



# The Lion of St. Mark's

JULY 2007

## A summary of some of the Council's conversation about the **INTER-FAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK** also known as **FAMILY PROMISE:**

"I'm nervous about being the first congregation to sign up to be a potential host for the Network."

"I'm proud that we are agreeing to be first, and hopefully encouraging others to follow."

"It bothers me that there are so many things about the proposal that we don't know yet."

"Of course there are lots of things that we can only ask and answer further down the road. There is no guarantee about anything."

"Will we be able to find all of the needed resources?"

"I'm confident that when it is the right time to ask, that we will come up with the people and things that are needed for the project. We can draw on our own members, friends from other congregations, and perhaps even some of our college student friends. It will all come together, when the time is right."

"Is this the right obligation?"

"I'm convinced that we have an excellent site in St. Mark's, this is the time to step forward, and we're the people who can get things started."

As is evident in these exchanges, the discussion covered much ground and a variety of viewpoints. At length, the Council did vote affirmatively on the proposal to host Family Promise, hospitality for temporarily homeless families. Lycoming Centre Presbyterian Church has also signed its intent to be a host. The whole proposal can only move to action when we are able to sign up 13 congregations to be host.

The core-committee will be busy in the summer and fall reaching out to any congregation that will listen in order to turn this possibility into a reality.

## The Last Visitation

On Sunday July 8, Bishop A. Donald Main will be at St. Mark's for the final time as Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. He will be preaching at the 8:00 and 10:30 service that day.

In addition, the Bishop will be leading a forum during the 9:00 hour. The subject of the forum is very open, and depends upon your questions to him about his years of service as Bishop, what the office of the bishop entails, what has been the best or most difficult things, his future plans, etc. etc. The only kind of thing one cannot ask Bishop Main is what Bishop-Elect Driesen will say or do about any particular subject. Please do come to the Forum in the Crossways room (or the courtyard, depending on the weather). Bishop Main has served the Upper Susquehanna Synod for 20 years, since the inception of the ELCA. Prior to that, he served as Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in

## The First Days

The Upper Susquehanna Synod in Assembly on June 16 elected The Rev. Robert Driesen as the second Bishop of the Synod. Bishop-Elect Driesen has served as Pastor of Messiah Church, South Williamsport for 20 years, and will assume his new duties on September 1. His first parish was Sidman-Elton now in the Allegheny Synod. Prior to attending seminary at Gettysburg, he was a public school teacher in Baltimore County MD for seven years.

Pastor Driesen has been a favorite teacher in our annual Lay School of Theology sponsored by the Lutheran Shared Ministry and held each October here at St. Mark's. For a number of years, his sessions have regularly garnered the highest attendance and the most interest.

Another of his ongoing responsibilities has been his service as the ecumenical officer for the Synod, so he has cultivated well-established relationships with a number of other church bodies across the years.

As September 1 approaches, Messiah Church will begin the process of discussing what should happen next in pastoral leadership in that parish. We pray God's blessing on them as one chapter closes and another opens.

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## Council Notes

The Congregation Council met in regular session on June 18 in the Crossways Room.

The members of the Council:

- received the regular reports of the pastor, officers, and committees.
- heard reflections and observations on the Synod Assembly from Joyce and Bud Herhberger and the Pastor.
- moved to send a letter of congratulation to Pastor Driesen on his election to be the Second Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod.
- noted that Bishop Main will make his final official visit to St. Mark's on Sunday July 8, and that a forum-time will be available between the services with refreshments also.
- heard that our congregation was remembered in prayers at St. Matthew Shamokin Dam last Sunday.
- noted that a summer choir camp is planned for late July for all ages, with a musical by Mr. Lakey as the centerpiece.
- heard that the Shepherd of the Streets will visit on July 22, for a forum-time.
- approved air conditioning for the Crossways Room.
- began the process of preparation for Consecration Sunday stewardship emphasis.
- after considerable discussion and with hesitancy, approved our becoming the first congregation to agree to be a host in the proposed Interfaith Hospitality Network. The project can move forward when there are 13 congregations that so agree.
- sang Prayer at the Close of the Day in the Chapel.

## From the Parish Register

- The funeral service for Joanne Mackey was celebrated June 9th.
- The funeral service for Marian Rubendall was celebrated June 11th.
- Non member funeral services were held for:
 

Tom Anstey	May 30th
Phyllis Maneval	June 13th
Joanne Updegraph	June 30th
- Deven Neece and Susan Reeder were united in marriage on June 23rd.

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## CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

# MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION

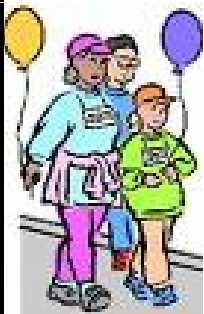
**HEROES DON'T HAVE TO FLY. THEY JUST HAVE TO STRIDE & RIDE!**



IF YOU EVER THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO DO SOMETHING TO FIGHT NEUROMUSCULAR

DISEASE, HERE IS YOUR CHANCE! THE MDA IS HAVING A STRIDE & RIDE. NOW IS THE TIME! DON'T SIT BACK AND WONDER WHEN WILL THERE BE A CURE! LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN BY RAISING MONEY TO HELP OUR LOCAL RESEARCHERS CONDUCT IMPORTANT RESEARCH. IN THE WORLDS OF PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT, "IT IS HARD TO FAIL, BUT IT IS WORSE NEVER TO HAVE TRIED TO SUCCEED." BEGIN YOUR FIGHT NOW AND DON'T STOP UNTIL THERE IS A CURE!

THE MDA IS SEARCHING FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN TO ASSIST WITH THE MDA STRIDE & RIDE. YOUR TASK WOULD BE TO SET A FUND RAISING GOAL THAT IS REASONABLE TO YOU. THE SKY'S THE LIMIT! THEN, RIDE OR STRIDE A MILE IN THE CLIMATE CONTROLLED COMFORT OF LYCOMING COLLEGE IN WILLIAMSPORT, PA.



## Saturday, September 8, 2007

### HOW TO STRIDE & RIDE

FORM A TEAM OF AT LEAST 10 MEMBERS. MDA WILL SUPPLY ALL THE MATERIALS YOU NEED TO RECRUIT AND MOTIVATE YOUR TEAM MEMBERS. EACH MEMBER'S GOAL IS TO MAKE A COMMITTED EFFORT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR MDA'S RESEARCH PROGRAM.

### ...AND YOU CAN DESIGNATE YOUR DONATIONS!

THE MDA IS THE WORLD'S LEADING VOLUNTARY HEALTH ORGANIZATION FIGHTING MORE THAN 40 MUSCLE-WASTING DISEASES THAT AFFECT HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE OF ALL AGES RIGHT HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY. STRIDE & RIDE TEAM CAPTAINS HAVE THE OPTION OF DESIGNATING THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO MDA RESEARCH FOR DUCHENNE DYSTROPHY, ALS, SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY, MYASTHENIA GRAVIS, CHARCOT-MARIE TOOTH DISEASE AND ANY OF THE OTHER DISEASES THE MDA COVERS. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE IF WE COVER A DISEASE PLEASE GIVE THE SCRANTON OFFICE A CALL TO INQUIRE. THIS FUNDRAISER GIVES YOU THE POWER TO TELL THE MDA WHERE YOU WANT YOUR MONEY TO GO.

For more information contact the Scranton District Office at

# CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

## Lutheran Women are now collecting Kits, Quilts & Soap!

People filled with pain, abandonment, and despair need so much.  
 What can You do to give them hope and dignity?

1. Donate bars of soap in the original wrappers (any brand or size).
2. Make up any of the following kits.
3. Pick up a cloth bag in the Narthex during July and fill with the school items as listed. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN SCHOOL KITS** - The notebooks need to have a total of 150 - 200 sheets of lined paper. If you buy notebooks with 70 pages, please provide 3 books. Do not include loose-leaf paper.
4. Please check that **toothpaste expiration date** is at least a year away.



### School Kit

- 3 spiral bound notebooks (8"x11" lined, 70 pgs.)
- 1 pair blunt metal scissors
- 1 12" or 30cm ruler
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 6 new pencils w/ erasers
- 1 2 1/2" eraser
- 12 sheets construction paper
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- \*\*Pack in cloth bag and secure with cord or rubber bands\*\*



### Layette Kit

- 2 shirts or Onesies
- 2 gowns or sleepers
- 2 receiving blankets
- 4 cloth diapers
- 1 sweater
- 2 washcloths
- 1 bath size baby soap
- 2 diaper pins
- \*\*Wrap in one receiving blanket and secure with diaper pins\*\*



### Health Kit

- 1 hand towel
- 1 washcloth
- 1 bar of soap (bath size)
- 1 toothbrush\*
- 1 5-7 oz. toothpaste
- 1 wide-tooth comb
- 1 metal nail file or clippers
- 6 band-aids
- \*\*Wrap in towel and tie with ribbon or yarn\*\*



### Sewing Kit

- 3 yards 45" cotton fabric or
- 4 yards 36" cotton fabric
- 1 pack of hand needles
- 1 spool matching thread
- 6 buttons on a card or
- 6 buttons tied on string
- \*\*Wrap inside of fabric and secure with yarn or ribbon\*\*

Bath sized bars of soap in original wrappers may also be donated.

## It's Summer Forum time and the learning is easy!

On summer Sundays during the 9:00 hour, we hold a series of forums on a variety of topics. Just come, we always have a lively time.



- July 1** - Part II of Carl Hieber's trip.
- July 8** - Conversation with Bishop Main; his last official visit.
- July 15** - More pictures of Pastor's archeological dig.
- July 22** - Dr. Morris Smith from Shepherd of the Streets



# CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS



***What to do?***



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That is the question that comes to mind in those rare times when someone has a medical emergency during one of our worship services. The appropriate responses are:

1. Make sure that someone has notified one of our medical professionals. To do this, get the attention of one of our Ushers whose job it is to know where such persons are seated. The list of doctors and nurses with photos is always posted in the narthex.
2. Please do not approach the person yourself unless you are immediately beside him or her and can support the person until our medical persons give direction. Then please distance yourself so that they have room to work.
3. As our medical persons evaluate the situation, they may ask that 911 be called. Do not presume this on your own; wait for specific medical direction. In most cases, the Ushers will make the call; other persons should not do so unless specifically directed to do it. In one case, three different persons took it upon themselves to call, so that we had three teams of responders for a single situation! This is a danger to the responders and to others who may need them elsewhere.
4. The Pastor will make the judgment whether the service needs to be halted to allow the emergency personnel to do their job appropriately. The pastor may ask us to be seated, to join in prayer, to sing a hymn, or to vacate a certain area if need be. The pastor may ask for the assistance of the Stephen Ministers if there are other family members involved who need assistance. It is important to remain as calm as possible, allow those with specific training to do their jobs, and be constant in prayer for the ill person, the congregation, and the responders.

<p><b>ST. MARK'S LOGO POLO SHIRTS</b></p>	<p>Children's - GILDAN Youth Ultra Cotton - Preshrunk 100% cotton jersey with logo.</p> <p>Colors: Irish Green, Vegas Gold, Heliconia, Indigo Blue, Sapphire, Iris, Lime, Violet, Maroon, Sport Grey, Azalea, Black, Jade, Forest Green, Gold, Cardinal, Daisy, Leaf, Orange, Navy, Kelly Green, Light Blue, Light Pink, Sand, Prairie Dust, Dark Purple, Red, Royal, Tangerine, &amp; Yellow Haze</p>	<p>Adults-JERZEE SportShield Jersey Polo, Welt Knit Collar, Placket with pearlized buttons with church logo embroidered on pocket.</p> <p>Colors: White, Birch, Gold, Black, Sports Grey, Burnt Orange, Purple, Calif. Blue, Forest Green, Granite Blue, Jade, Kelly, Lt. Blue, Maize, Maroon, Red, Putty, True Navy &amp; True Royal</p>
<p>Youth Xs-XL     \$10</p> <p>Adult S-XL       \$20</p> <p>Adult 2XL-3XL   \$23</p>		

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. Or you may use this convenient tear off order form. You can place it in the offering plate with your payment or mail it to the church.

## St. Mark's Polo Shirt Order Form

Name	Adult/Child	Size	Color	Cost

# CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

## MILESTONE MINISTRIES



A blanket bearing the handprints of young Christians was given to infant Jack Fortin, son of Erick and Stephanie Fortin, on June 17th in anticipation of his upcoming baptism on July 1st.



A special thank you to all those who served as teachers, leaders, and staff during the Sunday Church School year.

Karen Boone  
 Debra Buckman  
 Jim Buckman  
 Nick Buckman  
 Ashley Butters  
 Eric Comini  
 Sharon Comini  
 Gregg Dancho  
 Lou DeSeau  
 Walter Doeblor  
 Pastor Elkin  
 Bonnie Eyer  
 Steve Eyer  
 Matt Fortin  
 Stephanie Fortin  
 Wanda Fortin

Vicki Haussmann  
 Trish Hershey  
 Bill Hill  
 Bob Jones  
 Bernadette Jones  
 Nancy Larson  
 Ted Larson  
 Jim Newcomer  
 Susan Newcomer  
 Michele Owen  
 Kirk Owen  
 Becky Miller Pryor  
 Jenn Robertson  
 Brittany Toy  
 Shelby Weber  
 Mel Wentzel  
 Mindy Wentzel

**Lunch N' Fellowship**  
**Wednesday, July 18th at noon**  
 Join us for  
**Hamburger Bar-B-Que**  
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## Nurse's Notes

**July 1**

**True or False \* Answers below**

1. Children should never light or play with fireworks.
2. Adults should always keep a bucket of water handy in case of malfunction or fire.
3. Adults should read and follow all instructions before using sparklers, caps, etc.
4. Adults should be sure all people are out of range before lighting and items.
5. Sparklers burn at high enough temperatures that can cause serious burns.

**July 8**

**Did you know ....** That hand sanitizers contain a high concentration of alcohol? With their fruit scents, these can pose great danger to children or toddlers who may lick the product off their hands. Ingesting the cleanser can lead to illness and require a trip to the Emergency Room!

**July 15**

It is that time of year when fresh produce abounds! Be careful and wash all fruits and vegetables thoroughly with cold running water. Do not use soap or chlorine mixtures in attempts to clean the produce.

**July 22**

The combination of warm weather and sweaty shoes and socks provide the perfect breeding ground for athlete's foot. After bathing, be sure to dry feet thoroughly, particularly between toes (you can even use your hair dryer on low heat). If possible, wearing sandals may be best! (Ladies, it sounds like a shopping trip may be in order!)

**July 29**

Follow this shadow rule for sun protection in the summer: If your shadow is shorter than your height, it's sunburn time! In most parts of the country, this test will show that you can still get burned between the hours of 3 p.m and 4 p.m. The sun is closest to directly overhead – and therefore strongest – about 1 p.m. (Daylight Saving Time). Protect yourself with sunscreen and clothing during the three hours before and after this peak time. (*Wellness Made Easy, UCLA, Berkeley, 2005*)

## USS ARK, SYNOD & WEST BRANCH NEWS

### Environmentalism for the Future

The Center for Ethics at The University of Montana will hold its second annual Environmental Ethics Institute July 30-August 9. The institute provides an opportunity for scholars, students, professionals, and interested citizens to gather in Missoula, MT to discuss and reflect on environmental issues. The institute consists of two courses and an evening lecture series. The courses require 4 to 5 weeks of asynchronous on-line study prior to the 4 to 5 days of face-to-face contact in Missoula.

Few universities offer a setting with such beauty and recreational resources as The University of Montana. Missoula is a dynamic college town surrounded by mountains. It is located at the confluence of three rivers: the Clark Fork of the Columbia, the Blackfoot and the Bitterroot. The Rattlesnake Wilderness Area is within minutes of campus by bicycle or city bus, and Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks are within easy driving distance.

For more information and Registration, visit:  
[www.umt.edu/ethics](http://www.umt.edu/ethics)

### Camp Mount Luther

During a worship service at synod assembly David Shank was installed as Director of Finance and Development at Camp Mt. Luther. Also installed was the 2007 summer staff, who spent already two weeks at camp for staff training and is prepared to receive the first group of campers on June 18.

It is not too late to sign up for summer camp!!!!

### Liberia

The Rev. Ron Shellhamer, Shamokin has received a call to serve the as theology instructor at the Lay Ministry Training Center in Totota, Liberia. He will be responsible to set up a theological library, teach deacons and offer continuing education for pastors. He will also serve as mentor for Lutheran seminarians. With Ron serving in Liberia the Upper Susquehanna Synod will have even stronger ties with our African companion synod.

Bishop Harris of the Lutheran Church in Liberia spoke at synod assembly and extended his gratitude for the many ways the Upper Susquehanna Synod connects with Liberia.

### Synod Assembly

The Upper Susquehanna Synod gathered in assembly June 15 and 16 to be the church, to worship together, and to conduct the business of our synod, foremost the election of a new bishop.

Liturgies were used from the new cranberry hymnal Evangelical Lutheran Worship and a good mix of old and new hymns were sung.

Three pastors who died in the past year were remembered for their ministry: The Rev. Walter Brandau, The Rev. Raymond Shaheen, and The Rev. Stuempfle. All three had ties to our West Branch Conference.

The assembly celebrated hundred years of Lutheran Campus ministry. Rev. Marsh Drege and Rev Alicia Anderson, Lutheran campus ministers at Penn State led the assembly's Bible Study. Part of that celebration were hundreds of yellow campus ministry Frisbees that were flown over the assembly from the stage, the side aisles and the back. Only few injuries were reported.

# Social Ministry News

## Needed: Food and Hygiene Products

*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. -Hebrews 13:16 (NRSV)*

During July and August the Social Ministry Committee will be collecting non-perishable food items to be given to the United Churches/Center City Food Pantry. The Food pantry provides a three-day supply of food to people in need, many of them children of underemployed parents. We will also collect hygiene products for men, women, and babies. These products will assist the Shepherd of the Streets in easing the despair of his clients.



Donated items may be placed in the bins in the Narthex. Supermarket specials and Dollar Store items make giving easy. Thank you for sharing in the caring.

## Habitat for Humanity Luncheon

Construction continues on the Ivy Way homes in the east end of Williamsport. To support this work, St. Mark's will be providing a luncheon for twenty-plus Habitat workers on Saturday, August 4, 2007 at noon.



Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the luncheon. Donations of paper products, plastic ware, twelve packs of soda, cookies, fresh fruit, chips, rolls, pickles, macaroni or pasta salad, and money to offset the cost of sandwich meat is being accepted and greatly appreciated.

Please contact Becky Miller Pryor at 321-9523 if you are able to donate a food item or to assist with this event.

## Sunday School Forum



The Shepherd of the Streets, Dr. Morris Smith, will be our forum speaker on July 22, 2007. Join us in the Crossways Room during the Sunday School hour to hear about his work with those in need in our community.

## Fourth of July Celebration

In just a few days St. Mark's will celebrate our nation's birthday on our front lawn. There will be food, fun, and the best seats in town for the fireworks. In the nave, Dick Lakey will offer a patriotic service at 7:30.

The Social Ministry Committee is still in need of volunteers to set up, serve drinks and snacks, and clean up in time for the fanfare of the fireworks. Donations of lemonade and ice tea mixes, two liters of soda, and money to offset our expenses are needed and greatly appreciated. Food and drink donations may be placed in the bin in the Narthex.



The committee needs you to:

- o Volunteer to help.
- o Donate needed items.
- o Attend the celebration.
- o Bring a friend.



Contact Gary Weber (322-7149) or Becky Miller Pryor (321-9523) to assist with this friend-raiser.



# United Churches News

## Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Worship leaders** from area churches volunteer to provide a brief worship service in seven nursing homes in our county and in two area high-rise apartments for the elderly and disabled, as well as three services in the county prison each week. They also provide one service each month in three assisted living centers. Both clergy and active lay persons within area churches provide the leadership for these 648 services each year.
- **Broadcasters** write and record a fifteen minute news show highlighting events and developments in the world of religion. News releases are collected by the broadcaster and by the United Churches office from which each broadcaster chooses their own material and tapes the show which is broadcast over WRAK (1400 AM) on Sunday mornings at 9:15 A.M. Both laity and clergy participate in providing this service.
- **Shepherd of the Streets has the opportunity for both clergy and laity to volunteer.** Opportunities for clergy to provide counseling as an associate shepherd. Opportunities for laity to serve as a receptionist or as an office volunteer. Opportunities for everyone to be a mentor or to provide transportation special skills as needed.
- **The Food Pantry volunteers provide donations and staffing.** Donations of non-perishable food items are always needed. **Volunteers** are needed to: stock shelves, make appointments for clients package food, provide office duties, provide janitorial duties, help with food deliveries.



### Food Pantry Update

Our United Churches Food Pantry provides a three day supply of food to those in need. During the summer months the needs at the pantry change somewhat, just like your eating habits do in the warm weather. Children will be home for the season and won't get school breakfasts and lunches. Parents won't always be home to get those meals for them, so the children will be making meals for themselves.

**The items we can especially use are:**

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>Canned Fruits</i>           | <i>Powdered Drink Mixes</i>      |
| <i>Sugar</i>                   | <i>(Kool-Aid &amp; Lemonade)</i> |
| <i>Saltine Crackers</i>        | <i>Chunky Soups</i>              |
| <i>Coffee &amp; Tea Bags</i>   | <i>Oodles of Noodles</i>         |
| <i>Elbow &amp; Egg Noodles</i> | <i>Canned Vegetables</i>         |
| <i>Canned Stews</i>            | <i>Jello &amp; Pudding Mixes</i> |
| <i>Mac-N-Cheese Pasta</i>      |                                  |

As always we thank you for your continued generosity and ask that you keep us in prayer over the summer months. May you all have an enjoyable few months of relaxation, rest, time spent with family and time to thank God for all the blessings that He bestows.

## United Churches SUMMER LUNCHEON

Pine Street United                      Methodist Church



**JULY 25th at Noon**  
**Mrs. Carol Waltz & Mrs. Candy Watkins,**  
 Organist and Choir Director  
 Messiah Lutheran Church,  
 South Williamsport,

### Lycoming County 2007 Life Chain

Please mark your church calendars for this year's Life Chain. As in the prior 15 years it will be held on the first Sunday of October at 2:30 p.m. on East Third Street (the "Golden Strip") Williamsport, PA. The goal of the organization committee is to have 90 churches participate with 2000 individuals praying for the lives of unborn children. The date is October 7, 2007. Additional info. will be provided to Lycoming County Churches by mail.

## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

### Williamsport Crosscutters Baseball Club ALL FAITHS NIGHTS 2007



Enjoy an evening of Crosscutters baseball and receive your general admission tickets at **HALF PRICE!**

➔ The last game for this is Sunday, August 19, at 6:05 p.m.

**We must have a group of 20 or more to qualify for the \$2.50 admission.**

No one signed up for the first game—so we missed out there. We must know of your interest by July 29! The orders and payments have to be received by them no later than 2 weeks prior to the games. Sign-up sheets for the last game are in the narthex and staff hallway. When we get the required 20, you will be notified to bring in your money. The deadline for the second game is Sunday, July 29.

*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."*

~Deuteronomy, 6:5-9



Every member of St. Mark's has something to teach our young people. It impacts our youth to see their parents, grandparents and friends actively involved in their instruction. The education of our children is a vital part of our entire society, but especially in our church. What they learn here will stay with them forever and give them the moral foundation which supports them as they go out into the world.

Our structuring of the Sunday School program requires a commitment of just one month at a time. If you wish to sign up for longer, of course you may. But, all our youth ask is just 4-5 Sundays out of the entire year. **PLEASE, HELP OUR CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT GOD.** Lead a Sunday School class at St. Mark's during the 2007-2008 school year. Please contact Sharon or Bernadette soon about which month you would like to teach or sign up in the staff hallway.



Our catechetical students will be meeting with Pastor Elkin and Bernadette Jones as leaders on July 16 – 18 for intensive study and conversation in our "Confirmation Camp." Rather than traveling, we'll use our facilities at St. Mark's as our base of activities.

It will be a busy three days of worship, study, short field trip, eating together, and growing together as Christians. There is so much to explore; we never have enough time to investigate and learn all that is available to us. Confirmation Camp will be held in Fellowship Hall on from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. When you see our confirmands—Hannah, Sara, Paige, Brandon and Christina, please encourage them in their studies.

# YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!**  
**How many times can we say it?**  
**THANK YOU!!!**

The following people were just amazing and we couldn't have had such a successful VBS without them:

- |                 |                 |                    |              |             |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Shirley Kinney  | Karen Boone     | Jackie Kinney      | Gary Weber   | Dick Lakey  |
| Wanda Fortin    | Dinah Labenberg | Deb Buckman        | Paige Fortin | Lou DeSeau  |
| Lauren Campbell | Brett Campbell  | Becky Miller Pryor | Bob Jones    | Bonnie Eyer |
| Hannah Ramsauer | Declan Jones    | Nicole Walz        | Mel Wentzel  | Lois Smith  |
| Shelby Weber    | Mindy Wentzel   | Christina Comini   | Kirk Owen    | Eric Comini |
| Jessica Young   | Jenn Robertson  | Jenna Kennedy      | Steve Eyer   | Pam Jensen  |
| Vicki Haussmann | Michele Owen    | Mary Schultz       | Sara Jones   |             |

and all who contributed to the decorations...**THANK YOU!!!**

**...AND WHILE WE'RE THANKING FOLKS...**

All those who assisted with the annual picnic contributed to one of the most enjoyable events this year!! Any of you who weren't able to attend missed out on a great time!!

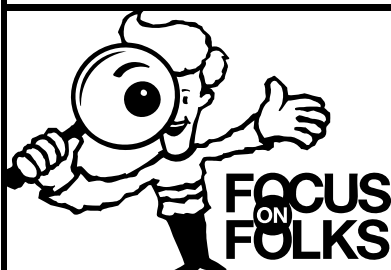
We gratefully thank the following people:

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| Theoron Hershey | Kara Hershey  | Michele Owen | Lou DeSeau     | Kirk Owen    |
| Bob Jones       | Sara Jones    | Bob Schultz  | Shirley Kinney | Pastor Elkin |
| Mary Schultz    | Jim Buckman   | Donna Elkin  | Jackie Kinney  | Lois Smith   |
| Hannah Ramsauer |               |              |                |              |

## FRIDAY FUN NIGHT ON JULY 20th

You all know the drill by now: come and have fun!!

If you haven't been able to join in yet, make plans to do so!  
 It's a great time you won't want to miss!



Pam Lehman, daughter of Larry and Norma Lehman, graduated from the University at Albany on May 19th with a Ph.D. degree in Counseling Psychology. Congratulations Pam on all your hard work!

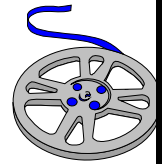
## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

### SUMMER FAMILY FILM FESTIVAL at the Community Arts Center!

At 10:00 on Tuesday mornings from the end of June, through July, there are free showings of films for families. We are organizing a trip each of these weeks. We will walk over directly after Morning Prayer (feel free to join us at 9!), between 9:15—9:30 a.m. Please call to let us know if you want to go. We wouldn't want to leave anyone behind!



- July 3 *Happy Feet* (PG)
- July 10 *Cars* (G)
- July 17 *Flushed Away* (PG)
- July 24 *Open Season* (PG)



(Evening showings of these films are available at 7:00 p.m. the following Thursday at \$1.00 per person for all ages) For more information on these films, check out the links at <http://www.pct.edu/commarts/>

### THE Great BIBLE REEF VBS mission project:



Life-giving Water  
for Liberia

In keeping with the water theme for vacation Bible school, the children focused on providing means to obtain water for those who are in need. THANK YOU to all those who contributed to the student's efforts; they raised the unprecedented amount of \$316.79!! This will enable a community in Liberia to purchase anything from water pumps, to water treatment filters, to home cisterns to collect rain water.

Thank you again for helping

### St. Mark's Positively Angelic Dog Training

Continues Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. in the Courtyard.

Learn to communicate with your dog in a fun & easy way.

Trish Hershey & Donna Elkin are eager to answer your questions & have you join them. Just speak to Donna or Trish or call the office to sign up.

#### Well, Heavenly Nights!

Interest has been expressed in starting an evening group. We will begin this evening class on Wednesday, July 18th at 7 p.m.

Contact us if you are interested or with any questions.

Donna 323-7367 Trish 321-9180



*"Ask the animals, and they will teach you...For the life of every living thing is in his hand, and the breath of all humanity." (Job 12:7a,10, NLT)*

# YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

## ST. MARK'S CHOIR CAMP SUNDAY, JULY 29, THROUGH SUNDAY, AUGUST 5



### “IN THE BEGINNING...”



A MUSICAL STORY BASED ON THE CREATION STORY  
BOOK, MUSIC & LYRICS BY RICHARD LAKEY  
DIRECTED BY BERNADETTE H. JONES

Each of the following evenings, there will be a 5:30 p.m. meal in Fellowship Hall, followed by 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. rehearsal for choir and cast members:

Sunday, July 29

Monday, July 30

Tuesday, July 31

Wednesday, August 1

Thursday, August 2

Friday, August 3

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4: 9:30 a.m. FINAL REHEARSAL

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5: 6:00 p.m. TUREEN MEAL (meat will be provided)  
7:00 p.m. PERFORMANCE in Fellowship Hall

A cassette tape is being prepared so that each family may have a copy. We are sure that playing the tape every day will help with the learning of the music & words!

**WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL MAKE PLANS TO BE PART OF THIS SPECIAL SUMMER EVENT!!**

**It will surely be an exciting, intergenerational event, with the music being sung by all ages, kids through adults!!**

If you can't be in the cast for “IN THE BEGINNING...,” please join us for the dinner-theatre performance in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 5. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Choir Camp's production of **“IN THE BEGINNING...”**

## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

**PARENTS!!**  
**EXCITING THINGS ARE IN THE WORKS**  
**JUST LOOK!!**



### ST. MARK'S SUMMER PLAYGROUP!

Summer is upon us! Grab your calendar and pencil in the following dates for some Summer Fun with the kids. We'd love for you to join us for socializing, snacking and tiring out the kids!!

Wednesday, July	11	10:00 a.m.	Brandon Park
Wednesday, July	25	10:00 a.m.	Short Park (near Loyalsock Pool)
Wednesday, August	8	10:00 a.m.	Indian Park
Wednesday, August	22	10:00 a.m.	Bruce Henry Park (bring a picnic lunch)

If you have any question or need directions, please call Vicki Hausmann at 320-0561.  
 We hope to see you there!

## GET IN THE SWIM!!!



(or at least watch others)

At Montoursville Pool, on July 19, seven of our youth will be competing against each other as Montoursville and Williamsport face-off in that evening's swim meet.

Swimming for Montoursville are Christina Comini, Morgan Comini and Hannah Ramsauer; and for Williamsport: Corey Hospes, Max Hospes, Declan Jones and Sara Jones.

### Children's Summer Chapel...



...will be held again on Sunday, July 8, at 10:30 a.m. What a great time to celebrate the season with cousins visiting on vacation or friends staying over-night, before heading out to the day's activities! We will be reviewing the songs from vacation Bible school. We are also planning to explore some fun-with-the-Son themes. The entire family is welcome: we look forward to seeing you there!

## Lutheran Shared Ministry

# The School of Religion

**Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24  
7 - 9 p.m.**

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
142 Market Street, Williamsport**

**Please Print Your Name** \_\_\_\_\_

*Put a 1 next to your first choice and a 2 next to your second choice.*

\_\_\_\_\_ **WILL THE REAL JESUS PLEASE STAND UP?** Every Christmas and Easter, news magazines and TV channels feature Jesus prominently-but often the presentation is of a Jesus that "scholars" or "experts" say is very different from how the Church has portrayed him over the years. In recent years alone, we've heard about the DaVinci Code, the "Lost Tomb of Jesus" and the Jesus Seminar. What truth, if any, is there to these and similar portrayals of Jesus in the media? Can we trust the Church's witness to Jesus as he is portrayed in the four Gospels? These are some of the questions we will begin to explore in our time together. Presented by Pastor Frantz

\_\_\_\_\_ **SINGING THE FAITH.** A look at how our faith is expressed in hymns. The hymns to be studied fall into the categories of Hymns of the Creator, Hymns of Grace, Hymns of Comfort and Hymns of Prayer. Presented by Mrs. Carol Waltz

\_\_\_\_\_ **BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE.** This course is based on a book written by Liz Curtis Higgs. To be clear, this course is for everyone, not just women. We will use the book "Bad Girls of the Bible". Good humor is God-given and there's plenty of it in the book. In our course of four weeks we will meet four bad girls of the Bible-starting with Eve. We will have discussions why Potiphar's wife was bad to the bone, what made Lot's wife bad for the moment. And while we are having fun, we will explore a better understanding of the culture in biblical times and what those bad-girls from-the-past can teach us. Presented by Pastor Carla Volland

***To help with room assignments, please advise us if you have physical limitations.***

## A VIEW FROM THE PEW

### We're proud of our members in the news...

From time to time we are delighted to see items in the newspaper about members of the Saint Mark's family. In recent months some of those articles have concerned special days, special people and special events.

Our young people continue to make us proud - **Riley Weber** was a member of the Cochran Odyssey of the Mind team and competed in area contests. Riley also had a poem entitled "Diversity" in the education supplement of the Sun-Gazette. In that same issue **Emily Newcomer** was featured with her poster for the Animal and Avian Hospital. Both education items were part of an assignment for the fifth grade at Cochran.

**Ben Haussman**, a first grader at Sheridan, was pictured with his exhibit of the solar system for the school science fair.

The Lutheran Community Foundation awards scholarships to qualified members of Lutheran congregations who are college bound or already enrolled. **Jeremiah Bittner**, **Caitlin Butters**, and **David Elkin** were awarded three of the 17 prizes which were given by the foundation.

**Janelle Lukens** was a member of the Williamsport Area High School girls' softball team which won the district title and competed in the playoffs.

Lots of wedding anniversaries have been celebrated by members of the parish. **Elda and Ralph Ziegler** celebrated sixty-five years, **Don and Mary Armstrong** sixty years and **Stanley and Susan Baker** forty years. We wish them and others who were not pictured in the paper but marked special anniversaries our warmest congratulations.

**John MacMinn** was awarded the Melvin Jones Award for service by the Loyalsock Township Lions Club. John is a charter member of the group.

Some of our members have special talents you may not be aware of - **John Hoffman's** water colors were exhibited at Woodlands Bank recently. John was the creator of the stained glass art work in the chapel.

And finally **Donna Elkin** continues to make a name for herself in the dog agility field. Recently she chaired the American Kennel Club agility show and the newspaper featured a photo of her talented poodle, Marty.

~ written & contributed by Joyce Hershberger



"Martin Woofer" shows off his talent for performing in this incredible action picture from the Williamsport Sun-Gazette, who graciously gave us permission to use this picture.



# HEALTH, HEALING & WHOLENESS

(W)Holy, (W)Holy, (W)Holy  
 Wholistic Wellness Article - July 2007

The Bible contains many references to the ways in which God desires us to care for children: "...it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs," (Matt. 19:14, NRSV); "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you," (Jeremiah 1:5, NRSV), and who can forget old Zechariah's proclamation upon seeing the baby John, "And you child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways ..." (Luke 1:67, NRSV) – (this awesome passage always leaves me with chill-bumps!). Children are precious – consider this - the most powerful gift we've ever been given, came to us in the form of a tiny, helpless infant – our Lord!

In his gospel, Mark quotes Jesus as saying, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." (Mk. 10:14b, NRSV). We've been given the sacred responsibility of bringing our children to Christ, so they may learn of his saving love. Part of that responsibility to children is in keeping them safe both outside and within the walls of our congregations. One of the ways in which we do this is in establishing policies and procedures to safeguard interactions between children and adults. Here are just a few examples of steps some congregations are taking to protect those whom God has chosen - even *before birth*:

1. **Educate the congregation to the fact that screening procedures not only protect the children in the church's care, but its staff members as well!**
2. **Expect or develop a screening process for paid workers and volunteers who are in regular contact with children and youth.** This should include not only the church's programs, but also programs which utilize the church facilities for meetings throughout the week. Screening might include: a written application, carefully documented reference checks, personal interview, criminal record checks, and regular staff training.
3. **Establish a threshold of at least six months of active participation and/or membership in the life of the congregation before assuming a leadership role with children/youth.**
4. **If it is impossible to have 2 adults present for each classroom, have doors open, unlocked, or classes held in rooms in which the doors contain windows.**
5. **Have children use the buddy system for group activities.**
6. **Abusive language and physical punishment are never appropriate and are grounds for immediate dismissal.**
7. **There should be no "secret" activities or organizations within the church** – we want children to feel they can come to us if there are ever any "secrets" they've been asked to keep which cause them discomfort.
8. **All allegations of abuse are to be taken seriously.** Learn proper reporting procedures, and report inappropriate activities to the pastor. In PA, contact ChildLine at 1-800-932-0313. (other states, check with your state's Department of Welfare or your local Child Protective Services unit for the appropriate phone number initiating investigation).
9. **All documentation is considered confidential and is to be maintained in a secured area.**
10. **Educate mandated reporters in regard to their responsibilities, and to your state, county and denominational reporting procedures.**
11. **Without regard to any allegations made, the accused must be separated from the accuser immediately.**
12. **Do not interview the child – document what the child shares with you, but leave questioning to the proper authorities.** Well intentioned questioning could cast doubt on whether or not the child's statements or accusations were a result of coercion, and be inadmissible as part of legal proceedings.

I've only scratched the surface of considerations in regard to the issue of child and staff protective measures. No one likes to consider the possibilities that abuse and neglect occur – sometimes even within the walls of our congregations. I hope you will give some consideration to the pro-active steps listed above, and then contact your church, denominational leaders and your insurance carrier regarding assembling a plan of your own. For many, summer signals a break in children's programming – an good time to educate, evaluate, and begin the fall with a new plan for addressing this important issue.

*Summer Blessings!*

*Debbie Best, Congregational Health Ministries & Family Life Service, Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries*

# BIRTHDAYS

Kristine Wacker 07/02  
 Maxwell Hospes 07/03  
 Theodore Larson Jr. 07/03  
 Charles Ditchfield 07/04  
 Philip Thomas 07/04  
 Kimberly Fillnow 07/05  
 Ardath Houser 07/05  
 Corey Hospes 07/06  
 Erma Super 07/06  
 Andrea Hinds 07/07  
 Robert Lynn Jr. 07/08  
 Sarah Little 07/08  
 Hugh Byerly 07/09  
 Nicholas Buckman 07/10  
 Bethany McCullough 07/10  
 Edgar Miller III 07/10  
 Mary Martin 07/11  
 Doris Brown 07/12  
 Annika Waffenschmidt 07/12  
 Bonita Crossley 07/13  
 Luther Doebler 07/13

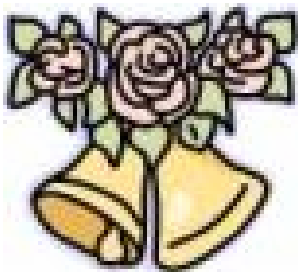
Declan Jones 07/14  
 Nancy Larson 07/14  
 William Confer Jr. 07/15  
 Vicki Haussmann 07/15



Ashley Butters 07/16  
 Stephanie Confer 07/16  
 Michael Hieber 07/16  
 Kay Plankenhorn 07/16  
 Eugene Jacobs 07/17

Russell Smith 07/17  
 Brenda Bower 07/18  
 Patricia Alexander 07/20  
 Dorothy Berndt 07/20  
 Eleanor Sobers 07/20  
 Pamela Jensen 07/21  
 Mary Schultz 07/21  
 Constance Shaible 07/22  
 Reba Jacobs 07/23  
 David Weaver 07/23  
 Bryce Young 07/23  
 Edward Gair 07/24  
 Carol Confer 07/25  
 Shirley Hill 07/25  
 Kristi Maggs 07/25  
 Gail Greninger 07/26  
 Ann Kuntz 07/27  
 Jonathan Phillips 07/28  
 Matthew Fortin 07/29  
 Carol McMorris 07/30  
 Stephen Dewar 07/31

# ANNIVERSARIES



*Ray & Cynthia Huff 07/03*  
*Peter & Norma Prato 07/07*  
*Lawrence & Catherine Lundy 07/10*  
*William & Prudence Poff 07/11*  
*Sean & Maria Elkin 07/24*  
*Robert & Susan Curry 07/29*  
*Scott & Brenda Bittner 07/30*



## SPECIAL THANK YOU'S

Dear brothers & sisters of St. Mark's,

How blessed I am to be part of your family. Many, many thanks for your cards, calls, flowers, bread and soup. They all helped so much. Knowing the love and concern you shared with me makes my heart "rejoice and be exceedingly glad!"

God bless all of you!

Love, Jeanne Fargus

Dear Ken,

Thank you for your recent payment of a bill to NWPOC while you were assisting at the Shepherd of the Streets office in May 2007. This was for 2 pairs of eyeglasses for a needy couple. You discussed their great need with them. The support and generosity of St. Mark's was deeply appreciated.

If it were not for your support and the support of other churches and individuals Lycoming County, we could not offer the hope and love we share in Christ to those in need. The poor need know that they are not alone as they face life's situations on a day-to-day basis. Your contribution to this family is, indeed, an altruistic demonstration of love.

This is your ministry at work, giving people a hand up and not a hand out. May God's peace and blessing be with you.

Serving Him and you,

J. Morris Smith.

Dear friends at St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

Your recent \$25 donation to the Shepherd of the Streets is deeply appreciated. Your gift has been deposited into the Shepherd's Discretionary Fund and will serve those in need in a number of areas.

May God bless you all, Karen Nelson,  
Volunteer

Thanks a bunch for the really delicious chicken

Dear Ken,

*Thank you most sincerely for the time you recently spent at the Shepherd of the Streets office while I was on vacation May 21-25, 2007. The break from the usual routine was good for Baby and me. Spending time with our great-grandchildren in Kansas City was priceless and the highlight of our trip. Your help as an Assistant Shepherd put my mind at ease. It meant that the daily activities of the ministry could continue. Emergency situations and problems requiring counseling and assistance could be handled with ministerial expertise and compassion.*

*May God be with you as we continue to work together to serve those in need in Lycoming County. It is indeed true that the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.*

*Serving Him and you,*

*J. Morris Smith*

To the Members & Friends of St. Mark's :

Thank you so much for your contribution of \$37.50 to the work of the Yokefellow Prison Ministry. Those of us involved in the Yokefellow Prison Ministry believe the answer is teaching the incarcerated about the love of Jesus Christ so they may experience His mercy and grace. Our volunteers go into nine jails and prisons in Lycoming and surrounding counties. Your contribution will help us spread the Good News of God's forgiveness to murderers, rapists, drug dealers, drug/alcohol users and the like. Our volunteers have experienced the sweetness of God's mercy for their souls, and they want to share the opportunity for that same grace with the inmates.

And of course we appreciate the work of those who are involved in your congregation, Lou & Kathy Kolb. Their witness makes a powerful statement to the inmates, I'm sure.

Sincerely,

Evadna Cline, Executive Director

Dear friends at St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent donation of blankets in all sizes. In our attempts to keep supplies on the shelves, we truly appreciate any and all donated materials. Many people are blessed because of compassionate friends like you.

Karen Nelsen, volunteer

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# SAINT MARK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## July 2007

### St. Mark's Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <i>Pentecost V</i> 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM HC 9:15 AM Summer Forum - Carl Hieber	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	<b>3</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Fam. Film Festival	<b>4</b> **Office Closed**	<b>5</b> 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM Pictu- re Taking Day 6:00 PM Stephen Ministry Training	<b>6</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM Picture Taking Day	<b>7</b> 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Picture Taking 3:30 PM Wedding
<b>8</b> <i>Pentecost VI</i> 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM HC 9:15 AM Summer Forum - Bishop Main	<b>9</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	<b>10</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Fam. Film Festival	<b>11</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Summer Playgroup	<b>12</b> 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 8:00 AM Stephen Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:00 PM Stephen Ministry Training	<b>13</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <i>Pentecost VII</i> 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM HC 9:15 AM Summer Forum - Archaeology	<b>16</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Confirmation Camp	<b>17</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Confir- mation Camp 9:15 AM Fam. Film Festival 12:00 PM LSM	<b>18</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Confirmation Camp 12:00 PM Lunch 'N' Fellowship	<b>19</b> 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:00 PM Stephen Minis- try Training	<b>20</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	<b>21</b> 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Step- hen Ministry Training
<b>22</b> <i>Mary Magdalene</i> 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM HC 9:15 AM Summer Forum - Shepherd of the Streets	<b>23</b> 7:00 AM Mutual Minis- try Mtg. 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	<b>24</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Fam. Film Festival	<b>25</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Summer Playgroup 11:30 AM STS Prayers	<b>26</b> 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:00 PM Stephen Minis- try Training	<b>27</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Newsletter Crew	<b>28</b>
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# 4th of

Please Join us for a  
Program of Patriotic Music  
July 4th 7:30 ~ 8:30 PM

St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
142 Market Street  
Williamsport, PA



## **Richard Lakey, Organist**