



The Lion of St. Mark's

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Mission at the Crossroads: One More Step

It is diligent work for members of St. Mark's who gather for the on-going Mission at the Crossroads conversations. We were again together on Wednesday, February 7 and shared more than enough dessert before plunging into the tasks.

Each participant has selected one of the four discussion groups so as to narrow the focus of the work a bit. Each group picked up where they had left off last month, and sharpened some of the goals listed and added yet others.

After each group reported to the whole assembly, we laid out a plan for the next step. Each of the groups will meet at its own selected time and choose one or more of its goals and expand upon it. They will list some of the things that we are already doing that are supportive of that goal, lay out the goal with some specifics, and project a plan for how we can move toward it. The four groups will meet jointly on April 18 and report to each other and prepare a written report for the Council and eventually for the whole congregation at its annual assembly.

Everyone is of course anxious that things move more quickly, but serious and careful conversation takes time.

We have discovered some principles that will be guiding us as we move forward.

1. Good goals that we adopt should unite rather than divide the congregation.
2. Good goals should be congruent with the purpose of the church.
3. Good goals should move us personally to participate.

In addition, good goals are SMART, that is, Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Timely.

Persons who have not been involved to this point, or who have not participated recently, may still join in the conversations. Here are the dates:

Group #1: Dreams for growth and diversity met on February 12

Group #2: Dreams for Evangelism March 15, 6:30 P.M.

Group #3: Dreams for youth, Christian education, and music, March 10, 11:00 A.M.

Group #4: Dreams for change and preserving tradition, March 7, 8:00 P.M.

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Council Notes

The Congregation Council met in regular session on February 19 in the Crossways room. The Council:

- received the regular reports of the pastor, officers, and committees.
- noted that the welcome visitor mugs are being well-received.
- noted that the young basketball teams in the John Bower Basketball League are having fun and have just completed their seasons.
- noted that various persons took advantage of the workshop introducing the new hymnal last week at Messiah, and heard from the Pastor some of the benefits and deficits of the book.
- moved to officially engage Mr. Richard Wagner as Financial Secretary upon the recommendation of the interview team consisting of Bud Hershberger, Phil Thomas, and Pastor Elkin. Mr. Wagner began on February 7, and Treasurer Jackie Kinney has been pleased with their initial sessions together.
- moved to purchase long-needed cabinetry and shelving for the choir room, Crossways room, and the music storage room.
- heard that Mission at the Crossroads team has appointed two persons (Beth Shafranko and Deb Maggs) to be working on a Mission Statement for the parish.
- noted that the working groups of the Mission at the Crossroads process are meeting separately during March, and will meet jointly to report to each other in April.
- heard that the logo shirts will be promoted again as spring arrives.
- ended the gathering with *Prayer at the Close of the Day* prayed together in the Chapel.

Note: The full bulletin of reports and financial statements are posted on the message board in the office hallway. Questions about any items there can be directed to the officers or pastor.

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Directory Changes:

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CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

A letter from the Pastor at the beginning of Lent

Here is a paragraph from the Exhortation that begins our service on Ash Wednesday:

*As disciples of the Lord Jesus we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. **Repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love—the discipline of Lent—help us to wage our spiritual warfare.** I invite you, therefore, to commit yourselves to this struggle and confess your sins, asking our Father for strength to persevere in your Lenten discipline.*

Often someone will ask me, “What should I give up for Lent?” Then there follows a conversation in which I remind the questioner that the question places the emphasis in the wrong place. Rather than focusing on what I can do for or to myself, a better emphasis will be what can I do in the name of Jesus for someone else?

To help us answer that question for ourselves, here is a list of suggestions. Each of us is invited to adopt as many of these as we can during Lent this year... and then let it spill over into other seasons as well!

1. Ask God to use you today as a more effective servant of the Lord Jesus.
2. Invite someone who is alone to join you for a meal.
3. Clean a clothes-closet and bring the unneeded but usable items to the storage room at church in preparation for the April 21 clothing sale.
4. Pray for all those who are participating in the *Mission at the Crossroads* process of planning for our work together at St. Mark's.
5. Telephone someone you have not seen at worship recently.
6. Ask each member of your family to look at the newspaper and list a person or cause that the family should remember in prayer.
7. Pray for our Missionary, Bette McCrandall in Liberia, & Carl Hieber in his trip to east Africa.
8. Visit our Library upstairs and check out a book for reading during Lent.
9. Sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall to support our missionary financially and with prayers on specific dates.
10. Invite a friend or neighbor to come along to worship with you.
11. Send a card to one of the folks on the special concerns list in the *Lion*.
12. Give a special monetary gift for the work of the Shepherd of the Streets in Williamsport.
13. Purchase some hygiene items for the emergency shelf at the Shepherd of the Streets and bring them to the collecting basket in the narthex at church.
14. Pray for insight so that you will recognize the opportunities for doing good things that come your way today, and the courage to tackle them.
15. When you find a 2 for 1 sale, set aside the second item for the local food pantry.
16. Pray for the pastor and leaders of the parish, that they may speak and act wisely.
17. Call Larue Dieter (433-3453) and offer to deliver altar flowers after the 10:30 service on a particular Sunday.
18. Hand-make Easter cards to send to folks whom you suspect will not get other greetings.
19. Give thanks for the ministries that we are able to do together.

Pastor Kenneth Elkin

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

Time for Lent

We're all pulled in so many different directions. As each of us sorts through all of the possibilities in front of us, let us remember well that time spent in worship, study and fellowship in the body of Christ is one of the most valuable investments we can make.

