



# THE LION OF ST. MARK'S

AUGUST 2012

**Have a yearning desire to cultivate a closer relationship with Jesus and learn more about the teachings of Martin Luther? Has the time come for you to reaffirm your baptism in Christ? Do you want to learn more about St. Mark's and cultivate stronger fellowship with others here at St. Mark's?**

If any of these ring a bell then "The Way" is especially for you. Throughout the year we share our thoughts and ideas leading to the reaffirmation of our baptism in Christ. Along the journey of faith we have the opportunity to experience a spiritual growth in the community of the church as well as within ourselves. Please consider becoming a member of "The Way" and contact Mel Wentzel at 327-8286 or Pastor Elkin at 323-4619.

Please consider being a candidate or sponsor in our new group forming in September. We look forward to great discussion as we share, learn and follow along on "The Way". Several of our most recent members have commented.....



"I thought I knew a lot about our church and the Lutheran liturgy but after starting "The Way", I knew my knowledge was minimal. The Way has taught me so very much. The field trips though the church, especially the tour with the description of all the colored windows and what they represented, were very enlightening. The weekly handouts to create our own notebook were great to keep for future reference. The discussions and fellowship with other Christians who are on this same spiritual journey was a big help to me. My confidence has increased, and I feel more empowered to share with others my faith and my love of the Lord. I also enjoyed searching for information in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) and learning how each Sunday service is planned. I feel very blessed that our church offers The Way to give us the opportunity to grow in our faith." - **Carol Confer**

"The Way was an amazing experience for me. I was a new person coming into the church deciding if I wanted to join the church and Pastor recommended I join The Way. This has not only brought me to love the church and the people in it, but it also was the best therapy I could have ever asked for. I enjoyed having a sponsor who guided me through the experience. I definitely will leave The Way with great life long friends, a church I belong to and a greater passion for the word of God." - **Mae Thaljih**

"The Way taught me to listen more intently to each scripture lesson and relate it to my personal life. We learned to ask, "How is this speaking to me?" I have now transferred that experience over into every service automatically. What a valuable life-long tool that has become and how we learned to see important doctrines in a new adult light and our spirits were re-awakened. The most meaningful experience was the Easter Vigil. This was the time when our baptisms and faith were re-affirmed." - **Sally Bjornstad**

"The Way helped me focus my faith. Thanks to The Way I have been able to closer analyze my own beliefs and better understand fellow Christians. I am grateful for The Way and its ability to reiterate the important lessons the Lord has to give us." - **Adam Zitta**

"I looked forward to our Sunday gatherings as an extension of worship. The opportunity to analyze scripture allowed me to follow it more clearly. The Way fueled discussion in my daily life and reinforced the lifelong lessons we often forget." - **Lynn Detwiler Zitta**

"St. Mark's program, The Way, is appropriately named. This opportunity provided me with a pathway to re-connect me as an attending and participating member of a viable church life...It was surprising how smoothly we moved into avid discussion, questions, and individual sharing. I appreciated the opportunity to affirm my Lutheran upbringing as well as learn a great deal of St. Mark's history and building." - **Leah Haussmann**

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**Because the number of known participants was much less than the number of performers needed, Summer Music Camp has been postponed until next year.**

**Please look in next month's LION for the dates of next year's camp and, those of you who enjoy participating, please consider planning vacations around that week. Thank you!**

## Parish Register

◆ The Funeral Service for Charles 'Chuck' Homan was held on July 25th

## Staff & Officers Contact Information

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**Directory Changes listed on page 16!**

## Social Ministry Starts With You!

### Hosting for Family Promise a Success

From June 26, 2012 to July 1, 2012 we hosted a pregnant mother and father experiencing a housing crisis. This family was very neat, pleasant and expressed thanks for the safe harbor St. Mark's provided for them. They also returned on July 4<sup>th</sup> to enjoy our front lawn party while they were guests of Faith UMC in Montoursville.

Jane Zimmerer and Becky Miller Pryor wish to thank the many volunteers who set-up Fellowship Hall and the bedrooms on twenty-four hours notice, prepared meals, washed dishes, baked wonderful cakes and cookies, chatted with the adults, drove the van in the morning and evening, slept over, cooked breakfast on the weekend, donated groceries and money, cleaned up at the conclusion of the week and did laundry for the next hosting week. It is important to know that it does not matter if we have two guests or a full house we still need all of our volunteers to cover the duties of hosting.

A special thank you is given to Larue Dieter for the many hours she spent telephoning the many volunteers that are needed to make hosting possible. Without her help Jane and Becky would have been overwhelmed. Thank you, thank you, and thank you!

