



The Lion of St. Mark's

JULY 2016



Busy Days at Synod

The 29th annual Assembly of the Upper Susquehanna Synod took place at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, on June 18-19, 2016. The major business of the Assembly was the election of the third bishop of the Synod.

The process of election has five ballots. The first is a nominating ballot, which resulted in a long list of persons, many with only a few votes. Many of those petitioned to remove their names from the second ballot. The top seven persons went on to the third ballot, and the top three of that group went on to the fourth ballot. At that point the top two persons were exactly tied, and so the fifth and final ballot was left to the twenty persons who had voted for the third candidate to decide which of the two for whom they were going to vote! The result remained very close; if a half-dozen persons had voted differently, that would have been enough to change the outcome! But as it happened, Pastor BJ Collins, who currently serves as the assistant to Bishop Driesen, was elected. Her six-year term begins in September. [Perhaps some will

remember that Bishop Driesen was elected by a one-vote margin in his first election.]

The other usual business of the synod was also handled: there were two ordinations, pastors who had died were remembered, 25 to 55 year anniversaries of service of pastors were celebrated, a budget was adopted, reports from all of the synod-related entities were received, Holy Communion was celebrated, and more.

Pastor Elkin attended, together with Gary Weber and Ray Huff as the representatives of the congregation. They chatted with and sat with the representatives from Redeemer Church during one of the plenary sessions. Anyone who would like to look at the Bulletin of Reports to the Assembly can inquire at the Church Office, and the materials will be gladly supplied.

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Parish Register

Blessing of the Keys Milestone was celebrated with Stefan Weber, son of Gary and Shelby Weber and Jacob Schreckengast, son of Ken and Laura Schreckengast on Sunday, June 19.

Pastor Elkin officiated at the funeral for Gary Rinehart on May 27 at the Spitler Funeral Home with burial in Montoursville Cemetery. Mr. Rinehart was a member of Redeemer Church.

Council Notes

The Congregation Council The Council is meeting a week later this month due to Vacation Bible School, and thus a report will be printed next month.

More about the Blessing of the Keys Milestone:

On Sunday, June 19 a Luther Rose medallion keyring was presented to the two new drivers, Stefan Weber and Jacob Schreckengast. Another part of the event was each driver giving one of the toys or mementos from childhood as a sign of growing maturity. Stefan gave a large blue stuffed sea horse, which comforted him as a toddler when he momentarily wandered away from his parents at a Myrtle Beach toy store. Jacob gave a fire engine as an indication of his early and continuing interest in fire and medical rescue services. The mementos will be given to young children with a note about their stories.

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Celebrate With Us!



Bring a friend and a lawn chair for our annual front lawn celebration this July 4, 2016.

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

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

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

It would be helpful to have all donated items at the church by Friday, July 1st!

- ◆ Small pieces of candy (Tootsie Rolls, Suckers, Smarties)
- ◆ Bottled water (8 or 16 oz.)
- ◆ Individually bagged snacks (pretzels, fruit snacks, chips)
- ◆ Bags of popping corn (not microwave!)
- ◆ Lemonade and Iced Tea mixes
- ◆ Money to offset the cost of ice, trinkets, hotdogs and rolls.

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

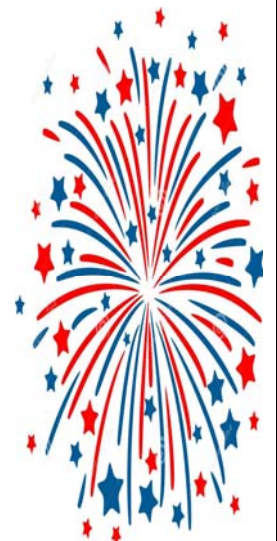
But the biggest need is YOU!!!!

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

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

Speak with or call Becky Miller-Pryor

@ 570-971-4585 ASAP to serve.



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 also 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.



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.



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.

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.

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.

A Very Different Ordination



On Saturday, June 18, Pastor Elkin was invited to attend the ordination of a long-time friend, Pr. David Smith, as an Orthodox priest. The service took place in the new little chapel that the mission congregation has built in Beavertown, west of Selinsgrove. The chapel would fit inside our chancel with room to spare, but it was crowded with more than 60 persons who stood for the entire 2 ½ hour service. [There are seldom pews in an Orthodox church.] Their Bishop came from Pittsburgh for the service, and he was assisted by two deacons from State College and three priests, including Fr. Kovolak of Williamsport, and 5 servers. There are no organs in Orthodox churches, but a choir from the parish in State College led much singing. There is nothing trendy about their worship;

the service has stayed basically the same (except for being in English rather than Greek) since the 4th century.

It is our custom in worship to try to say something once and say it well; the Orthodox feel much less time-pressured than we do, and may say or sing something multiple times. For example, Pr. Elkin reports that there were at least five different Litanies (responsive prayers) in the course of the service, whereas we western Christians think that one Litany in a service is sufficient.

After being out of touch for a while, Pr. Elkin looks forward to being in contact with Fr. Smith, and hopes to explore the reasons for some of the very different worship customs in which he now participates.

Meanwhile, Down the Street...

As part of his service as Interim Pastor at Redeemer Church on Washington Blvd., Pr. Elkin is leading worship at Redeemer for 10 Sundays this summer. After the service at St. Mark's is concluded, he jumps in the car and is off to Redeemer. This gives them some continuity during these summer months; in the fall they will return to using a variety of Authorized Lay Worship leaders on most Sundays.

Pastor Elkin hosted a dinner at St. Mark's for the Councils of both St. Mark's and Redeemer on June 2.

It was an opportunity for the members to meet each other and get acquainted. It was facilitated by the St. Mark's members moving to a different table for each course of the meal so as to be able to greet everyone present. Thanks to Bernadette Jones who assisted Pastor as chef, Donna Zierdt Elkin and Sara Jones who helped to serve the meal, and Lou DeSeau who helped to clean up.



Upcoming Concert

Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 3 p.m.
St. Mark's Lutheran Church

JOINT RECITAL

Dr. Youngsuck Kim ~ Tenor, Karen Boone ~ Clarinet,
Jungwha Kim ~ Organ

*Bach Cantatas for Tenor, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and Vierne
Refreshments will follow.*

Prayer Chain



When 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.

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.

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

Youth Exchange and Study Program

Peace-making is hard and often uncomfortable work. We often despair of being able to do anything that will make a difference. Perhaps Y.E.S. is something that a family could consider, something that might make a profound difference in a number of persons. The Youth Exchange and Study program was established by Congress in 2002 to provide scholarships for students from countries with significant Muslim populations. Through this person-to-person exchange, Y.E.S. Students can learn about American society and values, acquire leadership skills, and help us to learn about their home countries and cultures. Is your home the right spot to engage this adventure?

Arthur Erickson, a young adult member of St. Michael's Church, would be delighted to explain the program in detail. Contact him at arthurerickson89@gmail.com, or 570.692.1998. Flyers are posted in the office hallway bulletin board.

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.

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, July 26th at 6:00 p.m., in our Middle Lounge.

DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSIONS TO:



**Church Council ...SUNDAY
July 10th**



**NewsletterTUESDAY,
July 12th**

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



“LA FRONTERA: Where Jesus Meets Us” VBS was a great success!

Working with Trinity Episcopal and sharing our resources, talents, and facilities once again proved beneficial to all involved.

20+ children attended the program; learning about the woman at the well, the good Samaritan, and finding Jesus wherever they are...all the while building new relationships with adults and older youth.

Ryan and Stacy, the counselors from Camp Mount Luther, did a great job leading the music and Bible studies, and opening and closing the program each night. It was a blessing to have them with us.

12 of our youth assisted all week, taking charge of games and helping with crafts and with the group leaders. They were: Stefan Weber, Jonah Schreckengast, Sean Jensen, Evan Barone, Hannah Haussmann, Dawson Owen, Owen Gair, Taylor Wentzel, Grace Schreckengast, and Sadie Wentzel. A special thanks goes to Taylor, Jonah, Grace, and Sadie, who helped paint and set up here at St. Mark's the week before the event.

Assisting both here and at Trinity were Brenda Gair, Vicki Haussmann, Michele Owen, Pr. Elkin, Bernadette Jones, Becky Miller Pryor, Janet Jones, Bob Miller, Connie Shaible, Deb Buckman, and Lou DeSeau. Many thanks also go out to those from Trinity who helped with the program, especially Fr. Ken, Delores, Becky, Crystal, Nicole, and their secretary, Sherri.



How many times have I recalled the Jimmy Croce song “If I could put time in a bottle” – It seems to me that time passes faster and faster every year I live –I think back to September and the beginning of school and here we are as the students spend the last day of school – seems only yesterday!

We have some remarkable young persons in the congregation doing very exciting things- Devin Owen is the recipient this year (second year in a row) of the St. Paul Lutheran Church Scholarship through In-Faith Community. Devin is in his second year at Pennsylvania College of Technology in the plastics engineering program. Congratulations, Devin!

Two grandchildren of St. Mark's members went all the way to the world championship of Odyssey of the Mind held in Ames, Iowa recently. Mia Clark, granddaughter of Gary and Donna, and her team “Classics...Aesop Gone Viral” took 28th place. Gabe Nichols', grandson of Cindy Hartzel, team was 11th of 70 entrants for the program "Fin, fur and feather." Odyssey of the Mind is a very special program for young students to create, costume, make scenery and present their efforts. Good work for those students!

