

# The Lion of St. Mark's

NOVEMBER 2014

# All Saints Sunday November 2, 2014

We recognize and rejoice in all those who have joined the

# Church militant

by Holy Baptism in the past year:

Case Robert Pittinger son of Kelly & Larry Pittinger October 19, 2014

Greycen Adeline Walter daughter of Joe & Dana Walter October 26, 2014

We honor and remember all those who have moved to the

# Church triumphant

in the past year:

Katherine (Kay) Crane	December 13, 2013
Wilson Doebler	December 19, 2013
Dorothy (Dottie) Berndt	January 9. 2014
Jane Strous	March 8, 2014
David McMorris	May 1, 2014
Pamela Ross	June 6, 2014
Carol Confer	July 27, 2014
Eleanor Whiting	August 8, 2014
Lillian Skeebey	August 27, 2014

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	Counci	I Update
	The Congregation Cou October 20th in the Library	uncil met in regular session on . The Council:
+	received the regular report committees.	s of the pastor, officers and
†	transferred Bob & Mary Sc	hultz to Messiah Lutheran.
†	commended Patty Drake to	o Trout Run United Methodist.
+	appointed Sally Bjornstad sions	to listen to the "Old City" discus-
+	rejoiced at the good spirit of day.	of things on Consecration Sun-
†	noted that the Finance Cor budget tomorrow.	nmittee meets to work on the
+	approved an expenditure in ation objectives.	n support of one of the reconcili-
+	welcomed the insights of K derson from the Reconcilia	enneth Roush and Dorothy An- tion panel
†	set the next regular sessio	n for November 24, 2014
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# **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Group Pack 'N' Wrap**



NOVEMBER 2\* AT 11:47 (RIGHT AFTER 2<sup>ND</sup> SERVICE)

We've been gathering items all year for the shoeboxes and have been blessed with an abundance of donations! So, on Sunday, Nov. 2, c'mon over to Fellowship Hall after church to join us

for a light lunch of finger foods and the always entertaining wrapping of empty shoeboxes for the children to fill up with surprises for needy children around the world.

The next week, the children will have processed with the wrapped boxes for offering after Children's Church. If you have prepared your own gift boxes at home, you are welcome to present your offering to the effort with the children. We will be taking the boxes to the collection center on Tuesday, November 18—so the absolute last chance to bring them here is that Sunday, Nov. 16.

The cost of shipping each box is \$7, so if we have 40+ boxes as we have had in the past, the cost builds up quickly. If you would care to contribute to this expense, envelopes will be in the narthex on the first three Sundays in November, or you can send your gift to the office with the designation "Operation Christmas Child."

As always thank you all for your generosity with our various endeavors.

### **Selinsgrove Christmas Party**

Yes preparations are underway for our annual Christmas party with the **ladies of CM-6** at the Selinsgrove Center. This year our party will be in early December. As is our tradition we tell stories, sing songs and take modest gifts for the ladies and their caregivers. Please consider donating an item or two from our list of requests. These items include



- † Moisturizing body wash, unscented if possible
- + Money to cover the cost of the slipper socks purchased at bargain basement prices last winter.
- + Non-refrigerated pudding cups in any flavor (The center only serves vanilla.)

- + White and holiday tissue paper
- + Holiday gift bags (The 2 for \$1.00 size)
- + A few bags of holiday candy for the caregivers (candy kisses, individually wrapped mints)

Closer to our party I will be asking for donations of apples, clementines, bananas and homemade cookies for a fruit basket and cookie tray for the caregivers.

Monetary donations are always welcome to fill in any gaps with our gifting. Checks may be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line indicating "Selinsgrove Party." A container is available in the Narthex for your donations. Thank you in advance for any help you can give to this very meaningful project. Speak with Becky Miller Pryor for additional information.

#### **Christmas Gifts for Danville State Hospital**



Once again we have been asked to provide modest gifts to the residents of Danville State Hospital. This year we are providing general gifts that insure every resident has a gift or two to open on Christmas Day. These general gifts are especially needed for those folks who are admitted to the hospital in late November and December.

