



The Lion of St. Mark's

FEBRUARY 2007

Mission at the Crossroads: Journeying Together



Our work in *Mission at the Crossroads* continues again this month. Honest thought, dreaming, negotiation, and prayer is work, complex work, work that proceeds at a deliberate pace.

The participants in the process gathered on January 17, enjoyed a light supper together and then plunged into the work. The four discussion groups each tackled their areas of interest and began sketching their ideas. After some time, the groups each reported to the others and the thought continued.

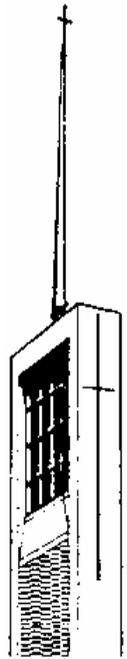
The groups will meet again on February 7 to continue their work. They will have to make the move from high floating dreams to achievable possibilities. They will have to project what resources we already have, and what new resources are needed in order for things to move forward. And finally, they will have to discern how they, personally, will be participating in the renewed activities; how they will move from talk-ers to do-ers. There is still much for us to accomplish together!

Members of the parish continue to be welcome to jump into the process at any point. Simply come at 6:30 on February 7 and pick a spot. Although it is not a requirement, being prepared in advance would be a helpful thing. Call Nancy Larson and receive a summary of where the discussion has been in order to be ready to plunge into the conversation.

Our consultant throughout the process has been Beth Yenchko, Mission Director for this region of the ELCA, with her home in State College.

OFFICIAL NOTICE:

The Congregation Council has called a Special Assembly of the St. Mark's Congregation for February 11, 2007, following the 10:30 service, for the purpose of considering a proposal from Chime Master Systems, Inc. of Lancaster Ohio, to replace the defunct control system for our tower bells with a 2108 Cast Bell Controller at a cost of \$11,995, to be paid from funds that have been given to the church for the care and maintenance of its musical instruments.



The present system has been completely inoperable for some time, and our wonderful set of 10 real cast bells is not being heard. The proposed system is a vast improvement, with up to date technology, and with a 5 year warranty as well. It will enable the playing of hymns from its vast library, as well as allowing us to program in other hymns not in its library, do hour chimes when desired, tolling for funerals, peals for celebrations, etc. It will have a small keyboard for manual operation, and a remote control to initiate operation from the organ console or any other desired spot.

Other convenient features include battery backup, power surge protection, solenoid protection, and internal calendars for handling the spring and fall time changes. All we will see is one black metal box in the balcony containing the microchip electronics.

The new keyboard will be housed in the present wooden case in the balcony. Installation would be 4-5 months after signing the contract.

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Council Notes

The Congregation Council met in regular session on Monday, January 22 in the Crossways Room. The Council:

- heard the proposal from Mr. Lakey and the Worship and Music Committee for the renewal of the control system for the tower bells, and acted to recommend the proposal to the congregation. (see separate article.)
- received the regular printed reports of the pastor, officers, and committees.
- granted a letter of commendation to Scott and Tammy Miller and children to unite with Lycoming Center Presbyterian Church.
- moved to appoint the Nominating Committee for the year, to be chaired by Brenda Bittner.
- commended Rick Robertson for his patience and diligence in working with our basketball teams in the John Bower league.
- noted with sadness the resignation of Sue Bennett as our Financial Secretary, after nearly 4 years of service, in order to take a full-time job with the Williamsport Area School District. She has discharged her duties honorably and well. The position is being advertised, and interviews will be scheduled early in February.
- rejoiced that under the leadership of Creighton MacGill, competitive bidding is underway for our insurance contracts for the next 3 year span. It will likely result in a savings of nearly \$6,000!
- rejoiced that a bequest was received from the estate of Dr. Mary Schweikel in the sum of \$1,000, which has been used for the purchase of a much-needed video projector.
- viewed a brief DVD using the new projector, on the idea of offering hospitality to homeless families. A public meeting will be held on February 5 at the New Hope Center on Market Street (near St. Luke Church) to begin forming a coalition of congregations to tackle the problem.
- set the next meeting for February 19.
- completed the meeting with *Prayer at the Close of Day* prayed in the Chapel.

Members of the congregation are reminded that the full bulletin of reports is always posted in the office hallway for review by any member.

Directory Changes:

- Randy & Jeannette Lukens, 17 Cherokee Lane, Wmspt., PA 17701-1211 (570) 320-2848
- Mr. John Hollenback, 1900 Ravine Rd., Apt. 1209, Wmspt., PA 17701-2065

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From the Parish Register

- The Funeral Service for Frank Pile, Sr. was celebrated on January 14th
- The Funeral Service for the Rev. Dr. Walter Brandau was celebrated on January 20th
- The Funeral Service for Dorothy Rivetti was celebrated on January 26th.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

We Love Our Volunteers!

A special thank you to the following people for volunteering their time and efforts in so many ways. We couldn't do all we do without your assistance!