Mark your calendars now for our next hosting week. It is **September 23 – September 30, 2012.**

**How best can you answer Christ's call to serve?**

### Fourth of July Celebration

Becky Miller Pryor cannot thank the congregation enough for their very generous support of this year's celebration. Many members of the congregation donated snacks, candy, hot dogs, rolls, popcorn, trinkets, drink mixes, bottled water, or money to make it possible to welcome more than 400 people to St. Mark's on that beautiful night.

The patriotic program featuring the talents of Jungwha Kim, David Bailey and Ray Huff thrilled the more than 100 people who filled our sanctuary. Outdoors many more folks listened while seated in their lawn chairs thanks to the technical talents of Jim and Deb Buckman.

In a bit more than three hours we popped and served 34 pounds of popcorn, gallons of lemonade and ice tea, 300 plus hotdogs, 100 mini-bags of candy, 10 bags of loose candy, 250 bags of Cheetos and chips, 360 bottles of water, nine cases of soda, and hundreds of trinkets and kiddy tattoos. We do not charge for any of it, but we do ask for contributions in support of St. Anthony's Center. This year we are able to send Sister Henry \$295.51!

None of this could happen without the many members of the congregation who donate their time to set up, serve and clean up in time for the fanfare of the fireworks. Special thanks is due Larue Dieter, Ed, Brenda, Owen and Levi Gair, Eric, Kirk, Michele, Devon and Dawson Owen, Bob and Bernadette Jones, Pastor and Donna Elkin, Shirley, Mike and Jackie Kinney, Beth Shafranko, Todd Smith, Cheryl and Dave Williams, Roxie Larson, Ray Huff, Mel, Melinda, Taylor and Sadie Wentzel, Jim, Deb and Nick Buckman, Barb Horn, Gary and Riley Weber, Bob, Mary and Hannah Schultz, Kathy and Gregg Dancho, Max and Corey Hospes and Dan, Diana, Laura and Anna Zeigler.

A special thank you goes to Sharon Comini for creating a banner welcoming folks to our front lawn party.

Please remember our vendors in your shopping. We received donations from Wegmans', Frito-Lay, and the Pepsi Bottling Company in Williamsport.

### United Churches Newsletter

St. Mark's was recently recognized in the July 2012 edition of the United Churches newsletter for its July Fourth celebration and outreach to the community. Many thanks go to Sharon Comini for submitting this information on our behalf. Check out page five of the newsletter at [www.uclc@sunlink.net](http://www.uclc@sunlink.net).

Please note that during the summer months the newsletter is only available online.

## Step Forward, Please!

**There are several posts that need new leaders.  
Might you be the right person to serve in one of these capacities?**

**Greeters Coordinator** – Part of our Hospitality is greeting everyone as they enter the church for worship. The coordinator arranges the list of persons who take turns at the door each week.

**Flower Delivery Coordinator** – The altar flowers have brought beauty to the nave and glorified God, and then they can also bring joy to someone who is ill or lonely at home or in the hospital. The coordinator manages a list of persons who can take a few minutes to deliver flowers and a greeting in the name of our Lord Jesus.

**Hospitality Coordinator at 10:30** – This person manages the list of persons who provide the refreshments following the 10:30 service and encourages the conversations to continue.

## WE STILL NEED YOUR STUFF!

### Fall Bazaar

Saturday, September 22nd  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



The Women of St. Mark's need your no-longer-needed items for our annual bazaar. We are looking for house wares, linens, toys, small appliances in good condition, collectibles, holiday decorations, baskets, pictures, frames, jewelry, and small pieces of furniture. Much has been donated, but more is needed to have a successful sale and raise more than \$1000.00 for local and global charities.

As you are cleaning or getting ready for back to school, think of this sale and place those items in the Bazaar Room in the basement. When placing your items in the Bazaar Room please try to put your items as near to the walls as possible thus not blocking the entrance.

Please note we are not accepting sets of encyclopedias or textbooks, cribs or car seats. Electronics need to be in good working order. The American Rescue Workers no longer take televisions, cribs, car seats or computers regardless of condition.

Your seasonal clothing may be donated to Daniel's Closet at Redeemer Lutheran Church. If you have questions, please speak with Shirley Hill or Becky Miller Pryor.

## Daniel's Closet

**Clothing Distribution: Saturday, August 25, 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 summer clothing, shoes and accessories to Daniel's Closet. Items may be dropped off at Redeemer's church basement on Thursday, August 23 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm or you may contact Redeemer Church at 322-2333 to arrange another time. Please do not leave bags of clothing on the porch.

## News in Our Pews

As I write this today, it is another scorching afternoon so it is probably very difficult to think about gardening – the only thing we have done in the yard in almost two weeks is water and even that is discouraging. However, **Donna** still has generously offered her beautiful iris plants complete with instructions and cooler weather is coming, I hope, so think about calling and reserving your plants!

