



# The Lion of St. Mark's

FEBRUARY 2015

## And now for some good news!



*Family Promise* brings about change both for St. Mark's and for the families involved. Did you know that almost every person who has been a guest at St. Mark's has not come for a second visit. Have you wondered what has happened next with them?

When guests graduate from *Family Promise*, it is a signal of success. It means they have found a home and jobs. It also means that families are beginning to heal from the trauma of being homeless.

Today as we write, it is one week before our guests arrive and we are only expecting one family, a father and his 4 year old son. What a difference from last November when we had a full house – four families! By next week when our hosting begins, there may be more guests, since *Family Promise* gets many applications each week. Not everyone who applies qualifies or is able to enter the program, and those who do begin with *Family Promise* must pledge to work to improve their situation.

Here is some information we have received from the *Family Promise* office about some of the families we hosted in November, plus one other family from earlier times:

- † Family 1 was Mom and 3 small children. She was working when she came in and continued to work throughout her stay. She was out in 30 days and into her own place. She is doing well.
- † Family 2 came in as a group, Grandparents, daughter and grandson. Both Mom and Grandpa maintained employment. Mom and son were able to move in 59 days and Grandparents went in 71. They got into separate apartments, still maintain their employment and seem to be doing well.
- † Family 3 of Mom, Dad and 3 children were out in 72 days. When they came to us, the family was not intact at all. The one daughter was living on her own. Parents and teenagers were not speaking to each other, and neither of the girls was enrolled in school. Throughout their stay, they all enrolled in counseling, both girls got into cyber school, one daughter got a job and the other is due to have her baby any day. Dad got a job working for a local landlord as the maintenance man and part of the deal was an apartment. They had their share of ups and downs getting to this point, but they are actually living as a family now, going to their appointments and doing good things.
- † As for some of the earlier graduates: one in particular stands out. She had 4 children and no high school education. She did not think she was smart enough to do it. She struggled a lot in the program but by the end of it, she had completed her GED, secured a job and moved into her own place. Since then, she has continued in school, and now is in the last semester of her Bachelor program in college. The kids are extremely active in sports and she is right there as their personal cheerleader. She is doing a great job and continues to do positive things.

Thank you to all our volunteers. With out the contribution of time, goods, and service from each of you, we would not be able to do this blessed work.

Donna Elkin, Debbie Maggs  
St. Marks *Family Promise* Coordinators

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## Council Update

- 1 The Congregation Council met in regular session on January
- 2 19 in the Library. The Council:
- 2 † received the regular reports of the Pastor, officers, and
- 2 committees.
- 2 † urged the Property Committee to pursue bids for furnace
- 2 replacement for the nave for this summer.
- 3 † approved Letter of Transfer for Ken and Beth Shafranko to
- 4 Grace Church, State College.
- 4 † heard a report from Sally Bjornstad concerning the Old City
- 4 planning process.
- 5 † elected the members of the Nominating Committee for the
- 5 year.
- 5 † heard a report of the state law requiring us to complete the
- 6 child abuse clearances every 3 years.
- 6 † worked on a new mission statement for the congregation.

## Parish Register

- 7 † Pastor Elkin officiated at the funeral for Ruth Ann Snyder, at
- 7 Bethany Church, Montoursville, on behalf of the vacationing
- 8 Pastor Lescher, on January 9, 2015. Burial will be in Mon-
- 8 toursville Cemetery.
- 8 † Pastor Elkin presided at the funeral for Luella Bair in the nave
- 8 on January 13, 2015. Burial was in Wildwood Cemetery.

## Staff & Officers Contact Information

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# IRON CHEF

## Williamsport



The competition between St. Mark's Lutheran Church and this year's challenger, St. John Lutheran Church, JS, begins at 5:00 P.M., Sunday, March 1, 2015, in Fellowship Hall, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 142 Market St., Williamsport.

An appetizing dinner will be served to all those making reservations through St. Mark's at 570-323-4619. Once the meal has been served, the cooking challenge begins.

St. Mark's team, headed by Pastor Kenneth Elkin, face off against the St. John team, led by Pr. Kerry Auker. In order for all those present to view the event, the contest will be projected on the large screen on stage. (It will also be streamed live on the web at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/iron-chef-williamsport> **Iron Chef Williamsport** [www.ustream.tv](http://www.ustream.tv) for those unable to attend.)

Last year, a drawing was added at the beginning of the event whereby the owner of the lucky ticket was invited to sit at the judges table and enjoy the efforts of the teams! It went over very well—especially with the winner—and we will be doing it again this year. About 75% of the \$30 ticket cost will go directly to Family Promise of Lycoming County. This is very exciting, as Family Promise has now been up and running for five years!

Thirteen congregations, with the help of many other supporting churches, have hosted over 89 families to date and many volunteers help at the day center! Those families consisted of 297 people, 205 of whom were children. As of one year ago, FPLC had supplied 11,991 nights of shelter (per person per night) which would have cost \$222,000! Over 900 volunteers, county-wide, are giving their time to this ministry! Your funding goes to supply and maintain the day center, pay for insurance, fuel the van, and compensate our directors of the program!

If you cannot attend (or even if you can!), you can become a patron of this event in support of Family Promise of Lycoming County. We will place patrons in the *a la carte* listing (\$1 - \$49), the *cordon bleu* listing (\$50 - \$99), the *haute cuisine* listing (\$100 and more), and the *restauranteur* listing (\$180 and more) of our program. Please contact St. Mark's regarding your donation.

In the past five years, St. Mark's has raised \$30,000+ for FPLC! Please join them as they defend the title, Iron Chef Williamsport, in this seventh annual competition. Whether you're cheering for them, for St. John or for Family Promise—they'd love to see you there!



For your viewing pleasure of this year's (yet to be posted) and previous challenges, please go to St. Mark's YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/user/StMarksChurch> Feel free to forward it to others after enjoying it yourself.

Iron Chef Williamsport has two aims: to raise money and friends for the Family Promise program and to bring folks together for mutual enjoyment and community-building in friendly competition. Those involved anticipate that this event will be wildly successful. Everyone will be wondering where the "Spoon of Doom" will next be delivered.

## Lent begins on February 18

Easter is early this year, so that means that Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is also early. We gather February 18th for Holy Communion at 12:00 in the chapel and 7 PM in the nave.

The theme for the Lenten season this year is entitled "As we sing with the Bible".

Each week we will explore one of the Bible passages which we use in our worship services, the parts that remain the same each week, which are called the "Ordinary".  
 [The parts that change each week are called the "Propers".]

For the Wednesdays after Ash Wednesday, we will be following the same schedule as we have for a number of years:

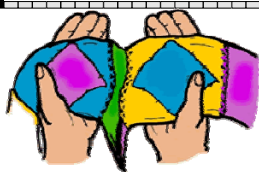
**Mid-day Prayers are at 11:30, followed by Lunch at 12:00**  
**Supper is at 6:15 followed by Evening Prayer at 7 PM in the chapel.**

Ash Wednesday, February 18....."Create in me a clean heart", Psalm 51....LBW Page 75  
 Second Wednesday, February 25..... *Benedictus*, Luke 1..... LBW Page 134  
 Third Wednesday, March 4..... *Gloria in Excelsis*, Luke 2.....LBW Page 58  
 Fourth Wednesday, March 11..... *This is the Feast*, Revelation..... LBW Page 60  
 Fifth Wednesday, March 18..... *Nunc Dimittis*, Luke 2.....LBW Page 73  
 Sixth Wednesday, March 25..... *Magnificat*, Luke 1.....LBW Page 147  
 Wednesday in Holy Week, April 1...."For his mercy endures forever" Conclusion of the Seder, Psalm 136



**It is a great time for prayer, conversation, food, and learning.**  
**Set aside some time in these next two months for these worthwhile activities.**

## The Quilt on the move....



A news article about the quilt that was made this past fall by Taylor Wentzel and Hannah Haussmann under the direction of Ruth Rees, mentor, was published in the online news service of the Upper Susquehanna Synod this past week. A printed copy of the article and photo is posted on the office hallway bulletin board. The quilt is continuing to make its rounds with some of our senior members. It is now with the third person, with whom it will stay for about a month in order to provide warmth and enjoyment for that person, and to collect her prayers for its eventual use by a needy family somewhere in the world.

## March Lion Article Deadline

**All articles for the March issue of the Lion are due no later than 9:00 AM, Friday, February 13. Thank You!**



## Bazaar Room Update



The Women of St. Mark's welcome your donations. During February 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. For your convenience a few boxes are available in the Bazaar Room.

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.

**This year's Fall Bazaar will be Saturday, September 12, 2015.**

**With your help it will be a success.**

Contact Shirley Hill or Becky Miller Pryor with questions.

## Daniel's Closet

**Saturday, February 28, 2015 from 9:00am – 11:00am**

Winter clothing and coats in good condition, accessories, shoes and boots in all sizes from infant to adult are in great need. The greatest needs are for children's clothing, plus size clothing for men and women and shoes, boots and sneakers for children and adults.

February's outreach is scheduled as follows:

† Drop-Off at Redeemer Lutheran Church Thursday, February 26, 2015  
from 5:00 pm - 6:00pm.



## SNOW-TUBING AT SKI SAWMILL

SNOW-TUBING event at Ski Sawmill!!!! Brenda Gair has coordinated an event for tubing.

**This will be at Ski Sawmill on Saturday, Feb. 28th from 7-9pm.**

**We need at least a group of 25 people for this event (invite friends!).**

**Cost per person is \$12. Money must be paid in advance to Brenda Gair**

because she has already sent in a deposit to hold the date.

A helmet must be worn by children 10 years and younger.

A bike helmet is fine or you can rent one there for \$4.24.

There will be sign-ups and a **waiver must be signed by everyone who tubes.**

Michele will have these forms available so they can be filled out and signed before we arrive. Maps will also be available.

If you have any questions please contact Brenda Gair or Michele Owen.



## Meals to End Hunger

Pastor Kerry Aucker of St. John's Lutheran in Jersey Shore is organizing a meal packaging event on Saturday, April 11, 2015 in Jersey Shore. He hopes to receive funds and volunteers to package more than 40,000 meals of protein fortified macaroni and cheese or rice with beans to be distributed to area food banks. Each meal costs just \$.25 to produce. The Social Ministry Committee hopes to collect quarters for the cost of the meals and to sign up a team of volunteers to work one or two hours the day of the event. Look for more details in the March newsletter for this outreach.



## Ongoing Outreach



Please continue to donate non-perishable food items to the tub in the Narthex. The United Churches Food Bank is seeing increasing numbers of people each month. Your donations and those of others can help stem their hunger.

Personal care items in regular sizes are needed for the Shepherd of the Street's office. These items help clients stretch their already tight budgets. Donations may also be placed in the tub in the Narthex.



## Lunches for Habitat Builds ~ Can You Help?



In 2015 the Social Ministry Chairperson (Becky Pryor) would like to schedule up to four lunches (one per season) to support a Habitat build. For this to be possible she needs 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 if you can assist in any of those ways. She is 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.

## Hobby Day is on it's Way!

**Our biannual Hobby Expo is scheduled for February 8!** This is the time to show off your collections or craftiness! We've had music box, nutcracker or glassware collections. Exhibitions of basket weaving, card making, knitting/crocheting, needlework, photography, and stained glass. Anything goes!



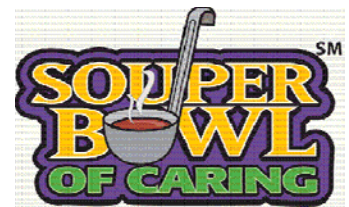
Join us in Fellowship Hall after second service for light refreshments to see what holds the interest of some of our church family members! For those who wish to display their pastimes, contact Bernadette via email or sign up outside her door. All presenters will have an 8' table on which to set up their things.

## Souper Bowl Collection

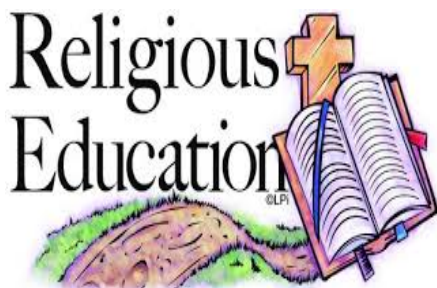
**We are on a mission to fight hunger and poverty. You can help.**

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

**IT'S HERE IT'S NOW!! FEBRUARY 1st & 8th!!!  
PLEASE CONTRIBUTE AT EITHER THE SACRISTY DOOR  
OR IN THE NARTHEX,  
WHERE OUR YOUTH ARE MANNING THEIR POTS!!**



## 17th Annual Catechetical Retreat



Catechetical Retreat 2015 was held on Saturday, January 10, 2015, here at St. Mark's. About 30 folks: students along with their parents or mentors and instructors and organizers. St. Mark's was filled with excited conversations and questions as participants passed each other having left classes on icons, Liberia (led by mission veteran, Ruth Koble), and teen finances. Prs. Elkin and Auker, along with Ruth Koble and Keith Wood, had a great time with those attending.

### Acolyte Training & Refresher Course

An acolyte training and refresher session is scheduled for  
Sunday, February 1, 2015,  
after the second service.

*This meeting takes precedence over any  
other meetings, practices, or classes.*

All current and prospective acolytes,  
grades 6 through 12 are expected to attend.



## Children's Church

CHILDREN'S CHURCH next meets **Sunday, February 8, at 10:30**, in the Chapel. Children will carry cans of soup and monetary donations this month go toward Souper Bowl Sunday. Look for our some of our middle school girls to lead the children in song, under the guidance of Donna Elkin! See you in the chapel on February 8!



## The NGA Thanks You!



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The Newberry Branch of NGA wishes to thank all the members of St. Mark's for the donations of hats, mittens, scarves, underwear and socks. Together you donated 100 items to our mission of providing "New clothes for new tomorrows". These items will go a long way to help us. This past year the Newberry Branch of NGA clothed and provided an outfit or shoes or a coat with hats and gloves to over 600 such individuals through various agencies plus a lot of individuals received items through various outlets such as Daniel's Closet, the Salvation Army, and Joinder Services. If you would like more information please just stop us and talk. Thanks Again! Deb Buckman, Becky Miller-Pryor, Vicki Haussmann

## Quilting Update

Due to illnesses our quilting program has had a slowdown. At the present time we are particularly in need of people to machine stitch. The sewing together of pieces to make large sections and the final binding of the quilts are operations that need some help.

We continue to appreciate the donations of fabrics and money for this worthy project. God works through us, as we share our blessings with our neighbors in need. As always, large pieces of fabric that can be used to make tops, backings, and fillers are particularly valuable. If you have questions about the above, contact Shirley Hill or any of our quilters.



## Teachers Needed!

We still have need for several teachers to finish off the 2014-2015 Sunday School year.

## TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

**Sunday, February 22, 6 pm**  
**Bring a treat! Bring a friend!**  
**Just join us!**





## The News in Our News

Happy New Year! Some good news for the new year- Lauren Campbell has completed her credits for her teaching certificate to teach math - lucky students to get one of my favorite notes from the pews subjects!

Kudos also to the three St. Mark's musicians who have been selected for district orchestra - **Evan Barone** for the double bass, **Laura Zeigler** for violin and **Anna Zeigler**, viola. The orchestra concert will be held February 7 at the Williamsport Area High School auditorium.

Last of all I want to share a belated holiday good message- Harold and I had spent an excruciating two and one half hours selecting and somewhat understanding a new cell phone and returned home to find a call from James Meyer, well known local jewelry creator. He thought he had good news for me that someone had found my one of a kind pin in the Burlington Coat Factory parking lot at the mall.

I had not even realized I had lost it but we called, got the number and after several failed attempts reached a woman in Lewisburg. She had found the pin and realizing its value went to a Lewisburg jeweler who told her that it had been crafted by James Meyer and called him.

Jim said that she had said if it were her pin she would want it returned and so on Friday morning Harold met her at Burlington and received the pin in a little pouch and a box. Her Mother said she had been raised a Christian and she certainly was.

It was doubly thrilling - first to have my favorite piece of jewelry returned and to know that there are truly good people out there - it would have been so easy for her to have kept it and we would never have known what had happened to it - it is even more precious to me now and to have my faith in human nature made even stronger.

Make a new year's resolution to keep in touch - blessings!

~Joyce Anne Hershberger

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

## Pastor Exchange Prior to *Iron Chef Williamsport*

As part of the preparation for the annual Iron Chef Williamsport competition, Pastor Elkin will be trading places with pastor Kerry Aucker of St. John Lutheran Church, Jersey Shore on Sunday February 1.

This is the first time that the church who is being challenged is a Lutheran congregation, and so it is especially appropriate that we get to know the pastoral leader of one of our sister parishes. Pastor Aucker was ordained in 1993, has earned the D. Min degree in recent years, and has been serving in the St. John congregation for 16 years, as well as being Dean of the West Branch Conference. He is a second-career pastor, having worked earlier at Geisinger Medical Center. During his service on the Synod's Candidacy Committee, Pastor Elkin did one of the initial interviews which started Pastor Aucker on the path toward ordination.



## United Churches of Lycoming County

### FOOD PANTRY ITEMS CURRENTLY NEEDED:

Canned Veggies  
Canned Fruit  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Cake Mixes & Frosting

Microwave Popcorn  
Pop Tarts  
Stovetop Stuffing

Jello  
Pasta (any shape)  
Tea Bags

Coffee  
Chunky Soup  
Saltine Crackers

**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!**

### February 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.

- 4- Catherine Haefner, Carol Wurster, & April Mingos, Susquehanna Hospice/Palliative Care  
"Healing Waters and Soul's Journey Home Hospice"
- 11- Rev. Robert Wallace, Retired United Methodist Pastor and Author,  
"Hadassah Comes to Life: The Story Behind the Story"
- 18- Rev. Karen Atanasoff, Pastor, Pine Street United Methodist Church,  
"Ash Wednesday Liturgy and Imposition of Ashes"
- 25- Kim Kmetz, Community Relations Director at Elmcroft Senior Living,  
"The Care Now Available in Senior Living Communities - and Cost Coverage"

## Camp Mount Luther

**It's time now to think about being part of the camp's 2015 programs.**

**This year's summer camp season will begin on June 14 and run until August 16.**

**There are programs for all ages from preschool to senior high, and also for adults and families.**

During your time at camp, you'll experience the love of Jesus Christ in new ways as you live in an intentional Christian community. You'll connect with God's creation, as you swim, play, sing, eat, do crafts, and maybe even you'll get buried in the sand! You'll serve God with a smile, as you learn more about how to be a disciple in an ever-changing world. You may even discover some gifts you have that you can use to help others!

Camp provides a safe place for people of all ages to relax and unwind in nature, discover God's love, sing around the campfire, learn more about themselves, and make new friends while at the same time being renewed in mind and spirit. The summer brochure will be outside of Michele's office if you are interested in any programs, the church pays at least half of the amount of the program.



## Special Concerns List

**Patricia Alexander**

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Williamsport, PA 17701

**Dottie Bingaman**

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Williamsport, PA 17701

**Larry Bair**

The Meadows Assisted  
Living Community  
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Montoursville, PA 17754

**Marie Byerly**

Sycamore Manor, Room 547  
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Montoursville, PA 17754

**Art Decker**

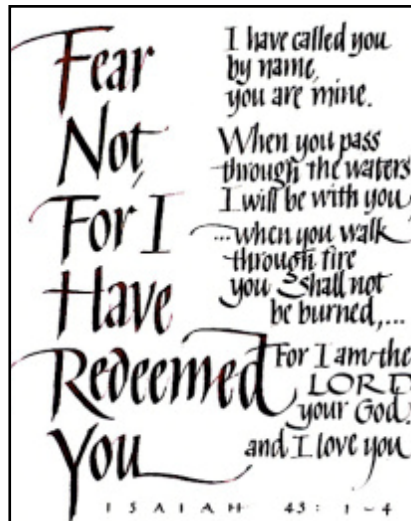
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**Elda Zeigler**

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1251 Rural Ave.

## 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.



All youth in 6-12th grade and their youth leaders are invited to attend.  
The retreat will have a confirmation theme and more details will be

## Happy Birthday!

02/01	Daniel Boone	02/13	Michele Owen	02/17	Betty Stroup
02/04	Lawrence Bair	02/13	Elsie Sechler	02/19	Amanda Eyer
02/04	Susan Curry	02/14	Robert Curry	02/20	Tyler Stugart
02/08	April Biblehimer			02/21	Donna Elkin
02/08	Margie Doebler			02/21	Brandon Pelleschi
02/08	Lois Graybill			02/21	Evelyn Ward
02/08	Matthew Heaps			02/22	Kahla Doane
02/08	Paul Zimmerer			02/22	Seth Greninger
02/10	Gloria Greevy			02/24	Kenneth Caster
02/10	Charlene Wright	02/16	Scott Kimble	02/27	Gary Clark
02/13	Lisa Lewis	02/17	Jarrett Eyer	02/27	Irma Logan
02/13	Emily Newcomer	02/17	Rick Robertson	02/29	Ralph Zeigler Jr.



## Anniversaries

02/04 Stanley & Susan Baker      02/23 Wilson & Blanche Doebler      02/28 Robert & Marguerite Smith

## Thank You Notes

We would like to thank Pastor Elkin for renewing Larry and Luella's wedding vows in the hospital when she was in ICU. Communion with the family afterwards was especially appreciated.

We would also like to thank the Parish Life staff for their hard work in making the luncheon one that would have made Luella happy.

With deepest thanks,  
The family

We would like to thank our family at St. Mark's for all of the prayers, cards, flowers and kind words following Luella's passing. She so looked forward to Sundays for worship and fellowship with all of you. We miss her dearly but we rejoice that she is now in her heavenly home.

With thanks and love,  
Larry and family

I would like to express my thanks to all of you for your prayers for my sister-in-law, Pam Osbaugh. She has been declared cancer free! Praise God! Stephen is now working in Shippenburg and living with Pam and my brother. His new address is 98 Stony Lane, Newburg, PA 17240.

Thanks again!  
Karen Boone

Dear Church Family,

Enclosed is a check for my 2015 pledge. I send the money early so you know how much you will get for the year. Put the money where needed. Thank you for the Sunday bulletins and nice cards. I'm feeling better and should be out more soon.

Thank you.  
Patricia Alexander



## St. Mark's February Calendar of Events

### 1 Sunday ~ Epiphany IV Souper Bowl Sunday FPLC Hosting

8:00 AM Holy Communion  
9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Holy Communion  
11:45 AM Acolyte Training



### 8 Sunday ~ Epiphany V FPLC Hosting

8:00 AM Holy Communion  
9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Children's Church  
10:30 AM Holy Communion  
12:00 PM Hobby Day Event  
5:30 PM JOY @ Messiah

### 2 Monday ~ FPLC Hosting Presentation of the Lord Pastor @ STS Retreat/Camp Hill

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

### 9 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
7:00 PM Civic Chorus Rehearsal

### 3 Tuesday ~ FPLC Hosting

8:00 AM City Pastor's @ SM  
9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Training

### 10 Tuesday

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

### 11 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting  
12:00 PM Bible Study  
1:15 PM Lutheran Worship Study

### 4 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 Personnel Committee

### 12 Thursday

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

### 5 Thursday ~ FPLC Hosting

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

### 13 Friday ~ Lion Deadline

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

### 6 Friday ~ FPLC Hosting

CML *Grow in the Snow*  
9:00 AM Morning Prayer

### 7 Saturday ~ FPLC Hosting

CML *Grow in the Snow*

### 14 Saturday

10:00 AM 2nd Saturday with Janet



**We're  
making  
Tarts!  
Yummy!!**

## February Calendar of Events continued

### 15 Sunday

#### *Transfiguration of our Lord*

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

### 16 Monday

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

### 17 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

### 18 Ash

Wednesday



9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
 9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting  
 12:00 PM Holy Communion, Chapel  
 1:15 PM Pericope Study Group  
 7:00 PM Holy Communion, Nave

### 19 Thursday

6:31 AM Men's Ministry  
 9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
 9:30 AM Stephen Ministry  
 7:00 PM Senior Choir

### 20 Friday

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

### 21 Saturday

### 22 Sunday ~ Lent I

8:00 AM Holy Communion  
 9:15 AM Sunday School  
 10:30 AM Holy Communion  
 12:00 PM Worship & Music Mtg.  
 6:00 PM Teen Movie Night

### 23 Monday ~ FPLC Hosting

9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
 5:00 PM *Iron Chef Williamsport*  
*Presentation of Ingredients*  
 7:00 PM Civic Chorus Rehearsal

### 24 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

### 25 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
 9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting  
 11:30 AM Mid-Day Prayers  
 12:00 PM Lenten Lunch  
 1:15 PM Pericope Study Group  
 6:15 PM Lenten Dinner  
 7:00 PM Evening Prayer  
 7:35 PM Senior Choir

### 26 Thursday

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

### 27 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

### 28 Saturday

*Set up for Iron Chef 2015*  
 9:00 AM Daniel's Closet  
 7:00 PM Tubing at  
 Ski Sawmill