Here is the schedule for each Wednesday:

9:00 A.M. **Morning Prayer** in the Chapel

11:30 A.M. **Mid-Day Prayer** in the Chapel
 12:00 noon **Pot-Luck lunch** in Fellowship Hall
 12:30 P.M. **Study and Conversation.**

6:15 P.M. **Pot-Luck Meal** in Fellowship Hall
 6:55 P.M. **Study and Conversation**
 7:30 P.M. **Evening Prayer** in the Chapel

The study this year will have a two-fold emphasis. We will investigate five of the different styles of hymns that we have available in our supplemental books, styles that we have not used extensively yet. Perhaps we'll discover some gems that we want to introduce to the whole congregation on Sundays! In addition, Pastor Elkin will share a few of his photos and accompanying experiences from his working trip to Israel last fall.

Women of St. Mark's Clothing Sale April 21, 2007

The Women of Saint Mark's need your family's no-longer-wanted clothing for our spring clothing sale. We are accepting good, clean clothing from all seasons and in all sizes from infant to adult. We are also accepting shoes, suits, coats, jackets and clothing accessories. Your donations may be placed in the Bazaar Room.



This event qualifies for matching funds from Thrivent. Additionally, any clothing not sold the day of the sale will be sorted and distributed to Lutheran World Relief/Liberia, Church World Services/New Windsor, Newberry Branch of NGA, American Rescue Workers, and other local charities that express a need for clothing when contacted.



Please take a few minutes and help us reach out to those in need locally and globally.



Wedding Anniversary Milestone

On the first Sunday in May we celebrate with some of our couples who mark special wedding anniversaries. This year on May 6 we will honor those couples who were married during the years 1949 to 1953. According to the computer records, the following six couples are listed: Louise and Richard Kneeder, Bill and Prudy Poff, Carl and Lucille Weaver, Russell and Lois Smith, John and Connie Shaible, Bill and Shirley Hill. If

there are errors or omissions in this list, please call the church office right away, so that our plans can move forward appropriately.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

Members in the News...

Congratulations to Arthur & Jane Kline for their re-election as Chairman and Secretary, respectively, with the Susquehanna SeniorNet Council. The following recap is from the Technology section of the January 28, 2007 edition of the Williamsport Sun Gazette.

"Kline presented a brief recap of SeniorNet's activities during 2006, including the purchase and upgrading of new computer's and associated work stations. Also noted was approval of a \$1,000 contribution to the James V. Brown capital Campaign, \$500 paid in 2006 and the remainder to be paid this year.

He also said he has been (in) contact with SeniorNet National headquarters in an effort to obtain the latest upgrading of SeniorNet programs. He said the program continues to seek volunteer instructors, and noted that requests for speakers is picking up. Any organization wishing to have a SeniorNet representative present a short program should contact the library."

Enrollment for SeniorNet computer courses is underway for the next series of classes, which start in March. Interested seniors should contact the library.

Thank you Art & Jane for giving your time to this worthy effort.

Increase Your Retirement Income

It's quite possible you can make a gift to your congregation or other ELCA Ministry and actually increase your retirement income. Take, for example, Mrs. Jones (not a real person). She is 80 years old and receives retirement income from various sources, including certificates of deposit. One of her CDs is maturing and she's hesitant to take out another one because of the low rates.

Then Mrs. Jones learns about the ELCA Charitable Gift Annuity program. At her age, she can obtain a one-life charitable gift annuity that would pay her an annual rate of 8.0 percent.

What's more, because a gift annuity is irrevocable, she would receive an income tax charitable deduction for a portion of her contribution. And, since her congregation will eventually benefit from the gift, Mrs. Jones would have the satisfaction of helping a ministry of the ELCA she cares about.

Regular Payments

After talking with her advisor, Mrs. Jones decides to obtain an ELCA Charitable Gift Annuity for \$25,000. Because the rate is so much better than what she was receiving from her CD, her retirement income will increase. Mrs. Jones will receive \$2,000 a year which can be distributed in annual, semi-annual, quarterly, or monthly payments.

Charitable gift annuities are popular with many of our older donors. In fact, some donors like this arrangement so well they obtain additional annuities as the years go by. The older a person is, the higher the rates. The highest single-life rate, for persons 90 years and older, is 11.3 percent.

Younger Donors

Gift annuities, with deferred payment schedules, can also make sense for younger donors. For example, a 40-year-old person who creates a charitable gift annuity with payments to begin at age 65 will receive an annuity rate of 13.2 percent. Further, an income tax charitable deduction is available when the annuity is created, making this not only an excellent supplemental retirement plan, but a current source of tax relief as well.

For more information about Charitable Gift Annuities or other ways to make gifts to your congregation and other ELCA ministries or how to use your estate for charitable gifting, please call Pr. Greg Kramer at the Lutheran Planned Giving Office 570-374-2044.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

Upcoming Milestone calendar

March 11, 18, & 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.

St. Mark's Polo Shirts

Are still available!

You may place your order with Susan by calling 323-4619 M-F 9AM-1PM or Donna Clark 998-2290 after 6PM M-F, or anytime over the weekend.

Adult sizes S-XL \$20, 2XL-3XL \$23, Youth XS-XL \$10

Childrens – GILDAN Youth Ultra Cotton – Preshrunk 100% cotton jersey with church logo silk-screened on front.

