



THE LION OF ST. MARK'S

MAY 2011

OFFICIAL NOTICE of ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The Congregational Annual Assembly has been called by the Congregation Council for Sunday, May 15 immediately following the 10:30 service, in the Nave. We will be receiving the reports of officers and committees, and also elected four persons to seats on the Council. The Nominating Committee and Council present the following candidates for election to three-year terms:



Bonnie Eyer



Walter Haussmann



Ray Huff



Dan Zeigler

Additional nominations can be made from the floor of the meeting. The booklet of reports is being prepared and will be available on Sunday, May 8, so that it can be examined in advance. If there are questions, please address them to the person preparing the report, or to the President in advance of the meeting so that an accurate answer can be provided.

And more Assemblies...

West Branch Conference Assembly
will be held on
Sunday, May 15 3:00 P.M.
at **Siloa Church.**

The Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly
will be held on
Friday and Saturday, June 17 & 18
at **Susquehanna University.**

Our Council has selected
Gary Weber and Beth Shafranko
to be our delegates this year.

(more information available on page 6)



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Council Notes

The Congregation Council met in regular session on Monday, April 18 in the Crossways Room. The Council:

- ✦ received the regular reports of the pastor, officers, and committees.
- ✦ called the Annual Assembly of the Congregation for May 15, following the 10:30 service.
- ✦ clarified arrangements with Jungwha Kim.
- ✦ nominated Dan Zeigler to stand for election to Congregation Council.
- ✦ noted that the Finance Committee made arrangements for an expansion of the telephone system to accommodate our new office.
- ✦ thanked the retiring members of the Council: Scott Bittner, Bonnie Eyer, Beth Shafranko, Todd Smith, and Gary Weber.
- ✦ closed the gathering by praying together Prayer at the Close of the Day, led by Ruth Pile.

Parish Register

- 04.23.11 Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Breanna Chicas at the Great Vigil of Easter
- 04.29.11 Graveside Service for Mary Elizabeth Renninger in Montoursville Cemetery, on behalf of Messiah Church

Youth Sunday School Schedule

Our last day for Sunday School ages Pre-K to 8th grade will be June 5th.

The High School Class will conclude their year on May 29th with an outing for breakfast. Thank you Bob and Lou!!!

Staff & Officers Contact Information

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Festival of Pentecost & Memorial Day Geraniums



PENTECOST SUNDAY

The festival of Pentecost will be observed June 12 and the liturgical color for the day is red. In years past we have included in our observation of this festival day the use of red geraniums. Because the feast falls so late this year we won't be able to take advantage of the geraniums as we had before. But we can take advantage of each of you wearing something red. Bright red. Festively red. The altar flowers will be red that day and your bright red clothing will go especially well with the flowers that day.

We will be using the red geraniums on Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. They will be planted in the front beds of the church on the 28th of May. You may reserve flowers in memory of or in honor of a family member, other loved one, or any individual you choose in the weeks leading up to the Memorial Day holiday. Look for reservation information in the bulletin.



Fourth of July Celebration

Last year our annual Fourth of July celebration on our front lawn was enjoyed by more than four hundred people. If you would like to assist in the planning of this event or have an idea to make it better please contact Becky Miller Pryor @ 321-9523. It is also not too early to begin collecting needed supplies. Please consider donating any of the following items.

- Bags of individually wrapped candy (Smarties, Tootsie Rolls, Blow Pops, Suckers)
- Bags of popping corn
- Bottled water in 8 oz. and 16 oz. sizes
- Lemonade and Ice Tea mix
- Trinkets / Kiddie prizes
- Money to purchase additional supplies not donated.

Donated items can be placed in the tub in the Narthex. Checks can be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line designating Fourth of July. Thank you for any help you can give.

Is Camp Mount Luther in your family plans this summer?

The congregation offers 1/2 of the camp fee to youth who wish to go!!



Summer staff is recruited and ready to go.
There is a summer kick-off event on June 5
with a tour through the camp, games,
and concluding with a chicken BBQ
from 4-6:30 PM.



The meal price is \$9 for adults and \$4.50 for children under 12.
Please pre-order at 922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org by May 24.

United Churches of Lycoming County

ECUMENICAL LUNCHES Wednesdays, 12 to 1 PM

A tasty \$6 lunch, warm, ecumenical fellowship & a thoughtful program designed to enrich your life mentally, physically, spiritually and socially at Pine Street United Methodist Church.

No reservations are necessary.

MAY

4 - **Rev. Mabel Kainyande and Mr. J. T. Cole,**
Sierra Leon,
"Partnering in Ministry in West Africa"

11 - **Rev. Ann Runnels,** Pastor,
Nisbet United Methodist Church,
"Freedom House Women's Center"

This is a ministry that everyone in our congregations and community is welcome to participate in. Make plans to join us and you're welcome to bring a friend!



24 hour Devotion Line

is a way for everyone in our community to have "A Closer Walk With God". Devotions are three minutes or less and change weekly. The phone number is 570-322-5762.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

These are the items that are currently needed:

Ramen noodles	canned fruit	tea bags
Oatmeal packets	Cake mixes	frostings
peanut butter	spaghetti sauce	coffee
Granola bars	jello mixes	tuna
Chunky soups	sugar	egg noodles
Hamburger Helper	Canned veggies	

Donations are received Monday mornings from 9:30 - Noon. Appointments to receive food are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am - 3 pm and when necessary at other times as well. Gail Burkhart is the UCLC Food Pantry Coordinator and may be reached at 322-1657.

Our Second Annual.....



AMAZING GRACE TOUR

Saturday August 6, 2011

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Join us in visiting some of our beautiful houses of worship this year. Included in each tour will be music, architecture, stained glass windows, history and refreshments.

The Williamsport Houses of Worship included in the 2011 tour are:

St. Boniface Catholic Church
New Covenant United Church of Christ
St. Mark Lutheran Church
The Salvation Army
Holy Cross Orthodox Church

The cost per ticket will again be \$10 and the proceeds will go to the Salvation Army and to our United Churches' Shepherd of the Street Ministry. Reserve the first Saturday in August in your calendar and enjoy learning more about our wonderful churches! For more information contact Gwen at United Churches, 322-1110 or uclc@sunlink.net or any of the committee, Gerry Fausnaught - Chair, Melodie Russell, Jackie Thomas.

St. Mark's Social Ministry



Hosting for Family Promise Sunday, June 19th ~ Sunday, June 26th

we will be hosting families with children who are experiencing a housing crisis.

We are in need of volunteers

- ✦ to set up Fellowship Hall and the rooms being used for bedrooms,
- ✦ drive the van in the morning and evening,
- ✦ donate money to offset the cost of fresh foods, milk and any needed supplies,
- ✦ prepare meals,
- ✦ serve meals and eat with the families,
- ✦ visit in the evenings with our guests,
- ✦ stay overnight and get the coffee going in the morning,
- ✦ clean up at the end of the hosting week,
- ✦ and launder the bedding.

If you have two hours to donate you can be a volunteer and make a difference in a family's life.
Please plan now to be part of that difference. Check your calendars for your availability.
We will be telephoning for help beginning in mid-May.

Needed: Cookie Makers and Cake Bakers



To assist with our Family Promise hosting and to lighten the load of the people who donate dinners we are looking for folks who will donate a cake or a batch of cookies for use as dessert with the dinners we serve each evening. For those who enjoy baking, this is a wonderful way to volunteer during Hosting Week.

We would need two cakes and a batch of cookies at the beginning of our hosting week. Two additional cakes and possibly a batch of cookies would most likely be needed about mid-week.

Please contact Jane Zimmerer or Becky Miller Pryor if you can provide a cake or some cookies.

Shepherd of the Streets Prescription Fund



The offering at the community Good Friday afternoon service was designated for the Prescription Fund administered by the Shepherd of the Streets. This is a continuing need. Persons are regularly approaching the Shepherd for assistance when they do not have the co-pay amount in order to get prescriptions that are needed. The Shepherd gratefully receives any contributions for this purpose, either directly by mail at 669 Center Street, or by using one of our special cause offering envelopes and indicating clearly the donor's intent.

Spring Cleaning for the Fall Bazaar Saturday, October 1, 2011 9:00am – 1:00pm



Although we are not having a clothing sale this spring, the Women of St. Mark's still need your house-wares and other items for our annual Fall Bazaar. Spring cleaning donations may be placed in the Bazaar Room in the basement.
Please consider donating your seasonal clothing to Daniel's Closet.

ELCA Local & National News

2011 Synod Assembly Registration Begins

The 2011 Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly will take place at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove on Friday, June 17, and Saturday, June 18, 2011 with the theme "The Church Must Be Planted." Registration materials are being mailed to congregations in early March. Congregations elect their voting members to the assembly in the process designated by their congregational constitutions. This year's assembly will gather an "in-kind" offering of health kits for Lutheran World Relief. Congregations are encouraged to collect kits together, sending a box full (or more!) with their voting members on the first day of the assembly. Our synod's goal is to collect 3,365 kits (the average number of kits distributed by LWR in one week in 2010). Go to <http://www.uss-elca.org/usslwr-health-kit-in-kind-offering> for more details about collecting LWF health kits.

May 21, 2011: Camp Mount Luther Spring Work Day

Practice stewardship through service at Camp Mount Luther at our annual Spring Work Day. The camp needs your help getting the camp grounds and facilities ready for Summer Camp. There will be plenty to do and everyone in the family can help! The event runs from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2011. Please bring supplies to do cleaning, mulching, raking, and light construction projects such as step ladders, buckets, rakes, etc. A light lunch will be served. RSVP by May 16 if staying for lunch. Some projects are being funded by individual chapters of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Lenten Activities

Things were happening everywhere and everywhen during Lent. Every Wednesday, we had our noontime and evening meals during which we enjoyed good company and good food!!!

During the Wednesday evening services, Michele kept the young ones busy in Middle Lounge with stories, movies and activities so their parents were free to join in Vespers.

A special addition to the traditional stories of Lent and Holy Week was a series of dialogues arranged by Pr. Elkin and Bernadette. These focused on lessons learned by characters on the fringes of the happenings surrounding Jesus during his last week. Special thanks go out to Lou DeSeau, Vicki Haussmann, Mel Wentzel, Joyce Hershberger, Michele Owen, Chele Fredericks and Bob Jones for assisting with these lessons. If anyone would like to read these, please contact Bernadette.

Palm Sunday found the high and middle school classes passing each other in the Nave as they viewed and discussed the Stations of the Cross, icons and other symbols of Lent and Holy Week around the church.

In Sunday School and at the Breakfast with Pastor, our youth prepared a special treat for our congregation...of jelly beans!! They put candies of each color in a bag with the following prayer:

*Red is for the blood He gave; green is for the grass He made.
Yellow is for His sun so bright; orange is for the edge of night.
Black is for the sins we made; white is for the grace He gave.
Purple is for His hours of sorrow; pink is for a new tomorrow.*

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Passing on Faith: Wedding Anniversary Milestone

Our next milestone will be taking place on Sunday, May 22, 2011. St. Mark's Lutheran Church will be celebrating those folks in our congregation that have been married for between 50 & 52 years with a Wedding Anniversary Milestone. A sit down lunch will be presented with some of the youth of St. Mark's serving. Those being recognized this year are:

Charles & Judith Fortin 51 years

Raymond & MaryAnn Stiller 50 years

Ruth & Leonard Sherlinski 50 years

We don't want to miss anyone!!

If you were married or if you know someone who was married between 1961 or 1959, who has not already been honored, PLEASE CALL US TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THAT INFORMATION!



FINALS WEEK SURVIVAL KITS HAVE BEEN SENT TO OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS!

During a very busy week, two of our activities included putting together the "Finals Week Survival Kits" for our students in college which included numerous goodies very generously donated by mem-

bers of our congregation and the kids at Children's Church. We had so much that, after we crammed their boxes as full as we could, we gave several boxes of treats to Sharon Comini for United Campus Ministry. Thank you to all who contributed.

We were also very busy filling all the Easter eggs for the children's morning on Saturday. Brenda Gair came in to help Michele with this tedious task on Wednesday—she also brought along a very special helper who was of significant use to the project...thanks, Levi.



Children's Church
Sunday, May 8th
10:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

The children's special offering this month is small lollipops (ex. dum-dums) or the small tootsie rolls (regular or fruit) to be handed out at St. Mark's 4th of July celebration! We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Mother's Day service! Children of all ages are welcome!

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

This summer,
we invite Children to



PandaMania, this year's vacation Bible school event, will be hosted here at St. Mark's from **Sunday, June 12, to Thursday, June 16**. As kids explore a bamboo forest filled with crazy pandas, they discover that God loves us. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into yummy treats and experience electrifying Bible adventures. Bible Memory Buddies, Boomer, Fez, Amanda, Lulu and Pogo, remind them of God's wild love. They'll create Bible Point crafts to take home and play with all summer long. Plus, God Sightings prompt children to look for evidence of God all around them. Each day concludes with a **Rowdy Wrap-Up**—a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.



Family members and friends (also called Very Important Pandas) are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at **8:30 p.m.**

PandaMania is for kids from Pre-K to Fifth Grade and will run from **6 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.** each day.
For more information, call 323-4619

YOU CAN HELP!

Bernadette and Michele have planned workdays for the construction and painting of theme pieces for "PandaMania." On **Sunday, May 15**, after the 10:30 service until about 2-2:30; and two **Saturdays, May 28 AND June 4**, at 10:00 a.m. until noon or 1:00, we will meet for a period of productive fellowship. So if you have any artistic talent, can wield a mean utility knife, paint a solid base coat, or just be able to keep the coffee coming—please join us on one or all of these days to prepare for the opening of "PandaMania."

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

FAMILY FUN NIGHT MAY 27

NO EXCUSES!



6:30 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL

Church picnic: June 5, 2011



If you want to help with our annual picnic, please call or email the office. Michele, Bernadette or Bob. If anyone would like to make a donation toward the purchase of food and supplies for the picnic, envelopes are available in the narthex for your contribution. Thank you!

Easter Morning at St. Mark's



On Easter morning, the gang at Sunday School gathered in Fellowship Hall. The younger children and the older students present opened up resurrection eggs and explained the contents of each and how it fit into the story of Holy Week. Pr. Elkin was present to flesh out the details and answer questions (also to ask some)! They then made Christ Candles to take home for the celebration of that most holy of days!

Breakfast with the Pastor and St. Mark's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, April 23, 2011, almost 50 children, youth and adults gathered to celebrate the beginning of the Easter season. Devin, Sara, Anna, Ezra and Laura hid the eggs, ran the dining room and were instrumental in preparing the meal of scrambled eggs, pancakes and sausage. Pr. Elkin had a talk with the children after the meal. Though it was a rainy day, we hid the eggs in the basement and had a wonderful time. This year, the children prepared a special treat to give to the congregation on Easter morning: a jelly bean prayer! We hope you enjoyed it! Please bring your children or grandchildren, nieces or nephews to join us next year!



WHO'S GRADUATING...

...from high school or college??

Let us know so these young people can be recognized for their accomplishments!!
Call or e-mail the office no later than **MAY 15**
—we're waiting to hear!

Happy Birthday!

05/02 Robert Clokey
 05/02 Ruth Homan
 05/02 Matt Wellen
 05/06 Rosemary Clokey
 05/07 Alex Larson
 05/08 James Doane
 05/08 Ian Elliott
 05/10 Carl Weaver
 05/12 Thomas Waffenschmidt
 05/13 Catherine Lundy
 05/13 Lori Ann Zimmerer
 05/14 Karen Boone
 05/15 Jane Larson
 05/15 Frank Vognet
 05/16 Robert Schultz

05/18 Stephen Boone
 05/18 Arthur Decker
 05/19 Candace Dewar



05/19 Amy Stugart
 05/21 James Seelye
 05/23 Owen Lukens

05/24 Ryan Jensen
 05/24 Dawson Owen
 05/24 Dustin Pelleschi
 05/25 Kenneth Goldy
 05/25 Joe Peluso
 05/26 Jane Angle
 05/26 Norma Prato
 05/26 Robert Ramsauer
 05/26 Jean Soars
 05/27 Audrey Albright
 05/27 Joyce Hershberger
 05/27 Kyseem Smith
 05/29 Kathleen Gilbert
 05/30 Owen Gair
 05/31 Steven Bieber III

Happy Anniversary!

05/01 Jeffrey & Patricia Hershey
 05/02 Hugh & Marie Byerly
 05/02 Joshua & Brittany Lynch
 05/09 James & Ernestine Doane
 05/15 Galen & Pamela Davenport Jr.



05/17 Patrick & Carol Harvey
 05/25 James & Debra Buckman
 05/28 Marc Fish & Suzanne Hutchins
 05/28 Creighton & Christina MacGill
 05/30 Michael & Pamela Jensen

News in Our Pews

St. Mark's has such a talented bunch of young people – I scan the papers and read about them very often. Both **Kara and Theoron Hershey** were named to the distinguished honor roll at Lycoming Valley Middle School. **Hannah Haussmann** was student of the month at Sheridan Elementary School. It seems one of the Haussmann's receives that honor each month.

Nancy sends an update on the Larson girls. **Jamie** will be graduating from Bloomsburg University's College of Business on May 7 with a degree in business marketing. She has been the recipient of the school's Mitrani scholarship for all eight semesters and will graduate cum laud. Based on her outstanding scholastic achievements she has been invited to become a lifetime member of Beta Gamma Sigma, the honor society for business programs. She has been an active member of the Bloomsburg Concert Choir for all four years, serving as president during her senior year.

Sara completed her freshman year at Bloomsburg University where she achieved the Dean's List. She has been attending Penn College this past year maintaining a 4.0 to date. She has been accepted into the Dental Hygiene program in the School of Health Sciences for the fall of 2011. Since last summer she has been hostessing at The James Restaurant at the Holiday Inn downtown.

Not to be outdone by these young people, **Bill Hibschan** celebrated his 97th birthday by taking his first ride in a helicopter! Apparently, he likes to have an adventure on his special days. Next year, will it be bungee jumping!

Last but not at all least, I would like to thank Donna Elkin for her exemplary service as substitute organist, choir director, bell choir director, ensemble director and everything else that came her way. She carried it all off ably, calmly and expertly – even playing the Toccata on Easter – and we are grateful to her! A job extremely well done.

- *Joyce S. Hershberger*

HEALTH, HEALING & WHOLENESS

*Too much of a good thing can actually be bad for you.
Just ask the Hebrews about that trip out of Egypt (Read Exodus 16 & Numbers 11)!*

On March 25, 2011, CBS affiliates began running a story regarding the emergence of yet another "superbug", known as CRKP. CRKP bacteria have been identified in 356 cases in LA County, California. As with several superbugs it began hitting nursing homes and hospitals, appearing in those patients on respirators and ventilators and in some patients with surgical wounds. It has been estimated that death can occur in approximately 40% of all cases.

CRKP now joins the ranks of other superbugs, such as: MRSA, Streptococcus pneumoniae, C.diff, VRE, Mycobacterium tuberculosis and Neisseria gonorrhea, which have mutated/changed to such a degree that traditional antibiotics are no longer effective in treating these infections. How has this happened? Some antibiotics have been used so frequently and widely, that these organisms have 'adapted' to them, making the antibiotic much less or in some cases, totally in-effective. When antibiotics no longer work, the consequences include longer lasting illness, more office visits, extended hospital stays, and a need for increasingly expensive and sometimes toxic medications.

How do we combat the problem? As in any situation in which there is a potential for infection, prevention is key.

- ✦ Do not visit friends and loved ones in the hospital or extended care facility if you are ill.
- ✦ Watch for signs posted on the patient's door regarding the use of gowns and gloves. Gowning and gloving are meant provide self-protection as well as prevent the patient from acquiring infection.
- ✦ Wash your hands before and after your visit, or use the alcohol-based hand cleaner (Note: if using alcohol-based products, be sure the gel has dried before putting on gloves – alcohol can cause breakdown of the gloves).
- ✦ Avoid overuse – do not demand antibiotics from your physician (Upper respiratory infections account for 75% of all antibiotics prescribed by office-based physicians).
- ✦ Do not hoard antibiotics that have been discontinued. The medication can break down, and lose effectiveness, allowing the bacteria to build a resistance.
- ✦ Do not share antibiotics – the problem is compounded when the incorrect antibiotic is used to self-treat.
- ✦ Follow all medication directions. Typically a physician will write a prescription that requires you take all of the medication unless informed otherwise. Ending treatment too early, may allow some of the bacteria to survive and re-infect.

Two controversial areas of concern which require further study, include:

- ✦ The widespread use of antibacterial soaps and lotions, and
- ✦ The agricultural use of antibiotics in livestock and fowl.

When Alexander Fleming discovered Penicillin in 1928 he ushered in a revolution, which saved the lives of countless people, and changed medicine forever. It is now up to us to be responsible stewards of the life-saving antibiotics that have been developed in the interim.

Debbie Best, RN, FCN, BSW, MHA

ATTENTION! We have a new telephone system!

You may now leave messages for a specific person, make changes to your personal information, or RSVP to special events. We even have selections giving directions to St. Mark's and listing special services. Please take a moment after office hours to call and listen to the new message which will let you know all the options available to you. We are excited to see how this will work so please let us know what you think about the new system.



SPECIAL CONCERNS LIST

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Thank you! Thank You! Thank you! Thank You! Thank you!

To the members and friends of St. Mark's Lutheran Church,
Dear friends and co-laborers in the Lord,

What a true friend we have in the Lord and we thank you for your love and friendship for the ministry that we do at Yokefellow. Your love gift of \$75 will be used to further the ministry and HIS Kingdom.

It is with great pleasure that we serve the men and women weekly who are behind bars. Just since August we have trained 15 new volunteers and the Lord strategically is placing them in Yokefellow. Some are going into the prisons, some are volunteering in the office and some are doing maintenance around the building. All are equally important and help to expand the Kingdom of God.

Thank you for helping to make a difference. We look forward with great anticipation and expectation of serving HIM with you in the future.

IN HIM, Pastor Danesta Whaley, Yokefellow Prison Ministries

ST. MARK'S MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1 Sunday

Easter II

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion
12:15 PM The Way Gathering

2 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
6:45 PM Handbells

**Pastor on
overnight
retreat**

3 Tuesday

8:00 AM City Pastors
9:00 AM Morning Prayer

4 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting
12:00 PM Bible Study
6:00 PM Women's Dinner

5 Thursday

6:31 AM Men's Ministry
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
7:30 PM Senior Choir

6 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
2:00 PM Pastor @ Wmspt. Home

7 Saturday

9:00 AM Mulching Party & Outside
Workday

8 Sunday

Easter III

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Children's Church
10:30 AM Holy Communion

9 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
12:00 PM Staff Luncheon
6:45 PM Handbells

10 Tuesday

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6:00 PM Brownies

11 Wednesday

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12 Thursday

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9:00 AM Health Screenings
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
6:00 PM Executive Committee
7:30 PM Senior Choir

13 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

15 Sunday

Easter IV

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion
11:45 AM Congregational Assembly
12:00 PM Reception for Jungwha
12:00 PM VBS Workday
6:00 PM Confirmands, Parents & Mentors

16 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
6:30 PM Council Mtg.
6:45 PM Handbells
7:00 PM Dog Club

17 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
12:00 PM LSM

18 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting
12:00 PM Lunch N' Fellowship

19 Thursday

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9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Stephen Ministry
7:30 PM Senior Choir

20 Friday

Newsletter Deadline
9:00 AM Morning Prayer

22 Sunday

Easter V

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion
12:11 PM Wedding Anniversary Milestone
6:00 PM Teen Movie Night

23 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
6:45 PM Handbells

24 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
6:00 PM Brownies
6:30 PM Family Promise Board

25 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Quilting

26 Thursday

6:31 AM Men's Ministry
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
7:30 PM Senior Choir

27 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:15 AM Lion Crew
6:30 PM Friday Fun Night

28 Saturday

9:00 AM Daniel's Closet @ Redeemer
10:00 AM VBS Workday

29 Sunday

Easter VI

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion
12:15 PM The Way Gathering

30 Monday

Office Closed

31 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

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May Melodies

Women's & Children's Dinner Wednesday, May 4th, 6 pm

All women and children to age 12, please join us for our Annual Women's Dinner on Wednesday, May 4, at 6:00 pm.

The evening begins with a meal prepared for us by our own men here at St. Mark's, under the supervision of Bob Jones. The meal includes applesauce, filled chicken breast, corn, mashed potatoes, roll, with strawberry shortcake. All this costs only \$8.25 for a full portion, and \$4.50 for a half portion. Please order what you think you or your child(ren) will eat.

After dessert, instrumentalists from among our own St. Mark's youth will provide us with musical selections for everyone's enjoyment.

Please, be sure to have your reservations in NO LATER THAN Sunday, May 1. We look forward to seeing you there!