



THE LION OF ST. MARK'S

MAY 2012

On the civil calendar, Mother's Day is in May and Father's Day follows in June.

So the question often arises: What is the best way to honor a parent?

If the parent is living...

With a flower?

With a meal?

With a card?

With a hug?

If the parent has died...

With a visit to a grave?

With a financial memorial?



We are not born Christians, we cannot inherit the Christian faith, we must be brought to it by parents and mentors, those who have gone before us and pass it on to us. The light of the Christian faith is always one generation away from going out!

The best way for each of us to honor parents and grandparents and all our forebears in the faith is by taking seriously our responsibility to tell Good News to someone else.

Here are a few ideas to get us all thinking:

- ◆ Invite a friend or neighbor to come to Sunday worship with you.
- ◆ Review the basics and expand your thought and knowledge through one of the adult Sunday School classes, The Way, the Wednesday noon Bible study, the 6:31 AM Thursday study group... or ask that another group be started at another time of the week.
- ◆ Share a meal-time prayer at your home when you invite friends in, and encourage conversation springing from it.
- ◆ Remind children that when they have overnight guests on Saturday that they are also then invited to go with your family to church and Sunday School on Sunday morning.
- ◆ When you notice someone you do not know at church, introduce yourself and offer to sit nearby; they may appreciate that someone notices, they may appreciate clues about local customs
- ◆ Do something, say something, sing something, be something positive to someone in the name of Christ, and the Holy Spirit will make happen what God wills out of it.

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~ Pastor Elkin

Official Notice:

**The Annual Meeting will be held at 11:45 AM on Sunday, May 6, 2012.
Please make every effort to attend.**

The 2012 Annual Report booklet is now available in the Narthex.

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Council Update

The Congregation council met in regular session on April 16 in the Crossways room.

The Council:

- ◆ received the reports of the pastor, officers, and committees
- ◆ agreed not to meet in May due to the Pastor's absence
- ◆ rejoiced that the Pastor has convalesced quickly from his surgery
- ◆ noted that annual reports need to be completed quickly for the booklet
- ◆ affirmed the schedule for the assembly, installation of new members, elections, and first regular meeting of the new council.
- ◆ noted that the roof project will get underway soon.
- ◆ noted that the date for the mulching is May 19
- ◆ noted that Mr. Shafranko will give an extended report in June
- ◆ closed by praying the office of Prayer at the Close of the Day

Parish Register

A memorial service for Laura June Decker was held in the Nave on April 22, 2012.

A memorial service for D.W. McCulley was held in the Nave on April 22, 2012.

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First Annual Fishing Derby



Doebler's Farm
Saturday May 19th 2:00– 6:00pm
A fun activity for the whole family!

4 Trophies will be awarded for: (17 yrs. Under)
 The two largest fish caught (measure nose to tail by an adult)
 One for the most fish caught (counted by an adult)
 One for the largest catfish caught

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

Directions: (Look for signs)

180 to Faxon exit to Northway rd. straight
 out past Four Mile rd. past the Loyalsock
 swimming pool. Left onto Northway Ext.
 Make left onto Kimble Hill Rd. make the
 first left onto Doebler Lane, follow signs for
 parking. The pond is out past the barn.

Kayaks will be available with life jackets and
 all kids must be with adults.

If you aren't sure about fishing techniques,
 there will be helpers to assist.

Come on out and drop your line in.

Hope to see you there.

The fish will be a catch and release.

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.

He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some."

When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

John 21:6

Your attendance is desired at the following two events...

CROSS FIRE

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN CONCERT

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

CORNER OF WEST SOUTHERN AVENUE AND HOWARD STREET, SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, PA

The community is invite to attend this FREE concert!

SUNDAY, May 6, 2012

6:30 p.m. – Family Friendly Concert

7:45 p.m. – Campfire Style Worship Service

A Free WILL OFFERING WILL be TAKEN.



CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844

Phone: (570) 922-1587 Fax: (570) 922-1118

E-Mail: cml@campmountluther.org

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.

Annual Church Picnic - June 3, 2012!!



If you want to help with our annual picnic,
please call or email the office:

Michele, Bernadette or Bob.

If anyone would like to make a donation
toward the purchase of food and supplies or the picnic,
envelopes are available in the narthex.

Thank you!

Calling All Kids!!



CHILDREN'S CHURCH meets Sunday, May 13...

YES! On Mothers' Day!

Please join your children at 10:30 in the Chapel.
We return to the Nave for Holy Communion.

The children's special offering this month is small lollipops (ex. dum-dums) or the small tootsie rolls (regular or fruit) to be handed out at St. Mark's 4th of July celebration! We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Mother's Day service! Children of all ages are welcome!

Women's & Children's "Spring Serenade" Dinner



(pictured here with Les Chanteuse)

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, under the direction of Eric Clayton and Kent Weaver.

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

We look forward to seeing you there!

Passing On Faith: Milestone Ministry

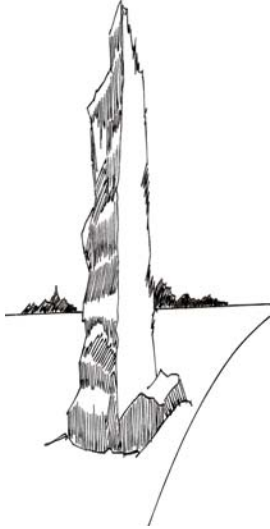
REMINDER: Blessing of the Keys



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!!

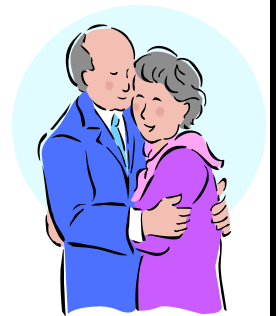
Call or e-mail the office no later than MAY 13—we're waiting to hear!



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.

Carl & Beverly Hieber ~ 50 years
Harold & Joyce Hershberger ~ 50 years



Just for Teens!



Teen Movie Night is May 27th at 6:00 pm
Bring a friend!! Spread the word!!
Hope to see you there!!

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!

WORK DATES have been set!!

SUNDAY, MAY 27, after the 10:30 service.

(LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED);

SATURDAYS, JUNE 2 & 9, from 9 am ~ 1 pm.

SO, BRING OR WEAR YOUR OLD CLOTHES AND JOIN US FOR A FUN TIME BUILDING A BABYLON MARKETPLACE!!!

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!



Please make sure your name is labeled securely on any items you bring in.

Easter Wrap up

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

On Saturday, April 7, 2011, 40+ children, youth and adults gathered to celebrate the beginning of the Easter season. Sara, Hannah, Devin, Christina, Stefan, Anna, Dawson, Laura, Ezra and Ben hid the eggs, ran the dining room and were instrumental in preparing the meal of scrambled eggs, pancakes and sausage. The weather was gorgeous and Gary took a lot of photos, which are now on our website! The children again prepared a special treat to give to the congregation on Easter morning: a jelly bean prayer! We hope you enjoyed it! Please bring your children or grandchildren, nieces or nephews to join us next year!

Easter Morning at St. Mark's

On Easter morning, those present at Sunday School gathered in Fellowship Hall. They made Alleluia streamers to take home for the celebration of that most holy of days! They also watched a short Easter movie. While that was going on, Devin, Bob, and Janet served a tasty breakfast for the choir in the choir room. After singing for the Vigil service and between singing the two services on Easter morning, the choir members were very appreciative! Thank you, Parish life!! It was a beautiful morning, full of praise, worship, and companionship. Christ is risen!

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL



Our teachers for May are:

Pre-K and K: Brenda Gair
 1st and 2nd: Teacher Needed
 3rd and 4th: Declan Jones
 5th: Sara Jones

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, May 26
 4-6 PM



at the COMINI'S, 336 Bennett Street, Montoursville
 971-5434 / 651-9062

Fourth of July Celebration

Last year our annual Fourth of July celebration on our front lawn and the patriotic program in our nave was enjoyed by more than four hundred people. If you would like to assist in the planning of this event or have an idea to make it better please contact Becky Miller Pryor @ 321-9523. Many hands make for light work!

It is also not too early to begin collecting needed supplies. Please consider donating any of the following items. Keep watching the grocery flyers for the Buy One/Get One deals.



- Bags of individually wrapped candy such as:
(Smarties, Tootsie Rolls, Blow Pops, Suckers, Bubble Gum)
- Fruit Snacks
- Bags of popping corn
- Bottled water in 8 oz. and 16 oz. sizes
- Lemonade and Ice Tea mix
- Trinkets / Kiddie prizes
- Money to purchase additional supplies not donated

Donated items can be placed in the tub in the Narthex. Checks can be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line designating Fourth of July. Thank you for any help you can give.

