

The Lion

of St. Mark's

MAY 2013



Children's Church led by our Catechetical Students

There was a full house of more than 40 persons in the Chapel on April 14. One of the activities of our catechetical program is that the students are asked to plan and lead the April Children's Church service. Our students this year did an exceptionally fine job. As they worked in teams on the parts of the service, they discovered that worship planning involves hard thinking and careful attention to detail.

They began their planning during a meeting weeks earlier under the leadership of Bernadette Jones by reading the Gospel for the Day and deciding on



companied by mentors Jane Kline, Diana Zeigler, and Chele Fredericks worked out which parts of the Psalm to use. The Prayers team of Mackenzie and Dawson, accompanied by mentors Lou DeSeau and Michele Owen wrote the prayers that are needed for the day. The Hymn team of Grace, Evan and Stefan, accompanied by mentors Donna Elkin, Gary Weber, and Ray Huff selected the hymns that best re-



flected the Gospel. Ben, accompanied by mentor Bob Schultz worked out the art for the bulletin. Then all of the students engaged in conversation about the Gospel around questions such as: Why did Jesus ask the question of Peter three times?, Why is this story important to us?, and What should we do? A dialogue made up entirely of their responses was written to serve as the sermon for the day.

On April 14, all of the students shared in leadership of the service. The hymns were accompanied by students playing bass, Orff instruments, trumpet, triangle and hand-claps, using music arranged and rehearsed with Donna Elkin. Grace, Dawson and Mac-

kenzie introduced the hymns. Other students introduced the various portions of the service. All of the students took part in the dialogue-sermon. They developed and expressed some good insights into the Lesson, and now have a greater appreciation of

the importance of preparing carefully for worship week after week.

The students repeated their dialogue at the catechetical class session on April 21 for some parents or mentors who missed hearing it on April 14. We can be very proud of these young persons who are so deeply involved in the life of the congregation in so many different ways. Frankly, the depth and breadth of their involvement is far ahead of too many adult members of the parish! May what they are learning and practicing now continue for a lifetime.





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Parish Register

- Pastor Elkin presided at the funeral service for Eugene Jacobs in the nave on April 1, 2013, with burial in Twin Hills cemetery.
- Pastor Elkin, assisted by The Rev. Mark Mahserjian-Smith, The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Johnson, and The Rev. Peter Wilson, led the Memorial Service for Heather S.A. Santarlasci on April 21, 2013 in the Nave. Family members served as lectors and ushers.

Council Update

The Congregation Council meet in regular session on April 15, 2013.

The Council:

- read the conclusion of the Pentecost event in Acts 2 and wrote down an acronym for our life and work together: PoWeR SuRGe = Prayer, Worship, Reading the Bible, Serving, Relating in community, and Giving in time, talent and tithe.
- received the reports of the pastor, officers and committees.
- heard that several younger members may be interested in serving in the synod.
- rejoiced in a successful Family Promise hosting week.
- noted with pleasure the youth involvement this past Sunday.
- had a first reading of a proposed nave usage policy for events other than worship.
- thanked retiring council members Bob Miller and Nick Buckman for their service.
- noted that the next meeting will be on May 20, the day after the congregation annual assembly.
- remembered victims of terror attack and the ill in prayer, and joined in Prayer at the Close of the Day.

Staff & Officers Contact Information

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Son West Roundup VBS

Vacation Bible School

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
June 17th—June 21st

SonWest Round-Up

exploring Jesus through stories of Moses.



Last year's Marketplace was so well-received, that we are adapting that concept to the wild west for snacks and crafts!



Learn about the ultimate love of Jesus Christ!

Find out more about God's ultimate plan and power!

Discover what the ultimate rescue is about.

And, place your ultimate trust in God!

Everyone is encouraged to join in!

We need volunteers to run stores in the Fellowship Hall;

portray fun characters such as

Dastardly Dirk, Sheriff Sunday, and more;

organize games; and create scenery and gather "costumes"...

