



The Lion of St. Mark's

MAY 2015



Women & Children's Dinner

All women and children to age 12, please join us for our Annual Women's Dinner on Wednesday, May 6, at 6:00 pm. The evening begins with a meal prepared for us by our own men here at St. Mark's, under the supervision of Ed Barone. The meal includes applesauce, filled chicken breast, corn, mashed potatoes, and roll, with a delightful dessert. All this costs only \$8.50 for a full portion, and \$4.50 for a half portion. Please order what you think you or your child (ren) will eat.

Please, be sure to have your reservations in NO LATER THAN Friday, May 1.
We look forward to seeing you there!

Passing on Faith: Wedding Anniversary Milestone

Our next milestone will be taking place on Sunday, May 17, 2015. St. Mark's Lutheran Church will be celebrating those folks in our congregation that have been married for 50 years with a Wedding Anniversary Milestone. A sit down lunch will be presented with some of the youth of St. Mark's serving. The couples being honored that day are:



Graydon & Patricia Yearick ~ 53 years

Hugh & Marie Byerly ~ 51 years

Barbara & Donald Switzer ~ 51 years

Gary & Donna Clark ~ 50 years

Philip & Barbara Thomas ~ 50 years

We don't want to miss anyone!!

*If you were married or if you know someone who was married in 1965 or prior,
who has not already been honored,*

PLEASE CALL US TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THAT INFORMATION!

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**Council Update
not available
at print time**



May 24th at 6:00 pm

**Bring a snack!
Bring a friend!
Spread the word
—hope to see you there!!**

Parish Register

The funeral services for John & Justin Burkholder
was held on April 4, 2015

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Official Notice:

**The Annual Meeting will be held at 11:45 AM
on Sunday, May 17, 2015.**

Please make every effort to attend.

**The 2015 Annual Report booklet
will be available in the Narthex
on Sunday, May 3, 2015.**

Join us for our 2015 All Church Picnic

Sunday June 7, 2015

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

Please plan on bringing a dish to share, your appetite and a chair! Meat, drinks and paper products will be provided.

Volunteers for manning the grill, set-up and clean-up are needed. If you can help please contact Bernadette or Michele by phone or email.



Free Community Supper

Do you know a family that is food insecure?

If so please share that a free community supper is available at...

Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Second Thursday of Each Month 5:30 PM—6:30 PM

To keep things warm...



...we need to have a smoothly operating boiler under the Nave. We are still working with the original boiler in that furnace room, installed when the building was new in 1959! The burners were converted from oil to gas in 1998, but the massive steel boiler is still the same. In the past several years we have repaired the boiler's tubes three times, at considerable expense, and it is the judgment of the Property Committee, the Finance Committee and the Council that now is the time to definitively fix the problems by replacing the boilers. Technology has changed greatly in the 56 years since the original installation, and efficiency has increased from 65-80% at best, to more than 90% in new equipment.

The problem has been intensively studied by the committees, and five bids have been solicited. We engaged a consultant to help us evaluate the bids, and his recommendation has worked its way through the committees. The Council will bring the recommendation to the Annual Congregation Assembly on May 17, 2015 that we accept the bid of Billtown Mechanical for the replacement of the boilers with two Weil-McClain 399,000 BTU gas-fired aluminum core boilers, at a cost of \$58,550 installed. There will be an additional cost, still to be determined, for necessary asbestos removal by another firm. More details will be made available soon.

The Council has asked that advance notice of this proposed expenditure be published so that we have a chance to begin to gather a portion of the funds that will be needed. The more that we contribute now, the less will need to be taken from our reserves. It is 15 years since we have had a capital project of this nature. Let's get behind it and get things started! Use the extra line on an offering envelope, or make a special gift to the Boiler Fund.

Some bunny wants to say "Thank You!"



Michele would like to thank everyone who donated items for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Also a huge thank you to everyone who donated their time to stuff the eggs.

The young children always end up with a basket or bag that is overflowing with eggs, it is very exciting to see!

Thank you for making this another successful year!

Teachers needed for the month of May

Michele is in need of teacher for the month of May.

If you are interested in donating your time please email her at mowen@stmarkswilliamsport.org.

