



The Lion of St. Mark's

AUGUST 2015

In recent weeks we have been hearing in the Sunday bulletin about the process of goal-setting for the work of the congregation which is now underway. How did we get here?

In last year's reconciliation process, the panel which assisted the congregation made a series of recommendations, and since that time, the council has been working through them a bit at a time. One of the recommendations was that we engage in a goal-setting process, with the implication that this will not be a once-and-done thing but an ongoing effort to think and to do those things which will honor the Lord God and accomplish his aims. Here are the steps that we have been following:

- (1) Early in 2015 the council researched, discussed, and adopted a new mission statement for the parish; *To know Christ and to make Christ known.*
- (2) At the May 2015 Council meeting, all of the recommendations written one year ago were reviewed. Our progress with each goal was noted, and the Council decided to invite the reconciliation panel to return to St. Mark's and lead us in establishing the goal-setting process, which was one of the recommendations.
- (3) Ray Huff and Pastor Elkin met with Kenneth Roush of the reconciliation panel on June 8 to discuss the shape of the process.
- (4) On June 22 the Council heard, discussed, and adopted the procedure and made the following appointments: the management committee will consist of Ray Huff, Joyce Hershberger, and Pastor Elkin; Joyce Hershberger has the task of working with each committee to elicit ideas and begin to shape them into goals. Gregg Dancho has the task of making sure that everyone knows what is happening. Sally Bjornstad will be writing the the report as the goals are gradually developed.
- (5) The first announcement of the process was in the bulletin of June 28, and a fuller explanation began appearing in the bulletin of July 5.
- (6) The management team met with Gregg Dancho on June 28 and planned the first phase of the publicity effort. One of the things which is to be stressed is that persons of any age can present ideas to the committee most closely related to that subject so that they can be considered.
- (7) Gregg spoke after the 10:30 service on July 5, inviting responses to the committees from anyone.
- (8) The first round of Committee meetings began on July 8, with Joyce facilitating the conversations. These will be continuing in the next several weeks, so that the results can be forwarded to Sally for writing a first draft of proposals for the council meeting of August 17.
- (9) More work likely will be needed in order to sharpen the focus of the proposals and prepare them for further review by the Council at its September 21 meeting.
- (10) If all moves according to this projected time-line, the proposals will then be available to help shape the budget for 2016, and at an appropriate time, also be available for review and possible adoption by the congregation.

Our hope is that through open and collaborative efforts, our goals document will become a roadmap toward continued improvement for our church and community.

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Fourth of July Outreach A Big Success!

Hundreds were nourished, refreshed and entertained on Independence Day thanks to the following folks: Lou DeSeau, Michele Owen, Dan Zeigler, Bob Jones, Kirk Owen, Todd Smith, Mel Wentzel, Donna Elkin, Cheryl Williams, Becky Miller Pryor, Bob Miller, Connie Shaible, Linda DeSeau, Devin Owen, Mindy Wentzel, Diana Zeigler, Laura Schreckengast, Roxie Larson, Dave Williams, Pr. Elkin, Jungwha Kim, Ray Huff, and Bernadette Jones. Our youth put in a great effort. Those who contributed invaluable assistance were Hannah & Elizabeth Haussmann; Gracie, Jacob, & Jonah Schreckengast; Taylor & Sadie Wentzel; Makensi Doebler; and friends, Eve, Hayli, Dom, and Devon. Thank you all for your contributions time, talent and resources!!!

**Deadline for September Lion Articles:
Wednesday, August 12th
Please email all articles to Susan.**

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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."

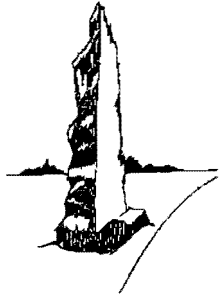
- Lynn Detwiler Zitta

"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

MILESTONE MINISTRY

PASSING ON FAITH: PROGRESSIONS on Sunday, August 2, we recognize Max Hospes, Dustin Pelleschi, Tyler Bower, and Bryce Young, who have just graduated from high school and are heading out into the world. We also recognize their parents as they get ready for their children to take the next step. We pray that God will be with them and guide them into a new, stronger relationship with each other and with Him. At an extended hospitality after the 10:30 service, hopefully in the courtyard, there will be opportunity to wish these young adults well, encourage their parents and record contact information.



70+, SINGLE AND STILL PRAISING GOD: is for seniors who are widowed, divorced, or were never married. On Sunday, August 9, we will celebrate them for their years of service and friendship. When they RSVP to the event, we ask them to let us know 2-3 hymns which had significance in their lives. These are incorporated into the service that day or used for a sing-a-long after lunch. We request mementos from an important moment in their lives and will create a display for the event.

REMINDER: BLESSING OF THE KEYS: We have a special milestone celebration for the youth in our congregation who attain their junior driver's licenses.

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

Please remember, we are human and therefore fallible (along with our computers). If you or a friend have not received notification of any of these milestones and feel that you should, **PLEASE CALL US!!**

Summer Confirmation Camp



Gillian, Hannah, Lynna, Sean, and Dylan begin confirmation camp on August 3rd!

Their books are printed, the air conditioner is ready to be turned on, snacks are inventoried, drinks are ready to be chilled, and Pastor Elkin and Bernadette are ready, too!!

These three days are always an exciting time around the church, culminating with a pool party for the kids and their families and mentors. Please keep them in your prayers Monday through Wednesday of that week.

Sunday School News

September is just around the corner!. Please, look at your schedule for the coming year to find a month or two (or three? or more?) that you can assist our children by teaching Sunday School.

This is one of the most valuable and rewarding ministries of St. Mark's: creating the foundation on which the church can grow in years to come. Please search your hearts, talk to those who are already involved and call the office today to volunteer (or email or facebook Michele).

LOOKING AHEAD:

August 30: NEW THINGS IN THE WORKS!

- + Teacher Preparation and overview for the coming school year!
- + Join us in the Crossways room as we review the curriculum for our young students in Sunday School!
- + If you've never taught before, this is a great time to find out what it's all about!
- + Even if you're not signed up to teach, come and find out what we're doing!
- + Refreshments!



...AND IT BEGINS:

September 6:

- + Please join us for breakfast and conversation in Fellowship Hall
- + Meet with the teachers of our adult classes...find out what they're doing!

September 13: Regular classes for all ages resume

- + Upstairs: Pre-K & elementary grades and Middle School
- + Middle Lounge: Adult discussion group
- + Crossways Room: Adult class with Pastor Elkin
- + North Lounge: High School discussion group
- + Nursery: Young adult discussion—parents with babies & toddlers welcome.



Synod Assembly Update

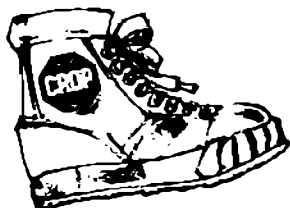
The Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly was held on June 19-20 2015 at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove PA. Attending from St. Mark's were Ray Huff and Gary Weber, together with Pastor Elkin. There were several highlights for St. Mark's.

Bernadette Jones presented the workshop on Milestone Ministry on both days. She talked about how the program was developed at St. Mark's and the long list of events which in which we rejoice with people, from the youngest to the most senior of members.

Ray Huff, Walter Haussmann, and Lou Kolb have completed two years of studies, and at the Saturday liturgy were commissioned as Authorized Lay Worship Leaders in the Upper Susquehanna Synod. Congratulations to them! Of course, we have known of their capabilities for some years as they have served the Lord Jesus here at St. Mark's in worship leadership when Pastor Elkin has been away.

The keynote address was given by Mr. John Roberto of Lifelong Faith Associates, and he also led four workshops on related topics. The overall subject was faith formation for all ages, and especially the effect of digital technology on old and new processes. The Bible study was led by Dr. Hoffman from Gettysburg Seminary on early portions of Mark's Gospel and its relation to faith formation. Both of these speakers were well-received. There was of course the regular business of the Synod, fretting about budgets and procedures, elections, resolutions, anniversaries, etc. The work of the Gospel continues through special events and through mundane matters as well.

GET YOUR FEET READY! THE CROP WALK IS COMING!



St. Mark's is once again hosting the CROP Walk on October 11th, when hundreds of people will be walking to raise money to end hunger. This year is our 36th walk and to date we (through Lycoming County, in Williamsport - Jersey Shore - Hughesville - Muncy - Montgomery) have raised over 1 million dollars to help CROP stop hunger! Last year the area raised \$18,080.18.

A CROP Walk Rally will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at New Covenant United Church of Christ (202 E 3rd St) from 4-6 PM to pick up CROP Walk materials and ask questions.

Thank you for doing your part to fight hunger both locally and globally. 25% of the money we raise goes to our community and is distributed equally between the New Love Center in Jersey Shore, the Sonlight House of Muncy, and the United Churches Food Pantry. The other 75% is distributed by Church World Service nationally and internationally to help people who are hungry. Together, we can make a difference!



The Bazaar Room is open AND we need your stuff!



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.

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.

Update: Lunches for Habitat for Humanity

Becky Miller Pryor has once again been in contact with the local Habitat director, Arion Mosier. It is anticipated that a new build will begin later this month. Ms. Mosier and I will speak again to schedule an on-site luncheon when work has begun on their newest project. Later this month be looking in the Sunday bulletins for ways in which you can help with this outreach.



Daniel's Closet



Back-To-School is almost here and so is the need for school/fall clothing in good condition. Fall 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. August's outreach is scheduled as follows.

Drop-Off at Redeemer Lutheran Church: Thursday, August 27th from 4:30 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.

**If you are placing clothing in the Bazaar Room,
 please place it on the stack of tables near the doorway
 so it does not become confused with items for the Bazaar.**

Distribution: Saturday, August 29th from 9:00 am - 11:00am.

The News in our Pews

I am constantly amazed by the abilities of our young people here at St. Mark's. I have written many times about the musical achievements of our boys and girls.

But this month I want to call attention to the athletic talents of that same group of young members.

Proud grandparents **Phil and Barb Thomas** have shared good news about their grandson, **John Tartline**, son of daughter Becky. He participated in the state lacrosse semi-finals recently and has graduated from Cumberland Valley High School. He will attend Methodist University in Fayetteville, N.C. with a scholarship in lacrosse.

The local paper is full of news of the prowess of **Lynna Robertson**. Lynna recently threw a shutout for the Williamsport Junior Softball team, recording six strikeouts, issuing no walks and scattering four walks throughout six innings. Earlier in July she threw a four-hitter against South Williamsport for the Major softball title. Her coach and father, Rick, must be very proud –(her mother, too)

Opening the pages of the Williamsport Living magazine this morning I read about **Jared Barone** listed as an athlete of the month. Among his awards was third place in the boys 20 yard medley relay and fourth place in the 50 yard freestyle as well as second place in the 200 yard freestyle relay.

Not to be outdone by the young men **Laura Zeigler** and **Anna Zeigler** won fifth place in the 200 medley relay. All this took place at the District II-IV IAA swim meet where the 2014-2015 WASH Swimming and Diving team won the championship! Wow – maybe the Olympics are in the future!

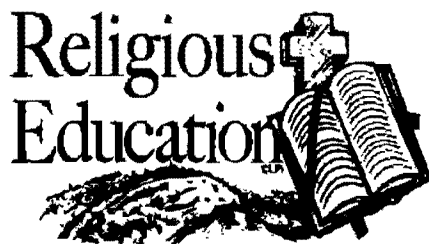
Sean Jensen continues his pursuit of excellence in basketball – at a recent camp he was awarded two trophies and also won \$50 from Coach Insinger for hitting a half course shot and a foul shot in one try! His parents and grandparents are very proud of him as well!

If I missed your child, it is because you did not keep in touch so please in the future send me your good news – I love to see it!

~Joyce Anne Hershberger

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

NEW CATECHETICAL CLASS FORMING!



Letters inviting students to become a part of the confirmation process have been sent. If you have a student in sixth or seventh grade and did not receive one of these letters, PLEASE LET US KNOW. Sometimes we miss things in the computer system. If you have an older child who has not been confirmed, please contact us. We can include anyone who wishes

to become a part of the process. If a youth is a lot older than the other students, he or she is also welcome to participate in *The Way* in order to fulfill the requirements for confirmation. Please call Pastor Elkin or Bernadette at 570-323-4619, email (addresses in the front of the newsletter), or facebook.

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.

Rev. Samuel Schmitthener

The Rev. Samuel Schmitthener died on Sunday, May 17, 2015. Pastor Schmitthener served as Interim Pastor of St. Mark's during the year 1995-96, after the retirement of Pr. Brandau and before the arrival of Pr. Elkin.

Sam was born to missionary parents in Rajahmundry, India. He had most of his early education in a boarding school in south India then for mostly missionary children. He came to the U.S. to attend Gettysburg College, completing his B.A. there in 1948. Sam then attended the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, receiving his B.D. in 1951. In 1950, he married his school sweetheart, Ruth Gosselink.

After Sam graduated from seminary, he and Ruth were called by the United Lutheran Church in America to serve the Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church (AELC) in India. During his thirty years as a missionary to India, Sam served as a parish pastor, an evangelistic missionary, and a surveyor of parishes throughout the five synods of the AELC. He was most proud of his accomplishments of selecting, training, and licensing 60 catechists to serve in smaller rural congregations and in helping to establish new congregations associated with massive dam construction projects along the Krishna River. He served as President of the AELC during his final 12 years in India (1969-1981). The AELC was then one of the largest Lutheran churches in Asia, with a membership of over 300,000 members with 2000 congregations served by 250 pastors. In honor of his distinguished career as a missionary, Gettysburg College conferred on him an honorary D.D. in 1977.

In 1982, a year after he and Ruth had left

India, Sam accepted a call to be pastor of Faith United Lutheran Parish in Claysburg, Pennsylvania. He served there until his retirement in 1991. Sam and Ruth then moved to Pennsdale, Pennsylvania. They had been married for 45 years when Ruth passed away in their Pennsdale home in 1996.

In 1997, Sam married Barbara Kolumban and they have lived in Gettysburg ever since. Barbara and her late husband Steve had served as medical missionaries for the ELCA in southern India. Though officially retired, Sam remained active for many years as a supply pastor for the Upper and Lower Susquehanna Synods and he regularly taught Sunday school.

Beyond his dedication to church and mission work, Sam was well known for his humor and story telling. His stories, never repetitive, captivated children and adults alike. During his retirement, he published several books of his stories. He maintained a deep understanding and affection for Telugu people and their culture, and he could converse and tell stories in Telugu like a native speaker. Sam also had a deep commitment to and love of the greater Kodai School community. In 2013, he received the Margaret Eddy Award in honor of his varied service to the school as an alumnus. Sam was perhaps most in his element at Bella Sylva, his family's ancestral home in Wyoming County, Pennsylvania. There he enjoyed the outdoors - hiking, fishing, swimming, and hunting - sawing and chopping firewood, doing various projects to maintain the 19th century log cabin, and communing with his extended family.

Free Community Supper at Redeemer Lutheran Church

Thursday, August 13, 2015 5:30 – 6:30 PM

**Do you know a family or individual that is food insecure?
If so please share that a free community supper is available
the second Thursday of each month at Redeemer Lutheran Church.**



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.**

Wednesday Lunches will resume in September



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, August 23rd at 6:00 PM

Bring a snack! Bring a friend!

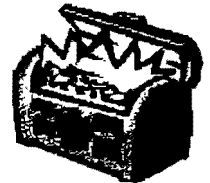
Spread the word—see you there!

Ongoing Collections

The Penny Chest was filled with a total of \$26.59 going to our youth and their activities. Thank you to everyone who contributed their change to our youth, it is greatly appreciated and adds up quickly!!!



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 and 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.



Operation Christmas Child

OUR GROUP PACK'N'WRAP IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015 AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE

Now is the time to take advantage of those back-to-school sales, picking up small boxes of crayons, tablets...you know what we mean...

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW, SO YOU CAN JOIN US THEN!!!

IDEA FOR YOU SEAMSTRESSES OUT THERE:

***MOMS! REPURPOSE YOUR DAUGHTERS' OLD TANK TOPS
or T-SHIRTS FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD!!!***



- † *obtain tank top or t-shirt (buy new or see if Michele or Bernadette have collected any)*
- † *cut it off for a high, natural, or drop waist, based on the size of the shirt (or to get rid of a stain or tear, if recycled)*
- † *cut your fabric (scrap or from the bargain bin) in a strip, width = 1½ times the circumference of the bottom of the shirt, length = desired length of finished garment (remember to add for seam allowance & hem)*
- † *sew the short ends together, right sides facing, zigzag to prevent fraying*
- † *gather the top to fit the shirt and attach (right sides facing), zigzag*
- † *hem or add ruffle, if desired*
- † *bring the finished dress to church in time for the Pack'n'Wrap*
- † *imagine a little girl's face as she opens her shoebox gift and sees her new dress!*



Confirmation

**Gillian Buckman, Hannah Haussmann, and Lynna Robertson
are planning to be confirmed on
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015!**

They are finishing their two-year course of study with their mentors,
Mindy Wentzel, Ruth Rees, and Lorraine Barone.

Special Concerns List

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Jane Angle
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Dottie Bingaman
Williamsport Home, Apt 708
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Williamsport, PA 17701

Larry Bair
The Meadows
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Montoursville, PA 17754

Marie Byerly
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Art Decker
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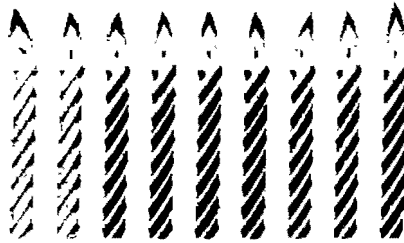


WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH AT NOON
SERVING: GRILLED BURGERS
BRING A DISH TO SHARE & A FRIEND!

Happy Birthday!

08/01 Larue Dieter
 08/02 Michele Ramsauer
 08/03 Emily Satifka
 08/03 Matthew Welker
 08/04 Alona Hopley
 08/04 Frank Ulman
 08/05 Creighton MacGill
 08/06 Donna Miller
 08/07 Dorothy Burd
 08/07 Donna Clark
 08/07 Louis Kolb
 08/08 Charles Fortin
 08/08 Audrey Wacker
 08/09 Mary Kimble
 08/10 Susan Newcomer
 08/10 Lynna Robertson
 08/10 Karen Staffini
 08/10 Leigh Travis
 08/11 Gillian Buckman
 08/11 Charles Greevy
 08/12 Marie Byerly
 08/12 Louis DeSeau

08/12 Meriah Doane
 08/12 Ashley Winner
 08/14 Ray Huff
 08/15 Carl Albright
 08/15 Kathleen Dancho
 08/15 Frank Doebler
 08/15 Beverly Hieber



08/16 Robert Swartz
 08/17 Tiffany Jarrett
 08/17 Pamela Travis
 08/18 Stacie Bieber
 08/18 Elizabeth Lewis
 08/19 Sean Clouser
 08/20 Lawrence Lehman

08/21 Gregg Dancho
 08/21 Renee Hinds
 08/22 Steve Eyer
 08/22 Andrew Kneedler
 08/22 Janelle Lukens
 08/23 Kay Poliska
 08/23 Daniel Zeigler
 08/24 Janet Jones
 08/26 Nathan Clouser
 08/27 Andrea Gregory
 08/28 Galen Davenport Jr.
 08/28 Jonah Schreckengast
 08/28 Amanda Weaver
 08/29 Evan Doebler
 08/29 Shirley Kinney
 08/29 Ashton Ott
 08/30 Lorraine Barone
 08/30 Vanessa Morgan
 08/30 Lou Ann Zeigler
 08/31 Carl Smollinger
 08/31 Melinda Wentzel
 08/31 Bobbie Yetzko

Happy Anniversary!

08/01 Ernest & Nancy Larson
 08/02 Ronald & Donna Baker
 08/03 David & Tracey Heaps
 08/06 Raymond & Mary Ann Stiller
 08/06 Carl & Lucille Weaver
 08/07 Bryan & Karen Pelleschi
 08/09 Fred & Patricia Thayer
 08/10 Timothy & Deborah Maggs
 08/10 Kenneth & Laura Schreckengast
 08/14 Kathy & Neil Eshelman



08/14 Edward & Brenda Gair
 08/18 Carl & Beverly Hieber
 08/22 Douglas & Beverly Schmitt
 08/24 Paul & Jane Zimmerer
 08/25 David & Carol Butters
 08/26 Charles & Gloria Greevy
 08/27 Ruth & Leonard Sherlinski
 08/28 Philip & Barbara Thomas
 08/30 Thomas Waffenschmidt
 & Valerie Doebler

2nd Saturday ~ Creative use of fruit

Saturday, August 8th ~ 10:00 AM

Just for fun, the Second Saturday kitchen event this month will feature the ways in which seasonal fruit can be used in beverages of several sorts, from smoothies to sangrias and others in between. Enjoy!



ST. MARK'S AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat August 1

Lou Off

Family Promise Hosting

Sun August 2

Lou Off

Family Promise Hosting

8:00am Holy Communion

9:15am Sunday Forum

10:30am Holy Communion &
Progressions Milestone

Mon August 3

Lou Off

8:45am Confirmation Camp

9:00am Morning Prayer

Tue August 4

8:45am Confirmation Camp

9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed August 5

8:45am Confirmation Camp

9:00am Morning Prayer

5:00pm Confirmation Camp
Swim at Pastor's Home



Thu August 6

6:31am Men's Ministry

9:00am Morning Prayer

Fri August 7

9:00am Morning Prayer

Sat August 8

10:00 AM 2nd Saturday



Sun August 9

8:00am Holy Communion

9:15am Sunday Forum

10:30am Holy Communion &
70+ and Still Praising God



Mon August 10

9:00am Morning Prayer

10:45am Little Lambs Liaison Mtg.

Tue August 11

9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed August 12

Lion Article Deadline

9:00am Morning Prayer

9:30am Staff Meeting

11:45am Bible Study

6:30pm Personnel Committee

Thu August 13

6:31am Men's Ministry

9:00am Morning Prayer

Fri August 14

9:00am Morning Prayer

AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED

Sun August 16

8:00am Holy Communion
 9:15am Sunday Forum ~
 Gideon's guest speaker
 10:30am Holy Communion

Mon August 17

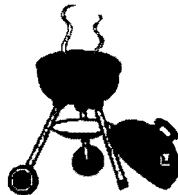
9:00am Morning Prayer
 6:30pm Council Mtg.

Tue August 18

9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed August 19

9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:30am Staff Meeting
 12:00pm Lunch N' Fellowship



Thu August 20

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

Fri August 21

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

Sun August 23

8:00am Holy Communion
 9:15am Sunday Forum
 10:30am Holy Communion
 6:00pm Teen Movie Night



Mon August 24

9:00am Morning Prayer

Tue August 25

9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed August 26

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

Thu August 27

6:31am Men's Ministry
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:30am Stephen Ministry
 4:30pm Daniel's Closet Drop Off

Fri August 28

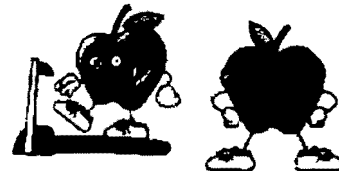
9:00am Morning Prayer

Sat August 29

9:00am Daniel's Closet Giveaway

Sun August 30

8:00am Holy Communion
 9:15am Teacher Training



Teacher Training

10:30am Holy Communion

Mon August 31

9:00am Morning Prayer