



# THE LION OF ST. MARK'S

APRIL 2012

## Two Processions

There were two processions going on in those days in Jerusalem.

One was coming from the east, and one from the west.

One came with horses and soldiers and all the accoutrements of power.

The other came with a donkey, the peace-time animal, and with people spreading celebratory palm branches on the road.

Pilate and his troops had to come from his headquarters at Caesarea on the western seacoast out of political and military necessity to make sure that there were no riots or other trouble during the time that people came to Jerusalem from all over the country for the noise and fuss of Passover.

Jesus and his disciples come from Galilee in the north down to Jericho and then make the tough climb up through the barren hills to Bethany and then to the Mount of Olives overlooking the city of Jerusalem from the east.

The last portion of the journey was the route that tradition held would be the one taken by the messiah when he finally arrived.

One procession cared only about the pleasures of the moment.

The other procession cared about matters eternal.

The one procession claimed it had complete power.

The other knew it had power, but chose to use it in a very different way.

The one has the power to kill; the other has the power to make alive.

The one has the power to hate; the other has the power to love that overcomes hate.

Two processions still continue today.

The traffic of the one moves even faster past St. Mark's in all directions.

The other procession moves more slowly,

at the pace of a conversation at a sickbed,

at the pace of a loving hand of assistance,

at the pace of opening a scripture lesson for study and reflection with another,

at the pace of song and prayer and thanksgiving and the Great Banquet.

Two processions still continue today.

Which one will you be joining this week, this Holy Week, at St. Mark's?

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**One Road  
One Cross  
One Salvation**

*The ELCMA Assembly  
is coming to the  
Upper Susquehanna Synod  
Monday, April 23 – Wednesday, April 25, 2012*



ELCMA

### “Mission Along the Susquehanna”

**ELCMA is inviting members from congregations of the Upper Susquehanna Synod to attend part of the Assembly as guests, joining delegates coming from all the synods between New York and Georgia, and learn about our ministry of “Connecting and Equipping God’s People for Christ’s Mission in Appalachia”**

### Parish Register

The funeral service for **Ruth Homan** was held March 2, 2012 at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church with Pastor Elkin presiding.

The funeral service for **Frank Vognet** was held March 8, 2012 at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church with Pastor Elkin presiding.

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# Breakfast with Pastor & Easter Egg Hunt

April 7 is Breakfast with Pastor and St. Mark's Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please join us as we have fun with our youth, ages ranging from toddlers up to grade 5, here at the church during the morning of Saturday, April 3, starting at 9:45 a.m.!

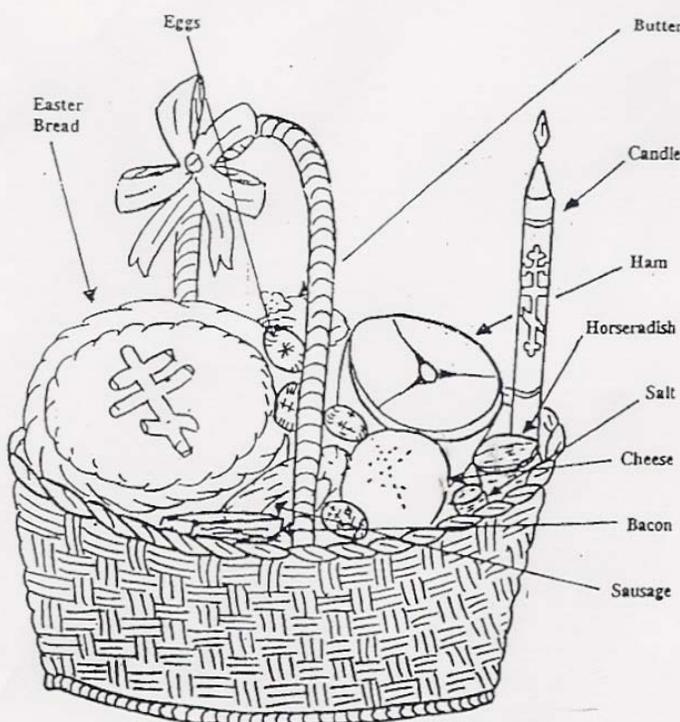


We will begin by having breakfast with the Pastor and then we will have our Easter Egg Hunt.

***CALL NOW TO LET US KNOW YOUR CHILD IS ATTENDING!!!***

Donations of small erasers or egg-sized Easter toys would be appreciated and accepted!  
We look forward to seeing you all there!

## Traditional Orthodox Blessing of the Baskets



*TRADITIONAL EASTER BASKET*

Each year a few persons have prepared an Easter basket of a different sort, one which contains the various foods that will become part of their feast on Easter day.

The custom developed over the centuries especially in the orthodox countries of eastern Europe, but has since spread widely.

Any person who would like to take part in the custom may do so. Some of items that would be included; bread, eggs, ham, butter, cheese, smoked meats, salt, bottle of wine, horseradish, candles, etc

We set these baskets apart with prayer at the close of the Easter Vigil service after which you may take it home.

We hope you will consider joining us in this lovely tradition and put together your own basket to be blessed.

## Calling All Kids!!



**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
meets Sunday, May 13th,  
at 10:30, in the Chapel.

*(Due to Easter there will not be an April meeting.)*

## CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIR

are practicing a Swahili song,  
"We are Marching in the Light of God,"  
to present at the end of the worship service  
on the Sunday after Easter!



**WE REHEARSE EACH SUNDAY 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.

## Worship Assistant Schedules Now on the Web

Have you ever misplaced your communion server schedule or forgotten whether you ushered this week or next? You might have emailed Susan in the office or called Bud at home, to check on the schedule.

NOW all you need to do is go to the Web – because as of February, all the worship assistant schedules are posted on the St. Mark's Website, [www.stmarkswilliamsport.org](http://www.stmarkswilliamsport.org). Just go to the home page and click on the "Worship Task Schedules" box to take you to the up-to-date schedules. There you can find schedules for acolytes, lectors, ushers, communion servers, greeters and assisting ministers.

Need to contact someone to change your assignment? Contact information is there too.