The end of May is our last Sunday School class in the classrooms, with our church picnic being held on June 7th. Older children that day will help with the picnic while younger children will watch a movie and have a snack in the library. Thank you!



Lycoming County Heroin Task Force Prayer Walk Update



"County-wide prayer walks were held on Sunday, April 19, 2015. Sponsored by the Faith-based Initiative Committee of the Lycoming County Heroin Task Force, the walks were designed to not only create awareness, but to pray specifically for agencies within each community dealing with the effects of the heroin epidemic." (UCLC Newsletter, March 2015)

St. Mark's was the anchor church for the Center City walk. Our church will be open to people wishing to walk and for those that preferred to pray in one place. Ten people participated in the walk. Five were at St. Marks praying and five walked the streets of Williamsport with UCLC Executive Director, Gwen Bernstine. Although the numbers were small the commitment to seeking God's help with this epidemic was great. Thank you to council members Deb Holmes, Ray Huff, Tim Maggs and Paul Zimmerer for their assistance. Prayer cards from this event are available in the Narthex.

Lunches for Habitat for Humanity

Can You Help?

I have been in contact with the local Habitat director. At this time I have not been given any dates for providing lunch. But I am thinking our first luncheon could be in May or June. Thank you to the folks who took the time to express their support for this outreach. I will be in touch when I know more.



I am confident that with planning we can respond in Christ's name to this program that makes home ownership possible.



STOP HUNGER NOW®

We did 40,000 meals to end hunger!

Pastor Kerry Aucker of St. John's Lutheran in Jersey Shore organized a meal packaging event on April 11, 2015 in Jersey Shore. He was able to receive funds totaling \$10,000 (The upfront cost to host this event) and volunteers to package 40,000 meals. All of the meals were distributed to area food banks including the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank in Williamsport.

Ten volunteers from St. Mark's had an eye-opening time participating. Thank you to Donna Elkin, Deb Holmes, Sandy Jansson, Time & Deb Maggs, Becky Miller-Pryor, Kirk, Michele, Devin and Dawson Owen. We exceeded our donation goal with \$118.43 being collected. Thank you to all who donated to this outreach.

The Bazaar Room is Open!

Finally spring has arrived and with that comes spring housecleaning. If you are finding items you no longer need, the Women of St. Mark's will gladly accept them for their Fall Bazaar.

The Bazaar Room is open for your donations of 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 donations away from the entranceway.

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.

Thank you for caring!

Many thanks are given to the congregation for their regular donations of non-perishable food items. Gail Burkhart, coordinator of the **United Churches Food Bank** reports that the need for non-perishable food items is greater now than at any time in their past history. During March 444 families received a three day supply of food. Please consider regularly donating one or two non-perishable food items to assist with their outreach. Donations may be placed in the bins in the Narthex.

The **Shepherd of the Street's office** is in great need of family hygiene items, particularly deodorant for men and women, as well as baby care items and disposable diapers in sizes five and six. Is it possible for you to donate an item or two to the Shepherd's outreach? These donations may also be placed in the bins in the Narthex.

Daniel's Closet



Spring is here and so is the need for lighter weight clothing and jackets in good condition, accessories and shoes 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. May's outreach is scheduled as follows.

Drop-Off at Redeemer Lutheran Church will be Thursday, May 21st from 5:00 pm - 6:00pm.

Other times for drop off may be arranged by calling Redeemer's office at 570-322-2333.

Michele Owen has also offered to take any clothing brought to St. Mark's to Redeemer.

Distribution will be Saturday, May 23rd from 9:00 am - 11:00am.

CALLING ALL LUTHERAN YOUTH!



SUSQUEHANNA
UNIVERSITY

Pages are needed for the 2015 USS Assembly! 6th grade and up! The assembly takes place at Susquehanna University on Friday, June 19, from 7:45-5:00; and Saturday, June 20, from 7:45-4:00. These youth are responsible for handing out papers, bulletins, and other materials during the meetings, as well as serving as ushers for worship and counting votes when asked. Meals will be provided and the youth may stay overnight on campus. Mrs. Jones is giving a workshop on both days of the assembly and will be staying over Thursday and Friday nights... she will chaperone if any choose to go with her. A sign-up is in the office hallway.

Camp Mount Luther Spring Work Day

Thursday, May 3: Spring Work Day at CML Practice stewardship through service at Camp Mount Luther at our Annual Spring Work Day on Saturday, May 16, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We need your help getting the camp grounds and facilities ready for summer. There will be plenty to do and everyone in the family can help! Please bring supplies to do cleaning, mulching, raking, and light construction projects such as step ladders, buckets, rakes, etc. A light lunch will be served. RSVP by May 8 if staying for lunch to cml@campmountluther.org or 570-922-1587



Register now for Camp Mount Luther!



Register Now for Camp! We are gearing up for our summer camping season for 2015 and are accepting registrations for all programs until they are filled. Campers who register before April 1st will receive a discount on their camp fee. This year's camping season will begin on June 14, 2015. Resident and Day Camps run until August 16. There are programs for all ages from kindergarten to senior high, adults, and families. Most sessions run for one week, but there are also half-week, day-only, and ten day sessions. New programs this year include Bear Run Backpacking, with time spent hiking on the MidState Trail; Canada Adventure, a week-long trip to the Ottawa River in Canada; Central PA Cycle, a bicycle camp that will feature three days of bicycling;

Classic Camels and Time Travelers, twists on traditional favorites; C.L.A.W.S., which will feature Crafts, Legos, and Wild Sports; Dirt Warrior Weekend, a service opportunity for all ages; Guppies and Minnows, a water camp for those in grades K-2; Nomads, who will sleep in a different place at camp each night; NYC Arts, a trip camp to explore the arts in New York City; Pick Your Days Day Camp, where you select how many days you want to come to camp; Trailblazers, for young campers who want to try camp with a parent; and APPLE/CORPS, a retreat opportunity for adults. For more information on this summer's programs, call the camp office at (570) 922-1587 or visit the camp's website at <http://www.campmountluther.org>

EASTER BREAKFAST UPDATE



We couldn't have asked for better weather for our annual Breakfast with the Pastor and Egg Hunt. Everyone who came had a great time eating a wonderful breakfast prepared by our high school and middle school youth, searching for hundreds of eggs (each one with a special treat or trinket), and, finally, helping to fill the jelly bean bags for the members of the congregation, to be handed out on Easter morning.

The teens who cooked were Jacob Schreckengast, Stefan Weber, Ezra Buckman, Anna Zeigler, Dylan Ott, and Ashton Ott. Our table-setters and egg-hiders were Grace Schreckengast, Laura Zeigler, Sean Jensen, Lynna Robertson, Owen Gair, Gillian Buckman, Annika Waffenschmidt, Sadie Wentzel, and Dawson Owen. Taylor Wentzel was our all-around helper, lending a hand or two wherever needed. Additional thanks go out to Lou, Bob Miller and Michele.

**note for next year: please feel free to bring grandkids and neighbors!!!*

Vacation Bible School

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUN., JUNE 14—THUR., JUNE 18

**A Love
that never
ends**



FOR INFORMATION CALL:

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, 570-323-4619

OR

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 570-322-0126



Open to children aged pre-school to fifth grade. Sixth grade and older welcome as aides

Sun., June 14 – Thu., June 18

5:30 – 8:30 pm

Sun/Mon at St. Mark's, Tue/Wed at Trinity

Thursday's special event TBA

This year, we have a special treat for Vacation Bible School: we are joining forces with Trinity Episcopal Church to bring in two leaders from Camp Mount Luther for an exciting new experience!

The theme is "A Love that never Ends," during which we will discover how God shows his love for us and how we do or should respond to that never-ending love. We will learn about this by exploring the stories of Abraham, Moses, Jonah, Ruth, and Jeremiah.

We will be two nights here at St. Mark's, then two nights at Trinity. Our fifth night will be at either Susquehanna State Park or Montoursville Park along the river. On our nights, we are responsible for the meals, snacks and crafts—Trinity will provide these when we are there. On the final night, we will share the cost of hotdogs and rolls and ask all families to bring a dish to share.

VOLUNTEER-WISE, we will need food and craft people for the two evenings we are hosting...so that's only Sunday and Monday. If these folks wish to tag along the rest of the week or join us for the final day, of course, they are more than welcome. TEEN ASSISTANTS are needed, as always. And we will need leaders for the various "families" of children—we will need these instructors all week to give the kids a sense of continuity as we change venues. It's sure to be an exciting time!

Please consider joining us for this exciting opportunity!

Ongoing Collections

The Penny Chest in the narthex is always available for donations, we appreciate every cent and the money collected goes to our youth activities.



We are still collecting stamps and they can be placed in the basket in the narthex. The stamps are used in various activities for those in rehabilitation/physical therapy.



Tabs are collected all year round and are donated to the Ronald McDonald House which helps with their cost of maintenance, electricity, etc. Tabs can be dropped off in the narthex or in the clear container in Fellowship Hall.



Family Promise Hosting Week

Consider Volunteering for Family Promise in May

We will welcome our guests from Family Promise on May 10. Debbie and I are now scheduling volunteers for our hosting week, May 10 – 17. The volunteer jobs needed are set-up, dinner prep and hosting, desserts, laundry, drivers, evening hosting, and overnight hosting.

AFTER EDEN

by Dan Liotha



"Mom, I think Dad is taking this whole 'Day of Rest' thing too far!"

This time we anticipate a need for new overnight hosts since some of our regulars will be vacationing. What an opportunity for you! There couldn't be an easier task. You arrive at 8, greet the families if they aren't already in their rooms for the night, have a snack, read a book, and sleep on St. Mark's comfy air beds. Most bring their own bedding, but we can even provide this for you if you forget or would rather use the church's. In other words, your job is to sleep. The families leave by 7 a.m. during the week and later on the weekend. You don't even need to give a wake-up call if you are a late sleeper. Talk to me or Debbie if you are interested in this very difficult sleeping job, or any of the other jobs, especially driving.

And while I'm asking for new volunteers, may I say that Debbie and I have been so very happy and proud that St. Mark's members have consistently stepped up to fill all the jobs needed. Thank you all so much for everything you have done to support Family Promise.

Donna Elkin & Deb Maggs

Children's Church



CHILDREN'S CHURCH next meets Sunday, May 10... YES! On Mothers' Day! Please join your children at their special service at 10:30 in the Chapel. We all come back to the Nave in time for Holy Communion.

The children's special offering this month is small lollipops (ex. dum-dums) or the small tootsie rolls (regular or fruit) to be handed out at St. Mark's 4th of July celebration! We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Mother's Day service! Children of all ages are welcome!

MILESTONE MINISTRY

Blessing of the Keys

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



BUT YOU NEED TO TELL US WHO SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED!!

Since different families have different timetables for these events, we can't just refer to the church register for the information. We have no idea which youth are reaching this important milestone in their lives—unless you tell us!! Please let the church know if your child has recently received a junior or senior license as soon as possible. A date for celebration will be set once we know who these special teens are. ***PLEASE CALL US!!***



Recognition of Graduates

...from high school or college??

Let us know so these young people can be recognized for their accomplishments!!

Call or e-mail the office no later than MAY 12—we're waiting to hear!

1ST Annual Easter Morning Celebration



The First Annual Easter Morning Celebration was a wonderful event! For the first time this year, we combined the few who attend Sunday School on Easter with the choir members' breakfast and came up with a sum greater than its individual parts! Upwards of 40 people attended this joyous meal provided by many members contributing different items and dishes. Offered between the morning services, those from early church were invited to stay and those from late service were welcome to come beforehand to join us in Fellowship Hall.

Over a dozen children, youth, and adults chose to join Pr. Elkin in making a Christ candle for their homes. Will we hold the celebration again next year? You betcha!

Please plan to join us!

United Churches of Lycoming County

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS CURRENTLY NEEDED:

Hot Chocolate	Pop tarts
Canned Potatoes	Tea Bags
Oatmeal Packets	Popcorn
Hamburger Helper	Oatmeal
Chicken Noodle Soup	Sugar
Powdered Milk	Saltines
Gelatin/Jello Mix	Mustard
Oodles of Noodles	Canned Fruit
Powdered drink mix	Stuffing Mix
Canned Veggies	Ketchup
Canned Milk	

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

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.

May

- 6 Mrs. Arlene Brown, Founder of the Urukundo Home for Children
in Rwanda, Africa. *"Hope Made Real"*
- 13 Mrs. Dawn Blanchard, St. Anthony's Clinic, and Mrs. Jan Ann Dodd,
Community Health Center,
"Helping People With Health Care in Williamsport"
- 20 Rev. Ken Elkin, Pastor, St. Mark Lutheran Church, Williamsport, "
And the People We've Met...;
the Continuing Saga of the Camino Santiago"
- 27 Rev. Dr. Karin Stork-Witson, Pastor, New Covenant United
Church of Christ,
"Reflecting the Light"



Our 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!

FISHING DERBY AT DOEBLER'S POND

Sunday May 17th 2:00–6:00 p.m.

There will be prizes awarded for:

The top 3 biggest fish caught for the day. (measured in inches) Winner of the casting contest.

Worms will be provided.

Hot dogs and buns will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

There will be lemonade and water. An open fire will be blazing.

Start getting your fishing equipment ready.

Contact Michele if you can think of anything else.

Home: 323-0610 or email mowen@stmarkswilliamsport.org

Hope to see you all there!



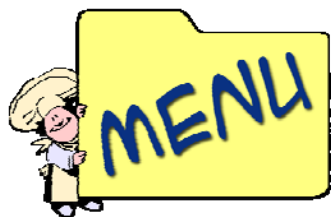
CATECHETICAL TRIP TO SOUTHEASTERN PA

On Saturday, April 11, 2 students, 2 parents, 1 mentor, and 1 pastor piled into a van and headed southeast to Trappe, PA, where they visited Old Augustus Church. The docent there, Jennifer Wentworth, was one of the best yet! After visiting there, they drove to the Hopewell Furnace National Historical Site, a community built around the smelting of iron during the Revolutionary War and, in 1789, was a leader in the production of iron for the young nation. They visited Ephrata Cloister in the afternoon, learning about life in a religious community. Here is what the students had to say about their trip:

"Augustus Lutheran Church is the "oldest unchanged Lutheran church still in use in the United States of America". The original congregation (formed in 1730) worshiped in a barn because they did not have a proper church. That changed, however, when Dr. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg arrived from Germany in 1742. He demanded that a proper church be built, and he helped design and construct Augustus Lutheran Church. It was completed in 1743. The classic, German architecture made German immigrants feel at home when they came to America from over seas. The services originally lasted between 2 and 4 hours. The sermon alone could be 1 to 2 hours! Imagine sitting in a church building for 3 hours, in straight backed pews, in the middle of winter, every Sunday, in the freezing cold, with nothing to keep you warm except a warm brick at your feet! Well that's what these people did! But, by 1860, the congregation had outgrown the small church, and they constructed a new church. The "old church" is now only used for Christmas Eve service, and also throughout the summer. In my opinion, Augustus Lutheran church is a truly interesting place, and I would love to visit again." ~ Hannah Haussmann

"I loved the Hopewell Furnace! There were a lot of cool things there. The Hopewell furnace made iron for stoves, so it made a lot of charcoal, too. I got to go into a wooden tent-like thing. The tent was something some of the workers would stay in. We also went into the Big House where the founder stayed. There were bulls there! There was also a cat. The place was just amazing. There were also a lot of cool rocks." ~ Gillian Buckman

Please Join us for Lunch 'N' Fellowship!



Wednesday, 20th at Noon

Serving Meat Loaf

*Please bring a side dish or desert to share.
why not bring a friend?*



Thank You...and you...and you...and you...and you...and

Dear St. Mark's Family & Pastor Elkin, Thank you for all the acts of kindness you did during our loss and John & Justin. The funeral service April 4th was beautiful, especially the music. The luncheon was served by special people and we appreciate their service. Thank you for the prayers, cards and gifts of good. God bless you always, Ruth Burkholder & family

Dear folks, Thank you for the lovely lilies. Some one suggested that we plant them outside for the enjoyment of others.

Love, Liz Ruesskamp

Dear Pastor Elkin, 'kitchen crew' and all people of St. Mar's who helped with Dad's funeral service ~ Thank you so much for providing such a beautiful memorial service and for serving the meal and providing the desserts and beverages. Thank you also for all of the support and love that you provide for my mother. Sincerely, Carol Laborie

My dear friends, How can I ever thank you for what you have given to St. Anthony's Center? You give of yourselves and don't count the cost. Each day I thank God for you. He looks down upon you with a smile and says to each of you, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. Whatever you did to the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for ME.' God love you one and all

In Christ, Sister Henry

Special Concerns List

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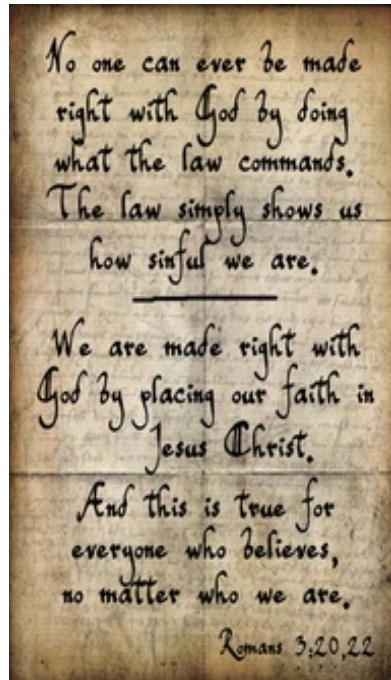
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Civic Chorus Concert

Civic Chorus Concert: A Cloud of Witnesses will be held Sunday April 26 at 3 pm at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Comprising a requiem of sorts, the concert's musical styles range from folk to classical, ancient to modern, sacred to secular, with arrangements and original compositions by Music Director Ned Wetherald in his final performance with the Williamsport Civic Chorus. Tickets are \$12 general admission/\$10 senior/student, Children under 12 free when accompanied by a paid admission.

Happy Birthday!

05/01 Melvin Wentzel
 05/02 Jerod Barone
 05/02 Robert Clokey
 05/02 Jacob Schreckengast
 05/05 Grace Schreckengast
 05/06 Rosemary Clokey
 05/08 James Doane
 05/10 Randy Edler
 05/10 Carl Weaver
 05/13 Catherine Lundy
 05/13 Lori Ann Zimmerer
 05/14 Karen Boone
 05/15 Jane Larson
 05/18 Stephen Boone

05/18 Arthur Decker
 05/19 Candace Dewar
 05/19 Kenneth Schreckengast



05/19 Amy Stugart
 05/20 Michael Fillnow

05/23 Owen Lukens
 05/24 Ryan Jensen
 05/24 Dawson Owen
 05/24 Dustin Pelleschi
 05/25 Kenneth Goldy
 05/26 Jane Angle
 05/26 Norma Prato
 05/26 Jean Soars
 05/27 Audrey Albright
 05/27 Joyce Hershberger
 05/27 Kyseem Smith
 05/30 Owen Gair
 05/31 Steven Bieber III
 05/31 Randa Bieber

Happy Anniversary!

05/02 Edward & Lorraine Barone
 05/02 Hugh & Marie Byerly
 05/02 Joshua & Brittany Lynch



05/09 James & Ernestine Doane
 05/15 Galen and Pamela Davenport
 05/28 Creighton and Christina MacGill
 05/30 Michael and Pamela Jensen

The News in Our Pews

Received a note from **Bud Doebl** regarding a video show about a girl named Grace who is teaching children what to expect at their first horse show. The show is to air on May 21 at 9 p.m. and can be found at 147 on Comcast; 326 on direct tv and 163 on dish. Why do we care about this - well, Grace is the online name for **Annika Waffenschmidt** and she is the star of this episode of Take Me Riding - be sure to catch this young star in her debut performance!

If you are in the market for gardening supplies go to the Organic Garden Center which is located at 1307 Park Avenue in the Pajama Factory. **Marc and Brian Kinney** have become partners with Carl Narbor in this new venture- they have soils, seeds and nutrients for a variety of plants and also grow lights and hydroponic equipment so you can grow all year!

Caught a glimpse of **Ruth Pile** attending the ecumenical luncheon at Pine Street Church which featured a discussion of the Passion of Christ. In that same newspaper noted an article about St. Mark's successful Iron Chef competition. This is the sixth time our team has been victorious.

Three of the musically talented members of the congregation had the unique experience of attending and participating in the 150th anniversary of the Confederate surrender at Appomattox, Virginia. **Donna Elkin, Laura Schreckengast and Nancy Moff** were front and center in the performance. Donna was pictured in the video just off to the side of the speaker. All agreed it was a highlight of their musical careers!

Pastor and Donna were also part of the Williamsport Chamber Choir and Orchestra concert which was held at St. Mark's last week. I'm sure Donna barely had time to unpack before she was onstage for this lovely concert of Mozart, Haydn and Brahms. And now **Pastor** is hiking the Camino in Spain with **Rick Coulter**, another member of St. Mark's.

Taylor Wentzel was named to the distinguished honor roll at Loyalsock Middle School. If you want to be sure to see your child's honor roll listing send me a notice - don't count on my failing eyes! Also saw **Grace Schreckengast** listed on the high honor roll at Loyalsock Township High School and **Jacob**, not to be outdone, on the 11th grade honor roll.

Lots of good things happening and lots of things and members to be proud of at St. Mark's!

~Joyce Anne Hershberger

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

St. Mark's May Calendar of Events

1 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

2 Saturday

3 Sunday ~ Easter V

8:00 AM Holy Communion

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Holy Communion

3:00 PM Conf. at St. Michael's

4 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:00 PM Bell Choir

5 Tuesday

Pastor returns from Spain

8:00 AM City Pastors @ SM

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

9:30 AM VBS Meeting

6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Train.

6 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

9:20 AM Staff Mtg. & Quilting

11:45 AM Bible Study

1:15 PM Pericope Study

6:00 PM Women's Dinner

7 Thursday

6:31 AM Men's Ministry

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:00 PM Choir

8 Friday

Council Agendas Due

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

9 Saturday Set up for FPLC

10:30 AM 2nd Saturday/Brownies

10 Sunday ~ Easter VI

8:00 AM Holy Communion

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Children's Church

10:30 AM Holy Communion

5:00 PM FPLC Hosting Begins

11 Monday ~ *FPLC Hosting*

Pastor leaves for STS Retreat

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

12 Tuesday ~ *FPLC Hosting*

Pastor returns from STS Retreat

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

13 Wednesday ~ *FPLC Hosting*

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

9:20 AM Staff Mtg. & Quilting

11:45 AM Bible Study

1:15 PM Pericope

6:30 PM Personnel Comm.

14 Thursday ~ *FPLC Hosting*

6:31 AM Men's Ministry

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:00 PM Choir

15 Friday ~ *FPLC Hosting*

Lion Article Deadline

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

16 Saturday ~ *FPLC Hosting*

9:00 AM—3:00 PM Steph/Min Retreat

17 Sunday ~ Easter VII *FPLC Hosting*

8:00 AM Holy Communion

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Holy Communion

11:35 AM Congregational Assembly

12:00 PM Wedding Anniversary Event

6:00 PM Confirmation Meal/Mtg.

May Calendar of Events continued

18 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
6:30 PM Council Mtg.

19 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
12:00 PM Mutual Ministry

20 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Staff Mtg. & Quilting
12:00 PM Lunch N' Fellowship
12:00 PM Pastor Ecumenical Lunch
1:15 PM Pericope Study

21 Thursday

6:31 AM Men's Ministry
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Stephen Ministry

22 Friday

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

23 Saturday

24 Sunday ~ Pentecost

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

25 Memorial Day ~ *Office Closed*



Remember -
our fallen heroes.
They are the reason
that we are free.

26 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
6:00 PM LSM Mtg.

27 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting
11:45 AM Bible Study
1:15 PM Pericope Study

28 Thursday

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

29 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

30 Saturday

9:00 AM Picnic Preparations

31 Sunday ~ Holy Trinity

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion

Summer Confirmation Camp



The Bi-Annual Program for our confirmation students will take place August 3rd - August 5th. The five students set to attend this year are Gillian Buckman, Hannah Haussmann, Sean Jensen, Dylan Ott and Lynna Robertson. They will learn about Church History, Bible Study, Geography of the Holy Land and why we worship the way we do.