Altar Guild

Deb Buckman
Judy Fortin
Beverly Hieber
Shirley Hill
Cindy Huff
Jane Kline
Beth Shafranko
Connie Shaible

Greeters

Larry & Louella Bair
Scott, Brenda & Jeremy Bittner
John & Ruth Burkholder
Marie & Hugh Byerly
Kathryn & Cecil Calvert
Gary & Donna Clark
Gregg & Kathy Dancho
Lou DeSeau
Blanche & Wilson Doebler
Frank & Mary Lou Doebler
Walter & Mackenzie Doebler
Steve & Bonnie Eyer
Charles & Judy Fortin
Erick, Stephanie & Madalyn Fortin
Matt & Wanda Fortin
Edward, Brenda & Owen Gair
Andrew, Vicki, Benjamin, Hannah & Elizabeth Haussmann
Trish, Theoron, & Kara Hershey
Bev & Carl Hieber
Shirley & Bill Hill
Gail & John Hoffman
Ray & Cindy Huff
Reba & Gene Jacobs
Pam, Mike & Sean Jensen
Robert & Bernadette Jones
Jackie Kinney
Shirley Kinney
Lou Kolb
Catherine & Larry Lundy
Chris & Creighton MacGill

Tim & Deb Maggs
David & Carol McMorris
Lillian Miller
Helen Ochs
Michael Ochs
Michele, Kirk, Devon & Dawson Owen
Becky Miller Pryor
Robert, Michele & Hannah Ramsauer
Ruth Rees
Rick & Jennifer Robertson
Tom & Helen Schramm
Robert & Mary Schultz
Constance Shaible
Ken & Beth Shafranko
Ruth Sherlinshi
Russell & Lois Smith
Fred & Pat Thayer
Phil & Barb Thomas
Tali & Taigen Thorne
Frank & Shirley Vognet
Annika Waffenschmidt
Bill & Marion Waldeisen
Gary & Shelby Weber
Melvin & Melinda, Taylor, Sadie & Sara Wentzel
Ralph & Lou Ann Ziegler
Paul & Jane Zimmerer

Ushers

Carl Albright
Dottie Bingaman
John Burkholder
Donna Clark
Frank Doebler
Charlie Fortin
Brenda Gair
Bud Hershberger
Carl Hieber
Cindy Huff
Mike Jensen
Marc Kinney
Mike Kinney

Louise Kneedler
Roxie Larson
Irma Logan
Larry Lundy
John MacMinn
Richard Miller
William Poff
Norma Prato
Robert Schultz
Elsie Sechler
Ken Shafranko
Connie Shaible
Robert Swartz
Phil Thomas
Frank Vognet
William Waldeisen
Lucille Weaver
Bobbie Yetsko

Acolytes

Jeremy Bittner
Caitlin Butters
Brett Campbell
Lauren Campbell
Christina Comini
Paige Fortin
Derek Gilbert
Matthew Hartsock
Declan Jones
Sara Jones
Marc Kinney
Alex Larson
Aric Larson
Jamie Larson
Sara Larson
Hannah Ramsauer
Taigen Thorne
Tali Thorne
Andrew Ziegler
Peter Ziegler

Assisting Minister

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Kathy Dancho
Lou DeSeau

Andrew Haussmann
Joyce Hershberger
Ray Huff
Declan Jones
Tim Maggs
Becky Miller Pryor
Beth Shafranko
Ken Shafranko
Phil Thomas

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Audrey Albright
Dorothy Berndt
Jeremiah Bittner
Scott Bittner
Donna Boston
Jim Buckman
Nick Buckman
Jeffrey Byerly
Brett Campbell
Lauren Campbell
Donna Clark
Gregg Dancho
Kathy Dancho
Lou DeSeau
Stephanie Fortin
Andrew Haussmann
Vickie Haussmann
Bud Hershberger
Joyce Hershberger
Ray Huff
Bernadette, Declan & Sara Jones
Jane Kline
Lou Kolb
Nancy Larson
Sue McCormick
Becky Pryor
Ruth Rees
Brittany Toy
Carl Weaver
Lisa Weaver
Gary Weber
Ralph Ziegler

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

“I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.”

Communion Assistants

Brenda Bittner
Scott Bittner
Deb Buckman
Jim Buckman
Dottie Burd
Brett Campbell
Gregg Dancho
Kathy Dancho
Lou DeSeau
Walt Doebler
Donna Elkin
Bob Schultz
Mary Schultz
Beth Shafranko
Ken Shafranko
Carl Weaver
Lucille Weaver
Gary Weber
Jane Zimmerman
Paul Zimmerman

Nursery

Brenda Bittner
Christina Comini
Sharon Comini
Brenda Gair
Vicki Haussmann
Vicki Hospes
Pam & Mike Jensen
Bernadette Jones
Nancy Larson
Deb Maggs
Rick & Jenn Robertson
Elsie Sechler
Pat Thayer
Barb Thomas
Holly Thorne
Shelby & Gary Weber
Mel Wentzel

Flower Delivery

Carl & Audrey Albright
Jane Angle
Susan Baker
Nancy Bieber

Brenda & Scott Bittner
Deb & Jim Buckman
Hugh & Marie Byerly
Gary & Donna Clark
William & Carol Confer
Kathy & Gregg Dancho
Steve & Candy Dewar
Ernestine Doane
Charles & Judy Fortin
Matt & Wanda Fortin
Bud & Joyce Hershberger
Theoron, Trish & Kara Hershey
Carl & Beverly Hieber
Bill & Shirley Hill
John & Renee Hinds
Merritt Hunt
Pam & Mike Jensen
Jackie Kinney
Shirley Kinney
Jane Kline
Richard & Louise Kneeder
Anne Kuntz
Nancy Larson
Roxie Larson
Larry & Catherine Lundy
Deb & Tim Maggs
William & Prudence Poff
Becky Miller Pryor
Robert & Michele Ramsauer
Ken & Beth Shafranko
Aletha & Robert Swartz
Carl & Lucille Weaver

Hospitality

Scott & Brenda Bittner
Deb & Jim Buckman
Marie Byerly
Kitty Calvert
Sis Chrisman
Donna & Gary Clark
Betty Diehl
Ernestine Doane
Blanche Doebler
Katy & Donna Zierdt Elkin
Bonnie Eyer

Stephanie, Eric & Madalyn
Fortin
Judy Fortin
Wanda Fortin
Doris Griggs
Vickie Haussmann
Joyce Hershberger
Trish Hershey
Beverly & Carl Hieber
High School S. S. Class
Bob & Bernadette Jones
Jackie Kinney
Shirley Kinney
Louise Kneeder
Marion Larson
Nancy Larson
Roxie Larson
Irma Logan
Catherine & Larry Lundy
Creighton & Chris MacGill
Deb Maggs
Carol & Dave McMorris
Prudy Poff
Becky Miller Pryor
Robert & Michele Ramsauer
Rick & Jenn Robertson
Bob & Mary Schultz
Connie Shaible
Lillian Skeeby
The Stephen Ministers
Betty Stroup
Shirley Vognet
Lucille & Carl Weaver
Mel & Mindy Wentzel
Ralph & Lou Ann Ziegler

Sunday School Teachers

& Helpers

Karen Boone
Ashley Butters
Deb & Nick Buckman
Eric & Sharon Comini
Kathy Dancho
Pastor Elkin
Bonnie & Steve Eyer
Wanda Fortin

Matt Fortin
Vicki Haussmann
Trish Hershey
Bill Hill
Ray Huff
Bernadette Jones
Kathy & Lou Kolb
Nancy Larson
Sue Newcomer
Jim Newcomer
Kirk & Michele Owen
Becky Miller Pryor
Bob Schultz
Brittany Toy
Amanda Weaver
Lisa Weaver
Mindy Wentzel

Money Counters

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Art Decker
Ernestine Doane
Bud Hershberger
Bill Hill
Louise Kneeder
Larry Lundy

Newsletter Crew

Don & Mary Armstrong
Lawrence & Louella Bair
Beverly Gottschall
Gladys Knauss
Irma Logan
Elsie Sechler
Connie Shaible

Office Angels

Lois Smith
Shirley Vognet

Kitchen Angels

Lou DeSeau
Carl Hieber
Jackie Kinney
Shirley Kinney
Dick Lakey
Lois & Russ Smith
Shirley Vognet

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

Upcoming Milestone calendar

- February 4** – All the Languages of Good News
- February 25** – Prayer Pillows
- March 11, 18, and 25** – Blessing of Affirmers
- April 7** – Affirmation of Baptism
- May 6** – Wedding Anniversary
- May 27** – Sending out members of *The Way* with prayers for their Christian Vocation

Leave a Legacy for Ministry & Mission: Make your pension fund work thrice.

If you have an IRA or other Qualified Retirement Account, you can use it three times. First, it can be used for you and your spouse in retirement, it can be passed on to your children and grandchildren, and it can be used to make charitable gifts to your favorite ministries. For more information about how to make charitable gifts using your retirement account or other ways to make charitable gifts, call Pr. Greg Kramer at the Lutheran Planned Giving Office at 570-374-2044 or call the ELCA Foundation, 800/638-3522, ext. 2970 or visit our website at www.elca.org/fo.

Lunch N' Fellowship February 14th at Noon

Dick's Famous Heart Shaped Meatloaf!
Bring a dish to share. Why not invite a friend?



Nurse's Notes

- February 4** Tips to decrease your chances of catching a cold:
 - carry your own pen – borrowing others or using the one at the bank expose you to germs
 - sneeze into your elbow if you are caught without a tissue – it keeps germs off your hands
 - after using a public restroom, dry hands with a paper towel, then use the towel to turn off the faucet and open the restroom door
 - use your cell phone instead of making a call from someone else's phone
 - flip the light-switch on and off with the back of your hand, it lessens the chance you will transfer germs toward your face
- February 11** According to the folks at Prevention Magazine (February 2007), there are four questions you need to ask whenever you get a new prescription:
 1. When and for how long should I take this medication?
 2. What are the side affects, and how should I react if I have them?
 3. Is there anything I need to avoid – food, beverages, vitamins or supplements or herbs?
 4. What do I do if I forget to take a dose?
- February 18** Brush your teeth after sucking on hard candy. They are more likely to lead to tooth decay than other soft, sweet foods, since the candies dissolve slowly and surround the teeth with sugar. And did you know that raisins, which are sticky, can cause more cavities than chocolate?
- February 25** Grandparents, remember to keep all medications out of reach of little, exploring grandchildren. Even vitamins and mineral pills (especially iron) can be poisonous if ingested by a small child.

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FLOOD Events Coming Up

FLOOD (Friends Living Out Our Discipleship), your youth ministry of the Upper Susquehanna synod, has some events planned for the coming year. The first, FLOOD SU, is described further down in this newsletter. The Junior High Retreat for youth in grades 6-9 will be at Camp Mount Luther on February 9-10, 2007. Senior High Adventure Day in Bloomsburg for grades 9-12 will be April 14, 2007. FLOODLIGHT, a special day of outdoor, Christian, family fun for kids grades 1-6 and their families is scheduled for May 5, 2007 at Camp Mount Luther. And CML's annual spring overnight and Work Day is set for May 18-19, 2007. More information on these events will follow in mailings—just wanted you to get these dates on your calendars now!

Lutheran/United Methodist Celebration!

A Liturgy in Celebration of the Lutheran-United Methodist Agreement on Interim Eucharistic Sharing will be held on Sunday, March 25, 2007, 4:00 pm, at Susquehanna University's Weber Chapel. This service will be led by Bp. Donald Main of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, Bp. Carol Hendrix of the Lower Susquehanna Synod, Bp. Gregory Pile of the Allegheny Synod, and Bp. Jane Middleton of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, United Methodist Church. Bp. Middleton will also be the preacher. Since this liturgy is being held on the territory of our synod, it would reflect well on us to have a good showing--so get the word out!