# IRON CHEF

## Williamsport

### Iron Chef Williamsport 2012 a great success!

The kitchen, the Fellowship Hall, and the hallways at St. Mark's were full of activity on Sunday March 18 as the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Iron Chef Williamsport event was in full operation. More than 50 persons were involved as staff for the event and more than 80 persons were guests for the meal that was served in Fellowship Hall from the steam tables in the office hallway. The entertainment for the evening was a cooking contest that took place in our church kitchen. The challengers from Balls Mills United Methodist Church, led by Pr. Jay Morris, tried valiantly, but did not overcome our home team of Pr. Elkin, Bernadette Jones, and Gary Weber. The one-hour contest of cooking skill was projected to the large screen in Fellowship Hall and also made available online. The full hour of the contest has been archived and can still be watched by going to <http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/21206448> on one's home computer.

The purpose of all of the exciting activity was to raise funds and friends for Family Promise of Lycoming County, our local affiliate for aiding homeless families. Through dinner guests and patrons of the event, we raised more than \$4,000 for the cause and the consciousness of many persons regarding the problem and how we can be of assistance. Our master of ceremonies this year was Mike Caschera, who had not known of the work before being asked to take on this task. He was greatly impressed with the seriousness with which everyone approached the project, as well as the scope and results of our work. We have won a new advocate!

What a staff we have! Organized by Field General Robert Jones, our youth were the servers for the meal. They competed with each other in "Tips for A Promise" to raise additional funds for Family Promise from the guests at their assigned table. The winner this year was Sara Jones, who received a special gift from the Williamsport Country Club as thanks for her diligent work. All of the youth did very well, and even led applause for the contestants and a "wave" at one point in the evening.

Working right behind them was the kitchen cooking and plating staff, led by Bob Jones and Nicole Walz, respectively. Our guests enjoyed a wonderful meal of Chicken Monterey, baby red potatoes, and green beans, with a chocolate indulgence for dessert. Our quilting ladies, plus a few did a beautiful job of setting all the tables. And the "second shift" crew arrived toward the end of the event with an extra boost of energy to lead the clean-up time of the evening!

WE received wonderful assistance from old friends, Carlos Saldivia and the crew at First Contact, Ed Ploy of PC Handyman, Beiter's Home Center, Williamsport Country Club's Nicole Walz, Chris Grove and Angela Hess, Mike Ditchfield, Peter Zerbe, and PT Awards; and new friends, M&T Bank and Mike Caschera, who smoothly stepped in as master of ceremonies and did a bang-up job of keeping everyone informed and entertained.

We are truly blessed with the members of our congregation who give so freely of themselves, with our church leaders who support us in our endeavors, with our friends who assist in many areas, with our guests, and with our patrons and sponsors. We thank God that all their efforts joined to provide a generous donation for Family Promise of Lycoming County.

*Please see a complete list of acknowledgements on the next page.*

## Women's & Children's Dinner



(pictured here with Les Chanteuse) under the direction of Eric Clayton and Kent Weaver.

All women and children to age 12, please join us for our Annual Women's Dinner on **Wednesday, May 9, at 6:00 pm.** The evening begins with a meal prepared for us by our own men here at St. Mark's, under the supervision of Bob Jones. The meal includes applesauce, a filled chicken breast, corn, mashed potatoes, roll and strawberry shortcake. All this costs only \$8.25 for a full portion, and \$4.50 for a half portion. Please order what you think you or your child(ren) will eat.

Entertainment is provided this year by Williamsport Area High School's own **GQ**, the men's acapella vocal ensemble,

**Please, be sure to have your reservations in NO LATER THAN Friday, May 4.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

## And a Sincere Round of Applause Goes to:

### IRON CHEF Williamsport

#### **First Contact Productions:**

Carlos Saldivia  
Ed Ploy  
Nick Falvo  
Mike Morris  
Christine Morris  
Nick Garcia  
Bill Smith

#### **Iron Chef Team:**

Pr. Kenneth Elkin  
Gary Weber  
Bernadette Jones

#### **Challenge Performers:**

Pr. Kenneth Elkin  
Pr. Jay Morris  
Ben Hartman  
Congregation of St.

#### **Meal Service:**

Nicole Walz  
Michele Owen  
Chele Fredericks  
Devin Owen  
Bob Jones

#### **Clean-up:**

Lou DeSeau  
Kirk Owen  
Michael Hooker  
Declan Jones  
Michele Fredericks  
Bob Jones  
Michele Owen  
Shelby Weber  
Devin Owen  
Jackie Kinney

We had over 50 folks working for  
Iron Chef Williamsport  
for Family Promise of Lycoming County.

From ages 9 to 84,  
the outpouring of support from our congregation  
was overwhelming and appreciated.  
Our thanks go out to the following:

#### **Emcee:**

Mike Cashera

#### **Hostess:**

Sharon Comini



#### **Special thanks to all-around supermen:**

Lou DeSeau  
Bob Jones

#### **Servers:**

Sara Jones  
Devin Owen  
Riley Weber  
Jerod Barone  
Christina Comini  
Stephen Boone  
Corey Hospes  
Anna Zeigler  
Morgan Comini  
Laura Zeigler  
Max Hospes  
Evan Barone  
Dawson Owen  
Ben Haussmann  
Stefan Weber  
Declan Jones  
Mike Hooker  
Bob Jones

#### **Tabletop:**

Carol Confer  
Gladys Knauss  
Elsie Sechler  
Connie Shaible  
Lucille Weaver

#### **Flower Arrangement:**

Pr. Kenneth Elkin

#### **Meal Preparation:**

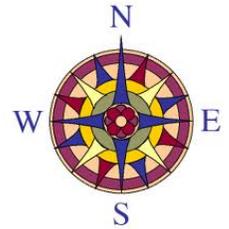
Bob Jones, chef  
Chele Fredericks, Assistant  
Donna Elkin  
Devin Owen  
Sara Jones  
Jackie Kinney  
Kirk Owen

#### **Special thanks also for services rendered or equipment loaned:**

First Contact Productions  
Beiter's Home Center  
M&T Bank  
Joyce & Harold Hershberger  
PC Handyman  
Clear Channel Radio  
Backyard Broadcasting  
Williamsport Country Club  
PT Awards  
Balls Mills United Methodist Church

# Our Catechetical Trip

They do know how to cover ground! On Saturday, March 3, 2012, our catechetical students traveled to points southeast (see compass) where they visited Augustus Church in Trappe, Pa, Hopewell Furnace, and Ephrata Cloister...well, we'll let them tell you about it:



***Evan Barone:*** *The church we went to is the oldest church in Pennsylvania. The people that went there were first using a barn. The pastor for the barn moved west. Then they needed a new pastor. They got turned down a couple of times. Then a Lutheran pastor from Germany said yes. His name was Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. 15 months passed before he reached the congregation. They were extremely anxious to build a church. Then they began to build one in 1743. The first service was on September 12, 1746. That is how it started.*

**Ben Haussmann:** This is about our confirmation trip on Saturday, March 3, to Hopewell Furnace, which was our second stop. Hopewell Furnace is a place where they made iron in the 1800s. They made iron by putting charcoal, iron ore, and limestone together into the furnace and melting it. Charcoal was made by stacking wood in a certain way and then piling leaves and dirt over the wood. The pile was then burned slowly for about 10 days. These were the steps to create the molten iron. This molten iron could be used to create stove parts, cannons, or pig iron. The stove parts would be made in a sand mold. Once the parts cooled, they would put the pieces together. Most of this work was done by men, but there was plenty of work for the women and kids, too! This was only our second stop on our confirmation trip, but Hopewell Furnace was my favorite part!

***Dawson Owen:*** *I went on my first confirmation trip. The third place I went was to the Ephrata Cloister. I enjoyed the movie I saw. It was about the founder's life. I went inside the founder's house. I learned what life was like around the mid-1700s. The men and the women in that place had different jobs. I had a fun day with my confirmation class.*

## AND THEY BOWLED, AND BOWLED, AND BOWLED!!



On March 24, we went bowling!!  
Pam, Mike and Sean Jensen organized this fun event.  
We met at Harvest Moon Lanes where everyone bowled 2-4 games.  
After bowling the Jensen's treated everyone to Pizza.  
A very special thank you to Mike, Pam & Sean Jensen for a great afternoon!

# Passing On Faith: Milestone Ministry

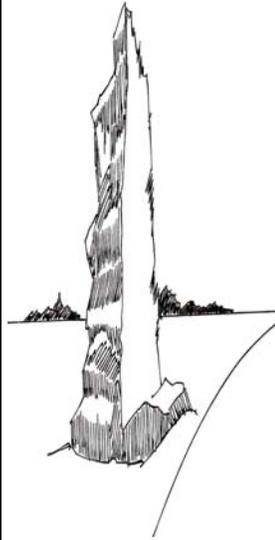
## REMINDER: Blessing of the Keys

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



***BUT YOU NEED TO TELL US WHO SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED!!***

Since different families have different timetables for these events, we can't just refer to the church register for the information. We have no idea which youth are reaching this important milestone in their lives—unless you tell us. Please let the church know if your child has recently received a junior or senior license as soon as possible. A date for celebration will be set once we know who these special teens are. ***PLEASE CALL US!!***



## WHO'S GRADUATING...

...from high school or college??

Let us know so these young people  
can be recognized for their accomplishments!!

**Call or e-mail the office no later than MAY 13**—we're waiting to hear!



## Wedding Anniversary Milestone

Our next milestone will be taking place on Sunday, May 6, 2012. St. Mark's Lutheran Church will be celebrating those folks in our congregation that have been married for 50 years with a Wedding Anniversary Milestone. A sit down lunch will be presented with some of the youth of St. Mark's serving.



***We don't want to miss anyone!!***

If you were married or if you know someone who was married in 1962 or prior,  
who has not already been honored,

**PLEASE CALL US TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THAT INFORMATION!**

# VBS IS HEADED TO BABYLON!



Our vacation bible school this summer, June 10-14, is a family event called Babylon, exploring Daniel's courage in captivity. We are really excited about this because you are encouraged to enroll as **families**, which means that many parents who volunteer will be able to spend the entire evening experiencing everything their children do! All participants will be grouped into intergenerational "Tribes," blending **families** and children who are there on their own.

**Families** step back in time at Babylon, exploring Daniel's adventures as a captive in a foreign land. Kids and adults participate in a memorable Bible-times Marketplace, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into Bible-times snacks, visit Daniel, and collect Bible Memory Makers to remind them of God's Word. Plus, everyone learns to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes at Celebration—a time of upbeat worship that gets everyone involved.

Everyone is encouraged to join in! We need volunteers to run stalls in the Marketplace, portray Daniel and other characters, organize games, and create scenery and tribal "costumes." There's something for everyone who wants to be involved!

We will be taking orders this year if anyone wants to purchase the music CD. This item is non-reproducible, so there will be a charge to order one for your family. Look for forms in the staff hallway!

## SHEETS, BLANKETS & MATS NEEDED.

If anyone has striped sheets in desert colors, they would be great for helping to set the mood in our market stalls! We also need woven blankets or mats for in the stalls or classrooms. If you can loan us any of these items, we would greatly appreciate it!



Teen Movie Night is April 22 at 6:00 pm  
Bring a friend!! Spread the word!!  
Hope to see you there!!

## 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 ~ April 14th

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 April are:

Pre-K and K: Brenda Gair

1st and 2nd: Sally Bjornstad

3rd and 4th: Eric & Sharon Comini

5th: Shelby Weber

Thank you for volunteering! Teachers are still needed for several months this year. Please call Michele to volunteer or sign up on the sheet outside her office door.

## GLORY



**God Loves Our Rockin' Youth!**

Join us if you want to rock!

HOME BIBLE STUDY

WITH FUN GAMES & SNACKS

SATURDAY, APRIL 21ST

4-6 PM

at the COMINI'S, 336 Bennett Street, Montoursville

971-5434 / 651-9062



# First Annual Fishing Derby

## Doebler's Farm

Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> 2:00– 6:00pm  
A fun activity for the whole family!



Prizes will be awarded for:

The top 3 biggest fish caught for the day. (Inches)

There will be one Grand prize for catching the big catfish that lives at the bottom of the lake.

You will need to bring:

Fishing Pole, Tackle box, Fishing Pole holders  
and other fishing equipment you may have and would like to use.