There's something for everyone who wants to be involved!



The music CD will be available upon registration. Look for forms in the staff hallway or on St. Mark's website!

ITEMS NEEDED:

If anyone has weathered planking

(let us know if it has to stay whole or if we can cut it),
barrels, wood crates, saddles, bridles, cowboy hats,
chaps, vests...well, you get the idea...
they would be great for helping to set the mood in Fellowship Hall!
If you can loan us any of these items, we would greatly appreciate it!



ANNUAL ALL CHURCH PICNIC!!



Sunday, June 2,

2013!!

Indian Park in Montoursville 1:00 P.M.

If anyone would like to make a donation toward the purchase of food and supplies for the picnic

If you want to help with our annual picnic, please call or email the office: Michele, Bernadette or Bob.

envelopes are available in the narthex for your contribution. Thank you!

Please plan on bringing a dish to share, your appetite and a chair!

Meat and drinks and paper products will be provided.

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

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Official Notice:

The Annual Meeting will be held at 11:45 AM on Sunday, May 19, 2013.

Please make every effort to attend.

The 2013 Annual Report booklet will be available in the Narthex on Sunday, May 5, 2013.

Second Annual Fishing Derby at Doebler's Farm

Sunday May 19th 2:00–6:00 p.m.

There will be prizes awarded for:

- The top 3 biggest fish caught for the day. (measured in Inches)
- Winner of the casting contest.
- The largest Catfish caught.



Fishing Derby 2012

Worms will be provided.

Food and drinks will be arranged.

An open fire will be blazing.

Start getting your fishing equipment ready.

Contact the Comini's if you can think of anything else. Cell: 337-3226 Hope to see you all there! In Christ's Love, Eric Comini

United Churches of Lycoming County

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED AT THIS TIME:

Coffee Canned Fruit Sugar
Tuna Juices Saltines
Chunky Soups Mac N' Cheese Cereals
Spaghetti Sauce Pork N' Beans Ketchup
Powdered Drink Mixes

Hours are:

9:30- Noon on Mondays for delivery And Tuesdays/Thursdays from 10-3 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.

May 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.

- 1 Mrs. Rhonda McDonald & Mrs. Karen Wingate, Journey House of New Covenant United Church of Christ "Four Families at a time moving from homelessness to self-sufficiency"
- 8 Mrs. Carolyn Mayor, Area Crafter & Artist of Shady Secrets
- 15—Mr. Phil & Mrs. Gail Landers, Long Term Disaster Relief "Celebrating Families Being Back In Their Homes after Tropical Storm Lee"
- **22—The Rev. Larry Leland, Pastor**, Faith United Methodist, Montoursville *"Finding Living Water"*
- 29—The Rev. J. Morris Smith, Th.D., Shepherd of the Streets "Celebrating Twenty-five Years of Ministry"

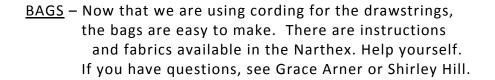
This is a ministry that everyone in our congregations and community is welcome to participate in.

Make plans to join us and you're welcome to bring a friend!

Sewers & Quilters Needed!!

Needed:

- People to sew bags for school kits
- People to help make quilts





- QUILTS You do <u>not</u> have to know how to sew. You can help knot the quilts or help baste the layers together. Stop in any Wednesday morning and check it out. It is a pleasant way to do a useful thing.
- Large pieces of fabric to use in quilt tops
- Sheets in good condition for quilt backings

Milestone Ministry Reminders!!

Blessing of the Keys—Car Keys that is!

We have a special milestone celebration for the youth in our congregation who attain their junior driver's licenses. It's a meaningful observance, during which the new driver gives up something from his or her childhood in exchange for the new responsibility of driving. We have also developed a means of recognition for those drivers receiving their senior license.



BUT YOU NEED TO TELL US WHO SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED!!

Since different families have different timetables for these events, we can't just refer to the church register for the information. We have no idea which youth are reaching this important milestone in their lives—unless you tell us!! Please let the church know if your child has recently received a junior or senior license as soon as possible. A date for celebration will be set once we know who these special teens are. *PLEASE CALL US!!*

Recognizing our High School & College Graduates!



...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 13

—we're waiting to hear!



Family Promise of Lycoming County



F.P.L.C. is Busy, Busy, Busy!

Many activities are happening this month at the Day Center located at 804 Sherman Street.

Open House

on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm. Tours and light refreshments will be served.

Volunteer Training

on Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 6:00 pm.
If you have not been officially trained please consider attending this informative session.

Call 567-7103 to register.

Fundraising opportunities in support of FPLC are available at

Five Below located in the Target shopping center.

Fifteen percent of your pre-tax purchase will be donated to Family Promise.

The weekends of May 10-12, May 17-19 and May 24-26 are designated shopping days.

A required shopping form will be available in the Narthex.

Coming June 2, 2013 Family Promise is heading up

The Amazing Race to End Homelessness

at Indian Park in Montoursville.

They are looking for teams of 4-8 people to participate.

Come and learn what it is like to be a homeless family,
work together as a team to find a way through our Low Ropes Course,
earn "money" for your "family" by competing in our Basketball Free Throw Challenge,
try your hand or foot at the Hula Hoop Game,
all while learning about some great community resources.
Get pledges to raise money for Family Promise
and contribute directly to ending homelessness in Lycoming County.

Family Promise is also looking for youth groups to design buses to be used during our event.

Design a "city" bus using any materials you like,

in the most creative way you can,
include your church / youth name somewhere on your design.
During the day folks can vote using quarters for their favorite bus.
A trophy will be awarded to the group with the most original bus design.
If interested in participating in either activity see the registration forms in the office hallway or speak with Becky Miller Pryor.

Family Promise of Lycoming County

FPLC Hosting at St. Mark's- A Look Back

Our congregation recently hosted three families with children who were experiencing a housing crisis. Within these families we had seven children most under the age of four including a four month old. It was a very busy time indeed for the 50 plus volunteers (several volunteering more than once) who donated more than 330 hours and many great meals and desserts to the care and concern of these young families. The congregation at large supported these efforts with donations of food and money for any number of needs that arose.

St. Mark's was the first church to say yes to Family Promise and we continue to set the gold standard for our care and concern for the families who come to us for refuge and support during their time of need. For those of us on site we repeatedly hear how kind we are and how comfortable the building is for guests, particularly for the children.

Becky Miller Pryor, coordinator for hosting, cannot thank all of you enough for what this means to me personally, but more importantly to our savior Jesus Christ. Our next week of hosting is July 14 –July 21, 2013. How can you best answer Christ's call to serve?

FPLC Hosting at St. Mark's – A Look to the Future

Hosting has always been a work in progress. I have continually evaluated what has worked well and what could change for the improvement of this vital ministry. We have wonderful volunteers and continue to seek others within the congregation, from our support congregation First Presbyterian and the community at large.

After the most recent week of hosting some needs became apparent. We could use additional van drivers to support the folks already driving several times each week, kitchen helpers to assist meal preparers with opening the church and being extra support in the kitchen, and folks to be the third evening host to visit with our children. As all parents know extra hands with little ones make everyone happy. We could also use another couple to stay overnight. I am currently staying overnight at least two times each hosting week.

Finally this request is directed primarily, but not limited, to our current volunteers. After three years of being coordinator and this past year doing it alone, I am feeling the burden of this responsibility. This revelation came to me after being ill with a sinus infection the entire week of hosting. To accommodate my illness I cut back my hours on site but still fretted I would be needed and be too sick to respond. I am not looking to resign, but feel for the program to continue at the level of excellence it does, I need two or more folks to volunteer to learn the responsibilities of being a coordinator. Many hosting churches have **several coordinators** each being responsible for one aspect of hosting. This can be an option for us.

Please pray if this is the time for you to accept an enhanced role with hosting. I am open to ideas and suggestions. Let's talk! Feel free to call me at home (321-9523) or by cell (971-4585) or email me at murphy173@verizon.net.

And finally at the request of several of our current volunteers I will plan a one hour refresher course on the specifics of hosting complete with handouts. This session will be open to all interested persons and will be held in early June during the usual Sunday School hour. Be looking in future bulletins for specific details.

~ Becky Miller Pryor

Assistance for the Shepherd of the

What's that old adage; cleanliness is next to godliness? In response to Pastor Elkin's recent sermon detailing, in part, the empty cupboards at the Shepherd's office, the Social Ministry committee will be collecting all types of hygiene products during the month of May for the many folks who visit this office seeking help with current needs and hope for the future.



Donations of hygiene products in regular sizes may be placed in the container in the Narthex.

Spring Cleaning?

The annual Fall Bazaar will be Saturday, September 14, 2013.

If you are cleaning out the nooks and crannies of your home consider donating those no longer needed items to the Women of St. Mark's.

Donations may be placed in the Bazaar Room.

Please note we are not accepting textbooks, encyclopedias, cribs or car seats.

Speak to Becky Miller Pryor if you wish to donate a computer or television.

These items are difficult to sell and require additional work to recycle.

Your spring and summer clothing may be donated to

Daniel's Closest at Redeemer Lutheran Church.



Women & Children's Dinner

All women and children to age 12, please join us for our Annual Women's Dinner on Wednesday, May 8, 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, and roll, with a delightful dessert. 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.

Entertainment is provided this year by Williamsport Area High School's own **Les Chanteuses**, the women's acapella vocal ensemble, *(pictured here with GQ)* under the direction of Kent Weaver.

Please, be sure to have your reservations in <u>NO</u> <u>LATER THAN</u> Friday, May 3. We look forward to seeing you there!



CHILDREN'S CHURCH



CHILDREN'S CHURCH will meet on Sunday, May 12...YES! On Mothers' Day!

Please join your children at their special service at 10:30 in the Chapel. We all come back to the Nave in time for Holy Communion.

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!

May Sunday School Teachers

There is no substitute for a great teacher!



Pre-K ~ 2nd: Brenda Gair 3rd & 4th: Sharon Comini 5th: Eric Comini

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT!



May 26th at 6:00 pm Spread the word—hope to see you there!!

Join Us in Prayer for Our Youth

Our next prayer time will be on Sunday, April 21st at noon in the chapel. Please join us as we remember our youth, 21 and under in a time of prayer.





CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

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MAY 4,2013 "GET WITH SAWDUST" AT CAMP MOUNT LUTHER!

Want to Make a Big Difference in Someone's Life? Got Tools? Got Skills? (Carpentry, Painting, Drywall, Demolition, etc.) Want to Get Skills?

THEN GET WITH SAWDUST! WHAT'S THAT?

A ministry of a group of churches/groups/individuals in a community who get together to do home repairs for people who cannot physically and/or financially do these things.

WHO CAN GET WITH SAWDUST?

Anyone who wants to - men, women, and youth People of all skill levels, ages, careers, and availability. Church members, sons & daughters, grandsons & grand-daughters, visitors, non-members, friends, people from the community & other groups/churches

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CAMP MOUNT LUTHER ON MAY 4, 2013?

USS Sawdust Ministry Kickoff in conjunction with CML Workday. Lunch will be provided!!! Mike McCay and the North Branch Sawdust Ministry team will give a "How To Start Your Own Sawdust Team" talk for those churches interested in starting their own ministry during the lunch hour! Get some folks together and bring a team representing your congregation - remember, they don't have to be members!

Please RSVP to the Camp Office at 570-922-1587or chad@campmountluther.org and mention that you're coming to make SAWDUST! Want more info on starting a Sawdust ministry in your community? Contact: Beth Yenchko eyenchko@uss-elca.org or Pr. Karl-John Stone karljohn@uss-elca.org

Saturday, May 4: Spring Work Day at CML

Practice stewardship through service at Camp Mount Luther at our annual Spring Work Day.

