



# The Lion of St. Mark's

FEBRUARY 2016

## ***Ad Fontes = back to the sources, for Lent 2016***



*From the early centuries of the church, one of the chief aims of the season of Lent has been catechetical, that is, teaching the basics of the faith. The parts of the catechism – the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, Holy Baptism, Holy Communion, Confession and Forgiveness – are worthy of regular attention. Luther himself, the one who wrote the Small Catechism, said that he himself needed to go back to the beginning each year, and he annually preached a series of sermons on the catechism.*

*As part of our catechetical emphasis this year, our mid-week services in Lent will make use of that wonderful repository of the faith contained in six of our hymns to explore and grasp the faith once delivered to the saints in the six parts of the catechism. Hymns are of course of many types: some are straightforward statements, some are ascriptions of praise, still others are prayers. Some serve the function of teaching especially well, helping us to remember the content of the faith. We will use six of these in the following arrangement:*

- Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10, Hymn 295.....***From Depths of Woe, Confession and Forgiveness.*  
**Second Wednesday, Feb. 17, Hymn 504.....***O God, My Faithful God, Ten Commandments.*  
**Third Wednesday, Feb. 24, Hymn 166.....***All Glory Be to God on High, Creed.*  
**Fourth Wednesday, March 2, Hymn 442..***O Thou, Who Hast of Thy Pure Grace, Lord's Prayer.*  
**Fifth Wednesday, March 9, Hymn 196.....***All Who Believe and Are Baptized, Holy Baptism.*  
**Sixth Wednesday, March 16, Hymn 197...***O Living Bread from Heaven, Holy Communion.*

Our regular schedule of mid-week events is:

Ash Wednesday: Holy Communion in the chapel 12:00 PM , and in the Nave at 7:00 PM.  
On the five subsequent Wednesdays: 11:30 AM - Mid-Day Prayers in the chapel,  
12:00 Noon - Lunch, 6:15 PM - Supper, and 7:00 - Evening Prayer in the chapel.

Our regularly sung Morning Prayer continues each week-day at 9:00 AM in the chapel.  
The lessons currently are drawn from the wonderful stories of Genesis.

*Whether or not it has been a practice in your family or not, come, add yourself to as many of these times of prayer, learning, and companionship as you can. There is great personal benefit, and it is for the good of the whole congregation!*

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## Council Notes

- 1 The Congregation Council met in regular session on
- 2 January 18, 2016 in the Crossways Room.
- 2 The Council:
- 2 --Welcomed the return of Pastor Elkin following hip
- 3 replacement surgery.
- 3 --Received the regular reports of the Pastor, officers,
- 3 and Committees.
- 3 --Accepted the resignation of Shelby Weber from
- 3 the Council.
- 4 --Elected Phil Thomas to fill the unexpired term on
- 4 Council.
- 5 --Elected the Nominating Committee for 2016, with Dan
- 5 Zeigler as chair.
- 5 --Accepted the recommendation of the Property Com-
- 6 mittee that the bid of Weather Control for the replace-
- 6 ment of the flat roofs over the chapel, choir wing, and
- 6 narthex rest rooms be done all at the same time, at a
- 7 cost of \$86,244.--Called a special Congregation
- 7 Assembly to consider this question on Sunday,
- 7 February 21 after the 8am & 10:30am services.
- 8 --Worked further on the goal statements, and assigned
- 8 responsibilities.
- 9 --Noted that the February meeting will be on February 22.

## Staff & Officers

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## Special Congregational Assembly

*...will be held Sunday, February 22nd, 2016, after the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services to consider the question of whether to replace the flat rooves over the chapel, choir wing, and narthex rest rooms.*

*More information will follow in upcoming week's bulletins.*

## Parish Register

Faith Chest Milestone was celebrated on

January 10, 2016 with

John Edward Bower, son of

Tanya Sheets and Jonathan Bower,

&

Asher Owen Buckman, son of

Sean Buckman and Megan Tice.

# Prayer Chain



One of the things which we can do as members of the Body of Christ is to support and encourage one another by naming persons and causes in prayer. We do this every Sunday when we are together in worship, and we can do this individually at home as well. We try to have an up to date list of names in the bulletin and the Prayer of the Church, but things happen that don't fit our publication schedule.

Whenever a person or cause needs to be named in prayer, please contact Kathy Kolb at [kathykolb@kolbnetworks.net](mailto:kathykolb@kolbnetworks.net), and also the church office at [stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org](mailto:stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org). Laura in the office will take care of listing the person or cause in bulletin and elsewhere, if it is appropriate to do so. Kathy will pass the names and causes along to persons who volunteer to serve in the Prayer-Chain. Sometimes a reason for the request for prayer may be given, other times only a name – depending on what is appropriate in a given situation. Please send a note to Kathy to become a Prayer-Chain volunteer. Sometimes we can help one another with physical assistance, but every time we can help one another with prayer.

Can you spare a few moments for that?

# Lutheran Shared Ministry

LSM is Lutherans from congregations in the greater Williamsport area praying, proclaiming, caring, connecting, sharing, and serving in Christ's name. LSM presents October's School of Religion for adults (25 yrs.), leads the annual Catechetical Retreat for tweens (17 yrs.), and seeks new means of outreach and communication in order to more effectively advance the mission of Christ's church in this community.

LSM meetings are open to leaders and laypersons from our local Lutheran congregations. Their next meeting is Tuesday, March 22nd, at 6:00 p.m., in our Middle Lounge.

# Staff Office Hours

570-323-4619

Sexton: Lou DeSeau, Sun--Thurs 5:30 AM-1 PM

Parish Musician: Jungwha Kim  
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Financial Secretary: Graydon Yearick  
Mon & Wed 8-11 AM

Youth & Family: Bernadette Jones  
Tue.10-3 PM, Wed.9:20-2 PM, Sun 8-1 PM

Youth & Family: Michele Owen  
Wed, 9-2 PM, Fri.11-2 PM

Secretary: Laura Schreckengast Mon-Fri 9-1 PM

# DEADLINES...

...for submissions to:

*the*  
  
**Newsletter** - FRIDAY,  
FEBRUARY 12

*agenda for*  
**Church Council**  
  
- SUNDAY,  
FEBRUARY 14

## Thirty Years of Service Recognized!

In honor of Joyce Hershberger's thirty years of service to the Lycoming County SPCA, a medical fund has been established for the care of animals when the pet owners cannot afford urgent care.

*The **Joyce Hershberger Medical Fund** for pets has been established in an effort to make sure that no pet goes without needed medical or surgical care.*

The fund is for Lycoming County residents and has been set-up as a loan. The pet owner must repay the amount loaned. In this way, the fund will be replenished through loan repayments and donations. It is expected that assistance will be available beginning in January 2016. Work is still being done to involve area veterinarians in accepting SPCA's financial assistance as well as raising funds to finance the payments for care.

Staff as the SPCA frequently receive calls asking for veterinarian care for an ill or injured pet. Even though the SPCA has a part-time veterinarian on staff, all of her time is dedicated to the spaying and neutering and wellness exams for shelter animals. Our area veterinarians are vital to the health and well-being of animals in Lycoming County.

*If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to this fund, please make your check payable to the SPCA, with JHMF on the memo line.*



## Family Promise News



Family Promise has recently changed at St. Marks. You know that Deb Maggs and Donna Elkin have been coordinators for the past two years. Their terms are finished, but they have agreed to continue with the reorganization to include more coordinators. Added to our list is Phil Thomas, Vicki Haussmann, and Sally Bjornstad. With five coordinators we can divide the work and make it easier for everyone.

Our guests will arrive on February 7, so we are signing up volunteers now. It has been a source of pride for St. Marks that enough of our members have always come forward to fully meet the many needs of hosting up to four families.

But we can always use more volunteers. If you haven't helped yet, please consider adding your name to the schedule for the week. We would be happy to talk with you about how you could help. For instance, you could help prepare meals, bake desserts, drive the van, visit with the guests in the evening, sleep overnight in the comfortable cots we provide, do a load of laundry after the week, or help set up the rooms on Sunday morning, or tear down the set up on the Sunday they leave, which will be Valentine's Day.

*Please "have a heart" and don't wait for one of the coordinators to call you. Contact us on Sunday or anytime if you think you might like to help this year. We are looking forward to hearing from you!*

# YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

**Pasta Pranzo**  
**con**



**Divertimento**



*(The Pasta Thing  
with Musical Stuff after)*

THE YOUTH OF ST. MARK'S  
proudly present  
**A SPECIAL VALENTINE EVENT!**  
Looking for something special to do on  
Valentine's day?

Allow our youth to serve you a wonderful pasta dinner that will benefit their ongoing charity, Project Heifer.

They are accepting a free-will offering for the meal, but you **MUST** call for reservations.

**Sunday, February 14, 2016, 12:00 p.m.**

**Take-out available call 570-323-4619 for seating or orders**

## Acolytes

An acolyte training and refresher session was held on Sunday, January 17, after the second service.

Jonah Schreckengast, Owen Gair, and Amalie Robertson join our ranks of volunteers.



### FEBRUARY'S SCHEDULE:

- February 7      Jacob, Dawson, & Stefan
- February 14     Evan & Sean
- February 21     Grace & Jonah
- February 28     Dylan & Ashton

## Milestone Ministry

### Prayer Pillow:

On February 7<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate our two-year-olds with the Prayer Pillow Milestone! We feel this is a good age to begin teaching children about God and how to pray... establishing traditions that remain important and stay with them for a lifetime.

Dallas Fortin and Brennan Comerford and their families have been invited to join us for this event.



# YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY (cont.)

## Brother Heinrich's Christmas



a Christmas fable with music  
by John Rutter

*That much of Brother Heinrich's Christmas could be fact; the rest is invention - though choir directors might agree that their choir contains at least one donkey, with vocal resources just as limited as Sigismund's. No doubt it is too much to expect that, as a general rule, the angels will come to the rescue of every composer up against a tight deadline ... but, on Christmas Night, anything might be possible.*

~ J.R. Cambridge, 1985

On Christmas Eve, at the 7:00 service, a Narrator, Lou Kolb; Brother Heinrich, Nick Buckman; Sigismund (the donkey), Annika Waffenschmidt; Brother Joseph, Stefan Weber; an Abbot, Declan Jones; an Archbishop, Pr. Elkin; several Monks, Jacob Schreckengast, Owen Gair, Ben Haussmann, Stefan Weber, Sean Jensen, and Jonah Schreckengast; some Singing Angels, Anna Zeigler, Taylor Wentzel, Makensi Doeblor, Grace Schreckengast, Laura Zeigler, Sadie Wentzel, and Hannah Haussmann (also dance leader); and a few more Dancing Angels, Elizabeth Haussmann, Liam Elkin, Levi Gair, Emma Elkin, Gabriella Gregory, and Abbigail Robertson brought the legend of the writing of this lovely carol to life. Their singing was accompanied by instrumentalists Laura Schreckengast (clarinet), Sara Jones (flute), and Donna Elkin (piano and musical director). The presentation was directed and designed by Bernadette Jones.

Everyone did an excellent job and we thank them for giving so generously of their time and talent at that busy time of year.

*AUTHOR'S NOTE: According to a familiar legend, the lovely carol In dulci júbilo was first sung by a band of angels, who came down to visit the 14th-century Dominican mystic Heinrich Suso and dance with him one night when he was unhappy and in low spirits. After the angels had departed, Suso wrote down the carol so that he should never forget how beautiful it was.*

*That much of Brother Heinrich's Christmas could be fact; the rest is invention*



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

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

IT'S HERE IT'S NOW!!

(JANUARY 31 AND) FEBRUARY 7!!!

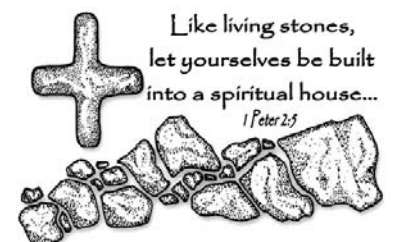
PLEASE CONTRIBUTE AT EITHER THE SACRISTY DOOR OR IN THE NARTHEX, WHERE OUR YOUTH ARE MANNING

## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Catechetical Retreat

Catechetical Retreat 2016 was held on Saturday, January 9, here at St. Mark's. About 40 folks: students along with their parents or mentors, presenters, and organizers. St. Mark's was filled with excited conversations and questions as participants passed each other having left classes on archaeology, religious life on campus, St. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and teen finances.

Prs. Shipman and Aurand, along with Tammy Aichner and Keith Wood, had a great time with those attending.

*Remember to ask our catechetical students how they enjoyed their day!*



## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY (cont.)



CHILDREN'S CHURCH next meets Sunday, February 7, at 10:30, in the chapel. Children will carry cans of soup and monetary donations this month go toward Souper Bowl Sunday.

### Calling all teens!

Teen movie night!  
Sunday, February 28, at  
6:00 PM

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



As I sit at my computer today between snow-falls I am watching all kinds of winter birds come to my feeder – I am amazed at the vari-

eties we see – chickadees, nuthatches, many kinds of woodpeckers, the ubiquitous sparrows and finches to name a few. Today maybe they know something I don't because they are coming in droves - perhaps more snow!

All of the excitement of Christmas has past but it is worth commenting on the wonderful music of Christmas we shared this year - the young people did a great job with Brother Heinrich's Christmas (those angel voices were truly lovely) the instrumentalists did an exceptional jobs and all the monks, etc. were wonderful as well!

We have so many talented young musicians – Anna and Laura Zeigler were at the White House in December for a concert. Laura also was named to district orchestra for violin and her sister Anna was second chair in viola.

The Wentzel girls received many honors recently. Sadie made the honor roll, county band, CTL one act plays, Loyalsock's Wizard of Oz musical and performed a solo at her Grandfather's memorial service. Taylor was named to the High Honor Roll, county band, district band and part of the stage crew for Loyalsock's Wizard of Oz musical. She is also a member of the Williamsport Symphony Youth Orchestra and has performed in their concerts. Congratulations to both girls for great achievements!

I hope you have all made a New Year's resolution to send me notices of the wonderful things our members do – I am delighted when I get them. Happy New Year!

*~Joyce Anne Hershberger*

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

# SOCIAL MINISTRY

## Valentine's Day Wishes



On February 7, 2016 join the Social Ministry Committee for hospitality in the Narthex after each service. While chatting with family and friends, Valentine's Day cards will be available for sending to our Special Needs folks. Please help us spread some mid-winter cheer by sending a card to someone we do not see as often as we wish.

## Meals to End Hunger



Pastor Kerry Aucker of St. John's Lutheran in Jersey Shore is once again organizing a meal packaging event. This year it will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church in early April 2016. He hopes to receive funds and volunteers to package thousands of meals of protein fortified macaroni and cheese or rice with beans to be distributed to area food banks. The Social Ministry Committee hopes to collect monetary donations for the cost of the meals, to sign up a team of volunteers to work one or two hours the day of the event and to provide food for the many volunteers that day. Look for more details about this event in the March newsletter.

## The Bazaar Room is Open!

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

Please pack your donations in small boxes to make future moving easy. For your convenience a few boxes are available in the Bazaar Room.

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

**This year's Fall Bazaar will be Saturday,  
September 10, 2016.**

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

Contact Shirley Hill or Becky Miller  
Pryor with questions.



## Daniel's Closet



Cooler weather has finally arrived. Now is the time to donate sweaters, coats, and other cold weather gear that your family is no longer wearing. Please no summer items. The greatest needs are for infant and children's clothing and plus-size clothing for men and women. Shoes and sneakers in good condition for all family members are always needed. Blankets, throws and afghans are most welcome this time of year.

**Drop-Off at Redeemer Lutheran Church will be Thursday, Feb. 25 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 will be Saturday, February 27 from 9:00 am - 11:00am.**





## SOCIAL MINISTRY continued

### Thank You from the Newberry Branch of NGA



The Newberry Branch of NGA (Needlework Guild of America) thanks the many members of St. Mark's for their donation of hats, gloves, mittens and scarves during the Christmas season. These sixty items could not have arrived at a better time. We receive weekly requests for warm clothing from our participating agencies and schools. Without the support of churches, civic and philanthropic organizations, businesses and individuals we would find it most difficult to answer the many calls we receive for new, warm clothing. In 2015 we provided new outfits, shoes and personal care items to 630 individually named people, primarily children, in the Greater Williamsport area. We also served countless others through our bulk distributions of new clothing to Daniel's Closet, the Salvation Army, Expectations/Pregnancy Care Center and Lycoming County Children and Youth.

### Ongoing Outreach

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



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



in the tub in the Narthex.

## From Pastor Elkin

*Spirit of life, of love, and peace,  
Our hearts unite, our joy increase;  
To each of us the blessing give  
In Christian fellowship to live,  
our gracious help supply. [LBW#353.3]*



*Thanks to all those who have remembered me during this period of continuing recovery following hip replacement surgery on January 4 at Lewisburg. I have been surrounded by the community of care from the professionals at the hospital and the members of the congregation. Donna and I thank you for the greetings, gifts, food, calls, visits, and of course the prayers that are encouraging me in these days. There is much for us to be doing together, and I hope to return to at least 75% speed shortly.*

*Pastor Kenneth Elkin*

## United Churches of Lycoming County

### FOOD PANTRY ITEMS CURRENTLY NEEDED:

Soups	Cake Mix & Frosting
Tuna Helper	Spaghetti & Sauce
Sugar & Flour	Macaroni & Cheese
Noodles	Pancake Mix & Syrup
Cookies	Canned Fruit & Juice
Pizza Mix	Jell-O & Pudding
Condiments	Hamburger Helper
Beef Stew	Canned Vegetables
Chicken Helper	Oodles of Noodles
Desert Mixes	Tea/Coffee/Cocoa

**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.

#### FEBRUARY:

**3rd** The Rev. Spencer Sweeting, Pastor, City Alliance Church, *“God Is Doing Amazing Things in Thailand and Across the Asian Pacific Region”*

**10th** The Rev. Doug Eberly, Pastor, Pine Street United UM Church, and The Rev. Gwen Bernstine, United Churches, *“Ash Wednesday”*

**17th** The Rev. Dr. Susan Halverstadt, Pastor, Warrensville UM Church, *“Mexico Mission Trip to Give Ye Them to Eat Project”*

**24th** Ms. Mona Rundio, United Churches Food Pantry Coordinator, *“The Gift of Receiving”*



**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!**

## Free Community Dinner

**Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
**Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 5:30 PM**  
**All are welcome!**

## Ongoing Collections



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.



## Special Concerns List

**Patricia Alexander**  
505 Center St., Apt. #61  
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1251 Rural Ave.  
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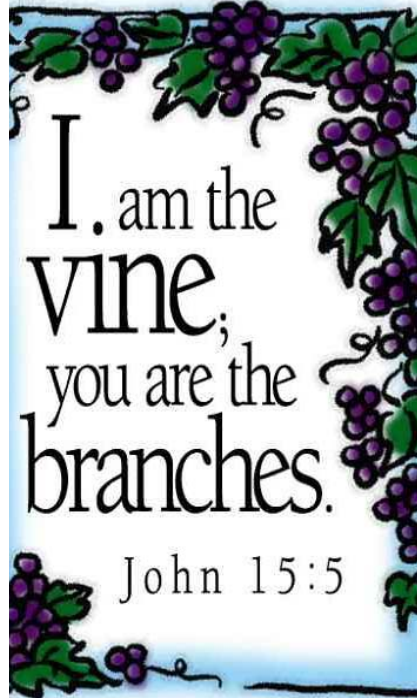
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***2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday is February 13<sup>th</sup> - MINTS!***

*Join us in the kitchen at 10 a.m. where we will be making mints!  
Many of the creations will then be sold the next day at the Youth Valentine's  
Fundraising Dinner for Project Heifer.  
Call or sign up in the office with your reservation so we have enough so we make  
certain to have enough sweet supplies!*



## Happy Birthday!

2/4 Lawrence Bair

2/8 April Biblehimer

2/8 Margie Doebler

2/8 Matthew Heaps

2/8 Paul Zimmerer

2/10 Gloria Greevy

2/10 Charlene Wright

2/13 Lisa Lewis

2/13 Emily Newcomer

2/13 Michele Owen

2/13 Elsie Sechler

2/16 Scott Kimble



2/17 Jarrett Eyer

2/17 Rick Robertson

2/17 Betty Stroup

2/19 Amanda Eyer

2/20 Tyler Stugart

2/21 Donna Elkin

2/21 Brandon Pelleschi

2/21 Evelyn Ward

2/22 Kahla Doane

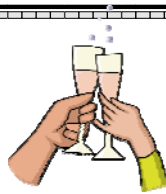
2/22 Seth Greninger

2/24 Kenneth Caster

2/27 Gary Clark

2/29 Ralph Zeigler

## Happy Anniversary!



2/4 Stanley & Susan Baker

## Christian One-Liners

- ✧ *Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.*
- ✧ *Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited...until you try to sit in their pews.*
- ✧ *People are funny; they want the front of the bus, middle of the road, and back of the church.*
- ✧ *Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on the front door forever.*
- ✧ *Some minds are like concrete - thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.*
- ✧ *Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.*

*Thanks to Ray Huff for submitting these (and many more) gems!*

## St. Mark's FEBRUARY Calendar of Events

### Mon February 1, 2016

*Pastor - STS Retreat (Maryland)*

9:00am Morning Prayer

7:00pm Civic Chorus

7:30pm Bell Choir

### Tue February 2, 2016

8:00am City Pastors

9:00am Morning Prayer

9:30am VBS Planning Session

### Wed February 3, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

9:20am Staff Meeting & Quilting

1:15pm Pericope Study

6:30pm Property Committee

### Thu February 4, 2016

6:31am Men's Ministry

9:00am Morning Prayer

7:00pm Choir

### Fri February 5, 2016

*(snowday Pastor STS Retreat)*

9:00am Morning Prayer

### Sun February 7, 2016 - Transfiguration

*Prayer Pillow Milestone*

*Souper Bowl*

*Family Promise hosting*

8:00am Holy Communion

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am Holy Communion

12:00pm Nominating Committee

12:00pm The Way

2:00pm Civic Chorus Board

### Mon February 8, 2016

*(Family Promise)*

9:00am Morning Prayer

(Mon Feb. 8, continued)

10:30am Christian Ed. Committee

7:00pm Civic Chorus

7:30pm Bell Choir

### Tue February 9, 2016

*(Family Promise)*

9:00am Morning Prayer

### Wed February 10, 2016

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

*(Family Promise)*

9:00am Morning Prayer

9:20am Staff Meeting & Quilting

12:00pm Holy Communion/Chapel

7:00pm Holy Communion in Nave

### Thu February 11, 2016

*(Family Promise)*

6:31am Men's Ministry

9:00am Morning Prayer

5:30pm Redeemer Community Meal

7:00pm Choir

### Fri February 12, 2016

***Lion Article Deadline***

*(Family Promise)*

9:00am Morning Prayer

### Sat February 13, 2016

*(Family Promise)*

10:00am 2nd Saturday - Mints

### Sun February 14, 2016 - Lent 1

*(Family Promise)*

8:00am Holy Communion

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am Holy Communion

10:30am Children's Church

12:00pm The Way

## FEBRUARY Calendar of Events continued

### Mon February 15, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer  
6:00pm Civic Chorus Board  
7:00pm Civic Chorus

### Tue February 16, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

### Wed February 17, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer  
9:20am Staff Meeting & Quilting  
11:30am Mid-Day Lenten Prayer  
12:00pm Lenten Lunch  
1:15pm Pericope Study  
6:15pm Lenten Evening Meal  
7:00pm Evening Lenten Study

### Thu February 18, 2016

6:31am Men's Ministry  
9:00am Morning Prayer  
7:00pm Choir

### Fri February 19, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

### Sun February 21, 2016 - Lent 2

8:00am Holy Communion  
9:15am Sunday School  
10:30am Holy Communion  
11:30am Special Congregational Assembly  
12:00pm The Way  
6:00pm Confirmands Mtg./Meal

### Mon February 22, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer  
6:30pm Council Meeting  
7:00pm Civic Chorus

### Tue February 23, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer  
7:00pm Mutual Ministry

### Wed February 24, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer  
9:20am Staff Meeting & Quilting  
11:30am Mid-Day Lenten Prayer  
12:00pm Lenten Lunch  
1:15pm Pericope Study  
6:15pm Lenten Evening Meal  
7:00pm Evening Lenten Study

### Thu February 25, 2016

6:31am Men's Ministry  
9:00am Morning Prayer  
9:30am Stephen Ministry  
4:00pm Daniel's Closet Drop-Off  
7:00pm Choir

### Fri February 26, 2016

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

### Sat February 27, 2016

9:00am Daniel's Closet Clothing Giveaway

### Sun February 28, 2016 - Lent 3

8:00am Holy Communion  
9:15am Sunday School  
10:30am Holy Communion  
12:00pm The Way  
6:00pm Teen Movie Night

### Mon February 29, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer  
7:00pm Civic Chorus  
7:30pm Bell Choir

