



# THE LION OF ST. MARK'S

JULY 2017

*On several pages of this issue, you will see a new format. Any likes/dislikes/suggestions are welcome via email to [stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org](mailto:stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org)*

## The Fourth of July Celebration Needs You!

Each year our Fourth of July celebration is enjoyed by hundreds of people. Please consider joining with us as we honor God and Country on this special day. Volunteers to set up, serve and clean up are still needed. See the sign up poster in the Narthex.

Items that we still need include:

- ★ Bags of individually wrapped candy (Smarties, Tootsie Rolls, Blow Pops, Suckers.)
- ★ Fruit Snacks
- ★ Bags of popping corn
- ★ Bottled water in 8 oz. and 16 oz. sizes
- ★ Mini bags of pretzels and Cracker Jacks
- ★ Trinkets / Kiddie prizes



Money to purchase additional supplies not donated (hot dogs, rolls, condiments, etc.)

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

Thank you for any help you can give.

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THIS YEAR, WE'RE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THE CONCERT AT 7:30! IT'S CHOCK-FULL OF PATRIOTIC MUSIC AND SENTIMENT AND INCLUDES SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMERS!

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**SET-UP AT 4:00 PM    HOSPITALITY STARTS AT 6:00 PM    CONCERT AT 7:30 PM**



## TEMPORARY COMMITTEE FORMING TO PLAN REFORMATION ANNIVERSARY!

Tuesday, October 31, 2017 will mark the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther posting his 95 theses. This offers Lutherans the opportunity to observe the Reformation in ways that are forward-looking, ecumenical,

and focused on the mercy of God in Jesus Christ.

Are you interested in brainstorming and planning an event for our community to observe this milestone? Please contact Audrey Comerford for more information at (724) 972-1694 or [argraft@live.com](mailto:argraft@live.com) and keep a look out for a informal meeting to generate interest. Until then, explore the wealth of information and ideas already available at [elca500.org](http://elca500.org).

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## Council Notes

The congregation council met on June 19, 2017.

- ◆ Approved the motion from the outreach committee that the loose plate offerings on July 16 and 23 be designated for drought relief in Africa, as distributed through Lutheran World Relief
- ◆ Approved the motion from the personnel committee to increase the interim music director's salary to match the starting salary of a permanent music director
- ◆ Approved the motion from the property committee to install baby changing stations in the Narthex bathrooms and the nursery
- ◆ Council will have a mini-retreat at the Fortin home on July 10 in lieu of a July meeting
- ◆ A temporary Reformation Celebration committee will be formed
- ◆ Agreed to table the discussion of committee structure and leadership until the July mini-retreat

## Parish Register

† The funeral service for William Waldeisen, who died June 9, 2017, was held on Saturday, June 17, 2017, Pr. James West presided.

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Sun - Thurs 5:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

**Parish Musician: Donna Elkin**  
Sunday mornings & Thursday evenings

**Financial Secretary: Graydon Yearick**  
Mon & Wed 8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

**Youth & Family: Bernadette Jones**  
Mon., Wed., Thur., Fri 10 a.m.—noon,  
Sun. 8 a.m.—1p.m. & by arrangement

**Youth & Family: Michele Owen**  
M, Tu, W, F 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

**Secretary: Laura Schreckengast**  
Mon-Fri 9 a.m.—1 p.m.



One of the things which we can do as members of the Body of Christ is to support and encourage one another by naming persons and causes in prayer. We do this every Sunday when we are together in worship, and we can do this individually at home as well. We try to have an up to date list of names in the bulletin and the Prayer of the Church, but things happen that don't fit our publication schedule.

Whenever a person or cause needs to be named in prayer, please contact Kathy Kolb at [kathy@kolbnetworks.com](mailto:kathy@kolbnetworks.com), and also the church office at [stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org](mailto:stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org). Laura in the office will take care of listing the person or cause in bulletin and elsewhere, if it is appropriate to do so. Kathy will pass the names and causes along to persons who volunteer to serve in the Prayer-Chain. Sometimes a reason for the request for prayer may be given, other times only a name – depending on what is appropriate in a given situation. Please send a note to Kathy to become a Prayer-Chain volunteer. Sometimes we can help one another with physical assistance, but every time we can help one another with prayer.

Can you spare a few moments for that?

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## ABOUT SATURDAY EVENINGS:

The 6 PM Saturday evening service at St. Mark's Lutheran Church may be just what YOU need!

- This service is non-traditional and DOES NOT have the Gregorian chanting. In fact, there was no music at all.
- Held in air-conditioned Chapel for those sensitive to heat of summer!
- Not only is it highly wheelchair accessible, it also gives both the care provider plenty of time to get ready on a Saturday, and then time to get the wheelchair bound loved one ready for service. We have guests from another Lutheran church who find this very appealing - and provides some generous and loving time between mother and daughter.
- For those with Fibromyalgia, Rheumatoid Arthritis, any type of Arthritis, stenosis, or any physical illness that makes sitting on a hard, wooden pew extremely uncomfortable, the Chapel has cushioned chairs.
- For those who prefer small groups, there were only 6 in attendance on Saturday, June 24th, plus Pastor West. During the sermon, we sat in a circle

so Pastor could articulate better to those with hearing impairments. It was easier for Pastor West to read the eyes of those who had questions, and allow them to ask their questions.

- Last night, we lightly (and I do mean very lightly) covered the Augsburg Confession and John the Baptist's birth. Growing up in Zion, Sunbury, I had the same confirmation studies as Steve Shipman, Robert L. Driesen, and Kerry Aucker. We had a thorough introduction to the faith. Even so, I learned several new things about John the Baptist last night.
- A better opportunity to get to know Pastor West. He is one of the most mesmerizing ministers I have ever met. Knowledgeable, personable, relaxed, conversational, and delightful are only a few of the adjectives I'd use to describe him. If you're a "sensitive" like me, you can literally feel the Holy Spirit that has infused this man - and his willingness to accept such.
- If you work at any place from a health care facility to a convenience store Sunday morning, work night shift, or your work shift somehow demands time away from church, this gives you an alternative time to get your ash to church!
- If you lack transportation on a Sunday morning, the busses are still running on a Saturday evening.
- If you're a night owl and mornings simply ain't your bag, this is your time to get back in touch with your faith!
- If you're tired of fighting with teenagers about getting up on a Sunday morning for church, you can encourage your teens to attend on a Saturday evening and avoid the Sunday morning hassles! Let them enjoy their time with their friends.
- Pastor West told me the Saturday evening service will give him a greater opportunity to explore more "things." What things? IDK. Meet me there and we'll find out together!
- My husband and I can pick up 2 people anywhere from Montoursville (Wal-Mart area) and take them to church with us.
- After church on a Saturday evening, you are free to do whatever you like for the rest of the night. You're already cleaned up and dressed up as you want to be (jeans are very welcome), so just fly, and let God go with you!
- If you're planning a day trip on Sunday, now you don't have to miss church. Come Saturday evening.
- The services are so different my husband went to the Saturday evening service, so I could attend with my disabilities, and then went again on Sunday morning for the traditional service and to see all his church friends. ~submitted by Kay Poliska

Dear friends and neighbors of St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

Grace and peace to you from our Savior and Lord, Christ Jesus.



"Summertime and the living is easy," lyrics by Ira Gershwin, music by his brother George. The words are from musical *Porgy and Bess*. The words sound bright and sunny, even hazy and lazy. Time to pull out the beach books and head to the lake.

In the fictional plot, Porgy is crippled and gets around with a cart that bears his paralyzed leg. Bess struggles with addictions. Temptation is all around. The living is not easy.

There is a world of difference between us and Porgy and Bess.

Yet, aside from living on the other side of the poverty line, on the other side of race relations, and on the other side of the Great Depression, we do resemble Porgy and Bess. The resemblance comes from bearing the image of God. Jesus bore the heavy burden so that we can bear with one another joyfully.

"Come to me, all who are weary and heaven laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yolk is easy, and my burden in light." Matthew 11:28-30 (Revised Standard Version)

Summertime doesn't make our life easy, Christ Jesus does. See you in church!

In Christ,  
Pastor James West

**DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSIONS TO:**

Please observe these deadlines. *Any entries received after these dates, without prior arrangement, will not be included.*

 ...Tuesday,  
July 12<sup>th</sup>  
**Newsletter**

 **Church Council**  
...Monday,  
July 11<sup>th</sup>

**Baseball Fans**

**ALL FAITHS NIGHT 2017**

There is one more opportunity for a group from St. Mark's to attend a Crosscutters game at BB&T Ballpark.



MONDAY, JULY 31, 7:05 pm  
VS. WEST VIRGINIA

At \$5 per ticket (savings of \$3) our group would be seated together in Stadium Reserve seating and welcomed on the scoreboard during the game! Discount coupons are included for 10% off all purchase in the Sawmill Team Store.

A sign-up sheet is outside Bernadette's door. You must sign up and have your money to her by July 23.

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*Those who expect to reap the benefits of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.*

~ Thomas Paine

**Acolyte Schedule**

**JULY SCHEDULE:**

- July 4 Dylan & Ashton
- July 11 Grace & Elizabeth
- July 18 Stefan & Owen
- July 25 Jonah & Gillian





How wonderful that school is out for the year since we seem to be experiencing our warmest temperatures of the year—time to soak in the pool or the creek!

This year's Soap Box Derby featured Jack Fortin as a contestant. Jack is the son of Erick and Stephanie and the grandson of Judy and Charlie – Jack finished fourth, not bad for his first attempt!

Sean Jensen was inducted into the first class of the National Junior Honor Society at Williamsport Area Middle School. Sean also received the President's Award for Academic Excellence at the eighth grade graduation exercises.

The Zeigler twins graduated this year from Williamsport Area High School and are college bound: Laura to James Madison in Virginia and Anna to Marywood. Anna was featured on a billboard and made her choice to study art as a result of her work with a high school art teacher.

Both Anna and Laura, Evan Barone and Ben Haussmann were inducted into the National Honor Society at WAHS, and Gracie Schreckengast into the society at Loyalsock.

The Senior Choir ended their year with a lovely picnic at the home of Donna and Ken Elkin—we all left with lots of Ken's fresh lettuce!

This is a good time to add my disclaimer to this piece: I depend on all of you to share your news with me so that I can share it with the congregation. If you don't send it to me it will not appear unless I happen to catch it in the newspaper – (not terribly reliable)!

I leave you with a quote about summer:

*Hair gets lighter  
Skin gets darker  
Water gets warmer  
Drinks get colder  
Music gets louder  
Nights get longer.  
Life gets better!*

My wish for all of you – until next time!

– *Joyce Hershberger*



*Here's a Chance to Learn Some Important Information:*

On Wednesday, July 19th at 6:30 PM, Dr. Alexander Nesbitt will be presenting a program on **Advanced Planning, Hospice and Palliative Care** for our St. Mark's Family

Transportation Can Be Provided!  
Bring a Friend!

Light Refreshments Will Be Served!

RSVP to Kathy Eshelman (570) 433-0522 or [kathyme54@gmail.com](mailto:kathyme54@gmail.com) by July 12th

**SUMMER CONFIRMATION CAMP**

for our catechetical students is held this July 10—12, (Monday—Wednesday).

Our students, Jonah, Ashton, Owen, Amalie, Gabriella, and Elizabeth, will spend three days with Pr. West and Bernadette as they learn more about our Lutheran faith, the Bible, the Holy Land, worship, our community, and St. Mark's, itself.



These three days are always an exciting time around the church, beginning at 8:45 in the morning and ending about 5:00. They enjoy snacks, lunch, and fellowship; go on field trips to St. Anthony's and the American Rescue Workers; finishing on Wednesday with a special event for them, their families and mentors.

**Lunch'n'Fellowship:**

*IT'S CHRISTMAS IN JULY!*



If you can, bring a dish to go with *Roast Turkey* and join us on Wednesday, July 20, to share in the fun, food, & fellowship!

**Cooking Tip:** *Grill your fish on lemon slices*

Fish will tend to stick and even break up when placed on the grill, but if you put it on top of lemon slices and grill it like that it will be much easier to prepare, and it will get that nice zesty flavor.



## KITS of CARE

We can't control when disaster strikes or end poverty overnight. We can help people dealing with the aftermath of earthquakes and floods, fleeing to escape violence, or living in extreme poverty. We can send Kits of Care from our hands to their hearts.

Bags for the School Kits will be in the Narthex in July. Or, you may choose to make Personal Care Kits, Layette Kits, or Fabric Kits. Soap Bars are also being collected.

All kits and soap bars are due by September 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Put your faith into action!



#### *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.

#### *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.



#### *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.



#### *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 light-weight 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.

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### There is No Vacation from Hunger

The Outreach Committee thanks the congregation for their generous support of our summer food drive for the United Churches Food Bank. The bin is overflowing but we encourage more donations throughout the summer. Summer-time is an exceptionally busy time at the Food Bank due to the increase in food needed by young families with school age children. The volunteers at the Food Bank and the families they serve are most grateful for your donations.

# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to everyone who continues to donate items for our Operation Christmas Child Collection! With 6 months of collections down and 5 to go, we are looking forward to filling 30 shoeboxes come November!

In July, we are collecting youth size socks as well as youth size t-shirts (S-XL). (Keep an eye on the ACMoore and Michael's ads for t-shirt sales! They are often 3 for \$10.00 throughout the summer months.)

These items (or any others you find) may be placed in our red, OCC bin located in the narthex. We thank you in advance for your generosity!



## Magazine Subscriptions:

As many of us may (or may not) know, the ELCA offers magazine subscriptions to 2 monthly publications: *The Living Lutheran* and *Gather*.

The mission of *The Living Lutheran* is to:

- Nurture awareness of Christ's presence in our lives and the world
- Share stories of God's people living their faith
- Connect readers with the global Christian community
- Provide an open forum for discussion
- Challenge readers to bring God's grace and care to all

*Gather* is a publication geared toward the Women of the ELCA.

"As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world."

If you are interested in reading through one or both of these magazines, they will be available later this summer. They may be checked out and returned through Michele Owen.

## *Thank you!*

*Dear Members of St. Mark's,*

*On May 14th, we were one of the four couples that were honored by the church for having been married for 50 years or more. What a marvelous celebration the church provided for us. After church, we gathered in Fellowship Hall where we were greeted with a lovely setting of beautifully decorated tables, flowers, and pictures of us and our fellow honorees when we were younger (I could say MUCH younger!). Members of our families that were able to attend also celebrated with us. We were treated to a delicious meal prepared and served by Bob Jones and his family.*

*Kudos to everyone who had any part in providing us with this wonderful experience.*

*Thanks you St. Mark's for making this milestone in our lives so memorable.*

*~ Carl & Audrey Albright.*

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## GRADUATES!

Anna and Laura Zeigler have successfully completed their senior year at Williamsport Area High School! They were both inducted into the National Honor Society, having had an average of above 90 for four years

Anna was in the National Honor Art Society, received the Anna Jackie Thomas & the Doris Heller Teuffle awards, and was recognized on a downtown billboard. She is attending Marywood in Scranton in the fall, majoring in art therapy.

Laura is heading toward James Madison University to study nursing.



We wish them both the best of everything and keep them in our prayers.

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## Lutheran Shared Ministry

*LSM meetings are open to leaders and laypersons from our local Lutheran congregations. Their next meeting is Tuesday, July 25, at 6:00 p.m., at St. Luke Lutheran Church.*

# OUTREACH MINISTRY

## Collection for Drought Relief through LWR

Please consider joining us in donating to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) toward their East Africa Drought Fund.

“A serious drought in East Africa has led to a major drop in crop production, leaving millions of poor rural families that rely on farming as their primary means of survival without adequate food or income. Your gift will reach communities in Kenya, where neighbors are working together to improve and build better systems to capture rain water for irrigation.” -- <https://lwr.org/donate/east-africa-drought>

In addition to drought, conflict and civil war have contributed to this massive food crisis and extreme hunger in Somalia, Nigeria, Yemen, and South Sudan where LWR is currently exploring ways to address crisis there. The United Nations has declared a famine in Unity State in South Sudan; the first famine declaration in six years.

Donations can be made to St. Mark's with the designation of "LWR: Drought." Loose plate offering collected on July 16 & 23 will be added to the donations to LWR. You can also help by praying for the people affected by this crisis and the humanitarian aid staff working to reach them.

### WE STILL NEED YOUR CAST-OFFS!

Summer is in full swing with many projects being done around the house. If you are finding items you no longer need or want, the Women of St. Mark's will gladly accept them for their Fall Bazaar. Please be sure all donated items are clean, in good condition and working properly. Packing your items in small boxes is most helpful.



This year's Fall Bazaar is  
Saturday, September 9, 2017.

**With your help it will be a success.**

*Contact Shirley Hill or Becky Miller Pryor with questions.*

### Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Mark's

The Outreach Committee in conjunction with the Northcentral Pennsylvania Red Cross will host a Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall on Friday, July 21, 2017 from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Please consider being a donor or assisting with refreshments.

More details will be available in upcoming Sunday bulletins.

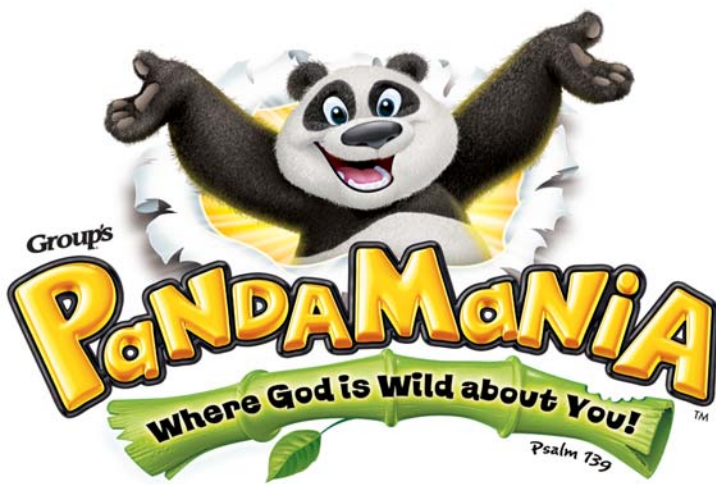
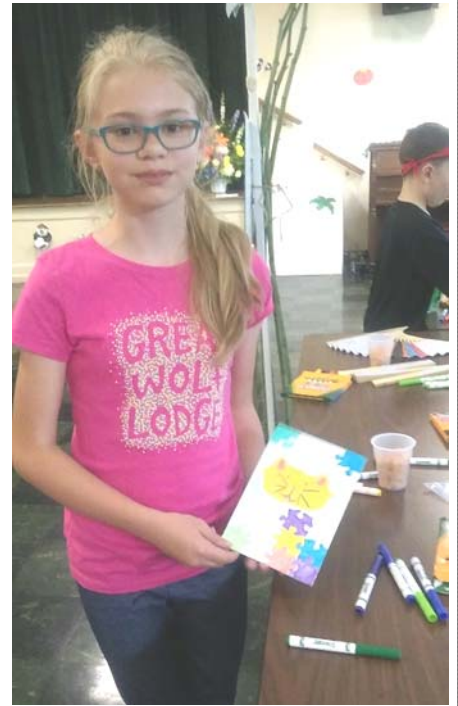


**Daniel's Closet (Free Seasonal Clothing) on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 – 11:00 AM**  
**(Donated clothing may be dropped off on July 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:00 PM)**

### Free Community Supper All Are Welcome

**Redeemer Lutheran Church Thursday, July 13, 2017 5:30 – 6:30 PM**





Our Pandamania VBS this year was held from June 18 to June 22, 2017, with supper served at 5:30 pm and the program lasting from 6-8 pm. We had 13 campers and approximately 30 people total with teen helpers and teachers. The campers enjoyed snacks, games, crafts, music, a movie and class time. A huge thank you to the following teen helpers and helpers: Vicki Haussmann, Donna Elkin, Laura Schreckengast, Linda & Lou DeSeau, Bob Miller, Janet Jones, Connie Shaible, Audrey Comerford, Ed & Brenda Gair, Owen Gair, Jonah Schreckengast, Grace Schreckengast, Taylor Wentzel, Sadie Wentzel, Mindy Wentzel, Sean Jensen, Devin Owen, Hannah Haussmann, Ben Haussmann, Elizabeth Haussmann, Makayla (Mikki) Steele, and Lois Smith.

Michele would like to thank everyone for making this a very fun and successful VBS!!!!



# Special Concerns List

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 Williamsport, PA 17701

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



7/1 Gabriella Gregory  
 7/2 Stanley Baker  
 Kristine Wacker  
 7/3 Maxwell Hospes  
 Theodore Larson III  
 7/4 Philip Thomas  
 7/5 Kimberly Fillnow  
 Dierah Williams  
 7/6 Corey Hospes  
 7/7 Andrea Hinds  
 Gabriel Nichols

7/8 Robert Lynn Jr.  
 7/9 Dylan Ot  
 7/10 Nicholas Buckman  
 Edgar Miller III  
 7/11 Mary Martin  
 7/12 Doris Brown  
 Annika Waffenschmidt  
 7/13 Levi Gair  
 7/14 Declan Jones  
 Nancy Larson  
 7/15 William Confer Jr.  
 Vicki Hausmann  
 7/16 Ashley Buters  
 Stephanie Confer  
 Michael Hieber  
 Kay Plankenhorn  
 7/18 Brenda Bower  
 7/20 Patricia Alexander  
 7/21 Pamela Jensen  
 7/22 Constance Shaible  
 7/23 Evan Barone

Reba Jacobs  
 David Weaver  
 Bryce Young  
 7/24 Edward Gair  
 7/25 Shirley Hill  
 7/26 Gail Greninger  
 7/27 Ann Kuntz  
 7/29 Mathew Fortin  
 7/30 Carol McMorris  
 7/31 Stephen Dewar



7/1 Ralph & Holly Thorne  
 7/3 Ray & Cynthia Huff  
 7/5 Walter & Margie Doebler  
 Daryl & Elizabeth Lewis  
 7/6 Robert & Kristin Lynn  
 7/24 Sean & Maria Elkin  
 7/29 Robert & Susan Curry

**FOOD PANTRY ITEMS CURRENTLY NEEDED:**

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

**Hours are: 9:30 - Noon  
on Mondays for delivery.**

**Tuesdays/Thursdays from 10-3  
clients by appointment only  
570-322-1657**

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Williamsport, PA**

**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!**



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.



**UPCOMING MILESTONES**

**70+, SINGLE AND STILL PRAISING GOD** is for seniors who are widowed, divorced, or were never married. On Sunday, August 13, we will celebrate them for their years of service and friendship. Invitations will be going out soon!

**PROGRESSIONS** will be celebrated on Sunday, August 20, we will pray for Anna and Laura Zeigler as they head off to college and for their parents as they face this transition in their lives.



***SUMMER FILM SERIES***

On July 2, we begin our Summer Film Series. The discussion group meets every Sunday, now through August, at 11:00 a.m. in the Middle Lounge.



First on our schedule is "Luther"—In the 16th century, Martin Luther becomes a monk and later challenges the practices of the Roman Catholic Church. Filmed in 2003, the movie features Joseph Fiennes as Martin Luther.



Next on our schedule is "Risen" in which Roman military tribune Clavius remains set in his ways after serving 25 years in the army. He arrives at a crossroad when he's tasked to investigate the mystery of what happened to Jesus following the Crucifixion. Accompanied by trusted aide Lucius, his quest to disprove rumors of a risen Messiah makes him question his own beliefs and spirituality. As his journey takes him to places never dreamed of, Clavius discovers the truth that he's been seeking.

Please join us in viewing and discussing some wonderful movies. Beverages are available and the Middle Lounge is air-conditioned.

# JULY 2017

**Saturday July 1, 2017**  
 6:00pm Saturday Evening Service

8:45am Confirmation Camp  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 7:00pm Transition Team reg. meeting

9:00am Daniel's Closet  
 6:00pm Saturday Evening Service

**Sun July 2, 2017**  
 9:30am Holy Communion  
 11:00am Summer Film Series

**Thu July 13, 2017**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 11:30am Little Lambs Liaison  
 5:30pm Redeemer Community Meal

**Sun July 23, 2017**  
*Pr. West Away*  
 9:30am Holy Communion  
 11:00am Summer Film Series

**Mon July 3, 2017**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 9:45am Staff Meeting

**Fri July 14, 2017**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer

**Mon July 24, 2017**  
*Pr. West Away*  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 9:45am Staff Meeting  
 7:00pm Transition Team reg. meeting

**Tue July 4, 2017**  
 Office Closed  
 4th of July  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 6:00pm Hospitality  
 7:30pm Patriotic Concert



**Sat July 15, 2017**  
 6:00pm Saturday Evening Service

**Tue July 25, 2017**  
*Pr. West Interim Ministers Meeting*  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 6:00pm LSM at St. Luke's

**Wed July 5, 2017**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer

**Mon July 17, 2017**  
*Pr. West Away*  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 9:45am Staff Meeting  
 6:30pm Council Meeting  
 7:00pm Wmspt. Dog Training Club

**Wed July 26, 2017**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer

**Thu July 6, 2017**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer

**Thu July 27, 2017**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 9:30am Stephen Ministry  
 4:00pm Daniel's Closet Drop-Off

**Fri July 7, 2017**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 10:30am Christian Ed

**Tue July 18, 2017**  
*Pr. West Away*  
 9:00am Morning Prayer

**Fri July 28, 2017**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer

**Sat July 8, 2017**  
 10:00am 2nd Saturday  
 6:00pm Saturday Evening Service

**Wed July 19, 2017**  
*Pr. West Away*  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 12:00pm Lunch 'n' Fellowship  
 6:30pm Special Speaker - Dr. Nesbit - All Invited (see page 5)

**Sat July 29, 2017**  
 6:00pm Saturday Evening Service

**Sun July 9, 2017**  
 9:30am Holy Communion  
 11:00am Summer Film Series

**Sun July 30, 2017**  
 James Doane Memorial/Interment  
 9:30am Holy Communion  
 11:00am Summer Film Series

**Mon July 10, 2017**  
 Council Agenda Due  
 8:45am Confirmation Camp  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 9:45am Staff Meeting

**Thu July 20, 2017**  
*Pr. West Away*  
 9:00am Morning Prayer

**Mon July 31, 2017**  
 Transform Williamsport at First Church  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 9:45am Staff Meeting

**Tue July 11, 2017**  
 8:45am Confirmation Camp  
 9:00am Morning Prayer

**Fri July 21, 2017**  
*Pr. West Away*  
 Red Cross Blood Drive  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 9:20am Lion Crew

**Wed July 12, 2017**  
 Lion Article Deadline

**Sat July 22, 2017**  
*Pr. West Away*