The Jones family is delighted to report that **Sara** was selected as drum major for the WAHS Marching Millionaires! A singular honor for Sara!

**Laura and Anna Zeigler, Jerod and Evan Barone and Christina and Morgan Comini** are swimming on local swim teams along with **Sara Jones**.

The Zeigler girls also went to Hershey as part of the Williamsport Youth String Ensemble. Laura and Anna have shared their violin skills as part of our worship service.

Quite a news article about the pitching abilities of **Lynna Robertson**. The newspaper pronounced her performance as “outstanding!” in the Brandon Minor League softball championship game. After holding a perfect game through the first three innings, she gave up two singles but went on to retiring the next two batters with her ninth and 10<sup>th</sup> strikeouts. She ended by striking out five more batters in the fourth and fifth innings, retiring the side in the fifth! What an achievement! I’m sure parents **Rick and Jennifer** were very proud!

Try to stay cool – Harold tells me we will yearn for this weather in January but I doubt it!

*~Joyce Anne Hershberger*

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

## From the Pastor

It has happened several times recently that events that have been planned and announced months in advance have had to be canceled because of lack of registrants. The latest casualty is our summer music camp, but it seems that every aspect of our common life is suffering: worship, education, music, service projects, outreach, property care, financial stewardship, and fellowship events.

I need to tell you about Larue Dieter. Due to her physical problems, she ventures from her apartment building at Wood's Edge only rarely, but she is intimately involved in the ministry of St. Mark's congregation. She uses her listening skills from Stephen Ministry as she talks with other residents. She makes many phone calls on behalf of our Family Promise hosting weeks, she helps to prepare items for the July 4<sup>th</sup> event, she manages the prayer chain...and the list goes on. As I was talking with her a few days ago, I realized that I needed to write this paragraph so that others can know the range and significance of things that can be done even by one of mature years. In our conversation, Larue referred to the long list of those who apparently do nothing at all in the ministry of the congregation. “Why would they want to die before they are dead?”, she said Why, indeed?

Some are saying that it is the national mood these days, that everyone is me-centered and anxious. We cannot let those things be the driving force in our life in Christ. There will always be crooked politicians, There will always be wars and rumors of wars. There will always be worries about jobs and money and retirements and children and spouses and all the rest. The center-point of our life is the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and the promise that he makes to each of us in Holy Baptism to hold onto us forever, to graft us as branches to a vine so that we may bear fruit now and always. That is what enlivens us and keeps us going; that is what gives us a goal. Let's keep our mind and our focus there! That gives us the best reason for coming together, for doing so many different things, things that matter, things that honor the Lord Jesus, and accomplish what he wants to be done.

*~ Pastor Elkin*

# United Churches of Lycoming County

## FOOD PANTRY

We have some specific needs this month including:

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

## 24 hour Devotion Line

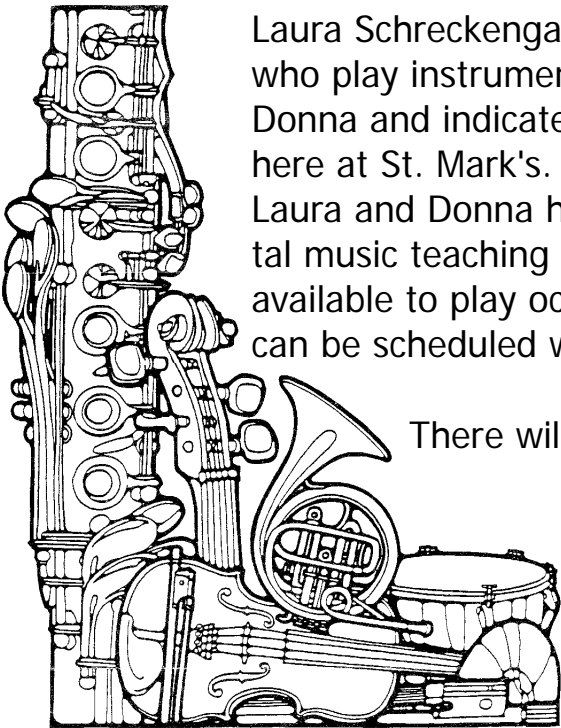


is available to encourage you in your relationship with God. Devotions are under three minutes and change weekly.

Call 570-322-5762.

Please note: Ecumenical Lunches will resume in September.  
Have a blessed summer!

## Musical Ensembles Forming



Laura Schreckengast and Donna Zierdt Elkin are inviting all those who play instruments in the congregation to contact either Laura or Donna and indicate their interest in taking part in small ensembles here at St. Mark's. With the approval of the Congregation Council, Laura and Donna have offered to use their many years of instrumental music teaching experience to form and lead groups that would be available to play occasionally for worship or other events, when it can be scheduled with our music director Jungwha Kim.

There will not be a fee for participating in an ensemble.

For more information contact:

Laura at 322-3160 or [fiddle003@verizon.net](mailto:fiddle003@verizon.net),  
Donna at 323-7367 or [donnaelkin@gmail.com](mailto:donnaelkin@gmail.com)

## Private Instrumental Lessons Available

At the same time or in a separate contact, Laura and Donna will also be glad to talk about the option of private-pay instrumental lessons for anyone interested in that opportunity as well.

## 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.



## Expectations Women's Center

### Fall Volunteer Training 2012 Information

Expectations Women's Center will be conducting training sessions for anyone interested in serving as a volunteer.

Please prayerfully consider joining our staff and volunteers as we minister to women in our communities who are experiencing unplanned pregnancies.

**The 7-session class begins September 20th**

**Thursday evenings 6 to 9pm**

**September 20, 27, October 4, 11, & 18  
and**

**Saturdays 9am to 3pm**

**September 29 & October 6**

**Cost of training materials is \$30.**

**For more information or to register please call:  
Julie at 523-6874 or Pam at 321-8254**



*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others,  
faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10*

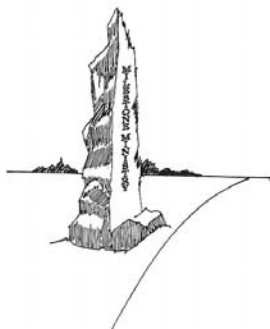
## 4th Annual Walk to Prevent Suicide

**The 4th Annual Out of the Darkness Community Walk  
Sunday, September 23 at Indian Park, Beginning at Pavilion 5.  
Registration will be at 1 and the walk will be at 2.**

**In crisis? Know some who is? Help is just a phone call away!  
From anywhere call: 1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433)  
Lycoming County Crisis Intervention: 570-326-7895**

## MILESTONE MINISTRY

### PROGRESSIONS:



on Sunday, August 5, we recognize Hannah Ramsauer, who has graduated from high school and is heading to college. We also recognize Michele and Robert as they get ready for her to leave the nest.

We pray that God will be with them and guide them into a new, stronger relationship with each other and with Him.

At an extended hospitality after the 10:30 service, hopefully in the courtyard, there will be opportunity to wish Hannah well, encourage her parents and record contact information.

### 70+, SINGLE AND STILL PRAISING GOD:

is for seniors who are widowed or were never married. On Sunday, August 12, we will honor them for their years of service and friendship. When they RSVP to the event, we ask them to let us know 2-3 hymns which had significance in their lives. These are incorporated into the service that day or used for a sing-a-long after lunch. We request photos of them from an important moment in their lives and create a display for the event. Invitations will soon be sent.

### BLESSING OF THE KEYS:

*REMINDER:* We have a special milestone celebration for the youth in our congregation who attain their junior driver's licenses. *BUT YOU NEED TO TELL US WHO SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED!!* Please remember, we are human and therefore fallible (along with our computers). If you or a friend have not received notification of any of these milestones and feel that you should, *PLEASE CALL US!!*



## Catechetics & Confirmations!

### NEW CATECHETICAL CLASS FORMING!

Letters inviting students to become a part of the confirmation process will soon be going out.

If you have a student in sixth or seventh grade and do not received one of these letters, PLEASE LET US KNOW. Sometimes we miss things in the computer systems.

If you have an older child who has not been confirmed, please contact us.

We can include anyone who wishes to become a part of the process.

If a youth is a lot older than the other students,

he or she is also welcome to participate in *The Way*.

Please call Pastor Elkin or Bernadette at 323-4619, email (addresses in the front of the newsletter), or facebook.

### SAVE THE DATE!!!

**Ann & Laura Zeigler, Ezra Buckman, and Morgan Comini  
are being confirmed on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2012!**

They have finished their two-year course of study with their mentors,  
LouAnn Zeigler, Karen Boone, Nick Buckman and Kirk Owen.



# Sunday School Needs You!



## We Need Teachers!

September is just around the corner!  
Please, look at your schedule for the coming year  
to find a month or two (or three? or more?)  
that you can assist our children by teaching Sunday School.  
This is one of the most valuable and rewarding ministries  
of St. Mark's: creating the foundation  
on which the church can grow in years to come.  
Please search your hearts, talk to those who are already involved  
and call the office today to volunteer (or email or Face Book Michele).

## Looking Ahead...

**August 28:** Teacher Preparation and overview for the coming school year!  
Join us in the Crossways room as we review the curriculum for our young students  
in Sunday School!  
If you've never taught before, this is a great time to find out what it's all about!  
Even if you're not signed up to teach, come and find out what it's all about!  
Refreshments!

## ...And So It Begins

### September 2:

Please join us for breakfast and conversation in Fellowship Hall  
Meet with the teachers of our adult classes...find out what they're doing!

### September 9:

regular classes for all ages resume  
Upstairs: Pre-K & K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 5th grades and Middle School  
Middle Lounge: Adult discussion group  
Crossways Room: Adult class with Pastor Elkin  
North Lounge: High School discussion group

# CROP WALK 2012



According to records, this year will be UCLC's 33<sup>rd</sup> walk. During the past 32 years the Greater Williamsport Walk has collected \$731,090.79. The Trout Run Walk has collected \$42,471.82 since their beginning. And through Lycoming County, in Williamsport - Trout Run - Jersey Shore - Hughesville - Muncy - Montgomery we have raised \$1,002,087.28 to help CROP stop hunger!

Thank you for doing your part in fighting hunger both locally and globally. 25% of the money we collect comes back to our community and is distributed equally to the American Rescue Workers Food Pantry, the Sonlight House of Muncy, the United Churches Food Pantry and St. Anthony's Center. The other 75% is distributed by Church World Service nationally and internationally to help people who are hungry. We have taken a local allocation for the past 15 years, which has brought a total of \$57,490.80 back into our community. Other walks in our county have added to this total! Together, we can make a difference!

# Kits, Kits & More Kits!



Just think.... We start with leftover pieces of fabric and some thread. Then add:

- + LOVE = school bags are created
- + LOVE = bags are filled by you with school supplies
- + LOVE = truck takes School Kits to warehouse
- + LOVE = ship takes kits overseas (or) truck takes kits to disaster victims in U.S.
- + LOVE = agents take kits to schools where needed
- + LOVE = children can learn more easily

School children will like the new style backpack drawstring bags. Bags for School Kits are in the Narthex.

However, you may prefer to provide another type of kit.

Please pick up a revised list of the items needed to fill all kits.

The guidelines have changed. Decide which kits you will provide.

You can purchase the items over the summer and place the completed kits in the box in the Narthex.

In addition, soap is also being collected.

Humanitarian kits give families in distress a helping hand, a bit of comfort, and hope for the future.

As the needs increase all over the world, including our own country, kits are badly needed.

Thank you for your compassion in sharing your God-given blessings with those less fortunate.



Help yourselves and complete by September.

## NEW GUIDELINES FOR ALL KITS

Do not enclose Kits or any of its contents in plastic bags.



### Fabric Kit

2 pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester). Each piece should match one of the sizes below:

- 2¼ yards of 60" wide fabric, or
- 3 yards of 44" wide fabric, or
- 4 yards of 36" wide fabric

2 spools of neutral-colored all purpose thread, 250-300 yards

Fabric should have no stains or holes.

Pieces do not need to match in size or color/pattern. Fold thread and one piece of fabric inside second fabric piece and tie with yarn, sturdy string, ribbon or a strip of fabric.

### Personal Care Kit

1 light-weight bath-size towel (max. 52" X 27"), dark color  
 2 bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, wrapped  
 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging or sealed in a business-size envelope  
 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging  
 1 metal nail clippers - remove packaging  
 Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.  
 All items should be new and in good condition. Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn.

### School Kit

4 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½";  
 no loose-leaf paper

- 1 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters and inches
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- 5 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 2½" eraser

1 sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new & in good condition. Remove any excess packaging, pack all items in bag and close.

### Layette Kit

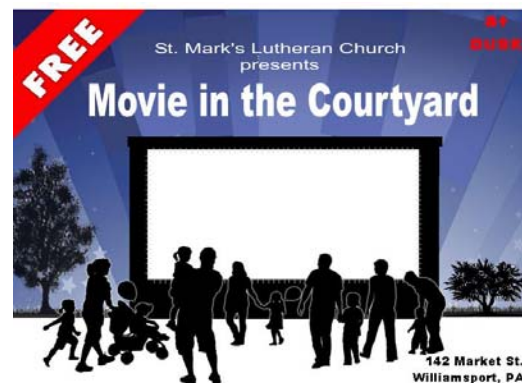
2 lightweight cotton t-shirts  
 2 long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)  
 2 receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square  
 4 cloth diapers, flat fold preferred  
 1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap  
 2 pairs of socks  
 1 hand towel, dark color wrapped  
 2 diaper pins or large safety pins  
 Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. Gently used, clean items (no stains or tears) or new. Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins.

Movies and more Movies...

## Movie in the courtyard!

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 24th  
AT DUSK!**

**JOIN US EARLY  
FOR REFRESHMENTS!**



**Sunday, Aug. 26, 6 pm**  
**Bring a friend and join us!**

**This month:**

**"Sherlock Holmes: Game of Shadows"**

## Lunch N' Fellowship

*Wednesday, August 15th at Noon*

*Serving Sandwiches*

*Bring a side dish & dessert to share.*

*Why not invite a friend?*



## Tweens Day

**TWEENS' DAY** was a big success!

Sadie & Taylor Wentzel and Dawson Owen met Pr. Elkin, Michele, Devin, Kirk, Mel, Sharon and Lou at 9:30 am and proceeded to a parishioner's home where they did yard work as their service project.

