



The Lion of St. Mark's

APRIL 2016

PASTOR TO ASSIST NEIGHBORS



Dear Members of the Council and Congregation:

A pastor is not only pastor of a congregation, but also of the whole church. As such, a pastor may be called upon from time to time to serve in capacities beyond the congregation. In the past I served as Dean of the North Branch Conference for several terms, on the Inter-synodical Catechumenate Task-Force, the Inter-synodical Professional Preparation Committee, the Synod's Worship and Music Committee, several times as a congregational interim pastor, and other responsibilities.

Recently, Bishop Driesen asked me to serve as Interim Pastor for Redeemer Church, our neighbors to the east, since Pastor Rossi has resigned and is moving with her family to the Philadelphia area where her husband has secured better employment. She concludes her service in Williamsport on Easter Sunday, so my assistance in that congregation begins on March 28. I met with Redeemer's Church Council and the Conference Dean on Friday, March 11, and we drew up the agreement. My responsibilities will include meeting with the Council, handling emergency calls, hospital and shut-in visits, and encouraging the continuation of their ministries.

All of this is in addition to our regular and ongoing ministries here at St. Mark's. Yes, I will be even busier, but this is something which we need to do to assist our neighbors as they search for the next direction for their ministry. The need for the gospel continues even when a pastor departs! Let's remember them in prayer, even as they will need to be praying for us as well.

Your Pastor in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Kenneth Elkin, STS.

It Is STILL Easter!

We often put "It is still Easter" on the signboard sometime during the Easter season. The general public has a hard time with the idea. The Monday after the first Sunday of Easter, all the chocolate bunnies go on sale. It is all over, as far as the stores are concerned. But in the church we have seven weeks to enjoy the news of the resurrection and to revel in the Scripture's stories about those beginning days of the church. As the weeks move along, we have lots of activities to celebrate the new life in Christ Jesus.

- Most of all, worship together Sunday after Sunday, and Morning Prayer each weekday as well, means to transform us.
- The opportunities for study continues for all ages, presenting the old, old story that is ever new.
- The Williamsport Chamber Choir and Orchestra present a concert in our nave on April 8 in which two new compositions will be featured.
- We say thank you to our youth with a new event, a dinner in their honor on April 10.
- We'll join in a meal-packaging event at Messiah Church on April 1, where the group will organize thousands of meals in 2 hours.
- We'll be doing a "Spring Sing" with our shut-ins on May 15. and...and....

...new life, new events, fresh energy this Easter season at St. Mark's!



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Lunch 'n Fellowship Returns!

While we are missing the weekly Lenten Luncheons, we look forward to the return of our monthly Lunch 'n Fellowship gatherings, held at noon on the third Wednesday of each month.

Be looking in the bulletin for information about this month's event, which will be held on April 20th in Fellowship Hall.

We hope you can join us!

Council Notes

[Council will not be meeting until after this Lion is in print. Look for information in next month's report]

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

After an interval of 15+ years, the Council has re-established a Christian Education committee. It is under the leadership of Vicki Haussmann. With its first meeting in February, new ideas are flowing!

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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 kathy@kolbnetworks.com, and also the church office at 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, April 24th 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
Sun.6:30-12, Mon - Wed 6:30-10:30

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

ST. Paul Scholarship

UPDATE to St. Paul Lutheran Church Scholarship: The date on the memo containing the scholarship information and availability had an incorrect due date.



Applications for the scholarship are due no later than April 15, 2015.

If you have any questions you may contact the foundation at 1-800-365-4172

DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSIONS TO:



...Tuesday,
April 12th



Church
Council

...Sunday,
April 10th

Thank You!

Dear St. Mark's,

Thank you for taking me to Philadelphia on my Confirmation trip. I liked walking around the graveyard at the Old Swedes Church and trying to find the oldest grave stone. Thank You.

I had a good time learning about boats at the Seaport Museum.

My friend Elizabeth and I really enjoyed looking at the U.S.S. Olympia.

I liked seeing the big stone sphinx from Egypt at the University of Pennsylvania Museum.

It was a beautiful day spent with Pastor and friends. Thank You.

The food at the restaurant was yummy.



Thank you again.
Love, Kindness, and
Blessings to You.
Be Well,
Gabriella Gregory

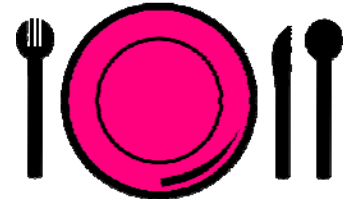
Thank You!

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Thursday, April 8,
2016 at 5:30 P.M.

All are welcome!



American Heroes



We have many "heroes" among us, with stories that deserve to be shared. One individual was Kay Poliska's father, Luther Schoffstall, who passed away on February 20. He was one of those special individuals who escorted the "code talkers", the Navajo Indians who were instrumental in getting military information shared around the Pacific during WWII. His ship, the USS Dortch DD-670, was one of the surrounding ships protecting the USS Minnesota when the Japanese signed the surrender on Sept. 5, 1945, marking the end of WWII.

*We would love to share other stories here as well...
we'd appreciate your passing them on to us!*

Pastor's Points for Passionate Persons

It is difficult to have a conversation about most any subject these days since we as a people seem to be so deeply divided. Persons with righteous passion speak in very different directions, and want to enlist me to their cause. This makes things difficult for the pastor who needs to be pastor to all of the congregation, no matter their politics. Neither the pulpit nor the newsletter should be captive to "left," "right," or anything other than the Gospel. It is my task to proclaim the Good News of Jesus, and for you as individuals to reflect on that and to draw the political implications you think best flow from it within our flawed human systems.

What we can do is to let you know where someone may find out more



information. Two of our members with very different points of view are:

- (1) Michael Ochs (326-2513) who has been concerned about environmental matters, in particular the fracking controversy, and reminds us about the care of creation especially in April; and
- (2) Ron Arner (433-3237) who is concerned about the moral and social drift of the nation and wants to promote the National Black Robe Regiment.

If you are curious, make a phone call and I'm sure that either of them will be glad to talk in whatever detail you desire about their passion. They have websites for further exploration also.

Pastor Elkin

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



Bring a Friend
SUNDAY

Talk to your friends!
Let them know the date:
Sunday, April 24!

Share your faith, have some fun, and meet new people!

JOIN US!

On Sunday, April 24, we invite you, our youth, to invite a friend or two or three to attend church with you at the 10:30 service. Afterward, we'll have a make-your-own-pizza session in the kitchen, followed by a movie as you all eat your creations.

Please ask a couple of your friends to join you at worship and fellowship. Let's see how large a group we can get!

Acolytes

APRIL SCHEDULE:

April 3	Taylor & Sadie
April 10	Grace & Makensi
April 17	Annika & Jonah
April 24	Dylan & Ashton



Women's Dinner



Women & Children's Dinner

All females of St. Mark's and children to age 12, please join us for our Annual Women's Dinner on Wednesday, May 4, at 6:00 pm. The evening begins with a meal prepared for us by our own men here at St. Mark's. The guys will tantalize our taste buds, as they always do, with great food. 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.

Entertainment is yet to be decided, but promises, as always, to be enjoyable!

Please, be sure to have your reservations in **NO LATER THAN Friday, April 29**. We look forward to seeing you there!

Finals Week Survival Kits

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING ITEMS FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO ARE STUDYING DILIGENTLY AT SCHOOL



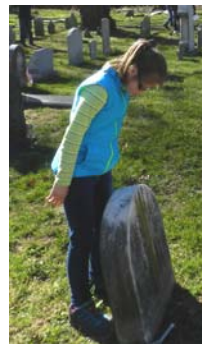
Protein bars, gum, hard candy, fruit snacks (Gushers in particular), instant soup, and single serve drink mixes are just a few ideas.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY (cont.)



This year's confirmation trip was to Philadelphia. Please follow them on their journey as they tell us what they saw:

My favorite part of this year's confirmation trip was visiting the Old Swedes' Church (the oldest church building in Pennsylvania). I liked it because it was so quiet in there. Pastor talked about the angel heads. There were pews and an organ and a stained glass window. I also liked looking at all of the names on the stones in the graveyard. ~ Elizabeth Joy Haussmann



Gloria Dei is the oldest church in Pennsylvania. It is the second oldest Swedish church in the country. The first Lutheran ordination in the US took place there. People coming to America from Sweden started the parish, which worshipped as a Swedish-Lutheran congregation until 1845, when it became an Episcopal church. It is a national historical site. I liked the models of the boats hanging from the ceiling of the church; they were replicas of the ships on which the people from Sweden came. Other things I remember are the church's organ, which was located in the balcony; how the former pastors were buried under the floor; and a plaque that told how Betsy Ross was married there. ~ Jonah Schreckengast.

The Independence Seaport Museum is a Museum located in south Philadelphia along the Delaware River. This is an important place to visit, because you can learn about ship building, the importance of the Delaware River to the area and interesting historical events that happened along the Delaware River. I liked looking at all the ship models on display and watching men and women build a real wooden ship inside the museum.



(cont.) I also, liked the gift shop because my parents bought me a t-shirt with a big boat on it. There was a section that talked about slave trade and "The Middle Passage". The Middle Passage was the name of the journey on the ocean between Africa and North America. I am studying this in school, and some of the same information on display was in my school history book. I stood on a box where slaves were sold. I talked with my parents about how terrible it would have been if I was sold away from my family. Slavery was a terrible thing. I also, wrote a notecard and put it on the display wall about what freedom meant to me. ~ Gabriella Gregory

The Cruiser Olympia is a battleship that began its service in the Spanish American War. It is best known as Commodore Dewey's ship that defeated the Spanish fleet in the Battle of Manila Bay. I liked the cannons best because big and huge and they put ammunition in them. I also saw the hammocks where they slept—I remember because one hit me on the head. ~ Owen Gair



The Submarine Becuna is a WWII submarine. It also served in the Mediterranean and the Atlantic during the Korean and Vietnam Wars and ended its career as a training submarine. I liked the torpedo room the best; it was responsible for the sinking of several Japanese ships in the Pacific. They slept in berths that were very crowded and were stacked with only about 2' clearance between them. ~ Dylan Ott

I went to the Egyptian Lower Gallery at the University of Pennsylvania Museum. Egypt was important because that's where Joseph was a slave. I liked the temple the best because it showed how they worshipped. I also liked seeing the Sphinx because I learned about it in Social Studies. – Ashton Ott



Pr. Elkin, the youth, the parents, and one mentor had a wonderful time and are grateful for being able to travel and see all these wonderful things pertaining to our faith, our church, and our history. Be sure to ask them about their travels!



YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY (cont.)



This is such a wonderful time of year – it is like the world is awakening from its winter sleep – the daffodils are up six inches, grass is beginning to get

greener and more birds are singing their morning songs!

As always, we have lots of reasons to be proud of our young people at St. Mark's. At Williamsport Area Middle School Sean Jensen was named to the high honor roll and Hannah Haussmann to the distinguished honor roll. The Wentzel twins, students at Loyalsock High School, were named to the honor roll – Taylor to the distinguished honor roll and Sadie to the honor roll.

Cindy Hartzel, proud grandmother of Gabe Nichols, shared Gabe's achievement with the Loyalsock Odyssey of the Mind. His team took first place in Berwick at the competition. The team goes on to compete at the state level. Best of luck to Gabe!

Sean Jensen, a member of the seventh grade white team at Williamsport Middle School won the comeback championship at the Montoursville basketball tournament. Sean scored fifteen points in one game and was wonderful to watch on the court!

Emily Newcomer participated in a service project in Hazzard, Kentucky over her spring break –Emily and several other students from St. Joseph's University volunteered to help build homes in a very low income area. Of the experience, Emily said she could confidently say this was one of the best weeks in her life! What a wonderful statement and a wonderful job!

I indulge myself in grandmotherly pride in two of our grandchildren and all of the other young people we are blessed to have at St. Mark's! ~ Joyce S. Hershberger

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



CHILDREN'S CHURCH next meets Sunday, April 10, 10:30, in the Chapel. The special offering is snack items for our college students' Finals Week Survival Kits. See you in the Chapel on April 10!

Calling all teens!



Movie night is cancelled because of "Bring a Friend Sunday."

See page 5 for details.

CLASS OF 2016

WHO'S GRADUATING...

...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 10**—we're waiting to hear!

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Thank You for Having a Heart

The Newberry Branch of NGA (Needlework Guild of America) extends a heartfelt thank you to the congregation of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. We greatly appreciate your participation in our "Have a Heart, Donate Smart" campaign during February and March. Your collection bin was overflowing with sweat pants, undies and socks for girls and boys. In all, 82 NEW items were donated by members of St. Mark's. It arrived just in time to help fill a request from a WASD nursing suite in need of emergency clothing. Sweat pants, socks and undies allow a child to remain in school and learning when he or she is only dirty or wet, not ill. Both NGA and the children we serve are grateful for your support.

NGA ~ Needlework Guild
of America

New Clothes

For New Tomorrows



The Bazaar Room is Open!

Are you spring housecleaning?

The Women of St. Mark's need those items that are cluttering your rooms and closets. The Bazaar Room is open for your donations of holiday decorations, housewares, toys in good condition, linens 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.

Our goal is to make a profit of \$1,500.00. With your help we can do it.

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

Questions may be directed to Shirley Hill or Becky Pryor.

Daniel's Closet



Spring has arrived and so has the need for lighter weight jackets and clothing. The greatest needs are for children's clothing, plus size clothing for men and women and shoes, sandals and sneakers for children and adults. Bedding and pillows are always needed.

April's outreach is scheduled as follows.

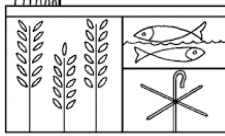
- Drop-Off at Redeemer Lutheran Church will be Thursday, April 21, 2016 from 4:30 pm – 6:00pm.
- Other times for drop off may be arranged by calling Redeemer's office at 570-322-2333. Michele Owen has also offered to take any clothing brought to St. Mark's to Redeemer.

Distribution will be Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 9:00 am – 11:00am.

United Churches of Lycoming County

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS CURRENTLY NEEDED:

YOU give them
something
to eat. Mt 14:16



- *soups
- *tea
- *cereals
- *jelly
- *pastas
- *baby food
- *canned meat
- *peanut butter
- *canned fruit
- *healthy snacks
- *juice mixes

- ◆ Donation hours are: 9:30 - Noon
- ◆ Operation Hours are: Tuesday & Thursdays from 10-3

Castellano Center: 320 Park Ave.,
Williamsport, PA 570-322-1657

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.

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!



Did You Know?

1. Earth Day is Friday April 22 this year.
2. For the annual Earth and Water Stewardship Week of April 24-May 1, the theme of "We All Need Trees" is raised up the National Association of Conservation Districts.
3. The Arbor Day Foundation annually promotes Arbor Day the last Friday in April, and the nationwide Tree City USA program effort to have municipalities promote their urban tree canopy.
4. A recent ad from the Nature Conservancy notes that nature cleans our air, and that trees absorb 1/5 of carbon emissions.
5. In Pennsylvania a public/private partnership is making an effort to help restore tree cover, especially in metropolitan areas, due to an alarming trend of tree loss there.



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.

Tags are collected all year round and are donated to the Ronald McDonald House which helps with their cost of maintenance, electricity, etc. Tags 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
Williamsport, PA 17701

Edith Anderson
Rose View Center
1201 Rural Ave.
Williamsport, PA 17701

Jane Angle
Rose View Court, Room 206
1251 Rural Ave.
Williamsport, PA 17701

Dottie Bingaman
Williamsport Home, C 1004
1900 Ravine Rd.
Williamsport, PA 17701

Larry Bair
The Meadows
2160 Warrensville Rd.
Montoursville, PA 17754

Marie Byerly
Loyalsock Creek -
Rehabilitation & Nursing Home
- Room 547
1445 Sycamore Rd.
Montoursville, PA 17754

Hugh Byerly
1625 Ritchey St.
Williamsport, PA 17701

Art Decker
Williamsport Home,
1900C Ravine Rd. Apt. 1209
Williamsport, PA 17701



Larue Dieter
2150 Warrensville Rd., Apt. 2
Montoursville, PA 17754

Reba Jacobs
c/o Holly Carlson
524 Locust Dr.
Danville, PA 17821

Roxanna Larson
450 Center St.
Williamsport, PA 17701

Carol McMorris
330 Forest Hills Circle
Prescott, AZ 86303

Kay Poliska
1100 Allen St.
Montoursville, PA 17754

Elizabeth Ruesskamp
Rose View Center
1201 Rural Ave.
Williamsport, PA 17701

Robert Swartz
1522 Country Club Lane
Williamsport, PA 17701

Henrietta Tyson
Valley View Nursing Ctr.
Rm. 601
2140 Warrensville Rd.
Montoursville, PA 17754

Elda Zeigler
Rose View Court
Apt. 209
1251 Rural Ave.
Williamsport, PA 17701

SECOND SATURDAY

2nd
SATURDAY

APRIL 9th! Anyone have any ideas? A special treat you found on the internet? A family recipe you'd like to share? A personal favorite something?

Is there something you'd like to learn? A Church recipe you'd like?

Call or email Bernadette if you are interested.



Happy Birthday!

4/2 Jenna Eyer
 4/2 Jon Huff
 4/2 Bernadette Jones
 4/5 Tina Harvey
 4/6 Linda Rosini
 4/7 Carol Butters
 4/7 John Goertz
 4/8 Zachary Travis
 4/9 Elda Zeigler
 4/10 Sadie Wentzel
 4/10 Taylor Wentzel
 4/11 Robert Clouser
 4/13 Geoffrey MacGill
 4/13 Michael Ochs

4/14 Ezra Buckman
 4/14 Veronica Doane
 4/14 Johnny Hind



4/15 Steven Bieber Jr.
 4/15 Jami Larson
 4/17 David Hughes
 4/17 Sara Neal
 4/18 Beverly Best

4/18 Beverly Schmitt
 4/18 Diana Zeigler
 4/19 Cynthia Hartzel
 4/20 Jeffrey Byerly
 4/20 Doris Griggs
 4/20 Karen Pelleschi
 4/21 Catherine Kneeder
 4/23 Marc Fish
 4/23 Benjamin Hausmann
 4/26 Karen Burd
 4/27 Lisa Welker
 4/28 Audrey Comerford
 4/29 Ruth Ditchfield
 4/30 Dorothy Bingaman



Happy Anniversary!



4/3 Matthew & Wanda Fortin
 4/8 Robert & Bernadette Jones
 4/08 Louis & Kathy Kolb



4/21 Theodore & Jane Larson
 4/23 Carl & Audrey Albright
 4/23 Randy & Jeannette Lukens

ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

WE HAVE IT! MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

We have the same lot as last year for the annual picnic on June 5, 2016!
 So, we will once again be celebrating
 "Down by the riverside,
 down by the riverside..."



A Letter from Jane

Dear Friends of St Mark's,

I talked to Laura Schreckengast couple of days ago and she said that lots of people has asked her if she or the church had heard anything from me so I thought I'd write this note and have her put it on the bulletin board in the hallway of Fellowship Hall so that everyone could read it.

It's been almost 2 years that I've been down here in Arkansas and sure enough, I've gotten myself involved in several organizations both at church and outside of church. I joined a Methodist church and found myself eager to sing in the choir. So with that in mind, I'm singing in the Chancel Choir as well as playing bells with the Lady Belles (one of 3 bell/chime choirs). Joined two circles (Ruth and Hanna-Elizabeth) and also am considered a member of United Methodist Church Women. Still haven't figured that one out!!!! Just assumed that as a member of 1st United Methodist Church that I would automatically be a member of the United Methodist Church Women!!!! Anyway, a very active group of women. One of the projects of the United Methodist Church Women is the Knitters and Matters group which knits prayer shawls for the elderly folks in nursing homes and also crochet mats for the homeless as well as the preschool day care centers for low income. These mats are crocheted from plastic grocery bags of all colors and sizes with a large crochet hook. They can be washed and hung up to dry. Serves a great purpose. I've not gotten to that because I don't know how to crochet. Have made about 4 prayer shawls and am now knitting infant hats. Next project is prayer squares which are neat!!!!

I also became a member of Welcome Neighbors which is the same as Welcome Wagon. This really got me out and about in the area and to some places I wouldn't have thought about visiting. All very interesting. We meet once a month for meetings, have socials and generally make new friends. We select a charitable organization to which we donate proceeds from whatever fund raiser we have. Not a large fund raiser but we have made a significant impact in the organizations to which we donate. Another way to meet friends.

Aside from all that, I am the secretary for the home owners association of our community known as Broken Oaks Garden Townhouses Community. Spent last fall sprucing up the entrance to the area with doing some shrub trimming, painting of the sign for our community and just general care. Most of the units are owned with a couple units that the owners rent. They are really very nice.

Now then, the family; Alice and Matt have been extremely busy with their respective positions and I have been able to give them a hand wherever I'm needed. I take Kline to school each morning while Alice takes Micah and Madeline to their school. After school, I pick up all 3 and deliver them to home or to whatever extracurricular places they need to be. That usually entails 3 different places on certain days. Since Ft. Smith is double the size of Williamsport plus, I've learned my around the town. I only have to use my GPS for new places but otherwise I know where I'm going. The hardest part of this was learning which was north, south, east, or west. I got confused more than once.

Think that about covers it all for now. Anxiously waiting for summer to set up my patio and enjoy my fenced in back yard. Still doing my own yard work (small yard) and enjoying. No snow to shovel!!!!!!

I keep up to date with the Newsletter that I receive each month for which I thank you. It means a lot to me to keep up with the goings on at my church.

Love to you all, *Jane*

You may write to Jane at:

9120 Broken Oaks, Ft. Smith AR 72908



St. Mark's APRIL Calendar of Events



Fri April 1, 2016
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 5:00pm Food packing event-Messiah

Sun April 3, 2016
Easter 2

8:00am Holy Communion
 9:15am Sunday School
 10:30am Holy Communion
 12:15pm The Way
 Afternoon Movie Event (time TBA)

Mon April 4, 2016

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

Tue April 5, 2016

8:00am City Pastors
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:30am VBS meeting
 6:30pm Personnel Committee

Wed April 6, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:20am Staff Meeting & Quilting
 11:45am Bible Study
 1:15pm Pericope Study
 7:00pm WCCO Rehearsal in Nave

Thu April 7, 2016

6:31am Men's Ministry
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 6:30pm Girl Scout Meeting
 7:00pm Choir
 7:00pm WCCO Dress Rehearsal

Fri April 8, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer
 7:30pm WCCO Concert in Nave

Sat April 9, 2016

10:00am 2nd Saturday

Sun April 10, 2016

Easter 3

Council Reports Due

8:00am Holy Communion
 9:15am Sunday School
 10:30am Holy Communion
 10:30am Children's Church
 12:15pm The Way
 6:00pm Youth/Young Adult Dinner

Mon April 11, 2016

Pastor departs to STS Retreat
 In Danville
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 7:00pm Civic Chorus
 7:30pm Bell Choir

Tue April 12, 2016

Lion Articles Due

9:00am Morning Prayer
 7:30pm Repasz Band Concert at CAC
 Pastor returns from STS Retreat

Wed April 13, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:20am Staff Meeting
 & Quilting
 11:45am Bible Study
 1:15pm Pericope Study



APRIL Calendar of Events continued

Thu April 14, 2016

6:31am Men's Ministry
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 5:30pm Redeemer Community Meal
 6:30pm Girl Scout Meeting
 7:00pm Choir

Fri April 15, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

Sun April 17, 2016

Easter 4

8:00am Holy Communion
 9:15am Sunday School
 10:30am Holy Communion
 12:15pm The Way Final Meeting
 6:00pm Confirmands Mtg./Meal

Mon April 18, 2016

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

Tue April 19, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed April 20, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:20am Staff Meeting & Quilting
 11:45am Bible Study
 12:00pm Lunch N' Fellowship
 1:15pm Pericope Study
 6:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

Thu April 21, 2016

6:31am Men's Ministry
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 6:30pm Girl Scout
 Meeting
 7:00pm Choir



Fri April 22, 2016

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

Sat April 23, 2016

9:00am Daniel's Closet
 Clothing Giveaway



Sun April 24, 2016

Easter 5

8:00am Holy Communion
 9:15am Sunday School
 10:30am Holy Communion
 3:00pm Civic Chorus Concert at
 Williamsport HS
 6:00pm Teen Movie Night

Mon April 25, 2016

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

Tue April 26, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer
 7:00pm Music Club Event
 7:00pm Mutual Ministry Committee

Wed April 27, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:20am Staff Meeting & Quilting
 11:45am Bible Study
 1:15pm Pericope Study

Thu April 28, 2016

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

Fri April 29, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer