

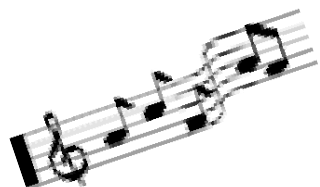


The Lion of St. Mark's

OCTOBER 2013

LSM School of Religion

**Wednesdays, October 2, 9., 16, 23 & 30
1:30 PM ~ 3:30 PM**



1st Session
Songs in the Key of Life

5 week course led by Mrs. Carol Waltz



2nd Session

Traveling Around the World-God's Work: Our Hands



- Oct. 2 - Our Companion Synod in Germany - Pastor Kerry Aucker
- Oct. 9 - Our Companion Synod in Liberia - Miss Betty McCrandall
- Oct. 16 - ELCA Global Missions - Sandy Grier, ALM
- Oct. 23 & 30 - Walking the Camino Santiago, Pastor Kenneth Elkin

***Please call the office to register by September 30th.
There is no cost for the program.***

John Bower Basketball League

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**Basketball sign-ups are
October 15th at 6:30 pm.**

We are desperately in need of TWO Coaches!

If you are interested please contact Michele Owen at mow-en@stmarkswilliamsport.org



A player sign up sheet is posted by Michele's door. The sooner kids sign up the sooner we will know if we have enough players for a team. Thanks!

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Council Update

The Congregation Council met in regular session on September 16th in the Crossways Room. The Council:

- ◆ received reports of the pastor, officers, and committees.
- ◆ heard about the first steps in the financial stewardship process for fall
- ◆ reviewed recent activities
- ◆ planned to meet to assist in the Consecration Sunday preparations
- ◆ set the next regular meeting date for October 21

Parish Register

- ◆ Pastor Elkin officiated at the Funeral service for **Russell Woolever Jr** on August 29, 2013 on behalf of Messiah Church. Burial of ashes was in the Montoursville Cemetery.
- ◆ Affirmation of Baptism – Confirmation was celebrated on September 8, 2013 for **Evan Barone, Stefan Weber, Benjamin Haussmann, and Ezra Buckman**.
- ◆ Pastor Elkin officiated at Holy Baptism for **Dallas James Hanford**, son of Paige Fortin and Addison Hanford, with Patrick and Patti Fortin, sponsors, on the Feast of St. Michael & All Angels, September 29, 2013.
- ◆ Pastor Elkin officiated at the funeral service for **Robert Smith** on September 3, 2013 with burial in Montoursville Cemetery.
- ◆ Enrolled on September 29, 2013 as catechetical students for the next term are **Hannah Haussmann** with Ruth Rees as mentor, **Dylan Ott** with Robert Jones, mentor, and **Gillian Buckman** with Mindy Wentzel, mentor.

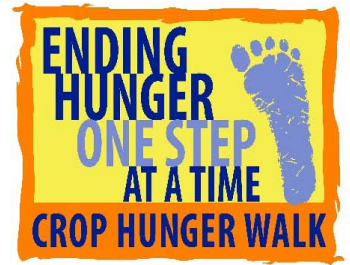
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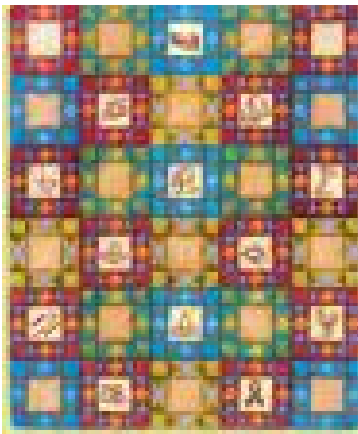


CROP WALK 2013

Our community's annual walk to fight hunger, the CROP Walk, is scheduled for Sunday, October 13, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. at the River Walk in Williamsport! Registration will begin at 12:30 P.M. under St. Mark's portico! You will select your River Walk route for a 3, 6 or 10 mile walk or anywhere in between. Thank you to all who walked and donated for the CROP Walk in 2012.



COVERED WITH LOVE



On October 6th, the first Sunday in October, BLANKET SUNDAY will be celebrated. Quilts made by our quilters will be on display. The following week the kits, soap, and quilts will be on their way to wherever they are needed.

If you were unable to provide materials for the kits or quilts, you can still help with a monetary contribution to purchase blankets for bulk prices. Make your donation to St. Mark's and designate for "Blankets".

God bless you for your compassion!

Children's Church

SUNDAY, October 13,
10:30 a.m., in the Chapel,
is our first celebration of
Children's Church for this year.



For those new to St. Mark's, Children's Church is a time for worship planned especially for our young members. They sing hymns, share the Gospel, respond to a Psalm, learn from a sermon, make an offering and pray the Lord's Prayer; all following the four parts of our worship service:

Gather, Hear (Word), Celebrate (Meal), and Send.