They returned to church in time to join with those attending Lunch'n'Fellowship, helped clean up from that, then watched "HOOT" and discussed Christian themes within the movie. Their parents picked them up at 3:00. A wonderful day for them!!

## Lutheran Shared Ministry

**SCHOOL OF RELIGION 2012**  
**WEDNESDAYS IN OCTOBER. 1:30—3:30 PM**  
 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 142 Market St., Williamsport

### Course 1 – Christian Contemplative Prayer

A movement from more active modes of prayer-verbal, mental or affective into a receptive prayer of resting in God; fostering a deeper more intimate relationship with God. Presentations on Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina (Praying with Scripture) with the opportunity to practice will be offered. These prayer forms are drawn from ancient prayer practices of our Christian Contemplative heritage. Course leader is: Martha Karchner *Her experiences include nursing educator, spiritual director & retreat leader. For the past 20 years she has had a keen interest in the study and practice of Contemplative Prayer. She is a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in South Williamsport.*

### Course 2 - The Foundational Narratives of Genesis 12-50

Love, hate, faithfulness, deceit...it's better than any TV drama because Genesis explores all of those things in their relationship to God as well as to other persons. These old stories of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph and their families help us understand current problems; we'll have lively discussion! Course Leader: Kenneth Elkin, Pastor at St. Mark's

### Course 3 – Charles Dickens “A Christmas Carol”

The classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge is a cherished symbol of Christmas and a wonderful story of redemption and hope. This four-week study is contained in one book which includes the entire text of Dickens' enduring tale along with thought-provoking questions and conversation starters. The discussions will help you understand the story's relevance, not just at Christmas, but all year 'round. This will be an insightful intro for those attending LSM's "A Christmas Carol" Dinner-Theatre this year. Course Leader: Bernadette Jones is the Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministry at St. Mark's. *(There is a charge of \$5.50 for the book used in this course)*

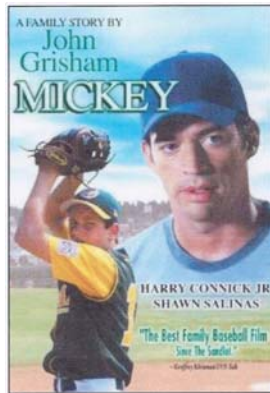
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*Registrations must be submitted to St. Mark's no later than Sept. 30: we need to prepare classrooms and handouts*

*St. Mark's is handicap accessible.*

# Community Events



## Family Promise of Lycoming County Fundraiser Free Showing of the movie *Mickey*

at the Community Arts Center

August 5<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM Doors open at 1 PM

Food available for purchase.

Donations welcome to benefit FPLC

## 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL SAVE ONE SOUL FESTIVAL COMMUNITY EVENT IN BRANDON PARK SATURDAY, AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup> NOON TO 5 PM

*Featuring:*

*Marcelene Brown - Queen of Gospel will MC*

*Kim Adair & Soulful*

*Kate & Friend - Christian Ventriloquist*

*Shak - Christian Mime*

*Handbell Choir - First Baptist*

*Serenity Praise Dance - Love Unlimited Ministries*

*Maple Street AME Zion - Praise & Worship Choir*

*Second Sunday - First Methodist*

*Christian Poetry & Praise Dance - Unity Fellowship*

*Len & Micah - Omega OPC*

*Gap Fellowship Praise & Worship*

*and much, much more!*

**FREE REFRESHMENTS    CAN GOODS GIVE AWAY    CLOTHING GIVE AWAY**

Please join us in sharing the love of God with our friends & neighbors!

## Operation Christmas Child



**OUR GROUP PACK'N'WRAP IS SCHEDULED FOR  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2012  
AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE**

Now is the time to take advantage of those back-to-school sales, picking up small boxes of crayons, tablets...you know what we mean...

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW, SO YOU CAN JOIN US THEN!!!**

# Health, Healing & Wholeness

*"Listen to me, my child, and do not disregard me, and in the end you will appreciate my words. In everything you do be moderate, and no sickness will overtake you." (Sirach/Ecclesiasticus 31:22)*

The book of Sirach/Ecclesiasticus is located in the Apocrypha, a group of religious writings which were not received into the canon or Bible. The Apocrypha covers the inter-testamental time - between the end of the Old Testament, and the beginning of the New. Sirach has a style similar to the book of Proverbs, in that its function seems to be intent on imparting wisdom to the reader. This month's quote seems appropriate when we look at an emerging problem of diabetes – both Types 1 & 2 – among our children.

Type 1 diabetes occurs when the immune system attacks the insulin-producing cells in the pancreas, which causes insulin production to drop then stop. Type 2 diabetes is characterized by the body becoming resistant to insulin. The pancreas reacts by trying to work harder to overcome the resistance. This can lead to the organ not being able to produce enough insulin to meet the body's needs. Insulin is required for our cells to take in the glucose/sugar required to function properly.

We've heard a great deal about the rise of diabetes in our country's children. The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia has (CHOP) has provided this month's signs and symptoms of this disease. (*Daily, F. April 2012. Children's Health Tip of the Week: Diabetes in Children: Warning Signs and Symptoms.* The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia)

Both Types 1 and 2 can share the following symptoms:

- Excessive urination
- Excessive thirst
- Fatigue (from cells not being able to get the energy they need)
- Fungal and bacterial infections which thrive in high-sugar environments

Additional symptoms of Type 1 diabetes include:

- Dry mouth
- Weight loss despite increased hunger as the child's body begins to burn fat as fuel
- Vomiting – when the body burns fat, it gives off toxic acids known as ketones; ketones trigger vomiting
- Blurred vision – high blood sugar can temporarily alter the shape of the eye, affecting vision.

Children with Type 2 may have milder symptoms. Additional symptoms and risk factors may include:

- Acanthosis nigricans – a skin condition causing light brown-to-black velvety textured areas on the skin, typically on the sides and back of the neck, in the underarm and groin areas
- Slowed healing of sores and cuts
- Family history of diabetes and other risk factors; conditions such as polycystic ovarian syndrome, high blood pressure and high cholesterol are associated with Type 2 diabetes
- Being overweight – a child with a BMI (body mass index) over 95% for his/her age is at greater risk for the development of Type 2 diabetes.

If you notice any of these signs and symptoms in your child, contact his/her healthcare provider. Simple testing can rule out diabetes as the cause of his/her symptoms.

Have a blessed summer!

Your fellow member in the body of Christ, Debbie Best RN, FCN  
Debbie Best, RN, BSW, MHA

Thank  
You

Bob and Anne Miller

would like to extend their warmest thanks to the  
T'weens & adult supervisors who came to their home and  
worked outside in the heat doing yard work.  
Your help was greatly appreciated and is a  
wonderful reflection of God's love! Thank you again!

## SPECIAL CONCERNS LIST

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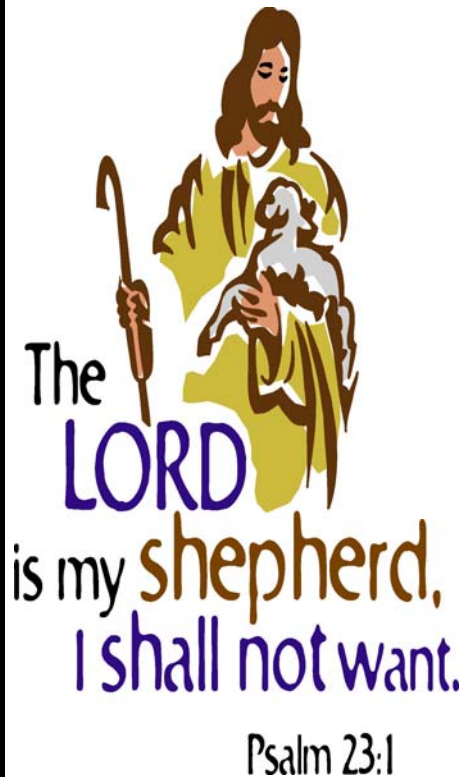
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## Happy Birthday!

08/01 James Buckman	08/10 Leigh Travis	08/21 Gregg Dancho
08/01 Larue Dieter	08/11 Gillian Buckman	08/21 Renee Hinds
08/02 Michele Ramsauer	08/11 Charles Greevy	08/22 Steve Eyer
08/03 Aric Larson	08/12 Marie Byerly	08/22 Andrew Kneeder
08/03 Emily Satifka	08/12 Maxine Chubb	08/22 Janelle Lukens
08/03 Matthew Welker	08/12 Louis DeSeau	08/23 Kay Poliska
08/04 Alona Hopley	08/12 Meriah Doane	08/23 Daniel Zeigler
08/04 Frank Ulman	08/12 Ashley Winner	08/26 Nathan Clouser
08/05 Creighton MacGill	08/14 Ray Huff	08/27 Andrea Gregory
08/06 Donna Miller	08/15 Carl Albright	08/28 Galen Davenport Jr.
08/07 Dorothy Burd	08/15 Kathleen Dancho	08/28 Amanda Weaver
08/07 Donna Clark	08/15 Frank Doebler	08/29 Evan Doebler
08/07 Bret Foust	08/15 Beverly Hieber	08/29 Shirley Kinney
08/07 Louis Kolb	08/15 Amie Larson	08/29 Ashton Ott
08/08 Charles Fortin	08/16 Robert Swartz	08/30 Lorraine Barone
08/08 Christopher Lauer	08/17 Tiffany Jarrett	08/30 Vanessa Morgan
08/08 Audrey Wacker	08/17 Pamela Travis	08/30 Lou Ann Zeigler
08/09 Mary Kimble	08/18 Stacie Bieber	08/31 Carl Smollinger
08/10 Susan Newcomer	08/18 Elizabeth Lewis	08/31 Melinda Wentzel
08/10 Lynna Robertson	08/19 Sean Clouser	08/31 Bobbie Yetsko
08/10 Karen Staffini	08/20 Lawrence Lehman	

## Happy Anniversary!

08/01 Ernest & Nancy Larson	08/14 Neil & Kathy Eshelman
08/02 Ronald & Donna Baker	08/14 Edward & Brenda Gair
08/03 David & Tracey Heaps	08/15 William & Shirley Hill
08/06 Theodore & Barbara Larson	08/18 Carl & Beverly Hieber
08/06 Raymond & Mary Ann Stiller	08/22 Douglas & Beverly Schmitt
08/06 Carl & Lucille Weaver	08/24 Paul & Jane Zimmerer
08/07 Bryan & Karen Pelleschi	08/25 David & Carol Butters
08/09 Fred & Patricia Thayer	08/26 Charles & Gloria Greevy
08/10 Robert & Rosemary Clokey	08/27 Leonard & Ruth Sherlinski
08/10 Timothy & Deborah Maggs	08/28 Philip & Barbara Thomas
08/13 Kenneth & Beth Shafranko	08/30 Thomas Waffenschmidt & Valerie Doebler

## Directory Updates

**CHANGE: FENDERSON, SEAN**

Change Street Address: **539 Keller Loop**, Williamsport, PA 17701

**DECKER, ART**

Remove: **338 Sherwood Ave. South Williamsport, PA 17702**

**HILL, WILLIAM & SHIRLEY**

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**1900 Ravine Rd. Williamsport, PA 17701**

Change E-Mail Address: **whill1900@comcast.net**

**HAUSSMANN, ANDREW & VICKI**

Change Street Address: **230 Dunbar Road**, Williamsport, PA 17701



# ST. MARK'S AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1 Wednesday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:20 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Pastor @ SOTS	12 Sunday Pentecost XI 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Adult Discussion Group 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12:00 PM 70+ & Single Celebration	22 Wednesday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:20 AM Staff Meeting
2 Thursday 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	13 Monday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	23 Thursday 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
3 Friday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	14 Tuesday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:00 PM Finance Committee	24 Friday Lion Article Deadline 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:00 PM Movie Night at Dusk
4 Saturday 9:30 AM Young Adult Summit @ CML 12:00 PM Save One Soul Festival @ Brandon Park	15 Wednesday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:20 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM Lunch N' Fellowship	25 Saturday 9:00 AM Daniel's Closet
5 Sunday Pentecost X 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Adult Discussion Group 10:30 AM Holy Communion 10:30 AM Progressions Milestone 2:00 PM FPLC Movie Showing Mickey @ CAC	16 Thursday 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	26 Sunday Pentecost XIII 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Adult Discussion Group 10:30 AM Holy Communion 6:00 PM Teen Movie Night
6 Monday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	17 Friday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	27 Monday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
7 Tuesday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM LL Liaison Mtg	18 Saturday 6:00 PM Shakespeare in the Courtyard	28 Tuesday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 PM LL Open House 6:30 PM Sunday School Teacher Preparation
8 Wednesday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:20 AM Staff Meeting	19 Sunday Pentecost XII 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Adult Discussion Group 10:30 AM Holy Communion	29 Wednesday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:20 AM Staff Meeting
9 Thursday 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	20 Monday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 PM Property Committee 7:00 PM Dog Club	30 Thursday 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
10 Friday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	21 Tuesday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	31 Friday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:15 AM Lion Crew

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# Shakespeare in the Courtyard

GASPIPE THEATRE COMPANY presents



**On Saturday evening,  
August 18th**

**Gaspire Theatre Company  
will present Shakespeare's  
"A Midsummer Night's Dream"  
at 6:00 PM in the Courtyard.**

**This is part of the company's  
Shakespeare in the Dark  
program which has been  
performed up and down  
the Susquehanna  
for over 10 years.**

**Bernadette and Declan Jones  
are again acting  
in the production and  
Sara Jones is accompanying  
some of the action  
with her flute and piccolo.**