Food & Drinks to bring:  
According to first letter  
of last name:

- A-F 1 pack Hotdogs & Buns
- G-L Mac and Cheese
- M-R 1 Case of Drinks any type
- S-Z 1 type of dessert



Items Provided:

- Worms for bait
- Plates, forks  
and napkins
- Condiments
- Cooking Sticks  
& Campfire

**Kayaks are available too!**

If you would like to help in the planning  
Contact Eric Comini -- 337-3226

He called out to them, "Friends haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered.

~ John 21:5

## *Vierne, Debussy, and Wagner*

If you want to hear organ music of Classical period, you will hardly find any significant pieces. The classic period is the worst era in terms of existing repertoire of organ music, since piano was the highlighted and favored instrument among keyboard instruments. Does anyone notice there isn't much organ music available even in romantic period to compare with prolific numbers of other instrumental genres? However in romantic period of organ music, one cannot overpass great influence of French *Symphonists*.

The symphonic school of nineteenth-century in French organ was encouraged by the orchestral organs of Aristide Cavallé-Coll. His company built organs from about 1840 until 1900 and exerted much influence upon the work of organ music of the period through composers such as Franck, Widor, Vierne, Guilmant and more. One might call them *symphonists*, because their sound pursues the orchestral effect, which made it possible by organs that Cavallé-Coll built.

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937) and Louis Vierne (1870-1937), two famous French symphonists, are much different composers. Widor tends to write more conservative and architectonic style as opposed to Vierne's chromatic style which well sought out through his harmonic and contrapuntal devices. Despite lack of tangible evidence how Wagner's chromaticism reflects on Vierne's music, I am convinced that the strong, all-pervading influence of Wagner's dramatic chromaticism changed Vierne's musical concept like all turn of the twentieth century composers though he was anti-Wagnerian. If he were to be classified, however, I would call him a impressionist in organ music. He lived in the cultural background of Paris in his time, ground zero for the styles of impressionism that were revolutionizing both art and music.

Louis Vierne was born legally blind and had a difficult life losing his brother and son in the time of World War I. His music is often unacknowledged source for much of modern organ music, yet he always blended modernistic with traditional and romantic elements. His harmonies became more and more extreme as the years passed, exploring tonality to the limit but never fully leaving it. He strides the boundary between the romantic and modern worlds, which gives him a unique appeal and place in history. Like Stravinsky's Rite of Spring or twelve-tone music by Schoenberg, his music is old now in the twenty-first century but still refreshes us because of its unique undefeatable musical persuasion. Unlike radical composers such as Messiaen, structure remained very important to Vierne. As his sight diminished due to the cataract, his tonality and harmony reached to the edge.

Why am I explaining this detailed story of a French composer, Louis Vierne? In my opinion, there are two kinds of musicians; the one with Widor, the other with Vierne. It won't be hard for you to know where I stand. Vierne's music always asks a musical question to convey his compositional intention due to intricate musical language. On the other hand, Widor's music is much simpler. You might remind similar distinction between Ravel and Debussy. Widor is rather faithful composer of the period as opposed to pioneering figure of the new musical genre.

It is my pleasure to study Vierne's music in standpoint of the chromaticism which mainly characterized by Wagner or his contemporary composers, since the opera is not the field I want to go near. Do you love Wagner? Do you also love Louis Vierne's music? Why am I writing this? If St. Mark's people are expecting to hear Widor's Toccata on Easter Day, well you might be disappointed. Although Widor's Toccata is an unforgettable masterpiece, it will stay as Mr. Lakey's trademark. Jungwha wouldn't dare to overwrite Mr. Lakey's musical staple.

Then what goes on? Come and join us our musical feast on Easter Day!

*~ Jungwha Kim*

# News in Our Pews

It's the kind of happy story that Paul Harvey would have reported on his radio broadcast some years ago – **Ralph and Elda Zeigler** celebrating 70 years of marriage! They were married at Bethany Lutheran Church in Altoona and are long time members of St. Mark's where Ralph contributed his carpentry, painting and a variety of other skills to many property projects at the church. When I was looking for a card to celebrate 70 years, there were none- fifty, even sixty but that was it. Our very best wishes to Ralph and Elda for this momentous anniversary!

**Paige Fortin**, granddaughter of **Charles and Judy Fortin** and a past member of St. Mark's, is a finalist for Pennsylvania's 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Homecoming Queen selection to be held this month in Lancaster. Paige is a senior at Hughesville, student council president, a yearbook officer and a member of the Christian Club, Big Buddy, chorus, theater and varsity club. She was a varsity cheerleader in the fall. Congratulations to this very busy young lady!

**Annika Waffenschmidt** is a member of the cast of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* playing Titania. The plays will be performed this month at the Community Theatre League.

Another star this month is **Elizabeth Haussmann** who was named student of the month at Sheridan Elementary School.

And finally I see my daffodils are almost in bloom and the iris I slaved over last fall seem to be sprouting- I am determined to give **Donna Boston** a run for her money this year! A blessed Easter to all!

~Joyce Anne Hershberger

Please submit items to Joyce via her email [deermountain2@comcast.net](mailto:deermountain2@comcast.net)  
or by calling her at 322-0410.

## 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.

#### April

4- Rev. Gwen Bernstine,  
Executive Director, United Churches of Lycoming County  
*"Jesus Prays In Gethsemane"*

11- Revs. Ken and Christine Woods-Henderson,  
Northway Presbyterian Church,  
*"Celebrating Eastertide In Song"*

18- Ms. Jamie Hoffa,  
Program Representative, DeWald Chiropractic,  
*"How to Stay Young Your First One Hundred Years"*

25- Ms. Judith Shimp,  
Montoursville Presbyterian Church,  
*"Senior Retiree Lunch & Prayer Shawl Ministries"*



### 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 have some specific needs this month including:

<i>Jelly</i>	<i>Spaghetti</i>	<i>Egg Noodles</i>
<i>Pop Tarts</i>	<i>Pasta</i>	<i>Reg. Tea Bags</i>
<i>Coffee</i>	<i>Chunky Soups</i>	<i>Saltine Crackers</i>
<i>Chicken Noodle Soup</i>		<i>Spaghetti Sauce</i>
<i>Microwave Popcorn</i>		<i>Hamburger Helpers</i>
<i>Oatmeal Packets [flavored]</i>		

Thanks for all you do for us! Your donations make it possible for us to assist the extra folks now coming to the pantry and to give our regular clients a fair supply of food to help them in their need.

