



THE LION OF ST. MARK'S

SEPTEMBER 2018

Be here on Rally Day September 9 for



Sunday School classes begin September 16th!

The great thing about Sunday School? *Everyone* is invited and welcome! Our schedule will look a little different this year for our Preschool through Senior High Classes. Each Sunday we will meet in the Chapel at 9:15 for Music with Christian. At 9:35 we will move to our classrooms for Bible Study. And at 10:05, the opportunity to check books out of our newly “reopened” Library will be made available before our Closing at 10:15. We are excited to learn about our Loving Savior through music, through study, through literature and through service. Please, come!

Gregg and Kathy Dancho will continue teaching the Master’s Gardeners class in Middle Lounge. This class aims to begin at 9:15 as well, and is filled with (often times lively) discussion based upon a variety of topics and study guides. Please, join us!

Questions concerning Sunday School? Ideas for further study? Please see Vicki Hausmann. We look forward to learning, sharing, and growing in our faith as we delve into a new Sunday School season. Please, come!

Acolyte Schedule

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE:

- September 2 Owen Gair
- September 9 Hannah & Elizabeth
- September 16 Taylor Wentzel
- September 23 Sadie Wentzel
- September 30 Jonah Schreckengast



Fall Bazaar 2018

In just a few days the hustle and bustle of preparing for our annual sale will begin. The Women of St. Mark’s need everyone’s help in making it a success. Check your calendars and the schedule below to see where you can help for an hour or so. All are encouraged to come the day of the sale to shop, visit and eat lunch. Your support in donating items and in attending the sale enable the Women of St. Mark’s to reach out financially to charities both locally and globally.

Set Up Schedule

- ☞ **Sunday, September 2nd following church:** Folks are needed to bring small tables from the second floor to the Crossway’s Room. Chairs will need to be moved into the Nursery.
- ☞ **Tuesday, September 4th @6:30 PM:** With assistance from the Lycoming College girls’ basketball team, tables will be brought from the basement and placed in Fellowship Hall. Once all tables are arranged, items from the Bazaar Room and the stage will be brought to Fellowship Hall and the Crossway’s Room.
- ☞ **Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (September 5th, 6th, 7th): 9:00 AM Daily** – Morning Prayer
- ☞ **9:15 AM – Noon Each Day** - Unpack and arrange all the treasures.
- ☞ **Saturday, September 8th:** Beginning at 12:30 PM folks are needed to help sort and pack items not sold. Tables will need to be returned to their areas and a general clean up done. The American Rescue Workers arrive between 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM.
- ☞ **Donations for the Kitchen:** Speak with Becky Pryor (570-971-4585) if you can provide a food item being sold the day of the sale. Snacks, coffee, tea and water will be available each day.



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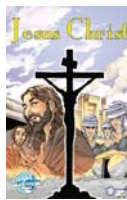
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Ever wonder how comic strips and graphic novels are made?

Join us on the first day of Sunday School at 9:45am on September 16 and meet *Don Smith*, a local artist who illustrated a recent graphic novel of the life and work of Jesus our Lord and Savior.



Council Notes: The council met on August 20, 2018. Herb Poff was welcomed to his first council meeting.

Action items:

- A motion was made and approved to deny the holding of the production of "A Christmas Carol" in December, 2018 at St Marks.
- A motion was made and approved to present \$610 currently in the Theological Education Fund to the Reverend Martin Zimmann on August 26, 2018 to be given to the United Lutheran Seminary (Gettysburg and Philadelphia).
- A motion was made and approved to sell to the public at the Annual Fall Sale on Friday, September 7th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, September 8th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- A motion was made and approved to allow the Red Cross Blood Drive the use of Fellowship Hall on Friday, December 14, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- A motion was made and approved to maintain the hours worked per week for the positions of Administrative Secretary and Youth & Family Ministry to 20 hours for each position
- A motion was made an approved when committees meet the committee chairs are responsible for locking the door after arrival of members and again after members vacate the church.

The re-keying of the church doors will be discussed at a future meeting.

The Finance committee has been requested to include the cost of \$990 (estimate provided by Elery Nau) for installing new, donated lights in FH into the 2019 budget.

Security: Carl Albright is Chairman of our Security Committee; Sally Bjornstad is Co-Chair & Secretary. The Security Committee will meet with the ushers the last Sunday in September.

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Sun - Thurs 5:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Parish Musician: Christian Humcke
Sun/Mon/Wed mornings; Mon/Thu evenings

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

Youth & Family: Bernadette Jones
Mon—Fri 10 a.m.—2 p.m.,

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

Grace to you and peace.

I like September. Most likely this is because I liked just about everything about school. Yet the school I remember exists only in my mind. The elementary school serves as an adult learning center. The Junior High School and the High School are still in operation. Education still happens but the ways and means have changed.



For instance, at the dawn of the computer, computers were described as a combination of a typewriter, adding machine, and file cabinet. Today, one would need to explain what a typewriter and adding machine were. Techniques and tools change. The knowledge and wisdom still gets transferred from one generation to the next.

So it is with congregations. The faith delivered to the Saints is received by each generation to be shared with the next. The methods and tools change, but it happens. The important thing is to use all the means available. The typewriter is gone, yet the typing continues on a keyboard. Likewise, God uses every means available to change us from people worried about ourselves into people no longer concerned about self but only concerned about knowing Christ and making Christ known.

As the new school year begins, we get to be instructed (disciplined like a disciple) by the Lord. As disciples, we get to pass on that instruction. This is what it means to follow Christ. It's not only life-long learning that happens at St. Mark's. At St. Mark's, we are offered the way of life that goes on forever.

Pray for me as I pray for you, always in Christ Jesus.
Pastor James West

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Transform!

Mark your calendars for another local service opportunity with Transform, hosted by First Church, on October 18-20.



First United Methodist Church Williamsport is again coordinating a local mission experience seeking to meet some of the practical needs in our community as the hands and feet of Jesus. Now in their sixth year it has grown to include representatives from over 25 churches and has blessed the community with many home repair projects, landscaping and painting as well as things like cleaning, volunteering and serving.

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mark's Lutheran Church:



Sunday, October 21, has been set as our congregation's Consecration Sunday. It is a wonderfully appropriate way to approach the everyday decisions of how we manage all of the resources that God has placed in our hands. I urge you to plan now to attend this important event.

This spiritual-growth-oriented process is designed to enrich our biblical understanding of Christian stewardship. Rather than focusing on the need of the church to receive, the experience concentrates on the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development.

We believe that you are concerned enough to attend on Consecration Sunday and make your financial commitment as a portion of your worship of the Lord God Almighty on that day.

No one will call you at your home for pledges. In the past we have had a breakfast and luncheon following each service. The purse strings are a little tighter this year so we have opted for an extended hospitality in Fellowship Hall following each service. The emphasis is on what we choose to give back to God.

Yours in Christian love,
Melvin Wentzel, Council President

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HOW ABOUT QUILTING?

It is an enjoyable pastime with the satisfaction of helping people in need. Quilting has resumed at St. Mark's, and new members are needed. Why not try it?

A quilt is made of three layers—top, filler, and backing. Sewers make the top. Assemblers lay out the three layers and baste them together. Knotters then secure the layers by tying knots. Binding is done on home machines.

We meet on Wednesday mornings. Bring a pair of scissors and give it a try. You will enjoy the camaraderie.

Donations of large pieces of new or gently used fabrics (no fiberglass) are greatly appreciated. Flannel sheets are particularly good. Monetary donations can be made to St. Mark's with a designation of "Quilters".

Quilts cover the world with love.



NEW SAFETY PROTOCOL

Please use the main narthex door or the side handicap entrance near the sacristy on Sundays. Once the service begins, all doors will be locked. For those coming late, the narthex door will be the only entrance.

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ALTAR FLOWERS

If you sponsor flower arrangements for the altar at Sunday services, please take them with you after the service. If you choose to leave them there, others may: **Deliver Floral Cheer**

Please help deliver some cheery flowers to members of the Special Concern list or anyone else you may know who would enjoy a short visit. After the late service you may take a vase from the basket in the Sacristy and take a few stems from the vases of altar flowers. We have lots of vases so do not fret over returning the vase. It would be helpful if you would sign the notebook with the date and name of the person you visited.

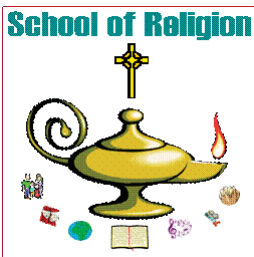
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Emergency Fund Thank You

Pastor West and the Outreach Committee thank the congregation for their generous financial support of the Emergency Fund. This fund assists those folks who come to St. Mark's seeking help for a variety of needs. Recently the fund had been depleted but with the congregation's generosity it now has more than \$1,800.00 to use for this ministry.

Donations continue to be accepted. Checks may be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line indicating the Emergency Fund. Envelopes are also available in the Narthex.

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This year, at Lutheran Shared Ministry's School of Religion, participants will conduct a book study of *The Name of God is Mercy*, written by Pope Francis and Andrea Torielli. The group will meet the first four Wednes-

days in October, beginning Oct. 3, with the fourth Wednesday (10/24) a joint service of worship. The sessions will take place from 7:00 to 8 PM in Fellowship Hall. Copies of the book will be available at the first session for \$10/each or may be purchased independently.

Ongoing Collections at St. Mark's

United Churches Food Pantry: Non-perishable food items are always in need.

Shepherd of the Streets: Hygiene Items in regular sizes for infants, kids and adults. Also needed are disposable diapers and new or gently used towels and bedding. Items for either the Pantry or Shepherd may be placed in the tubs in the Narthex coatroom.

Aluminum Soda Can Tabs: Containers are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. Tabs are given to support the Ronald McDonald House in Danville.

Cancelled Postage Stamps: A basket is available in the Narthex. Roxie Larson collects these stamps for use in occupational therapy for folks.

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Ongoing Events at Redeemer Lutheran

Free Community Supper on Thursday, September 13, 2018 from 5:30 PM -6:30 PM. All are welcome.

Daniel's Closet (Free Seasonal Clothing) on Saturday, September 29th from 9:00 – 11:00 AM.

Donated Clothing may be dropped off at Redeemer on Thursday, August 27th from 4:00 – 6:00 PM.



If you have a large quantity of clothing that cannot wait until the monthly drop off, please contact our church office first. We now have contact numbers for folks at Redeemer who can meet you at Daniel's Closet and save all the unloading and loading that occurs when it is first brought to St. Mark's.

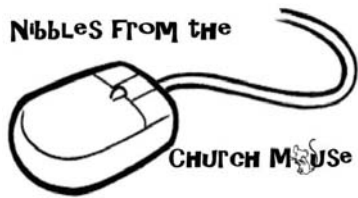
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Operation Christmas Child



Thank you to everyone for continuing to donate items for our Operation Christmas Child Collection! This September we are collecting **Socks** (in all sizes). **School Supplies** are still more than welcome as well. Not a huge fan of shopping? Please consider donating **\$9.00** toward our \$360.00 shipping costs.

These items (or any others you find) may be placed in our red, OCC bin located in the narthex. Your generosity is very much appreciated!



How lovely to open Sunday's Lifestyle section of the Williamsport Sun Gazette and see Elizabeth Hausmann on the front page.

She is part of the swim team for the Special Olympics – she told me on Sunday that she is “famous” and if not yet she will be soon. Great photo! Brother Ben has packed his bags and began his studies at Juniata College. He will be missed especially on those days Christian is away and he fills in at the organ.

Several of our other young adults are off to college for their freshman year this fall. Gracie Schreckengast is now at Eastern University where, in addition to her academics studies, she is a member of the soccer team.

Shelby and Gary have already settled Stephan into West Virginia University. On their trip they did a little sightseeing in the area as well.

We sat in front of the Barone family a few weeks ago and Evan was back from Penn State University for the weekend – Evan began his studies in the summer to get a little head start. Incidentally, he also sported the beginning of a mustache – he looked great!

I have probably missed someone but if I did not see them myself or hear from their families they are not listed here – please let me know of others so that they can be included!

Great news from one of the members of our call committee – Karen Boone and Frank Marciano were married in Key West. We pray God's blessing on the new couple for many years of happiness!

I had a visit from Pastor Elkin last week and he shared his exciting news with me – he is a published author! His book, *To Be A Pilgrim*, tells the story of his many trips to hike the famous Camino. Pastor has hiked parts of the trip several times and last year did the entire 500 miles – quite a feat! Speaking of feet, he wore out several pairs of shoes en route. If you would like a copy of the book, I am sure Pastor or Donna could see that you have it. Congratulations Pastor!

The call committee continues to make every effort to find leadership for our congregation – keep

us in your prayers – it has been a much longer, more difficult task than any of us thought! Blessings,

Joyce S. Hershberger, Official Church Mouse

Family Promise

The next Family Promise hosting will be Sept. 16 -23. Now is the time to look at your calendars and see when you can help. David and I (and our helpers) will be looking for people to drive the van, provide the evening meal, be evening hosts, and also the sleep over hosts. We will need desserts for the evening meals plus snack items. St. Mark's also is responsible for providing the breakfast and lunch items for the day center for our hosting week. Beginning Sunday, August 12th, there will be signup sheets for the various roles in the narthex.

Please pray about your service to these families who have lost their home due to job loss, medical issues, and other unfortunate circumstances. More information on how many guests we will have will be available the week before our hosting.

Thanks for your help and God bless - Deb Buckman and David Williams

Dear Bernadette,

Once more you have outdone yourself! The meal at the Milestone Celebration was outstanding! The quiche, the salad, and the hors d'oeuvres were all particularly good, as was everything else. But the best part was the thought and kindness behind it all.

Thank you for honoring us “oldsters” in such a nice way. Please tell Bob, Jonah, and anyone else who helped how much we enjoyed it.

Love, Shirley Hill

Dear Angels,

Thank you for helping us go to Camp Mt. Luther. We had alots of fun. I'm so glad you paid for us.

From Hudson Ott

Dear Angels,

Thank you for helping us go to Camp Mt. Luther. We had alot of fun. I'm so glad you helped us go. It was so fun and I just wanted to say thank you.

From Nolan Ott



SPECIAL CONCERNS LIST

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Birthdays

9/2 Dee Goertz
 9/3 Todd Smith
 9/4 Jeannette Lukens
 9/5 Brett Campbell
 9/5 Lauren Campbell
 9/5 Valerie Doebler
 9/5 Sean Elkin
 9/5 Hailey Jarrett
 9/5 Joshua Lynch
 9/5 Kirk Owen
 9/6 Derek Lewis
 9/6 Betty Rechel
 9/9 Debra Buckman
 9/9 Nolan Ott
 9/9 Hudson Ott
 9/10 Mary Clouser
 9/11 Carol Harvey



9/12 Mary Ann Stiller
 9/12 Marion Waldeisen
 9/13 Timothy Maggs
 9/13 Stefan Weber
 9/15 Andrea Welker
 9/17 Tammy Fitzpatrick
 9/18 Abreanna Doane
 9/19 Audrey Bower
 9/19 Deborah Holmes
 9/20 Richard Harris

9/22 Ronald Arner
 9/22 Brittany Dewar
 9/24 Aeris Powley
 9/26 Blanche Doebler
 9/26 Abigail Robertson
 9/27 Jonathan Lynch
 9/28 Lawrence Satifka
 9/28 Bailey Sims
 9/30 Pamela Fink

Anniversaries

9/2 Edward & Lorraine Barone
 9/3 Ronald & Grace Arner
 9/3 Steven & Nancy Bieber
 9/19 Johnny & Renee Hinds
 9/25 Jackie & Michael Kinney
 9/28 George & Kay Poliska
 9/28 Robert & Michele Ramsauer

Please,
A respectful reminder
from the volunteers on
our custodial staff.
Thank you



Saturday September 1, 2018
6:00pm Holy Communion

Sun September 2, 2018
 8:00am Morning Prayer
9:30am Holy Communion

Mon September 3, 2018
Labor Day - office closed

Tue September 4, 2018
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 10:07am Staff Meeting
 1:00pm City Pastors' Lunch
 6:30pm Great Grab & Go!

Wed September 5, 2018
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:00am Rummage sale set-up
 1:15pm Pericope Study

Thu September 6, 2018
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:00am Rummage sale set-up
 6:00pm Bell Choir
 7:00pm Chancel Choir

Fri September 7, 2018
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:00am Rummage sale set-up
 5:30pm Annual Fall Sale

Sat September 8, 2018
 8:00am Annual Fall Sale
6:00pm Holy Communion

Sun September 9, 2018
God's Work, Our Hands
8:00am Holy Communion
9:15am CELEBration!
10:30am Holy Communion

Mon September 10, 2018
Council Agenda Due
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 10:03am Staff Meeting
 7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

Tue September 11, 2018
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 6:30pm Outreach Committee

Wed September 12, 2018

Lion Article Deadline
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:00am Quilters
 1:15pm Pericope Study

Thu September 13, 2018
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 5:30pm Redeemer Community Meal
 6:00pm Bell Choir
 7:00pm Chancel Choir
 9:30am Stephen Ministry

Fri September 14, 2018
 9:00am Morning Prayer

Sat September 15, 2018
6:00pm Holy Communion

Sun September 16, 2018
FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING
 7:00am Morning Prayer
8:00am Holy Communion
 9:15am Sunday School
 9:30am Guest Teacher: Don Smith,
Christian illustrator
10:30am Holy Communion
10:30am Children's Church

Mon September 17, 2018
FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 10:03am Staff Meeting
 6:00pm Civic Chorus Board Meeting
6:30pm Council Meeting
 7:00pm Wmspt. Dog Training Club
 7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

Tue September 18, 2018
FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING
 9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed September 19, 2018
FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:00am Quilters
 12:00pm Lunch 'n' Fellowship
 1:15pm Pericope Study
 6:30pm Property Committee

Thu September 20, 2018
FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING
 9:00am Morning Prayer

4:00pm Daniel's Closet Drop-off
 6:00pm Bell Choir
 7:00pm Chancel Choir

Fri September 21, 2018
FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING
 9:00am Morning Prayer
9:20am Lion Crew
 5:00pm Fortin Wedding Rehearsal

Sat September 22, 2018
FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING
 9:00am Daniel's Closet
 2:00pm Wedding - Fortin/Hanford
 3:00pm Fortin Wedding
6:00pm Holy Communion

Sun September 23, 2018
 7:00am Morning Prayer
8:00am Holy Communion
 9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Holy Communion

Mon September 24, 2018
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 10:03am Staff Meeting
 7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

Tue September 25, 2018
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 6:00pm LSM at St. Luke

Wed September 26, 2018
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:00am Quilters
 1:15pm Pericope Study

Thu September 27, 2018
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 6:00pm Bell Choir
 7:00pm Chancel Choir

Fri September 28, 2018
 9:00am Morning Prayer

Sat September 29, 2018
 6:00pm Holy Communion

Sun September 30, 2018
 7:00am Morning Prayer
8:00am Holy Communion
 9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Holy Communion



Lunch & Fellowship, Wednesday, September 19 *Free Community Lunch*
 We'll be having Peach Whiskey Chicken—yum! on Wednesday, September 19!
 Please join us!!