



The Lion of St. Mark's

JUNE 2013

♪ DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE ♪

Church Picnic

Sunday, June 2nd at 1:00 PM



Because our regular pavilion is still under rehabilitation (in other words, they tore it down and haven't rebuilt it as yet), we are going to be at Pavilion 3, which is NOT in Indian Park. It's down along the Susquehanna.

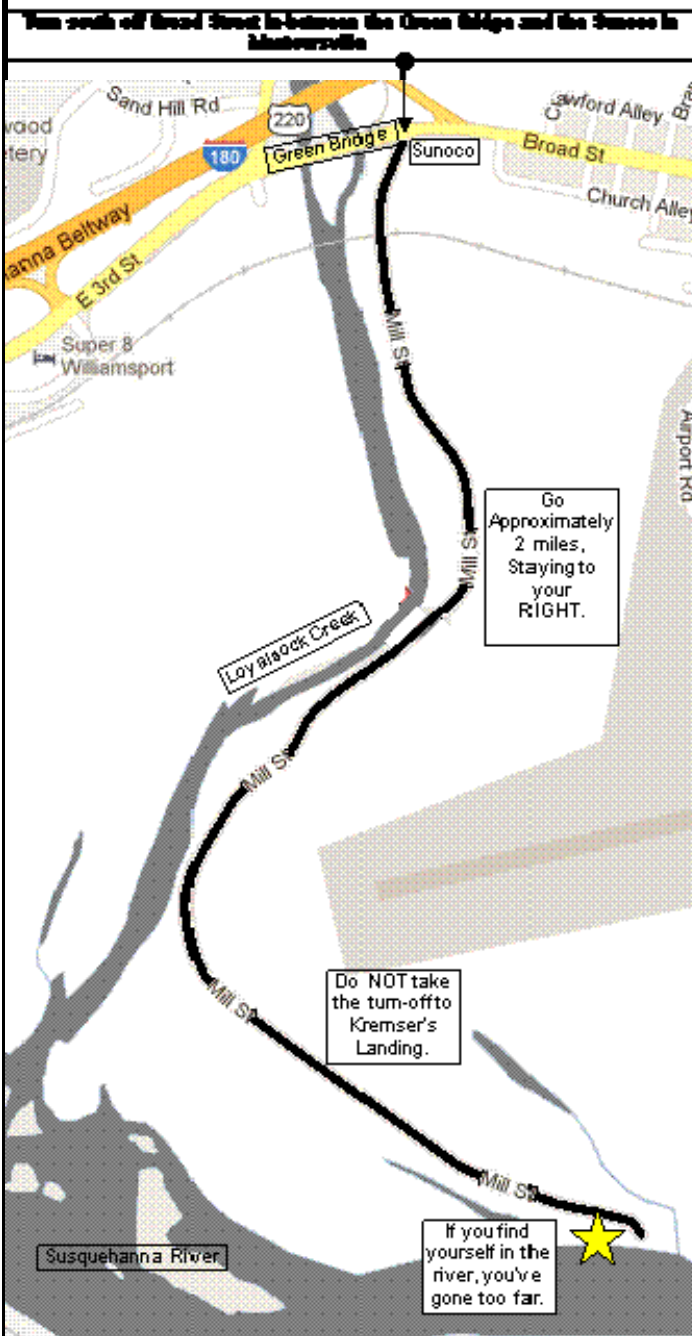
You turn south off Broad Street in between the Green Bridge and the Sunoco station. Follow that road, always bearing to the RIGHT (do NOT turn off to Kremser's Landing). If you find yourself in the Susquehanna, you've gone about 100' too far.

We will try to have canoes there, as well as volleyball, croquet, and other games. If you have canoes, life vests*, or fishing equipment...bring them!...*along with a dish to share.*

Hamburgers, hotdogs, rolls, cold water, lemonade, and ice tea will be provided. If you want to help with our annual picnic, please call or email the office: Michele, Bernadette, or Bob, or sign up in the narthex or the staff hallway.

If anyone would like to make a donation toward the purchase of food and supplies for the picnic, envelopes are available in the narthex for your contribution. Thank you!

