

MARCH 2013



Saturday, March 23 Palm-Cross-making

Our Holy Week begins with that annual puzzle of making the palm-crosses that we wear on Sunday. Come learn how and engage in conversation at 9:00 A.M.

Sunday, March 24,

Sunday of the Passion—Palm Sunday

After the bitter-sweetness of the procession with palms, we focus on the whole Passion-story. We all have parts to read and ponder.

Wednesday, March 27, The Passover Seder

Although the center of our story is Jesus, it begins with God's earlier saving actions in the Exodus. We retell this part of our heritage in story, song, scripture, and symbolic foods at table in Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:15 P.M. Since a served meal is part of this event, reservations are necessary. Please phone the church office not later than Monday morning, March 25, or even better, put the reservation slip in the offering plate on March 24.

Maundy Thursday, March 28

The Thursday of the Command (mandamus – mandate – Maundy) which can refer to several things: to the command to wash feet *.... even as I have done to you*; it can refer to the mandate of Holy Communion *Do this in remembrance of me*; and it can also refer to the command to *...love one another as I have loved you.* We have opportunity for the Holy Communion in the chapel at 12:00 P.M., and in the Nave at 7:00 P.M.

Good Friday, March 29

The community service will be held at noon, beginning with the procession around the center city for those who wish to participate. All may come and go as their schedule permits. We also gather for Morning Prayer at 9:00 A.M. and for the Vigil at the Cross at 7:00 P.M.

Holy Saturday, March 30

The children gather at 9:45 A.M. for a breakfast with the Pastor and the telling of the Easter Story. They will then partake in an Easter Egg hunt in the Courtyard. Then we gather at sundown, 8:00 P.M. for the most important service of the entire year, the Great Vigil of Easter. The entire sweep of salvation history is celebrated, from the beginning of creation to its heavenly culmination, and centering on our Lord's resurrection. Everyone is most strongly urged to take part. All the senses are used, we use many ways to tell the story, everyone has a role. The participants in *The Way* renew their baptismal promises, and the Easter celebration begins.

Easter Sunday, March 23

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

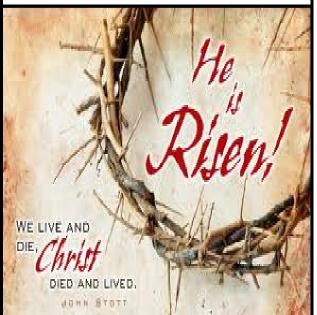




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Council Update

The Congregation Council met in regular session on February 18 in the Crossways room. The Council:

- Received the regular reports of the pastor, officers, and committees.
- Nominated Gregg Dancho, Tim Maggs, Karen Boone, and Sally Bjornstadt for Council membership.
- Elected Beth Shafranko and Gary Weber to serve as Voting members to the Synod Assembly in June.
- Reviewed the meeting recently held by the bishop with area council members.
- Noted the many property projects recently undertaken.
- ♦ Joined in Prayer at the Close of Day in the chapel.

Parish Register

Pastor Elkin officiated at the Funeral service for Bill ◈ Hibschman in the nave on February 13, 2013, with interment following in Oval Cemetery.

Staff & Officers Contact Information

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Those involved anticipate that this event will be wildly successful. Everyone will be wondering where the "Spoon of Doom" will next be delivered.

The St. Paul Lutheran Church Scholarship

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS & COLLEGE STUDENTS !!!

The Scholarship Program:

The St. Paul Lutheran Church Scholarship Program was founded by the congregation of the former St. Paul Lutheran Church in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. St. Paul Lutheran Church, prior to its closing, established this special scholarship program to benefit Lutheran students in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, in perpetuity.

Eligibility:

Eligible candidates will be graduating seniors of a high school, or a high school graduate equivalent, located in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. Candidates must be members of a Lutheran church, and eligible candidates also include those individuals who were members of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, at the time of its closing. Candidates must be attending, or plan to attend in the 2013-2014 academic year, an institution of higher education (academic, technical, or vocational). Eligible candidates must also have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and demonstrate involvement in church and community. Candidates may reapply in successive years for scholarships available from this program.



Scholarship Awards:

Scholarships awarded in 2013 will be available only for the 2013-2014 academic year. Scholarship awards may be used only for educational expenses, including tuition, books, laboratory expenses, or other education-related expenditures that are approved by the Foundation.

Selection of Recipients:

The number of scholarships awarded, the amount of the scholarship awards, and the selection of scholarship recipients will be determined by the Foundation.

Application Process and Deadline

Students who wish to apply to the scholarship program must complete an application and required letters of recommendation and submit materials **postmarked no later than** <u>April 15, 2013</u>, to:

St. Paul Lutheran Church Scholarship Lutheran Community Foundation 625 Fourth Avenue South, Suite 1500 Minneapolis, MN 55415

The scholarship application may also be downloaded from the Foundation's website at http://www.thelcf.org/scholarship_applications.

Questions?

Additional questions about this scholarship program may be directed to lody Jonas at the Lutheran Community Foundation at 1-800-365-4172 or via email at jody.jcnasre'l'hel.Cf-.org.

From Jungwha



Greetings.

I would always like to have more hands, legs, and even more heads being an organist. So this picture represents me well.

It is time again to have musical feast to praise and thank Jesus' victory sooner or later.

Because I am not an organist with Widor's toccata, I want to be an unpredictable Jungwha. What am I going to play to replace Widor this year? How musical feast unfolds again?

Come and see! In the meantime I will pray for more hands, legs, heads? How about more voice, then? It is feasible than Jungwha's wish list, ha.

"I always forget whether I'm flying a 747 or playing an organ." Joyce Hershberger stepped up the other day to encourage able bodies with voice to praise God's love and grace. It is good to have qualified voice and musician, but more importantly "God looks at the heart

not outward appearance." In this case God hears from the heart. I believe so.

Sometimes it is not fun to be a musician, because I don't hear music without analyzing and grading even.

Let's go back what Scripture says through 1 Samuel 16:7 – Man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart. Join us and praise!

Anxiously, Jungwha

Easter Flowers



Easter flowers are once again available for you to purchase in honor or in memory of someone. You may also dedicate a donation to World Hunger if you prefer. All dedications will be listed in the Easter bulletin. Flower orders MUST be received in the office by Palm Sunday (3/24/2013) An envelope is attached for your convenience.

Family Promise of Lycoming County

Hosting for Family Promise April 7 – April 14, 2013

Once again we will host families experiencing a housing crisis from April 7 – April 14, 2013. We are always looking for more volunteers to assist in any number of ways. Please look at this quick list of opportunities and telephone Larue at 433-3453 or Becky at 971-4585 with your choice.



Van drivers morning and evening Set-up / Tear-down crews Ladies to give the bedrooms a welcoming feel Provide dinners or desserts Be an evening visitor for two hours Stay overnight and get the coffee going in the morning Do laundry at the end of the week. We need at least three folks to volunteer. Provide breakfast on Saturday or Sunday morning. Donate money to the Hosting Fund to offset the cost of milk, bread, etc.

Larue and I welcome your calls.

To help expedite the hosting schedule we will also start our own telephoning of folks soon.

Recycle for Family Promise

Larson Designs and Family Promise have partnered with a company that recycles old cell phones, regardless of their condition. This company pays Family Promise for each cell phone it receives. The donation for each phone is based on its condition.

So the better the condition of the phone, the more money Family Promise receives.

Turn in your old cell phone at the Day Center (804 Sherman Street)

and Larson Designs will do the rest.

Since the beginning of this recycling program Family Promise has received \$90.00.

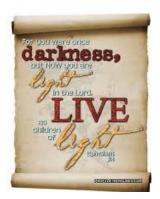
Purchase Giant Gift Cards for Family Promise

Another way to support Family Promise ~ stop by the Day Center and purchase Giant gift cards to use at Giant while grocery shopping! Family Promise gets 5 percent of the gift card purchase price! How easy is that?

Lutheran Youth Day 2013 "Live as Children of Light" April 13, 2013 10 a.m.~ 5:30 p.m. Guest Star Rachel Kurtz Susquehanna University

Stretansky Concert Hall

Large & small group gatherings, worship, high-energy music, skits, lunch & a concert at the end of the day!



Youth grades 6 ~ 12 \$10 per person \$12 for T-Shirts

T-Shirts must be ordered by April 8th ~ <u>they will not be for sale at the event!</u>

Sign-Up sheet in office hallway

The News in our Pews

February is the traditional month of love and certainly for **Louella and Sonny Bair** this month is very special. The Bairs celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary February 7. Congratulations to them! **Carl and Lucille Weaver** will soon celebrate 60 plus years of marriage so best wishes to the two of them as well.

Carl also comes up for a special anniversary this summer – he will have sung in the Senior Choir for 60 years – that is a real milestone for him and a blessing for the choir. **Jane Kline, Ruth Burkholder** and I have also sung for many years, perhaps decades but I am not sure we can top Carl's record!

I don't read all of the honor rolls but one name did jump out at me – **Brandon Fortin** was named to the honor roll at Hughesville High School. Good work, Brandon and it is great to see the Fortin family back **at St. Mark's!**

Mel Wentzel is beginning the semester supervising Lycoming College students as they do their student teaching at area schools. This is such an important part of teacher training it is good to see someone like Mel in charge.

Last of all we offer our sympathies to **Bernadette Jones** who broke her arm in an fall recently. Warm wishes for a speedy recovery, Bernadette!

When next I write this column I hope we are seeing robins and warm weather – I think winter has gone on long enough!

~Joyce Anne Hershberger

Please submit items to Joyce via her email deermountain2@comcast.net or call her at 322-0410.

Souper Bowl of Caring

THANK YOU! St Marks Lutheran Church

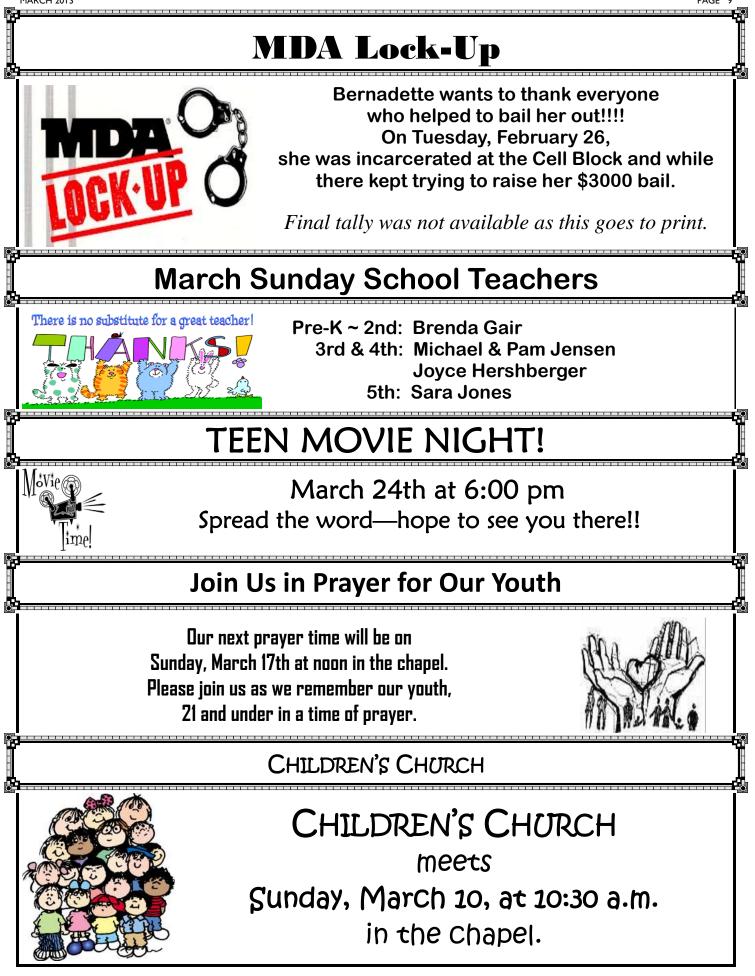
\$152 and 38 food items

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.



February 3, 2013

Tracy Bender President and CEO Souper Bowl of Caring



John Bower Basketball League

We would like to acknowledge and thank our coaches and players for a great season!

Coaches: Rick Robertson, Mike Jensen and Kirk Owen

Beginner Pee-Wee Division

Braden Beck Melesse Buxton Mia Nieto Abbigail Robertson Elizabeth Shuler Kyle Shuler Cole Shuler Alia Taylor



Midget Division

Makensi Doebler Mark Halterman Shawn Jensen Logan Nieto Dawson Owen Lynna Robertson Annika Waffenschmidt

Devin Owen played on the senior division for St. Joseph the Worker, his team took first place for the year in that division. Congratulations Devin!!!

United Churches of Lycoming County

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED AT THIS TIME:

Tea/Coffee/Cocoa Chicken Noodle Soup Noodles & Pasta Canned Vegetables Microwave Popcorn Oatmeal Packets Spaghetti Sauce

Canned Fruit Oatmeal Tuna Helper Saltines Tomato Soup Chunky Soups

Hours are: 9:30-Noon on Mondays for delivery And Tuesdays/Thursdays from 10-3 for clients by appointment only

The Center, 600 Campbell St, Wmspt.

24 hour Devotion Line

 is available to encourage you in your relationship with God. Devotions are under three minutes and change weekly. Call 570-322-5762.

March Ecumenical Lunches Wednesdays, 12 to 1 PM

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

- 6 ~ Rev. Larry Waltz, Ret. ABC Pastor "And God Said, 'Hummingbirds Are Now Winter Birds in Lycoming County'
- 13 ~ Rev Karl Jones, Jr. Dir. of Dev., NEPA Lions Eye Bank, 'Giving the Gift of Sight'
- 20 ~ Ms. Gail Burkhart, Dir., UCLC Food Pantry, 'Food and Much, Much More'
- 28 ~ Rev. Gwen Bernstine, Exec. Dir., UCLC 'It's Wednesday and Friday's Coming'

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!

Thank You Notes

Believers in Christ

I would like to give my thanks to all of those well wishers who sent me cards and related other well wishes for me to get well during my recent hospitalization. It was certainly a rough time, but I was able to come thru it okay. Take care of any future problems that you might have.

May God Bless Jim Buckman

Dear friends at St. Mark's,

Thank you very much for your recent donation of \$375 for the Shepherd of the Streets ministry. It is with generous donations like yours, we are able to help many needy people in our area. When the Shepherd ministers to those in crisis, they are very grateful.

Your gift is much appreciated for our continuing ministry.

May the Lord shine brightly in all you say and do.

Yours in Christ, Gloria Greevy, Volunteer

Dear Friends at St Marks,

We would like to thank all of you for your prayers for Sydney the last 3 years and now through her surgery and recovery. Sydney and her donor (her step-father) are both doing great and will return to school and work March 4th. Some have asked about her match and on a scale 1-6 theirs was a 4. The Drs are happy with that.

Thanks to all who were willing to help the family and are still willing to help if Sydney should need anything. I can't believe all that have offered and how our church family cared. We are blessed.

The pancake breakfast at Messiah was a success, Jackie and I were glad to be part of it. Since all expenses have been met due to a loophole in Pennsylvania's Medicaid paying all un met medical fees the money will be split between the National Kidney Foundation and the Vasculitis Foundation. Sydney's kidney failure was due to an autoimmune disorder called microscopicpolyangiitus (a part of the family of Vasculitis disorders.)

> Thanks to all our caring friends, Shirley, Mike and Jackie

Dear friends,

Thank you for the nice Poinsettia I received recently. It brings back memories of when I sang in the Senior Choir and stood next to them. Thank you.

Patricia Alexander

Dear friends,

Thank you for everyone's concern and prayers for my health after my recent fall. I truly appreciate all the well wishes.

Bernadette Jones

Happy Birthday! 03/01 Ruth U. Pile 03/15 Kimberly Caster 03/21 Randy Lukens 03/03 Richard Hafer Jr. 03/15 Roxanna Larson 03/22 Lauren Sims 03/16 Eileen Georg 03/04 Jessica Curry 03/23 Christopher Hoagland 03/05 Trisha Harvey 03/24 Gary Weber 03/05 Barbara Switzer 03/25 Sara Larson 03/06 Robert Shaible 03/27 Jonathan Bower 03/06 Madison Walz 03/27 Raymond Stiller 03/09 Rose Marie Hafer 03/28 Sandra Edler 03/16 Dinah Labenberg 03/28 David Walz 03/09 Robert Lynn 03/09 Patricia Thayer 03/16 Hannah Lynn 03/29 Mark Bittenbender 03/09 Beulah Wrede 03/17 Henrietta Tyson 03/29 Tyler Bower 03/11 Michael Kinney 03/17 Alan Matthew Zimmerer 03/29 Carl Hieber 03/14 Romain Bastian 03/18 Diana Davenport 03/29 April Lewis Happy Anniversary!

03/06 Gary & Donna Clark

03/19 Kenneth & Lois Winters-Goldy

PLEASE MAKE THESE Directory Updates

CHANGES:

Cynthia Bates change address to: 534 Hilton Ct. Harrisburg, PA 177112-2382

David Matteson change address to: 8 Colonial Pkwy, Apt. 2 Pittsford, NY 14532-1215

Heather Snyder change address to: 1426 Burns Rd. Muncy, PA 17756-8161



Ongoing Collections



We are still collecting used stamps. There is a basket for collection in the Narthex. The stamps are used at the Veteran's Hospital by patients for their therapy. Thank you for your contribution.

The tabs we collect are taken by Pastor Elkin to the Ronald McDonald House and later sold at a recycling center. The money is then used for the operation of their facility. Even a few tabs add up, so please keep collecting. There is a collection container for tabs in the Narthex and near the Crossways hallway.



Special Concerns List

Patricia Alexander

505 Center St., Apt. #61 Williamsport, PA 17701

Edith Anderson The Hillside, Room #104 2725 Four Mile Drive Montoursville, PA 17754

Jane Angle Rose View Court, Rm. 206 1251 Rural Ave. Williamsport, PA 17701

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Jim Buckman 1974 Jacks Hollow Rd Williamsport, PA 17701

Marie Byerly Sycamore Manor, Rm. 547 1445 Sycamore Rd. Montoursville, PA 17754

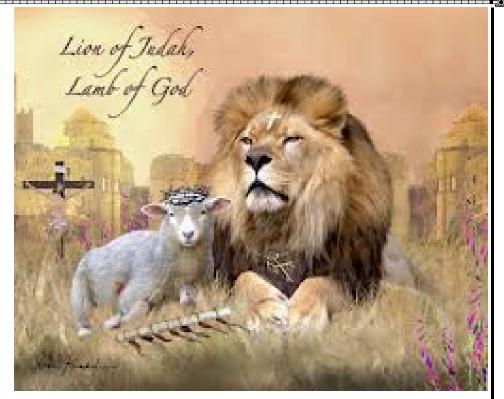
Kay Crane Williamsport Home, Rm. 213 1900B Ravine Rd. Williamsport, PA 17701

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Art Decker Williamsport Home, Apt. 1209 1900C Ravine Rd. Williamsport, PA 17701

Larue Dieter 2150 Warrensville Rd, Apt. 2 Montoursville, PA 17754

Catherine Goertz Williamsport Home, B-816 1900 Ravine Rd. Williamsport, PA 17701



Charlotte Hughes 140 Blueberry Lane Williamsport, PA 17701

Gene Jacobs Williamsport Home. Rm. 312 1900 Ravine Rd. Williamsport, PA 17701

Reba Jacobs 1306 Faxon Parkway Williamsport, PA 17701

Irma Logan Valley View Nursing Ctr. Rm #401-1 2140 Warrensville Rd. Montoursville, PA 17754

David & Carol McMorris 330 Forest Hills Circle Prescott, AZ 86303

Robert Miller 947 Hepburn St. Williamsport, PA 17701 Kay Poliska 1100 Allen St. Montoursville, PA 17754

Elizabeth Ruesskamp

Willow View Personal Home 124 Emery St. Williamsport, PA 17701

Mary Helen Scinicarello Danville St. Hosp. #311 Danville, PA 17821

Robert Smith Valley View Nursing Center Rm. 113 2140 Warrensville Rd. Montoursville, PA 17754

Beulah Wrede Wolf Run Village, Apt. A-15 3750 Rte. 220 Hwy Hughesville, PA 17737

Elda Zeigler Rose View Court, Apt. 209 1251 Rural Ave. Williamsport, P A 17701

St. Mark's March Calendar of Events

1 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

3 Sunday Lent III

8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion 11:45 AM Family Handbells 12:15 PM The Way

4 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Wmspt. Civic Chorus

5 Tuesday

8:00 AM City Pastors 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:45 AM Bible Study

6 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting 11:30 AM Lenten Mid-Day Worship 12:00 PM Lenten Mid-Day Meal 6:15 PM Lenten Evening Meal 7:00 PM Lenten Evening Prayer

7 Thursday

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

8 Friday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer

9 Saturday 6:00 AM Catechetical Trip

10 Sunday Lent IV

8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Children's Church 10:30 AM Holy Communion 11:45 AM Family Handbells 12:15 PM The Way 6:00 PM Confirmands meal/mtg

11 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Wmspt. Civic Chorus

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15 Friday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer

16 Saturday Catechetical Trip Snow Date

17 Sunday Lent V

8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion 11:45 AM Family Handbells 12:00 PM Prayer 4 Youth/Chapel 12:15 PM The Way 6:00 PM Iron Chef Williamsport

18 Monday

Lion Article Deadline 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:00 PM Civic Chorus Board 6:00 PM LSM Mtg.@St. Mark's 6:30 PM Council Mtg. 7:00 PM Dog Club 7:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Wmspt. Civic Chorus

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25 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Wmspt. Civic Chorus

26 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:20 AM Lion Crew

27 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting 6:15 PM Seder Dinner

28 Thursday

Maundy Thursday 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:00 PM Holy Communion Chapel 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Footwashing 8:00 PM Senior Choir

29 Friday

Good Friday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:00 PM Good Friday Ecumenical Service 7:00 PM Tenebrae Service

30 Saturday

9:00 AM Preparing the Nave 9:45 AM Breakfast & Egg Hunt 8:00 PM Vigil of Easter

31 Sunday

Easter Sunday 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion