



# THE LION OF ST. MARK'S

MAY 2018



Join us!

Sunday, May 13

We will meet at 1:00  
at Pavillion D,  
next to the ferris wheel.

Children 18 and under will be given  
one book of tickets, \$20 in value

Sign-up sheets are in the narthex,  
and the staff & choir hallways



Women &  
Children's  
Dinner

Wednesday,  
May 2,  
at 6:00 pm

If you want to attend and you receive this before noon on Monday, April 30, call or email Bernadette now at 570-323-4619 or [bjones@stmarkswilliamsport.org](mailto:bjones@stmarkswilliamsport.org)

## CHURCH PICNIC:

Sunday, June 3, 2018, at 12:00 pm!!

Plan for a day of fun and fellowship! At noon one June 3, join us at Indian Park at Pavilion 4 for some great food and good times! The location is the large pavilion they use for concerts.

Alas and alack, we will not be returning to the riverside location because of last year's windstorm. There are no plans to rebuild the structure there.

So, last year, we met at this new venue, where there is plenty of room to set up croquet, volleyball, and badminton (does anyone have poles for a net?) or to toss a ball. If you have any equipment for your favorite outdoor activities...bring it!...*along with a dish to share.* Hamburgers, hotdogs, rolls, cold water, lemonade, and ice tea will be provided.

If you want to help with our annual picnic, please call or email the office or sign up in the narthex or the staff hallway.

If anyone would like to make a donation toward the purchase of food and supplies for the picnic, envelopes are available in the narthex for your contribution. Thank you!

## Church Picnic



## Acolyte Schedule

### MAY SCHEDULE:

- May 6 Makensi & Evan
- May 13 Taylor & Sadie
- May 20 Dawson, Hannah & Annika
- May 27 Stefan & Evan



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***COUNCIL REPORTS DUE MAY 10  
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE MAY 12***

### STAFF OFFICE HOURS

**Pastor: The Rev. James West**  
Sun-Wed 8 a.m.-1 p.m. & by appointment

**Sexton: Lou DeSeau**  
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., Wed., Thur., Fri 10 a.m.—1 p.m.,  
Sun. 8 a.m.—1p.m. & by arrangement

**Youth & Family: Michele Owen**  
Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

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

**Council Notes :** A meeting of the church council was held on April 16, 2018. *Notes from the March meeting are on page 3.*

- Annual committee reports are due on 5/1/18.
- The Annual Congregational meeting will take place on 5/20/18. The new council will meet on 5/21/18. Volunteers to be considered for terms on council are still needed.
- Personnel matters were discussed.
- Many projects under way by various committees need to be prioritized and coordinated with the Property Committee.

### Action items:

- To hold a single Sunday service at 9:30 AM 6/3/18 through 9/2/18
- To designate the loose plate offering from 4/22/18 for Operation Christmas Child shipping costs
- For requests other than emergency gas/groceries (\$75 or less to be determined by office staff) to be referred to a financial counselor at Agape Fellowship before further assistance will be considered
- To designate the loose plate offering from 4/29/18 for college survival kits

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### Council Notes for the meeting held March 19, 2018.

- Guest speaker Lynnette Trick from Agape Fellowship shared her experiences with people coming off the streets asking for financial help from local churches.
- Holy Week activities were discussed. Many volunteers are needed.
- Saturday Evening services will resume on April 7, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the chapel.
- We received a thank you note from the synod for contributions from St. Mark's congregation.
- We will have a 14-day trial for a bulletin subscription.
- There was a lengthy discussion about a mission trip to Johnstown.
- The Library purging is progressing and items to be disposed of will be placed in the Narthex for a very short time.
- The April 21 meal packing event was discussed. Many volunteers are needed.

### Action items:

- To give Lynnette Trick an honorarium for presenting to council
- Denying the mission trip to Johnstown

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### Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue

The conversation continues! Join us on **Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 7 PM** at Perkins on Via Bella (in the back room); come early to share a meal together or just arrive for coffee, dessert, and discussion. We will reflect on the studies and commemoration held in the past year and chart a path forward for continued local collaboration. All are welcome.

### **Reformation 500 Ecumenical Service**

At the group's meeting on April 4, plans were made to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension at St. Joseph the Worker (Annunciation) on Thursday, May 10, at 7:00 pm. Our own Christian Humcke will be playing the organ and our choir has been invited to join in.

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Grace to you and peace.

I am here. Back in January when one of the residents at Williamsport Home asked when I'd be heading back to Colorado, I estimated not earlier than February 28<sup>th</sup> not later than April 30<sup>th</sup>. I've decided to not make any more estimates. Keep your Call Committee, the Office of Bishop, and one another in prayer as we work our way through the interim!

Now that we "don't have anything to do", what

do you want to do?

I learned that line in seminary when we were studying the doctrine of justification. "Now that we don't have anything to do to be saved, what do you want to do?"

Here is my suggestion.

Given that St. Mark's has existed as a congregation gathered by the river for over 166 years, it might be fun to look at that heritage and celebrate it. While there's no telling exactly when I'm headed back, it seems like a logical time and place to make a big deal about our history would be the same time that the Republic will be celebrating its birthday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Let me know your thoughts and ideas on that.

Meanwhile, take a look at the various opportunities that we have in the month to both grow in our relationship with God through our life together, both as members of the church and as neighbors to the surrounding community.

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

*Pastor James*

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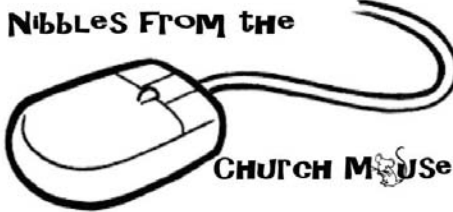
### Ending Hunger. Enriching Lives 20,000 Meals Packed

Locally, 13.5% of our Lycoming County population struggles with food insecurity ([www.feedingamerica.org](http://www.feedingamerica.org)). To help reduce that insecurity we packaged 20,000 meals of pasta with tomato basil sauce that were distributed to local food banks and food pantries in the Greater Williamsport Area including The New Love Center in Jersey Shore, Redeemer Lutheran Church and the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank.

The Outreach Committee is thankful for the New Love Center in Jersey Shore (Pastor Kerry Aucker) and St. Luke Lutheran Church in Williamsport (Pastor Elizabeth Aurand) for donating \$4,350 toward the packaging of the 20,000 meals. Thrivent /Visa debit cards and other individual monetary donations from the congregation totaling more than \$1,100 were also donated. The Outreach Committee thanks all the volunteers who helped with unloading supplies, staging Fellowship Hall and other areas, packaging, providing refreshments and cleaning up this event. Together with community members we were able to address the food insecurity that exists in our area.







Several times in the past few weeks I have been struck by the talents of many of the folks in our congregation. Some we search out in the paper and a few send us their good works, however, most of them hide their light under the proverbial bush-e!

Skimming through the Williamsport Sun Gazette's Living section, I caught a glimpse of artwork from Elizabeth Haussmann and a little further down another photo of a creation done by Hannah Haussmann. Check it out! Elizabeth Haussmann also swam at a Special Olympics swim meet at Bucknell University in April. She placed 1st overall in the 25 M backstroke (out of 36 competitors) with a time of 28:05. She also brought home a 6th place ribbon and a 7th place ribbon. We are so proud of Elizabeth!

Several of our young people are competing in the Odyssey of the Mind – Hannah Haussmann and Halle Clark (granddaughter of Gary and Donna) were part of the WAHS team which continued to the state competition where they missed moving on by one point, earning third place! How sad, but great work nevertheless. Mia Clark, another granddaughter, is a part of the Williamsport Area Middle School team and they finished in first place at states and go on to worlds at Ohio State University in May.

Sean Jensen, part of the 9th grade Loyalsock High School basketball team, was pictured in the newspaper with the rest of the Michael Durrwachter Memorial Tournament winning team. Coach Datres says "They are one of the best and talented 9th grade teams I've coached! High praise indeed!

Reading the tiny print in the honor roll listings I discovered Sean Jensen, Jonah Schreckengast, Grace Schreckengast and Taylor Wentzel on the high honor roll at Loyalsock High School and Sadie Wentzel on the honor roll. Ben Haussmann and Hannah Haussmann were both on Williamsport High School's High Honor Roll for their 3rd marking period.

Four years and one month after the renowned Dallas Brass Quintet last performed in Williamsport, Grace and Jonah Schreckengast again had the chance to play in a student outreach portion of the Dallas Brass' concert at the CAC. The professional musicians believe that involving young musicians to rehearse with them, spend time in sessions & clinics, and then invite them on the stage to play a few pieces with the ensemble can inspire a whole new generation to be excited about music! The musicians who participated cannot stop talking about their experience!

I opened the newspaper and what did I see but a re-

view of a new book by our own Melinda Wentzel - impressive! To quote from the review "this trim, breezy volume is the first from Williamsport area blogger and full time Mom and is titled "Deliverance – A Survival Guide for parenting twins." They add however that you don't even have to be a parent to enjoy this book. Published in February through Amazon the book have several five star reviews at the website, along with various encomiums from other writers and moms that appear in the opening pages. Congratulation to Mindy –great to have a celebrity in our midst!

There is our evidence of just some of the talent we have at St. Mark's – keep me in the loop if you have more!

*Joyce Anne*

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*We don't who is responsible, but THANK YOU to the elf/elves responsible for the little gifts left periodically for the staff! Thank you for your thoughtfulness - we feel greatly appreciated!!*

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**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who continues to donate items for our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! If you get a chance, take a look at the shoebox in the narthex which is being filled with our items collected each month. It is fun to see the box coming together, and to know how happy these gifts will make a young boy or girl come December. More importantly, thank you for helping to spread Christ's love through these boxes.

In May we will be collecting **Sunglasses** and **Tools (tape measures, bungee cords, screwdrivers, etc.)**. These items may be placed in our red, OCC bin located in the narthex. Many of these items can be found at the Dollar Tree or and 5 Below for very reasonable cost. Thank you!



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**Ongoing Activities at Redeemer Lutheran:**

**Free Community Dinner:** Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM. All are welcome.

**Daniel's Closet:** Free seasonal clothing on Saturday, May 26, 2018 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM. Lighter weight clothing and accessories are most needed. Donations may be dropped off at Redeemer on May 24, 2018 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM.



### Fourth of July Celebration Here Before You Know It!

Last year our annual Fourth of July celebration was enjoyed by hundreds of people. It has grown to be our largest outreach to the community. In the weeks ahead there will be notices in the bulletin and future newsletters asking for your help. Please consider joining with us as we honor God and our country on this special day. Many hands make for light work. Speak now to a member of the Outreach Committee if you can help.

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### Of Special Concern

The Outreach Committee thanks the congregation for sending Easter cards to our Special Concern Folks and others we do not see as often as we wish. What a wonderful way to begin the celebration of Easter. We also thank Shirley Kinney, Connie Shaible, Linda Rosini and Bob Campbell for assisting with Easter flower delivery.

In future church bulletins be looking for another opportunity to brighten the days of our Special Concern Folks.

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### The Bazaar Room is Open!

If you are sprucing up a few rooms or going all out with organizing closets, then the Women of St. Mark's welcome your donations of no longer needed items. The Bazaar Room is open for your donations of holiday decorations, housewares, home décor, linens, toys and other treasures you no longer need or want. Please be sure all donated items are clean, in good condition and working properly. Placing your donations in small boxes (some are available in the Bazaar Room) will help during set up time.



**Mark your calendars! This year's Fall Bazaar will be Saturday, September 8, 2018**

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

United Churches Food Pantry: Non-perishable food items are always in need. Please fill our bin this month.

Shepherd of the Streets: Hygiene items in regular sizes for infants, children and adults (men and women). Also needed are disposable diapers and new or gently used towels and bedding.

### EASTER MORNING HOSPITALITY

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the hospitality between services on Easter morning. It was a wonderful time to converse and celebrate this holiday!



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*Once again, Phil and I thank God for His loving care of us and for all our St. Mark's family who have been praying so faithfully for Phil. We do so appreciate all your prayers, calls, texts, help, concern and lovely cards—we could not ask for a more loving and caring Church family. We especially thank Pastor West for his visits; also the money counters, Outreach Committee, and Mel Wentzel and Church Council members who filled in for both of us these past 2 months.*

*Phil still has a long road toward complete recovery and back to normalcy (whatever normal is for Phil!) but with God's help and everyone's prayers, he will make it. We miss coming to Church each Sunday and hope to be back as soon as possible.*

*God bless you all!*

*Barb and Phil Thomas*

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### House of Worship Workshop *Safeguarding our congregation*

The Williamsport Bureau of Police has teamed up with the Department of Homeland Security to provide a "House of Worship Workshop". This training is free of charge and will be conducted on May 12, 2018 at Crossroads Church located 1454 PA-44, Jersey Shore, Pa. Registration begins at 8am and the workshop will take place from 9am-1pm. To register for this free training please visit [jcrossroads.org](http://jcrossroads.org)

Topics include:

- ☞ Suspicious Activity Reporting
- ☞ Top 5 Security Concerns
- ☞ House of Worship APP

☞ ...and more

### **A.L.I.C.E.**

*Common Sense, just not Common Knowledge*

- Alert**
- Lockdown**
- Inform**
- Counter**
- Evacuate**

ALICE is **NOT** a linear, progressive response.

This workshop is recommended for congregational leaders, i.e., staff, council members, assistant ministers, and/or ushers. For more information, go to <http://jcrossroads.org/> or call 570-398-5533



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
 Sun., June 17—Thu., June 21  
 5:30—8:00 PM

*Wizards and Wonders*



**AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 844 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St.**  
**Call 570-322-0126 or 570-323-4619 to register.**

*We are really excited this year!*

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH hosts VBS this year. The theme is *WIZARDS & WONDERS: A Hero's Journey with Harry Potter*. Yes, the event will be set in a Hogwarts-ish environment. Help will be needed in all the usual areas: teen assistants, group leaders, etc. St. Mark's is taking the lead in creating the scenery and props. If anyone is interested in assisting in any way, there a sign-up sheet in the staff hallway.

St. Mark's are responsible for decorations...to that end, we have work days set for Fridays, May 4 & 18, at 4:00 pm. We plan on having fun creating floating candles, flying keys, wands, and the wall at Platform 9¾! We are looking for any ideas you may have, too.

You can also join us on Thursday & Friday, June 14 & 15, when we move everything over to Trinity to set it up there!

*Are you excited now, too?*

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*This month, Children's Church is on Sunday, May 13. Please join us in the chapel for a simple service where the children can ask questions and sing kid-friendly songs.*



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**Looking for a volunteer opportunity?**

**Only have a few hours a month?**

**Consider becoming an Office Angel for Family Promise!**

Office Angels assist with answering phones, answering the door, taking messages and interacting with guests.

**Three flexible shifts available.**

**Call our office at: 570-567-7103 today!**



**BIRTHDAYS:**

- 5/1 Melvin Wentzel
- 5/2 Jerod Barone
- 5/2 Robert Clokey
- 5/2 Jacob Schreckengast
- 5/5 Grace Schreckengast
- 5/6 Rosemary Clokey
- 5/8 James Doane
- 5/10 Carl Weaver
- 5/12 Thomas Waffenschmidt
- 5/13 Catherine Lundy
- 5/13 Lori Ann Zimmerer
- 5/14 Karen Boone
- 5/15 Jane Larson
- 5/18 Stephen Boone
- 5/18 Arthur Decker
- 5/19 Candace Dewar



- 5/19 Kenneth Schreckengast
- 5/19 Amy Stugart
- 5/20 Michael Fillnow
- 5/23 Owen Lukens
- 5/24 Ryan Jensen
- 5/24 Dawson Owen
- 5/24 Dustin Pelleschi
- 5/25 Kenneth Goldy

- 5/26 Jane Angle
- 5/26 Norma Prato
- 5/26 Jean Soars
- 5/27 Audrey Albright
- 5/27 Joyce Hershberger
- 5/27 Kyseem Smith
- 5/27 Walt Haussmann
- 5/30 Owen Gair
- 5/31 Steven Bieber III
- 5/31 Randa Bieber

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

- Edward & Lorraine Barone 5/2
- Joshua & Brittany Lynch 5/2
- Galen & Pamela Davenport 5/15
- Creighton & Christina MacGill 5/28
- Michael & Pamela Jensen 5/30



Transform Home Repair: 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. This year Transform will occur multiple times throughout the year. After April's, the next dates are August 2-4, and possibly a date to be announced in October or November. A home repair application (included in our supplement packet) can connect people and organizations in need. To connect volunteers contact Aaron Russell at [arussell@firstchurch.cc](mailto:arussell@firstchurch.cc).

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Iconic Israel: Is it on your bucket list?

There is a vacation tour scheduled to April 2019 through Susquehanna Trailways. If you are interested check their website at <http://tours.susquehannabus.com/Tour/Iconic-Israel> or contact Paul Chapman at Susquehanna Trailways LLC, 570-322-5361 ext 10 or [paul@susquehannabus.com](mailto:paul@susquehannabus.com) and he will send you a brochure. They will also be hosting a promotional night about this exciting tour on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 beginning at 6 pm in their office at Susquehanna Trailways, 11 West Church Street, Suite 1 (Church Street Parking Deck). Williamsport, PA 17701. Your RSVP will be appreciated. Call 570-322-5361.



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JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

Youth Musical: The Music of Jesus Christ Superstar will be presented by the youth of New Covenant United Church of Christ on Saturday, May 5 at 7 pm. Admission is free and youth groups are especially encouraged to attend. Join them at 202 East Third Street in Williamsport.

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WEDNESDAY ECUMENICAL LUNCHES

Join us Wednesdays for lunch and an interesting program! The lunch line opens about 11:45 a.m. and you are always assured of a tasty \$6 meal, warm ecumenical fellowship and a thoughtful program designed to enrich your life mentally, physically, spiritually and socially. The parking is free in the Pine Street lot, north of the church from 11 to 1:30. No reservations are necessary, but a call to Gwen at the United Churches Office 570-322-1110 if you are not a regular attender will help the caterer know how to prepare. When winter weather makes travel difficult on Wednesdays call Gwen at 570-419-1464 or 570-3261396 to know if Ecumenical lunch has been cancelled.

MAY 2, TBA

9—Mr. and Mrs. Rick (Nancy) Jacobs, Coordinators, Shoe Express: "Providing New Socks and Sneakers for Children and Youth"

16—Ms. Janice L. Ogurcak, Director of Public Programming and Outreach, Little League International, "An Update on the World of Little League"

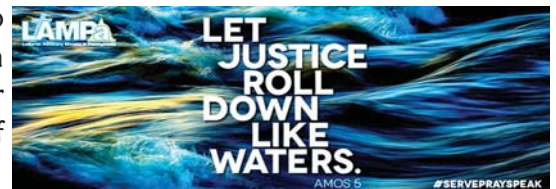
23—The Rev. Dr. Kerry Aucker, Pastor St. Johns and St. James Lutheran Churches, Jersey Shore, "Love Reaching Out From the New Love Center"

30—Mrs. Linda Dieffenbach, Messiah Lutheran Church, South Williamsport, "Seasoned Helpers" Join us! Bring a friend! Make new friends!

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Lutheran Day in the Capitol, May 21

Bring your faith to the table, and join Lutherans from around the state for worship, learning, advocacy and action. Lutheran Day at the Capitol will focus on our baptismal call to ministry in the public square and the unique voice of Lutheran Christians addressing hunger and poverty. We will explore how we can be church together in Pennsylvania, so that justice might, in the words of the prophet Amos, "roll down like waters." The day will include worship, a keynote address, legislative briefing and visit training, workshops, a continental breakfast and lunch. Come to be inspired, prepared and equipped to act as church together, for the sake of the world.





## The Annual Report

The Annual Congregational Meeting is Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Committee reports need to be made available for the congregation to read by Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>. To allow for editing and printing, These reports must be submitted by Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A list of the reports that need to be included follows. Nominating Committee, and Search Committee are suggested as possible additions or inclusions under other categories.

Please be prompt: Thursday, May 3.

### INTENTIONAL INTERIM PASTOR'S REPORT

Report from Parish Register

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

FINANCE COMMITTEE

TREASURER

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

LIAISON COMMITTEE

FINE ARTS

MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

PARISH LIFE

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

ARCHIVES & ST. MARK'S WEBSITE

STEPHEN MINISTRY

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

CONGREGATION ASSEMBLIES, MINUTES SYNOPSIS

Special Congregational Assembly

Annual Congregation Assembly

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### We are Grateful!



A huge *Thank You* goes to Nevills Flowers for allowing us (for FREE) to use the lovely Palm Plants on Palm Sunday! Amy and Brenna were especially lovely with their assistance. If you visit their business in Montoursville you might wish to mention how much our church family appreciates their generosity!

Dear St. Mark's,

*Family Promise of Lycoming County would like to thank you for your generous contribution of \$500. Please know that you are making a difference for homeless children and their families right here in Lycoming County. Your donation does so much more than "sheltering." It gives families the tools to move toward sustainable independence.*

*Once again, thank you for your kindness and support.*

Sincerely,

Jenny Hull, FPLC



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### **Milestone Ministry: Progressions**

On Sunday, June 10, we recognize those youth who have just graduated from high school and are heading out on their own, be it college, the military, or employment. We pray for God to watch over them and grant them discernment, wisdom and strength in their faithful convictions. Their memento is an address book with their name on it in which they can record contact information for mentors and friends from St. Mark's to use as a "lifeline" should the need arise (Regis, I'd like to phone a friend).

We also recognize parents as they experience their children leaving the nest. May they come to understand that the only way we truly keep hold of something is by letting go and that they take comfort in the knowledge that God will be with these young adults as they take the next step in their lives.

We pray that God will be with all of them and guide them into a new, stronger relationship with each other and with Him.

At an extended hospitality after the 10:30 service, hopefully in the courtyard, there will be opportunity to wish the youth well, encourage the parents and record contact information.

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**On Sunday, June 3, we move to a single service on Sundays at 9:30. On the same day, morning prayer on Sundays moves from 7:00 to 8:30 am.**

**Our present schedule resumes on September 9.**





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### Lunch & Fellowship, Wednesday, May 16

#### Free Community Lunch

On Wednesday, May 16, Bob & Janet will be serving up Hawaiian Chicken and Sweet Jasmine Rice! Please join us!!

#### **FOOD PANTRY HOURS:**

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.,  
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**Food  
Pantry  
Needs**

As always, the food pantry stands in need of any non-perishable food items.

*Thank you*

#### **Our 24 hour Devotion Line**

Have you called yet? The number is 570-322-5762. It's available 24 hours a day. Devotions change each weekday and once on the weekend, and are designed to lift your spirit and help you to have

*"A Closer Walk with God."* **Daily**

**Devotions**

The devotionalists this month include:

4/30-5/6 Mrs. Gail Landers

5/7-13 Pastors Jim & Kathy Behrens

5/14-20 Rev. Ken Wagner-Pizza

Listen today and tell others about this ministry!



### **Daniel's Closet**

Free seasonal clothing on Saturday, May 26, 2018 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM.

*Lighter weight clothing and accessories are most needed.*

Donations may be dropped off at Redeemer on May 24, 2018 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM.



### ***Free Community Supper All Are Welcome***

**Redeemer Lutheran Church Thursday, May 10, 2018, 5:30 – 6:30 PM**

**Tue May 1, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer  
1:00pm City Pastors' Lunch  
6:30pm Outreach

**Wed May 2, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer  
9:00am Quilters  
12:00pm Ecumenical Lunch-Pine St.  
6:00pm Women & Children's Meal

**Thu May 3, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer  
6:00pm Bell Choir  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

**Fri May 4, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer  
**4:00pm VBS work session**

**Sat May 5, 2018**

6:00pm Evening Service - Chapel

**Sun May 6, 2018**

**FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING**  
7:00am Morning Prayer  
8:00am Holy Communion  
9:15am Sunday School  
**10:30am Holy Communion**

**Mon May 7, 2018**

**FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING**  
9:00am Morning Prayer  
10:03am Staff Meeting

**Tue May 8, 2018**

**FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING**  
9:00am Morning Prayer  
6:30pm Finance Committee

**Wed May 9, 2018**

**FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING**  
9:00am Morning Prayer  
9:00am Quilters  
12:00pm Ecumenical Lunch-Pine St.  
1:15pm Pericope  
6:30pm Personnel Committee

**Thu May 10, 2018**

**FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING**  
**Feast of the Ascension**  
**Council Agenda Due**  
9:00am Morning Prayer  
9:30am Stephen Ministry  
5:00pm Worship and Music

5:30pm Redeemer Comm. Meal  
6:30pm Stephen Ministry  
7:00pm Ascension svc @ St. Joe's

**Fri May 11, 2018**

**FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING**  
9:00am Morning Prayer

**Sat May 12, 2018**

**FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING**  
**Lion Article Deadline**  
6:00pm Evening Service - Chapel

**Sun May 13, 2018**

**Mother's Day**  
7:00am Morning Prayer  
8:00am Holy Communion  
9:15am Sunday School  
**10:30am Holy Communion**  
**1:00pm Knoebel's trip!**

**Mon May 14, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer  
10:03am Staff Meeting

**Tue May 15, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer

**Wed May 16, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer  
9:00am Quilters  
12:00pm Ecumenical Lunch-Pine St.  
12:00pm Lunch 'n' Fellowship

**Thu May 17, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer  
6:00pm Bell Choir  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

**Fri May 18, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer  
**4:00pm VBS work session**

**Sat May 19, 2018**

6:00pm Evening Service - Chapel

**Sun May 20, 2018**

7:00am Morning Prayer  
8:00am Holy Communion  
9:15am Sunday School  
10:30am Children's Church  
10:30am Holy Communion  
**11:30am Annual Congregational Assembly**

**Mon May 21, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer  
10:03am Staff Meeting  
**6:30pm Council Meeting**  
7:00pm Wmspt. Dog Training Club

**Tue May 22, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer  
6:00pm LSM at St. Luke's

**Wed May 23, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer  
9:00am Quilters  
12:00pm Ecumenical Lunch-Pine St.

**Thu May 24, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer  
9:30am Stephen Ministry  
4:00pm Daniel's Closet Drop-Off  
6:00pm Bell Choir  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

**Fri May 25, 2018**

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

**Sat May 26, 2018**

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

**Sun May 27, 2018**

7:00am Morning Prayer  
8:00am Holy Communion  
9:15am Sunday School  
**10:30am Holy Communion**

**Mon May 28, 2018**

Memorial Day - Office Closed

**Tue May 29, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer  
6:00pm LSM At St. Luke

**Wed May 30, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer  
9:00am Quilters  
12:00pm Ecumenical Lunch-Pine St.

**Thu May 31, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer

