



# The Lion of St. Mark's

OCTOBER 2007



## NEW WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

One of the requests that emerged from the *Mission at the Crossroads* process over the past year has been the desire to explore additional types of music in the context of worship. The council has set up a New Music Task Force and asked those persons to develop such opportunities for the parish. The task force has met and after considerable conversation is proposing two new venues.

On the first Sunday of each month, beginning with November 4, 2007, we will gather for a service of Word and Prayer at 8:00 P.M. in the Chapel. This will be a quiet, reflective time, that makes use of the style of music from the Taize community. This music features short refrains that are quickly learned and repeated, so that our emphasis can be on prayer and not on the learning. This will be an especially auspicious day on which to begin this series of prayer services. That is All Saints Day in the church year, the day when we remember with thanksgiving those of our congregation have moved to the Church Triumphant in heaven in the past year.

On the third Sunday of the month, beginning on November 18, we will gather for a service of Word and Praise at 8:00 P.M. in the Chapel. The character of this service will be very different from that of the service described above. It will make use of some of the lively music we began to explore last spring in our Wednesday evening gatherings as well as other resources.



There are several reasons for the choice of time for these half-hour services. It will allow us to have a committee meeting or catechetical gathering prior to the service. It may make it attractive for college students to participate. It will help us all bring our busy day to a close with worship.

There are lots of things to explore, and God can be honored in a multitude of ways. It will take some time for us to discern which tools will be most effective in helping us express our praise and our prayers.

# COUNCIL UPDATE

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## COUNCIL MEETING

The Congregation Council met in regular session on September 17 in the Crossways Room. The Council:

- received the regular reports of the pastor, officers, and committees.
- noted the illness of our missionary Bette McCrandall.
- approved the replacement of the heating and cooling unit on the Parish house roof by Billtown
- Mechanical in the amount of \$6,200, to be paid from the Trognitz memorial.
- approved a replacement computer for our parish musician.
- approved carpeting for the North Lounge.
- approved adding a narrow closet in Fellowship Hall for the storage of table linens.
- noted the calendar of events for Consecration Sunday is now in process.
- rejoiced that a third congregation has agreed to become a host parish for Family Promise.
- concluded the meeting with Prayer at the Close of Day in the chapel.

## From the Parish Register

Wedding:

- Scott Ulmer and Lori Lorson., on September 8, 2007, in the Nave, with reception following in Fellowship Hall.

Funerals:

- Lavina Schaefer, on August 28, 2007 graveside at Wildwood Cemetery.
- Col. Robert Stuempfle, on September 4, 2007 at Manevals, with interment of ashes in the Jersey Shore Cemetery on September 7.

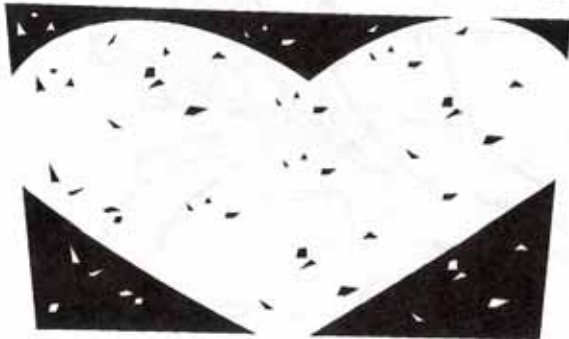
## Website & E- Mail Addresses

[Http://stmarkswilliamsport.org](http://stmarkswilliamsport.org)

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## CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

For  
where your  
treasure is,



there your  
heart will  
be also.

Luke 12:34

### CONSECRATION SUNDAY

We know the name, we know the process, and Consecration Sunday continues to be very important in the life of the congregation. It is our annual opportunity to reflect on the generous gifts God has granted to us and to plan how we can best use them in the ministries of the congregation and in our daily lives. Each member is receiving an invitation to be present for worship on October 21 and there to present our estimates of financial giving for the coming year, and then to join in the celebration meals that are planned in Fellowship Hall after each of the services. Please reserve the date, think about your personal response, and make your reservation for the meal when the opportunity is presented next week. Our response is truly a spiritual matter.

The Rev. Gordon Smith will be preaching at both services on October 21. He is Pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Bloomsburg and is well-acquainted with the Consecration Sunday process. He will also be meeting with our Council and other leaders on Sunday evening October 14 in preparation for the event.

### STEPHEN MINISTRY COMMISSIONING!

The Stephen Ministry training course has been continuing since mid-June, and will conclude in late October. Our five candidates will have completed 50 hours of training with Pastor Elkin and Jane Larson, Stephen Leaders. They will be commissioned for service in the parish on Sunday, November 4 at the 10:30 worship service.

The topics that they have explored are as varied as are the crisis situations that each of us face at different points in life. The new Stephen Ministers will join our outstanding group of persons who are ready to provide a listening ear. They will be asking for your prayers and encouragement as they prepare to move from training to service. Other details will be published in the next *Lion*.



### Family Promise

The steering committee for Family Promise met this past week and rejoiced that a third congregation has agreed to become a host site. Covenant Central Presbyterian joins St. Mark's and Lycoming Center Presbyterian as the initial leaders in this effort.

As work continues toward securing the needed 13 host congregations, it was reported that several of the area's larger congregations are in the process of approving the proposal.

## CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

# CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES



It is a very exclusive group that meets now and again on Wednesday at 11:30 AM for study, but you, too, can be a part of this gathering. The next topic that we will be tackling will be "Affectionately yours, Screwtape: The Devil and C.C. Lewis" which will be an exploration of the Christian literary classic *Screwtape Letters* by the English writer C.S. Lewis. Join us on October 24 for an enjoyable and stimulating hour.

On Sunday mornings, there are currently two studies running. In the Middle Lounge, the group is studying the book of Ephesians and its impact on daily life. In the Crossways room, the book *Lord I Believe, Help My Unbelief* is providing the starting place for wide-ranging conversations. There is room at the table for you.

Also, remember the Wednesday evening School of Religion, sponsored by the Lutheran Shared Ministry congregations, and held right here at St. Mark's on four



## Lunch N' Fellowship

October 17th at noon

### Pot Roast

with all the trimmings!

Bring a dish to share and a friend!

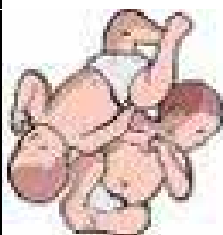
### Volunteer with Samaritan's Purse

Many of the Upper Susquehanna Synod congregations have participated in the Operation Christmas Child effort giving shoeboxes of Christmas gifts to children around the world. You can volunteer to assist at local collection points (where you take your boxes) & at processing centers. If you are interested in volunteering, go to [http://www.samaritanspurse.org/OCC\\_Volunteer\\_Index.asp](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/OCC_Volunteer_Index.asp) & check out the possibilities.

### "The Don" on YouTube.com

For those who attended the Bishop's Celebration banquet, you were able to view the premier of "The Don." It is now posted on youtube.com. Click on this link to enjoy the work of Pastor Andy Weaver & a few of his friends. This is a funny, fitting tribute to Bishop Main's "reputatio" in the ELCA! <http://www.youtube.com/v/woiHfII2-gg>

## CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS



### The Twins Are Here!

The unborn twins for whom we have been praying have arrived. Nolan and Hudson were born at Williamsport Hospital on September 9, 2007. Each boy weighed a little more than four pounds. Despite some complications the boys are improving and are home!

The twins are still in need of disposable diapers, baby wipes, onesies, bottles, blankets, sweaters and other warmer clothing. Donations can be placed in

### Journey House Update

Journey House, a project of New Covenant United Church of Christ, is set to open one of four apartments on Church Street in November. The goal of Journey House is to provide housing that allows homeless families to remain together while dedicating themselves to the difficult task of regaining independent living in the community.

Our help is needed in providing new household items used to equip each apartment. Items requested include frying pans, sauce pans, cutting board, paring knives, mixing bowls, kitchen utensils, plastic storage containers, bucket, mop, laundry basket, bath towels, hand towels, washcloths, bath mat, toilet supplies, full size sheet sets, blankets, comforter, pillows, ceiling fans, floor lamp, paper can, a bedroom lamp, and monetary donations to offset the cost of larger items of furniture. Checks may be made payable to Saint Mark's earmarked for Journey House.

Please speak to Becky Miller Pryor for additional information.

### Newberry Branch of NGA Yard Sale

If you love a good yard sale with everything from clothes to house wares to toys, you'll love the Fall Yard Sale of the Newberry Branch of NGA. (We're the group of ladies who provide new clothes, shoes, and linens to more than 400 people in Williamsport on a yearly basis.) This is our largest fundraiser,

Shop with us on **Saturday, October 20, 2007 at St. John's / Newberry United Methodist Church from 8:00 – 1:00**. The church is located at 2101 Newberry Street in Newberry. Please support us with your attendance.

### Missed a service? Don't fret!

Call Shirley Vognet or the church office for a tape of any service!  
Tape Committee, Jim Buckman, John Burkholder, Frank Vognet



# Nurse's Notes

- October 7** October is Clergy Appreciation Month. Take some time to thank your Pastor for the work he/she does in the name of Christ. Gifts that promote the health and wellness of our leaders might include: membership to a gym, an extra vacation day during the remainder of the year, gift certificate for walking shoes, free babysitting, etc. – all are welcome, however cards are also greatly appreciated ... cards keep on giving because they can be re-read throughout the months ahead!
- October 14** Never assume that because a medication is over-the-counter it is completely safe to use. For instance, taken heavily or incorrectly, several common medications containing ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin), naproxen (Naprosyn, Aleve) or acetaminophen (Tylenol) may increase or worsen high blood pressure. If you use these medications on a regular basis, share that information with your doctor, and have your blood pressure checked on a regular basis.
- October 21** How loud is too loud? According to Harvard Medical School's HEALTHbeat, your ears should be protected from sounds that are louder than 80 decibels. Listed are a few sounds for comparison:
- |   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| 20 Watch ticking  | 30 Whispering                |
| 40 Leaves rustling, refrigerator humming                          | 50 neighborhood street noise |
| 60 Dishwasher; normal conversation                                | 70 car, alarm clock          |
| 80 vacuum; garbage disposal                                       | 90 power lawn mower          |
| 100 diesel truck, subway, chain saw                               | 130 air raid siren; jet      |
| 120 rock concert, plane propeller, portable stereo at full volume |                              |
| 140 shotgun blast; explosion                                      |                              |
- October 28** Did you know that your shoe size changes as you get older? As we age, our feet typically lose some of the padding along the sole of the foot, causing the foot to become slightly longer and wider, so you may want to consider having them measured ever year or two.



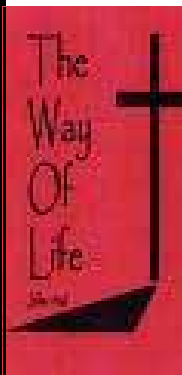
## ARCHAEOLOGY!

Pastor Elkin left on September 28 for another of those adventures. This time he travels to the island of Menorca, off the coast of Spain in the Mediterranean Sea, where he will spend two weeks engaged in a dig at the site of a First Century BC Roman town and military camp. The dig is sponsored by a local university, and a well-established museum is close at hand. Such digs depend upon persons who are willing to give time to do the heavy hand work needed. The dig season is rather short, only several months, and the rest of the year is needed to analyze what has been found and relate it to previously known things. The Pastor will have a full report for us when he returns. At this point he does not know the size or makeup of the group that will be working.

Pastor flies this weekend to Barcelona and visits briefly with his daughter Katy. Then on Monday he flies to Menorca. After the two week participation in the dig is concluded, he returns to Barcelona and then he and Katy will fly to Granada, a city in southern Spain that Katy has not yet visited. There they plan to visit the Alhambra, the great Moorish palace. Pastor Elkin returns to Williamsport on October 19.

## THE WAY UNDERWAY

Five candidates and their sponsors are now engaged in *The Way*, our disciple-mentoring process. There is still time to join in and catch up as they begin the period of reflection, prayer, study, conversation, and action leading to the Affirmation of Faith at the Easter Vigil next March.



Please call the Pastor or Bob Schultz for more information.

The group frequently meets at 4:00 on Sundays.

# ELCA WOMEN NEWS

## Rummage Sale & Bazaar

Saturday, October  
13th

9 am—2 pm

Please donate:

**Household Items      Small Appli-  
   ances**

**Attic Treasures  
Chests**



**Dishes**

**Lamps      Kitchen items      Crystal  
Dried Flowers      China      flatware  
DVD's & VHS**

## Blanket Sunday October 7th



Look for the colorful quilts on the pews. Our ladies will display their handiwork from the past year. They are beginning a new year and are inviting newcomers. Join the group any Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. for Morning Prayer (or later if the time is more convenient for you). Try your hand at knotting quilts or assembling and basting them. Some ladies work at home, and others come Wednesday mornings for a pleasant "morning out". This is today's version of our grandmothers' quilting bees. It's a friendly group, and coffee is available in the kitchen.

## Come & Quilt!

If you have been unable to help with making quilts or donating kits or soap you may contribute by making a monetary donation in the attached envelope. Be sure to include your envelope number so that you can receive credit for your contribution. (Checks can be made out to St. Mark's and designated for "Blankets"). This money will be used to purchase blankets in bulk for victims of natural and man-made disasters and to pay for shipping the quilts.