St. Mark's Women Fall Bazaar

The Women of St. Mark's need your no-longer-needed items for our annual bazaar. We are looking for house wares, kitchen appliances, linens, small pieces of furniture, lamps, holiday decorations, knick-knacks, electronics in working order, books, toys, games, jewelry, handbags, totes, pictures, mirror, athletic equipment, tools and treasures! As you are spring cleaning think of this sale and place those items in the Bazaar Room in the basement. When you are depositing items in the Bazaar Room please try to keep items as far away from the door as possible.



We are **UNABLE** to accept encyclopedias, cribs, car seats and booster seats. Televisions and computer accessories must be in good working order as the American Rescue Workers do not take computers, printers, cribs, car seats or televisions even if they work.

Speak with Shirley Hill or Becky Miller Pryor if you have questions.

Daniel's closet

Clothing Distribution: Saturday, May 26, 2012 9-11 AM Redeemer Lutheran Church



The Women of St. Mark's will not have a spring clothing sale, We encourage our members to donate their clean, usable spring and summer clothing, shoes and accessories to Daniel's Closet. Items may be dropped off at Redeemer's church basement on Thursday, May 24th from 5:30 to 6:30 pm or you may contact Redeemer Church at 322-2333 to arrange another time for drop off.

Family Promise

Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Romans 12:30



Jane Zimmerer, Larue Dieter and Becky Miller Pryor thank the many volunteers from our congregation and the five volunteers from First Presbyterian who assisted in a variety of ways in meeting the needs of our four families who stayed with us from March 25th to April 1st. Without this support these families and the young children they bring with them would be in harm's way as they struggled for shelter on a daily basis. The need for this support continues as we look to our next hosting week.

How will you answer Christ's call to serve?

From Sunday, June 24, 2012 until Sunday, July 1, 2012

we will be hosting families with children who are experiencing a housing crisis.

We are in need of volunteers:

- ◆ to set up Fellowship Hall and the rooms being used for bedrooms,
- ◆ drive the van in the morning and evening,
- ◆ donate money to offset the cost of fresh foods, milk & needed supplies,
(checks should be made payable to St. Mark's and designated to the Hosting Fund)
- ◆ prepare meals,
- ◆ serve meals and eat with the families,
- ◆ visit in the evenings with our guests,
- ◆ stay overnight and get the coffee going in the morning,
- ◆ clean up at the end of the hosting week,
- ◆ and launder the bedding.

If you have two hours to donate you can be a volunteer and make a difference in a family's life. Please plan now to be part of that difference. Check your calendars for your availability before all your summer events are scheduled. We will be telephoning for help beginning in mid-May.

**Feel free to contact Larue Dieter, Scheduling Coordinator,
at 433-3453 if you already have a date in mind.**

**If you have never volunteered but would like to find out more,
contact either Jane (433-3324) or Becky (321-9523) for more information.**

Also Needed: Cookie Makers and Cake Bakers



Home Baked Love

To assist with our Family Promise hosting and to lighten the load of the people who donate dinners we are looking for folks who will donate a cake or a batch of cookies for use as dessert with the dinners we serve each evening. For those who enjoy baking, this is a wonderful way to volunteer during Hosting Week.

We would need two cakes and a batch of cookies at the beginning of our hosting week. Two additional cakes and possibly a batch of cookies would most likely be needed mid-week. Please contact Jane, Becky or Larue if you can provide a batch of cookies or a cake for dessert.

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. Reservations not necessary.

- 2- Rev. Bob Hickox, Executive Director, Greater Lycoming Habitat for Humanity, *"Faith In Action"*
- 9- Tom Wetzel and Kay Huffman, Members of the Williamsport Music Club, *"Inspirational Messages In Song"*
- 16- Tracy Haas, Marketing Coordinator for Albright LIFE, *"Called to Serve Seniors"*
- 23- Jordan and Kate Egli, Greater European Mission, *"God is Moving in France"*
- 30- 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 have some specific needs this month including:

<i>Tea Bags</i>	<i>Spaghetti</i>	<i>Spaghetti Sauce</i>
<i>Granola</i>	<i>Chunky Soups</i>	<i>Canned Fruits</i>
<i>Pasta</i>	<i>Pork n' beans</i>	<i>Saltine Crackers</i>
<i>Jello</i>	<i>Pudding Mix</i>	<i>Mac N Cheese</i>
<i>Cake Mixes & frostings</i>		<i>Instant Potatoes</i>
<i>Oatmeal Packets [flavored]</i>		<i>Hamburger Helper</i>

Hours are 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.

Upper Susquehanna Synod News

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.

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. 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.

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.

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. Every congregation may send two voting members. Pastors are voting members, too. A luncheon is to follow the meeting.

Elections/Nominations

The conference will be electing dean, secretary, nominating committee chair, and West Branch youth and young adult synod assembly voting members. The conference will nominate persons for synod council (male), committee on discipline (clergy), and church-wide assembly (clergy). The synod nominating committee will nominate persons for synod council (youth), church-wide assembly (youth or young adult), and the board of Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. Elections will be at synod assembly, June 15-16.

Constitution

West Branch Conference clergy scheduled a special meeting to discuss a possible proposal to eliminate mandated conference assemblies: We still could meet, but we won't have to. Such a proposal would have implications for conference elections, and the nominating process for synod and church-wide positions.

Officers

Rev. Maurice Frontz (interim pastor Southern Clinton County Lutheran Parish) has accepted a call from St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, NALC, and is resigning as interim dean. Interim secretary Rev. Detlef Huckfeldt (St. Michael's) will assume the position of interim dean. Rev. Cinda Brucker (Trinity, Hughesville) has agreed to be interim secretary.

Cross Fire

Youth Encounter's International Team Ministry Band, will present a contemporary Christian concert at Messiah Lutheran Church, South Williamsport, on Sunday, May 6. All ages are invited to this family-friendly concert. The evening will begin at 6:30 PM. with a cross-cultural concert. A brief campfire-style worship will follow at 7:45 PM.

Lutheran Shared Ministry (LSM)

The focus group will meet on Monday, April 30, 6:00 PM, at Redeemer Lutheran Church for a brown bag dinner, to discuss ministry opportunities.

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.

Quiggleville

St. Michael's Lutheran Church will offer their famous Chicken and Biscuit Dinner, on Sunday, May 20, noon to 2:00 PM.

Corrections

The editor apologizes incorrectly stating name and title of The Rev. Sarah Hershberger (interim pastor at St. Luke's) and The Rev. Susan Lynch (interim pastor at Messiah).

Contact

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

Installations of Clergy in the West Branch Conference:

Rev. John Harwood has been installed as rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Renovo on April 17. Zion Lutheran Church, Renovo has a purchase of service agreement with Trinity.

Rev. Viking Dietrich will be installed as pastor of St. John "Brick" Lutheran Church, Montgomery on Sunday, April 29 at 3:00 PM.

Rev. Beverly Cotner will be installed as pastor of the Messiah - St. James Lutheran Parish at Messiah Clarkstown on Sunday, May 6, at 4:00 PM.

Rev. David Letscher will be installed as pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, Montoursville on Sunday, May 20 at 3:00 PM.

Gary Shumway will be ordained at Synod Assembly and installed as pastor of St. James Lutheran Church, Rauchtown on Sunday, June 17, 3:00 PM.

Garmen Lutheran Church has a purchase of service agreement with St. James.

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.

United Campus Ministry

As the end of a busy semester approaches, and with graduation in sight for two of our students, we have taken time out to focus on Lent. One of the first activities we did was to walk the labyrinth that was set up at Trinity Episcopal Church. It was a quiet time of reflection and prayer for us. A labyrinth is a spiritual tool to help us become closer to God. It took us through twists and turns which are metaphors for our individual faith journeys. When the path led us to the outer edges of the labyrinth, we were reminded how at times we feel very far from our destination and far from God. As we headed back toward the center again, we became more aware of not only God's presence in our lives, but also of his power. As we prayed and walked back out of the labyrinth, it was a reminder to us to go out into the world to face our daily challenges, knowing that God was with us. The labyrinth served as a much needed time of meditation for the students. I also felt the rejuvenated from this quiet, meaningful, prayer walk.

A few students and I also attended the Seder Meal that was held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. We were treated to a very nice dinner, but more importantly, we learned about the worship aspect of the Seder Meal and the symbolism behind it. It was a meaningful story of the Passover and I am glad that the students and I were able to attend.

For our service project this month, we worked with our advisor Deb Buckman and the Earth Smart Club. We picked up trash and cleaned up Northway Road near Rt. 973. After we were done, we enjoyed some pizza and fellowship. This was our last service project for the semester. I am always looking for new service projects for the fall. If your congregation needs some work done, please let me know. Get well wishes go out to Deb as she recovers from surgery. We're praying for a speedy recovery for you.

On a final note with exams right around the corner, we have been putting together study bags for the students. We would like to thank St. John Lutheran Church, Pastor Kerry Aucker, and Molly Mitchell for working with their youth to put the bags together for the college students.

We would like to thank Pastor Elkin for leading a faith talk in March. We appreciate the support of all the pastors who help with our ministry. Thank you for all your support. United Campus Ministry cannot happen without you. May the Lord richly bless your congregations.

Sharon Comini
UCM Coordinator

Health, Healing & Wholeness

*"I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate."
(Romans 7:15, NRSV)*

A recent posting on Facebook really brought to my attention, the broad impact that Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) have on daily life. The individual shared a recent article by John O'Neil titled, *Learning to Drive with ADHD* (www.nytimes.com/2012/03/27/health) In the article, the author cites a 2007 study by Russell A Barkley of the Medical University of S.C. and Daniel J Cox of the University of VA Health System, which indicates that young drivers with ADHD are "two to four times as likely as those without the condition to have an accident, meaning that they are at a higher risk of wrecking the car than an adult who is legally drunk". Researchers say that many teenagers with attention or learning problems can become good drivers, but not easily or quickly, and that some will be better off not driving until they are older – or not at all." They go on to say that, "When a driver takes his eyes off the road for two seconds or more, he's doubled the risk of a crash." With both ADD and ADHD, often come distractibility, impulsivity and risk-taking. Add to all this, the distractions from within the vehicle, by stereos, cell phones and passengers, and you've got the recipe for problems.

There are numerous things parents can do to help their child with ADD or ADHD ease into learning to drive. It begins by honestly assessing the maturity of your child – have there been ongoing behavior problems or multiple instances of poor judgment? If your child is very oppositional or defiant, he/she probably should not be driving. Other considerations include:

- ◆ Has he/she had medical treatment – the study's authors go so far as to propose that "medication should not really be optional".
- ◆ Schedule an eye exam; does he/she have problems with visual processing?
- ◆ Give serious consideration to formal one-to-one driver training, and recognize that this training should take as long as necessary for the learner to develop confidence – plan for more than the 40-50 hours set by the state.
- ◆ Parents should also seek coaching tips from the trainer, since mom or dad will be handling the bulk of the child's training time.

Let your teen know that driving is a privilege, not a right, and that the privilege goes hand-in-hand with safe driving skills. Although the state may not take away this privilege, you will not hesitate to do so if you feel his/her driving is unsafe. In addition:

- ◆ Make sure that the driver knows the route needed to get to his/her destination.
- ◆ Discourage driving during peak times such as rush-hour and after dark.
- ◆ Limit passengers to one friend, and confine it to a friend that you trust to not become a distraction.
- ◆ No eating while behind the wheel.
- ◆ If you cannot get your teen to agree to not listen to music while driving, set the expectation that he/she pick one CD or radio station before putting the car in gear and that no changes will take place until the car is stopped.
- ◆ Instead of eliminating the cell phone, make sure it is turned off, and is out of reach – put it in the trunk.
- ◆ Above all, model good driving habits, and begin discussing driving skills before your child comes of age.

ADD and ADHD are chronic issues that follow us into adulthood, and according to The Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists, may be manifested by: not properly observing signs/signals – slowness in responding to traffic lights – slowing/stopping on green or going on red; failure to yield the right-of-way; drifting from the lane of traffic; fluctuating or inappropriate speeds; impaired eye/hand/foot coordination and, the inability to focus or deal with distractions while driving.

Getting a driver's license is a huge milestone for most teens. Celebrate the occasion by asking your pastor or priest to offer a "blessing of the keys" for all new drivers in the congregation, and get into the habit of saying a prayer for safe travel with every click of the seatbelt

May blessings! Debbie Best RN, BSW, MHA

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Happy Birthday!

05/01 Melvin Wentzel
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 05/06 Rosemary Clokey
 05/07 Alex Larson
 05/08 Ian Elliott
 05/10 Carl Weaver
 05/13 Catherine Lundy
 05/13 Lori Ann Zimmerer
 05/14 Karen Boone
 05/15 Jane Larson

05/16 Robert Schultz
 05/18 Stephen Boone
 05/18 Arthur Decker



05/19 Candace Dewar
 05/19 Amy Stugart
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05/24 Ryan Jensen
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 05/26 Jane Angle
 05/26 Norma Prato
 05/26 Jean Soars
 05/27 Audrey Albright
 05/27 Joyce Hershberger
 05/27 Kyseem Smith
 05/29 Kathleen Gilbert
 05/30 Owen Gair
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Happy Anniversary!

