



THE LION OF ST. MARK'S

FEBRUARY 2012



Lights! Camera! Action!

We've all wondered what it is like to be an extra on a video shoot. Here is our opportunity to find out. On Sunday, February 12, after the 10:30 service, we would like to invite everyone to remain in the Nave for the filming of the challenge that we are making to Balls Mills United Methodist Church for our Iron Chef competition in March.

In the past, challenges have been issued personally, but formally; with a herald and accompanying trumpets; and clandestinely with self-destructing recorders. This year's challenge is being presented as a "what-do-pastors-talk-about-when-they-are-ready-but-have-to-wait-for-a-bride" scenario.

For opening and closing shots of this video, we need a church full of "wedding guests"-that's where all of you come in. We have invited the folks from the Balls Mills congregation and their pastor, the Rev. Jay Morris, to join us following their service on February 12. By the time our 10:30 service concludes, they will be arriving and ready to sit down with us and wait for instructions from the director of the shoot. We want to take as little of everyone's time as possible. Light refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall for everyone after the filming. It is just for fun, and for a good cause. Please plan to come and stay and enjoy the event.

Lenten Study Schedule

Oh, if only becoming a disciple of the Lord Jesus were a simple and straightforward event...but it is not. All of us struggle with understanding and are caught in conflict with one another over what it means to be faithful servants of the Lord. This Lent, let's explore 6 pairs of persons from scripture and see how we can interpret our lives through their experience.

Feb. 22, Ash Wednesday

Feb. 29, 2nd Wednesday

Mar. 7, 3rd Wednesday

Mar. 14, 4th Wednesday

Mar. 21, 5th Wednesday

Mar. 28, 6th Wednesday

Adam, Eve, and us

Jacob, Esau, and us

David, Saul, and us

Elijah, Jezebel, and us

Paul, Barnabas, and us

Jesus, the rich ruler, and us

Genesis 3

Genesis 32:2-12, 33:3-10

1 Samuel 18:6-16

1 Kings 19

Acts 15:34-41

Mark 10:17-27

The Wednesday schedule:

on **Ash Wednesday**, Holy Communion in the chapel at 12:00

Holy Communion in the Nave at 7:00

on the five Wednesdays that follow,

Mid-day Prayers at 11:30 in the chapel, lunch following.

Evening Prayer at 7:00 in the chapel, with supper preceding at 6:15.

on **April 4, the Passover Seder in Fellowship Hall** at 6:15



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Council Notes

The Congregation Council met in regular session on January 16, 2012 in the Crossways Room.

The Council:

- ◆ listened to another study on a segment of the Book of Concord, this time on the Real Presence in the Sacrament.
- ◆ received the reports of the Pastor, officers, and committees.
- ◆ granted letter of transfer for Patricia Hershey and family to St. Luke Church.
- ◆ heard the appointment of additional members to the Nominating committee.
- ◆ rejoiced that all of the social ministry projects were so successful in December.
- ◆ noted that the end of year financial figures are not yet complete from the bank, but that receipts in the last week of the year will have given us a positive balance.
- ◆ expressed concern for the pastor, and his father's declining health.
- ◆ adjourned quickly for travel home, since the weather was becoming icy this evening.

Parish Register

- ◆ Faith Chest Milestone was given on January 8, 2012 to: Breanna Chicas, Breanna Bower, Jonathan Lynch & Dalton Nash
- ◆ Funeral for Carol L. Smith on January 14, 2012 at the Knight/Confer Home with burial at Twin Hills Cemetery.

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**Behold what manner of love
the Father has bestowed on us
that we should be called
the children of God!**
1 John 3:1

From the Pastor

I would like to express my thanks to the members and staff of St Marks for all of the kind expressions of sympathy and care I received during our family's time of sorrow upon the death of my father, Richard Elkin of Punxsutawney PA. They are very much appreciated. Through an error at the newspaper, the obituary did not appear on Saturday, and there is no Sunday paper in Punxsutawney. With the word of the death spread only by word of mouth, the line at the visitation on Sunday afternoon sometimes stretched out the door of the building. They came to honor a man of few words but many honorable deeds.

I would like to express thanks in particular for the assistance I received on this past Sunday. It was necessary for me to leave immediately following the 8:00 service in order to be in Punxsutawney for the visitation time. Mr. Ray Huff, President of the congregation, graciously stepped in to deliver the slightly emended sermon at the second service on Sunday, and Kathy Dancho as Assisting Minister served as the chief liturgist for the distribution from reserve sacrament.. Nick Buckman sang the Psalm, and was already planning to lead the final hymn with its dramatic percussion accompaniment. Lou DeSeau took over many of the behind the scenes details to make sure that they ran smoothly, and Connie Shaible handled the changes needed in the altar guild . Thanks to the many adults who assisted in the introduction to the lesson at the 8:00 service. Declan Jones led my part of the acolyte training session following the 10:30 service.

I have received a number of cards and several gifts. The Council sent a beautiful table flower arrangement of yellow and pink alstromeria, roses, and calla lilies that we enjoyed at the visitation time, and which I have brought back home with me. When the flowers are spent, we'll have a nice clear glass vase for other events at church.

I can rest easy when I am away, because I know that we have such capable and trained persons as staff, volunteers, and members who are ready to take care of whatever happens when I am occupied elsewhere.

Your pastor in Christ Jesus,

Listen, God is calling...YOU!



The Nominating Committee has begun its work of searching for and selecting nominees for three-year terms on Congregation Council and also persons to serve as voting members at Synod Assembly in June.

Please call or send an email to the Nominating Committee chairman, Dan Ziegler by February 5th if you are interested in being considered, or if you are thinking of someone who has the gifts and abilities for these responsibilities. The Nominating Committee must give its report to the Council, which then reports to the Congregation at the annual Assembly in May for election. Mr. Zeigler may be reached at 322-3054 or by sending an email to 1DAZIG@Hughes.net

There are many other ways to serve as well. The various committees are always glad to welcome new members. A few samples and their leaders:

Worship & Music...Gregg Dancho, Social Ministry...Becky Miller Pryor, Stephen Ministry...Kathy Eshelman, Parish Life...Bob Jones, Property...Paul Zimmerer, Stewardship...Ray and Cindy Huff, Finance...Ken Shafranko, Little Lambs Liaison...Joyce Hershberger, Choirs...Jungwha Kim, Lutheran Shared Ministry...Bernadette Jones, Family Promise...Becky Miller Pryor and Jane Zimmerer, Altar Guild...Bev Hieber, Archives...Gary Weber, Sunday Church School...Michele Owen, Fine Arts...Joyce Hershberger, J B Basketball...Rick Robertson, and, and, and.....

Home Bible Study

When God's Gift Comes Specially Wrapped

This Bible study was developed by Charles R. Swindoll for parents or grandparents with special needs children.

Meeting February 4th, March 3rd & April 7th

5:00 – 6:30pm at the Comini home

336 Bennett St. Montoursville

Bring your kids and your Bible with you.

Materials will be provided.

In Christ's love ~ Eric & Sharon



"Every child has been divinely formed to be a unique creation of the Father, and God makes no mistakes"

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL



Our teachers for February are:

Pre-K and K: Brenda Gair

1st and 2nd: Becky Miller-Pryor

3rd and 4th: Sara Jones

5th: Eric & Sharon Comini

Thank you for volunteering! Teachers are still needed for several months this year. Please call Michele to volunteer.

GLORY

God Loves Our Rockin' Youth!

Join us if you want to rock!

HOME BIBLE STUDY

WITH FUN GAMES & SNACKS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18th

4-6 PM

at the COMINI'S,

336 Bennett Street, Montoursville

971-5434/651-9062



United Churches of Lycoming County

ECUMENICAL LUNCHES

Wednesdays, 12 to 1 PM

A tasty \$6 lunch, warm, ecumenical fellowship & a thoughtful program designed to enrich your life mentally, physically, spiritually and socially at Pine Street United Methodist Church.

No reservations are necessary.

- 1- **Mr. Charles Getchel, a member of Pine Street United Methodist Church "An Old Fashioned Hymn Sing and a New Fashioned Hymn Ring"**
- 8- **Rev. Dr. Rob Manzinger, Chair, United Churches Social Concerns and Pastor, First Baptist Church, Williamsport, "Faith Matters"**
- 15- **Rev. J. Morris Smith, Th.D., Shepherd of the Streets, "Serving the Poor"**
- 22- **Mr. Robert and Rev. Gwen Bernstine, Presidential Hobbyists, "Happy Birthday Mr. President (George Washington and Others)"**
- 29- **To Be Announced**



24 hour Devotion Line

is available to encourage you in your relationship with God. Devotions are under three minutes and change weekly.

Call 570-322-5762.

FOOD PANTRY



We are starting our move to The Campbell Street Center on the corner of Campbell St. and Memorial Ave. in Williamsport. It's a huge job but we're all looking forward to having some more space, parking, restrooms and no steps for our clients (or volunteers) to navigate. We really appreciate the enthusiastic welcome of Hank Mitchell, Executive Director, the Staff and Board of Directors. We look forward to working closely with them.

Our time at Sojourner Truth Ministries was a time for development, good fellowship and spiritual growth. However, plumbing issues caused us to look for a new home.

So here we go, to a new environment that will be close to our client base and will provide opportunities to expand our services to more folks in need.

CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIR

is back, preparing a song,
 "Creature Praise,"
 for the worship service on
 Sunday, February 12!



**WE REHEARSE EACH SUNDAY BETWEEN THEN AND NOW
 AT 9:00 IN THE CHAPEL!**

Parents, please make sure your children join us at that time
 and not later, as it cuts into the Sunday School hour.

We will sing after the offertory procession
 from Children's Church.

News in Our Pews

As I sit at my computer, I am watching the first real snowstorm of the winter – it is just lovely, from the inside!

I am reminded of Christmas and a few items “too late to classify” in the past month – **Brenda Gair** hard at work helping to create Christmas cookies with the children of the Lycoming Nursery School. Brenda looks very intent on her task!

The Williamsport Area High School music department held its always well received Holiday Celebration in December. Featured were several of our St. Mark's young people- **Emily Newcomer** in the vocal ensemble, **Katelyn Lauer**, **Max Hospes** and **Sara Jones** in the concert band with **Corey Hospes** and **Riley Weber** in the school orchestra. There wasn't an empty seat in the house.

The newly elected officials were sworn in at a ceremony at the CAC in early January. St. Mark's is proud to have two of our own as county commissioners and especially pleased that the new chairman is **Jeff Wheeland** who joins **Ernie Larson** as part of the three officials. The aforementioned Jeff Wheeland was part of a presentation in the nave of a check to Family Promise from the county commissioners received by **Becky Miller Pryor** and **Pastor Elkin**.

Spotted **Annika Waffenschmidt** as part of a chorus at West Branch School celebrating the solstice.

And last of all from my clipping file from the newspaper a late January article pictured our own **Linda DeSeau** who is a member of the board of the Newberry Community Partnership and Elm Street Project. This organization works very hard for the improvement of the Newberry section of the city.

December also brought the birth of a new son **Eliot** to **Katy** and **Esteban** and grandson to **Donna** and **Pastor**. Donna plans an early February trip to meet this new member of the family. Congratulations to all

~ Joyce Anne Hershberger

Please submit items to Joyce via her email deermountain2@comcast.net or by calling her at 322-0410.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



will meet Sunday, February 12,
at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel.

Children's monetary donations
this month will be combined
with the youth earnings from
December's fundraising dinner

and go toward choosing animals or aid through the Heifer program.

See you in the chapel on February 12!

SUPER SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY!



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

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

Please drop a dollar in the soup pots or contribute cans of soup in the barrels that will be in the narthex on January 29 and February 5 as you leave worship. Your donation will go directly to a charity right here in our community. With your help, more dollars will be raised, more lives will be changed, and more young people will experience the joy of serving Christ by serving others.

Let's go bowling!!

We want to plan another family bowling day!

Anyone want to help out?

Please give Michele or Bernadette a call!!



Volunteer Training to Begin



expectations
WOMEN'S CENTER

Expectations Women's Center (formerly Pregnancy Care Center) is conducting training sessions for anyone interested in serving as a volunteer. If you have a few hours you can spare each week, please prayerfully consider joining the staff and volunteers as they minister to women in our community who are experiencing unplanned pregnancies.

The seven-session class begins on Thursday, March 1, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. Five of the seven classes are held on Thursday evenings through March, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.; the remaining two on Saturdays, March 10 & 17, from 9:00 a.m. 'til 3:00 p.m.

The cost of training materials is \$30.

For more information or to register, please call Julie at 532-6874 or Pam at 321-8254.

Looking Back

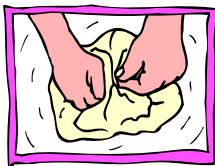
13th Annual Catechetical Retreat

Catechetical Retreat 2011 was held on January 7, 2012, at Messiah Lutheran. Fifteen Students from Messiah and St. Mark's participated, choosing course offerings from pastors and lay persons from several area congregations.

Next year, after "hosting" (compiling fliers/programs and acting as registrar) for fourteen years, St. Mark's will host in actuality, welcoming teens from around the county for this one-day event!



BAKING ⊕ EPIPHANY!!



Enthusiastic bread bakers filled the parish house with heavenly aromas on January 6 as they mixed and kneaded their way through several types of bread. Devin Owen and Sean Jensen joined the adults as they flung flour and enjoyed lunch together. Look for the date next year and join us!!

Acolyte Training

An acolyte training and refresher session was held on Sunday, January 22, 2012, after the second service.

Ten of our young assistants attended this session: six veterans and four new servers. Lunch and a cut-throat game of Memory were enjoyed before Nick and Declan took the youngsters to the Nave for more serious training.

Please welcome Evan Barone, Ben Hausmann, Dawson Owen and Stefan Weber to our ranks of acolytes.



Lunch N' Fellowship

Wednesday February 15th at Noon



We're having
Baked Steak!!
YUM!!

**Please bring a side dish & dessert to share!
Don't forget to bring a friend & your appetite!**

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY SOUP SALE



Soup Sale
Is coming!

February 15th-29th

\$5.00 per quart.

We will have a variety of homemade soups from favorites like Vegetable, Chicken Noodle and Bean to specialty soups like Chili and Mushroom Lovers!

Don't let your favorite sell out before you can buy some! Reserve yours today!!

*To order soup in advance,
call Sharon at 447-3491*

All proceeds fund our annual mission trip!

Stamp Collecting

We are collecting used stamps again. There is a basket for collection in the Narthex. The



stamps are used at the Veteran's Hospital by patients for their therapy. Thank

you for your contribution.

Tab Collecting

We are still collecting soda tabs in the crossways hallway! These tabs are sold at a recycling center and the money will be used by the Ronald



McDonald House for the operation of the facility. Even a few tabs add up, so please keep collecting. There is a collection container for tabs in the Narthex, also.

FRIDAY FUN NIGHT



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 AT 6:30 PM

**CELEBRATING FIVE YEARS OF
FABULOUS FRIDAY FUN!**

DON'T SIT HOME ALONE ~ TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE!

Milestone Ministry

Passing on Faith: Kindergarten Milestone, All the Languages of Good News

This milestone for those members in Kindergarten will be celebrated on Sunday, February 5, at the 10:30 service, with a luncheon following. If you have a child in kindergarten and have not yet received a letter regarding this event, please contact Bernadette NOW. The children receive a personalized tote bag, an icon, a CD and a book. These items need to be prepared for each child, as well as plans made for the luncheon.

Passing on Faith: Two-year-old Milestone, Prayer Pillow

On Sunday, February 26, we will celebrate the Prayer Pillow Milestone at the 10:30 service. Please join us to wish the families of these young children well.

As always for any of these milestones, if you feel you or your child should be recognized, call the church office as soon as you notice so we can include you!

Looking for news about this year's
Vacation Bible School?



What will the theme be this year??
Get involved in the process!!!
Join Bernadette and Michele when they attend the overview of the available programs at Church of the Savior on February 6 at 7 p.m.!
Meanwhile, reserve the week of **June 10-14** for lots of fun!!!!

Catechetical students!!

Mark you calendars now,
if you haven't already!!!
The annual catechetical trip
is scheduled for
March 3, 2012



The itinerary is being planned
even as you read this!
Save that day!!



FOR TEENS ONLY!
February 26, at 6:00 pm

Bring a friend!!
Spread the word!! Hope to see you there!!

United Campus Ministry

February is here already and we all have had a month to work on those resolutions we made at the beginning of 2012. Do we even remember those resolutions? You know those promises we made to ourselves that we had every intention of keeping. How are we doing with them? People may have worked really hard for the first few days or maybe for a few weeks to keep them, and then it got too difficult and we gave up. We all do that. When things get hard, we just give up and we set ourselves up to fail. We need to realize that we can't do anything on our own and need to remember the words found in Philippians 4:13.

"I Can Do All Things Through Christ Who Strengthens Me"

It is only through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that we can accomplish these resolutions. We need His strength and guidance every day. We need to remind ourselves that without Christ, we are nothing, and no matter how hard we try, we can't do it on our own. We need the Lord's help and we need to help each other.

With all the resolutions we make and try to keep, it seems like it is all about us. We are so selfish and so proud that we often overlook those around us. Our resolutions become a wish list. Aren't we really saying, "I wish I were successful, I wish I could lose weight, I wish, I wish, I wish." It's all about us and it shouldn't be. It should be about others as well and what we can do to show God's love to them. We need to include the Lord in all of our resolutions and turn our wishes into prayers. We also need to help and serve one another in any way we can. So, instead of making wishes for ourselves, let this poem be a reminder to also wish for others.

I Wish You Enough

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright.

I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more.

I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive.

I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I wish you enough loss to appreciate all you possess.

I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final goodbye.

~Bob Perks

So as we go through our day trying to stick with the resolutions we made, let's make another resolution to be more like Jesus with everyone we encounter and remember to wish them enough.

Sharon Comini, Coordinator UCM

Health, Healing & Wholeness

In the past few weeks I've found myself wondering how Mary must have felt in the days following Jesus birth. In artwork, she is typically depicted with a demure smile, radiating happiness and joy. What must it have been like to give birth to your first child, away from family, in less than hospitable conditions? In Matthew's account, soon after the birth, Joseph and Mary are then uprooted and on an unexpected trek to Egypt. What was going through her mind? In Luke's account, in response to the shepherds' stories, "*Mary treasured up these things and pondered them in her heart*" (Lk. 2:19 NIV), so we assume she had a smooth transition to motherhood. In a sense she appears to be the picture of "perfect" mom.

But how do we console the woman who experiences a more difficult period of adjustment? One that is better expressed in Psalms 13:2, "*How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart?*" I am referring to the woman who suffers post-partum depression.

Within 48 hours of delivery, hormones rapidly drop and researchers appear to link this to the onset of depression in some women. But unlike the "baby blues", postpartum depression does not lessen within a week to ten days. Instead it can occur any time within the first year after birth. Any combination of the following symptoms that last longer than two weeks may be signs of depression: feeling restless and irritable; feeling sad, hopeless and overwhelmed; crying a lot; having no energy or motivation; sleeping too little or too much; trouble focusing, remembering, or making a decision; feeling worthless and guilty; withdrawal from friends and family; overwhelming anxiety; even being afraid of hurting the baby or oneself (WomensHealth.gov). Often a woman suffers in silence because she feels too ashamed to admit that she does not feel overjoyed by this new addition to her life.

Factors which compound postpartum depression are: doubting ones ability to be a good mother by setting up expectations of perfection; being physically exhausted due to the disruption of sleep patterns; for working mom's, adjusting to a new routine; feeling a sense of loss in the changing of ones identity; having less free time; lack of a good support system; having suffered from depression prior to pregnancy.

Women suffering from depression following childbirth, need to be taken seriously, not shamed. Untreated, postpartum depression can interfere with the mother's ability to form a strong emotional bond with her child. Usually a combination of psychotherapy, sometimes medication, and establishing social support – all factors in treating regular depression - will work to alleviate the problem. If medication is ordered, and the mother is nursing, she should be sure to report this to the prescribing physician – many medications can be passed on to the infant. However, there are several anti-depressants available that are safe for use by nursing mothers.

Other things that can help: finding someone to talk to – another mother, a friend, your spouse –someone who can be trusted to share real feelings; consciously carve out at least 15 minutes each day to do something for herself – soak in the tub, read, take a walk; stop trying to be the "perfect mother"; don't spend a lot of time alone – get out of the house; talk with other mothers – do a mom's Bible study; try not to make drastic life-altering changes immediately after the pregnancy, and if these changes are unavoidable – like relocating to Egypt – set up some support to help get through it.

Don't suffer in silence. Speak to your parish nurse, your pastor, your doctor or midwife. There is no reason to feel ashamed. Post partum depression is real, and help is available.

Blessings,
Debbie Best, RN, BSW, MHA

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

02/01 Lillian Skeeby
 02/03 Kelly Foust
 02/04 Lawrence Bair
 02/04 Susan Curry
 02/08 April Biblehimer
 02/08 Margie Doebler
 02/08 Matthew Heaps
 02/08 Paul Zimmerer
 02/10 Gloria Greevy
 02/10 Charlene Wright
 02/12 Betty Diehl
 02/13 Lisa Lewis
 02/13 Emily Newcomer
 02/13 Michele Owen

02/13 Elsie Sechler
 02/14 Robert Curry
 02/14 Dalton Nash



02/16 Scott Kimble
 02/17 Jarrett Eyer
 02/17 Rick Robertson
 02/17 Betty Stroup

02/19 Amanda Eyer
 02/20 Tyler Stugart
 02/21 Donna Elkin
 02/21 Brandon Pelleschi
 02/21 Evelyn Ward
 02/22 Kahla Doane
 02/22 Seth Greninger
 02/24 Kenneth Caster
 02/26 Bianca Wellen
 02/27 Gary Clark
 02/27 Irma Logan
 02/28 Arlene McCoy
 02/29 Jane Kline
 02/29 Ralph Zeigler Jr.

Happy Anniversary!

02/04 Stanley & Susan Baker
 02/07 Lawrence & Louella Bair
 02/10 William & Helen Hibschman
 02/14 Frank & Shirley Vognet



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

Thank You!

Dear Friends of St. Mark's,
 Thank you for all the prayers and support you have given my family and me through this difficult time. We know Bob is now at peace with Jesus.

With heartfelt thanks, **Janet L. Jones**

Dear St. Mark's Family,
 Your support during our father's illness and passing has meant a great deal to us. We value our church family more than ever. Thank you.

Yours in Christ, **Bob & Bernadette Jones**

Dear St. Mark's,
 Your teddy bear tree was a delightful donation for us. I know those bears will be creating many smiles. We are very grateful you thought of us. We depend solely on donations to keep our ministry functioning.

You are a blessing,
Ann, volunteer at Expectations Women's Center

To the carolers of St. Mark's,
 Thanks so very much for your presence, your music, your friendliness—not to forget the delicious looking plate of cookies. The Koon's, my visitors, also enjoyed it.

In praise of the Lord's birth ~ **Larue**

Thank You!

Dear St. Mark's Family,
 Thank you so much for inviting me to offer a holiday bookstore for the congregation. This has become an annual event which I really look forward to. It's so nice to see so many familiar faces and catch up. May you all have a Blessed Holiday Season and Joyous New Year.

Your friend in Christ, **Sandy Grier**
Along The Way Bookstore

Dear People of God at St. Mark's,
 On behalf of the officers, deans and all the members of the Society of the Holy Trinity, I thank you for your gifts totaling \$340 through the calendar year 2011. Your generosity will help the Society as it seeks to encourage the ongoing formation of a disciplined and faithful ministry of God's Holy Word and Sacraments in the Church and for the world. As we strive for faithfulness in this ministry we pray for your continued support. May God fill you with all faith and bless our common ministry.
 In Christ, **Rev. John E. Priest, STS Secretary**

My dear friends,
 How can I ever 'thank you' for what you have given to us. You give of yourselves and don't count the cost. Each day I thank God for you. Everything you do counts in a very special way. Thank you! You are in my prayers each day. God love you, one and all!

In Christ, **Sister Henry, St. Anthony's Center**

Thank You!

ST. MARK'S FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting
11:45 AM Bible Study

2 Thursday

6:31 AM Men's Ministry
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
7:00 PM Senior Choir

3 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

4 Saturday

9:00 AM Beg Pee Wee
9:30 AM Pee Wee
12:30 PM Midget
5:00 PM God's Gift Home Bible Study

5 Sunday

Epiphany V

Souper Bowl Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:00 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion
10:30 AM Kindergarten Milestone
11:45 AM Family Handbells
12:15 PM The Way Gathering
3:00 PM Youth Quake/Zone

6 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
5:45 PM JBBL-Beg PW Practice
6:30 PM JBBL PW Practice
7:00 PM Handbells
7:00 PM VBS Workshop @ CoS
7:00 PM Wmspt. Civic Chorus
7:15 PM JBBL Midgets Practice

7 Tuesday

8:00 AM City Pastors
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
6:00 PM Brownies

8 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting
11:45 AM Bible Study

9 Thursday

6:31 AM Men's Ministry
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
7:00 PM Senior Choir

10 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

11 Saturday

10:00 AM Midget
11:00 AM Pee Wee
12:30 PM Beg Pee Wee

12 Sunday

Epiphany VI

Film ICW 2012 Challenge in Nave
8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:00 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Children's Church
10:30 AM Holy Communion
11:45 AM Family Handbells

13 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
5:45 PM JBBL-Beg PW Practice
6:30 PM JBBL PW Practice
7:00 PM Handbells
7:00 PM Wmspt. Civic Chorus
7:15 PM JBBL Midgets Practice

14 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

15 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting
12:00 PM Lunch N' Fellowship

16 Thursday

6:31 AM Men's Ministry
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Stephen Ministers
6:00 PM Executive Committee
7:00 PM Senior Choir

17 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
6:30 PM Friday Fun Night

18 Saturday

4:00 PM GLORY Youth Group

19 Sunday

Transfiguration Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion
11:45 AM Family Handbells
12:15 PM The Way Gathering
6:00 PM Catechetics meal/mtg

20 Monday

Office Closed

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

20 Monday

6:30 PM Council Mtg.
7:00 PM Dog Club
7:00 PM Handbells
7:00 PM Wmspt. Civic Chorus

21 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
6:00 PM Brownies

22 Wednesday

Ash Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting
12:00 PM Holy Communion Chapel
7:00 PM Holy Communion Nave

23 Thursday

6:31 AM Men's Ministry
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
7:00 PM Senior Choir

24 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:15 AM Lion Crew

25 Saturday

9:00 AM Daniel's Closet
6:00 PM Dog Club Banquet

26 Sunday

Lent I

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion
10:30 AM Prayer Pillow Milestone
11:45 AM Family Handbells
12:15 PM The Way Gathering
6:00 PM Teen Movie Night

27 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
7:00 PM Handbells
7:00 PM Wmspt. Civic Chorus

28 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

29 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting
11:30 AM Lenten Mid-Day Worship
12:00 PM Lenten Mid-Day Meal
6:15 PM Lenten Evening Meal
7:00 PM Lenten Evening Worship

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Read Matthew 22:37-40