Colors: Irish Green, Vegas Gold, Sport Grey, Azalea, Black, Gold, Cardinal, Daisy, Forest Green, Leaf, Jade, Lime, Heliconia, Indigo Blue, Iris, Kelly Green, Light Blue, Light Pink, Maroon, Navy, Orange, Sand, Prairie Dust, Purple, Red, Royal, Sapphire, Violet, Tangerine, & Yellow Haze

Adults – JERZEE Jersey Polo with SportShield, Welt Knit Collar, Placket with pearlized buttons with church logo embroidered on pocket.

Colors: White, Birch, Gold, Black, Sports Grey, Burnt Orange, Deep Purple, California Blue, Forest Green, Granite Blue, Jade, Kelly, Light Blue, Maize, Maroon, Red, Putty, True Navy & True Royal

Lunch N' Fellowship

will resume

April 18th

With

Bar-B-Que Chicken & Rice Pilaf

Nurse's Notes

- March 4** Lately we've been reading a lot about mercury contaminating fish – one of our best sources of healthy omega-3 oils. Certain types of fish are more likely to contain mercury: canned albacore tuna, canned light tuna, and cod. Those likely to have lower levels of the metal are: clams, crab, halibut, flounder, pollock, salmon, shrimp or tilapia.
- March 11** Keep grapes, raisins, and foods that contain them, away from your dog. A single ounce or raisins or a half-dozen grapes can cause kidney damage in your pet. Experts suspect it may be pesticide residue, or something in the skin of the grape that causes harm.
- March 18** Spring arrives this week, and you should consider replacing your worn exercise shoes. After 500 miles of use, they can lose up to one third their ability to absorb the heel strike shock.
- March 25** Bright and dark colored vegetables and fruits generally contain extra nutrients. So – buy red grapes instead of green, romaine or watercress over iceberg lettuce, red cabbage instead of green, and dark-orange carrots over paler ones.

USS ARK, SYNOD & WEST BRANCH NEWS

Mission Trip Opportunity

St. Luke Lutheran Church, Bloomsburg, is organizing a mission trip to New Orleans for June. Bethlehem Church is the only African-American ELCA congregation in Louisiana. At worship they average about 50-75 in attendance each Sunday. They have a huge heart for missions. They are actively rebuilding the community around them, without regard to anything except need. They coordinate and oversee all projects. They have licensed contractors to handle the work that is code-specific. This creates a wonderful opportunity: we can do a mission trip with very little coordination on our end. All we have to do is show up.

Here's the invitation from St. Luke's: "This is a huge opportunity for our Synod to come together in a unified purpose. We desperately need to get away from differences and jealousies and focus on mission and ministry, both here and elsewhere. I see this as one such opportunity. Bethlehem Church can accommodate multiple groups over the next several months. They are thrilled at the prospect of partnering with us, and they welcome the opportunity to host groups coming to serve. I can imagine several groups from around the synod journeying to New Orleans, working together, and other groups going at different times, all contributing to the same effort. I can see a large gathering to celebrate successful mission, as well as to plan future mission. I see us working together, in the synod, on significant projects that impact our communities."

Interested? Contact Mike McCay, Missions Coordinator, at mlal@ptd.net or by calling St. Luke's at 570-784-5035.

News from the ELCA Mission Investment Fund

New interest rates for February have been set. They are terrific! For instance, an individual, congregation or ministry of the ELCA can, for example, invest in a one-year, variable Mission Term Select (MTS) certificate and receive a 5% return or a two-year, fixed MTS and receive 5.3%. Investments of differing lengths and returns are also available. And don't forget the possibility of adding to or opening an IRA for either 2006 or 2007. For investment and loan information contact Pr. Mark Wimmer: 267-203-0037 or mwimmer@lctelford.org.

Walk Through the Old Testament Seminar

... will take you on an unforgettable journey into the lands of the ancient people to discover the living God of today! This event will take place at St. John Lutheran, Jersey Shore on Saturday, March 10, 2007, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, (Registration Begins at 8:30 a.m.)

During the Walk Thru the Old Testament Seminar, you'll travel through time and history, gaining more Bible knowledge than you ever thought possible. In five action packed hours, you'll learn more about the Bible than you have in years – some even say in a lifetime!

- The day begins by turning the entire meeting room into one gigantic map. All of a sudden you are transported to the Fertile Crescent. A teenager becomes Mt. Sinai and the lady in the red sweater finds she is in the middle of the Red Sea.
 - Your imagination hums. You are soaking in stories about the main People – Places – and Events of the Old Testament. You'll learn where to find these stories.
 - Using hand motions, group review, and catchy phrases, you'll gain vast amounts of Bible knowledge – and have more fun than you ever thought possible. You'll be able to walk thru the events of the Old Testament in 77 easy-to-remember steps ... in less than 3 minutes!
- You'll discover which 11 books contain the entire story of the Old Testament. You might even do the "Prophets' Shuffle!"

Presented by Lutheran Bible Ministries of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and funded by a grant from the St. John Lutheran Endowment Fund.

To register, contact St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, 229 South Broad Street, Jersey Shore, PA, 570-398-1676

Tuition includes Workbook and Lunch
\$15 Adult if registered before March 1st.

USS ARK, SYNOD & WEST BRANCH NEWS

Use **GoodSearch** by Yahoo, and LDR Benefits!

How many times a week do you use an Internet search engine like Yahoo!, Google, or Ask.com? For many people, the answer is probably "A whole bunch." What if Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) earned a penny every time you performed such a search? Now it's possible.

GoodSearch.com is a new search Web site that donates half of its revenue (about one penny per search) to the charity of the searcher's choice. You use it just as you would any search engine, and GoodSearch is powered by Yahoo! so you are guaranteed good search results.

To start using GoodSearch, go to www.goodsearch.com. You will see two boxes -- the search box and a box that says "Who do you GoodSearch for?" Simply enter in "LDR" and start searching. You can even download a GoodSearch toolbar (www.goodsearch.com/toolbar) for your Internet browser so that you have a search function always at your fingertips.

A penny for every search may not seem like much... but imagine if 1,000 people searched twice each day using GoodSearch. Over the course of a year, LDR would make over \$7000. GoodSearch makes it easy to support your favorite non-profit organization... and all you have to do is something that you already do anyway.



LUTHERAN YOUTH DAY, April 14, 2007

"Let No-one Look Down on You Because You Are Young"

This event is for youth in grades 6-12, their pastors and advisors, at Weber Chapel, Susquehanna University. Registration is at 9 a.m., with the event concluding at 5:30 p.m. with a concert by The Pool Boys! Cost is \$10 per person (\$5 after church contribution), which includes lunch and the concert. Participants must register by April 3, 2007. Call Bernadette if you want to go. She is available to drive interested youth down to Susquehanna.

ANNUAL WINTER 6TH-8TH GRADE RETREAT AT CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

Sara and Bernadette Jones attended this annual retreat on February 9 & 10. They met a lot of new friends, got really cold, got really warm (especially the top bunk), and participated in several small groups and worship services. The theme of the weekend revolved around witnessing.

Sara chose to be involved with the tie-die service project, during which the youth made T-shirts to be shipped to those in need. Two of her other sessions focused on witnessing in worship, led by Pr.'s Breen Sipes and Andy Weaver, and witnessing by world mission, specifically in Liberia, led by Pr. Detlef Huckfeldt. There was a bonfire on Friday night, evening and morning services, a lot of singing and a final service with Communion before we left.

A great weekend! We look forward to attending with a larger group from St. Mark's next year!



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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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Hamburger Helper | Canned Fruit |
| Fruit Juice | Coffee & Tea Bags |
| Box Crackers | Sugar—1 lb. Box |
| Tuna Helper | Chunky Soups |
| Cake Mix & Frosting | Mac & Cheese |
| Canned Meats & Tuna | Cocoa |
| Pancake Syrup (plastic bottles) | Canned Stews |
| Plastic Grocery Bags | |

Visitors needed at USP allenwood

There is a need for additional visitors at the US Penitentiary at Allenwood. Some prisoners have been waiting for a visit for over half a year. Prisoner Visitation & Support (PVS) is a volunteer prison visitation program throughout the US that focuses on those prisoners who do not ordinarily receive visits from family and friends, want or need supportive human contact, are in solitary confinement, or are serving long sentences.

For more information contact Ken Shfranko 322-6005 or Dan Doyle 546-2385.

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.



**March
Speakers**

Luncheon

To Be Announced

- 7th—"Worship" - Psalm 95
- 14th—"Peace" - Psalm 23
- 21st—"Hope" - Psalm 130
- 28th—"Repentance" - Psalm 51

To check for cancellations due to winter storms listen to WRAK or call Gwen at 419-1464

"Journey to True Financial Freedom"

is a seminar being held at First Southern Baptist church on Saturday, March 10. Did you know that with the exception of "love" Jesus teaches more about one topic than any other in the New Testament? Is it sin? No. It is salvation? No. Christ teaches more about money than any subject other than love. Nearly 2/3's of all Christ's parables deal with money and how to handle it. Christian families suffer more from the mishandling of finances than from any other single problem. Why? Because of a lack of understanding about God's principles of finance. A seminar entitled "Journey to True Financial Freedom" led by Crow Financial Ministries will help you find the answers to questions such as these:

- What does God's Word say about handling money?
- What are traps to avoid?
- What is financial freedom?
- How can we develop a plan to ensure there's enough money at the end of the month?
- What about the future?

We encourage both husband and wife to attend. The cost is \$25 per person, including materials. Register now by calling Nathan or Sandra Trick at 220-2009 or sending an email to ntrick@verizon.net. You may also self-register by visiting www.FSBCweb.org.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

ST. MARK'S LIONS

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



We have planned a celebratory party for Saturday, March 3, at noon, in Fellowship Hall. We'll have pizza and snacks, games and awards. Contributions toward the refreshments and awards would be gratefully accepted. *Please call us whether or not you plan on attending.* Pastor Elkin will recognize these special youth at services on Sunday, March 4. **PLAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR TEAM SHIRTS!**

When you see these players or their coaches, please congratulate them on their dedication and good sportsmanship. These kids and their leaders did an awesome job and were a joy to watch. They are:

Coaches:

Rick Robertson
Kirk Owen
Jeff Hershey

Playing for Messiah

Pee Wees:

Jarrett Eyer
Theoron Hershey
Max Hospes

Beginner Pee Wees:

Jordan Bacon
Liam Breasette
Morgan Comini
Makensie Doebler
Ben Haussmann
Kara Hershey
Dawson Owen
Lynna Robertson
Cody Shimp
Annika Waffenschmidt
Sadie Wentzel
Taylor Wentzel

Midgets:

Annie Byham (Messiah)
Christina Comini
Brandon Fortin
Paige Fortin
Corey Hospes
Sara Jones
Erinn Morrison (Messiah)
Devin Owen
Hannah Ramsauer
Ty Stugart



****NEWS FLASH****

As this goes to print, our Midget team made it to the play-offs on Saturday, February 24!!! With only six players they still managed to score 8 points to St. Ann's 26.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Milestone Ministry



On Sunday February 4th, St. Mark's gave 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 were the recipients of the milestone. Some of the children and their families enjoyed a tasty spaghetti lunch in Fellowship Hall. During the event, the kids got to decorate their own bags and Pastor Elkin helped them "discover" the contents: an icon of Jesus as "The Good Shepherd," a CD of Christian music and several books. This milestone is a reminder that the St. Mark's congregation is a huge part of the **Passing on Faith** ministry. The bags may be used as a tool for nurturing faith in the home.