**life vests must be worn by anyone wishing to go out on the water.*



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Council Update

The Congregation Council met in regular session on May 20 in the Crossways room. The Council:

- ◆ elected officers for the year: Ray Huff, president; Gregg Dancho, vice-president; Shelby Weber, secretary; Wanda Fortin, treasurer.
- ◆ received the regular reports of the Pastor, committees, and officers.
- ◆ moved to accept a new member Audrey Commerford by Letter of Transfer from St Paul Lutheran Church, Scottsdale PA., and to be received in worship on June 2.
- ◆ approved the occasional use of Fellowship Hall for the testing of pet therapy dogs in a controlled environment for service in hospitals, nursing homes, etc. when such use does not conflict with other scheduled activities.
- ◆ affirmed the bid solicited by the Property Committee for seal-coating the east parking lot and St. Mark's Place for \$3,460 by M&M Paving.
- ◆ affirmed the use of Zeigler memorial money for the purchase of an ice machine for the kitchen.
- ◆ had a second reading of the nave usage policy and more discussion.
- ◆ noted that installation of new council members will be Sunday 5/26 at either service.
- ◆ set the next regular Council meeting for August 19; if matters arise in the meantime, a special meeting may be called to follow Sunday worship.

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Parish Register

- ◆ Pastor Elkin officiated at the memorial service for Sylvia Sutherland on May 18, 2013 in the Nave. Interment of ashes will take place at a later date in the Chicago area.

Enjoy Your June!



Son West Roundup VBS

Vacation Bible School

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

June 17th—June 21st

SonWest Round-Up

exploring Jesus through stories of Moses.



SIGN UP NOW!

TAKE SOME FORMS FOR YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!

Learn about the ultimate love of Jesus Christ!

Find out more about God's ultimate plan and power!

Discover what the ultimate rescue is about.

And, place your ultimate trust in God!

Everyone is encouraged to join in!

We need volunteers to run stores in the Fellowship Hall;
organize games; and create scenery and gather "costumes"...

There's something for everyone who wants to be involved!

The music CD will be available upon registration.

Look for forms in the staff hallway or on St. Mark's website!

WORKDAYS:

Saturday, June 1, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 8, 10:00 a.m.

Monday thru Thursday, June 10-13, 10:00 a.m.

Feel free to help out any or all of these days—the more the merrier! Someone will be here for at least 3 hours each day ('til 1:00)...please call to check if you can't make it until later.

FINAL SET-UP on Sunday, June 16, at 12:30!

ITEMS NEEDED:

If anyone has weathered planking (let us know if it has to stay whole or if we can cut it), barrels, wood crates, saddles, bridles, cowboy hats, chaps, vests...well, you get the idea... they would be great for helping to set the mood in Fellowship Hall!



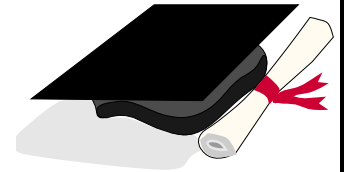
Our Graduates

Congratulations, Graduates!!



*“What we are is God's gift to us.
What we become is our gift to God.”*

-Eleanor Powell



College

Lauren Campbell: Mathematics and Economics, from American University

Brett Campbell: Mathematics and Economics, from New York university

Sara Larson: Dental Hygiene, from Penn College

April Clark: Human Services, from Luzerne Community College

High School

Montoursville: **Christina Comini**, to attend Penn College in Early Childhood Education

East Lycoming: **Brandon Fortin**, to attend Penn State in Kinesiology

Williamsport: **Corey Hospes**, to attend Penn college, then Penn State in Civil Engineering

Sara Jones, to attend Mansfield U. in Forensic Science

If we overlooked anyone, it was unintentional and we apologize.
Please provide us with that information and we will print it next month.
Again, we are sorry for any omissions.

