



# SAINT MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## "THE LION"

### of ST. MARK'S

A Monthly Newsletter by and for the members of St. Mark's

*To know Christ and to  
make Christ known."*

## APRIL

## 2024



### Pastor's "Lion" Message for April 2024

*What my father has given me is greater than  
all else (John 10:29).*

How many pieces of mail do you receive in a single day all claiming to be the product that is greater than anything else? How many emails fill your inbox with exclusive promo codes and offers enticing you to purchase that one thing that will surely fill your life with great satisfaction? Yesterday I counted: Six offers in the mail and twenty by email (three were from the same organization).

According to my mail (and email) the "greater thing" of all that was offered consisted of: Shoes, baskets of snacks, window replacements, a new TV, a new car- and that was just yesterday!

The first time that I read verse 29 was part of a daily lectionary reading (John 10:22-30). I skimmed over it hardly paying any attention to the words. Looking back this probably was because I was associating verse 29 with the latest "greatest thing". Read verse 29 again. This is no ad. This is no promo offer. This is God's Truth. This is Good News. This is the Word of Life. All that our God, the God of all creation, the Father Almighty,  
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### STAFF OFFICE HOURS

Pastor: The Rev. Brian Vasey  
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has given in Jesus, Jesus has given to us. We have received eternal life. We have received unending and constant forgiveness. We have received abundant grace. We have received a world of light. We have received a hope that never, ever dies. This *is* the greatest gift that could ever be given. This *is* the one thing that we cannot live without.

May God give us all the courage to live contrary to the consumerism and wisdom of marketing that we might embrace God's wonderful gift. No catalog, no mail promo, no email can ever sell God's love and peace.

*Grace + Peace,*

*Pastor Vasey*

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(See Acts 9:1-19)

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GO AHEAD AND CHANGE "SAUL" TO "PAUL" ON EVERYTHING AND THE TITLE FROM "MASTER PERSECUTOR" TO "YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND" ON THE LETTERHEAD

## JOIN US ON SUNDAY MORNINGS IN APRIL!

**Sunday, April 7**

**The Second Sunday of Easter**

Holy Communion, 8 am  
Sunday School, 9:15 am  
Holy Communion, 10:30 am

**Sunday, 14**

**The Third Sunday of Easter**

Holy Communion, 8 am  
Sunday School, 9:15 am  
Holy Communion, 10:30 am

**Sunday, April 21,**

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Holy Communion, 8 am  
Sunday Church School, 9:15 am  
Holy Communion, 10:30 am

**Sunday, April 28**

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Holy Communion, 8 am  
Sunday School, 9:15 am  
Holy Communion, 10:30 am

## LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY, 2024:

**Sunday, May 19 is the Day of Pentecost. Please wear "red" to church of this Sunday!**



+ When you or a family member are ill, have a crisis of faith, or have a personal concern of which you wish to make the pastor aware, please contact him directly by church office telephone (570-323-4619) or email ([bvasey@stmarkswilliamsport.org](mailto:bvasey@stmarkswilliamsport.org)). Do not assume the pastor will know of your need any other way.



+ When you or a loved one has a change of address, telephone number or email, please contact the church office at 570-323-4619 or [stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org](mailto:stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org). Please direct your intentions whether or not to share this information with our church family.



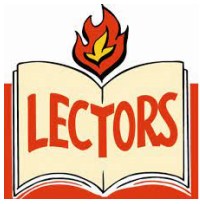
If you have any information that needs to be updated, please send an email to [jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org](mailto:jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org) or call the church office at 570-323-4619, Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

The office is working on an updated Church directory so please update any information ASAP to insure the directory is up to date.



Do you enjoy reading? Do you have an interest in exploring the variety of materials found in our church library? Would you be willing to write a short synopsis of a church library book you read for The Lion? If so, the Faith Formation Committee wants YOU! Please see Vicki Hausmann, Sally Bjornstad, or Bob Campbell if you would like to be featured as a

guest columnist in The Lion! We will gladly assist you in finding the perfect book to read for this newly established (although not yet named) column. We look forward to discovering more about the materials found in our library through you. Thank you for sharing your talents in this exciting way!



# APRIL Lectors

April 7	8:00AM	Drew Haussmann
	10:30AM	Linda Rosini
April 14	8:00AM	Brian Jackson
	10:30AM	Phil Thomas
April 21	8:00AM	Candy Dewar
	10:30AM	Deb Buckman
April 28	8:00AM	Vicki Haussmann
	10:30AM	Shelby Weber



## Communion Assistants for April

Please arrange replacement if you cannot serve.

April 7	8:00AM	Drew Haussmann
	10:30AM	Dan Ziegler
April 14	8:00AM	Nikki Jackson
	10:30AM	Deb Buckman and Mindy Wentzel
April 21	8:00AM	Becky Pryor
	10:30AM	Walt Doebler and Gary Weber
April 28	8:00AM	Brian Jackson
	10:30AM	Matt and Wanda Fortin



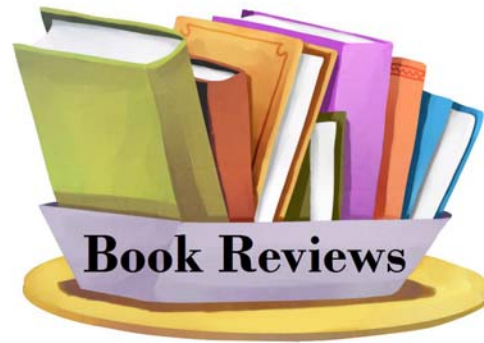
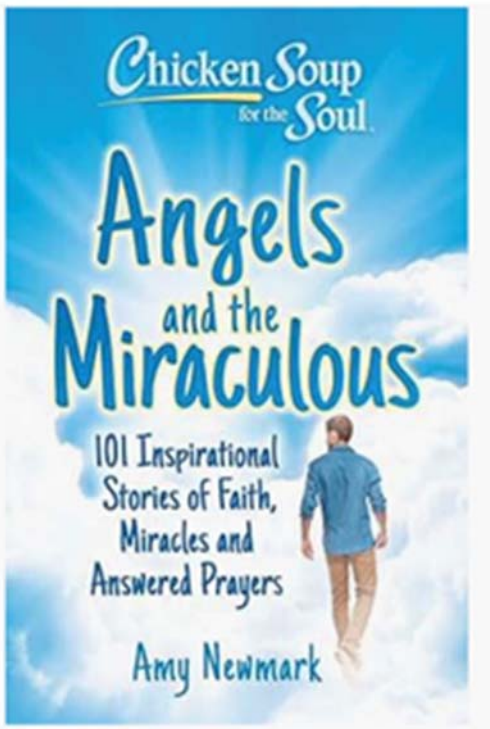
## Usher Schedule for April

April 7	8:00AM	Richard Miller Herb Poff
	10:30AM	Carl Albright, captain Brenda and Levi Gair
April 14	8:00AM	Richard Miller Herb Poff
	10:30AM	Tim Maggs, captain Carl Hieber and Charles Kuntz
April 21	8:00AM	Richard Miller Herb Poff
	10:30AM	Mike Jensen, captain Pam Jensen, Shelby and Gary Weber
April 28	8:00AM	Richard Miller Herb Poff
	10:30AM	Matt Fortin, captain Glenn Yaple and Dick Reitz

## Altar Guild for April

Deb Buckman  
Leah Haussmann





## Angels and the Miraculous

101 Inspirational Stories of Faith, Miracles and Answered Prayers

By: Amy Newmark

Based on the popular Chicken Soup for the Soul style of writing, Angels and the Miraculous provides 101 stories about Hope, Faith, Angels, and Miracles. This book shares personal stories which revolve around 10 different themes some of which include: Angels in Disguise, Miracles Happen, Messages from Heaven, and Divine Coincidences. I very much appreciate that each story was no more than 3 pages long. This enables the reader to spend as little or as much time reading as they would like. The only negative to reading this inspiring book is the fact that you may need a box of tissues as you work through some of the extraordinary stories that remind us that good things do happen to good people. If you are a fan of Chicken Soup for the Soul books, this book is a must read for you! Please feel free to stop by Front Lounge to check out Angels and the Miraculous!

Vicki Haussmann  
Faith Formation Committee



## May Bible Study

The Faith Formation Committee is pleased to once again be offering the opportunity to grow in our faith through a 5 week study focusing on women of the Bible. Which women you ask? You will have to join us Wednesdays in May from 12:10 -12:45 for the answer to that question! We look forward to our time together, and hope you will join us.



# St. Mark's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

*"To know Christ and to make Christ known"*  
*March Report*



**Congregation Council, 2024.** Front row: Ralph Zeigler- President, Wanda Fortin, Deb Buckman - treasurer, Vicki Haussmann - Secretary; Second row: Helen Schramm, Nikki Jackson - vice president, Shelby Weber, Pastor Brian Vasey; Third row: Dick Miller, Herb Poff and Ray Huff. Missing: Richard Reitz and Glenn Yaple

Report of the Secretary for the Council Meeting held on March 18, 2024 at 6:00 PM  
- Vicki Haussmann, Secretary

Meeting was called to order by Ralph Zeigler.  
Council recited our defining mission ~ *"To know Christ and to make Christ known"*  
Shelby Weber led us in opening prayer.

Secretary's Roll Call.

**Present:** Debra Buckman, Wanda Fortin, Vicki Haussmann, Ray Huff, Nikki Jackson, Richard Miller, Helen Schramm, Shelby Weber, Glenn Yaple, Ralph Zeigler, Pastor Vasey      **Absent (excused):** Herb Poff, Richard Reitz

**Secretary's Report:** for the month of February was approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Debra Buckman reported that the monthly budget report was not available at the time of our meeting.



**Pastor's report:** As submitted by Pastor Vasey.

- Chrisum Mass will be held March 26 at 10:30 AM. This service will be held at Mt. Zion, Kratzerville. All are welcome to attend.
- Good Friday Ecumenical Service will be held at Redeemer Lutheran beginning at noon.

The service focuses on the Cross through the eyes of the Nativity.

- Conference Dean has resigned his call effective May 19. This means a new Conference Dean will need to be elected. Please pray for this process.
- Beverly Best passed away March 17, 2024. There will be a graveside service May 4.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Evangelism & Fellowship/Parish Life:** Written report as submitted by Becky Miller Pryor.

- Help is needed for the Center City Pastors lunch in April.
- Various outreach ministries continue.
- Parish Life is coordinating Easter Hospitality.

**Faith Formation:** Update provided by Vicki Haussmann.

- Lenten Bible Study continues to have 20 attendees. Lunch has been enjoyed.
- Lenten collection for Birthday Cake Boxes has had a wonderful response. These will be put together in April.
- May Bible Study to be held on Wednesdays with topic Women of the Bible.

**Finance:** Update provided by Debra Buckman.

- Gift acceptance guidelines are being reviewed and updated as needed.
- Please note that **TWO (2)** Council Members should collect the offering and walk it over to the safe each week. Having 2 council members perform this task is best practice and should satisfy any audit standard.
- Herb Poff, Financial Secretary, would like to work on matching St. Mark's account names to the account names listed on the Statistical Paperwork that is required to be filled out. This would make this tedious process a bit easier.

**Little Lambs:** Update provided by Pastor Vasey.

- Pastor's Easter visit scheduled for March 25.
- Next meeting: April 29.

**Nominating:** Update provided by Ralph Zeigler

- NTR

**Personnel:** Update provided by Nikki Jackson

- NTR

**Property:**

**Publicity:** Update provided by Pastor Vasey, Liaison

- Easter service information has been submitted to the Sun-Gazette.
- An email blast will be sent out with Holy Week worship details.

**Safety:**

- Next meeting April 15, 2024 at 11:00 AM.



**Worship and Music:** Update provided by Ray Huff.

- Ray reviewed times and tasks to take place during Holy Week.
- The small Easter cross will be placed in the Narthex this year.

**-M(Worship and Music Committee) SC: CC: 24.3.1** Motion brought forth to resume kneeling at the altar for communion beginning April 7.

\* This motion was withdrawn after Council discussion. Pastor Vasey will discuss with other Pastors as to what their parishes are doing. This topic will be revisited at the April Council meeting.

- Bishop Barbara Collins will be at both services on April 21 for a Temple Talk concerning Camp Mt. Luther.

**-M(Worship and Music Committee) SC: CC: 24.3.2** Motion approved to move to a single, 9:30 AM service beginning on June 2, 2024 and ending on September 8, 2024.

- Idea of a pulley system to be used to lower and raise the large cross was presented. Is this something we can ask Lundy's Construction about while they are working on the project? dossal

- Chime Master Contract was reviewed. This annual contract provides routine maintenance (cleaning, lubrication, inspection, tightening bolts, etc.) of the chimes in the tower.

**-M(Nikki Jackson ~ 2nd Ray Huff) SC: CC: 24.3.3** Motion approved to complete the Chime Master's contract at a cost of \$1100.00.

- Organ will be tuned on Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

**Unfinished Business:**

**-M(Wanda Fortin ~ 2nd Shelby Weber) SC: CC: 24.3.4** Motion put forward to offer Ed Gair the position of "Clerk of the Works" (sub-contractor) to help maintain our church building.

**Amended Motion(Debra Buckman ~ 2nd Ray Huff)** Motion approved to offer Ed Gair the position of "Clerk of the Works" (sub-contractor) to help maintain our church building with a \$10,000.00 salary cap for the current budget year. This cap will be revisited at the end of 2024 or as needed.

**Growing the Church:** We are happy to be welcoming 3 new members at the Easter Vigil.

**Copier:** Continues to be problematic but is being taken care of.

**Spire Update:** Roofing tarp that was wrapped around the base of the spire blew off during the heavy winds. Thankfully this landed on the Chapel roof and was able to be retrieved.

**Dossal Update:** Material has been chosen in the color Tudor Rose.

**New Business:**

**-M(Nikki Jackson ~ 2nd Ray Huff) SC: CC: 24.3.5** Motion approved to allow the Williamsport Chamber Choir and Orchestra to use the Nave for rehearsal and concert on May 16 and 17, 2024.

**-M(Ray Huff ~ 2nd Nikki Jackson) SC: CC: 24.3.6** Motion approved to waive the usage fees for Alanna Ramos senior voice recital to be held Sunday, May 26, 2024 at 2:00 PM.

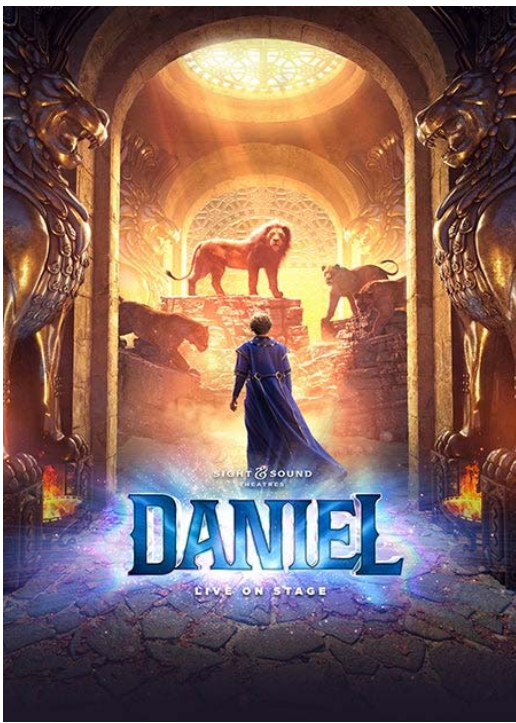
**-M(Debra Buckman ~ 2nd Helen Schramm) SC: CC: 24.3.7** Motion approved to allow Alanna Ramos to hold her senior voice recital in St. Mark's Nave on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at 2:00 PM.

Sign up sheets for Council devotions and offering collection were sent around. Easter Hospitality will be held between services on March 31.

**-M(Ray Huff ~ 2nd Glenn Yapple) SC: CC: 24.3.8** Motion approved to elect Debra Buckman and Melvin Wentzel as lay representatives to Synod Assembly (June 14-15) and to the Conference Meeting on Sunday, May 5. Ralph Zeigler will serve as the alternate if needed.

Shelby Weber led us in closing prayer.  
The meeting was adjourned.





## The Bus Trip to see “Daniel” at Sight and Sound Theatre

Wednesday, September 11, 2024. The cost of the trip, which includes the show, meal and bus fare is \$153.00/person. We will depart from the lower west end of Beiter’s Parking Lot (Williamsport) at 6 am sharp. Please contact Cheryl Williams (570) 327-1627 to reserve space and to answer any questions concerning the trip.



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

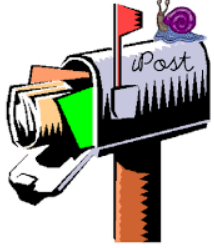
Many thanks to everyone who continues to donate items for our OCC collection! Our shoeboxes are well on their way to being filled with gifts for boys and girls throughout the world. Our monthly donations to date have included: activity books, journals, washcloths, soap, knit hats, combs/brushes and toothbrushes. All of these items are a wonderful start to showing kids how much they are

loved.

In April, we are collecting **Stuffed Animals** (beanie baby size) or **Small Dolls, Hair Accessories, and Tape Measures**. These items may be placed in our red, OCC bin located in the narthex. Monetary donations are also welcome to help defray the cost of shipping. We hope to also order Grow With Me shoes this year to be included in as many boxes as possible. Checks may be placed with your offering, earmarked OCC. Thank you so much for your generosity!

\*The age ranges for the boxes we fill are 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14 (both boys and girls)

Mail Call



Dear St. Mark's Members,

The U.C. Food Pantry appreciates the \$15.00 gift certificate. Our clients are able to purchase needed items at the grocery store that we don't provide.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and blessings.

The United Churches Board and Food Pantry

Thank you St. Mark's (ELCA),

From Sojourner Truth Ministries

Thank you for the \$250.00 gift of help from your rummage sale proceeds.

Please consider this a written invitation to come and join us in our (wonderful) soup kitchen for lunch! You will get to see the blessings firsthand, as we too seek to know Christ and to make him known.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May his face shine upon you!

I'd love to come and share personally about what God is doing at/through STM. Please keep me in mind.

Blessings!

Pastor Angeline

Dear St. Mark's Members,

As nightly temperatures fall, our Code Blue Ministry welcomes to those in need engages. We offer a warm meal and a safe , dry place to spend the night. We are thankful we are able to extend this hospitality. It is made possible by your generous gifts of Wegmans and Weis gift cards in the Amount of \$175.00. Thank you for supporting our desire to help others.

May God Bless You.

Code Blue Ministry

Thank You St. Mark's,

For all you do for the ministry. You have always been a strong supporter and we remain forever grateful. God Bless all of you!

Shawn, Sojourner Truth Ministry



# CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

Tina Harvey	April 5
Linda Rosini	April 6
Sadie Wentzel	April 10
Taylor Wentzel	April 10
Robert Clouser	April 11
Michael Ochs	April 13
Ezra Buckman	April 14
Steven Bieber, Jr.	April 15
Jami Larson	April 15
Beverly Best	April 18
Diana Zeigler	April 18
Cynthia Hartzel	April 19
Jeffrey Byerly	April 20
Karen Pelleschi	April 20
Benjamin Haussmann	April 23
Audrey Comerford	April 28
Ruth Ditchfield	April 29



Wanda and Matthew Fortin	April 3
Kathy and Louis Kolb	April 8
Audrey and Carl Albright	April 23



## CENTER CITY PASTOR'S LUNCH

This month's luncheon will be Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 1:00PM. We are looking for additional help with this meal. Speak with Becky Miller Pryor if you enjoy setting / decoration tables or could provide a dessert. Generally, twelve pastors attend.

# Evangelism and Fellowship Committee

## April 2024

### Parish Life Committee Update

#### Ongoing Collections at St. Mark's:

**United Churches Food Pantry:** Needed are canned meats/vegetables/fruits with pop-top lids if possible. Healthy snacks, cereal/oatmeal, juice/drinks, jellies/jams and condiments

**Shepherd of the Streets:** Needed are shampoo, conditioner, bodywash, feminine hygiene products, Kleenex and small packages of laundry pods.



**Blessing Boxes at New Covenant UCC:** Easily prepared foods like Cup of Soups, individual packs of crackers and cookies, microwave mac & cheese, ramen noodles and individual boxes of cereal are needed. Travel size hygiene items are also needed.

**Sojourner Truth Ministries (STM):** Needed are rolls of TP and paper towels, plastic wrap, aluminum foil, sugar, 9 oz. plastic cups, three-compartment meal containers. STM would be especially appreciative of healthy snacks for use in their after-school program.

**Donations to the Food Panty, Shepherd of the Streets, the Blessing Boxes or to Sojourner Truth Ministries may be placed on the tables in the Narthex.**

#### Ongoing Events at Redeemer Lutheran:

**Community Dinner** on Thursday, April 11, 2024 beginning at 5:00 p.m. until all meals are distributed. This is a take-out meal available at the curb. All are welcome.

**The Parish Life and Evangelism and Fellowship Committees** provide desserts each month to support Redeemer's dinner. In March we provided individual brownie packets. Jim and Susan Newcomer will provide cookies for April's meal. Thank you, Jim and Susan.

**For desserts in May,** the Newcomer's are once again providing brownie packs for Redeemer's dinner. We and the people receiving dinners are blessed by Jim and Susan's generosity.

**Daniel's Closet** Distribution of free seasonal/spring clothing on Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. Shoes for all ages are always needed. Sheets, blankets, throws and afghans are also accepted.

**This month's clothing drop off is Thursday, April 25 from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM.** April begins a time of transition for clothing. As you think of warmer weather please donate items for men, women and children that reflect this change in weather.

**If you have a large quantity of clothing,** please call Redeemer's office (leave a message) at 570-322-2333 to make an appointment. Smaller quantities of clothing may be placed on the stage if you are unable to accommodate the new drop off schedule.



## **Easter Blessings**

The Parish Life Committee is thankful for the assistance of Vicki Haussmann, Pam and Mike Jenson, Susan and Jim Newcomer and Lou Ann and Ralph Zeigler in providing lunch during each week of this year's Lenten Bible study. Thank you for lightening our work load.

The Parish Life Committee also thanks the many members of the congregation for providing food and treats or with all the logistics required for the Easter Hospitality in Fellowship Hall. An event of this size could not happen without the assistance of many.

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee thanks the congregation for all (eight large bags) the plastic eggs, candy and snacks that were donated to New Covenant UCC and Lycoming College for their use at their Community Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday. We can be proud of our outreach as we were the only church to partner with New Covenant UCC in providing goodies.

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee thanks everyone who sent Easter greetings to our Special Concern Folks and others. We are certain smiles were had by many. Thank you for being God's hands.

## **Upcoming Events**

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee will be hosting a Habitat for Humanity luncheon at the Faith-Build on Scott Street on Saturday, April 20, 2024. We may be in need of donations for this event. Please be looking for more details in our weekly bulletins.

The Ithica College Choir is hoping to present a concert in our Nave in the near future. The Parish Life Committee has been asked to provide a light meal following the concert. Once a date has been confirmed, this committee will be asking for assistance with food and logistics for this meeting.

## **Parish Life Committee Update**

For the third year, the Parish Life Committee, with assistance from the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee has been making 96 - 100 sandwiches per month for the Blessing Boxes at New Covenant UCC and providing 120 desserts each month for Redeemer's Community dinners. Congregation members have been a blessing in providing in-kind and monetary donations to assist in continuing this outreach.

But with the rising cost of food, we are once again asking for monetary donations to purchase meat, cheese, individual packets of mayo and mustard, dessert ingredients and containers to pack sandwiches and desserts. Donations may be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line indicating Parish Life. Any assistance you can give is greatly appreciated.



## Danville State Hospital Shoe Drive

Once again, the Danville State Hospital is sponsoring a shoe drive for its residents. They are collecting new and gently used sneakers and casual shoes for men and women in adult sizes. Beginning mid-April through mid-May a tub will be in the Narthex for your donations. Please note that DSH cannot accept high heels or other "fancy" footwear.



### OUR SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES:

Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am

Sunday Church School, 9:15 am



The Adult Sunday School Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:15 am in the Chapel. All are welcome to join us for study, discussion and fellowship.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



**Become Part of Our Church Family**

WANT TO EXPLORE WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN? ADULTS WISHING TO UNITE WITH ST. MARK'S IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ARE INVITED TO CONTACT PASTOR VASEY.



Pastor Vasey has a new cell phone Number: 272-788-0161. Please use this number as his primary telephone number when he is not available by the church telephone or the church email. Thank You!

## Soles4Souls Information Workshop

Saturday, April 13 from 8:30 – 11:30 AM

Messiah Lutheran Church

South Williamsport



Do you have shoes you no longer wear but they still are wearable? If so **Soles4Souls** is in need of them. Messiah's Women of the ELCA cordially invite you to an information workshop that will explain the work of Soles4Souls and the need for your donations.

Soles4Souls was established as a nonprofit in 2006 in Nashville, TN. Their mission is: *Creating sustainable jobs and providing relief through the distribution of shoes and clothing around the world.*

Come and hear Abby Yorks of Middleburg, PA explain the goals and scope of this organization. To date S4S has given 94 million pairs of shoes and items of clothing to people in 138 countries and all 50 US states!

A Continental Breakfast will be served from 8:30 -9:00, followed by two one-hour presentations where Ms. Yorks will give an overview of Soles4Souls, explaining her involvement as the Pennsylvania representative for the nonprofit and how S4S is working to eradicate poverty here and around the world.

There is no fee for this event, but pre-registration is requested by April 1, 2024. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. We can carpool if there is interest.

A free-will offering will be taken at the conclusion of the workshop for Soles4Souls.

**Donations:** The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee will be collecting shoes of all styles, sizes and genders that still have "life" in them and not in need of repair. These shoes will be taken to the workshop in support of S4S's work. Your donations may be placed in the tub in the Narthex.





# Spring Cleaning? Got Stuff?

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee and the Women of St. Mark's need donations for our annual Fall Sale. We will need many more donations than we currently have if we are to have a sale in 2024.

We are accepting holiday decorations, housewares, linens, toys, small working electronics, gadgets, dishes, jewelry, lamps, art work and the list goes on. If you don't want it, we probably can sell it. Not certain we can use it, speak to Becky Miller Pryor before bringing it.

Please place your donations in boxes small enough for us to lift and place them in the Bazaar Room in the basement. If you cannot get to the basement, leaving them on the second landing in the back stairwell is helpful.

The First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania (FCFP) recently sponsored the largest online fundraiser, Raise the Region, in our area. Jennifer Wilson, President and CEO of FCFP stated, "\$2.34 million does not happen without a first gift." It is both humbling and gratifying that many members of St. Mark's were some of those first gifts. Those donations to JV Brown Library, Civic Chorus, SPCA, American Rescue Workers and the Newberry Branch of NGA are just a few of the 350 nonprofits that benefited from your donations. The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee thanks you for reaching beyond our church walls to make Williamsport a better community for all.

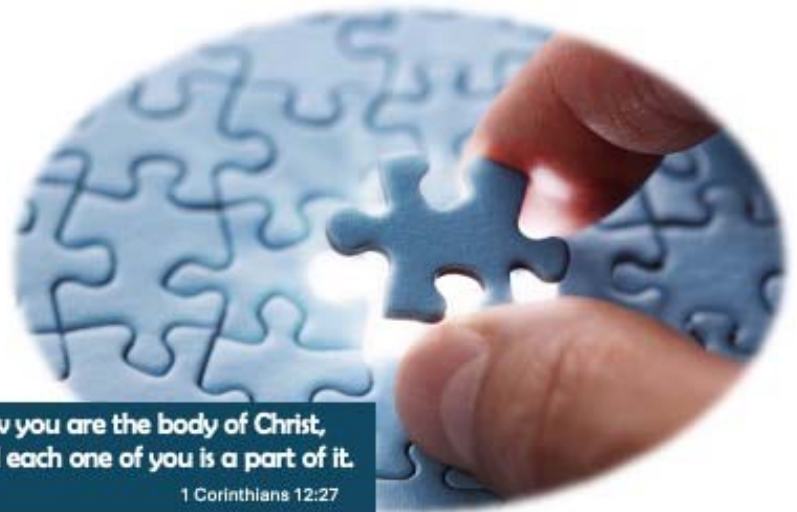
## A Variety of Gifts!

Join us for a day of learning and fellowship!

**Saturday, May 4, 2024**

**9am-3pm**  
(lunch included)

**St. John's Lutheran Church  
Fellowship Hall  
300 Queen Street  
Northumberland, PA**



**Keynote:** Meetings that Matter

**Workshops include:**

- Worship Planning
- Record Keeping/Archiving
- Home Communion
- Using Your Gifts for God's Mission

Worship Service to Commission our new Authorized Lay Worship Leaders at 2:15 pm in the sanctuary.

Cost is \$10 per person to cover cost of meal.

Pre-register by contacting the Synod Office at [\(570\) 524-9778](tel:5705249778) by 4/26/24.

*Sponsored by the Lay Ministry Institute of the Upper Susquehanna Synod.*





(APRIL FOOLS)

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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	Easter Monday Church Office Closed	City Pastor's Lunch 1PM				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Holy Communion 8:00AM Holy Communion 10:30AM						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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