



The Lion of St. Mark's

JULY 2015



Celebrate With Us!

Bring a friend and a lawn chair for our annual front lawn celebration this July 4, 2013.

- ◆ 4:30 Set-up for the festivities
- ◆ 6:00 Refreshments begin
- ◆ 7:30 Patriotic program in our Nave
- ◆ 9:30 Fireworks

With only a few days until the big day and very limited vendor support as of this time, much needs to be done.

We are in need of the following items for the more than 400 people who join us on our front lawn and in the Nave for our patriotic program.

It would be helpful to have all donated items at the church by July 3, 2013.

- ◆ Small pieces of candy (Tootsie Rolls, Bubble Gum, Smarties)
- ◆ Bottled water (8 or 10 oz.) for the littlest ones
- ◆ Individually bagged snacks (pretzels, fruit snacks)
- ◆ Bags of popping corn
- ◆ Lemonade mix
- ◆ Money to offset the cost of ice, trinkets, hotdogs and rolls.

Checks may be made payable to St. Mark's and earmarked for the Fourth of July.

But the biggest need is YOU!!!!

We need folks to help set-up, serve drinks and snacks, pass out trinkets, pop popcorn, grill hotdogs and clean up before the start of the fireworks.

The more folks who volunteer, the less time any one person needs to serve. Working together we can have a great event for the community and ourselves.



**Speak with or call Declan Jones
@ 570-932-1111 ASAP to serve.**

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Council Update

The Congregation Council met in regular session on Monday, June 22 in the Crossways Room. The Council:

- † received the regular reports of the Pastor, officers, and committees.
- † welcomed Mr. Kenneth Roush and Mrs. Dorothy Anderson back to the Council meeting. Upon our request, they proposed a way for us to move to the next step, which is a goal-setting process.
- † after discussion, the Council enthusiastically agreed to move forward with the proposal, and selected Joyce Hershberger to help lead the process. (Details will be printed in next Sunday's bulletin and other media, as soon as available.)

The leadership team will be: Joyce Hershberger, President Ray Huff, and Pastor Elkin. The chief compiler and writer will be Sally Bjornstad and head of communications will be Gregg Dancho.

Parish Register

A Milestone event was celebrated on June 21: Jerod Barone, son of Lorriane and Ed Barone, marked the Progressions Milestone as he prepared to leave in this week for Penn State University with the intent of an engineering program.

"While we are zealously performing the duties of good citizens and soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of religion. To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian."

George Washington, 1st U.S. President

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Do you know *The Way*?



The Way

**Have a yearning desire to cultivate a closer relationship with Jesus and learn more about the teachings of Martin Luther?
Has the time come for you to reaffirm your baptism in Christ?
Do you want to learn more about St. Mark's and cultivate stronger fellowship with others here at St. Mark's?**

If any of these ring a bell then "The Way" is especially for you. Throughout the year we share our thoughts and ideas leading to the reaffirmation of our baptism in Christ. Along the journey of faith we have the opportunity to experience a spiritual growth in the community of the church as well as within ourselves. Please consider becoming a member of "The Way" and contact Mel Wentzel at 327-8286 or Pastor Elkin at 323-4619.

Please consider being a candidate or sponsor in our new group forming in September. We look forward to great discussion as we share, learn and follow along on "The Way". Several of our most recent members have commented.....

"I thought I knew a lot about our church and the Lutheran liturgy but after starting "The Way", I knew my knowledge was minimal. The Way has taught me so very much. The field trips though the church, especially the tour with the description of all the colored windows and what they represented, were very enlightening. The weekly handouts to create our own notebook were great to keep for future reference. The discussions and fellowship with other Christians who are on this same spiritual journey was a big help to me. My confidence has increased, and I feel more empowered to share with others my faith and my love of the Lord. I also enjoyed searching for information in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) and learning how each Sunday service is planned. I feel very blessed that our church offers The Way to give us the opportunity to grow in our faith."

- Carol Confer

"The Way was an amazing experience for me. I was a new person coming into the church deciding if I wanted to join the church and Pastor recommended I join The Way. This has not only brought me to love the church and the people in it, but it also was the best therapy I could have ever asked for. I enjoyed having a sponsor who guided me through the experience. I definitely will leave The Way with great life long friends, a church I belong to and a greater passion for the word of God."

