



The Lion of St. Mark's

SEPTEMBER 2015

Educational Opportunities to "Know Christ and To Make Christ Known"

Sunday School

September 6:

- † Please join us for breakfast and conversation in Fellowship Hall
- † Meet with the teachers of our adult classes...find out what they're doing!

September 13: Regular classes for all ages resume

- † Upstairs: Pre-K & elementary grades and Middle School
- † Middle Lounge: Adult discussion group
- † Crossways Room: Adult class with Pastor Elkin
- † North Lounge: High School discussion group
- † Nursery: Young adult discussion—parents with babies & toddlers welcome.



LSM's School of Religion

*Wednesday afternoon Oct. 7, 14, 21, & 28 from 1:30 ~ 3:30
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 142 Market St. Williamsport*

This year's offerings are:

- † **SPACE FOR WORSHIP** Although Christians may worship anywhere we usually have a specific place for worship. We'll discern some of the principles that stand behind the work of church architects, and explore by video some of the great worship spaces around the world. Along the way, we may discover ways in which our current worship spaces can function more effectively as proclaimers of the Gospel. Lots of information, pictures, and lively conversation. ~ *Pastor Elkin, St. Mark's*
- † **"AND A LITTLE CHILD WILL LEAD THEM"** Have you ever wondered why Jesus played with children and taught adults, while we do just the opposite? Every once-in-a-while we have a chance to see things from Jesus' point of view, and over the next few weeks, we will do just that. This course will help us see the wisdom of children in ways that surprise the adults around them. Through a series of quiet, and often overlooked films, we will be taught a few things about ourselves and our world, seen through the eyes of children. Join us and see what we're talking about. ~ *Pastor Cockley, St. Matthew*
- † **PERICOPE STUDY** "Pericope" is a fancy term for the Bible passages chosen for the coming weeks. Join area pastors as they read the lessons, delve into the background of each lesson, and discuss together how best to get its message said clearly in this time and place. This is always a lively one-hour conversation, led by a different pastor each week.

On *The Way* Together

Across the years, those who have participated in *The Way* have expressed their appreciation for the process and what it has done for them as individuals and as companions in the congregation. It is for long-time members to renew relationships and add to knowledge, as well as for persons new to the congregation to find out about what makes Lutherans tick. This year's group is now forming, and we hope to begin on Sunday September 13 following the 10:30 service. We're looking for participants and also for persons to walk along with them.

Please contact Pastor Elkin (pastor@stmarkswilliamsport.org) or Mel Wentzel (tookool4school@comcast.net) with your ideas for either participants or sponsors. It is a lively, informative, and enjoyable way to become a more effective church member.

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Council Notes

The Congregation Council met in regular session on Monday, August 17 in the Crossways room.

The Council:

- † received the regular reports of the pastor, officers, and committees.
- † expressed congratulations to Redeemer Church on their 125th anniversary.
- † approved purchase of a piano to be funded through the Bair memorial money.
- † approved Gillian Buckman, Hannah Hausmann, and Lynna Robertson for Confirmation, pending completion of requirements.
- † affirmed the Worship and Music committee decision to have one chalice refurbished.
- † accepted the bid of Loudenslagers Carpet for replacing the carpeting in the choir and sacristy hallways for the sum of \$4,165.
- † ratified the earlier decision to convey a 5-grave lot in Wildwood Cemetery to the Miele family.
- † moved the date of the September meeting to 9.28 due to Pastor's absence on the 21st.
- † received the initial report of the Goal-Setting process from Sally Bjornstad and Joyce Hershberger.

Parish Register

- † Pastor Elkin officiated at the funeral service for **Doris Connelly** on August 14 at the Maneval Funeral Home, on behalf of Bethany Church, Montoursville, with burial in Twin Hills Cemetery.
- † Pastor Elkin presided at the funeral service for **Beulah Wrede** on August 20 in the Nave, with burial in Highland Cemetery, New Columbia.

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Got stuff? We Can Sell It!

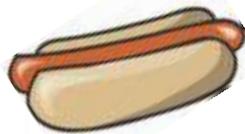


If you are finding items you no longer need, the Women of St. Mark's will gladly accept them for their Fall Bazaar. The Bazaar Room is open for your donations of pictures, small appliances, lamps, holiday decorations, housewares, toys in good condition and other treasures you no longer need or want. Please be sure all donated items are clean, in good condition and working properly. Clothing may be donated to Daniel's Closet. Beginning September 1st, donations may be placed neatly on the stage. Please do not block the stage doors. Speak with Shirley Hill or

Becky Miller Pryor if you wish to help or have additional questions.

**This year's Fall Bazaar will be Saturday, September 12, 2015
9:00am -1:00pm**

Our Great



Food will be available!

Grab n' Go

is Tuesday, September 8th @ 6:30 PM

Setup is Wednesday 9/9, Thursday 9/10, Friday 9/11 from 9:15 AM – Noon daily

Mark your calendars and plan to help for as little or as much as your schedule allows.

WOMEN OF ST. MARK'S - FALL ACTIVITIES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

- Wednesday September 2 – Quilting starts – 9:15 a.m.
- Tuesday September 8 – Bring up rummage from basement – 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday September 9 – Set-up for Bazaar – 9 a.m. to noon
- Thursday September 10 – Set-up for Bazaar – 9 a.m. to noon
- Friday September 11 – Set-up for Bazaar – 9 a.m. to noon
- Saturday September 12 – **BAZAAR & RUMMAGE SALE** – 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Extra help needed to pack & clean up after 1 p.m.
- Sunday September 27 – Bring up quilts from basement – 9:15 a.m.
- Wednesday September 30 – Decorate Nave with quilts – 9 to 10 a.m.
- Sunday October 4 – Blanket Sunday
- Wednesday October 7 – Pack quilts and kits for shipping – 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

It's Time to quilt!!!



QUILTING BEGINS Wednesday, September 2nd

Our diligent group of quilters return to work on September 2nd at 9:15 a.m. Because of illnesses, etc., we are looking for new people in all categories.



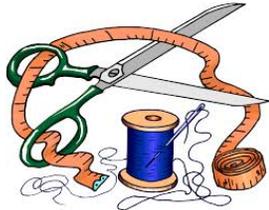
You do not have to know how to sew!

Our **Knotters** simply tie knots.

Assemblers lay out and baste the quilt layers together.

Top makers design and create the tops with machines at home.

Binders finish the edges with machines, also at home.



Just show up with scissors any Wednesday, or contact Shirley Hill or any of the quilters. All are welcome!!

REMINDERS

- (1) LARGE PIECES OF FABRIC for quilt tops, sheets in good condition for backings, and old flannel sheets or blankets for fillers are much in need.
- (2) KITS and SOAP BARS for Lutheran World Relief should be turned in by Sept. 13th.

Daniel's Closet



It is Back-To-School time. As you prepare for your children and grandchildren to return to school, please consider donating their no longer needed clothing to the children who visit Daniel's Closet. Socks and underwear are always in short supply. Backpacks, lightweight jackets and school supplies are also distributed at this time. The greatest needs are for infant and children's clothing and plus-size clothing for men and women. Shoes and sneakers in good condition for all family members are always needed.

Drop-Off at Redeemer Lutheran Church will be Thursday, September 24th from 4:30 pm - 6:00pm.

Other times for drop off may be arranged by calling Redeemer's office at 570-322-2333.

Michele Owen has also offered to take any clothing brought to St. Mark's to Redeemer.

If you are placing clothing in the Bazaar Room, please place it on the stack of tables near the doorway so it does not become confused with items for the Bazaar.

Distribution will be Saturday, September 26th from 9:00 am - 11:00am.

Paying It Forward...

"The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts." Haggai 2:8

(The following article was in the Messiah Messenger and Pastor Reinsburrow has given us permission to use it.)

Last week I mentioned planned giving and the importance of funding our church's future. Many members of St. Mark's Church in the past have remembered our ministry and future through bequests and their will. Planned giving typically occurs through wills or bequests as part of estate planning. Investopedia defines planned giving as, "a set of ways a donor can leave money/assets to a nonprofit at his/her death; or a way to invest money so that the donor receives benefits during his/her life and bequeaths the remaining funds to the nonprofit."

There are four types of bequests or gifts:

- † A percentage of the estate. Distribution of assets can be arranged on a percentage basis. The bequests then remain in the same proportion to each other, despite fluctuations in the value of the estate. You could tithe your assets to the St. Mark's Investment Fund.
- † A fixed amount of money or a designated property. You name the St. Mark's Investment Fund to receive a specified amount of money, a collection, a home or parcel of land from your estate, or other asset from the estate.
- † A double-purpose bequest. A life income to a relative (such as a spouse) or other loved one can be assured while leaving a gift to the St. Mark's Investment Fund. This is accomplished by establishing a charitable remainder trust, a gift annuity, or other life-income gift in your will.
- † A residual bequest. Whatever property remains in ones estate after specific bequests have been fulfilled is known as residue. Any member can leave the residue of his/her estate to the St. Mark's Investment Fund. This includes those who name the St. Mark's Investment Fund for a specific amount of money or a designated property. They too can leave all or part of the residue of their estate after all the other bequests have been satisfied.

Consult your attorney or financial planner for further details on how to pass assets to St. Mark's Investment Fund via wills or bequests. More will follow...

Lutheran Shared Ministry



LSM is Lutherans from congregations in the greater Williamsport area praying, proclaiming, caring, connecting, sharing, and serving in Christ's name. LSM presents October's School of Religion for adults (25 yrs.), leads the annual Catechetical Retreat for tweens (17 yrs.), and seeks new means of outreach and communication in order to more effectively advance the mission of Christ's church in this community.

LSM meetings are open to leaders and laypersons from our local Lutheran congregations. Their next meeting is Tuesday, September 22, at 6:00 p.m., in our Middle Lounge.

SEE YOU AT THE POLE 2015

UNITED

They all met together
and were constantly
united in prayer.
—Acts 1:14

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

Global Week of Student Prayer

Sunday, September 20 through Saturday, September 26, 2015

For the last 25 years, See You at the Pole has been about one simple act—prayer. SYATP is still about students uniting themselves in prayer before God interceding for their generation.

There are two opportunities to unite in prayer with your friends:

DAY: SEE YOU AT THE POLE day is on Wednesday, September 23, at 7:00 a.m. local time. All around the globe, in every time zone, students will be gathering at their flagpoles, praying for their school, friends, families, churches, and communities. SEE YOU AT THE POLE is a day committed to global unity in Christ and prayer for your generation.

WEEK: The *GLOBAL WEEK OF STUDENT PRAYER* (Sunday, September 20 through Saturday, September 26) encourages students to find new and unique ways, places, and times to pray throughout the week. Whether you attend **PUBLIC SCHOOL, PRIVATE SCHOOL, or HOME SCHOOL**, gather your friends wherever and whenever and pray! The *GLOBAL WEEK OF STUDENT PRAYER* is dedicated to prayer and launching your on-campus Bible clubs, prayer strategies, and student ministries.

Operation Christmas Child



**OUR GROUP PACK'N'WRAP IS SCHEDULED FOR
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE**

**Time's a-wasting! Don't wait until the last minute and miss the sales:
start now picking up small boxes of crayons, wash cloths, hair accesso-
ries, brushes/combs, tablets, toothpaste/brushes, pencil sharpeners, small toys...**

you know what we mean...

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW, SO YOU CAN JOIN US THEN!!!

The News in our Pews

Signs of fall are coming on quickly and it is time for parents to shop for those backpacks, lunch boxes, jazzy fall outfits and all the other items that take the edge off going back to school after what has seemed to be a very short summer – every year they seem shorter!

Some of the late announcements of scholastic achievement need to be acknowledged. Two of our students in the Loyalsock School District were named to the honor roll for the last marking period: **Grace Schreckengast** finishing ninth grade at the high school and **Taylor Wentzel** at the middle school. **Taylor** was named to the distinguished honor roll and **Grace** to the high honor roll.

Taylor was also the recipient of the Dr. Wayne Rose award at the middle school. The award is presented each year to students on the basis of demonstrating the ability to make “good Choices” academically and socially. What a gift for life – congratulations Taylor!

Lynna Robertson had a great year in softball. Her team won the junior state softball championship and traveled to Connecticut where they took fifth place in the regional competition. We will watch **Lynna** as she goes on to bigger and better things! She was an outstanding pitcher for her team.

Our teachers did very well also –**Todd Smith** who teaches advanced placement US government and politics at Mansfield High School was one of 32 teachers from the US selected to participate in the Constitutional Scholars Institute which was held at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia in July. He had an opportunity to take part in discussions with some of the nation’s leading constitutional scholars. Must have been a real treat, Todd!

We have lots of St. Mark’s “graduates” doing exciting things in their new homes. **Becky Tartline**, daughter of **Phil and Barb Thomas**, is the new nursery school director at St. Timothy’s Church in Mechanicsburg where she has been teaching for 10 years. **Becky’s** two children, **John** and **Anna**, are alumni of St. Timothy’s. In addition Becky teaches Girl Scouts and her husband, **Pete**, leads the Boy Scouts. The church article say “We are very blessed that she has the vision to continue the nursery school and we welcome her with open arms!” What a lovely tribute – we are all very proud of **Becky!**

I look forward to lots more exciting things our members will be doing in the fall – Keep in touch!

~Joyce Anne Hershberger

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

Children’s Church



Our first children’s service is on Sunday, October 11! For those who don’t know, this is a special time of worship in the Chapel during which the children spend time “up close & personal” with the music, sermon, and prayers.

We finish in time for offertory in the Nave where the kids process with their special offering of the day (this month, donations for the CROP Walk), then join their parents or return to the nursery for the rest of the service. Children’s Church is the 2nd Sunday of each month thru May.

Kits for victims of Disaster & Poverty

All kits and soap bars are due by September 15th.

Please take one (or more) and fill it during the summer with the school supplies listed below.

School supplies are beginning to go on sale now.

You can make a difference in the lives of children in impoverished schools or refugee camps.

Other types of kits are also being requested.

You can make up a Personal Care Kit, a Baby Care Kit, or a Fabric Kit.

Items needed for these kits are listed on handout sheets in the Narthex.

Soap bars (in the original wrappings) can also be donated.

Give to others what God has given to you.

Fabric Kit

2 pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester). Each piece should match one of the sizes below:

- 2¼ yards of 60" wide fabric, or
- 3 yards of 44" wide fabric, or
- 4 yards of 36" wide fabric



2 spools of neutral-colored all purpose thread, 250-300 yards

- ✧ *Fabric should have no stains or holes. Pieces do not need to match in size or color/pattern.*
- ✧ *Fold thread and one piece of fabric inside second fabric piece and tie with yarn, sturdy string, ribbon or a strip of fabric.*



Personal Care Kit

1 light-weight bath-size towel (max. 52" X 27"), dark color
 2 bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, wrapped
 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging
 1 metal nail clippers - remove packaging

- ✧ *Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition.*
- ✧ *Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn.*

School Kit

4 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
 1 30-centimeter ruler, or with centimeters and inches
 1 pencil sharpener
 1 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
 5 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
 1 2½" eraser
 1 sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)



- ✧ *Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.*
- ✧ *All items should be new & in good condition.*
- ✧ *Remove any excess packaging, pack all items in bag and close.*

Layette Kit

2 lightweight cotton t-shirts
 2 long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
 2 receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
 4 cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
 1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
 2 pairs of socks
 2 bars of gentle soap (4-5 oz bars)
 1 hand towel, dark color wrapped
 2 diaper pins or large safety pins



- ✧ *Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.*
- ✧ *Gently used, clean items (no stains or tears) or new.*
- ✧ *Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins.*

GET YOUR FEET READY! THE CROP WALK IS COMING!



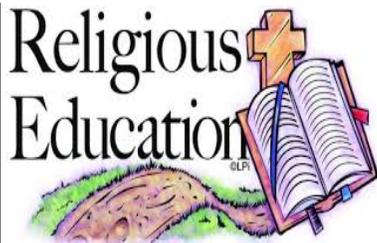
St. Mark's is once again hosting the CROP Walk on October 11th, when hundreds of people will be walking to raise money to end hunger.. This year is our 36th walk and to date we (through Lycoming County, in Williamsport - Jersey Shore - Hughesville - Muncy - Montgomery) have raised over 1 million dollars to help CROP stop hunger! Last year the area raised \$18,080.18.

A CROP Walk Rally will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at New Covenant United Church of Christ (202 E 3rd St) from 4-6 PM to pick up CROP Walk materials and ask questions.

Thank you for doing your part to fight hunger both locally and globally. 25% of the money we raise goes to our community and is distributed equally between the New Love Center in Jersey Shore, the Sonlight House of Muncy, and the United Churches Food Pantry. The other 75% is distributed by Church World Service nationally and internationally to help people who are hungry.

Together, we can make a difference!

NEW CATECHETICAL CLASS FORMING!



Letters inviting students to become a part of the confirmation process have been sent. If you have a student in sixth or seventh grade and have not received one of these letters, PLEASE LET US KNOW. Sometimes we miss things in the computer system. If you have an older child who has not been confirmed, please contact us. We can include anyone who wishes to become a part of the process. If a youth is a lot older than the other students, he or she is also welcome to participate in *The Way*. Please call Pastor Elkin or Bernadette at 323-4619, email (addresses in the front of the newsletter), or facebook.

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH!

Confirmation Sunday

Gillian Buckman, Hannah Haussmann & Lynna Robertson
are being confirmed on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2015!

They have successfully finished their two-year course of study
and summer Confirmation Camp with Pastor Elkin.

Their mentors are Mindy Wentzel, Ruth Rees, and Lorraine Barone, respectively.

Our thanks go out to these ladies for their dedication to these girls and the program; thanks also to the parents for their encouragement and participation.

Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services

Lutheran Shared Ministry is sponsoring two training sessions on Mandated Reporting as laid out by the 2014 Pennsylvania law regarding the state's Child Protective Services. There are two sessions, at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, September 29, at St. Mark's Fellowship Hall at 142 Market Street, by the bridge.



Training Update for "Approved Adults"

is for those who have the opportunity to promote team-work and share their gifts in providing a safe environment while working with children. (1 Corinthians 12:12-31)

Specifically, "Mandated Reporters" which we ALL are, refers to any adult who comes into contact within his or her "work" or professional practice or any leader of any regularly established activity or organization, paid or unpaid, who accepts the responsibility of children.

We will discuss the procedures for Mandated Reporting (which we all hope we never have to use) and be prepared to acknowledge concerns and answer questions or redirect needs to professional mentors. Advocacy and confidentiality are a stressed must, as well as immunity for the reporter. Printed handouts will be available, including the most recent Frequently Asked Questions of Volunteers from the Pa. Dept. of Human Services 8/3/15.

The sessions are led by Gail Landers of New Covenant United Church of Christ, Williamsport, Pa., a trained Samaritan Counseling Safe Church Facilitator, retired early childhood educator, and community volunteer.

If you would like to attend one of the sessions, please respond by email to lutheransharedministry@gmail.com or on LSM's facebook page (LSM: Lutheran Shared Ministry), specifying afternoon (1:00) or evening (7:00). If we do not have enough attendees for one or the other of the times, we will cancel that one, leaving the remaining available for those who wish to participate.

Free Monthly Meal



Thursday, September 10, 2015 5:30 – 6:30 PM
Do you know a family or individual that is food insecure?
If so please share that a free community supper is available
the 2nd Thursday of each month at Redeemer Lutheran .

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

In an effort to simplify the Lion deadline I have changed it to the 12th of the month. This should make it easier for everyone to remember when articles are due.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation! God bless, Susan



United Churches of Lycoming County

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS CURRENTLY NEEDED:

Soups	Cake Mix & Frosting
Tuna Helper	Spaghetti & Sauce
Sugar & Flour	Macaroni & Cheese
Noodles	Pancake Mix & Syrup
Cookies	Canned Fruit & Juice
Pizza Mix	Jell-O & Pudding
Condiments	Hamburger Helper
Beef Stew	Canned Vegetables
Chicken Helper	Oodles of Noodles
Desert Mixes	Tea/Coffee/Cocoa

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

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.

16- Ms. Mary Siemenski, Manager, Lycoming County Women's History Project,
*"The Hidden History of African Americans in Williamsport:
What I Learned from Researching Julia Collins"*

23- The Rev. Leroy Wion, Retired Wesleyan Pastor and Minister of Music and
American Rescue Workers Pastor and Counselor
"Gospel Concert"

30- Mr. Todd Penman, Executive Director, West End Christian Community Center,
"Opportunities to Reach Out in Jesus' Name"



Our 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 anytime!

Calling all teens!



Teen movie night!

Sunday, September 27th at 6:00 PM

**Bring a snack! Bring a friend!
Spread the word—see you there!**

Ongoing Collections



We are still collecting stamps and they can be placed in the basket in the narthex. The stamps are used in various activities for those in rehabilitation and physical therapy.

Tabs are collected all year round and are donated to the Ronald McDonald House which helps with their cost of maintenance, electricity, etc. Tabs can be dropped off in the narthex or in the clear container in Fellowship Hall.



Youth Encounter Weekend

Youth
ENCOUNTER



QUAKES

• ZONES

January 29-30, 2016

Pittsburgh, PA

Early Bird registration December 1, 2015

\$144 (\$164 then 'til 12/18, \$184 after that)

\$75 due by above date

Interest meeting Sept. 20, after 10:30 service

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

2 Corinthians 12:9-10



Wes Halula

Wes Halula has spent the majority of his life being a ham. When he was younger, this really worked against him. Later in life, he figured out how to harness his energy for good. Wes has appeared in many commercials, performed in theater across the Midwest and west coast, and performed with Comedy Sportz in Kansas City, Minneapolis, and Los Angeles. Wes is best known for his "day job" as one of the members of HappyFunTime, an improvisational and sketch comedy troupe. Wes desperately wants to see the world the way God sees it. He wants to love people the way God loves them. And he'll never pass up the opportunity to tell people just how much God has done for us.

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".



Sunday School Thank You!



Michele and Bernadette wish to sincerely thank those who have already volunteered to teach Sunday Church School this year.

We have one elementary class which meets nine months a year. For a few months we are still in need of teachers. With Sunday School beginning in a little over a week, we would like to fill out the year. It truly is so little time to donate to our children: 4-5 Sundays a year. Volunteers are needed: What about you?

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

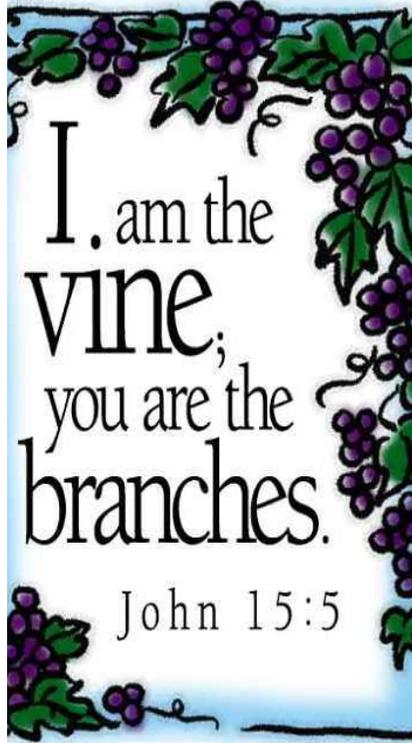
Dottie Bingaman
Williamsport Home, Apt 708
1900B Ravine Rd.
Williamsport, PA 17701

Larry Bair
The Meadows
2160 Warrensville Rd.
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Lunch 'N' Fellowship

Wednesday, September 16th at Noon
Serving Boneless Chicken Thighs
Bring a dish to share & a friend!



Happy Birthday!

09/03 Todd Smith
 09/04 Jeannette Lukens
 09/05 Brett Campbell
 09/05 Lauren Campbell
 09/05 Valerie Doebler
 09/05 Sean Elkin
 09/05 Hailey Jarrett
 09/05 Joshua Lynch
 09/05 Kirk Owen
 09/06 Derek Lewis
 09/06 Betty Rechel
 09/09 Debra Buckman
 09/09 Nolan Ott
 09/09 Hudson Ott
 09/10 Mary Clouser

09/11 Carol Harvey
 09/12 Theodore Larson Jr.
 09/12 Mary Ann Stiller
 09/12 Marion Waldeisen



09/13 Timothy Maggs
 09/13 Stefan Weber
 09/15 Shirley MacGill

09/15 Andrea Welker
 09/17 Tammy Fitzpatrick
 09/18 Abreanna Doane
 09/19 Audrey Bower
 09/19 Deborah Holmes
 09/20 Richard Harris
 09/22 Ronald Arner
 09/22 Brittany Dewar
 09/24 Aeris Powley
 09/26 Blanche Doebler
 09/26 Abbigail Robertson
 09/27 Jonathan Lynch
 09/28 Lawrence Satifka
 09/28 Bailey Sims
 09/30 Pamela Fink

Happy Anniversary!

09/02 Edward & Lorraine Barone
 09/03 Ronald & Grace Arner
 09/03 Steven & Nancy Bieber
 09/04 Robert & Shelly Clokey



09/10 William & Marion Waldeisen
 09/19 Johnny & Renee Hinds
 09/25 Jackie & Michael Kinney
 09/28 George & Kay Poliska
 09/28 Robert & Michele Ramsauer

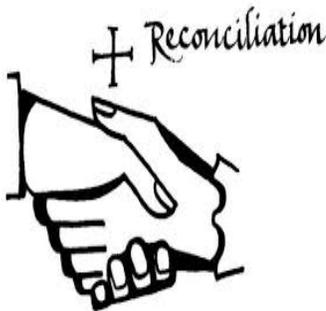
Help Us Make a Joyful Noise!



**Choir practice resumes
 Thursday, September 3rd!
 Please join us at 7 pm!**



We're Making Progress!



At its meeting on August 17, the Congregation Council received the reports from Sally Bjornstad and Joyce Hershberger, who have compiled all the ideas from the committees and individuals in our Goal-Setting Process. The Council members will be mulling them over, and they will meet as a committee-of-the-whole on Sunday September 20 following the 10:30 service to further discuss the many ideas. They will begin to prioritize those ideas which they sense are most closely aligned with our Mission Statement *To know Christ, and to make Christ known*. It is never too late for a good idea, so there will be a form in the next two Sunday bulletins to garner additional ideas from the congregation.

St. Mark's september Calendar of Events

Tue September 1

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

Wed September 2

9:00am Morning Prayer
9:30am Staff Meeting
11:45am Bible Study

Thu September 3

6:31am Men's Ministry
9:00am Morning Prayer
7:00pm Choir



Fri September 4

9:00am Morning Prayer

Sun September 6

8:00am Holy Communion
9:15am Sunday School Breakfast
10:30am Holy Communion

Mon September 7 Labor Day
Office Closed



Tue September 8

9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed September 9

9:00am Morning Prayer
9:00am Set Up for Bazaar
9:30am Staff Meeting
11:45am Bible Study
1:00pm ALWL
6:30pm Property Committee

Thu September 10

6:31am Men's Ministry
9:00am Morning Prayer
9:00am Set Up for Bazaar
5:30pm Redeemer Community Meal
7:00pm Choir

Fri September 11

9:00am Morning Prayer
9:00am Set Up for Bazaar

Sat September 12

October Lion Article Deadline

9:00am Women's Bazaar

Sun September 13

8:00am Holy Communion
9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Holy Communion
12:00pm *The Way*

Mon September 14

9:00am Morning Prayer
7:00pm Civic Chorus

Tue September 15

9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed September 16

9:00am Morning Prayer
9:30am Staff Meeting
12:00pm Lunch N' Fellowship
1:15pm Pericope Study
6:30pm Worship & Music



September Calendar of Events continued

Thu September 17

6:31am Men's Ministry
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:30am Stephen Ministry
 7:00pm Choir

Fri September 18

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



Sun September 20

8:00am Holy Communion
 9:15am Sunday School
 10:30am Holy Communion
 12:00pm Congregational Council

Mon September 21

Pastor/STS-Illinois

9:00am Morning Prayer
 6:00pm Civic Chorus Board
 7:00pm Civic Chorus

Tue September 22

Pastor/STS-Illinois

9:00am Morning Prayer
 6:00pm LSM

Wed September 23

Pastor/STS-Illinois

9:00am Morning Prayer
 11:45am Bible Study
 1:15pm Pericope Study

Thu September 24

Pastor/STS-Illinois

6:31am Men's Ministry

9:00am Morning Prayer

4:00pm Daniel's Closet Drop Off

7:00pm Choir

Fri September 25

Pastor/STS-Illinois

9:00am Morning Prayer

Sat September 26

9:00am Daniel's Closet Giveaway

Sun September 27

8:00am Holy Communion

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am Holy Communion

12:00pm The Way

6:00pm Teen Movie Night



Mon September 28

9:00am Morning Prayer

6:30pm Council Meeting

7:00pm Civic Chorus

Tue September 29

Mandated Reporter Training (tent.)

9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed September 30

9:00am Morning Prayer

9:30am Staff Meeting

11:45am Bible Study

1:15pm Pericope Study