05/02 Edward & Lorraine Barone
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 05/17 Patrick & Carol Harvey
 05/25 James & Debra Buckman
 05/28 Creighton & Christina MacGill
 05/30 Michael & Pamela Jensen

News in Our Pews



Exciting news about **Brett Campbell** – he has been awarded the Murray Altman award at New York University for the highest achievement in economics as a junior! Kathy has been asked to report the parents' names so that they can be featured on the program for the ceremony May 7. Brett has always been an outstanding student but this is really special and we are all very happy for him!

Deb Buckman, assistant professor of chemistry and environmental science at Pennsylvania College of Technology, participated in a panel discussion on the role of educators in teaching about Marcellus Shale. The discussion was part of the annual conference held at Wilkes University.

Also glimpsed **Lou and Linda DeSeau** giving their thoughts on the cost of gas in the question of the week in the Sun-Gazette.

During the Easter season I am always impressed by the number of members who take part in our worship services in so many ways. This Easter I particularly thought about our Senior Choir and their faithful service week after week for many years. Adding up the decades of involvement by such as **Carl Weaver**, **Jane Kline**, **the Buckman family** comes to a very impressive number. In addition, we have **Cindy Hartzel** following in the footsteps of her mother, **Aletha Swartz**, another longtime singer. **Shirley Vognet** and **Betty Stroup**, now retired, were dedicated members for many years. Add to that, those who now sing in a heavenly choir and you have a very interesting story.

After being directed by **Fred Snell** and later by **Dick Lakey**, we are privileged to have as our new leader, **Jungwha Kim**, who has brought us to new levels of performance-how blessed we have been and are still!

~Joyce Anne Hershberger

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

ST. MARK'S MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1 Tuesday 8:00 AM City Pastors 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	12 Saturday 2:00 PM Wedding	21 Monday 7:00 PM Handbells
2 Wednesday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting 11:45 AM Bible Study	13 Sunday Easter VI 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Children's Church 10:30 AM Holy Communion 11:45 AM Council Mtg - Crossways 11:45 AM Family Handbells	22 Tuesday <i>Pastor Away</i> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:00 PM Brownies
3 Thursday 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Senior Choir	14 Monday <i>Pastor Away</i> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Handbells	23 Wednesday <i>Pastor Away</i> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:20 AM Quilting
4 Friday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	15 Tuesday <i>Pastor Away</i> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	24 Thursday <i>Pastor Away</i> 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
6 Sunday Easter V 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:00 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion 11:45 AM Congregational Assembly 11:45 AM Family Handbells 12:11 PM Wedding Anniversary Milestone 3:00 PM Conference Assembly at St. Luke's	16 Wednesday <i>Pastor Away</i> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:20 AM Quilting 12:00 PM Lunch 'N' Fellowship	25 Friday <i>Pastor Away</i> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
7 Monday Pastor @ Retreat in Danville 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Handbells	17 Thursday <i>Pastor Away</i> 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Health Screenings 7:00 PM Senior Choir	26 Saturday <i>Pastor Away</i> 9:00 AM Daniel's Closet 4:00 PM GLORY Youth Group
8 Tuesday Pastor @ Retreat in Danville 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:00 PM Brownies	18 Friday <i>Pastor Away</i> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	27 Sunday Day of Pentecost <i>Pastor Away</i> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM VBS Workday 6:00 PM Teen Movie Night
9 Wednesday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting 11:45 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Women's Dinner	19 Saturday <i>Pastor Away</i> 9:00 AM Outside Workday 2:00 PM Fishing Derby at Doebler's Pond	28 Monday Office Closed <i>Pastor Away</i>
10 Thursday 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:30 AM Stephen Ministers 7:00 PM Senior Choir	20 Sunday Easter VII <i>Pastor Away</i> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion 6:00 PM Catechetics meal/mtg	
11 Friday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:15 PM Wedding rehearsal	21 Monday <i>Pastor Away</i> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Dog Club	29 Tuesday <i>Pastor Away</i> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Lion Crew
		30 Wednesday <i>Pastor Away</i> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:20 AM Quilting 6:00 PM Worship & Music Comm.
		31 Thursday <i>Pastor Away</i> 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer

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**Men's Acapella
Ensemble**

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