- Mae Thaljih

"The Way taught me to listen more intently to each scripture lesson and relate it to my personal life. We learned to ask, "How is this speaking to me?" I have now transferred that experience over into every service automatically. What a valuable life-long tool that has become and how we learned to see important doctrines in a new adult light and our spirits were re-awakened. The most meaningful experience was the Easter Vigil. This was the time when our baptisms and faith were re-affirmed."

- Sally Bjornstad

"The Way helped me focus my faith. Thanks to The Way I have been able to closer analyze my own beliefs and better understand fellow Christians. I am grateful for The Way and its ability to reiterate the important lessons the Lord has to give us."

- Adam Zitta

"I looked forward to our Sunday gatherings as an extension of worship. The opportunity to analyze scripture allowed me to follow it more clearly. The Way fueled discussion in my daily life and reinforced the lifelong lessons we often forget."

- Lynn Detwiler Zitta

"St. Mark's program, The Way, is appropriately named. This opportunity provided me with a pathway to reconnect me as an attending and participating member of a viable church life...It was surprising how smoothly we moved into avid discussion, questions, and individual sharing. I appreciated the opportunity to affirm my Lutheran upbringing as well as learn a great deal of St. Mark's history and building."

- Leah Haussmann

Sunday Morning Forums Continue at 9:15 AM

A variety of subjects, featuring still photos and videos that spark conversation. There is so much to learn; come and let's work on it together!

July 5: *The Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem*

It houses the traditional spots of Christ's crucifixion and burial, and has been the cause of much argument over the centuries, and the care of this spot was one of the contributing factors in the First Crusade. Six different Christian groups continue to care for the site today.

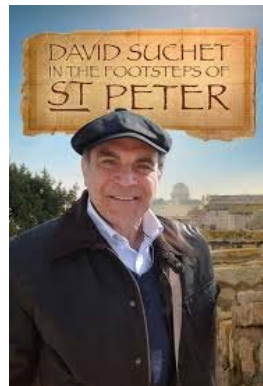


July 12: *Hebron, City of Promise*

A video tour of this city that will enliven our understanding of the Bible's narratives about Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

July 19: *John Newton*

His story teaches us that we should not give up on someone, no matter how distant from the kingdom of God he or she seems to be. Newton was rebellious, a slave-trader, who was converted and became a hymn-writer, preacher, and abolitionist. How amazing is God's grace!



July 26: *In the Footsteps of St. Peter*

How did the impetuous fisherman become a leader in the first generation of the church? David Suchet journeys from Jerusalem to Rome and many places in between to explore the setting of St. Peter's story and tries to discern its shape and influence.

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

HELPING HANDS DAY!



This year's Helping Hands Day is Wednesday, July 15th from 9AM to approximately 3PM.

We will be doing yard work at a parishioner's house (to be announced).

Please bring gardening tools and gloves if you have them.

We will meet at church at 8:30AM.

Drinks will be provided and we will be returning to the church to join Lunch 'n Fellowship at noon.

A movie for the younger children will follow lunch.

If you have any questions, please contact Michele at mowen@stmarkswilliamsport.org.



Update: Lunches for Habitat for Humanity



I have been in contact with the local Habitat director, Arion Mosier. At this time the Habitat offices and their ReStore facility are being moved to a strip mall that is located on the corner of Rose and West Fourth Street. Much of the renovation of this new facility is being done by their staff. Meals are not needed at this time. Ms. Mosier and I will speak again mid-July to schedule lunches as it is anticipated they will once again be building or renovating a Habitat home. 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.

~ Becky Miller-Pryor

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Congratulations to our newest council members: Audrey Comerford and Becky Miller Pryor. Audrey and Becky will each begin a three-year term at the May 18 council meeting. Congratulations are also in order to Lou Kolb and Shelby Weber for their second terms on council. We are extremely fortunate to have these members "step up" in their roles in serving Jesus Christ through their efforts at St. Mark's. We are deeply appreciative of the commitment and work that Dinah Labenberg and Paul Zimmerer accomplished during their terms on council.