Passing on Faith: The Prayer Pillow, for our two-year-olds, Owen Gair and Dierah Williams, marks the beginning of prayer within the family. This Milestone was celebrated during the service on February 25, 2007. A get-together was held on that Saturday, February 24, with Annette Frontz, from Messiah Lutheran, who discussed with us ways to make prayer a part of our daily lives with our children. At that time, the families enjoyed a light lunch and conversation in Fellowship Hall.

Blessing of the Keys: *WE'RE STILL WAITING TO HEAR!!!* 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. *BUT YOU NEED TO TELL US WHO SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED!!*

Since different families have different timetables for these events, we can't just refer to the church register for the information. 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!!*

Ø *This is the third newsletter we've in which we've run this article and we haven't heard from anyone! 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!*



Camp Mount Luther

Senior High Adventure Day in Bloomsburg for grades 9-12 will be April 28, 2007. Find out what Camp Mount Luther is like at the **Spring Open House** on Sunday April 22, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. **FLOOD-LIGHT**, 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 is on other pages—get these dates on your calendars now! Check out the bulletin board in the staff hallway or pick up a program booklet of upcoming events!

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



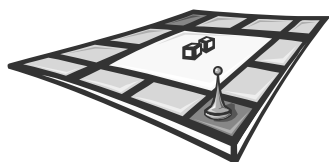
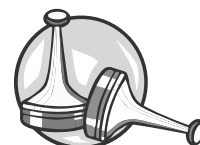
For our church-family members of all ages
 Friday, March 23, 6:30 pm 'til ??

We had so much fun, we're doing it again!! This might just become a monthly event!! Twenty-six kids of all ages showed up on February 16th to play games, laugh, eat, laugh, talk—and did I mention laugh? There was a cut-throat Scrabble match among the teams of Gary & Riley, Bob & Sharon and Lois & Bernadette. Several were tied in knots over Twister. Pastor was slaughtering opponents in Rummikub until he found out the actual rules. Dawson revved his engines in Tractor Tipping. If Shirley K. asks you to play checkers—watch out! Folks got some exercise (and confused) as they danced on Christina's Twister/Dance game. Pictures are available for viewing at www.stmarkswilliamsport.org.

So--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 on March 23. 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 so we know how many tables to set up.

Thanks!



And it's a TOUCHDOWN for all those who participated in the SOUPER BOWL of CARING!!!

A grand total of \$118.00 in monetary contributions and 96 cans of soup combined to make this the most successful Souper Bowl drive in which St. Mark's has participated. A huge "Thank you!" goes out to everyone who contributed so generously to this appeal! A certificate of thanks is posted in the narthex.



YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



This is it! We have chosen the theme for VBS!
(We told you we would!)

DIVE DEEP into God's Word,
as we travel to the Great BIBLE REEF!!



Join us as we explore the Bible along with creatures of the deep! Help lead youngsters as we embark on this voyage of discovery from June 10 to June 14! **Mark your calendars now!!** Please call the church office & let us know of your availability.

If anyone has any ocean-themed decorations (fabric, nets, starfish, seahorses, coral...) that we can use, please let us know. Thank you!!

CURRICULUM PREVIEW WORKSHOP



Date: Monday—March
26th

Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Place: St. Mark's Crossways Room

Who: Sunday School Teachers &
Concerned Parents

THIS IS A FREE WORKSHOP
PLEASE RSVP at 323-4619 or 220-5039
by Thurs. Mar. 15th

See what the publishers have to offer for our Sunday School curriculum next year. Our current curriculum, *LifeTogether*, is being discontinued—please help us plan a program that's best for us!



**MOUNT
LUTHER**

Spring Open House

Sunday, April 22, 2007
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Are you a little concerned about your first camp experience? Never been to Mount Luther and have heard so much about it? Come to Camp Mount Luther for an enjoyable afternoon. Guests can learn all about our Summer Program and take a guided tour of the camp.



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YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



Breakfast with the Pastor & St. Mark's Annual Easter Egg Hunt



to take place on Saturday, April 7, beginning at 9:45 a.m. at church!

Please join us as we have fun with our youth, ages ranging from toddlers up to grade 5, here at the church during the morning of Saturday, April 7, starting at 9:45 a.m.! We will begin by having breakfast with the Pastor and then we will have our Easter Egg Hunt. Please call the church office and let us know how many will be attending.

Also, donations of small erasers, egg-sized Easter toys and bags of candy would be appreciated and accepted! We look forward to seeing you all there!



Children's Church will be held on Sunday, March 11, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. This will be a very special occasion, as our confirmation class has put together and will lead the worship service on that day. The children's special offering will be hygiene items (family size or indi-

"IN THE BEGINNING..."

A musical story based on Genesis 1 and 2
Book, music & lyrics by Richard Lakey

>>**CHANGE IN DATES**<<

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Summer Choir Camp will meet **Sunday, July 29**, through **Sunday, August 5**, OR **Sunday, August 12**, though **Sunday, August 19**, for rehearsals culminating in a dinner-theatre performance on Sunday evening. Dick Lakey will be calling those involved in previous endeavors when he gets back from his trip. The event will take place during the week the most people can attend. Any who want to get in on the action, call to let us know which week is best for you!