Milestone Ministry

REMINDER: Blessing of the Keys



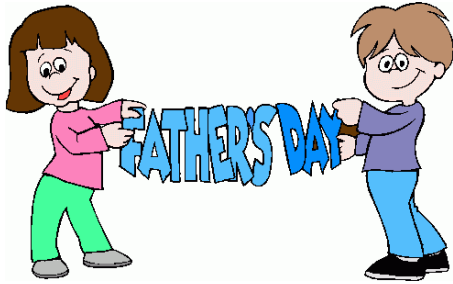
We have a special milestone celebration for the youth in our congregation who attain their junior driver's licenses. It's a meaningful observance, during which the new driver gives up something from his or her childhood in exchange for the new responsibility of driving. We have also developed a means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



A Hiking We will Go!



FATHERS' DAY HIKE!

Sunday, June 16
leaving the church at 3:00
(after final VBS set-up)

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT!



June 23rd at 6:00 pm
Spread the word—hope to see you there!!
Invite some friends!

Women's & Children's Dinner

Over 60 women and children attended our Annual Women's Dinner on Wednesday, May 8. The evening began with a meal prepared for us by our own men here at St. Mark's, under the supervision of Bob Jones. The meal included applesauce, filled chicken breast, corn, smashed potatoes, roll, with orange Creamsicle cake. It was delicious and wonderfully served by our men folk— young and older! Thanks and kudos to all our men!!

Entertainment was provided this year by Williamsport Area High School's own Les Chanteuse, the women's acapella vocal ensemble, under the direction of Kristy Ingersoll. They provided a very enjoyable program with songs ranging in style from toe-tapping to wistful to humorous to finger snapping.

Door prizes of angel figurines were given to those who answered the most correct questions in a Mothers' Day pop quiz!

Special thanks to Pr. Elkin for accompanying our closing hymn, "Jesus Christ is Risen Today."

Lunch N' Fellowship - New Week for June!!



Wednesday, June 26th at Noon

Serving Ham

Please bring a dish to share and a friend!

Women's Fall Bazaar

Saturday, September 14, 2013

9:00am – 1:00pm

Got Stuff? We can sell it.

The Women of St. Mark's need your no-longer-needed items for our annual bazaar. We are looking for house wares, small kitchen appliances, linens, small pieces of furniture, lamps, holiday decorations, knickknacks, electronics in working order, books, toys, games, jewelry, handbags, totes, pictures, mirrors, athletic equipment, tools, and treasures of all kinds.



If you are reorganizing, redecorating or still cleaning out those nooks and crannies,

think of our 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.

Speak with Becky Miller Pryor if you wish to donate a computer or television.

These items are difficult to sell and require additional work to recycle.

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

Daniel's Closet

Daniel's Closet Distribution Day

Saturday, June 22, 2013

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Please consider donating your family's clean, usable summer clothing, shoes and accessories to Daniels' Closet.

Items may be dropped off at Redeemer's church basement on

Thursday, June 20th from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

or you may contact Redeemer Church at 322-2333 to arrange another time for drop off.

Michele Owen has graciously agreed to transport any clothing brought to St. Mark's.

The Adventures of Donna in France

Donna Elkin is currently in France, where daughter Katy and her group *Le Tendre Amour* are preparing a Baroque opera *Don Quixote*. The following are selected portions of various emails from her.

The first email I wrote was on a French computer. You haven't lived until you have tried to type English with a French spell check. It kept changing my words to something that looked French. What a fight that was. Flying to France takes only about 9 hours, but total transit time was more than 24 hours. While driving to the airport we had to stop to pick up a shawm and soprano recorder from the office of Piffaro, a renaissance band, in downtown Philadelphia.