We need 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 day will run from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



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 April 29 if staying for lunch.

Thank You Notes

Dear St. Mark's family,

Words cannot begin to express the depth of our pain and anguish over losing Heather, but at the same time words are not adequate to express how grateful we are to have brothers and sisters in Christ like each of you. The celebration of Heather's life service was exactly what we had hoped it would be—worshipful and full of the promise of Eternal Life through God's plan of salvation.

The reception following was amazing! Fellowship hall was so beautifully decorated and so much food was donated it was overwhelming! We felt so loved and cared for by everyone involved. Please know that you have given us a priceless gift—a beautiful service and reception suitable for our beloved 'Angel face.'

We are so grateful for all the hard work Pastor, Lou, Bob & Bernadette & the Hospitality Committee put forth to make the service and reception so beautiful and special.

A special thank you to Connie Shaible for preparing and placing the candles in the Nave. They were breathtakingly beautiful!

Thank you for the many prayers, words of encouragement, sympathy cards, and monetary gifts to the college fund for Heather's children Trey & Jayce.

We will, like the Apostle Paul, forever thank our God upon every remembrance of you!

God's Love & Ours, Mark & Susan Mahserjian-Smith John & Kerri Mims Brooks, Trey & Jayce Borgess Victor Borgess & Gwen Pardee

Dear Pr. Elkin,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Thanks to you and to all at St. Mark's for hosting us at your Passover Seder! It was fascinating and inspiring for us to experience and appreciate more deeply the story of God's deliverance of Israel as it was told through the Seder meal. Thank you for leading the Seder and for all of the preparation which you did beforehand.

Thanks also to all who set up the tables and place settings, cooked the food, serviced the meal, and cleaned up afterwards! The food was absolutely delicious, and the service was excellent. We truly appreciate so many people offering their time during Holy Week in order to serve us.

May God continue to bless you and all the good people of St. Mark's as you follow our Lord Jesus so faithfully.

In Christ,

Rev. Matthew Schuster, Carlie Lepley & Anthony Lepley

Dear St. Mark's Women of the ELCA,

Thank you for your recent donation of \$250 for the Shepherd of the Streets Ministry. It is with generous donations such as yours, we are able to help many needy people. When the Shepherd helps someone in crisis, they are most 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 Women of the ELCA.

Thank you so much for your \$100 contribution to the Newberry branch of the New Garment Agency. Your gift will help us clothe and shoe needy persons and loved ones.

In God's love, Deb Buckman President, NGA

Happy Birthday!

05/01 Melvin Wentzel 05/02 Jerod Barone

05/02 Robert Clokey

05/02 Jacob Schreckengast

05/02 Matt Wellen

05/05 Grace Schreckengast

05/06 Rosemary Clokey

05/07 Alex Larson

05/08 Ian Elliott

05/10 Carl Weaver

05/13 Catherine Lundy

05/13 Lori Ann Zimmerer

05/14 Karen Boone

05/15 Jane Larson

05/16 Robert Schultz 05/18 Stephen Boone 05/18 Arthur Decker 05/19 Candace Dewar



05/19 Kenneth Schreckengast 05/19 Amy Stugart 05/20 Michael Fillnow

05/23 Owen Lukens 05/24 Ryan Jensen 05/24 Dawson Owen 05/24 Dustin Pelleschi 05/26 Jane Angle 05/26 Norma Prato 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

05/31 Randa Bieber

Happy Anniversary!

05/02 Edward & Lorraine Barone 05/02 Hugh & Marie Byerly 05/02 Joshua & Brittany Lynch 05/09 James & Ernestine Doane 05/15 Galen & Pamela Davenport Jr. 05/15 Daniel & April Lewis 05/17 Patrick & Carol Harvey 05/25 James & Debra Buckman 05/28Creighton & Christina MacGill 05/30 Michael & Pamela Jensen

PLEASE MAKE THESE Directory Updates

CHANGES:



Dottie Burd change address to: 911 Westminster Dr., #4. Williamsport, PA 17701

Hilda Smith change address to: 700 Tanglewood Rd., Apt. 25, Muncy, PA 17756-8256

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

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Dottie Bingaman

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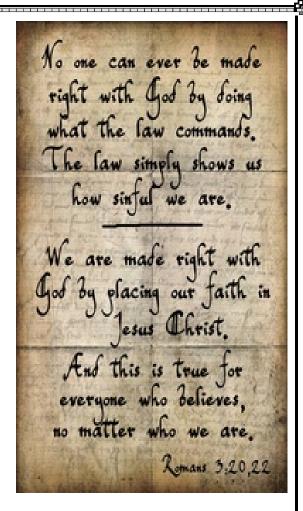
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Mary Helen Scinicarello

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Elda Zeigler

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

St. Mark's MAY Calendar of Events

1 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting 11:45 AM Bible Study

2 Thursday National Day of Prayer

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

3 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

4 Saturday

8:00 AM CML Spring Work Day

5 Sunday Easter VI

8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion 3:00 PM Conference Assembly @ St. Matthew

6 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

7 Tuesday

8:00 AM City Pastors 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:00 PM Brownies

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9 Thursday

Ascension of Our Lord

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

10 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

12 Sunday

Easter VII Mother's Day

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

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Pastor at STS in Danville

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

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17 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM WCCO Concert

19 Sunday

Festival of Pentecost

8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion 11:45 AM Congregational Assembly 12:00 PM Prayer 4 Youth/Chapel 2:00 PM 2nd Annual Fishing Derby 6:00 PM Confirmands meal/mtg

20 Monday

Lion Article Deadline

9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 PM Council Mtg.

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7:00 PM Dog Club

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27 Monday

Memorial Day - Office Closed

28 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:00 PM LSM Mtg.@St. Mark's

29 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer9:20 AM Lion Crew9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting11:45 AM Bible Study

30 Thursday

6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer

31 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

Around & About Our Synod & Conference

Looking Ahead to June at Camp Mount Luther



The summer camping session at Camp Mount Luther will be in full swing in June! This summer's staff will arrive on June 3rd for their two weeks of training. On June 16th, the first campers for this year will arrive for Senior High X-Teen, a joint program of the camp and the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. The theme this year for X-Teen is "Beyond the Hunger Games." They will be participating in a ten-day camp experience, culminating in a weekend of service work. On June 24, camp will welcome on-site Day Campers. This program is especially good for those kids who are not sure they want to be away from home overnight. More

information on these programs is available by calling the camp office at 570-922-1587 or visiting www.campmountluther.org. There is still time to register for all these and other summer programs!

This year's theme at Mount Luther is "Faith Alive," exploring the five faith practices of Bible study, worship, prayer, hospitality, and service. A new method of studying the Bible, called "GROW Time" will help campers <u>Gather and Reflect On the Word throughout their day, culminating in an evening worship service.</u>

May 13, 2013: Bishop's Open Golf Classic



The eighth annual Bishop Open's Golf Classic is set for May 13, 2013, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club in Shamokin Dam. The tournament benefits Camp Mount Luther and the camp's annual fund. A flyer/bulletin insert containing information and registration form is available on the camp's website at www.campmountluther.org. The camp's golf tournament committee is currently looking for hole sponsors, door prize sponsors, silent auction items, and golfers. If you can help, please contact the camp office at 570-922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org. Congregations are also encouraged to become a hole sponsor. Get involved and help our synod's outdoor ministry!

Coming and Going

Pr. Ron Shellhammer resigned from St. Matthew's effective May 1st.

He remains ½ time at Redeemer.

A Call Committee has been formed at Messiah Church.

The Rev. Elisabeth Aurand has been called to St. Luke Church. We wish her and our friends at St. Luke's God's richest blessings upon their ministry together!