Hours continue to be 9:30-Noon on Mondays for delivery and Tuesdays/Thursdays from 10-3 for clients (appointments are needed). We are in The Center, 600 Campbell St, corner of Campbell and Memorial.

# West Branch Conference

of the Upper Susquehanna Synod

## Conference Assembly

The Conference Assembly will be held on Sunday, May 6, 3:00 p.m., at St Luke Williamsport. We will have elections of dean, secretary and various other positions on conference synod and church-wide levels. Every congregation may send two voting members. Pastors are voting members, too. A luncheon is to follow the meeting.

## Synod Assembly

The Upper Susquehanna Synod will have its annual synod assembly on Friday and Saturday, June 15-16, at Susquehanna University.

## Messiah, S. Williamsport

Messiah, South Williamsport, has contracted with Rev. Susan Lynch as an intentional interim pastor. She began her ministry March 17.

## St. John "Brick"

St. John "Brick", interim Rev. MarthaSue Moll, voted to call a pastor on March 25. Rev. Viking Dietrich will start on Easter Sunday.

## St. James, Rauchtown

St. James, interim Rev. Kerry Aucker, voted on March 25 to call seminarian Gary Shumway. Garman Lutheran Church is considering purchase-of-service. Gary Shumway will be ordained at Synod Assembly.

## Bethany, Montoursville

Welcome to Rev. David Letscher, who started his ministry at Bethany, Montoursville on March 1.

## Contact

Please share your information. Call Pastor Detlef Huckfeldt at 998-3106 or e-mail sml@gmx.de.

## Lutheran Shared Ministry (LSM)

A dinner meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 30, 6:00 PM at Redeemer, Williamsport, to explore ministry opportunities in our area as the conference is going through a time of pastoral transitions.

Dinner will be BYOB—bring your own bag.

Please call St. April 23 to register.

## Camp Mount Luther

Saturday, May 19 is spring clean up day at Camp Mount Luther. The event is sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans as a Hands-On-Day: Youth and adults working together. Please bring supplies to do cleaning, mulching, raking, and light construction, such as step ladders, buckets, rakes, etc. Please RSVP by May 14 if staying for lunch.

## Bishop's Open Classics

This third Golf Tournament will be held Monday, May 14, at 12:30 PM at the Susquehanna Country Club in Shamokin Dam to benefit Camp Mt. Luther.

## WELCA

The synodical women's organization will have their day of Learning on Saturday, April 28, 9:00 AM at Pine Street Lutheran, Danville. Rev. Cinda Brucker, of Trinity, Hughesville will be the speaker.

## The Rev. Carla Volland

The Rev. Carla Volland, formerly Clarkstown-Lairdsville Parish, will be installed at Evangelical, Reedsville on Sunday, April 22 at 4 PM.

## Quiggleville

St. Michael's will sell open kettle cooked soup on March 31. There will also be a WELCA rummage sale and a sale at the Quiggleville Community Hall.

## West Branch Conference Congregations in Transition

Southern Clinton Country Lutheran Parish, interim Rev. Maurice "Chip" Frontz, also conference dean.  
 Northern Tier Lutheran Cooperative, interim Rev. Detlef Huckfeldt  
 St. Luke Lutheran Church, Williamsport, interim Sarah Hershberger  
 Messiah Lutheran Church, South Williamsport, interim Rev. Sarah Lynch  
 St. James Lutheran Church, Rauchtown, interim Rev. Kerry Aucker (Gary Shumway leads Sunday worship)  
 Grace Lutheran Church, Jersey Shore  
 Garman Lutheran Church, Jersey Shore  
 St. James, Pennsdale – Messiah, Clarkstown Lutheran Parish, interim Rev. Beverly Cotner  
 St. John "Brick" Lutheran Church, Montgomery, interim Rev. Martha Sue Moll  
 Church of the Savior, Williamsport, interim Rev. Roy Meyer

# Upper Susquehanna Synod

## Is God calling you to consider service as an Authorized Lay Worship Leader?

The Lay Ministry Institute of the Upper Susquehanna Synod will begin a new class for Authorized Lay Worship Leaders in September 2012. This two-year class (18 Saturday classes) is designed for those who want to serve as Worship Leaders and those who want a deeper understanding of the history, theology, and practice of the church. The cost of the program is \$1,050. Applications are available on the Upper Susquehanna Synod website or for more information contact Pastor Sell at [prmsell@verizon.net](mailto:prmsell@verizon.net).

## The ELCA Assignment Process Brings Two to Synod

On Friday, February 24, 2012, Upper Susquehanna Synod Bishop Robert Driesen participated in the Region 8 Bishops' Meeting in Bedford. The purpose of the meeting was to assign candidates who will be graduating from seminary to synods for their first call. The seminarians had earlier been assigned to geographic regions. At this meeting, the bishops agreed among themselves which future first-call pastors will serve in which synods. God's blessings on the students, the synods that welcome them, and the congregations they will serve! This year, Upper Susquehanna Synod welcomes two first-call pastors, graduating this spring from seminary.

## Sign Up for Camp Today!

A reminder to all of those interested in attending Camp Mount Luther this summer: the early registration deadline is April 1, 2012. After that, prices go up. Campers need to pay their portion of the camp fee to qualify for the early discount. You can get a summer brochure on the USS website or on the camp website at [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org). Or, you can call the camp office at 570-922-1587 and we'll send you a copy. This year's camping season will begin on June 10, 2012, with a week of on-site Day Camp. The following week our resident camp season begins. Sessions conclude on August 3rd. This year's theme at Mount Luther is "Crosswalk." Through the camp's daily morning "First Light" devotions, Bible Studies, and worship, campers will learn more about how to serve God as part of their daily life. New camps being offered this year include Building Youth Groups, Campfirmation, Super Night Owl, and Traditional with a Team Sports Twist. There are programs for all ages from Kindergarten to Senior High, Adults and Families. Church camping is an important faith developer of our young people. Encourage a child to go to camp!