**FOR EVERY QUILT THAT IS MADE,  
AND FOR EVERY DOLLAR THAT IS  
GIVEN,**

# USS ARK, SYNOD & WEST BRANCH NEWS

## UPDATE ON BETTE MCCRANDALL

Dear Friends,

Many of you will recognize the name of Bette Ann McCrandall as one of our long-time ELCA missionaries in Liberia. A total of 16 congregations in our Upper Susquehanna Synod help to support her as Superintendent of Schools in the Lutheran Church in Liberia. She has served in numerous other roles during her 24 years in Liberia, and is now at her home in Flint, Michigan, on one of her biennial furloughs.

It saddens me to have to report that a recent biopsy showed that Bette has developed cancer which appears to be localized. She faces surgery on October 1st, followed by five weeks of treatment which will most certainly spoil her plans to fly back to Liberia on October 16.

Our Lord Jesus Christ healed the lame, the blind, the crippled and those with leprosy—even those who never asked for healing, and even those who never gave thanks. So I would ask for your fervent prayers for Bette's comfort, strength, and healing in these difficult days ahead. In case you wish to send messages or cards, here are her various addresses:

Ms. Bette A. McCrandall  
 4336 E. Carpenter Road  
 Flint, MI 48506  
 Email: mccrandallbettea@yahoo.com

I'll make a special effort to keep you informed about her progress in the weeks ahead. Meanwhile, paraphrasing Evening Vespers, let our prayers rise before the Lord as incense, as we lift up our hands on behalf of both Bette's need for healing and her mother's recovering from a recent broken hip.

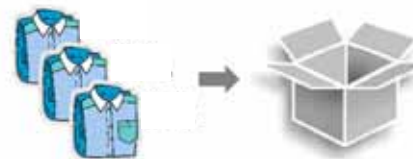
Robert L. Bradford, Chairman  
 USS/LCL Companion Synods Committee

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS to pack boxes for our next shipping container to Liberia

The month of October promises to be a hectic one as we prepare to send our 22nd cargo container to the Lutheran Church in Liberia on Saturday, November 17th. We have thousands of T-shirts, hundreds of theology books, sheets, pillow cases, towels, and school supplies to pack. These items are currently stored at three locations (see below). If you are able and willing to help, please select from the following dates and locations:

I prefer the following date(s):

- |  |  |  |   |
|--|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thurs., Oct. 4  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sat., Oct. 6  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mon., Oct. 8  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tues., Oct. 9  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thurs., Oct 18  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sat., Oct. 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mon., Oct. 15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tues., Oct 23  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thurs., Oct. 25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sat., Nov. 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mon., Oct: 22 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tues., Oct. 30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thurs., Nov. 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> Fri., Oct. 19 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mon., Oct. 29 | <input type="checkbox"/> Wed., Oct. 31  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thurs., Nov. 8  | <input type="checkbox"/> Fri., Nov. 9  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mon., Nov. 12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Wed., Nov. 7   |



My preferred work site is:

- Zion Lutheran Church, Sunbury (5th & Market Sts.)  Sharon Lutheran Church, Selinsgrove (S. Market & Bough Sts.)  
 Susquehanna University storage facility on the edge of campus at 240 West Sassafras St. in Selinsgrove  
 No particular preference: will work where necessary  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your response to Bob or Carol Bradford (2 Ridgway, Northumberland, P A 17857) or telephone them (570) 473-9505 or send an email [tobradford@evenlink.com](mailto:tobradford@evenlink.com).



# USS ARK, SYNOD & WEST BRANCH NEWS



**CAMP MOUNT LUTHER**

## 2007 APPLE CORPS Women's Retreat

All women of the Upper Susquehanna Synod are invited to come to Mount Luther in rural Mifflinburg for a day-long retreat this fall co-sponsored by the Upper Susquehanna Women of the ELCA and the camp. Come spend some quiet time with God and your sisters in Christ in the tranquil setting of God's creation.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2007**

The day will begin with coffee and doughnuts at 9:30 a.m. We'll have sessions during the morning and afternoon led by Marianne Brock, Associate Executive Director of the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA. There will be singing, prayer, and devotions. The day will end with closing worship at 2:45 p.m.

The theme for the retreat is **MY CUP OVERFLOWS: AN INVENTORY OF BLESSINGS**. Cost for the retreat is \$12.00 which includes coffee and tea, snacks, lunch and the program. Registration deadline is Friday, October 5, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. To register, please fill out the form below and return to Mount Luther, 355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844. If you have questions, call the camp at (570) 922-1587 or e-mail [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org)



Mount Luther Adult Ministries

### 2007 APPLE CORPS FOR WOMEN REGISTRATION

*Registration Deadline: October 5, 2007*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \$12.00

#### Permission to take part in program:

I am interested in the policies, goals, and programs of Camp Mount Luther and hereby give permission to participate in the programs and activities of the camp. Any photos or video recordings taken in which I appear may be used for promotion of the camp free of any claims

Signed, \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# USS ARK, SYNOD & WEST BRANCH NEWS



## CAMP MOUNT LUTHER CHICKEN BARBECUE

Saturday, November 10,  
2007

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

*Come to Mount Luther to spend an afternoon enjoying the fall. You can enjoy our famous chicken (take outs are available) and even take a walk on our grounds. The fundraiser benefits the camp's general operating fund.*

**Price:** \$7.25 for Adults  
\$3.75 for Children under 12

**Menu:** Barbeque Chicken, Side Dishes, Roll, Dessert and Beverage

Tickets are available by contacting the camp office. Deadline for ordering tickets is Friday, November 2. A limited number of walk-ins will be available.

### CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

355 Mt. Luther Lane  
Mifflinburg, PA 17855

Phone: (570) 922-1587

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E-Mail: [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org)



## Aid for the Luscombe Family

**What happened:** On June 16th Diana Luscombe was in a terrible car accident in south central Pennsylvania. The car hit the middle concrete divider, bounced back and forth on the road, and then flipped and rolled, finally stopping upside down. Riding with her in the car were her husband Mark, and their two kids: Cole, age 4 weeks, and Hannah, age 2 years. Miraculously Diana's husband and children were unscathed.

Diana, however, sustained injuries to her left hand, head, and C5 through C6 vertebrae. It is unclear if she will ever walk again, though there is hope that through extensive therapy she may regain enough motion in her upper body to hold her children. What is clear is that the road to recovery for Diana and her family will be long and expensive.

Diana is on her way to be set apart as a Diaconal Minister, and her husband Mark is a pastor in the ELCA. Diana has also been serving as interim director of Theological Education with Youth, a program that encourages youth to recognize and use their God-given talents in the Church and world. They are deeply caring people who are committed to serving God through the Church.

**How you can help:** A CD of Christian folk music entitled "For Diana" is being sold to raise funds for this family. This is a Lutheran music ministry based out of Woodstock, NY. Samples of their music can be heard on their website (<http://www.faithfulfolk.org>). 100% of the money collected from "For Diana" will go to Diana and her family. And if \$15,000 is raised (suggested donation of \$15 or more per CD), Thrivent has agreed to add \$5,000 more. So please, be generous, think ahead to birthdays, Christmas, and of all the people you know who might be moved by this story and appreciate receiving the CD from you.

*You and your friends are cordially invited  
to the installations of*

*The Rev. Robert L. Driesen  
as Bishop of  
the Upper Susquehanna Synod,  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

*The Revs. Beth Ann and Karl John Stone  
as Assistants to the Bishop*

*Mrs. Virginia Frantz  
as Administrative Assistant to the Bishop*

*The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop  
The Rev. A. Donald Main, Preacher*



*Weber Chapel,  
Susquehanna University,  
Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania*

*Sunday, the twenty-first of October,  
Two thousand seven  
at three o'clock in the afternoon.*

*Dessert Reception, 1:30-2:30 pm,  
Outdoors, weather permitting,  
or inside Weber Chapel, if necessary.*

*Pre-Service Music, 2:30 pm*

*Rostered leaders invited to vest.  
Color of the day is red.*

# A View from the Pew



Our Church Family

Lots of our members have appeared in the local newspapers in the past weeks - there was quite a nice article describing Frank Vognet's service in the Civil Air Patrol and another featuring the volunteer service of Ted and Aric Larson at the Community Arts Center.

This summer a photograph of Hannah Ramsauer appeared in a group of students attending Lycoming College for Kids - Emily and James Newcomer also attended this summer event. Riley Weber and his fellow members of the Odyssey of the Mind group were pictured preparing for their competition - we all knew we had especially intelligent children at St. Mark's.

At the groundbreaking for the new children's wing at the Brown Library, Elizabeth Haussman was one of the featured very young children who took their large spoons and dug into the site of the new building. The dirt was really flying - I think they are anxious for the completion of this addition to our library.

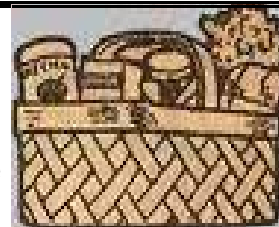
Some of us are traveling - Barb and Phil Thomas and Phil's mother traveled to Maine and the Webers had an eventful cruise. Their planned itinerary to the Yucatan peninsula was changed due to Hurricane Dean and they sailed instead to the Bahamas and Key West.

An article in The Lycoming Magazine announced that an anonymous donor had endowed a scholarship to honor former Lycoming professor (and former St. Mark's member) Otto Sonder. Doctor Sonder is a graduate of Lycoming and was associate professor and Chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the college from 1956-1968. He is now a resident of Oneonta, New York.

~ contributed by Joyce Hershberger

## HARVEST HOME SUNDAY

## OCTOBER 14, 2007



Our congregation will be celebrating a "Day of Thanksgiving" by bringing nonperishable items for the local United Churches Food Pantry. These items should be brought to the church in the provided bag or plastic bag, on Sunday, October 7 or 14. They will be displayed on Sunday, October 14 at both Worship Services. People in need are given a three day supply of food. Volunteers at the food pantry are very grateful for our church families generous response every year. We hope you and your family will be part of this annual celebration as we thank God for what He has given us.

~ Music & Worship Committee

### Please note the following Directory changes:

**Mr. & Mrs. Aeris (Powley) Bates**

8 Dulles Dr. E, Camp Hill, PA 17011-1105

**Scott Dietterick**

2 Ashwood Court, Pooler, GA 31322-9405

**Frank I. Bardo, III.**

1271 N. Newell Rd., Vincennes, IN 47591-8944

**Nancy Sanders**

410 Alexis Drive, Williamsport, PA 17701-9733

**Ira Tuxford,**

210 Louise Avenue, Montgomery, PA 17752-9533

**Zelma Vitolins**

Sycamore Manor, Room 325

**Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Schuster (Seminary Seniors)**

61 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg, PA 17325-1742

**Zayne Dietterick**

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**FN Doebler, Jeremiah J**

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# Lycoming County United Churches News

## Adopt a Student Sunday ~ October 7th



Our Campus Ministry is very busy once again this year and one of our goals is to make connections between students and congregations. To this end we are planning an Adopt a Student Sunday for October 7.

Questions should be directed to The LCUC Campus Ministry Coordinator: Heather Wagner at [hastywagner@aol.com](mailto:hastywagner@aol.com) or to our Campus Ministry board presidents:

- Detlef Huckfeldt at [huckfeldt@micro-link.net](mailto:huckfeldt@micro-link.net)
- Ollie Wagner at [montourpres@aol.com](mailto:montourpres@aol.com)

Many Blessings, Gwen Bernstine



## Food Pantry Update

### Items Needed:

Macaroni & Cheese  
Spaghetti & Sauce  
Jell-O & Pudding  
Condiments  
Chicken Helper  
Hamburger Helper  
Tea/Coffee/Cocoa  
Cake Mixes & Frostings  
Oodles of Noodles  
Canned Vegetables  
Pancake Mix & Syrup

Cookies  
Pizza Mix  
Beef Stew  
Desert Mixes  
Tuna Helper  
Sugar  
Soups  
Juice  
Flour  
Noodles  
Canned Fruit

## Will Our Youth Still Be Christian?

This is the theme of the 2007 Ecumenical Forum that will be held Monday, October 15, 2007 at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg. **Tony Campolo** and **Bob McCarty** will be the guest speakers. According to the groundbreaking National Study of Youth and Religion, many of our assumptions about our youth and their faith are well off the mark. American teens say that religion is important to them, but in fact it is very poorly understood by them and is not a priority for them. A major change is occurring away from the substance of Christian tradition and toward a new and quite different faith, a "Moralistic Therapeutic Deism." This shift echoes their parents' religiosity to an astonishing degree. The cost of this forum, which will run from 9:30-2:30 is \$20. Copies of the brochure are available at the United Churches office.

## 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.

**The answer to a crisis pregnancy is to eliminate the crisis, not the child.**

## Careers in Healthcare

Susquehanna Health is offering 11 free *Health Careers 4U* programs for 8th — 12th grade students and their parents this school year.



Register online at:  
[www.susquehannahealth.org/volunteer](http://www.susquehannahealth.org/volunteer)  
or call 321-2433

## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



### CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation 2007-2008 has officially begun! The ten Confirmands attended their first monthly meeting on Sunday, September 16. They, their parents and their mentors met and got to learn some new things about each other and what the coming years hold for them in their catechetical program.

The five students returning to be confirmed in 2008 and their mentors are:

Christina Comini, daughter of Eric & Sharon Comini with Karen Boone  
 Brandon Fortin, son of Matthew & Wanda Fortin with Lou DeSeau  
 Paige Fortin, daughter of Matthew & Wanda Fortin with Stephanie Fortin  
 Sara Jones, daughter of Robert & Bernadette Jones with Jane Kline  
 Hannah Ramsauer, daughter of Robert & Michele Ramsauer with Deb Maggs

The five young people beginning their two years of study and their mentors are:

Stephen Boone, son of Karen Boone with Bob Jones  
 Corey Hospes, son of Richard & Vicki Hospes with Declan Jones  
 Emily Newcomer, daughter of James & Susan Newcomer with Jane Larson  
 Devin Owen, son of Kirk & Michelle Owen with Nick Buckman  
 Riley Weber, son of Gary & Shelby Weber with Bud Doebler

Please keep the Confirmands, their mentors and their parents in your prayers.

GATHER. UNITE. PRAY.

come together.

See You at the Pole™ 2007

*See You at the Pole™* isn't about groups, grades, clothes, or churches. It's about praying. It's about high school students coming together and laying aside all the labels for one day, simply to call out to God, just as Jesus did in

John 17 and say, "Lord, may we be one in you--whether jocks, preps, geeks, Pentecostals, Baptists, Catholics, freshmen, or seniors--may the world believe that You are real and have sent us to touch other through you, regardless of the dividing lines drawn by a broken world!"

**"Come together"** was the theme for See You at the Pole this year. All of our area high schools participated. East Lycoming, Jersey Shore, Loyalsock, Montgomery, Montoursville, Muncy, South Williamsport and Williamsport Area High Schools joined in prayer around their schools' flag poles at **7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 26**, in the company of other teenagers nationwide. Last year, there were reports of young people taking part in numerous countries on six other continents.

This event was organized and led by students. At each of the area schools contacted, 30-50 teens gathered, with only one school reporting less than that. Some of St. Mark's youth were among those assembled that morning. Do teens care? Yes, evidently they do.

# YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

## 145th Pennsylvania State Sunday School Annual Convention October 19 & 20, 2007

**Convention Theme: "The Word of God is Not Restricted" (II Tim. 2:9b)**

Mark your calendar! The 144th Annual Pennsylvania State Sunday School Convention will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 19 & 20. The host church for the will be the Newville First Church of God, 475 Shippensburg Road (Route 533 West), Newville, PA (Cumberland County). The church is located about 12 miles west of Carlisle.



The 2007 Convention will feature over 25 different workshops, special music, displays, free literature, a lunch served at the host church and much, much more. Please consider coming along for this informative and enriching event. Call the office or e-mail for more information.



### FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28 AT 3:00 PM.

The children's instruction continues on November 4 and 11 (also at 3 PM). The sacrament will be given on November 18. Letters have been sent to those of the age at which instruction begins for this important step in their life in the church. If you, as a parent, feel your child/ren is/are ready for this important step in his or her life and you have not received this letter or you have any questions regarding this please call Pastor Elkin.

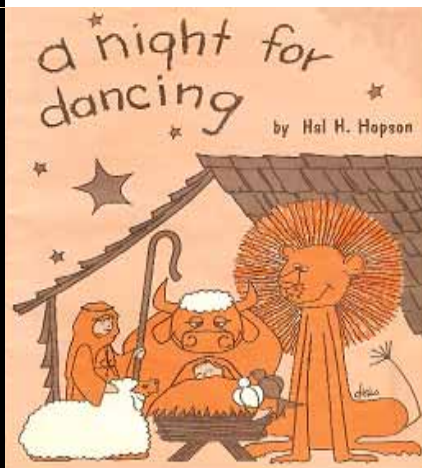
**Attention girls: 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade and your moms:**

## YOU CAN STILL JOIN US FOR THE REVOLVE TOUR!! Philadelphia, PA, November 2-3, 2007, Wachovia Spectrum

How would you like to go to Philly for a weekend? Join us for a great mother/daughter getaway to renew your faith, have a wonderful time and reconnect with the world around you.

Check out the website: [www.revolveturn.com](http://www.revolveturn.com), and see all the artists and events that will take place. Talk to your moms and friends about it and call Sharon if you are interested. Monies are available to help defer the cost.

## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



### a night for dancing

This lovely Christmas Cantata by Hal H. Hopson will be presented during the Sunday School hour on December 23 and again on Christmas Eve at the 7:00 pm service.

We need children, youth and adults to stage this retelling of Christ's birth. Adults and youth will carry most of the singing parts as the youngsters act out the story. Adult and youth assistance is also required for assembling and organizing costumes and props for our young actors.

We realize how busy everyone is at that time of year and are putting together a rehearsal schedule keeping that in mind. Keep an eye on the bulletin for rehearsal announcements. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex and the staff and choir hallways. If you have never participated before—please consider it now. We look forward to you joining us!

**a night for dancing** will be under the direction of Bernadette Jones, with Richard Lakey as Musical Director. Please play a part with us in presenting this fun and meaningful rendering of the Christmas story. We can't do it without you.



## Williamsport Crop Walk

Sunday, October 14

1:30 PM

Registration starts at 1:00 pm

The walk begins in Indian Park, and the 3, 6 and 10 mile routes run along the bike path.

[www.cropwalk.org](http://www.cropwalk.org)

Goal this year:

\$25,000 & 500 Walkers

25% of the funds raised support our local agencies:

United Churches Food Pantry

Salvation Army Food Pantry

American Rescue Workers Food Pantry

St Anthony's Kitchen



## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

# Children's



# Church

resumes October 14 at 10:30. We look forward to welcoming everyone back. The children's special collection that

## ST. MARK'S LIONS NEED YOU!!

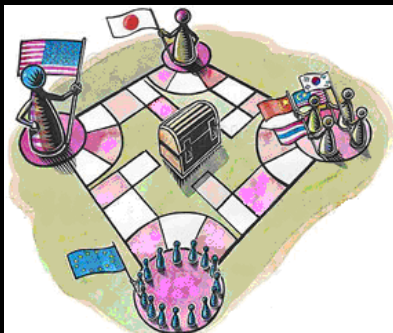
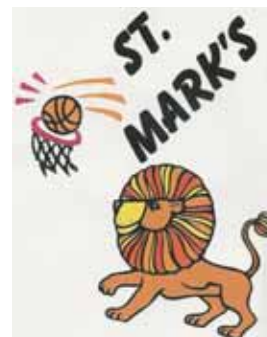
The John Bower Basketball League will be starting soon!

We'd like to have an older team, along with our younger teams—so we need more players!!

**Friends from other churches are welcome**—as long as they attend Sunday School at their home church and don't have a team there.

Practices will begin on Tuesday, November 6, at 6:00 pm—but you need to sign up before that!! Pick up a registration form from Bernadette Jones or Rick Robertson.

Adults, feel free to help out Coach Rick, Coach Kirk and Coach Jeff by volunteering to train our future "ballers". Contact the church office at 323-4619 or e-mail us through the website.



## Friday Fun Night

October 26th 6:30 p.m.

IF YOU HAVEN'T JOINED US YET,  
THERE'S NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT!!!

## Trout Pond Park Family Fun Center

1935 Rte. 405 HWY, Muncy, PA

[www.troutpondpark.com](http://www.troutpondpark.com)

Christian Skate Night 3rd Wednesday of every month 6:30-9:30 PM  
Skate rental \$2 or \$3 for Speed Skates or In-lines (groups of 10 or more free skate rental!)

All Christian Music and Fun Games



# MUSIC MINISTRY

## 18th Annual Organ Concert

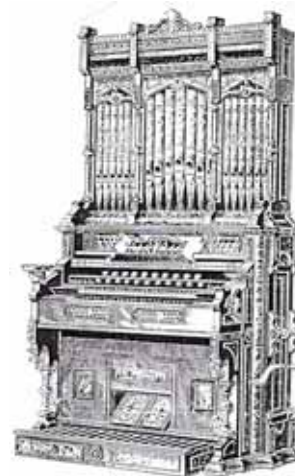
for the benefit of North Central Pennsylvania Dialysis Clinics

November 11, 2007

4:00 pm

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Featuring Nancy Ackerman & Richard Lakey as they perform compositions written for two organists, that's right, four hands and four feet attempting to play all the correct notes while not getting into one another's way!

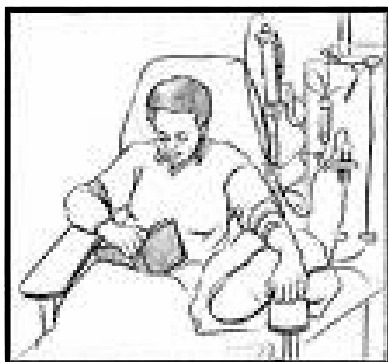


Tickets may be obtained by sending your check to  
**St. Mark's Lutheran Church**, c/o Dick Lakey, 142 Market Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

### Non-Sponsorship Tickets

Individual \$ 8  
 Family \$15

Please note: Contributions to this concert are NOT tax deductible.



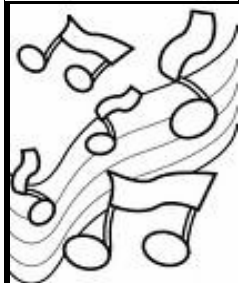
### Special Sponsorship Opportunities

Friend \$ 25—\$ 49  
 Giver \$ 50—\$ 74  
 Contributor \$ 75—\$ 99  
 Supporter \$100—\$249  
 Donor \$250—\$499  
 Benefactor \$500+

### Sponsorship benefits:

Your name listed in the concert program  
 A complimentary ticket for you & your guests

Tickets may be purchased at the door on the afternoon of the concert. We hope that you will be generous in your donations. The money raised will be used in many ways: cookbooks for dialysis patients, supplemental drink "Nepro" to help maintain their health, taxi rides to and from dialysis are but a few.



## Upcoming Musical Events

Sunday, October 28 at Morning Worship Kantorei will present a cantata.  
 Sunday, October 28 at 3:00 PM Civic Chorus Concert  
 Sunday, November 11 at 10:30 Worship Lycoming Chamber Choir  
 Sunday, November 11 at 4 PM 18th Annual Dialysis Benefit Concert  
 Sunday, November 18 at 10:30 Worship Lycoming College Choir ~ 125 voices

## MILESTONE MINISTRY



# The Milestone Celebration of 75+ , Single and still Praising God

A joyous celebration was held for the first time on Sunday, August 26, 2007. Those honored are valued members of our congregation who have attained 75 or more years of age, are single and still praising God!

Those attending, and others who were unable to be there, sent us the titles of two hymns which were of great significance in their lives. Some of these were incorporated into the service at 10:30 that day, others were sung with fervor after the luncheon, and all were listed on their keepsake program of the event.

All of the members of our congregation included in this category were remembered during the service and recognized for their years of service and faith. Commemorative cards were sent to those unable to attend.

Afterwards, the honorees were treated to a luncheon of Summer Savory Fruit Soup, Salade de Poulet with Toasted Rye Wedges, and Lemon Sorbet. An assortment of cookies was available for their dessert. An old-fashioned "hymn sing" followed. The meal was served by youth from our congregation.



The VIPs of that day include:

Jeannette Aderhold	Luther Doebler	Merritt Hunt	Jane Oakes
Edith Anderson	Jeanne Fargus	Betty Kaufman	Helen Ochs
Jane Angle	Doris Fortin	Shirley Kinney	Ruth U. Pile
Calvin Bennett	Earl Foulkrod	Gladys Knauss	Betty Rechel
Dorothy Berndt	Catherine Goertz	Ruth Lamade	Anne Rhodes
Dorothy Bingaman	Doris Griggs	Marian Larson	Elizabeth Ruesskamp
Doris Brownlee	John Hollenback	Roxanna Larson	James Sheaffer
Doris Buzzerd	Phyllis Holmes	Catherine Lemme	Lillian Skeeby
Ethel Chambers	Alona Hopley	Irma Logan	Carl Smollinger
Elizabeth Chrisman	Ardath Houser	Glenn Lunger	Betty Stroup
Katherine Crane	Charlotte Hughes	Shirley MacGill	Jane Strous
Bonita Crossley	Merritt Hunt	John MacMinn	Erma Super
Harold Davis	Betty Kaufman	Lucille Markel	Henrietta Tyson
Betty Diehl	Shirley Kinney	Mary Martin	Zelma Vitolins
Larue Dieter	Ardath Houser	Arlene McCoy	Beulah Wrede
Beatrice Doebler	Charlotte Hughes	Lillian Miller	

## HEALTH, HEALING & WHOLENESS

### (W)holy, (W)holy, (W)holy

“... 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.”(Deuteronomy 6:4-7) - thus is written the *Shema* – God’s instructions to the Hebrews on how to pass on the faith to their children, and their children’s children. God doesn’t leave us off the hook easily for we are to **do it when we are at home and away, when we go to sleep and when we wake up**. It seems like a daunting task. To accomplish this, means that as adults, it becomes necessary for us to control and sometimes buffer the outside influences which impact the way our children receive and process information. This would naturally include media – TV, DVD and video.

Earlier this year, a scientific journal article titled “Television and DVD/Video Viewing in Children Younger than Two Years” (Zimmerman, F., D. Christakis & A. Meltzoff. (May 2007). *Archives of Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine*. Vol. 161, No. 5, pgs. 473-479) was published, which garnered media attention. Some troubling statistics were presented – 90% of US children under age 2 and as many as 40% of infants, under 3 months, are regular watchers of TV and DVD/Videos. This is occurring in spite of recommendations by the American Academy of Pediatrics that children under the age of 2 should not watch **any** TV, and older children be exposed to no more than two hours of “quality programming” each day. The study’s authors make no judgments as to whether or not this much exposure is good or bad, however consider the following:

- § During the first two years, the human brain develops connections between its many nerve cells – it also undergoes some pruning, as the brain determines which connections will stay and which will go – the child’s environment plays an enormous role in what the child will retain!
- § From the time of birth, infants need a steady interaction with warm, caring adults to be able to form bonds that will enable them to become competent adults. In fact babies deprived of human touch frequently do not survive.
- § Play is a child’s work and toys are their tools. Through play a child learns how things work, they build muscle control and strength, use their imagination, learn to problem solve, and cooperate.
- § According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, a child in the US will see 40,000 commercials per year; most children less than 8 are incapable of understanding that ads are designed to sell a product – but consider that there is an intentional trend to market media toward kids under age 3.
- § Children aged 2 – 7 may be frightened by violent images, simply telling them the images are not real does not help – they cannot yet distinguish between reality and fantasy.
- § Several studies associate TV watching with poor sleep patterns, poor school performance, and there are currently studies underway examining the correlation between rapidly changing video images and Attention Deficit Disorder in kids.
- § According to the cited study’s lead researcher, Dr. Zimmerman, “Parents are getting the message loud and clear from marketers of TV and videos that this stuff [educational videos and programming – including BabyFirst cable, available 24/7] is good for their kids, that it will help brain development...none of this stuff has been proven.”
- § 68% of children ages 8 – 18 have a TV in their bedroom; some even younger
- § The amount of TV watched has a direct correlation to childhood obesity

It is unrealistic to think that your child can be raised without exposure to media. However, there are some things you **can** do to buffer its effects. Make human contact the primary source of communication with infants, and limit TV/video exposure for all children. Use programming as teaching tools – watch **with** your kids; discuss what is fantasy and reality; introduce books that correlate to the program. Turn off the tube, and talk to your child/grandchild about his/her faith. Keep games such as Faith Talk on hand for discussions that encourage spiritual growth.- who knows, you may learn something as well! Pray with your child **throughout** the day. Take advantage of time in the car – use it as an opportunity to discuss what it means to be a valued child of God!

*Autumn Blessings! Debbie Best, Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries*

## BIRTHDAYS

Glenn Lunger	10/01	Marian Larson	10/18	Ryan Lynn	10/23
Travis Rechel	10/02	Ashley Campbell	10/20	Richard Miller	10/24
Jeanne Fargus	10/03	Megan Greevy	10/20	Mark Welker	10/24
Anne Miller	10/03			Charles Kuntz	10/24
Stephanie Bieber	10/05			Jane Strous	10/26
Mary Lou Hartsock	10/05			Hannah Hausmann	10/26
Caitlin Butters	10/06			Andrew Hausmann	10/28
Amy Burkholder	10/11			Tait Thorne	10/28
Heather Fenderson	10/11			John Hoffman	10/29
Christine Sauers	10/12			Barbara Thomas	10/29
Shirley Vognet	10/13			Kathryn Calvert	10/30
Wilson Doebler	10/16			Deborah Maggs	10/30
Sean Fenderson	10/17	Paige Fortin	10/21	Lois Winters-Goldy	10/30
Charles Homan	10/17	Carolyn Wacker	10/21	Donna Maule	10/31
William Confer	10/18	Jeremiah Bittner	10/22	Natalie Miller	10/31



## ANNIVERSARIES

Kirk & Michelle Owen	10/01	
Robert & Barbara McCullough	10/02	
John & Kim Hufnagel	10/07	
Kenneth & Kathleen Caster	10/09	
Frank & Mary Lou Doebler	10/09	
Jeffrey & Catherine Kneedler	10/09	
Lawrence & Norma Lehman	10/09	
Frank & Phyllis Ulman	10/10	
Tracy & Andrea Gregory	10/16	
Louis & Linda DeSeau	10/26	
Russell & Lois Smith	10/28	
Romain & Evelyn Bastian	10/30	



### INTERESTED IN LOCAL HISTORY?

A new postcard history book by Arcadia Publishing is now on sale at your local bookstore or gift shop. The author of *Around Hughesville* is **Joan Blank**, your former church secretary! Come and say hello to her at a book signing at Otto's Bookstore on Friday, October 5 from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Also at the signing will be Lock Haven author, Eric M. Smith, who will be signing his book, *Clinton County*.

Joan is currently working on another postcard history, *Around Montgomery*, which will be released in March, 2008.

### WE'RE SORRY DICK! WE GOOFED!

On page 15 of the September Lion a thank you to everyone who participated in the production of "In the Beginning..." listed Dick Lakey under '*support*,' when in fact he wrote the book, music and lyrics of the musical.

We apologize to Dick for this oversight and offer him our heartfelt gratitude for his many talents that he shares with us on a daily basis.

## SPECIAL THANK YOU'S

Dear friends at St. Marks,

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, e-mails and phone calls to me and my daughter during my unexpected hospitalization. I'm back at my apartment after losing the month of August ~ seems I had a heart attack and didn't know it...it sort of sneaked up on me...it's good to be back but I'm told it will take a good 6-8 weeks to get "back to normal". Each day I seem to get a little bit more energy but it is slow. I just need patience. I am taking the month of September to REST UP...hope to return to normal in October. I miss seeing you all at Church. Hope to see you soon.

~ Dot Berndt

Dear friends at St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generosity of the bedding. Your contribution is truly a blessing to this ministry as well as those in need. May God richly bless you for your acts of compassion you extend to those less fortunate.

~ Karen Nelson, Volunteer

Dear Pastor & Milestone Committee,

I would like to thank everyone involved in our Milestone Celebration. What a special way to honor us. Special thanks to Bob and the young people for their excellent service. I was proud to see my grandson as one of them. I thank God that I am a part of St. Mark's family.

~ Shirley Kinney

Dear friends at St. Mark's,

I would like to thank everyone for the love and support our family has received for our twin grandsons, Nolan and Hudson. We are thankful for the many gifts of necessities the twins have received, but we are even more grateful for the prayers that have been offered up to God on their behalf. Thank you! Please continue to hold them in your prayers.

~ George & Kay Poliska & family

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank everyone for the overwhelming love and support I have received during my recent hospitalization. Thank you for the many cards, notes, visits, prayers and words of encouragement. In His Love, Lou DeSeau

Dear friends at St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generosity of the sheets and personal care items. This ministry, as well as those in need, are truly blessed because of friends like you. May God's richest blessings be upon you for the compassion you share with others. Karen Nelson, Volunteer

Dear friends,

Heartfelt thanks to The Milestone Committee for hosting the 75, Single, and Still Praising God event. It was a most enjoyable occasion. The meal was delicious and the young servers did an impeccable job. Conversation among this special group of members was rewarding. Singing our favorite hymns was heartwarming. My sister and I had a wonderful time, as I'm sure did everyone present. Thank You!

~ Henrietta Tyson

Dear friends,

I would like to thank everyone who is involved in the cassette tape ministry. As a person with a disability who cannot always make it out to church it is so wonderful to be able to hear the worship service on tape. It enables me to continue to feel close in spirit to my church family at St. Mark's. Thank you for this caring ministry!

~ Kay Poliska

Dear Pastor Elkin,

I am so very appreciative of the emergency help I received Sunday, August 26. Thank you. It was comforting to realize I was not alone and able to communicate with such caring nurses. You and St. Mark's members truly are special and a blessing. Thank you for the prayers and blessings I received. Your emergency plans are the best. (The voice of experience!) Sincerely, Catherine Goertz

Dear Becky, Pastor & all "helpers,"

Thank you so much for the wonderful celebration of "75+ years of Praising God" on August 26th. The luncheon, talented artwork of Sharon Comini, sharing of wonderful times over the years & the hymn sing were just the greatest! God bless all of you! Love, Jeanne Fargus

Dear friends at St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generosity. Your donation of \$75 has been deposited into the Shepherd's Discretionary Fund, and will help serve those in need in a variety of areas. May God richly bless you for the compassion you extend to those less fortunate.

Karen Nelson, Volunteer

To all the staff at St. Mark's and helpers,

It was so very thoughtful of you to suggest the 75+ milestone and then tackle all the work that made it so special, despite all the other efforts that came up for that day! The lunch was so tasty and unusual, decorations lovely, and the cooks, decorators, maitre 'd' and servers, pianist—all did a great job to make it a lovely afternoon, My thanks to all!

~ Larue

## SPECIAL CONCERNS LIST

Jeannette Aderhold  
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Montoursville, PA 17754

Patricia Alexander  
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Williamsport, PA 17701

Nancy Bohartz  
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Williamsport, PA 17701

Doris Brownlee  
Fulmer's Personal Care Home  
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Lock Haven, PA 17745

Ethel Chambers  
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Williamsport, PA 17701

Bonita Crossley  
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Hills Grove, PA 18619-9300

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South Williamsport, PA 17702

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Montoursville, PA 17754

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Montoursville, PA 17754

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Williamsport, PA 17701

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Williamsport, PA 17701

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Williamsport, PA 17701

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Ward #311  
Danville, PA 17821

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Williamsport, PA 17701

Zelma Vitolins  
Sycamore Manor,  
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Beulah Wrede  
Faxon Commons,  
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Williamsport, PA 17701

Ralph Zeigler Sr.  
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Williamsport, P A 17701

# SAINT MARK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## October 2007

### St. Mark's Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>1</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:45 PM Adult Handbells 7:00 PM Civic Chorus</p>	<p><b>2</b> 8:00 AM City Pastors Mtg. 9:00 AM Morning Prayer</p>	<p><b>3</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Sewing 7:00 PM School of Religion</p>	<p><b>4</b> 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 8:00 AM Stephen Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 5:00 PM Stephen Ministry Training 7:30 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p><b>5</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Joah Blank at Otto's booksigning</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	
<p><b>7</b> <i>Blanket Sunday</i> <i>Pentecost XIX</i> 8:00 AM &amp; 10:30 AM HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 11:40 AM Cont. Choir 2:30 PM Life Chain 4:00 PM The Way 5:00 PM Fam. Handbell</p>	<p><b>8</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:45 PM Adult Handbells 7:00 PM Civic Chorus</p>	<p><b>9</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer</p>	<p><b>10</b> Rummage Sale Setup 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Sewing 7:00 PM School of Religion</p>	<p><b>11</b> Rummage Sale Setup 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:30 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p><b>12</b> Rummage Sale Setup 9:00 AM Morning Prayer</p>	<p><b>13</b> 9:00 AM Synod Cantor Worshop - Messiah 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Rummage Sale 9:30 AM CML Apple Corps Women's Retreat</p>
<p><b>14</b> Harvest Home <i>Pentecost XX</i> 8:00 AM &amp; 10:30 AM HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Children's Church 11:40 AM Kantorei 1:30 PM Crop Walk 5:00 PM Fam. Handbell 5:30 PM Council at Hoss'</p>	<p><b>15</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:00 PM Civ. Ch. Bd. Mtg. 6:45 PM Adult Handbells 7:00 PM Civic Chorus</p>	<p><b>16</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer</p>	<p><b>17</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Sewing 12:00 PM Lunch 'N' Fellowship 7:00 PM School of Religion</p>	<p><b>18</b> 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 5:00 PM Stephen Ministry Training 7:30 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p><b>19</b> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> Pastor returns from Spain 9:00 AM Morning Prayer</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>
<p><b>21</b> <i>Consecration Sunday</i> <i>Pentecost XXI</i> 8:00 AM &amp; 10:30 AM HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 11:40 AM Cont. Choir 3:00 PM Bishop Driesen Installation 5:00 PM Fam. Handbell 6:00 PM Catechetics</p>	<p><b>22</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 4:30 PM Recordors 6:00 PM Civic Chorus Nave 6:30 PM Council Mtg. 6:45 PM Adult Handbells</p>	<p><b>23</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:00 PM STS - State College 7:00 PM Family Promise 7:00 PM Finance Committee Mtg.</p>	<p><b>24</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Staff Mtg. &amp; Sewing 11:30 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM School of Religion</p>	<p><b>25</b> 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 5:00 PM Stephen Ministry Training 7:30 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p><b>26</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Lion Crew 6:00 PM Civic Chorus Nave 6:30 PM Friday Fun Night</p>	<p><b>27</b> 9:00 AM Civic Chorus Nave</p>
<p><b>28</b> <i>Reformation Sunday</i> 8:00 AM &amp; 10:30 AM HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 11:40 AM Kantorei 3:00 PM 1st Communion Class 3:00 PM Civic Chorus Concert 4:00 PM The Way 5:00 PM Fam. Handbell</p>	<p><b>29</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:45 PM Adult Handbells</p>	<p><b>30</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer</p>	<p><b>31</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Staff Mtg. &amp; Sewing 11:30 AM Bible Study</p>	  		

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## *To do on October Sundays:*

### *Pray*

Life Chain, Sunday, Oct. 7th 2:30 PM, on the Golden Strip

### *Share*

Harvest Home Good Gifts in Offering, Sunday, Oct. 14th  
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM services

### *Walk*

Crop Walk, Sunday, Oct. 14th, 1:30 PM. Montoursville

### *Plan*

Consecration Sunday, Estimates of Financial Giving  
Oct. 21st, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM services

### *Rejoice*

Civic Chorus Concert, Sunday, Oct. 28th, 3:00 PM

### *Worship*

Each Sunday, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM services