



The Lion of St. Mark's

JANUARY 2015

FAMILY PROMISE

A note from the coordinators:



On November 16th St. Mark's completed another successful week of hosting for Family Promise. We served four families; there were seven adults and six children. We had two pregnant young women in the group.

Several of the adults had jobs which required extra transportation assistance and resulted in some chaotic schedules. However, our volunteers rallied and we were able to accommodate some additional requests.

The meals were wonderful and our guests had hearty appetites and expressed appreciation for each and every meal. We also had some amazing desserts, all of which disappeared quickly!

Once again we were assisted by folks from Bethel Presbyterian and First Presbyterian Churches. We are truly blessed to have so many volunteers who give of their time to assist these families in need.

Our next week of hosting will be Sunday January 25th through Sunday February 1st. If you are interested in helping but have not heard from one of us please feel free to call Donna at 570-323-7367 or Debbie at 570-322-8109.

Its refreshing!

There is always more to learn. Our Family Promise leaders are offering the opportunity for the volunteers to refresh their training on January 11 following the 10:30 service. Persons who have not be a part of a training group in the past are also strongly encouraged to come to this event. We begin with a light lunch, and the session begins at 12:00, led by Jennie of the Family Promise staff.

Thank you!

We use our Time, Talents, and Treasure in so many ways through the congregation as well as in the rest of our daily lives. We need to acknowledge and encourage each other in all of these areas. It is quite a list of responsibilities that we share. So THANK YOU to those who serve as...

- † Acolytes
- † Ushers
- † Greeters
- † Altar guild
- † Lectors
- † Singers and instrumentalists
- † Handbell ringers
- † Assisting Ministers
- † Nursery attendants
- † Communion servers
- † Home communion visitors
- † Flower deliverers
- † Hospitality hosts
- † Sunday School teachers
- † Sunday School staff
- † Stephen Ministers
- † Committee members
- † Council members
- † Officers
- † Family Promise coordinators
- † Family Promise volunteers
- evening hosts, drivers, meal preparers, overnight hosts, laundry, day center volunteers, board members
- † Money counters
- † Card senders
- † Quilters
- † Kitchen chefs and helpers
- † Our paid staff members who offer additional time
- † Thespians
- † Wait staff
- † Visitors to Selinsgrove Center
- † Bazaar staff ...and many more!

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Council Update

- 1 The Congregation Council met on November 24,
 1 2014. The Council:
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 2 † received the regular reports of the Pastor, Offic-
 2 ers, and Committees.
 2 † examined and approved the budget for 2015
 2 and moved to call a Special Congregation As-
 2 ssembly to consider it on December 14, 2014.
 3 † welcomed Ed Richner as a member of the con-
 3 gregation by Letter of Transfer from Church of
 3 the Savior—Lutheran.
 4 † decided not to meet in December.
 4 † Next regular meeting will be January 19, 2015

Parish Register

- † Ed Richer received by Letter of Transfer from
 Church of Our Savior, Williamsport

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Bazaar Room Update



The Women of St. Mark's are once again receiving donations for the annual Fall Bazaar. The Bazaar Room will be open for your donations of fall and holiday decorations, housewares, toys in good condition and other treasures you no longer need or want. Please be sure all donated items are clean, in good condition and working properly.

We are asking anyone who is placing items in the Bazaar Room to pack them securely in a box that we can move easily at the time of the bazaar. Computer paper boxes or similar sized boxes are ones we can move easily. Please place your boxes as far away from the door as is possible.

We **cannot** accept cribs, mattresses, car seats, broken or non-working items of any kind, mismatched plastic containers, outdated computers/electronics, TV's, textbooks, encyclopedias or large pieces of exercise equipment. Clothing may be donated to Daniel's Closet.

With everyone's cooperation as good stewards of the Bazaar Room, we will be taking those first steps toward another successful Fall Bazaar. If you have questions concerning your donations, please contact Shirley Hill or Becky Miller Pryor.

Daniel's Closet

Saturday, January 24, 2015 from 9:00am –
11:00am

Make room for the new Christmas clothing your family and you received by donating your no longer needed clothing to Daniel's Closet. Winter clothing and coats in good condition, accessories, shoes and boots in all sizes from infant to adult are needed. The greatest needs are for children's clothing, plus size clothing for men and women and shoes and sneakers for children and adults.



January's outreach is scheduled as follows.

Drop-Off at Redeemer Lutheran Church will be Thursday, January 22, 2015
from 5:00 pm – 6:00pm.

OFFERING ENVELOPE ALERT!!

Offering Envelopes



Offering envelopes for 2015 are available in the Narthex. Please help us save postage by taking your envelopes and the envelopes of anyone you know who is a shut-in. If you are not receiving envelopes, and would like them, or if you would like your child or children to have envelopes, please call Graydon Yearick at the Church office or Barb Thomas (570-322-6460) at home.

The 17th Annual Catechetical Retreat



JANUARY 10, 2015 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Topics of discovery include:

More than a Pretty Picture ~ Pr. Kenneth Elkin, St. Mark''

Illuminating, teaching, explaining, focusing, expounding, inspiring: **ICONS**. Learn about their origins, purpose, and use in the church. Participants will create an Icon to take home. Participation is limited to the first 10 students who email bjones@stmarkswilliamsport.org.

Teen Suicide – It affects more than one person! ~ Pr. Aufer, St. John

Journey with Pr Aufer as he ministered to the families of two teenagers who committed suicide two and one half weeks apart, their extended families, the school, and the community. People go through steps of grief when they have a loss. But when a teenager commits suicide the family, friends, classmates, and the community at-large respond to the steps of grief in different ways. Coping is a key aspect to dealing with death and especially the death of a young person. It is not the natural way of life for a person to die before their parents. How would you deal with the suicide death of someone you know?

Liberia ~ Ms. Sandy Nelson, St. Michael

This is the West African country in the news in regard to the dangerous Ebola Virus. We, the Upper Susquehanna Synod, have a relationship with Liberia. See pictures of the country and learn what it is like to be there as a missionary.

Parents, Teens and Money Matters ~ Mr. Keith Wood, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

This workshop is designed to help teens and parents increase their understanding of stewardship. During the workshop, participants will learn about making intentional choices when it comes to sharing, saving, and spending money. Parents and teens will talk about money and values in their family, and teens will receive a free personal finance organizer.

CALLING ST. MARK'S BREAD BAKERS!!



Mom taught me everything I know about baking...she was a great roll model!

It's that time of year, again! Yes it's time to don our aprons, roll up our sleeves and fling some flour!

Our annual bread baking takes place on Saturday, January 3, 2015. We will start at 10:00 a.m. ...plan on staying for lunch!

February Lion Article Deadline

All articles for February issue of the Lion are due no later than Friday, January 16th. Thank You!

Thank you for the Christmas Gifts!



Becky Miller Pryor thanks the congregation for their support of the Social Ministry projects that occurred in December.

On December 15, 2014 the Elves of St. Mark's traveled to the Selinsgrove Center to once again share stories, songs and gifts with the seventeen ladies of CM-6 and their caregivers. The bottles of body wash and cups of pudding that were donated were part of a gift pack each lady received.

The caregivers received dozens of homemade cookies, candy and a holiday floral arrangement created by Pastor. It was a very special evening for the ladies and our elves. A special thank you goes to Cheryl Williams for providing the many homemade cookies the caregivers received. And finally thank you to the congregation for their donations of body wash, pudding and money to fill in with the gifting. We were blessed to receive more from the ladies and their caregivers than we gave.

The residents of Danville State Hospital received more than 31 articles of new clothing, 8 pairs of socks, 2 packages of socks, 5 packages of undies, 2 pairs of gloves, 3 watches, 6 activity books and 2 wallets. Our donated items were designated as general gifts that were used where they were most needed. A member of Redeemer Lutheran Church graciously agreed to deliver our donations to the hospital with those of Redeemer Lutheran Church. That was a blessing to me as the coordinator of this project.

These gestures of Christmas spirit given by our congregation were sure to comfort the individuals receiving them in Christ's name.

Calling all Youth Sixth thru Twelfth Grades!!

Youth
ENCOUNTER

QUAKES

ZONES

January 23-25, 2015
Pittsburgh, PA

Registration ~ \$174

Five of our youth have signed up to go on this trip in January. If any youth would still like to register, **THEY MAY!!!**



"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

A transformational weekend for grades 6-12 where lives will be renewed and faith will

What can YOU do???



On March 1, 2015, we will host the sixth annual Iron Chef Williamsport competition, one of the largest fundraisers for Family Promise...Pr. Kerry Aucker and a team from St. John Lutheran, Jersey Shore, have picked up the gauntlet! And you can join our team, too! How?

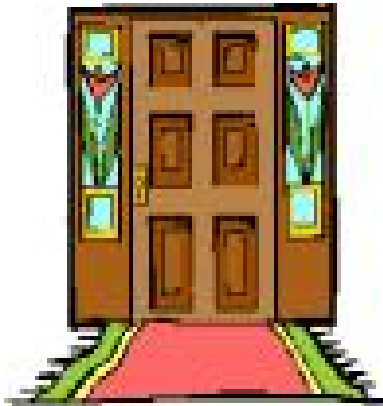
- † Tell your friends and neighbors
- † Stuff envelopes
- † Make phone calls from the comfort of your home
- † Hand out flyers at your clubs or civic organizations
- † Pray for the volunteers and for those who need Family Promise
- † Hang posters in places you frequent in the course of your days



It takes much more than kitchen work to make this event successful. Iron Chef Williamsport is one of the better ways we have of going outside the four walls of St. Mark's, involving the community, and providing for those less fortunate than we.

So, what can you do? Call the office and let us know!!

Lunches for Habitat Builds



St. Mark's was called several times in 2014 to provide a lunch for the volunteers at a Habitat build. Unfortunately due to the short notice of the call we were only able to provide one lunch at the build in Newberry. In 2015 the Social Ministry Chairperson would like to schedule up to four lunches (one per season) to support a Habitat build. For this to be possible I need help from the congregation. We will need various food items and monetary donations to purchase the items not donated. We will also need a few folks to serve lunches at the Habitat site. Please speak with Becky Miller Pryor if you can assist in some way. I am confident that with planning we can respond in Christ's name.

Go Green and Recycle

The holidays are past and it is time to deal with gift bags and decorations. If you need to reduce your supply of these items, consider donating your surplus at church to help others.

- † Donate gift bags and holiday tissue paper that will be used for the Selinsgrove Party next December. Use the tub in the Narthex.
- † Donate your excess holiday decorations to the Women of St. Mark. They will sell them at their annual bazaar and donate the proceeds to charities locally and globally. Donations may be placed in the Bazaar Room.

Thank You!!



THANK YOU to everyone who contributed on the trees in Fellowship Hall and the Narthex!!



The Nursery is Open

The Nursery is available and staffed during the 10:30 Morning Worship Service. Please feel free to take your child



HOBBY DAY IS COMING!!!!



On February 8, we will once again celebrate our interests, collections, and crafts! After church, join us to see what keeps some members of our church family occupied in their spare time! There will be light refreshments served at the event.

If you are interested in setting up a display or demonstration, please let the office know by Sunday, February 1, so we can make sure you have the space you need!

Acolyte Refresher Course

An acolyte training and refresher session will be scheduled soon! Keep an eye on the bulletin for updates! This meeting takes precedence over any other meetings, practices, or classes. All current and prospective acolytes are expected to attend. Lunch will be served and the Acolyte Memory Game will be played.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Teachers are still needed for several teaching slots this year! Please call Michele today!!

The News in Our News

As I was growing up there was one honor roll – now we have the distinguished honor roll, the high honor roll and the regular honor roll. **Hannah Haussmann** was successful in being listed in the distinguished honor roll at the Williamsport Area Middle School – that is impressive! I strain my eyes to read those lists and if I have missed your child you need to let me know!

Caught a glimpse of **Sharon Comini** working with her art students on the mural displayed at the Little League Museum.

Another honor roll note – **Taylor Wentzel** was listed on the distinguished honor roll at Loy-alsock Township Middle School and **Sadie Wentzel** on the honor roll – congratulations to all those superb students!

A really nice article about the Williamsport Foundry appeared in the Webb Weekly. Brothers **William Ertel** and **Walter Ertel, Sr.** were in the brass casting business in 1916 and decided to go out on their own. For nearly 100 years, the **Ertel and Doebler family** have poured brass, bronze and iron in town beginning in a converted chicken coop and settling into their current location in 1938. Today our own **Walter “Bud” Doebler** and his brother **Frank** own and operate the foundry and specialize in custom iron casting work.

And finally the presentation by Shane Collins at the Taber Museum about the then Allegheny Airlines crash in 1959 brought back memories to my own **Harold**. He was captain of the water rescue squad that got the call to search for the wreckage. They docked their boat in the river and made the climb up the mountain to the horrific site. They were among the first on the scene and found the passengers dead and dying. One man was taken down the mountain and later died and one passenger survived with serious injuries. Ironically he later died in another plane crash.. Bud said the passengers were still strapped to their seats, some thrown from the plane.

A helicopter flew a local priest to the site to attend to the victims - he was later named man of the year by the local Rotary Club. As a result of Bud's vivid memory of the incident it was a long time before he was comfortable flying. I think **Bob Shaible** was also a member of that rescue team but I am not sure if he was present. Interesting history albeit quite tragic.

This is the season of musical presentations and lots of St. Mark's members were part of those events – **Donna Elkin, Nancy Moff, Deb Buckman** were some of those who come quickly to mind. One last minute item- **Pastor Elkin** wrote an article about the Camino which was published in La Concha, a publication about the American Pilgrims of the Camino. Good work, Pastor –it is posted on the bulletin board for all to read.

Let's all make a New Year's resolution to keep Joyce informed of the wonderful events in your lives – I am eager to hear- have a blessed holiday season!

~Joyce Anne Hershberger

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

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday, January 25th, 6 pm

**Bring a treat! Bring a friend!
Just join us!**



Children's Church

CHILDREN'S CHURCH next meets Sunday, January 11, at 10:30, in the chapel. Children's monetary donations this month go toward our milestone ministry on this anniversary of the Baptism of our Lord. See you in the chapel on January 11!



Passing on Faith: Remembrance of Baptism/Faith Chest Milestone

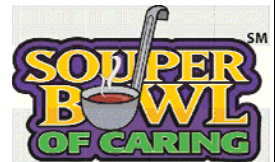


January 11 is the anniversary of the Baptism of our Lord...it is also the day we celebrate of all those who were baptized in the past year. So, Graycen and Robert will receive their Faith Chests and the occasion will be marked by a light lunch for this celebration!

We are on a mission to fight hunger and poverty.

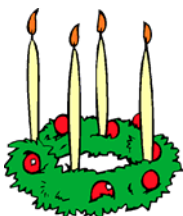
You can help.

**"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game,
help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat"**



More than 15 years ago on a Super Bowl Sunday, a single youth group was inspired by a simple prayer. They started the Souper Bowl of Caring, a youth-led movement that is now an international event. Since 1990, the Souper Bowl of Caring has raised more than \$35 million for individual charities across the country. It is also turning our nation's biggest weekend of football into its largest weekend of giving. Each year, tens of thousands of our nation's youth put God's love into action through the Souper Bowl of Caring. You can help them feel the significance of caring for others. Drop a dollar in the soup pots that will be in the narthex on January 26 and February 1 as you leave worship. Your donation will go directly to a charity right here in our community. With your help, more dollars will be raised, more lives will be changed, and more young people will experience the joy of serving Christ by serving others.

Advent Wreath-making...Adult Cookie Bake... Kid's Night Out...Christmas Caroling...



Almost three dozen people attended the meal marking the first Sunday of Advent. We all sat down to a delicious lunch of soup and grilled cheese sandwiches after the 10:30 service. The making of the wreaths followed. Many wreaths were put together by folks ranging from small children to children-at-heart. Creativity abounded in the use of holly, pine, spruce and arborvitae; ribbon and berry sprigs; small ornaments and, of course, candles.

Since, at the time of this printing, the other events haven't taken place we will publish their details in the February issue of the Lion.

United Churches of Lycoming County

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS CURRENTLY NEEDED:

Canned Veggies	Microwave Popcorn	Jello	Coffee
Canned Fruit	Pop Tarts	Pasta (any shape)	Chunky Soup
Spaghetti Sauce	Stovetop Stuffing	Tea Bags	Saltine Crackers
Cake Mixes & Frosting			

**Hours are: 9:30 - Noon on Mondays for delivery.
Tuesdays/Thursdays from 10-3 clients by appointment only 570-322-1657
Castellano Center, 320 Park Ave., Williamsport, PA**

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!

January Wednesday Ecumenical Lunches

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

No reservations are necessary.

- 7 - Rabbi Joel Kessler, Spiritual Leader of Congregation Ohev Sholom,
“Ask the Rabbi”
- 14- Rev. Ken Weiss, Caring Outreach,
“Pennsylvania’s Yellow Dot Program”
- 21- Rev. Dr. John Charnock, Director Mission Integration and Ethics,
Pastoral Care and Volunteer Services, Susquehanna Health,
**“The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:
Jesus’ Encounter with the Woman at the Samaritan Well”**
- 28- Mrs. Alyssa Maneval, Education Writer, Williamsport Sun Gazette,
**“The Newspaper - Facebook - Twitter-Pinterest - Instagram - Community
Calendar - How Should Congregations Share about Programs?”**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

will be held on Monday, January 17, beginning at 9:45 a.m. at Firetree Place, 600 Campbell Street, Williamsport. Sponsored once again by the Beloved Community Council, there is a January ingathering of canned goods and non perishable food items (including kid-friendly snacks), personal care items and paper products. They can be taken to the Firetree Center on **Thursday or Friday, January 8 or 9 from Noon to 2 p.m.**

During the “Day of Service” join in organizing and packing these items and meeting representatives from the eleven agencies receiving these donations. They are: **American Rescue Workers, Salvation Army, center City Food Pantry, West House, West End Christian Community Center, Saving Grace Shelter, Sojourner Truth Ministry, AIDS Resource, Transitional Living Center, Shepherd of the Streets and Freedom House for Women.**

Special Concerns List

Patricia Alexander
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Edith Anderson
Rose View Center
1201 Rural Ave.
Williamsport, PA 17701

Jane Angle
Rose View Court, Room 206
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Williamsport, PA 17701

Dottie Bingaman
Williamsport Home, Apt 708
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Williamsport, PA 17701

Marie Byerly
Sycamore Manor, Room 547
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Montoursville, PA 17754

Art Decker
Williamsport Home, Apt. 1209
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Williamsport, PA 17701

Larue Dieter
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Montoursville, PA 17754

Charlotte Hughes
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Williamsport, PA 17701

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Montoursville, PA 17754

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Williamsport, PA 17701

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Henrietta Tyson
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Beulah Wrede
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Williamsport, PA 17701

Elda Zeigler
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1251 Rural Ave.
Williamsport, PA 17701

GROW IN THE SNOW IS BACK!!

February 6-7, 2015: GROW in the Snow

Save the date! After a few years rest,
the synod Youth Retreat at Camp
Mount Luther

is back and will be held on February 6-7, 2015.



Happy Birthday!

01/01 Shelby Weber
 01/02 Cecil Calvert
 01/02 Ashley Ciesielski
 01/02 Jeremy Hinds
 01/03 Charlotte Hughes
 01/03 Robert Shaible
 01/04 Gregory Calvert
 01/04 James Newcomer Sr.
 01/06 Mary Lou Doeblor
 01/08 Shirley Dieffenbach
 01/10 Susan Baker
 01/10 Andrew Zeigler
 01/10 Peter Zeigler
 01/10 Toby Zimmerman
 01/11 Suzanne Hutchins
 01/12 Kathy Kolb
 01/13 Jackie Kinney
 01/14 Riley Weber

01/15 Laura Zeigler
 01/15 Anna Zeigler
 01/16 Lee Doane
 01/17 Donna Boston



01/17 Nathan Kimble
 01/17 Ruth Lamade
 01/17 Ruth Rees
 01/21 Herbert Poff
 01/22 Elizabeth Ruesskamp
 01/23 Scarlett Lynch
 01/23 Christina MacGill

01/23 Tara Thorne
 01/24 Neil Eshelman
 01/25 Walter Doeblor
 01/26 Bonnie Eyer
 01/26 David Heaps
 01/26 Marc Kinney
 01/27 Ruth Burkholder
 01/27 Dustin Kimble
 01/28 Sean Buckman
 01/28 Kristopher Caster
 01/29 Zachary Jarrett
 01/30 Linda DeSeau
 01/30 Devin Owen
 01/30 Travis Thorne
 01/31 Kathleen Caster

Lutheran Shared Ministry Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol

This year's bi-annual production of "A Christmas Carol" was a huge success!! Over 150 people came to see the three performances on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, December 12-14, 2014. A fine meal was prepared and served by youth and volunteers from St. Mark's, St. Michael, and Messiah. ***\$1271.11 was raised to benefit the Penn College ministry!***

Among the many we would like to thank are:

The CAST: Nick Buckman, Bernadette Haas Jones, Sean Buckman, Deb Buckman, Mairéad Ferry, Annie Byham, Dale Scrivener, Tammey Aichner, Daisy Le Blanc, Jonah Schreckengast, Levi Gair, Owen Gair, Sean Wither

The CAROLERS: Donna Elkin, Pr. Kenneth Elkin, Karen Boone, Laura Schreckengast, Deb Buckman, Grace Schreckengast, Dale Scrivener, Nathan Fulkrod, Jacob Schreckengast, Hannah Haussmann, Ben Haussmann, Pascha Ferry, Mairéad Ferry, Sadie Wentzel

The CREW & STAFF: Sara Jones, Taylor Wentzel, Jacob Schreckengast, Sara Jones, Taylor Wentzel, Jacob Schreckengast, Dale Scrivener, Annie Byham, Nick Buckman, Sean Buckman, Lou DeSeau, Bob Miller, Kenneth Elkin, Gordy Emick, Bernie Jones, Trey Phillips

TABLE ARRANGEMENTS, KITCHEN & WAIT STAFF: Becky Miller Pryor, Parish Life Committee of St. Mark's with assistance from Youth of St. Mark's, St. Michael, Messiah, and the cake-baking ladies of St. Matthew.

As an additional treat, this year, we had dinner music provided by Donna Elkin, The Heavenly Horns, Dale Scrivener & Annie Byham, Sara Jones, and harpist, Wendy McCormick.

We would like to thank all those who participated and all those who came to support our efforts...we can't do it without any of you! We hope your Christmas was the merriest and, in the New Year, may **"...God bless us, every one!"**

St. Mark's January Calendar of Events

1 Thursday ~ Office Closed

Happy New Year!

2 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

3 Saturday

10:00 AM Bread Baking

4 Sunday ~ Christmas II

8:00 AM Holy Communion

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Holy Communion

5 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:00 PM Bell Choir

6 Tuesday

Epiphany of our Lord

8:00 AM City Pastor's @ SM

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

7 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting

12:00 PM Bible Study

1:15 PM Pericope Study Group

6:30 PM Worship & Music Comm.

8 Thursday

6:31 AM Men's Ministry

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:00 PM Senior Choir

9 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

10 Saturday

9:00 AM Catechetical Retreat



11 Sunday ~ Baptism of Jesus

8:00 AM Holy Communion

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Children's Church

10:30 AM Holy Communion

10:30 AM Remembrance of Baptism
Milestone & Luncheon

12:00 PM FPLC Volunteer Training

5:30 PM JOY @ Messiah

12 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:00 PM Bell Choir

7:00 PM Civic Chorus Rehearsal

13 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

11:00 AM Little Lambs Liaison

6:30 PM Stephen Minister Training

14 Wednesday

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16 Friday ~ Lion Deadline

9:00 AM Morning Prayer



January Calendar of Events continued

18 Sunday ~ Epiphany II Confession of Peter

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion
6:00 PM Confirmands meal/mtg

19 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
1:30 PM Mutual Ministry
6:00 PM Civic Chorus Board
6:30 PM Council Mtg.
7:00 PM Bell Choir
7:00 PM Civic Chorus Rehearsal
7:00 PM Dog Club

20 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

21 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting
12:00 PM Lunch N' Fellowship
1:15 PM Pericope Study Group
6:30 PM Lutherans at Worship Study

22 Thursday

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

23 Friday

8:30 AM Leave for Youth Encounter
QuakeZone Retreat
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Lion Crew



24 Saturday

9:00 AM Daniel's Closet

25 Sunday ~ Epiphany III Conversion of Paul FPLC Hosting

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



26 Monday ~ FPLC Hosting

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
6:00 PM LSM
7:00 PM Bell Choir
7:00 PM Civic Chorus Rehearsal

27 Tuesday ~ FPLC Hosting

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
6:30 PM Stephen Minister Training

28 Wednesday ~ FPLC Hosting

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting
12:00 PM Bible Study
1:15 PM Pericope Study Group
6:30 PM Lutherans at Worship Study

29 Thursday ~ FPLC Hosting

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

30 Friday ~ FPLC Hosting

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

31 Saturday ~ FPLC Hosting