## Leave a Legacy for Ministry and Mission

Now that your tax returns are completed, it would be a good time to review all your financial accounts. Were there changes to your situation in 2011: loss of a spouse, divorce, and/or marriage or remarriage, etc.? Do beneficiary statements and your will reflect these changes? Is the executor information still relevant and correct? How about the charitable beneficiaries? Did you remember your congregation and other ministries of the church in your will or as a beneficiary of other financial accounts? If you do not have a will, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will not consider your charitable interests. For more information about how to make charitable gifts using a will or other ways to make charitable gifts from your estate, call Pr. Greg Kramer at the Lutheran Planned Giving Office at 570-374-2044 or the ELCA Foundation, 800-638-3522, ext. 2970 or visit our website at [www.elca.org/fo](http://www.elca.org/fo).

## ELCA Disaster Response on the Recent Tornadoes in the Mid-West

Between February 22 and March 3, 2012, a deadly series of storms raced across the Midwest and the South, spawning at least 64 violent tornadoes that killed more than 50 people and injured many more in 14 states. Hundreds of homes, farms, and businesses were damaged or destroyed during the outbreak. Currently, ELCA Disaster Response and ELCA congregations are providing spiritual care, coordinating volunteer response through local partner agencies, and laying the groundwork for further response as communities repair and rebuild. No ELCA congregations have reported severe damage. Please help now with your contribution to ELCA Disaster Response designated for "U.S. Severe Spring Storms." Your gifts designated to U.S. Severe Spring Storms will be used entirely (100 percent) to help families whose lives and livelihoods have been impacted by these disasters. Your prayers and your partnership are greatly needed and deeply appreciated. Click here for bulletin insert or to donate now: <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Responding-to-the-World/Disaster-Response/Ongoing-Responses/US-Severe-Spring-Storms-2012.aspx>.

## April 19, 2012: Creation Care Symposium

The Rivertown Coalition For Clean Air and Clean Water will host a symposium at St. Pius X Church in Selinsgrove on Thursday, April 19, 2012, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The purpose of *The Interfaith Creation Care Symposium* is to bring together faith leaders, both clergy and laity, to broaden understanding of environmental issues, to share experiences and resources and to seek guidance and direction for responsible stewardship of God's creation. Participants include the Rev. Leah D. Schade, the Rev. Ricky Phillips, Mr. Kevin Heatley, and Mr. William Sharp. Mr. Mark Lawrence of WKOK will moderate the event. A noon luncheon will follow the symposium sessions. A fee of \$10 will be collected and advanced registration is requested at [rivertowncoalition@gmail.com](mailto:rivertowncoalition@gmail.com).

# Upper Susquehanna Synod

## Want to Be "In the Know?" Invite a Mission Visitor to Your Congregation!

Did you ever wonder where all those Health Kits, Seafarer's Bags, or quilts that you lovingly sew all year long finally end up? Or how your congregation's mission support to the wider church is used? Invite a Mission Visitor to your congregation! In November, Director for Evangelical Mission Beth Yenchko visited Messiah Lutheran Church, Mifflintown, and made a presentation about Lutheran Disaster Relief and the flood relief work done in Columbia and Montour Counties. Your congregation can request a mission visitor to preach or make a presentation during your worship service, Sunday School hour or special meeting. Special note! Synod Vice President Mike Schrey is available to make a presentation on synod finances and ministries to congregations one Sunday a month! Mike is currently preparing a new presentation, and already has several visits scheduled for early 2012, so get your request in to host him at your congregation from early summer onwards! Contact Rev. Karl-John Stone at 570-524-9778 or [karljohn@uss-elca.org](mailto:karljohn@uss-elca.org) or Beth Yenchko at 717-579-3845 or [eyenchko@uss-elca.org](mailto:eyenchko@uss-elca.org).

## Sunday, April 22, 2012: Mount Luther Open House and Biblical Scavenger Hunt

Come to camp to for an afternoon of fun on Sunday, April 22, 2012. From 2:00-4:00 p.m., you'll be able to take a camp tour, ask questions about the summer program, and meet some of year's summer staff. This is an especially good event for first-time campers. And, if you've never been to camp before, you will receive a coupon for \$25.00 off a new summer registration! If you've been to camp before, you can participate in our Biblical Scavenger Hunt. (You can participate if you've not been here before, too!) The scavenger hunt will allow participants to look for clues from our "Bible Stumper," who will be on-site that day posting clues. You'll have to figure out the answer to the questions and you'll also have to figure out who is posting the clues! No reservations are required- just show up! For a bulletin insert/flyer, visit the news section at [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org).

## April 28, 2012: Day of Learning

The Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization will hold their annual Day of Learning on April 28, 2012. This year's theme is God's Healing Hands. There will be two workshops and Rev. Cinda Brucker will lead Bible Study. The event will be held at Pine Street Lutheran Church, 407 Pine Street, Danville. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 10:00. Cost is \$12, which includes lunch. Registration deadline is April 20. To download the registration form, go to [www.uss-elca.org/usswo](http://www.uss-elca.org/usswo).

## May 14, 2012: Bishop's Open Golf Tournament

The seventh annual Bishop Open's Golf Tournament is set for May 14, 2012, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club in Shamokin Dam. The tournament benefits Camp Mount Luther and the camp's annual fund. A flyer/bulletin insert containing information and registration form is available on the camp's website at [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org). The camp's golf tournament committee is currently looking for hole sponsors, door prize sponsors, silent auction items, and golfers. If you can help, please contact the camp office. Congregations are also encouraged to become a hole sponsor this year. Get involved and help our synod's outdoor ministry!

## May 19, 2012: Camp Mount Luther Spring Work Day

Practice stewardship through service at Camp Mount Luther at our annual Spring Work Day. We need your help getting the camp grounds and facilities ready for Summer Camp. There will be plenty to do and everyone in the family can help! The event will be held on Saturday, May 19, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Members of this year's Summer Ministry Team will be participating this year, so you can meet them! Please bring supplies to do cleaning, mulching, raking, and light construction projects, such as step ladders, buckets, rakes, etc. A light lunch will be served. Please **RSVP by May 14** if staying for lunch. Some projects are being funded by individual chapters of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. To download a bulletin insert/flyer, please visit the news section at [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org).

## June 15-16, 2012: Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly

The 2012 Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly will take place in Weber Chapel Auditorium on the campus of the Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove on Friday, June 15, and Saturday, June 16, 2012. Registration materials have been mailed to all USS congregations and rostered leaders. Register by April 15 for a \$10 discount.

## Ongoing Collections



### 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.



## Thank You!

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Dear St. Mark's,

Thank you for helping us get to the Youth Encounter in Pittsburgh. We had an awesome time. I met really nice kids from Messiah and from other churches. ~ Christina Comini



Dear St. Mark's,

Thank you for helping us get to the Youth Encounter in Pittsburgh. I loved it! It was so fun! The best parts were the dance party and the break out sessions. ~ Morgan Comini



Thank you to all who sent us such beautiful cars for our 70th wedding anniversary. We really enjoyed hearing from so many friends at St. Mark's. ~ Ralph & Elda Zeigler



**Dear Pastor & St. Mark's,**

**Thank you for my Confirmation trip and supper. I had lots of fun and learned a lot. Sincerely ~ Dawson Owen**



I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for the many cards and condolences I received upon Frank's passing. I am grateful for so many dear friends at St. Mark's, especially during this difficult time. ~ Shirley Vognet



A special thank you to Shirley Vognet, Bev Hieber, Janet Jones, Barb Thomas & Ruth Sherlinski who volunteered to answer the phone and perform light office work while I was on vacation. You gals are certainly 'office angels!' ~ Susan Mahserjian-Smith



*We would like to extend a sincere thank you for cards, prayers, and soup delivery during our recent convalescence. Pastor & Donna*

# Health, Healing & Wholeness

*"For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience." (Romans 8:24-25)*

We are in the midst of the season of hope. Easter lasts a total of 50 days, ending with Pentecost, and the birth of the church. In celebration, we are surrounded by symbols of hope – colorful eggs, pictures of baby animals, greenery, rain, rainbows, and flowers – signs of re-birth and a promise of life after death.

If we look at the Easter story as recorded by Mark, this promise of life after death was not inherent in the minds of Christ's followers. On the morning of the resurrection, three days after Christ's crucifixion, two women named Mary arrive at the tomb with the ingredients to anoint the body of their teacher and friend. Instead of a body, they see a young man who tells them that Jesus is not there. Hope was not their first reaction! Instead, they are both so frightened that they run back to the village, and tell *no one* about their experience. They were not alone. Two men did not recognize their traveling companion on the road to Emmaus. Others gathered in a room in town, petrified of what would become of them now that their leader had been killed. Then of course, there was Thomas, who refused to believe until he had physical proof. In all cases, these people had to grow into their understanding of hope beyond their limited sight.

Today we have come to understand that hope must be something we cultivate in each other, and that without it, we will not have a fruitful life. It's been said that man can live for about 40 days without food, about 3 days without water, about 8 minutes without air. However, he cannot live more than a few seconds without hope. Psychologist Erick Erikson stated, "Hope is both the earliest and the most indispensable virtue inherent in the state of being alive ... if life is to be sustained, hope must remain, even where confidence is wounded, trust impaired." Closely related to the experience of trust is the capacity to form effective attachments to others, including God. Viktor Frankl, in his book Man's Search for Meaning, noted that prisoners who lost their faith were doomed to die in a short period of time, echoing Proverbs 13:12, where "Hope deferred makes the heart sick."

So how do we cultivate hope? It begins in early childhood, through ongoing loving interactions with responsive care givers. The secure base of the relationship serves as a safe haven to which a child can return for comfort, support, and guidance when he/she becomes fearful during interactions with the world. In time, this safety becomes internalized through the belief that someone will be available – providing hope, and an understanding of being loved. Can't we say the same of our relationship with our Lord?

There are spiritual, physical, and mental health advantages to increased hope. It aids in coping with adversity and leads to improved life satisfaction. Hopeful people tend to make healthier lifestyle choices. Studies have proven that they recover from illness and injury more effectively, and have increased life expectancies. They manifest less depression and anxiety and experience increased positive mental health and personal adjustment. They persevere when barriers arise, and are more effective problem solvers. In addition, they hold positive views of relationships and are open to receive social support. According to psychologist Martin Seligman, one of the most significant findings in psychology in the last twenty years is that individuals can choose the way they think.

How can one develop a hopeful attitude? With time and practice, a new habit of hopeful thinking can take shape. Here are a few tips from the experts at the Mayo Clinic:

Check your inner voice periodically throughout the day. If your thoughts are mainly negative, try to replace them with positive ones.

Try not to take yourself too seriously. There are plenty of humorous situations in everyday events even in difficult times.

Exercise at least three days a week. Exercise releases endorphins in the body that help to positively affect mood and reduce stress.

Surround yourself with positive, supportive, dependable people who give helpful advice and feedback. Negative people tend to deplete hopeful energy from others.

Pray, and be gentle with yourself. Some days will be more difficult than others, but get into the habit of not saying anything to yourself that you would not say to someone else. As the Rev. Billy Graham was reported to have said, "I've read the last page of the Bible. It's all going to turn out all right."

*Spring Blessings!*  
*Debbie Best RN, BSW, MHA*

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

04/02	Jenna Eyer	04/12	Nathan Hafer	04/18	Diana Zeigler
04/02	Jon Huff	04/13	Geoffrey MacGill	04/19	Cynthia Hartzel
04/02	Bernadette Jones	04/13	Michael Ochs	04/20	Jeffrey Byerly
04/02	Mary Helen Scinicarello	04/14	Ezra Buckman	04/20	Doris Griggs
04/05	Eric Comini	04/14	Veronica Doane	04/20	Karen Pelleschi
04/05	Tina Harvey	04/14	Johnny Hinds	04/20	Carl Reidy Jr.
04/06	Linda Rosini	04/15	Steven Bieber Jr.	04/21	Catherine Kneedler
04/07	Carol Butters	04/15	Jami Larson	04/23	Marc Fish
04/07	John Goertz	04/17	David Hughes	04/23	Benjamin Haussmann
04/08	Zachary Travis	04/17	Sara Neal	04/26	Karen Burd
04/09	Elda Zeigler	04/17	Paiton Patrick	04/27	Lisa Welker
04/10	Taylor Wentzel	04/18	Beverly Best	04/29	Ruth Ditchfield
04/10	Sadie Wentzel	04/18	Christina Comini	04/30	Dorothy Bingaman
04/11	Robert Clouser	04/18	Beverly Schmitt		

## Happy Anniversary!

04/03	Gary & Dee Goertz	04/21	Ted & Jane Larson Jr.	04/26	Clint & Megan Eppleman
04/08	Bob & Bernadette Jones	04/23	Carl & Audrey Albright		
04/08	Louis & Kathy Kolb	04/23	Randy & Jeannette Lukens		

## It's Friday but Sunday's a Comin' by Dr. Tony Compolo

It's Friday...Jesus is praying, Peter is asleep. Judas is betraying..... but Sunday's a Comin'!

It's Friday...Pilate is struggling, the Sanhedrin is conspiring, the crowd is vilified...  
they don't even know that...Sunday's a Comin'!

It's Friday...The disciples are running in every direction like sheep without a shepherd, Mary's crying, Peter's denying  
...but they don't know...that Sunday's a Comin'!

It's Friday...the Romans beat my Jesus, they robe him in scarlet, they crown him with thorns, ...but they don't know,  
Sunday's a Comin'!

See Jesus walking to Calvary, his blood dripping, his body's stumbling, and his spirit's burdened,  
but see it's only Friday, Sunday's a Comin'!

It's Friday...The world's winning, people are sinning and evil's grinning...it's Friday

The soldiers nail my Savior's hands to the cross...They nail my Savior's feet to the cross...

Then they raise him up next to criminals...it's Friday, but let me tell you something...Sunday's a Comin'!

It's Friday...The disciples are questioning, "What has happened to our King?" and the Pharisees are celebrating that  
their scheming has been achieved...but they don't know...it's only Friday. Sunday's a Comin'!

It's Friday...He's hanging on the cross, feeling forsaken by his Father, left alone and doubting, can nobody save him?  
Oh...it's Friday... but...Sunday's a Comin'!

It's Friday... The temple veil ripped from top to bottom - the earth shook - the rocks split and tombs opened. The cen-  
tury screamed in fear 'Truly He was the Son of God!' ... Sunday's a Coming.

It's Friday...the Earth Trembles, the sky grows dark, my King yields his spirit...it's Friday...hope is lost...death has  
won, sin has conquered... and Satan's just a laughin'!

It's Friday...Jesus is buried, a soldier stands guard, and a rock is rolled into place...but it's Friday...it is only Friday  
and Sunday is a Comin'!

It's Friday...Satan's doing a little jig saying 'I control the whole world' Hell is celebrating and Heaven is weeping... but  
Sunday's a Coming!

It's Sunday. And now everything has changed. The angel like dazzling lightning, rolled the stone away, exclaiming,  
'He is not here! He is risen!' It's Sunday and the crucified and resurrected Christ has defeated death, hell, sin and the  
grave. It's the age of grace, God's grace poured out on all who would look to that crucified lamb of Calvary.

Grace freely given to all who would believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross of Calvary was buried and rose again.  
All because it's Sunday. It's Sunday!!! It's Sunday!!!! It's Sunday!!!! It's Sunday!!!!

# ST. MARK'S APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>1 Sunday</b> <b>Hosting FPLC</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:00 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:15 PM The Way Gathering	<b>10 Tuesday</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:00 PM Brownies	<b>20 Friday</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
<b>2 Monday</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Wmspt. Civic Chorus	<b>11 Wednesday</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting 10:00 AM Filming of Pastor	<b>21 Saturday</b> 4:00 PM GLORY Youth Group
<b>3 Tuesday</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	<b>12 Thursday</b> 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 5:30 PM Executive Committee	<b>22 Sunday</b> <b>Easter III</b> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:00 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:15 PM The Way Gathering 6:00 PM Teen Movie Night
<b>4 Wednesday</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting 6:15 PM Seder Dinner	<b>13 Friday</b> Pastor Away 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	<b>23 Monday</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM Little Lambs Liaison 7:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Wmspt. Civic Chorus
<b>5 Thursday</b> <b>Maunder Thursday</b> 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:00 PM Holy Communion Chapel 7:00 PM Maunder Thursday Footwashing 8:00 PM Senior Choir	<b>14 Saturday</b> Pastor Away 8:30 AM Lutheran Youth Day 5:00 PM God's Gift Home Bible Study	<b>24 Tuesday</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:00 PM Brownies
<b>6 Friday</b> <b>Good Friday</b> Office closes at noon 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:00 PM Good Friday Ecumenical Service 7:00 PM Tenebrae Service	<b>15 Sunday</b> <b>Easter II</b> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:00 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal 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	<b>25 Wednesday</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting 11:45 AM Bible Study
<b>7 Saturday</b> 9:00 AM Decorate Nave 9:45 AM Breakfast & Egg Hunt 8:00 PM Vigil of Easter	<b>16 Monday</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 PM Council Mtg. 7:00 PM Dog Club 7:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Wmspt. Civic Chorus	<b>26 Thursday</b> 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Senior Choir
<b>8 Sunday</b> <b>Easter</b> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion	<b>17 Tuesday</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	<b>27 Friday</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Lion Crew
<b>9 Monday</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Wmspt. Civic Chorus	<b>18 Wednesday</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting 12:00 PM Lunch 'N' Fellowship	<b>28 Saturday</b> 9:00 AM Daniel's Closet
	<b>19 Thursday</b> 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:20 AM Stephen Ministry 7:00 PM Senior Choir	<b>29 Sunday</b> <b>Easter IV</b> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:00 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:15 PM The Way Gathering 3:00 PM Civic Chorus Concert
		<b>30 Monday</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:00 PM LSM Focus Group @ Redeemer 7:00 PM Handbells

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## *Holy Week Services*

*Wednesday, April 4th*

*Seder Meal, 6:15 pm*

*Maundy Thursday, April 5th*

*Holy Communion, Noon, Chapel*

*Holy Communion, 7:30 pm, Nave*

*Good Friday, April 6th*

*Eumenical Service, Noon to 3 pm*

*Tenebrae Service, 7:00 pm*

*Saturday, April 7th*

*Great Vigil of Easter, 8 pm*

*Easter Sunday, April 8th*

*Holy Communion, 8am & 10:30 am*