Winter/Spring On-line Courses at Wartburg

"Ethics in Lutheran Perspective" is a 12 week course beginning Feb. 5th with an Orientation Week, and taught by Craig Nesson, Professor of Contextual Theology and Academic Dean. This course will offer an introduction to the field of Christian ethics, paying particular attention to distinctively Lutheran themes. Lectures and readings will examine how the Lutheran theological tradition shapes ethical reflection for the church in its mission today. How do the Word of God, law and gospel, sacraments, liturgy, reason, theology of the cross, Christian freedom, vocation, and two kingdoms teaching shape and condition ethical deliberation? Together we will consider how to give constructive leadership in order that congregations become communities of moral deliberation. DVDs of lectures must be available for this course. Contact the Center for Theology and Land for how to obtain copies.

God and the World in Christ: The Christian Narrative," a 9 week online course beginning March 12th, will be taught by Dr. Duane Priebe, Professor of Systematic Theology at Wartburg. The Nicene Creed briefly summarizes the basic Christian narrative of God's engagement with the world. It runs from creation through redemption in Jesus Christ to the ultimate consummation of all things in the power of the Holy Spirit in the resurrection of the dead. This is the story of all creation; it also is the story of each one of us. This course will examine this basic story and ways of bearing witness to God's engagement with the world in Jesus Christ. "Understanding Loss and Grief: Perspectives for Effective Ministry," a 6-week online course beginning April 16th, and taught by Dr. Daniel L. Olson, Professor of Pastoral Care at Wartburg.

Loss is a pervasive human experience that comes in many shapes and sizes. We experience it in the death of a loved one as well as in the closing of a store on Main Street. We experience loss in social change as well as in the normal transitions of family life. With loss comes grief – certainly one of the most disorienting and painful experiences of which human beings are capable. In this course we will learn to identify the wide range of losses that people experience, and to understand the grieving process. We will learn how to minister to grieving people in ways that are both theologically and psychologically sound.

2007 Alice Pope Shade Lecturer at SU: Jim Wallis

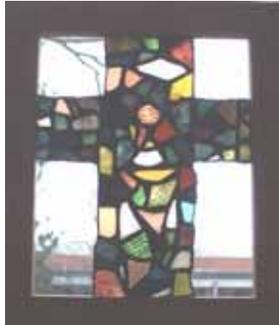
Jim Wallis, author of "God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It," will present the Alice Pope Shade Lecture on Monday, February 26, 2007 at 7:30 PM in Weber Chapel Auditorium at Susquehanna University.

From HarperCollins' website: "Jim Wallis is a leading figure at the crossroads of religion and politics in America today. He is a public theologian, nationally renowned preacher, faith-based activist, author of seven books, and the founder of Sojourners, a nationwide network of progressive Christians working for justice and peace."

Wallis is also co-founder of a new group, Red Letter Christians, a network of Christian communicators committed to advancing the message "that our faith cannot be reduced to only two hot button social issues - abortion and homosexuality. Fighting poverty, caring for the environment, advancing peace, promoting strong families, and supporting a consistent ethic of life are all critical moral and biblical values." The lecture is free and open to the public. No tickets are required.

Social Ministry News

From the Archivist's Corner



Have you noticed anything new? Have you seen the framed stained glass cross on the window (across from The Way room)?

There is a little bit of history to this piece of art. Seems that back in early spring of 2000 I found some chards of stained glass in a small envelope with information written on the front "pieces of stained glass from St. Mark's old church". There was no date but I felt it could be around 1959 when the "second" old church was demolished and our present bulding was being built. I have no idea who the person was who collected the pieces of glass but it was someone who felt the need to preserve some of St. Mark's history.

My first thought was to make something with them, perhaps, a cross? Yes, but how? I talked with several local people who were artists and they didn't give me much hope. Sometime later I was talking with my very dear artist friend, Grace M. Baier, who lives in Virginia and told her about the glass. She said she would love to do something with it for me. A week or so later we met in Thurmont, Md, discussed ideas and a month later she called and said the cross was finished. I was so pleased with the results and couldn't wait to show it. I talked with Bob Miller about framing it, but it would be several years before this came to pass. The following six years have gone by swiftly but the cross had to wait. There were plans for St. Marks 150th Anniversary, later on much work was done on renovating the Chapel, there was illness. Finally, this past year Bob and I were able to decide on the type of frame and where the cross could be displayed.

Please stop by and view the creation - it is beautiful, especially when the sun is shining through the windows! This piece of art is part of your heritage. The heritage of St. Marks!

Thanks be to God!
Dorothy Berndt
Archivist, St. Mark's

Lasagna Dinner

Wednesday, February 7,
from 5 ~ 7 p.m.

St. Paul, Calvary United Methodist Church
1427 Memorial Ave., Williamsport, PA



Dine in or take out a great plate of meat or meatless lasagna, salad, bread and homemade cakes made by baking & pastry arts students at PCT!

Suggested donations \$6 Adults & \$3 Kids

Sponsored by United Churches College Students to raise money for a mission trip to Washington DC.

Attention local churches members:

We have an active United Campus Ministry student in need of housing. She is 19 and is looking for a family or individual to live with. She will work to pay for food and rent.

Do you have a room in your house to share and a welcoming supportive heart? This could be a "win-win" situation. Please consider it.

For more information contact:

Heather Wagner,
UCM Coordinator
419-5376
or email: hastywagner@aol.com

Please pass this request along to your friends who may consider this opportunity of ministry.

United Churches News



Food Pantry Update

Donations, if possible, should be brought into the Food Pantry on Monday mornings

from 9:30-Noon. We are located in the Sojourner Truth Building on the corner of High & Center Sts.