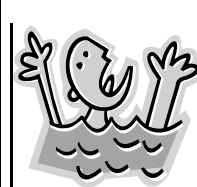
A cast of thousands...well, maybe only hundreds...is required—remember, we are talking the creation story here! Also needed are sewers and crafters for costumes, construction-and-painting-type people for set and scavenger hunters for props and set decorations.

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!!!



PSSST!! Read This!!

St. Mark's own Jaime Larson is playing the part of Tzeital, in the upcoming musical, "Fiddler on the Roof," at South Williamsport High School. You can see Jaime and the rest of the cast on Thursday through Saturday, March 8, 9, or 10, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., in the A.B. Elder Auditorium. Break a Leg, Jaime!!



Declan Jones has qualified for districts for the W.A.H.S. swim team. He will swim the butterfly (pictured here) and the backstroke for the high school in Wilkes-Barre, on March 3 and 4.

Good Luck, Declan!

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



Senior High Adventure Day!

Saturday, April 28, 2007

10:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bloomsburg University's Quest

Total cost: \$25 (you pay 1/2)

Where can YOU...

test your endurance?

challenge your skills?

HIT THE WALL...

Find out at the first-ever Senior High Adventure Day

on the Quest climbing wall course at Bloomsburg University!

Call Bernadette no later than the end of March!!!

American Red Cross Bloodmobile

Pine Street United Methodist Church
441 Pine Street, Williamsport, PA 17701
PA 17701

Tuesday, March 6th

Fleming Parish Center
720 West Fourth Street, Williamsport,

Wednesday, March 7th

Social Ministry News



UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY

We're going back!

On Wednesday evening, March 28, St. Mark's will again host dinner and lead devotions for the UCM of Pennsylvania College of Technology. We had such a great time with the students in January that we wanted to meet with them again. The theme for this meal is "Breakfast for Dinner!" Anyone that would like to help prepare food or go along and help us serve is more than welcome!

Finals Week Survival Kits!



Those of us who have been through the higher-education process know how grueling finals week can be. Social and Youth & Family Ministries would like to put together "Survival Kits" for the campus ministry students of Penn College and Lycoming College, and St. Mark's kids who are attending college. Any and all donations of Coke/ Pepsi, chewing gum, chocolate bars, chips, pre-packaged cookies, individual servings of instant soups/ mac & cheese/etc., trail mix, or monetary contributions would be gratefully accepted. Please drop your gift in the box in the narthex or at the church office. Thank you!!

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!

Listen! God is Calling!

The Shepherd of the Streets sees the distress many citizens of our community are experiencing due to unemployment, underemployment, homelessness, or illness without insurance. We can answer God's call to serve these individuals by donating hygiene items to this ministry. Local Dollar Stores offer wonderful bargains.



During March, we will continue to fill the tubs in the Narthex with shampoo, conditioner, hand lotion, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving supplies, feminine hygiene products, baby lotion, baby powder, Kleenex, and toilet tissue.

All hygiene items should be of regular size.

Godspeed Carl Hieber!



Please keep Carl Hieber and his missionary team in your thoughts and prayers as they travel this March to Tanzania to offer dental services to people in need. For many village dwellers this is the only dental care available. Carl will be giving children and adults writing tablets, Little League T-shirts and hats as a gesture of our goodwill toward the people of Tanzania. May God continue to bless Carl and the missionary team for work done in His name.

LAUS DEO!

Our Christian heritage shows up in America in some surprising places, such as on the aluminum cap atop the Washington Monument in Washington, DC where two words are inscribed: *Laus Deo*. No one can see these words. In fact most visitors to the monument have no idea they are even there. But there they are ... 555 feet, 5.125 inches high ... perched atop the monument to the father of our nation ... overlooking the 69 square miles of the capital of the USA. *Laus Deo!* Two seemingly insignificant, unnoticed words which mean "Praise be to God!"

From atop this magnificent granite and marble structure ... a visitor can take in the beautiful panoramic view of the city with its division into four major segments. And from that vantage point one can also easily notice the major monuments in Washington are laid out a perfect cross with the White House to the North ... the Jefferson Memorial to the South ... the Capitol to the East ... and the Lincoln Memorial to the West.

Though construction of this giant obelisk began in 1848 when James Polk was President of the United States, it was not until 1888 that the monument was inaugurated and opened to the public. Within the monument itself are 898 steps and 50 landings. As one climbs the steps and pauses at the landings the memorial stones share a message. On the 12th Landing is a prayer offered by the City of Baltimore; on the 20th is a memorial presented by some Chinese Christians; on the 24th a presentation made by Sunday School children from New York and Philadelphia quoting Proverbs 10:7, Luke 18: 16 and Proverbs 22:6. When the cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid on July 4th, 1848 deposited within it were many items including the Holy Bible presented by the Bible Society. Prior to delivery of the capstone in Washington, it was placed on exhibit at Tiffany's in New York City where it was placed on the floor and persons could have the dubious prestige of "jumping over the top of the Washington Monument."

Engraved on the four sides of the capstone was the official record of the construction of the monument. The west face read: "Corner Stone laid on bed of foundation, July 4, 1848. First stone at height of 152 feet laid August 7, 1880. Capstone set December 6, 1884"; and the east face read "LAUS DEO." The north and south faces contained names of the commission and the key men in the work of completion. Although weather beaten, the inscription is still visible.

The laying of the capstone was appropriately celebrated. At the top of the monument, a special scaffolding had been constructed where the principals involved with the construction of the monument could stand. As thousands of eyes were trained upward toward the pinnacle, a 60-mile-per-hour wind was blowing, and the footing was dangerous. According to a sketch of the ceremony, the project superintendent placed the tip on the pyramidion as the rigger released an American flag to signify the completion to the cheers of the crowd below and the booming of cannon brought from Fort Myer, Va., especially for the occasion.

We have claimed the phrase "one nation under God" as a motto, and we remember the scripture: "Unless the Lord builds the house its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. (Psalm 127: 1) The First Amendment to the Constitution says: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." It never was intended to prevent the utterance of the name of God in the daily course of our undertakings. God is named in inscriptions all over the nation's capital.

There is a prayer that has often been attributed to George Washington. Whoever actually composed the prayer, it reflects the thoughts and hopes of many citizens across the years. The prayer reads: "*Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United states at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*" Praise be to God!

~ Contributed by Dick Lakey

HEALTH, HEALING & WHOLENESS

“For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay ... We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only creation, but we ourselves ... groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we are saved.” (Rom. 8:19-22, NRSV)

Three separate articles crossed my desk this week which made me “sit-up-and- take-notice”. They were titled, “*Air Pollution Linked to Heart Deaths*” (*WebMD Medical News, Jan. 31, 2007*), “*Highway Exhaust Stunts Lung Growth, Study Finds*” (*New York Times on-line, Jan. 30, 2007*), and “*Environmental Hazards and Older Adults’ Susceptibility to Heart Disease and Stroke*” (*ASA Connection, Feb. 2007*) - all from reputable resources.

In the Women’s Health Initiative, sixty-six thousand women aged 50-79 are involved in an on-going health study. Findings indicate that, “adjusting for other risk factors”, air quality can be a predictor of death due to heart disease or stroke. More specifically, the study examined “fine particulate air pollution” linked to vehicle exhausts, coal-fired power plants and industrial sources. Fine particles can be breathed deep into small airways and air sacs, compromising the lung’s ability to empty smaller airways, and reducing the lungs’ ability to exchange oxygen and carbon dioxide. Lest you think this only affects adults, check out the study on lung growth in children exposed to pollutants from the freeways of Southern California (despite some of more stringent airway emissions standards).

Dr. W. James Gauderman of the University of California, and his fellow researchers recently published their findings in the medical journal, *Lancet*. Their study incorporated 1445 children ages 10-18, who were reevaluated over a period of eight years. They discovered that the closer a child lived to a freeway, the increased likelihood that he/she would experience “reduced growth in lung strength” and capacity. Since these lung functions are “largely complete by age 18 ... a child with a deficit at that age will probably suffer lifelong diminished lung function”.

The American Society on Aging echoes these assertions in the effects on the elderly. It is estimated that older adults spend nearly 85-90% of their time indoors, where they [and we] are affected by combinations of outdoor pollutants that penetrate the home, as well as by product fumes, second-hand smoke, particles from spray insecticides, wood smoke and carbon monoxide. The effects of exposure have led to increases in heart disease and stroke. Yes, I believe we, and all creation, are groaning!

Why is this important to congregations? Not only does the wider church have the capacity to point us toward better stewardship of the planet, but an individual congregation can do many things to make its building and its occupants healthier. Our places of worship are filled with some of the same pollutants listed above, **plus**: fumes from office equipment; air fresheners and deodorizers; interior mold and mildew (especially in basements, books, linens, etc.); scented candles; incense; dust from heating and cooling systems; scented products such as hair spray, perfume, freshly dry-cleaned clothing; chemicals and dust in carpets. If renovating parts of the building painted prior to 1978, there is potential for exposure to lead based paints.

Good ventilation, and air purifiers will help, as will regular cleaning of heating and cooling systems; switching to unscented cleaning products and removing old or musty carpeting and replacing it with hard flooring, wearing protective masks and sealing the workspace when doing renovations, eliminating trash burning and disposing of imported vinyl blinds that are 20 or more years old. Individually we can cut down or eliminate scented personal care items when we know we will be in confined spaces. All these steps go a long way toward making for a more comfortable and healthy worship experience for all.

Spring blessings!

*Debbie Best, Program Coordinator; Congregational Health Ministries;
Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries*

BIRTHDAYS

Ruth Pile 03/01
 Richard Hafer Jr. 03/03
 Jessica Curry 03/04
 Susie Hill 03 /04
 Trisha Harvey 03/05
 Barbara Switzer 03/05
 Robert Shaible 03/06
 Pamela Lehman 03/06
 Kester Sobers 03/07
 William Hibschan 03/08
 Rose Marie Hafer 03/09
 Robert Lynn 03/09
 Patricia Thayer 03/09
 Beulah Wrede 03/09
 Michael Kinney 03/11
 Aletha Swartz 03/13
 Roxanna Larson 03/15
 Eileen Georg 03/16



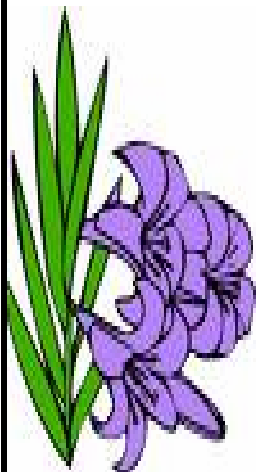
Dinah Labenberg 03/16
 Hannah Lynn 03/16
 Henrietta Tyson 03/17
 Alan Matthew Zimmerer 03/17
 Diana Davenport 03/18
 Beatrice Doebler 03/21
 Randy Lukens 03/21
 Christopher Hoagland 03/23
 Gary Weber 03/24
 Nancy Bohartz 03/25
 Sara Larson 03/25
 Jonathan Bower 03/27
 Annabelle Smith 03/27
 Raymond Stiller 03/27
 Sandra Edler 03/28
 Tyler Bower 03/29
 Carl Hieber 03/29
 John Hollenback 03/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Ralph & Elda Zeigler 03/01
 Gary & Donna Clark 03/06
 Kenneth & Lois Winters-Goldy 03/19



Flowers for St. Mark's at Easter



If you would like to assist in the decoration of the church at Easter, please use the envelope attached to this newsletter to place your order. You may mail the order and your check to the Church office or place it in the Offering plate on Sunday.

The last day orders will be accepted is Palm Sunday, April 1st.

You may dedicate your plant to honor someone living or in memory of a loved one.

You may take your flowers with you after the 10:30 a.m. Easter Service.

Please see the enclosed envelope for choice of flowers and prices.

SPECIAL THANK YOU'S

*To my Saint Mark's Family,
You are a wonderful support group. Thank you for the soup, bread, cards, concern and prayers. Your kindnesses have greatly facilitated my recovery.*

Thank you.

*In God's love,
Carl Weaver*

To all the members of St. Mark's ~

Gregg & I would like to thank all of you for your outpouring of love for us shown through your cards and prayers. Dad Dancho was a wonderful man who will be greatly missed. It lifts us up to know that our extended family will be there to support us.

In Christ,
Kathy & Gregg Dancho & family

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Seminary Ridge and hearty thanks from the Seminary family for your recent gift of \$25 for the Gettysburg Seminary Fund. Your support enables us to continue the traditions of leadership in theological education that are so much a part of this place and inspires us to find new ways to serve the Church.

Thanks be to God for the process of discernment and call that leads you to support our ministries. Thanks also for your partnership and stewardship of God's gifts. May you be richly blessed by our common ministry just as you inspire and bless us.

In Christ,
Emried D. Cole, Jr.
Vice President of Seminary Advancement

St. Mark's ~

Thank you so much for the wonderful service and meal you provided for us last month and the delicious lasagna! We are so thankful for your support and friendship!

God bless you all!

In His Love,
UCM Students & Advisors

Greetings from Mount Luther!

We are very grateful for our friends and supporters who are vital to what we do here at camp. We thank you for your recent gift of \$75 to the Annual Fund Synod Benevolence. Your generosity is helping us make Christ Know through Outdoor Ministries to children of all ages. Your support enables us to continue the tradition of providing a place set apart by God for worship, study, environmental education and Christian fellowship.

God's Peace,
Linda Aurand
Office Manager

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SAINT MARK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>11:30 a.m. Mid-Day Prayer 12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch 12:30 p.m. Study & Conversation</p>	<p>6:15 p.m. Lenten Meal 6:55 p.m. Study & Conversation 7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer</p>	<p>Wednesdays Lenten Services</p>	<p>1 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer</p>	<p>2 9:00 AM Morning Prayer</p>	<p>3 12:00 PM Basketball Party</p>	
<p>4 Lent II 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 3:00 PM Civic Chorus Concert @ Clarke Chapel 4:00 PM The Way</p>	<p>5 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:45 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Civic Chorus</p>	<p>6 8:00 AM City Pastors 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:30 AM Little Lambs 7:00 PM Worship & Music Comm. Mtg.</p>	<p>7 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Staff Mtg. & Sewing 11:30 AM - 7:30 PM Lenten Services - see box above 8:00 PM MAC Mtg. - Group #4</p>	<p>8 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 8:00 AM Stephen Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:30 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p>9 9:00 AM Morning Prayer</p>	<p>10 6:00 AM Catechetical Trip to Phila. 11:00 AM MAC - Group #3</p>
<p>11 Lent III 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Children's Ch. 4:00 PM The Way 5:15 PM Fam. Handbell</p>	<p>12 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:45 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Civic Chorus 7:00 PM Mutual Ministry</p>	<p>13 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM Conference Pastors 6:30 PM Finance Comm. 7:00 PM Property Committee</p>	<p>14 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Staff Mtg. & Sewing 11:30 AM - 7:30 PM Lenten Services - see box above</p>	<p>15 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 PM MAC - Group #2 7:30 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p>16 9:00 AM Morning Prayer</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 Lent IV 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 4:00 PM The Way 5:15 PM Fam. Handbell 6:00 PM Mtg./meal with Confirmands</p>	<p>19 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:00 PM Staff Luncheon 6:30 PM Council Mtg. 6:45 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Civic Chorus</p>	<p>20 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Passing on Faith 12:00 PM LSM</p>	<p>21 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Staff Mtg. & Sewing 11:30 AM - 7:30 PM Lenten Services - see box above</p>	<p>22 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 8:00 AM Stephen Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:30 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p>23 Newsletter Deadline 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 PM Fam. Fun Night</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 Lent V 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 4:00 PM The Way 5:15 PM Fam. Handbell</p>	<p>26 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:00 PM SCS Curriculum Workshop 6:45 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Civic Chorus</p>	<p>27 9:00 AM Morning Prayer</p>	<p>28 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Staff Mtg. & Sewing 11:30 AM - 7:30 PM Lenten Services - see box above 5:30 PM UCM "Breakfast for Dinner" @ Trinity Ep.</p>	<p>29 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:30 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p>30 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Newsletter Crew</p>	<p>31</p>

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BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

Wednesday Lenten Services

- 11:30 a.m. Mid-Day Prayer**
- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch**
- 12:30 p.m. Study & Conversation**
- 6:15 p.m. Lenten Meal**
- 6:55 p.m. Study & Conversation**
- 7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer**