



The Lion of St. Mark's

MAY 2016

Anniversary Celebration



What an interesting way to celebrate an anniversary! Nineteen of St. Mark's youth and young adults gathered on Sunday evening, April 10, at the invitation of Pastor Elkin, to help him celebrate twenty years of service at St. Mark's. It was a chance to thank the youth for all of their diligent work together with the Pastor across the years. The youth serve at worship, serve at table, and serve in many other age-appropriate activities in the

parish. They responded positively to this opportunity to enjoy one of our famous food-related events without having to lift a dish or fetch a plate.

We began with appetizers in the conversation area, with fruit salsa and tortilla chips, borekas (a small cheese-filled puff pastry popular with kids in Israel), and candied bacon. Then the group moved to the tables and were served a cold mango fruit soup with cinnamon straws. The main course was turkey-filled ravioli in a sage cream sauce with red pepper and yellow pepper garnish sauces. Also offered were green bean bundles and tangzhong-style Japanese milk rolls. The dessert was a very dramatic production of flaming bananas Foster or cherries jubilee served over ice cream in a deep-fried crepe painted with chocolate. The kitchen staff was headed by Ed Barone, who organized the meal with our folks who have participated in the Iron Chef competition over the past seven years: Bernadette Jones, Ruth Rees, Todd Smith, Gary Weber, Kathy Eshelman, and the Pastor. Lou DeSeau and Michele Owen did yeoman work with dishes and cleanup.

Since our youth have often presented something musical at events, we thought it was only fair that the adults present something musical for the youth at this event. Donna Zierdt Elkin and Ken Schreckengast, horns; Laura Schreckengast and Karen Boone, clarinets; and Pastor Elkin, bassoon played two selections familiar to instrumentalists in the audience. And then Deb Buckman, Nick Buckman, Karen Boone, Laura Schreckengast, Donna Zierdt Elkin and Pastor Elkin sang the famous and humorous "Banquet Fugue" by the English composer John Rutter. We closed with everyone joining in "Happy Birthday" for Taylor and Sadie Wentzel.

*What an evening!
Thanks to all who
made it possible,
and to the youth
who gave us the
reason.*



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Council Notes

The Congregation Council met on March 21, 2016.

- Received the reports of the pastor, officers, and committees.
- Planned to help serve at the Seder meal.
- Moved to accept the gift of a replacement tree for the Courtyard from the Burkholder family in memory of Jack.
- Approved the re-insulation of the air conditioning lines for Fellowship Hall.

The Congregation Council met on April 18, 2016

- Moved to receive Richard and Kristin Applegate into membership by Affirmation of Faith on April 24, and to welcome Max Applegate by Holy Baptism on that same day.
- Approved a proposal to hold a joint meeting with the Council from Redeemer Church on May 19.
- Approved the use of the loose offering on May 8 for the youth project involving Heifer International.
- Approved participation in the Sun-Gazette church directory.
- Noted that Pastor Palmer, missionary to Liberia, will be at Luncheon Fellowship on June 15.

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Parish Register

Baptism

Max Applegate.....April 24, 2016

Received by Affirmation of Faith

Richard Applegate.....April 24, 2016

Kristin Applegate.....April 24, 2016

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, May 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

Annual Congregational Assembly

The Congregational Assembly will be held on Sunday, May 15th, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.



The Annual Report booklets will be available on Sunday, May 1st in the narthex.

DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSIONS TO:



**Church Council ...Tuesday
May 10th**



**..Thursday,
Newsletter May 12th**

Thank You!

The family of Ray Huff would like to thank all those whose prayers, cards and visits helped him through his surgery, recovery, and rehabilitation. Thanks to the pastor for his visitations and news of St. Mark's.

It's great to be home.

Ray



We want to thank everyone for the get well wishes and cards I have received since my heart attack in December. As you all know, I am still having problems, but hope to get this under control soon. Thank you all again.

*Yours in Christ,
Donna Clark*



What a surprise! Folks managed to keep quiet the plans for the Milestone event celebrating our 20 years in ministry together, and I knew nothing of it until it was announced at the end of worship on April 17. What a wonderful and gracious thing, to share laughter, conversation, and lots of good food with so many persons who came to Fellowship Hall for the event. I don't even know whom I should thank for this; I'm certain there were many! Thank you all! There were also a number of lovely cards.

Pastor Elkin



Thank You!

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Thursday, May 12,
2016 at 5:30 P.M.

All are welcome!



Lunches for Habitat for Humanity

Can you Help?

The Outreach Committee will be scheduling dates for Saturday lunches to be served, starting in June, at the current Habitat for Humanity build on Memorial Avenue in Williamsport. We are in need of volunteers, food items and monetary donations to offset items not donated. Speak with Becky Miller Pryor if you wish to donate a food item or assist on-site. Checks may be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line designating Habitat luncheons.

40,000 + Meals to End Hunger!

April 1, 2016 at Messiah Lutheran Church was the latest meal packaging event in Lycoming County in which folks from St. Mark's have participated. Fifteen members donned gloves and hairnets to measure, pour, weigh and seal thousands of meals of fortified macaroni and cheese. Other St. Mark's members donated the desserts and paper products used to serve the 270 people who attended that evening. Additionally we donated \$77.00 toward the cost of packaging the meals.

All meals remain in Lycoming County to help those who are experiencing food insecurity.

Thank you to everyone who participated or made a donation.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



We have amazing youth at St. Mark's! Do you realize all that they do? In addition to their weekly commitment during worship as acolytes, cantors, instrumentalists, assistant minister, and ushers, many of our youth show up on a monthly basis as good examples for our littles—helping with Children's Church, with Confirmation, and participating in/helping cleanup from 2nd Saturday events. Quarterly, they assist with Family Promise hosting week—with preparations or as hosts, themselves. They have their ongoing mission for Heifer International (Project Heifer) for which they hold fundraisers, preparing and serving meals for all who wish to donate. All total, they have donated over \$2500 to Project Heifer.

In addition to all of that (yes, there's more!), they participate in the CROP Walk, pack gifts for Operation Christmas Child, go caroling, help decorate the Nave for Christmas, collect for Souper Bowl Sunday, and are of major assistance with the July 4th outreach.

Then there are the meals and milestone celebrations which we couldn't do without them (for which they serve and clean up): the September congregational breakfast, Advent wreath making, Kids' Night Out, Hobby Day, Iron Chef Williamsport (that's a biggie), Seder, Breakfast with Pastor/Easter Egg Hunt (for which they also cook), Women's Dinner, and the church picnic.

And let's not forget their participation in "A Christmas Carol," the Christmas pageants, and special event small ensembles—not to mention the huge one: a one-week commitment every year for Vacation Bible School!

Now, on Mother's Day, May 8, they're at it again! Council has asked them to step up for a special **Youth Service** and those whose families didn't have plans have done so. 13 youth are participating in the 10:30 service that day, filling all the adult roles except for those of pastor and organist, as well as providing art for the bulletin.

The plate offering that day will go toward their Project Heifer fundraising effort.

There will be an extended hospitality showing our appreciation of them in Fellowship Hall after the service.

ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH PICNIC MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!



"Shall we gather by the river?"

We will once again be celebrating the annual picnic on June 5, 2016!

Please join us for a relaxing afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship at pavilion #3, on the banks of the Susquehanna in Montoursville.

As always, there is plenty of good food for all to enjoy. You name it, someone brings it! Reach out to members you haven't seen lately and invite them!

Activities include, fishing (BYO tackle), croquet, badminton, volleyball, wading, water games, and anything else you wish to suggest! We also have the sit and converse option! Games are also available under the pavilion in case of inclement weather. Quite literally, something for everyone!

Bring a dish to share and a comfy chair ... a kind word and a pleasant smile!

We look forward to seeing you down by the Susquehanna,

1:00 p.m.

Sunday June 5 !



YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY (cont.)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ SUN. JUNE 19 · THU. JUNE 23

LA FRONTERA

WHERE JESUS MEETS US...



Once again, we are joining forces with Trinity Episcopal to more efficiently and economically reach more people. Volunteers are needed for two nights at St. Mark's for Food Service, Crafts, and Snack; and for the week as group leaders. Our youth did a great job last year with games and we hope they can help again this year. Sign-ups are in the staff hallway. Children, grandchildren, and neighbors in Pre-K through 5th grade are encouraged to attend.

Acolytes

APRIL SCHEDULE:

- May 1 Laura & Anna
- May 8 Dylan & Makensi
- May 15 Evan, Ben & Jacob
- May 22 Hannah & Grace
- May 29 Dawson & Jonah



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.

Musical entertainment is provided by the S.U.P.E.R.C.A.L.I.F.R.A.G.I.L.I.S.T.I.C.E.X.P.I.A.L.I.D.O.C.I.O.U.S. Duo!

If you haven't yet reserved, please call the office to see if we can fit you in!

Confirmation

Confirmation Class



May 15th will be our last meeting of the year. Dinner that evening is scheduled to be a cookout, with everyone contributing something to the meal. Please call or

email with ideas or what you wish to bring.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY (cont.)



MILESTONE!

On April 15 of this year, Pr. Elkin celebrated 20 years of being the shepherd of the St. Mark's church family.

Almost all of our youth have known him since they were baptized. Those who have met him later in their lives regard him as warmly as the others do. He has cared for us, taught us, led us, and been an example to us. In appreciation of all he is and all he and his wife have done, we held an extended hospitality after the 10:30 service on April 17. Over 70 attended, including Pastor's and Donna's sons, their spouses, and grandchildren. Everyone with whom we spoke thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were glad we recognized the Elkins' years of service to St. Mark's.

YOUTH LOCK-IN?

It has been a few years since we last had a lock-in for our youth: many of them have been asking for another opportunity to participate in one.

We need ideas from youth and adults for themes and activities; we would also need chaperones, male & female. Please speak to Bernadette if you are interested in organizing or participating in a lock-in for our youth.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH will not meet on May 8 because of the Youth Service in the nave. Younger children are encouraged to come and participate as they can. They'll have the opportunity to see ways they can serve in the future.

Calling all teens!



May 22nd is the day!
St. Mark's is the place!
See Bernadette if you have a particular movie you want to watch!

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

Spring Sing to Special Concern Folks



Were you one of the folks who went caroling in December? Or maybe you wanted to go caroling but the date presented a conflict? The Outreach Committee is seeking interested people to participate in the First Annual Spring Sing to our Special Concerns folks and others we do not see as often as we would like.

On Sunday, May 15, 2016, following the late service and congregational meeting, attendees will meet in Fellowship Hall for a light lunch followed by carpooling to visit, sing and deliver a small gift to folks. Please join us. A sign-up poster in is in the Narthex.

WE NEED YOUR STUFF!

Are you spring housecleaning?



Finally spring has arrived and with that comes spring housecleaning. If you are finding items you no longer need or want, the Women of St. Mark's will gladly accept them for their Fall Bazaar. Donations of holiday decorations, housewares, and toys in good condition, linens, pictures and other treasures are being accepted. Please be sure all donated items are clean, in good condition and working properly.

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.

May's outreach is scheduled as follows.

- Drop-Off at Redeemer Lutheran Church will be Thursday, May 26, 2016 from 5:00 pm – 6:00pm.
- Other times for drop off may be arranged by calling Redeemer's office at 570-322-2333. Michele Owen has also offered to take any clothing brought to St. Mark's to Redeemer.

Distribution will be Saturday, May 28, 2016 from 9:00 am – 11:00am.

United Churches of Lycoming County

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS CURRENTLY NEEDED:



*Oatmeal	Healthy Snacks	Soups
Carrots	Mixed Veggies	Ketchup
Mustard	Pickles/Relish	Mayonnaise
Canned Meats	*Jelly (grape)	Pudding
Dessert Mixes	Icings	Sauces

(* items most needed)

- ◆ 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.

May 4- **The Rev. Angeliqe Labadie-Cihanowyz**, Wesleyan Pastor, Stroudsburg, **"Stopping Human Trafficking: Simple, Easy and Intimidating Ways to Make A Difference"**

May 11- **Interfaith Panel**, Jewish, Islamic, Buddhist and Christian representatives, **"Traditions of Grief and Mourning"**

May 18- **Mr. Aaron Russell**, Director of College and Community Outreach, First United Methodist Church, Williamsport, **"Transform Lycoming County"**

May 25- **The Rev. Elizabeth Aurand**, Pastor, St. Luke Lutheran Church, Williamsport. **"Growing In The Spirit With Church Gardens"**

Family Promise Arrives on Mothers' Day

Mothers' Day, an American tradition to honor that dear one so important to our lives is celebrated on May 8 this year. On that same day our Family Promise guests arrive. Without mothers and fathers we wouldn't be here. So it is that without your help with Family Promise, many families would not be successfully rebuilding their lives from the effects of harsh times and poor decisions.

Since we last hosted, three families have established themselves outside of Family Promise, one more is excitedly about to move into their own housing before they return to us, and three new babies, triplets, have been born. Can we count on your help this time?

Donna Elkin
(donnaelkin@gmail.com)
is coordinating overnighters. Deb Maggs
(tfdjmaggs@aol.com) is scheduling meals. Sally Bjornstad
(sally.bjornstad@gmail.com) is in charge of turning our rooms into a welcoming house. Vicki Haussmann
(haussfamily1@comcast.net) is scheduling evening hosts for our house. Phil Thomas
(pmtsr@comcast.net) would welcome more volunteers to drive them between the day center to St. Mark's. Please contact any of us or the church office if you can give a bit of time during our hosting week, May 8 to 16. Honor your mother by nurturing the needy!



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,
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Williamsport, PA 17701



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1100 Allen St.
Montoursville, PA 17754

Elizabeth Ruesskamp
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Williamsport, PA 17701

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

Carl Weaver
424 Wyndham Court
Williamsport, PA 17701

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

SECOND SATURDAY



On Saturday, May 14th at 10am, we are making POP TARTS - so much better (and more fun) than those store bought ones! If you wish to attend, you may just show up or call the church or Janet Jones at (570)772-1184 to be certain we have enough supplies for all!



Happy Birthday!

5/1 Melvin Wentzel
 5/2 Jerod Barone
 5/2 Robert Clokey
 5/2 Jacob Schreckengast
 5/5 Grace Schreckengast
 5/6 Rosemary Clokey
 5/8 James Doane
 5/10 Carl Weaver
 5/12 Thomas Waffenschmidt
 5/13 Catherine Lundy
 5/13 Lori Ann Zimmerer
 5/14 Karen Boone

5/15 Jane Larson
 5/18 Stephen Boone
 5/18 Arthur Decker
 5/19 Candace Dewar
 5/19 Kenneth Schreckengast



5/19 Amy Stugart
 5/20 Michael Fillnow
 5/23 Owen Lukens
 5/24 Ryan Jensen

5/24 Dawson Owen
 5/24 Dustin Pelleschi
 5/25 Kenneth Goldy
 5/26 Jane Angle
 5/26 Norma Prato
 5/26 Jean Soars
 5/27 Audrey Albright
 5/27 Joyce Hershberger
 5/27 Kyseem Smith
 5/30 Owen Gair
 5/31 Steven Bieber III
 5/31 Randa Bieber

Happy Anniversary!

5/2 Edward & Lorraine Barone
 5/2 Hugh & Marie Byerly
 5/2 Joshua & Brittany Lynch
 5/9 James & Ernestine Doane

5/15 Galen and Pamela Davenport
 5/28 Creighton and Christina MacGill
 5/30 Michael and Pamela Jensen

Fourth of July Celebration



Last year our annual Fourth of July celebration was enjoyed by hundreds of people. It has grown to be our largest outreach to the community each year. In the weeks ahead there will be notices in the bulletin and future newsletters asking for your help. Please consider joining with us as we honor God and our country on this special day. Many hands make for light work.

It is not too early to begin collecting needed supplies. Please consider donating any of the following items. Keep watching the grocery flyers for the Buy One/Get One deals.

- * Bags of individually wrapped candy (*Smarties, Tootsie Rolls, Blow Pops, Suckers.*)
- * Fruit Snacks
- * Bags of popping corn
- * Bottled water in 8 oz. and 16 oz. sizes
- * Lemonade and Ice Tea mix
- * Trinkets / Kiddie prizes
- * Money to purchase additional supplies not donated



Donated items can be placed in the tub in the Narthex. Checks can be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line designating Fourth of July. Thank you for any help you can give. Speak to a member of the Outreach Committee for additional information.

Notes From the Pews



Two members of the St. Mark's extended family will be going to the world competition of the Odyssey of the Mind to be held in Iowa in May. Donna Clark's granddaughter, Mia, and Cindy Hartzel's grandson, Gabe, competed in Pittsburgh and will be going on to the world competition – great work!

Andrea Gregory, a fifth grader at Liberty Elementary School was named to the high honor roll. Parents Andrea Doebler and Tracy Gregory are very proud of her.

Lots of times we talk about the abilities of our youth in the field of music and today I am celebrating the musical gifts of some of our more mature members. The Williamsport Chamber Choir and Orchestra had their concert at St. Mark's recently – the beautiful music was enhanced by our very own Pastor and Donna.

The Repasz Band concert featured several St. Mark's members on its roster – Nancy Moff, Laura Schreckengast and Donna Elkin added their talents to the wonderful band music.

The final concert of the Civic Chorus will include Nick and Deb Buckman as part of the group.

Several members entertained the youth of the church at its special dinner – Laura Schreckengast, Nick and Deb Buckman, Karen Boone and Pastor and Donna. Pastor displayed

his hitherto hidden talent on the bassoon – I think St. Mark's could have its own orchestra!

Lately I have been reminded of the long service of some of our members in the various choirs of the church. Shirley Vognet and Gladys Knauss joined the Carol Choir at the age of eight. Shirley remarked that shortly after she joined, she contracted measles and so had to miss for a time. Deb Buckman joined after the birth of her son and has served thirty-seven years. I was also a member of the Carol Choir, Children's Choir, Girls Choir and Senior Choir – I am going to leave it to the reader to compute how long these various members sang but it was many decades!

One very long time member of the Senior Choir, Carl Weaver, was forced to resign because of his health problems. He joined the choir at the Brick Church right after his marriage to Lucille and later was part of St. Mark's choir for as long as he was able. We miss Carl and his wonderful tenor voice and thank him for his dedicated service!

One last thanks to Laura Schreckengast who made setting up the summer schedule easy by her preliminary work – what a treasure she is to us!

Blessings,

Joyce S. Hershberger

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

(570)322-0410.

St. Mark's MAY Calendar of Events

Sun May 1, 2016 - Easter 6

8:00am Holy Communion
9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Holy
Communion
12:00pm The Way
3:00pm West Branch Conference Assembly
at St. John, Jersey Shore



Mon May 2, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer
11:00am Little Lambs Liaison
11:45pm Staff Luncheon
7:30pm Bell Choir

Tue May 3, 2016

8:00am City Pastors
9:00am Morning Prayer
9:30am VBS Meeting
6:30pm Stephen Ministry

Wed May 4, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer
9:20am Staff Meeting & Quilting
11:45am Bible Study
1:15pm Pericope Study
5:30pm Women's Dinner

Thu May 5, 2016

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

Fri May 6, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

Sun May 8, 2016 - Easter 7

Mother's Day FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING

8:00am Holy Communion
9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Youth Service

Mon May 9, 2016

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING

9:00am Morning Prayer
6:30pm Property Committee
7:30 Bell Choir

Tue May 10, 2016

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING

9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed May 11, 2016

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING

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

Thu May 12, 2016

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING

Lion Article Deadline

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

Fri May 13, 2016

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING

9:00am Morning Prayer

Sat May 14, 2016

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING

10:00am 2nd Saturday



MAY Calendar of Events continued

Sun May 15, 2016 - Pentecost

8:00am Holy Communion
 9:15am Sunday School
 10:30am Holy Communion
11:30am Congregational Annual Assembly
 12:00pm Spring Sing
 6:00pm Confirmands Mtg./Meal

Mon May 16, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer
 6:30pm Council Meeting

Tue May 17, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed May 18, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:20am Staff Meeting & Quilting
 12:00pm Lunch N' Fellowship

Thu May 19, 2016

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

Fri May 20, 2016

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

Sun May 22, 2016 - Holy Trinity

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

Mon May 23, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

Tue May 24, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer
 6:00pm LSM

Wed May 25, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:20am Staff Meeting & Quilting
 11:45am Bible Study

Thu May 26, 2016

6:31am Men's Ministry
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:30am Stephen Ministry
 5:00pm Daniel's Closet Drop Off

Fri May 27, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

Sat May 28, 2016

9:00am Daniel's Closet Clothing Giveaway

Sun May 29, 2016 - Pentecost 2

8:00am Holy Communion
 9:15am Summer forum
 10:30am Holy Communion

Mon May 30, 2016

Memorial Day - Office Closed

Tue May 31, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

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