A very WARM thanks to the Property Committee for its diligence in securing Billtown Mechanical to remove and replace our old boilers for the nave with two new and highly efficient ones. Lots of effort went into the research and comparison of bids and there was universal acceptance among the property and finance committees, as well as the congregational council, that we were going down the proper path.

Asbestos removal will take place very soon and the boiler project will immediately follow. The timing for the project is such that heating will not be an issue in late spring and early summer. Let's hope that we won't need to fully utilize the boilers for a long time!

~ Ray Huff, Congregation President

The Bazaar Room is open AND we need your stuff!



Summer is getting into full swing and with that come those summer projects of decluttering. 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.

If possible pack items in small boxes that can be moved easily. Some small boxes for your use are available in the Bazaar Room. 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.

There is no vacation from hunger!



STOP HUNGER NOW

Recently another carload of non-perishable food items was delivered to the United Churches Food Bank where these many items were gratefully accepted. Becky Miller Pryor thanks the congregation and the children attending VBS for their donations.

Additionally more than 60 assorted hygiene products were delivered to the Shepherd of the Street's office for use by their clients. ~ Becky Miller Pryor

Daniel's Closet

Summertime is here and so is the need for shorts, tops, and other lightweight clothing in good condition.

Summer accessories and shoes in all sizes from infant to adult are also needed.

The greatest needs are for children's clothing, plus size clothing for men and women

and shoes and sneakers for children and adults.



July's outreach is scheduled as follows.



Drop-Off at Redeemer Lutheran Church will be Thursday, July 23rd from 4:30 pm - 6:00pm.

(Please note the time change)

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, July 25th from 9:00 am - 11:00am.

Kits for victims of Disaster & Poverty

Bags for this year's School Kits will be available in the Narthex in July.

Please take one (or more) and fill it during the summer with the school supplies listed below.

School supplies are beginning to go on sale now.

You can make a difference in the lives of children in impoverished schools or refugee camps.

Other types of kits are also being requested.

You can make up a Personal Care Kit, a Baby Care Kit, or a Fabric Kit.

Items needed for these kits are listed on handout sheets in the Narthex.

Soap bars (in the original wrappings) can also be donated.

All kits and soap bars are due by September 15th..

Give to others what God has given to you.

Fabric Kit

2 pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester). Each piece should match one of the sizes below:

- 2¼ yards of 60" wide fabric, or
- 3 yards of 44" wide fabric, or
- 4 yards of 36" wide fabric

2 spools of neutral-colored all purpose thread, 250-300 yards



Fabric should have no stains or holes. Pieces do not need to match in size or color/pattern. Fold thread and one piece of fabric inside second fabric piece and tie with yarn, sturdy string, ribbon or a strip of fabric.



Personal Care Kit

- 1 light-weight bath-size towel (max. 52" X 27"), dark color
- 2 bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, wrapped
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging
- 1 metal nail clippers - remove packaging

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn.

School Kit

- 4 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
 - 1 30-centimeter ruler, or with centimeters and inches
 - 1 pencil sharpener
 - 1 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
 - 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
 - 5 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
 - 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
 - 1 2½" eraser
 - 1 sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new & in good condition. Remove any excess packaging, pack all items in bag and close.



Layette Kit

- 2 lightweight cotton t-shirts
- 2 long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- 2 receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
- 4 cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- 1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- 2 pairs of socks
- 2 bars of gentle soap (4-5 oz bars)
- 1 hand towel, dark color wrapped
- 2 diaper pins or large safety pins



Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. Gently used, clean items (no stains or tears) or new. Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins.

The News in our Pews

It is always so exciting to see the wonderful things our young people are doing - it makes us all very proud!

Duncan and Cooper Larson, grandsons of **Jane and Ted**, are playing baseball for the Wilkinson-Dunn team - they were excited to have a chance to play in Lamade Stadium- Jane and Ted are on hand for all their games! At least, almost all!

I see that **Sadie Wentzel** will be in the ensemble for the CAC showing of Oklahoma July 24 -26 at the arts center. We all know Sadie's wonderful voice and look forward to hearing her in the show.

Sean Jensen recently graduated from Curtin and received several awards. He was named outstanding male athlete and also received the Jay Fetterman Cherry and White award. Pam was especially pleased to see him receive the award from Jay as he was Curtin principal when she was a student there.

The Williamsport Area High School commencement was held June 4 and our own Jared **Barone** was the recipient of several awards, distinctions and scholarships. Among them he was listed in the National Honor Society, the president's award for educational excellence and honorary scholarship. The latter required a cumulative average of 90 or above for four years.

He was awarded the J. Henry Cochran primary school award as a graduate of Cochran to be used to further his education. And finally in the list of scholarships he was given the Albert Hermance scholarship and also the Louise Stryker scholarship awarded to a student planning a career in music. Then to show he is a well rounded young man he also received the Thomas Vargo scholarship given to a senior who exemplifies the spirit of teamwork and dedication in the area of interscholastic athletics! Wow! That was quite a night for proud parents, **Ed and Lorraine**.

Warm congratulations to all these young men and women - great work!

And last of all if you saw yours truly pictured in a ridiculous hat at the Woman's Club please know I had nothing to do with the picture! Although I have enjoyed the plant I received as a prize!

~Joyce Anne Hershberger

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

August Lion Deadline

The Lion article deadline for the August issue of the Lion is Friday, July 17TH. Please email all articles to Susan using the main e-mail:
stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org



United Churches of Lycoming County

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS CURRENTLY NEEDED:

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| 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.

JULY 22 Mid-Summer Gathering

Miss Michelle Gray, Liturgical Dancer at Love Unlimited Ministries
"Praising God through Dance"

Treat yourself to a midweek refreshment!
And bring along a friend!



Our 24 hour Devotion Line

is available to encourage you
in your relationship with God.
evotions are under three minutes
and change weekly.

Call 570-322-5762 anytime!

Calling all teens!



Teen movie night!

Sunday, July 19th at 6:00 PM

Bring a snack!

Bring a friend!

Spread the word—see you there!

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.



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

Special Concerns List

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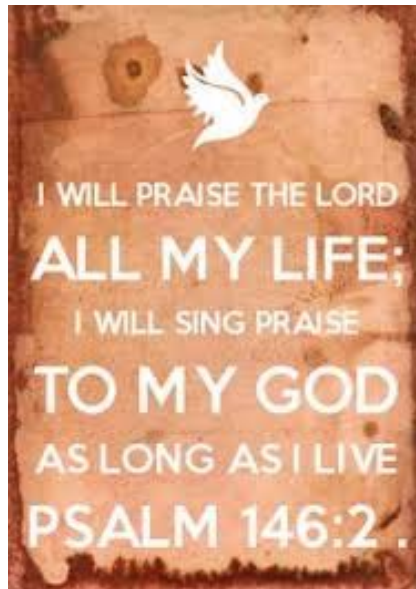
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MILESTONE MINISTRY

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!!***

Happy Birthday!

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| 07/01 Gabriella Gregory | 07/11 Mary Martin | 07/16 Kay Plankenhorn |
| 07/02 Stanley Baker | 07/12 Doris Brown | 07/18 Brenda Bower |
| 07/02 Kristine Wacker | 07/12 Annika Waffenschmidt | 07/20 Patricia Alexander |
| 07/03 Maxwell Hospes | 07/13 Levi Gair | 07/21 Pamela Jensen |
| 07/03 Theodore Larson III | 07/14 Declan Jones | 07/22 Constance Shaible |
| 07/04 Philip Thomas | 07/14 Nancy Larson | 07/23 Evan Barone |
| 07/05 Kimberly Fillnow |  | 07/23 Reba Jacobs |
| 07/05 Dierah Williams | | 07/23 David Weaver |
| 07/06 Corey Hospes | | 07/23 Bryce Young |
| 07/07 Andrea Hinds | | 07/24 Edward Gair |
| 07/07 Gabriel Nichols | | 07/25 Shirley Hill |
| 07/08 Robert Lynn Jr. | | 07/26 Gail Greninger |
| 07/09 Hugh Byerly | | 07/27 Ann Kuntz |
| 07/09 Dylan Ott | | 07/29 Matthew Fortin |
| 07/10 Nicholas Buckman | | 07/30 Carol McMorris |
| 07/10 Edgar Miller III | | 07/31 Stephen Dewar |

Happy Anniversary!

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| 07/01 Ralph & Holly Thorne |  | 07/06 Robert & Kristin Lynn |
| 07/03 Ray & Cynthia Huff | | 07/24 Sean & Maria Elkin |
| 07/05 Walter & Margie Doebler | | 07/29 Robert & Susan Curry |
| 07/05 Daryl & Elizabeth Lewis | | |

FAMILY PROMISE

On Mother's Day (5/10) St. Mark's began another successful week of hosting Family Promise. We began the week with two families; one family was a young couple with a 2 year old and a six week old baby, the other was a nontraditional family, a mother and an adult daughter. Later in the week we were asked to host a third family, another young couple with a 2 year old and a 4 year old.

Several of our seasoned volunteers were on vacation or otherwise unavailable; however many others stepped up to help or did double duty. We continue to receive support from Bethel Presbyterian Church in Linden and First Presbyterian Church in Williamsport. All of the meals were delicious and the adults were hearty eaters and most appreciative of our efforts. Our volunteers did a great job of interacting and playing with the toddlers. The baby got lots of attention and spent most of her time in someone's lap!

Our next week of hosting will begin on July 26th and end August 2nd. We will begin making our calls early in July. If you are a regular please mark your calendars. If you have never volunteered, please consider helping in some small way. Meeting the needs of these families in need is a very rewarding experience.

Donna and I are available to talk with anyone who would like more information.

St. Mark's July Calendar of Events

Wed July 1 ~ Susan Away

9:00am Morning Prayer

9:30am Staff Meeting

11:45am Bible Study

Thu July 2 ~ Susan Away

6:31am Men's Ministry

9:00am Morning Prayer

Fri July 3

Office Closed for 4th of July



Sat July 4 ~ Independence Day

4:30pm 4th of July Set Up

6:00pm 4th of July Outreach Ministry

7:30pm Patriotic Music Program

Sun July 5

8:00am Holy Communion

9:15am Sunday School/Forum

10:30am Holy Communion

Mon July 6

9:00am Morning Prayer

Tue July 7

9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed July 8

9:00am Morning Prayer

9:30am Staff Meeting

11:45am Bible Study

6:30pm Personnel Committee

Thu July 9, ~ Bernadette Away

6:31am Men's Ministry

9:00am Morning Prayer

Fri July 10 ~ Bernadette Away

9:00am Morning Prayer

Sun July 12 ~ Bernadette Away

8:00am Holy Communion

9:15am Sunday School/Forum

10:30am Holy Communion

Mon July 13

9:00am Morning Prayer

Tue July 14

9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed July 15

8:30am Helping Hands Day

9:00am Morning Prayer

9:30am Staff Meeting

12:00pm Lunch N' Fellowship

July Calendar of Events continued

Thu July 16
6:31am Men's Ministry
9:00am Morning Prayer

Fri July 17 ~ Lion Deadline

Sun July 19
8:00am Holy Communion
9:15am Sunday School/Forum
10:30am Holy Communion
6:30pm Teen Movie Night

Mon July 20
9:00am Morning Prayer

Tue July 21
9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed July 22
9:00am Morning Prayer
9:30am Staff Meeting
11:45am Bible Study

Thu July 23
6:31am Men's Ministry
9:00am Morning Prayer
4:00pm Daniel's Closet Drop Off

Fri July 24
9:00am Morning Prayer
9:20am Lion Crew
7:00pm Snoopy Performance

Sat July 25
9:00am Daniel's Closet Clothing
Giveaway @ Redeemer
7:00pm Snoopy Performance

Sun July 26 ~ Family Promise Hosting
8:00am Holy Communion
9:15am Sunday School/Forum
10:30am Holy Communion

Mon July 27~ Family Promise Hosting
9:00am Morning Prayer

Tue July 28 ~ Family Promise Hosting
9:00am Morning Prayer
6:00pm LSM

Wed July 29 ~ Family Promise Hosting
9:00am Morning Prayer
9:30am Staff Meeting
11:45am Bible Study

Thu July 30 ~ Family Promise Hosting
6:31am Men's Ministry
9:00am Morning Prayer

Fri July 31 ~ Family Promise Hosting
9:00am Morning Prayer