They finish in time to carry their offering into the Nave with the adults, then join their parents for the rest of the service.

Please consider accompanying your children in the Chapel or bringing them over before you settle in the Nave.

The special offerings that day are contributions toward our CROP Walk team.

FREE Workshop for Parents

Raising a Faith-filled Family

Saturday, October 26, 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Messiah Lutheran Church, South Williamsport, PA

- ◆ When families spend time together and build healthy relationships
- ◆ with one another, they grow not only in well-being, but also in faith!
- ◆ Learn practical, doable ways to pray, celebrate, reconcile, and serve as a family.
- ◆ Discover new ways to nurture children's and teens' faith growth.
- ◆ Learn the **five key moments** in day-to-day family living that when families bring intention to these moments they like each other better, and they function better as a family.
- ◆ Explore the **four key activities** crucial to a young person's faith growth and maturity, and how to engage in these activities.



Presented by Leif Kehrwald of Vibrant Faith Ministries

Leif and his wife, Rene, have two adult sons and live in Portland, Oregon.

A light supper will be served. Child Care is available.
Pre-registration is necessary – register by October 18.

Registration forms outside Bernadette's office
or contact Kathy Wither at (570) 326-9171 or by email at
wither15@comcast.net for more information or to register.

Hosted by Lutheran Shared Ministry of the Greater Williamsport Area

Lunch N' Fellowship

Wednesday, October 16th

Noon

Serving Pasta with Meat Sauce

Bring a dish to share
and a friend.



CONSECRATION SUNDAY

*We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us:
signs of your precious love.*

These, or similar, words are repeated each Sunday after the offering. We may just say them; we may think about what we are saying, or we may earnestly pray in thankfulness to our God for all that He has done for us.

It is time to put those words into our hearts and into action. Consecration Sunday is October 20 this year. We understand the concept that, from a biblical perspective, financial stewardship is not money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, we know that financial contributions are a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes. Since this goes against our natural tendencies to want to regard everything as our own possessions, we must continue to think about this and make it a part of our life a bit at a time. Consecration Sunday is a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving. Again, we are responding with joy and thanksgiving.

Every attendee and member, who completes an Estimate of Giving Card, does so voluntarily while attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday, October 20. We urge everyone to attend, even those who are hesitant to complete a card, because the procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend worship on Consecration Sunday, October 20. In the coming weeks, please think prayerfully about the blessings God has given to you, and about how you are called to share those blessings.

The other part of the event is the celebration meal that follows each worship service on October 20. At services on October 6 and 13 we'll be asking for your reservation for the breakfast following the 8:00 service or the lunch following the 10:30 service on Consecration Sunday. It is important that every member take part.

Our friend Pastor W. Stevens Shipman will again speak to us on how Stewardship (our works and efforts) coincides with what we do after we say "We believe...". Stewardship is, indeed, our faith in action. Let us be thankful for all of our blessings..

Ray & Cindy Huff, Co-Chairs
Stewardship Committee

Lion Article Deadline

All articles for the November issue of the Lion are due

NO LATER

than Monday, October 21st. Thank You!



Workshop for Parish & Congregational Leaders

Lutheran Shared Ministry of the Greater Williamsport Area is sponsoring a **FREE** workshop for parish and congregational leaders on **Saturday, October 26, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.** It will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church, 324 South Howard Street, South Williamsport, PA.

The workshop is designed to give leaders strategies and tools to empower families to grow in faith at home. It will be led by Leif Kehrwald of Vibrant Faith Ministries. This workshop is: aligned with recent research on family assets and strengths and anchored in decades of experience in family ministry.

Designed for Church Staff, Children's Ministry Teams, Small Group Ministry Teams, Adult Formation Teams, Sunday School Teachers, Council Members, and other ministry leaders and volunteers, this course is free; but, registration is necessary.

Contact Kathy Wither by email at wither15@comcast.net or by calling (570) 326-9171 for more information. You can also follow this link to register now http://web.mail.comcast.net/service/home/~PLUS%20Workshop_WilliamsportFlyer.pdf?auth=co&loc=en_US&id=291920&part=2.2/



Harvest Home Sunday, October 13th



Our church family will be celebrating a "Day of Thanksgiving" by bringing non-perishable items for the local Food Pantry. Bags were handed out on Sunday, September 29th however you may use a regular plastic grocery bag. Bring your bag of food to church on either Sunday, October 6th or Sunday, October 13th. The food will be displayed on Sunday, October 13th at both worship services. We hope you and your family will be part of this annual celebration as we thank God for what He has given us. ***Your generosity helps give people in need a three day supply of food.***

Items most needed are: canned fruits, veggies, pasta, spaghetti sauce, tea bags, coffee, oodles of noodles, popcorn, powdered drink mix. Crackers, gelatin mix, peanut butter, granola bars, tuna, applesauce, instant pudding, cornbread mix and canned or powdered milk.

Prayer for Our Youth will no longer meet.

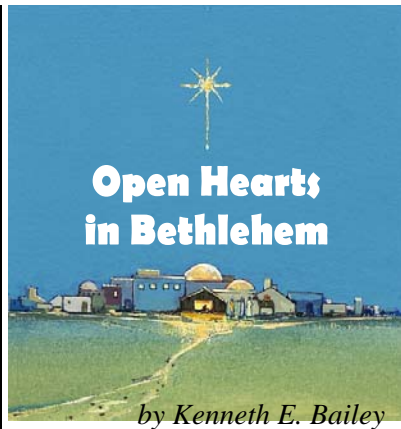
The "Under 21 Prayer Team" would like to thank all who supported this very important ministry. We have been meeting every month for the last year with a bible reading and a prayer.

During the prayer we lifted all the member names who were under 21 years of age to the Lord. We used a moment of silence to continue in prayer while an appropriate musical selection was played. The group then formed a circle by holding hands and recited the Lord's Prayer. We ended by hugging one another for encouragement.

This will surely be missed. In Christ's Love, Eric



“Open Hearts in Bethlehem”



Open Hearts in Bethlehem

by Kenneth E. Bailey

...by Kenneth E. Bailey, gives us an interesting view of society at the time of Christ's birth. Drawing on the strength of literal translations of the Bible and what scholars have discerned of that time, this play focuses on the families who would have welcomed Joseph and Mary into Bethlehem.

Parts are available for four (4) children with few lines, to two (2) t'weens-teens with a dozen or so lines, to four (4) male and three (3) female teens-adults who carry the burden of the script. Sign up for roles and support is on the wall next to Bernadette's office.

There will be a read-thru of the script for those involved on Sunday, Oct. 13, right after the 10:30 service. We want to be prompt and finish quickly for those who want to participate in the CROP Walk at

1:00.

Rehearsal will be once a week thru October and the beginning of November. Those with larger roles will begin to meet 2-3 times a week in Mid-November. The second week of December will see 2-3 rehearsals a week for all involved.

The program will take the place of the readings at the early service on Christmas Eve and may be presented one other time on either the Sunday before or after Christmas.

Snyder's Farm Hayride and Corn Mazes!



Saturday, Oct. 5th at 12:00pm.

Route 87 - please meet at farm, hayride will begin approx. at noon. We will then have the afternoon to enjoy the mazes and we will also have lunch provided, there will be hot dogs, drinks and s'mores! Cost is \$5.00 per person with the church paying half for children. Rain date will be Saturday, Oct. 12th. Please sign up outside Michele's office or contact her with any questions at mow-en@stmarkswilliamsport.org.

Corning Museum of Glass Trip

Sign-up for Corning trip (November 9) NOW!

The sheet is up next to Bernadette's office.

We leave church at 8:00 a.m. in order to be in time for the beginning of the "make-your-own-glass" workshops at 9:20. Volunteers are needed to drive.

Admission is free for all those 18 and younger; \$12.75 for 55+, AAA, military, and students; \$15 regular admission. This does not include the fees for making your own glass. For more info on those projects, go to www.cmog.org/visit/make-your-own-glass



Daniel's Closet



Daniel's Closet Distribution Day Saturday, October 26, 2013 9:00 am - 11:00 am Redeemer Lutheran Church



Clothes, jackets and shoes in good condition for the entire family are needed this month at Daniel's Closet. They are especially in need of children's back-to-school clothing and shoes and plus size clothing for men and women.

Items may be dropped off at Redeemer's church basement on Thursday, October 24th 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.

Sunday School Teachers Needed!!!

Michele and Bernadette wish to sincerely thank those who have volunteered to teach Sunday Church School in the past!

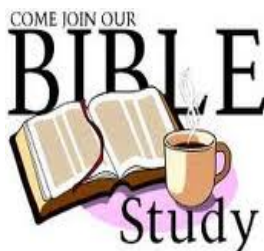
We have restructured our children into two elementary classes which will meet from September through May. The first class will be for ages Pre-K ~ 2nd grade, and the second class for 3rd ~ 5th grade.



The sign up sheet is located outside Michele's office door during the week and is available in the Narthex after Sunday worship services.

We look forward to providing a fun and educational time of spiritual growth to our children. We hope you will join us as a teacher!

Our Bible Studies Continue



Wednesdays

Join Pastor Elkin and the gang at 11:45 on Wednesdays for good conversation, song, laughter...and we learn things, too!! Feel free to bring your lunch as you enter into study with us. This year, we continue a study of Psalms.

Thursdays

For the early-birds on Thursday mornings, we have a 30-minute study at 6:31 A.M. each week. This fall we finish up an exploration of *CREATION AND THE PATRIARCHAL HISTORIES: Orthodox Christian Reflections on the Book of Genesis!*

First Communion

Letters will soon be going out to the parents of those children in the third grade, inviting the students to learn about Holy Communion and what it means to them.

If your child is not yet in third grade, but you feel he or she is ready to understand and receive Communion, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE if you want them to join the class. We feel that children of that age are ready to learn about this sacrament, but, obviously, you know your children better than we do. We are more than happy to include any of our youth in the process.

Classes begin on Sunday, November 3, at 3:00 p.m., in the Middle Lounge, and continue on November 10 & 17 at the same time. The students' First Communion will be celebrated on the festival of Christ the King, Sunday, November 24, 2013.



History of Thankofferings

Late in the 19th Century Lutheran women were given small "mite" boxes as visible reminders of blessings received. They would put small coins in their boxes with a prayer of thanks each time they would think about God's blessings to them. Extraordinary events, such as the birth of a child, or small moments, like seeing a rainbow after a storm, would be appreciated with a coin.

The tradition of Thankofferings continues today. On October 27th the Women of St. Mark's will observe Thankoffering Sunday. The whole congregation is invited to participate. Envelopes are available in the Narthex.



New Catechetical Class Met!

Confirmation Class



Gillian Buckman, Hannah Haussmann, and Dylan Ott, along with their mentors, Mindy Wentzel, Ruth Rees, and Bob Jones (respectively), joined Taylor, Sadie, Annika, Grace, and Makensi (with Jane, Chele, Diana, Donna, and Michele) on Sunday, September 15, for the first meeting of the year! It was a getting-to-know-you session, with orientation for the program and materials. The parents of the students met with Pastor Elkin in the Crossways Room and got a head start on the Bible study for this year. Their next meeting is on Sunday, Oct. 20. Looks like it's going to be a great year!

**It's not too late to enroll your 6th or 7th grade child! Please contact Bernadette!*

"JOY" Youth Group: Just Older Youth

St. Mark's high school students (grades 9-12) have been invited to join Messiah's youth on the 2nd Sunday of each month, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., for a time of Faith-building/Learning, Team-building Activities, Conversation, Games, and Prayers in a Relaxed, faith-based, judgment-free atmosphere

Messiah Lutheran Church
Corner of West Southern Avenue and Howard Street
South Williamsport

2013-14 Schedule

September 8, 2013

December 8, 2013

March 9, 2014

October 13, 2013

January 12, 2014

April 13, 2014

November 10, 2013

February 9, 2014

May 18, 2014

Feeding 50,000 Meal Packaging Project for Central PA

Adults & youth are needed to volunteer after 11 a.m. on Oct. 5th.
Only 5 DAYS till the Meal Packaging Event being held at
Trinity United Methodist Church in uptown Jersey Shore, PA.

Our goal is to **package 50,000 meals** which will be distributed to area food banks through the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank. We have nearly 100 volunteers signed up for each hour but we are way behind on funds to pay for the materials.

Each meal cost \$0.25 to package. \$1 would feed a family of four. \$10 would feed 40 people. \$20 would feed 80 people. We can make a big difference in addressing hunger in central Pennsylvania through your donations. Please pray and consider donating to this worthy cause as it addresses hunger.



Our many volunteers will be in assembly lines packing, weighing, sealing bags, and packaging them for delivery to the food banks. We are making fortified macaroni and cheese meals which are highly nutritious. Please consider donating any amount you can.

Make checks out to "Outreach, Inc." and mail to Pastor Aucker, St. John Lutheran Church, Jersey Shore, PA, 17740, or text-to-give using your smart phone: text 6412434341 and enter amount you wish to donate and be sure to type "Jersey Shore Event" in the message box or go to the website, EndhungerNE.org and give on-line. Be sure to write "Jersey Shore Event" in the purpose box.

For questions, contact Pastor Aucker at 570-398-1676.

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebboxes for kids



Tick-tick-tick-tick-tick... Time is running out!

On **Sunday, November 3**, after the 10:30 service, we share a light lunch and then pack and wrap Operation Christmas Child boxes. For the past four years, we've had a great time preparing these gifts for children in need!! So, on November 3, we'll have finger-food after the 10:30 service and begin our group pack-and-wrap!!! Sounds like fun to us!!! How about you!? At Children's Church, the following Sunday, November 10, the children will process in offertory with the completed boxes. This doesn't preclude anyone packing their own boxes if they prefer to do that. Those who choose to pack their own may bring them in on November 3, but the final deadline is November 10.

Donations are welcome and appreciated to go toward the shipping of each box. The cost per gift is \$7. Donations may be given any time up until November 14th.

October Ecumenical Lunches ~ Wednesdays, Noon 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.

- 2 - Mrs. Amy Seyler**, Church Relations, Operation Christmas Child of Samaritan Purse,
"Shoe Boxes Bring Blessings Around the World."
- 9 - Mr. Don and Mrs. Faye Konkle**, Members of Montoursville Presbyterian Church,
"Mission Trip to the New Jersey Shore"
- 16 - Ms. Debbie Colton**, Oasis of Hope Ministries,
"Building Safe Havens for the Children Who Are Domestic Victims of Sex Trafficking"
- 23 - The Rev. Canon Andy France**, Chaplain, Lycoming Prison,
Archdeacon Emeritus, Episcopal Diocese of Central Pa.
"Heroin – It's Here and We Need to Do Something: a Personal Story"
- 30 - Mrs. Tammy Aichner**, United Campus Ministry Coordinator, ***"Ministry With College Students"***

This is a ministry that everyone in our congregations and community is welcome to participate in. Make plans to join us and you're welcome to bring a friend!

Home Communion Coordinator Needed

We are in need of someone to take over making calls to set up home communion for our shut-ins. Michele Owen has temporarily taken over making the calls but a permanent replacement is needed. For the details of what the job entails contact Michele at mowen@stmarkswilliamsport.org or 323-4619.

**A special thank you to Lois Smith for her many years of service in this position!
You will be greatly missed by many people in many ways!**

The News in Our Pews

It is an absolutely perfect day today – crisp, sunny and just the hint of a breeze and I find myself thinking how quickly the summer went and how quickly we are moving toward winter and how grateful I am for these treasured autumn days!

It is always good to read about the accomplishments of our people so it was nice to see **Max Hospes** pictured with members of the Williamsport Area High School Marching Millionaires and honored for their participation in the Drum Corps Associates World Championships held in Annapolis, Maryland. The group earned a second place title as a result of their hundreds of hours of practice as members of the Caballeros Drum and Bugle Corps. Great job!

Several congregation members asked me about the size of the choir on Sunday- it seems so small, they said. It is small and it is a sad day when four members attend a rehearsal. There must be more in the congregation who could join this special ministry. A great voice is not a prerequisite, just a love for music and a desire to “make a joyful noise unto the Lord”! It is really fun and gratifying to be part of this ministry.

Speaking of the choir, I need to pay tribute to **Ruth Burkholder** who is retiring from the Senior Choir after at least four decades of singing in the various choirs, now and in the past. It is also worth noting that **Carl Weaver** will return to the choir this week after a trip to visit daughter Christine in Colorado. Carl doesn't want to talk about it but his choir service spans six decades! What a record!

On the subject of records, how nice to celebrate **Louella Bair's** one hundredth birthday recently! Louella was so pleased at the outpouring of affection shown to her by her fellow members of St. Mark's and her family. It was a lovely event and a fitting tribute to a gracious lady!

~Joyce Anne Hershberger

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

United Churches of Lycoming County

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED:

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
Veggies	Coffee	Powdered Drink Mix
Popcorn	Jello	Peanut Butter
Granola Bars	Tuna	Pudding Mix
Cornbread Mix	Can Milk	Powdered Milk
Applesauce		

**Hours are: 9:30 - Noon
on Mondays for delivery.**

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

**Mater Dolorosa Social Hall
635 Hepburn St, Wmspt.**

Lycoming County Twenty-Second Annual Life Chain



**Sunday, October 6, 2013
2:30 p.m.
on the Golden Strip
(East Third Street)**

Everyone is invited to participate
in this peaceful prayer event.



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!**

Family Promise News & Opportunities

Eat at Hoss's on October 3, 2013. →

Present the coupon printed in our newsletter and Hoss's will donate 20% or 25% of your pre-tax check to FPLC.



Volunteer Training:

All volunteers need the official training being offered at the Day Center. Upcoming training dates are October 8, 2013 at 1:00 pm. and again on October 10, 2013 at 6:00 pm. Call the Day Center at 570-567-7103 to register.

St. Joseph the Worker 5K Run/Walk in South Williamsport

to benefit FPLC on October 19, 2013 at 10:00 am. See registration details in office hallway.



START COLLECTING YOUR QUARTERS
for
The Fourth Annual Family Promise of Lycoming County Paddle and Silent Auction

Where: Pajama Factory, 1307 Park Avenue in Williamsport

When: Saturday, October 26, 2013

Time: 6:00 PM

Cost: \$15.00 Price includes food and beverages.
\$3.00 for 1st Paddle, \$6.00 for 3 Paddles

If you like bingo you will enjoy this event.

I had a great time last year and will be attending again this year.

Call the Day Center (570-567-7103) or speak with Becky Miller Pryor for tickets.



Teen Movie Night

Sunday, October 27th, 6 pm
Bring a treat and join us!
Bring a friend too!



Women's Bazaar

Fall Bazaar a Success!

The Women of St. Mark's thank the congregation for their many donations and assistance with the annual bazaar. Special thanks are extended to Deb Holmes for bringing students from Lychoming College to assist in bringing all the items from the basement to Fellowship Hall. The students' energy seemed boundless. Then in the days preceding the sale, several women worked each morning to organize the tables in preparation for the big day. And a big day it was. The kitchen, under the direction of Shirley and Jackie Kinney, saw many hungry customers in addition to our own folks. Fellowship Hall remained busy throughout the day with steady sales. At the conclusion of the sale, Pastor, Lou and Linda DeSeau, Gary, Riley and Stefan Weber, and the Owen family were invaluable in storing the tables and assisting with boxing items to be distributed in support of other charitable work.

Items were donated to the West End Community Center, Shepherd of the Streets, Daniel's Closet, Newberry Branch of NGA (Needlework Guild of America), Relay for Life/Lancers Against Cancers, Operation Christmas Child, Toys for Tots, and the American Rescue Workers.

This sale raised \$1,200.00. These funds will be used by the Women of St. Mark's to support charities both locally and globally.

Bazaar Room Update

Donations for next year's bazaar are not being accepted at this time.

This year's preparations for the Fall Bazaar were particularly daunting for the Women of St. Mark's. The Bazaar Room was filled to capacity in a disorganized manner making it all but impossible to get past the doorway. (We lack shelving and a drop off plan.) Once all the items were taken to Fellowship Hall it was discovered that we had a truck load of damaged items that needed to be taken to the landfill before the sale. The Women of St. Mark's hope to have a better plan for next year's bazaar, but need time to create and institute it.

If you have items that you cannot store at your own home, please donate them to other worthy causes. Thank you for your understanding.

Family Promise Hosting Week

We are currently hosting several families with children experiencing a housing crisis from September 29 – October 6, 2013. This will be our final time we host in 2013.

Please pray for these families and the many volunteers who assist with their care.

Becky Miller Pryor thanks all who are assisting with this ministry.

Donna Elkin & Deb Maggs are the new co-coordinators for Family Promise.

Missionary Sherrill Fausey to speak

Missionary, Sherrill Fausey, will be in Williamsport, at **Fairlawn Community Church**, 353 Pleasant Hill Rd, Cogan Station, on **Sunday, October 6**, sharing/presenting God's work at Christian Light School/Orphanage, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, (www.chritianlighthaiti.org) at both services, 8:30am & 10:30 am, and again on **Wednesday, October 09**, at 1pm in Tivoli, at the **Tivoli United Methodist Church**, 9598 Route 220, Tivoli.

Visitors are welcome to come and meet her and see the new thing God is doing through her, in Haiti. Sherrie Fausey, a retired school teacher from Jacksonville, Florida, visited Haiti in 1999 on a weekend mission trip. God used what she witnessed there to burden her heart to sell all of her earthly belongings and return to Haiti in the summer of 2000 to open a school. Today there are more than 260 children in attendance. Her faith has brought her through many challenges, including the school being completely demolished by the 2010 Earthquake.

The Christian Light School is a non-denominational Christian ministry. Haitians need to be given the necessary tools if they are to eventually become leaders in their country. But children simply cannot afford to attend school without our help. So, we provide textbooks, uniforms, school supplies, 2 meals per day and medical and dental care. They learn to read in French, English, and Creole and communicate with sign language. Graduates score very high on the Haitian state exams. They are among the best educated students in Haiti and are expected to grow up to assume leadership positions—Christian leaders. This will be an exciting testimony of what God is doing in Haiti!

Youth Encounter 2014

QUAKES

ZONES



January 24-26, 2014

Pittsburgh, PA

Early Bird registration October 17, 2013

\$139 (\$154 after that) \$60 due by above date

We will meet and hand out fundraising materials on Oct. 6, after the 10:30 service

"Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all."

~ 1 Chron. 29:11 (NIV)

Agape

Agape (Dave Scherer) is an electrifying performer, whose rapping, dancing, and storytelling have been enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of youth across the country. Agape has a way of connecting with every listener to transcend musical genres and touch the human heart. Old and young alike find themselves dancing and enjoying his edgy, relevant presentation of the Gospel. He performs 100 times a year across the US and beyond and has produced four CDs.

Rebecca Meidinger

Rebecca has a passion for guiding teenagers to understand their own personal value and worth, empowering them to set goals and dream dreams, and equipping them with knowledge and practical skills to build healthy relationships. Rebecca is married to Paul, who is her best friend and support. Paul is a fire fighter with the Fargo Fire Department. Paul and Rebecca have been blessed beyond measure...a solid marriage, three beautiful children, and careers that allow them to pursue their dreams every day. One of Rebecca's dreams that recently came true was being invited to speak to teen girls at a conference in Polokwane, South Africa in February 2011.

Happy Birthday!

10/02 Travis Rechel	10/14 Makensi Doebler	10/24 Mark Welker
10/05 Stephanie Bieber	10/16 Wilson Doebler Sr.	10/26 Hannah Hausmann
10/06 Caitlin Butters	10/17 Sean Fenderson	10/26 Jane Strous
10/06 Eleanor Whiting	10/18 Marion Larson	10/27 Kathy Eshelman
10/09 Jane Zimmerer	10/19 Breanna Chicas	10/28 Andrew Hausmann
10/10 Kameera Smith	10/20 Ashley Campbell	10/28 Tait Thorne
10/11 Amy Burkholder	10/20 Megan Greevy	10/29 John Hoffman
10/11 Barbara Doebler	10/21 Paige Fortin	10/29 Barbara Thomas
10/11 Gary Goertz	10/21 Carolyn Wacker	10/30 Deborah Maggs
10/11 Patrice Santalucia	10/22 Madisyne Wellen	10/30 Lois Winters-Goldy
10/12 Christine Sauers	10/23 Ryan Lynn	10/31 Donna Maule
10/13 Shirley Vognet	10/24 Charles Kuntz	10/31 Natalie Miller
10/14 Gary Chrisman	10/24 Richard Miller	

Happy Anniversary!

10/01 Kirk & Michele Owen	10/16 Tracy & Andrea Gregory
10/04 Lee & Veronica Doane	10/25 Scott & Mary Kimble
10/09 Kenneth & Kathleen Caster	10/26 Louis & Linda DeSeau
10/09 Frank & Mary Lou Doebler	10/26 Robert & Constance Shaible
10/09 Jeffrey & Catherine Kneedler	10/30 Romain & Evelyn Bastian
10/09 Lawrence & Norma Lehman	

PLEASE MAKE THESE Directory Updates

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Thank you!

To My Dear Saint Mark's family,

Thank you for attending my 100th birthday party. God has blessed me with a wonderful and loving family at home and at church. It was a perfect way for me to celebrate my big day.

In Christian Love, Louella Bair

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A Great Cloud of Witnesses

September 2013

Dear Friends,

Wow! It's been 50 years since I agreed to spend one day at Mount Luther Camp and Conference Center. The camp could not begin the summer without a nurse and I was called into action. With two small children, Beth and Tom, off we went for the one day. That one day grew into a week; that week grew into five weeks; those five weeks grew into eight years and a year-round program. My husband, Donald, joined us the following year and served for six years as director. Those days enriched our lives spiritually, mentally, and physically. We worked hard at making, "every thought a prayer and every act a worship experience." This was the camp's mission as we told our staff each year.

Times have changed and so has Mount Luther. Swimming in the pond has become swimming in the pool. Being treated at the nurse's tent has become being treated in a health center. Walking the grounds seeing small saplings has become walking the grounds seeing rich, green, large trees. Dining in Maple Village has become dining in the wonderful Evergreen Center. Conducting the business of the camp from the back of the Maple Dining Hall in a small office has become administering the camp from the Administration Center, which now also bears the name of my family. This transformation and growth over the past 50 years all happened because folks like you believe in an outdoor ministry which focuses on encountering Jesus Christ in new and exciting ways, so that we can go from this place to show love and concern for others.

In order that Mount Luther continue to serve our God, our congregations, and communities, we need folks with faith and a vision and love for "joyful giving." Many of you contribute your time and talent-in-kind; others have contributed through congregational giving and individual gifts. All of these are needed by Mount Luther as we look forward to our 75th anniversary celebration! I hope you will join me in giving a financial gift to the camp during this Annual Fund Appeal, which is now underway. Your donation will help the camp realize their goals as they set firm ground for the next decades of ministry.

Enjoy being a "joyous giver" and with a hearty handshake from afar, I give my sincere thanks for your partnership in supporting Mount Luther in this important year.



Betty Jane, pictured with Executive Director Chad Hershberger, following a celebration for her held last summer in the Evergreen Center.

Betty Jane Mincemoyer

Betty Jane Mincemoyer
 Former Health and Food Service Director
 1963-1970

P.S. The camp's Development Team is kicking off a new program this fall. On the back of this letter is information about "Circle of Faith," an opportunity for you to support the camp's annual fund on a more regular basis. Please consider becoming part of this important new project!

Camp Mount Luther "Circle of Faith"

Be Part of Camp Mount Luther's "Circle of Faith"



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.

As Camp Mount Luther celebrates its 50th Birthday, we are reminded of the people who have been such a great "cloud of witnesses" in our history. These people are linked to us, as they have shared their faith and dedication to Christ through their work in this place. Because they shared their time, treasure, and talents, we can enjoy Camp Mount Luther as we know it today. And we, who support this ministry through our time, talent, and treasure, are linking to future generations, as we set the future course for the camp.

It is increasingly evident that annual fund gifts are very important to our ministry. These are gifts which are unrestricted and underwrite a large number of our budget lines, from summer staff to maintenance costs. They are the gifts that sustain our work and help us to ensure that the ministry of sharing Christ and planting seeds in God's name is carried out.

We now have a new opportunity for you to show your support to our ministry. It's called the **Camp Mount Luther Circle of Faith**. It is open to those who arrange for a monthly gift to the annual fund. You can send a check every month, sign up for electronic funds transfer through your financial institution, or give via your credit card each month.

The **Circle of Faith** is a great opportunity for you to demonstrate that you value our outdoor ministry so much that you say, "You can count on me for a regular gift every month!" As you consider the amount of your gift, here are the monthly amounts for our giving levels:

Friend:	\$1-\$8/month
Camper's Club:	\$9-\$20/month
Counselor's Club:	\$21-\$41/month
Director's Club:	\$42-\$83/month
President's Club:	\$84-\$416/month
Bishop's Club:	\$417 or more/month

For more information or to give, contact us at 570-922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org. Please know that we appreciate all contributions, including one-time annual gifts!

Please enroll me/us in the **CIRCLE OF FAITH**, as long-term believer(s) in the vital importance of our camping ministry. You can count on me for a monthly gift of \$_____.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

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St. Mark's oCTOBER Calendar of Events

1 Tuesday

Hosting FPLC

8:00 AM City Pastor's @ SM
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
6:00 PM Finance Mtg.

2 Wednesday

Hosting FPLC

Pastor Away

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting
11:45 AM Bible Study
1:30 PM School of Religion

3 Thursday

Hosting FPLC

Pastor Away

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

4 Friday

Hosting FPLC

Pastor Away

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

5 Saturday

Hosting FPLC

Pastor Away

11:00 AM Meal Packing 4 Hunger
12:00 PM Hayride/Shyder's Farm

6 Sunday

Blanket Sunday

Hosting FPLC

Pastor Away

Pentecost XX

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion
12:15 PM YouthQuake Info. Mtg.
2:30 PM Life Chain

7 Monday

Pastor Away

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

8 Tuesday

Pastor Away

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
1:00 PM FP Training/Daycenter

9 Wednesday

Pastor Away

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting
11:45 AM Bible Study
1:30 PM School of Religion

10 Thursday

Pastor Away

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

10 Thursday

9:30 AM Stephen Ministers
6:00 PM FP Training/Daycenter
7:00 PM Senior Choir

11 Friday

Pastor Away

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

12 Saturday

Pastor Away

13 Sunday

Harvest Home

Pastor Away

Pentecost XXI

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Children's Church
10:30 AM Holy Communion
1:00 PM Crop Walk
5:00 PM Council Mtg/Stewardship
5:30 PM JOY @ Messiah

14 Monday

Pastor Away

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
6:30 PM Property Committee
7:00 PM Wmspt. Civic Chorus

15 Tuesday

Pastor Away

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
6:30 PM JBBL sign-up

16 Wednesday

Pastor Away

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting
12:00 PM Lunch N' Fellowship
1:30 PM School of Religion

17 Thursday

Pastor Away

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

18 Friday

Pastor Away

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

19 Saturday

10:00 AM FPLC - 5K Run/Southside

20 Sunday

Pentecost XXII

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:00 AM Consecration Breakfast
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion
11:45 AM Consecration Luncheon
6:00 PM Confirmands meal/mtg

21 Monday

Lion Article Deadline

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
6:00 PM Civic Chorus Board
6:30 PM Council Mtg.
7:00 PM Dog Club
7:00 PM Wmspt. Civic Chorus

22 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

23 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting
11:45 AM Bible Study
1:30 PM School of Religion

24 Thursday

6:31 AM Men's Ministry
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
5:00 PM Daniel's Closet Drop Off
7:00 PM Senior Choir

25 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

26 Saturday

9:00 AM Daniel's Closet @ Redeemer
9:00 AM Faith Leader Workshop
5:00 PM Faith Parent Workshop
6:00 PM FP Fundraiser@Pajama Factory

27 Sunday

Reformation Sunday

Thankoffering Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion
12:15 PM The Way
6:00 PM Teen Movie Night

28 Monday

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

29 Tuesday

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

30 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting
11:45 AM Bible Study
1:30 PM School of Religion

31 Thursday

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