Later in November if you wish to provide a gift, take an ornament from the tree in the Narthex, purchase the listed item and return it unwrapped to the tub in the Narthex.

All gifts for Danville residents are due by Sunday, December 8, 2013.

Thank you for any assistance you are able to give. Becky Miller Pryor is the contact person for this project.



### We're Cookin' PUMPKIN with Janet!

# We will be cooking with Pumpkin on Saturday, November 8th starting at 10 AM.

Please call Janet (570-772-1184) to sign up! We hope to see <u>you</u> in the kitchen with Janet!



### Update on the CROP Walk



Thank you to everyone who donated and walked in the CROP walk on October 12th. We had a beautiful day filled with fellowship and fun. Together we prayed for those we were walking for at 6 different locations along the way, sometimes having others join us in prayer. Michael Ochs and Pastor Elkin also walked, but are such fast walkers, you can't see them in the photograph. St. Marks raised \$842.55 (\$230 more than last year!), which will go to local hunger agencies and support self-help programs in 70+ countries. We walked because they walk....we hope you can walk with us next year.

### Notes from Jane Kline & Lucille Weaver

Just a short note to let all my St Marks Lutheran church family know how good it was to see you on Sunday, October 12, 2014 and then again on Wednesday, October 15, 2014. You truly are part of my family forever!!!! Love you all and will see you again the next time I'm back in town. Keep the faith.

To my friends at St. Marks: thank you for all your well wishes, cards, flowers, visits and last but not least, prayers. All of which has been critical to my continued health and speedy recovery. My heart over-floweth! I hope to see your smiling faces very soon. Love, Lucille Weaver

#### Thank You for the Treats!



The Newberry Branch of NGA thanks the Congregation for their participation in "Trick or Treat for NGA." Your donations of hygiene products will help fill twenty-five family kits for low income families with children living in rural Lycoming County. These families participate in the Parent-Child Home Program, a component of Head Start.

During November the Social Ministry Committee will continue to collect hygiene products for the Shepherd of the Streets. Again all items may be placed in the tub in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support.

# ADUENT WREATH MAKDNG

*You...yes, you...and your family are invited to attend the annual Advent* Wreath Making on Sunday, November 30, at noon in Fellowship Hall. The children will again decorate their tree in the Hall with the hand-made ornaments donated to the children of St. Mark's by John & Ruth Burkholder. Please join us for a time of food, fun and fellowship and make an advent wreath for your home!

# MITTENS, GLOVES, HATS& SOCK S

THE TREES COME ALIVE THIS ADVENTSEASON alive with mittens, gloves, hats, and socks!

Two trees will be ready to decorate with these items by Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Please stop in Fellowship Hall and add your gift to ' the trees. The socks, mittens, gloves, and hats will be given to area families in need.

## **KIDS NIGHT OUT & ADULT COOKIE BAKE**



#### KIDS' NIGHT OUT SATURDAY DECEMBER 20

5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Look for sign-up list in the staff hallway soon!!

ADULT COOKIE BAKE SATURDAY DECEMBER 20

8:00 A.M.-???

Look for sign-up list

### Christmas Caroling To Our Shut-Ins

You are cordially invited to join us for Christmas Caroling to our shut ins on Sunday, December 21st. We will meet at the church at 2:00 P.M. where we will carpool to our shut-ins. We take cards





the children have made at Kids Night Out and Cookies from the Adult Cookie Bake as gifts to our shut ins. Upon our return we enjoy hot cocoa and cookies in Fellowship Hall. Please join us for this festive outreach!

# **Corning Museum of Glass**

## Sign-up for Corning trip (November 1) NOW!

The sheet is up next to Bernadette's office.

We leave church at 8:00 a.m. to be in time for the beginning of the "make-your-own-glass" workshops at 9:20 a.m. Volunteers are needed to drive.

Admission is free for all those 18 and younger \$12.75 for 55+, AAA, military, and students \$15 regular admission.