On a flight to Europe, you lose 6 hours, so that when my flight landed at 7 a.m. in Geneva, Switzerland, it was only 1 a.m. in the U.S. But I wasn't finished traveling yet! After going through customs, I had to find my trains to Lyon, France. First there was a short train ride from the airport to the train station in Geneva. But where was the information desk? Uh, oh, there isn't any! Even though I had my ticket, it didn't say which track to take. So, I wandered down to the tracks and asked if anyone there spoke English. Lucky me, I met a French lady who had been living in California. She was able to help me get on the right train. We rode together until it was time for me to get off and find the next train. This time I asked a policeman who introduced me to the conductor. I got on the right train then, which would be 2 hours at high speed to Lyon. Since I arrived 2 hours earlier than planned, I needed to call my daughter who would meet me. But how to do that? By luck I saw an office called SOS travelers. One person spoke English there. He called my daughter and was very relieved to find that she spoke French. They worked out where she could meet me and then took me to a waiting area. In a few minutes he came back to tell me he had forgotten to tell her which rail station in Lyon! But he assured me that when he returned to work next week, he would look to see if I were still waiting. Thankfully Katy found me there about 45 minutes later. We took trams and metros to Bron, then walked for 15 minutes to her house, Maison des Artes. This is where the artists performing at the summer festival in Bron live and will be my home for the next six weeks. It was 2 p.m., or 8 a.m. in Pennsylvania, 26 hours of adventure on the road.

The opera will be performed daily from June 15 until August 3. The opera is part of a 6-hour evening at the Fort Bron Festival, an every other year event which includes other acts and dinner. Right now the production is in rehearsal all day long for 5 days a week. That is when I have the fun of babysitting my grandson. He likes to play in the park near our house but it looks like rain is in the forecast so it will be inside play for the next week.

Picture a castle hidden by forest, surrounded by a moat, and entered across a draw-bridge. Today I was writing a fanfare to begin the program. It will be played by sackbut and flugelhorn, with all the other performers joining the heraldic music on toy instruments. The people coming to the show will be outside the castle until the appointed hour of 6 p.m., when the fanfare sounds and the iron gate across the bridge opens dramatically. Inside they will find a fair, with all kinds of acts and offerings that would have been at a fair in 1743. Trapeze artists on wire and filmy cloths, a juggler selling fruits from his wagon and juggling the produce, a large toy donkey giving patrons a tour around the fair, a seller of elixir that cures all ills, a fortune teller, instrumental musicians playing shawm, bagpipe, hurdy-gurdy, drums, gong, and many more acts. After an hour the patrons are called to choose among four skits from the story of Don Quixote (this name is spelled differently in French, Spanish, and English). Since the language of the evening is French, I will be studying the scripts before attending, although the acting is so good, that you can easily figure out what is going on. After the skits, the patrons are ushered to dinner, while the opera performers hurry off to get into their elaborate Baroque costumes that are being made especially for this performance. Yes, I will be getting one also, even though my only duties are at the beginning. During dinner some actors will be the waiters, so that the experience will be much more than 'service with a smile.'

.....more next time...

Confirmation news:

Evan, Ben, Dawson, and Stefan participated in their last regular catechetical study night. With their mentors, they finished up their Bible study of Luke and discussed the Bible through their mentoring books.

The evening began with a wonderful meal provided by Bud Doebler, with the Owens, Zieglers, Barb, and Valerie contributing. Shirley Kinney and Janet Jones showed up to aid in the preparation and clean-up, since most everyone was occupied at the fishing derby that afternoon. The meeting ended with a rousing game of "Jeopardy," based on the Bible, LBW, and Martin Luther...with the mentors edging out the students on the final question.

The remaining task for these four young men is confirmation camp on August 5-7. After the successful completion of this and their Saint reports, they will be confirmed on the first day of Sunday School, September 8.

Makenshi, Grace, Sadie, Taylor, and Annika, finishing their first year of study, will join them at the camp.

Confirmation Camp

Having finished their course of study for this school year, our confirmands—Annika, Taylor, Sadie, Grace, Makensi, Stefan, Dawson, Ben, and Evan—are ready to go with confirmation camp on August 5-7.

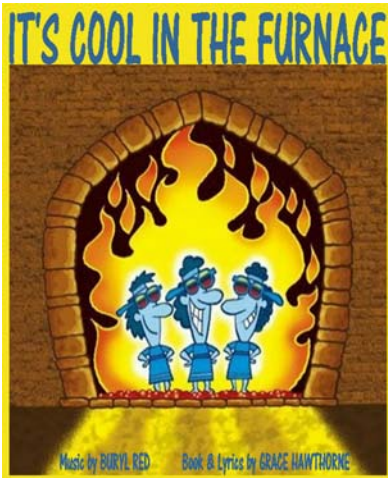
These nine have met with their families and mentors (Diana, Jane, Chele, Donna, Michele, Ray, Lou, Bob, and Gary) the third Sunday of every month since September, studying the gospel according to Luke and exploring different aspects of worship, prayer and service, as well as doing some service projects with their mentors.

When you see any of these young people, please thank them for their services and encourage them in their further studies.

Lion Article Deadline



**All articles for the
July issue of the Lion are due
NO LATER
than Friday, June 21st!
Thank You!**



GET YOUR CALENDAR...WE'LL WAIT...

NOW, WRITE THIS DOWN:

St. Mark's Summer Music Camp!

Is NEXT MONTH from July 21 through July 27,
and we need you to participate!

IT'S COOL IN THE FURNACE

is a musical drama by Buryl Red and Grace Hawthorne about Daniel
and his friends, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in Babylon!

There are several solo parts...but we need all of you!!

On each of the following evenings, there is a 5:30 p.m. meal in Fellowship Hall. We begin rehearsal promptly at 6:00 and go until 7:30 p.m. on:

Sunday, July 21

Monday, July 22

Tuesday, July 23

Wednesday, July 24

Thursday, July 25

Friday, July 26

SATURDAY, July 27: 9:30 a.m. FINAL REHEARSAL

6:00 p.m. TUREEN MEAL (barbeque will be provided)

7:00 PERFORMANCE in Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, July 28: FINAL PRESENTATION FOR THE 10:30 SERVICE

A **cassette tape** is being prepared so that each family may have a copy.

We are sure that playing the tape every day will help with the learning of the music and words!

**WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL MAKE PLANS
TO BE PART OF THIS SPECIAL SUMMER EVENT!!**

It will surely be an exciting, intergenerational event, with the music being sung by all ages,
kids through adults!! But, beyond the cast, WE NEED HELP!!

In a nutshell, we need everyone!!! Sewers, carpenters, painters, phone callers...
you name it, we need it!! Stay tuned for more information!!!

Please contact Bernadette or Jungwha to let them know of your interest.

If you can't join the cast for "**IT'S COOL IN THE FURNACE**," please enjoy
the dinner-theatre performance in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, July 27.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.,

followed by the Music Camp's production of

"IT'S COOL IN THE FURNACE!"

Training and Hosting for Family Promise

Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. - Romans 12:30

In May, Hosting Coordinator Becky Miller Pryor expressed the critical need for additional coordinators to lighten the burden she is feeling. To date no one has spoken to her in this regard. I hope this means folks are still praying for guidance. If interested, let's talk. Contact me at 971-4585 or at murphy173@verizon.net.

Coming June 22, 2013 Family Promise is heading up The Amazing Race to End Homelessness at Indian Park in Montoursville. They are looking for teams of 4-8 people to participate. Come and learn what it is like to be a homeless family, work together as a team to find a way through our Low Ropes Course, earn "money" for your "family" by competing in our Basketball Free Throw Challenge, try your hand or foot at the Hoola Hoop Game, all while learning about some great community resources. Get pledges to raise money for Family Promise and contribute directly to ending homelessness in Lycoming County.

Family Promise is also looking for youth groups to design buses to be used during our event. Design a "city" bus using any materials you like, in the most creative way you can, include your church / youth name somewhere on your design. During the day folks can vote using quarters for their favorite bus. A trophy will be awarded to the group with the most original bus design. If interested in participating in either activity see the registration forms in the office hallway or speak with Becky Miller Pryor.

Can't compete or design a bus, then please consider donating a cake, cupcakes or a batch of cookies for the Cake Walk activity. All baked goods need to be in disposable containers. Speak with Becky Miller Pryor if you are able to help.

A refresher course for Family Promise volunteers will be held **Sunday, June 23, 2013 from 9:15 -10:15** in Fellowship Hall. Becky Miller Pryor will present a brief overview of hosting guidelines for both volunteers and guests. At the conclusion of the program, a time for questions and hand-outs specific to each volunteer activity will be available. Light refreshments will be served. Plan now to attend.

From Sunday, July 7, 2013 until Sunday, July 14, 2013 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 and any needed supplies,
(Checks may be made payable to St. Mark's designated to the Hosting Fund.)
- ◆ prepare meals,
- ◆ bake cakes or cookies for dessert,
- ◆ 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.

Check your calendars for your availability before all your summer events are scheduled.



Fourth of July Celebration

More than 400 people enjoyed last year's annual Fourth of July celebration on our front lawn and the patriotic program in our nave! It is our biggest community outreach event of the year. If you have an idea to make it better please contact Becky Miller Pryor @ 321-9523. Many hands make for light work! Volunteer sign-up sheets will soon be available in the Narthex.

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 wrapped candy (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. Make checks payable to St. Mark's with the memo line designating Fourth of July. Thank you for any help you can give.

United Churches of Lycoming County

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED DURING THE SUMMER:

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|----------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|----------|------------------|
| Tea Bags | Canned Fruit | Oodles of Noodles | Tomato Soups | Saltines | Powdered Creamer |
| Ketchup | Mac N' Cheese | Spaghetti Sauce | Pork N' Beans | Mustard | Chunky Soups |
| Cereals | Pasta | Chicken Noodle Soup | | | |

ESPECIALLY NEEDED FOR THE KIDS DURING THE SUMMER:

Powdered Drink Mixes, Microwavable Popcorn, Microwavable Soup Cups, Microwavable Mac N Cheese Cups

Hours are:

9:30 - Noon on Mondays for delivery

And Tuesdays/Thursdays from 10-3 clients by appointment only

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 anytime!

Mid Summer Ecumenical Lunch

Wednesday July 24th , 12 to 1 PM

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

Carl & Opal Schlappi, Area Musicians "Old Time Gospel Music"

Everyone in our congregations and community is welcome to join us!

Looking Ahead to June at Camp Mount Luther



The summer camping session at Camp Mount Luther will be in full swing in June! This summer's staff will arrive on June 3rd for their two weeks of training. On June 16th, the first campers for this year will arrive for Senior High X-Teen, a joint program of the camp and the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. The theme this year for X-Teen is "Beyond the Hunger Games." They will be participating in a ten-day camp experience, culminating in a weekend of service work. On June 24, camp will welcome on-site Day Campers. This program is especially good for those kids who are not sure they want to be away from home overnight. More information on these programs is available by calling the camp office at 570-922-1587 or visiting

www.campmountluther.org. There is still time to register for all these and other summer programs!

This year's theme at Mount Luther is "Faith Alive," exploring the five faith practices of Bible study, worship, prayer, hospitality, and service. A new method of studying the Bible, called "GROW Time" will help campers Gather and Reflect On the Word throughout their day, culminating in an evening worship service.

Come Celebrate Our 50th Birthday!

Everyone is invited to celebrate the 50th birthday of Camp Mount Luther with special events at the camp on Sunday, June 30, 2013. This date is the 50th anniversary of the camp's dedication day. An open house will take place starting at 2:00 p.m. and will feature the opportunity to walk around camp, visit with friends, swim, Frisbee golf, play volleyball, or walk our nature trail. We'll also have some historical displays and memorabilia. From 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. we'll have a buffet picnic meal, served in the Evergreen Center, with outdoor seating available. There will be no charge for the meal; however, freewill donations towards the meal and our Birthday Candle Project will be accepted. Reservations must be made for the meal by June 21, as tickets will be required. You may pick up your tickets upon arrival at camp that day. A worship service with Holy Communion will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will feature Upper Susquehanna Synod Bishops Robert L. Driesen and A. Donald Main with Rev. Theodore Schneider, the camp's first director, as preacher. Mark Burkhardt, former Mount Luther director and Director for Outdoor Ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), will bring greetings from the ELCA. This worship service is planned for the outdoors, and attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. You are also encouraged to bring with you any camp memorabilia that you think would be fun to share with others!



God's Mission for Us:
Sharing Christ, Planting Seeds

Our Purpose Statement:
A year-round ministry providing resources and experiences in faith formation, worship, recreation, and intentional Christian community for all ages.

Our Vision:
Cultivate and integrate strong partnerships between Camp Mount Luther and all expressions of God's church.

News in Our Pews

Springtime brings with it lots of wonderful things –blossoming trees, grass getting greener and greener and tulips and daffodils in abundance. We were beginning to think that it would never come but sure enough it has, as it has since the beginning of time.

This is the time of year when there are lots of choir, band and orchestra concerts at our local schools and honor rolls are announced. I have noticed as I scrutinize the lists that some of our St. Mark's young people are consistently there. **Ben Haussmann, Stephan Weber** and **Evan Barone** are three that come to mind – congratulations for good work!

Donna and Gary Clark are very proud of their daughter, **April**, who will receive her associate degree in human services on May 23 at Luzerne Community College.

Evan's brother, **Jared**, won a third prize in webpage design at a regional computer fair held recently. Quite a talented family and very good bass players as well! The computer fair was held at Pennsylvania College of Technology and was sponsored by BlaST Intermediate Unit 17.

Branches of the YMCA presented service awards at its annual dinner held at the Genetti. **Nancy Larson** was cited by the River Valley Regional YMCA for service to that branch.

Nick Buckman continues to solo on various musical performances in the area. He will be a featured soloist in the Civic Choir's presentation of "Theodora."

Congratulations to **Hannah Haussmann** who was named outstanding student at Sheridan Elementary School - Hannah was invited to a school board meeting where she was recognized for this honor.

Riley Weber celebrated his Eagle Scout designation recently - best wishes to him!

Lucille Weaver was named librarian of the DAR (although she was missing from the picture) And note to **Donna** - my irises have lots of buds!

If I have missed anyone's outstanding achievement it is the fault of someone who did not let me know so please keep me in the loop!

~Joyce Anne Hershberger

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

Editors Note: *From my little church mouse:* **Harold & Joyce Hershberger, Shirley Vognet** and **Pam Jensen**, (Sheridan PTA president) were recently featured in an article about the closing of Sheridan Elementary.

Join Us in Prayer for Our Youth

Our next prayer time will be on
Sunday, June 16th at noon in the chapel.
 Please join us as we remember our youth,
21 and under in a time of prayer.



Happy Birthday!

06/01 Andrew Sims
 06/02 Evelyn Bastian
 06/02 Kathryn Elkin
 06/03 Grace Arner
 06/03 Edward Barone
 06/03 Sean Jensen
 06/07 Breanna Bower
 06/08 Jeffrey Kneeder
 06/09 Ryan Goertz
 06/09 Douglas Schmitt
 06/10 Kenneth Elkin
 06/10 Jennifer Robertson
 06/10 Heather Snyder
 06/11 Robert Clokey
 06/12 Adam Clokey
 06/12 Alex Clokey

06/14 Julie Patrick
 06/15 Kambriana Bieber
 06/15 Ruth Sherlinski
 06/17 Nathan Edler



06/17 Norma Lehman
 06/18 Carl Knowlden
 06/18 Kelli Travis
 06/19 Barbara Larson
 06/19 Christina Raup

06/22 Barbara Rechel
 06/22 Cheryl Williams
 06/23 Sharon Comini
 06/23 Lillian Miller
 06/23 Taigen Thorne
 06/23 Tali Thorne
 06/24 Liam Elkin
 06/24 Nathan Fillnow
 06/24 Robert Helm
 06/25 Ernestine Doane
 06/27 Megan Eppleman
 06/27 Kristin Lynn
 06/28 George Poliska
 06/29 Kenneth Shafranko
 06/30 April Clark
 06/30 Emily Welker

Happy Anniversary!

06/08 Shane & Amy Stugart
 06/10 David & Carol McMorris
 06/14 Steven & Randa Bieber III
 06/18 Steve & Bonnie Eyer
 06/18 Charles & Ann Kuntz
 06/18 Gary & Shelby Weber
 06/19 John & Ruth Burkholder

06/20 Daniel & Diana Zeigler
 06/21 John & Brenda Bower
 06/23 Kenneth & Donna Elkin
 06/23 James & Susan Newcomer Sr.
 06/25 Edgar & Donna Miller Jr.
 06/28 Andrew & Vicki Haussmann
 06/30 Harold & Joyce Hershberger

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Ongoing Collections



We are still collecting used stamps. 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.

The tabs we collect are taken by Pastor Elkin to the Ronald McDonald House and later sold at a recycling center. The money is then used for the operation of their facility. Even a few tabs add up, so please keep collecting. There is a collection container for tabs in the Narthex and near the Crossways hallway.



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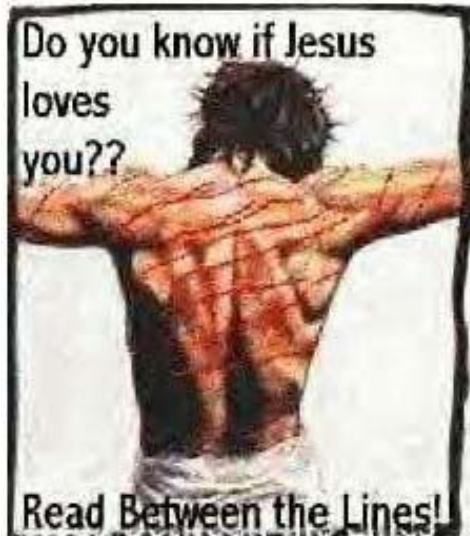
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St. Mark's June Calendar of Events

1 Saturday

10:00 AM VBS Workday

2 Sunday

Pentecost II

8:00 AM Holy Communion
10:30 AM Holy Communion
1:00 PM Church Picnic

3 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

4 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
5:00 PM Finance Mtg.
6:00 PM Brownies

5 Wednesday

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

6 Thursday

6:31 AM Men's Ministry
9:00 AM Morning Prayer

7 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

8 Saturday

10:00 AM VBS Workday

9 Sunday

Pentecost III

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Summer Forum
10:30 AM Holy Communion

10 Monday

Pastor leaves for Europe

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM VBS Workday
6:30 PM Property Committee

11 Tuesday

Pastor A way

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM VBS Workday

12 Wednesday

Pastor A way

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM VBS Workday

13 Thursday

Pastor A way

6:31 AM Men's Ministry
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM VBS Workday

14 Friday

Pastor A way

Synod Assembly

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

15 Saturday

Pastor A way

Synod Assembly

16 Sunday

Pastor A way

Pentecost IV

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Summer Forum
10:30 AM Holy Communion
12:00 PM Prayer 4 Youth/Chapel
12:30 PM Final Set Up for VBS
3:00 PM Father's Day Hike

17 Monday

Pastor A way

Susan A way

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
5:30 PM VBS
6:00 PM LSM Picnic/St. Matt's
7:00 PM Dog Club

18 Tuesday

Pastor A way

Susan A way

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
5:30 PM VBS
6:00 PM Brownies

19 Wednesday

Pastor A way

Susan A way

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
5:30 PM VBS

20 Thursday

Pastor A way

Susan A way

6:31 AM Men's Ministry
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
5:00 PM Daniel's Closet Drop Off
5:30 PM VBS

21 Friday

Lion Article Deadline

Pastor A way

Susan A way

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
5:30 PM VBS

22 Saturday

Pastor A way

9:00 AM Daniel's Closet

23 Sunday

Pastor A way

Pentecost V

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM FPLC Hosting Refresher
10:30 AM Holy Communion
6:00 PM Teen Movie Night

24 Monday

Pastor A way

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

25 Tuesday

Pastor A way

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

26 Wednesday

Pastor A way

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
12:00 PM Lunch N' Fellowship

27 Thursday

Pastor returns from Europe

6:31 AM Men's Ministry
9:00 AM Morning Prayer

28 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Lion Crew

30 Sunday

Pentecost VI

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Summer Forum
10:30 AM Holy Communion
11:30 AM Bring in July 4th items
2:00 PM CML Birthday Open House
4:00 PM CML Birthday Picnic
6:30 PM CML Birthday Worship