Items we are currently in need of:

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Spaghetti Sauce | Canned Fruit |
| Oodles of Noodles | Coffee & Tea Bags |
| Box Crackers | Sugar—1 lb. Box |
| Tuna & Tuna Helper | Chunky Soups |
| Pasta & Noodles | Instant Oatmeal |
| Canned Pasta Products | Jelly |



29th Annual Ecumenical Lenten Service 7:30 PM

Sunday, February 25, 2007
St. Boniface Catholic Church

326 Washington Blvd., Williamsport
Speaker: The Rev. William K. Knudson
Presbytery of Northumberland
Pastor to the Presbytery

Sermon: "The Towel, the Cross, and the Crown"

The Rev. William K. Knudson, Pastor to the Northumberland Presbytery of Central Pennsylvania, will challenge us as we move into the Lenten season, to reflect upon Christ's servant Leadership.

Sunday, February 18th is a wonderful opportunity to witness to our Lord, Jesus Christ, who calls us to renew our faith and unite as people of God, with one another. Plan to join us for this ecumenical celebration this year.

Wednesday Ecumenical Lunch

United Churches of Lycoming County invite you to join them for their Wednesday Noon Ecumenical Luncheon. You're always assured of a tasty \$4 lunch, 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 AM to 1:30 PM No reservations are necessary.

February Luncheon Speakers:

7th—**Rev. Clara Bensen**, Pastor, New Covenant United Church of Christ, "*Journey Home: A Transitional Living Center for Homeless Families*"

14th—**Mr. Perry Landon**, Dir., Albright LIFE, "*The New Living Independently for Elders Program*"

GOOD NEWS FOR LENT

21st—**Rev. R. Kenneth Weiss**, Pastor, First Church of Christ, Disciples, "*Forgiveness: Psalm 32*"

28th—Speaker" To be Announced "*Providence: Psalm 121*"

Everyone in our congregations and community is welcome to participate in this ministry. Please make plans to join us and you're welcome to bring a friend.

HOMELESSNESS

is a Real, Local Problem



Did you know that on any given night, 2.1 million children in the USA are homeless? Even though they may be nearly invisible to us, some of those children and their families are right here in our community.

What should we do? What can we do? The public is encouraged to come together at the New Hope Center on Market Street (not far from St. Luke Lutheran Church) and begin the thinking process on Monday, February 5 at 7:00 P.M. Our aim will be to build a broad coalition of many congregations who can become parts of a hospitality network to host families and help to get their lives back on track.

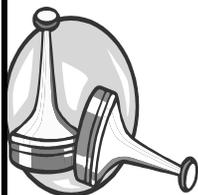
A basic information packet has been shared with our Council members, and they have viewed a brief DVD on the problem and the hospitality network approach to a solution. In the 130 towns and cities around the country who are working on the hospitality network approach, it is reported that 60% of the participating families are able to find permanent housing, and 20% find other more temporary housing. That is an impressive success rate!

Join Council members and folks from around the area for this public meeting.

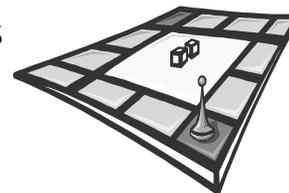
YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

→CHURCH-FAMILY, FEBRUARY, FUN FRIDAY NIGHT←

(Don't you just love alliteration?)



For our church-family members of all ages
Friday, February 16, 6:30 pm 'til ??



Do you like to play games? Do you just like to sit and kibitz? Come on down!! Bring your favorite game, snack and enthusiasm to Fellowship Hall. If we have more games than we can play in one evening—we'll just have to schedule a night to get together again!! What's that? You don't have any games to bring?? C'mon down anyway!!

IF YOU DON'T DRIVE AT NIGHT OR DON'T WANT TO COME BY YOURSELF—DON'T LET THAT STOP YOU!!!!

WE WILL GET RIDES FOR THOSE WHO NEED ONE!

Call the church office or sign up on one of the available sheets if you plan on coming. Please let us know so we can plan for setting up!

newsboys Tickets Available!

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This contemporary Christian band's music has taken them from Australia to Africa but it's the mate-ship that makes **newsboys** one of the most enduring success stories of rock music.

Musically, **newsboys** are difficult to pigeonhole, blending melody and rhythm, making you think to the beat with a truly international sound. Despite selling more than six million records and being nominated for three Grammy awards, **newsboys** has never been a band to rest on its success. They always strive to make the next album their best - and by all accounts their latest concert tour will reflect that. Visit their website at newsboys.com to check out their music.

Sharon has tickets available, at \$21.50 each, for anyone wanting to attend their concert **HERE**, in Williamsport, on Saturday, February 24, at the Community Arts Center. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

The John Bower Basketball League St. Mark's Lions



JOHN BOWER 2006-2007 SUNDAY SCHOOL BASKETBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE FOR *ST. MARK'S LIONS* BEGINNERS & MIDGETS AND *MESSIAH'S PEE-WEES*

BEGINNER PEE-WEES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COMPETITORS</u>
Feb. 3	<u>9:30 am</u>	Arena Center	<u>St. Mark's</u> vs. First Baptist
Feb. 10	2:00 pm	Arena Center	Montoursville Presbyterian vs. <u>St. Mark's</u>
Feb. 17	12:30 pm	Arena Center	St. Boniface-A vs. <u>St. Mark's</u>

PEE-WEES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COMPETITORS</u>
Feb. 3	12:00 pm	Arena West	<u>Messiah</u> vs. Newberry Church of Christ
Feb. 10	9:00 am	Arena West	<u>Messiah</u> vs. Pine Street U.M.
Feb. 17	11:00 am	Arena West	<u>Messiah</u> vs. St. Luke Lutheran

MIDGETS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COMPETITORS</u>
Feb. 3	11:00 am	upstairs Main	New berry Church of Christ vs. <u>St. Mark's</u>
Feb. 10	9:30 am	upstairs Main	First U.M. vs. <u>St. Mark's</u>
Feb. 17	9:00 am	upstairs Main	St. Boniface-B vs. <u>St. Mark's</u>

Players, please arrive a half-hour early for your games!!

*To all members of the congregation,
please take some time out of your day to cheer on some our young ambassadors.
Your support could make the difference!*

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

**We are on a mission
to fight hunger and poverty.
You can help.**

*“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game,
help us be mindful of those
without a bowl of soup to eat”*



More than 15
years
ago on a Super Bowl
Sunday, a single youth
group was inspired by

a simple prayer. They started the *Souper Bowl of Caring*, a youth-led movement that is now an international event.

Since 1990, the *Souper Bowl of Caring* has raised more than \$33 million for individual charities across the country. It is also turning our nation's biggest weekend of football into its largest weekend of giving.

Each year, tens of thousands of our nation's youth put God's love into action through the *Souper Bowl of Caring*. You can help them feel the significance of caring for others. Drop a dollar in the soup pots that will be in the narthex on January 28 and February 4 as you leave worship. Your donation will go directly to a charity right here in our community.

With your help, more dollars will be raised, more



Catechetical Retreat 2007

The ninth annual Catechetical Retreat, 2007, took place on January 6, 2007, at Messiah Lutheran. Christina Comini, Brandon and Paige Fortin, Sara Jones and Hannah Ramsauer attended with at least one parent in tow, each. Yes—we had 100% attendance of our confirmation class.

Our students chose three different classes to attend that day. They split for the first session, going to **Help! Help! Who am I?**, offered by Pastor Driesen (Messiah) and **That's not Fair! What is God's Justice?** By Pr. Huckfeldt (St. Michael's). They were unanimous in choosing to go to Pastor Frontz's (Messiah) **Keepin' It Real: the Scoop on Reality TV**. When you see them, ask how they enjoyed their day!

? Look for news
about this year's
Vacation Bible School!! ?

? What will the theme
be this year?? Sharon
and Bernadette are in
the process of planning a
very special time for all!

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Blessing of the Keys: Did you know???

We have a special milestone celebration for the youth in our congregation who attain their junior driver's licenses. It's a meaningful observance, during which the new driver gives up something from his or her childhood in exchange for the new responsibility of driving. We have also developed a means of recognition for those drivers receiving their senior license.



Unfortunately, we have no idea of those youth who are reaching these important milestones in their lives—unless you tell us!! Please let the church know if you or your child has recently received a junior or senior license as soon as possible. A date for celebration will be set once we know who these special teens are. **PLEASE CALL US!!**

Since this article was first printed in the January Lion, we haven't heard from anyone—and we know there have to be some new drivers out there! Please give your child the opportunity to receive this wonderful blessing and CALL US!

ST. MARK'S LIONS

Our athletes have been playing great games with lots of fantastic teamwork! Our coaches have been awesome in the guidance of these young players. Our Beginners are having a blast—even though they're playing against mostly second graders! We're building a great bench for next year! In the older teams, the St. Mark's and Messiah players are getting along very well and working together even better on the court. All-in-all, we have a fantastic group of kids representing us!!

Our practices continue every Tuesday, beginning January 2, 2007, at Trinity Episcopal Church. The Beginner Pee Wee team practices from 6 p.m. until 6:45 p.m., the Pee Wee team, from 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and the Midgets from 7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

A schedule of their remaining games is included in this newsletter. Players, please arrive a half-hour early for your games!!

To all members of the congregation, please take just on half of an hour out of your day to cheer on some our young ambassadors. Your support could make a difference!



Children's Church

will be held on Sunday,
February 11, 2007,
at

Faith Life Weekly, a take-home resource, is available in the Narthex every Sunday. This resource offers an at-home plan for nurturing faith and faith practices based on Sunday's worship service. Also, **Kid's Celebrate** is available for youth to use during the worship service or to take home to add to family devotional time throughout the week. Stop and pick up a copy!

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

MILESTONE MINISTRY



On Sunday February 4th, St. Mark's will be giving out the "All the Languages of the Good News" milestone to those children in kindergarten here at St. Mark's. Taylor Wentzel, Sadie Wentzel, Annika Waffenschmidt, Kyseem Smith, and Lynna Robertson will be the recipients of the milestone. This milestone is a reminder that the St. Mark's congregation is a huge part of the **Passing the Faith** ministry. The bags may be used as a tool for nurturing faith in the home. Please acknowledge these children and their families and wish them well on this day!

Passing on Faith: The Prayer Pillow, for all of our two-year-olds, marks the beginning of prayer within the family. This Milestone is fast approaching on February 25, 2006. We are planning a get-together for that Saturday, February 24, with Annette Frontz, from Messiah Lutheran, who will review with us ways to make prayer a part of our daily lives with our children. Parents, and grandparents, of our two-year-olds, please bring your child with you for this event. It will run from 11:00-12:30 that Saturday, with a light lunch being served.



"IN THE BEGINNING..."

A MUSICAL STORY BASED ON
GENESIS 1 AND 2
BOOK, MUSIC & LYRICS
BY RICHARD LAKEY

This is it!! Our summer musical!!!
Save the week of July 15th through the 22nd
for rehearsals culminating in a dinner-theatre
performance on Sunday evening, July 22.

A cast of thousands...
well, maybe only hundreds...is required
—remember, we are talking the creation story here!
Also needed are sewers and crafters for costumes,
construction-and-painting-type people for set and
scavenger hunters for props and set decorations.

God may have been able to accomplish this in seven
days by himself, BUT WE NEED HELP!!
Yes, in a nutshell, we need everyone!!!
Stay tuned for more information!!!

Parish Life Committee



The members of the parish
life committee are looking for a few good men
or women to join their kitchen team!

If you can:

- Cook
- Stir
- Fry
- Slice
- Dice
- Saute
- Boil
- Chop

Or just look good in an apron they want you!
Call the office at 323-4619 if you can volunteer
to help cook & serve parish meals. A Parish
Life Committee meeting will be held soon for
new members.

Social Ministry Concerns

Blood Donations Needed

The Northcentral PA Chapter American Red Cross is requesting your help in combating the current drop in blood donations. Please mark your calendar to donate at one of the following sites:

Friday, February 9th 12:00 to 6:00 PM
 St. John's Newberry United Methodist Church
 2101 Newberry Street.
 Williamsport, PA

Monday, February 12th 12:00 to 5:00 PM
 Williamsport Hospital—Medical Hall
 777 Rural Avenue
 Williamsport, PA

Remember your donation may be "the Gift of Life" to someone in need.

AN INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

Although we have no plans at this time to purchase *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, the new hymnal just released, still, we should have information about the new book. Any person may come to the workshop on Sunday, February 11 at 2:00 P.M. At Messiah Church, South Williamsport. Four leaders, including Donna Zierdt Elkin, will lead us in exploring the resource. The cost is \$15, payable at the time of registration. Those who register in advance will receive a copy of the book (a \$20 value), the spiel, and a meal. Send your name and check made out to Messiah Church to register.



I asked Jesus,
 "How much do You love me?"
 He said, "This much...."
 And He stretched out His arms
 and died....

Time for Lenten Activities

The season of Lent each winter/spring provide us with excellent opportunities for reflection, fellowship, and worship. The season begins with Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday, in the Chapel at noon and in the Nave at 7:30 P.M.

On subsequent Wednesdays the schedule will be as follows: 11:30 Mid-day prayers in the Chapel, 12:00 Pot-luck meal, built around a soup provided, and 12:30 conversation and reflection. Each Wednesday evening, we share pot-luck supper built around a provided soup at 6:15, have conversation and reflection at 7:00 and move to the Chapel for Evening Prayer at 7:30.

This year our conversation and reflection will center on the role of music in the proclamation of the Gospel in our day. It is not a neutral thing; music can lead us to Christ or help us get lost in something less than the good news of Jesus Christ. Every generation needs to think about these things carefully.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY

On Wednesday evening, January 24, St. Mark's hosted dinner and devotions for the UCM of Pennsylvania College of Technology. Sharon arranged this through Heather Wagner, the coordinator of the group. Sharon, Becky and Bernadette took over chili, baked potatoes and toppings, and cakes to share with about twenty college students.

Before we ate, Sharon led devotions and discussion about "Does God want us to be rich?". Conversation was thought-provoking with the group which had a wide range of backgrounds: geographically, socially, racially, and in their faith.



It was also a kind of farewell party for one of their members who is moving out of the area. It was heartwarming to see how close these kids are. Pastor Huckfeldt, a regular with the group, and Pastor Elkin also participated in the evening. We look forward to serving them again in the spring.

HEALTH, HEALING & WHOLENESS

The Old Testament contains numerous stories of ordinary people who suffered as the result of a seemingly innocent act. Eve immediately comes to mind in the story of the fall of man (Gen. 3:1-7). Lot's wife is turned to a pillar of salt because of a backward glance over her shoulder (Gen. 19:24-26). Uzzah dies because he reached out to steady the ark of God when the oxen shook the cart containing it (2 Sam. 6:3-6). On the surface, all seemingly innocent acts for which there were very painful consequences.

If you follow the news, there have been reports of the Food & Drug Administration's concern with usage of some seemingly innocent over-the-counter (OTC) medications. Probably no one would disagree that aspirin and other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) have been some of the most important scientific breakthroughs in medicine, however, because they are readily available to the general public, we sometimes forget how powerful and in some cases, dangerous these products can be. Lately, even the often recommended pain reliever, Tylenol has come under scrutiny.

Tylenol (acetaminophen) appears frequently as an active ingredient in many cold, sinus and flu medications. If taken for pain or fever, then compounded by a cold or flu remedy, or even Alka-Seltzer, one can easily exceed the recommended daily limit (Example: 2 Extra Strength tablets every four hours + cold/flu medication also containing acetaminophen), and add up to dire circumstances – liver damage or failure, making it the leading cause of sudden or acute liver failure in the US.

Were you aware that diphenhydramine, the active ingredient in the allergy medicine, Benadryl, is also a primary ingredient in sleep aids such as Sominex, Nytol, Advil PM and Tylenol PM? Taking Benadryl for allergies along with one of the sleep aids spells a-c-c-i-d-e-n-t, or worse!

Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications such as aspirin or ibuprofen have been known to cause stomach irritation, occasionally leading to ulcers, therefore they should not be taken for more than a few days without monitoring by your physician. If you have been prescribed a blood thinner, they should never be taking without consulting your doctor. Even something as simple as Pepto-Bismol should not be taken if you are using NSAIDs – it contains a form of salicylate, the primary ingredient in aspirin.

At the risk of sounding like a nagging mother, drugs are drugs – whether they are purchased over-the-counter, or by prescription. Problems can occur at any point in time during their use, so the bottom line is this:

- Use OTC medications only when necessary; read the label or package insert and follow directions exactly!
- Always keep your doctor, surgeon, dentist, and pharmacist informed regarding medications you are taking – especially important if you are pregnant or nursing, or if you have a long-term medical condition or are susceptible to allergies! Even OTC vitamins and herbs can have adverse effects.
- Do not medicate your child without checking with your doctor!
- Never take medication in the dark, and finally,
- Always, Keep medication in its original container, and away from children!

*Debbie Best, Program Coordinator
Congregational Health Ministries and Family Life Services
Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries*

BIRTHDAYS

Daniel Boone 02/01
 Melissa Robbins 02/01
 Kelly Foust 02/03
 Lucille Markel 02/03
 Lawrence Bair 02/04
 Ethel Chambers 02/04
 Susan Curry 02/04
 April Biblehimer 02/08
 Matthew Heaps 02/08
 Paul Zimmerer 02/08
 Robert Lamade 02/09
 Gloria Greevy 02/10
 Charlene Wright 02/10
 Betty Diehl 02/12
 Erick Fortin 02/12
 Helen Ochs 02/12



Emily Newcomer 02/13
 Michelle Owen 02/13
 Elsie Sechler 02/13
 Robert Curry 02/14
 Scott Kimble 02/16
 Jarrett Eyer 02/17
 Betty Stroup 02/17
 Rick Robertson 02/17
 Tyler Stugart 02/20
 Donna Elkin 02/21
 Evelyn Ward 02/21
 Brandon Pelleschi 02/21
 Seth Greninger 02/22
 Gary Clark 02/27
 Patricia Hershey 02/27
 Irma Logan 02/27
 Arlene McCoy 02/28

ANNIVERSARIES

Henry & Harriet Fornwalt 02/01
 Lawrence & Louella Bair 02/07
 William & Helen Hibschan 02/10
 Frank & Shirley Vognet 02/14



Wilson & Blanche Doebler 02/23
 Robert & Mary Schultz 02/25
 Robert & Marguerite Smith 02/28



The Lutheran Confessions Books have finally arrived!

After a very long delay, copies of the Lutheran Confessions that were ordered many months ago have finally arrived from the publishers. They are handsome editions on good paper and clear type, with extras including woodcuts and color illustrations, indices, glossary, historical introductions, and a ribbon marker. The price is \$20.00. When this shipment of copies is gone, the standard price will become \$30.00. Those who pre-ordered of course have first opportunity, but there are several extras for others who will appreciate this foundational statement of our faith. The books are available from Pastor Elkin.

The Lutheran Confessions are the collected documents of the first two generations of the Lutheran movement. The volume begins with the three ecumenical creeds and the Augsburg Confession of 1530 which set out the subject of the Lutheran movement. It is followed by a much longer explanation of the Augsburg Confession and other documents that became necessary in the arguments with other parts of the church, and also arguments within the Lutheran camp. The familiar Small Catechism and its companion the Large Catechism have prominent places. The final document is the Formula of Concord which was to settle the inter-Lutheran disputes in 1580. The volume soon gained normative status and remains the standard by which Lutheran preaching and teaching is to be judged. We discover that the old problems may be dressed up differently, but that they are often quite up to date!

SPECIAL THANK YOU'S

Thank you Ruth Rees and everyone responsible for the beautiful flowers and the delicious soup and bread. Your visit was a welcome ray of sunshine on a rather cold and gloomy winter day. Thank you, too, for your concern and prayers.~ Linda Rosini

Dear St. Mark's Friends,

I very much appreciated the cards, prayers, altar flowers and phone call from Pastor Elkin during my recent illness. I am doing much better and hope to be fully recovered soon.

Sincerely,
Gloria Greevy

If you have a moment check out the beautiful card that Gloria's mother, Elda Zeigler, made for her to send. It is on the bulletin board in the Office Hallway.

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

Thank you so much for your recent contribution of \$75.00 toward the ministry of Yokefellow Prison Ministry. Your consistent generous support of our ministry is very, very helpful in enabling us to continue taking the 'good news' of Jesus Christ into the prisons of our area.

Each week our 50 plus volunteers take God's forgiveness to murderers, rapists, drug dealers and the like in local prisons. They want the prisoners to experience God's grace and mercy. In other words, they want to see those they minister restored!

Yokefellow Prison Ministry volunteers want to share Jesus with those who need Him. Your gift will help us open that locked door and give the gift of Eternal life. We solicit your daily prayers for our ministry.

Yours Truly,
Evadna Cline, Area Coordinator
Upper Susquehanna Valley Council
Yokefellow Prison Ministry

Dear People of God at St. Mark's,

On behalf of the officers, deans and all the members of the Society of the Holy Trinity, I thank you for your contributions of \$375 during the calendar year 2006.

Your gift will help the Society as it seeks to encourage the exercise of a disciplined and faithful ministry of God's Holy Word and Sacraments in the Church and for the world. As we strive for faithfulness in ministry, we pray for your continued support.

May the Lord fill you with all joy and peace as you celebrate the birth of the Savior of the world.

In Christ,
Rev. John E. Priest,
STS Secretary

Dear St. Mark's Lutheran Church:

I would like to thank you for your recent donation of Teddy bears to the YWCA, Liberty House Program. As a non-profit organization, we rely heavily on donations in running our many programs. Because of you and people like you, it is possible for us to offer the kind of services our clients need.

Sincerely,
Vanessa Hunter
Director of Liberty House

Dear St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for the Teddy Bears! They will be enjoyed!

Dear Pastor & St. Mark's,

Many thanks for sending a copy of *The Lion* newsletter to me each month. It's good to read about the ways that St. Mark's is active and how everyone is serving God and each other.

I'd like to make a donation towards the postage. Thank you again.

Peace & Blessings,
Joyce Jones

Dear Friends & Members of St. Mark's,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the totally unexpected, yet so very much appreciated Christmas bonus check! What a lovely and thoughtful gift.

It is such a joy to minister with you it seems inappropriate to refer to it as a job.

Please know that whenever I count my blessings I count St. Mark's twice!

God's love & mine,
Susan Mahserjian-Smith
Parish Secretary

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Kester & Eleanor Sobers
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That whosoever
believeth in Him
should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

This Valentine's Day
may you and your
loved ones be blessed
by the knowledge that
your Heavenly Father
sent you your very
first Valentine in the
form of His only Son.