 5:00 PM Fam. Handbell 8:00 PM Word & Prayer Service</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Civic Chorus</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:00 AM City Pastors Mtg. 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM JBBL Prac. 7:00 PM Worship & Music</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Staff Mtg. & Sewing 12:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Mutual Ministry Mtg.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:30 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p>**Agenda Deadline** 9:00 AM Morning Prayer</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:00 AM Kling-English Wedding 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM CML Bar-B-Que Chicken</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Children's Church 11:30 AM Lyco. Chamber Choir 11:40 AM Kantorei 3:00 PM 1st Communion Class 4:00 PM Dialysis Concert 5:00 PM Fam. Handbell</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:45 PM Adult Handbells 7:00 PM Civic Chorus</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM Conference Pastors 6:00 PM JBBL at Trinity 6:30 PM Finance Committee Mtg 6:30 PM Property Comm. Mtg.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Staff Mtg. & Sewing 12:00 PM Lunch 'N' Fellowship 7:00 PM Archaeological Adventures</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 5:00 PM Stephen Ministry II 6:30 PM United Churches Banquet 7:30 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p>16</p> <p>**Newsletter Deadline** 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 PM Friday Fun Night</p>	<p>17</p>
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