This does not include the fees for making your own glass. For more info on those projects, go to <u>www.cmog.org/visit/make-your-own-glass</u>

# Lunch 'N' Fellowship



Wednesday, November 19th at Noon

Serving Spaghetti & Meatballs

Bring a dish to share & a friend!

# December Lion Article Deadline

All articles for the December issue of the Lion are due No later than Friday, November 14th. Thank You!

The Nursery is Open!



It's true! The nursery is now open and staffed during the 10:30 service!

# What can YOU do???



One of the most important missions that St. Mark's supports is Family Promise of Lycoming County... On March 1, 2015, we will host the seventh annual Iron Chef Williamsport competition, which continues as one of the largest fundraisers for Family Promise...

Yes, you know about Iron Chef...but, did you know that there are ways in which you can help, too?



With minimal time or effort on your part, you can:

- + Tell your friends and neighbors
- + Pray for the volunteers and for those who need Family Promise
- + Stuff envelopes
- + Hang posters in places you frequent in the course of your days
- + Hand out flyers at your clubs or civic organizations
- + Make phone calls from the comfort of your home

All these things and more are ways of doing for our neighbors, as we would do for ourselves. Iron Chef Williamsport is one of the better ways we have of going outside the four walls of St. Mark's, involving the community, and providing for those less fortunate than we. So, what CAN you do?

### Along the Way Book Fair

Start your Christmas shopping early... ...and you don't even 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. 23<sup>rd</sup>



"I'll have a lot of Christmas books on Sale. I'll also have several gift items for all ages. This is a great opportunity for families to purchase quality Christian gifts for everyone on their lists. Boxed cards for different occasions including Christmas are always popular and will be available for purchase as well as special individual Christmas Cards. Prices range from \$.10 and up. There is something for everyone. See you on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Stock up on holiday gifts and treat yourself to something as well. 10% of all sales are donated back to St. Mark's for your ministry!

THIS IS A ONE DAY EVENT ONLY – NOV. 23<sup>rd</sup> in FELLOWSHIP HALL. Cash and Checks are accepted. See you in November.

Your friend in Christ, Sandy Grier, Along The Way Books."

### **EXPECTATIONS WOMEN'S CENTER**

#### Have you ever had the desire to be a part of a life-changing ministry?

Expectations Women's Center will be conducting training sessions for anyone interested in serving as a volunteer. Please prayerfully consider joining our staff and volunteers as we minister to women in our communities who are experiencing unplanned pregnancies. Volunteers are needed to serve as mentors and receptionists. Why not look into the possibility that God may be calling you to join us?

### **VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

The 7-session class begins October 28 **Tuesday evenings 6 – 9 pm Oct 28, November 4, 11, 18, 25** &

Saturdays 9 am – 3 pm November 8 and 15

Cost of training materials is \$30. (Scholarships are available)

For more information or to register please call: Laura at 523-6874 or Sara at 321-8254

### FIRST COMMUNION

Letters have gone out to the parents of those children in the third grade, inviting the students to learn about Holy Communion and what it means to them.

If your child is not yet in third grade, but you feel he or she is ready to understand and receive Communion, PLEASE CALL THE OF-FICE if you want them to join the class. We feel that children of that age are ready to learn about this sacrament, but, obviously, you know your children better than we do. We are more than happy to include any of our youth in the process.

Classes begin on Sunday, November 2, at 3:00 p.m., in the Middle Lounge, and continue on November 9 & 16 at the same time. The students' First Communion will be celebrated on the festival of Christ the King, Sunday, November 23, 2014.





# Daniel's Closet



Save the date! After a few years rest, the synod Youth Retreat at Camp Mount Luther is back and will be held on February 6-7, 2015. ·¥°, \*\*\*\*

All youth in 6-12th grade and their youth leaders are invited to attend. The retreat will have a confirmation theme and more details will be available later this fall.

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# Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol

On Friday, December 12; Saturday, December 13; and possibly Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014, Lutheran Shared Ministry (LSM) will present

# A Chrístmas Carol,

dinner theatre style, in Fellowship Hall at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. All donations will go to UCM of Penn College.

WE STILL NEED A BOB CRATCHIT AND MARLEY'S GHOST!

Please think about joining our cast (in a role or as a caroler); pencil us in on your calendars; and join us for Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*.

### FINALS WEEK SURVIVAL KITS:

We need protein/granola/snack bars, fruit gushers, trail mix, gum, water flavorings, or any other treats you can think of for our college students!

Guess what else we need? Addresses for said students!! Please email shipping info to Bernadette.

Greats will be gratefully accepted in a container across from the Youth & Family offices!

## TEEN MOVIE NIGHT



Sunday, November 28th, 6 pm

Bring a treat! Bring a friend! Just join us!



# Calling all Youth Sixth thru Twelfth Grades!!



# January 23-25, 2015 Pittsburgh, PA

Early Bird registration November 6, 2014 \$144 (\$159 then 'til 12/18, \$174 after that) \$60 due by above date

### Calendars are on sale now!



"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

A transformational weekend for grades 6-12 where lives will be renewed and faith will



**THE JUNKER GEORGES** If I had to tell you about The Junker Georges, and apparently I do this is what I'd saw They are an accustic based reak (foll)

do, this is what I'd say: They are an acoustic-based rock/folk duo/trio/quartet, depending on who actually shows up. Founding members Ryan and Todd have been playing music coast to coast since 2003. As primary songwriter and guitarist, Todd is a Level-12 Disney trivia master, coffee connoisseur, and was voted "Most Likely to be Killed by a Pirate." Ryan (drums/muscle) would much rather be playing for the Flyers, Eagles, or Phillies. He is serving a record 23rd consecutive term as President of the West Roebling Aerosmith fan club. They love Jesus, eating, and hanging out. What else is there? Be on the lookout for special "Mystery Band Members" this weekend for extra bonus points!

### **MISSION/SERVICE**

Connecting our weekend of worship with the mission of the church, this event will include meal-packaging sessions in partnership with Harvest Pack. Session participants will have a chance to help in the packaging line, and learn more about the issue of hunger in the world, as we work together to "Share the Harvest".

### United Churches of Lycoming County

#### FOOD PANTRY ITEMS CURRENTLY NEEDED:

Oodles of Noodles Powdered Coffee Creamer Pork-N-Beans Cake Mixes & Frosting Powdered Drink Mix Pudding Mix Mustard Coffee Ketchup Pasta (any shape) Canned Veggies Canned Fruit Spaghetti Sauce Saltine Crackers Mac-N-Cheese Microwave Popcorn Cereal Pop Tarts Peanut Butter Chunky Soup

#### Hours are: 9:30 - Noon on Mondays for delivery. Tuesdays/Thursdays from 10-3 clients by appointment only 570-322-1657 Castellano Center, 320 Park Ave., Williamsport, PA

24 hour Devotion Line	November Wednesday Ecumenical Lunches A tasty \$6 lunch, warm, ecumenical fellowship & a thoughtful program designed to enrich your life mentally, physically, spiritually and socially at Pine Street U. M. No reservations are necessary.
is availa- ble to encourage you in your relationship with God.	5- Alexander Nesbitt MD, Medical Director Susquehanna Hospice/Palliative Care, Catherine Haefner RN, Susquehanna Hospice/Palliative Care, and Allison Brion MSW, Susquehanna Hospice; "Susquehanna-Shirati Partnership for End-of-Life Care in Tanzania"
Devotions are under three minutes and change weekly.	<ul> <li>12- Mrs. Connie Phillips, Victorian Tour Committee</li> <li><i>"Victorian Christmas Come to Life as Emma Rolley"</i></li> <li>19- Dr. John Piper, Historian, <i>"Home of the Friendless: A Women's Ministry to Women"</i></li> </ul>
Call 570-322-5762 anytime!	27- Mr. James Foran, Director of Religious Education, St. Joseph the Worker Parish, <i>"How To Celebrate Thanksgiving Canadian Style"</i>

# **Community Events**

### **Community Center**

A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 11:30 and Open House (Noon-5) will be held on Friday, November 7 to herald it's reopening and renaming.

Previously know as The Center or the Bethune Douglas Center located at 600 Campbell Street, Williamsport, it was recently purchased by Firetree LTD.

They also need Volunteers for a diversity of programs including after school and senior programming, administrative tasks, event planning, etc.

Leah Borow, Program Director, looks forward to meeting and working with you and speaking to the community. RSVP at 570-601-0877 x 2030 for the ribbon cutting.

### Lycoming College Chamber Choir

will sing on Sunday, November 9th at 2:30 pm at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Williamsport. Join them and *Organist Richard Lakey* for a concert featuring one of the most beloved 20th century compositions for choir and organ, *Maurice Durufle's Requiem.* 

It combines the beauty and solemnity of chant with the colors and impressionistic qualities of 20th Century France, and is ideally heard in an acoustic such as St. Joseph's.

The concert begins at 2:30 pm and is free of charge. St. Joseph the Worker Parish is located at 702 West Fourth Street in Williamsport.

If you have questions call the church office at 570-323-9456.

### **Special Concerns List**

#### Patricia Alexander

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

#### Edith Anderson

Rose View Center 1201 Rural Ave. Williamsport, PA 17701

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

**Dottie Bingaman** Williamsport Home, Apt 708 1900B Ravine Rd. Williamsport, PA 17701

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

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

Larue Dieter 2150 Warrensville Rd., Apt. 2 Montoursville, PA 17754 Charlotte Hughes 140 Blueberry Lane

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**Reba Jacobs** Vintage Knolls, Box 120A 41 Woodbine Lane Danville, PA 17821 **Irma Logan** Valley View Rm. 401-1



2140 Warrensville Rd. Montoursville, PA 17754

#### **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

Rose View Center 1201 Rural Ave. Williamsport, PA 17701

**Robert Swartz** 1522 Country Club Lane Williamsport, PA 17701

Henrietta Tyson

Valley View Nursing Ctr. Rm. 601 2140 Warrensville Rd. Montoursville, PA 17754

#### **Beulah Wrede**

Williamsport Home, Rm. 413 1900 Ravine Rd. Williamsport, PA 17701

#### Elda Zeigler

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

## **Children's Church**

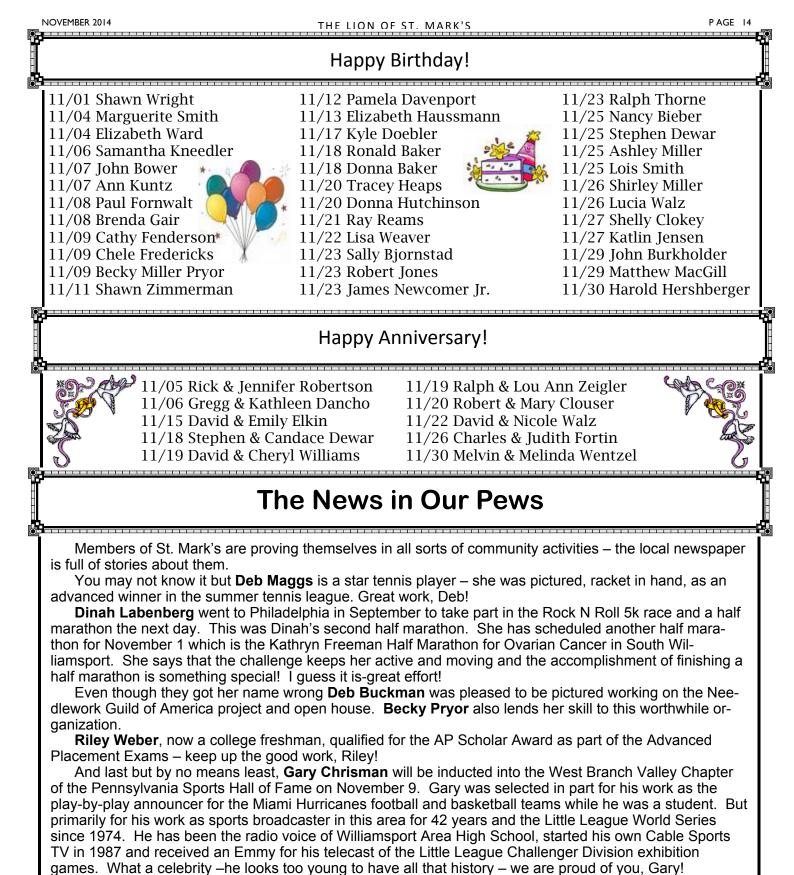
SUNDAY, November 9th, 10:30 AM,



in the Chapel, will be our second

celebration of Children's Church for this year.

The special offerings that day are contributions toward the shipping costs of the finished shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The children will process with the boxes.



This column was fun to write – so much good news and so many really exciting events – keep in touch and enjoy this magnificent autumn weather – soon the snow will fall!

#### ~Joyce Anne Hershberger

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

#### 1 Saturday

8:00 AM Corning Glass Museum 11:00 AM Hometown Heroes Event on Mulberry Green

#### 2 Sunday ~ All Saints Day Thankoffering Received

8:00 AM Holy Communion

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Holy Communion

11:45 AM OCC Group Pack 'n' Wrap 3:00 PM First Communion Class

#### 3 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Civic Chorus Rehearsal

#### 4 Tuesday

8:00 AM City Pastor's @ SM 9:00 AM Morning Prayer

### 5 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting12:00 PM Bible Study1:15 PM Pericope Study Group6:30 PM Lutherans at Worship Study

### 6 Thursday

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

### 7 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

### 8 Saturday

**FP Hosting Set-up** 9:00 AM Therapy Dog Trials 10:00 AM 2nd Saturday with Janet

#### 9 Sunday ~ Pentecost XXII FPLC Hosting

- 8:00 AM Holy Communion
- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Children's Church
- 10:30 AM Holy Communion
  - 3:00 PM First Communion Class
  - 5:30 PM JOY @ Messiah

### 10 Monday

#### FPLC Hosting

9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Civic Chorus Rehearsal

### 11 Tuesday

FPLC Hosting

- 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 12:00 PM Finance Committee
  - 6:30 PM Stephen Minister Training

#### 12 Wednesday FPLC Hosting

- 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting
- 12:00 PM Bible Study
  - 1:15 PM Pericope Study Group
  - 6:30 PM Property Committee
  - 6:30 PM Lutherans at Worship Study

#### **13 Thursday** FPLC Hosting 6:31 AM Men's Ministry

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:00 PM Senior Choir

#### 14 Friday ~ Lion Article Deadline FPLC Hosting 9:00 AM Morning Prayer

15 Saturday ~ FPLC Hosting

### November Calendar of Events continued

#### 16 Sunday ~ Pentecost XXIII FPLC Hosting

8:00 AM Holy Communion

9:15 AM Sunday School

- 10:30 AM Holy Communion
- 3:00 PM First Communion Class 6:00 PM Confirmands meal/mtg

#### 17 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer6:00 PM Civic Chorus Board7:00 PM Civic Chorus Rehearsal7:00 PM Dog Club

### 18 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer6:30 PM Stephen Minister Training

#### 19 Wednesday

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- 1:15 PM Pericope Study Group
- 6:30 PM Personnel Committee

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### 21 Friday

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### 22 Saturday

**23 Sunday ~ Christ the King** 8:30 AM Holy Communion 8:30 AM Book Fair 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM First Communion & 3rd Grade Milestone 10:30 AM Holy Communion 6:00 PM Teen Movie Night

#### 24 Monday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:00 PM LSM 6:30 PM Council Mtg.

**25 Tuesday** 9:00 AM Morning Prayer

### 26 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting 12:00 PM Bible Study 1:15 PM Pericope Study Group

27 Thursday Thanksgiving - Office Closed

#### 28 Friday

#### 29 Saturday

**30 Sunday ~ Advent I** 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM Advent Wreath-Making