Gabriella A. L. Gregory, a fifth grader, was on the straight A Honor roll at Liberty Elementary School for the third marking period. Her parents, Andrea Doebler and Tracy Gregory and grandparents, Alan and Melodee Gregory and Walt and Margie Doebler are very proud!

Hannah Haussmann, daughter of Dr. Andrew and Vickie Haussmann, received one of the student arts awards given by the Williamsport Area School District. Hannah's work, along with that of other award winners was on display in the school district art gallery at the District Service Center.

– *Joyce Hershberger*

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY (cont.)

MILESTONE MINISTRY



On June 19, the **Blessing of the Keys** was celebrated at worship for Stefan Weber and Jacob Schreckengast. These young

men have stepped into a new responsibility. In recognition of that, they offered an important item from their childhood as a representation of that new maturity. These offerings have been passed on to other children to bring them joy or comfort as they journey through their lives.



70+, SINGLE AND STILL PRAISING GOD is for seniors who are widowed, divorced, or were never married. On Sunday, August 7, 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 requested mementos from an important moment in their lives and will create a display for the event. Invitations will be going out soon!



PROGRESSIONS will be celebrated on Sunday, September 25, we will recognize Jacob Schreckengast, who has just graduated from high school and are heading into the military. We also recognize his parents as they get ready for their son to take this next step in his life. We pray that God will be with them and guide them into a new, stronger relationship with each other and with Him.



Acolytes

JULY SCHEDULE:

- July 3 Dylan & Ashton
- July 10 Hannah & Grace
- July 17 Stefan & Evan
- July 24 Taylor & Laura
- July 31 Jacob & Jonah

Summer Film Series

The Summer Film Series Continues in July with the movie, **WOODLAWN**.

It will be viewed and discussed in segments on Sundays in July at 10:45, in the Crossways Room.

There is "Replay" option on Tuesdays during that month at 7:00 p.m.. This is for those who need to leave directly after Sunday worship or those who may miss a Sunday and want to catch up.



YOUTH LOCK-IN!

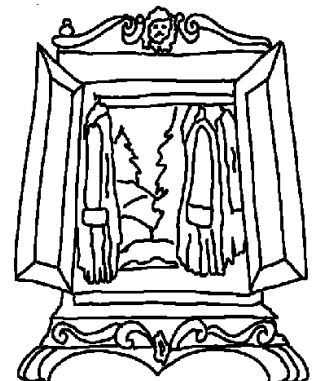
Get ready for it! August 5-6!!

The theme for this is "The Chronicles of Narnia." we will begin with supper at around 5:00 PM on Friday, August 5, and will be released at noon on Saturday, August 6.

During that time, we will watch "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe," have a Bible study related to the movie, join a scavenger hunt, and do a service project...and, of course, eat, have fun...and sleep? Maybe?

It's recommended that participating youth read C.S. Lewis' book, if they are able.

Anyone interested in assisting with organization or execution (or food donations), please email Bernadette ASAP



OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

Daniel's Closet



Summertime is here and so is the need for shorts, tops, and other lightweight clothing in good condition. Summer accessories and shoes in all sizes from infant to adult are also needed. The greatest needs are for children's clothing and shoes and sneakers for children and adults.

June's outreach is scheduled as follows:

—**Drop-Off at Redeemer Lutheran Church will be:**

Thursday, June 28, from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

(Michele Owen has graciously offered to take any clothing brought to St. Mark's to Redeemer).

—**Distribution will be:**

Saturday, July 30, from 9:00 am – 11:00am.

We STILL Need Your Stuff!



Summer is getting into full swing and with that come those summer projects of de-cluttering. 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. Please be sure all donated items are clean, in good condition and working properly. If possible pack your items in small boxes that can be moved easily.

This year's Fall Bazaar will be

Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016.

With your help will be a success.

Contact Shirley Hill or Becky Miller Pryor with any questions.

P.S. If you need help in getting your items to church, please contact the church office for pick-up on Helping Hands Day, Wednesday, July 20, 2016.

Habitat for Humanity Luncheon



Our first of two luncheons at the newest Habitat build on Memorial Avenue in Williamsport is Saturday, July 23, 2016. We are providing a picnic style lunch for 15 to 20 volunteers. Speak with or call Becky Miller Pryor (570-971-4585) if you can provide a food item or wish to serve on site.

Monetary donations are also needed to purchase hot dogs and other items needed that day. Checks may be made payable to St. Mark's and earmarked for Habitat luncheons. Thank you for any help you can give.

Free Community Supper

All Are Welcome!

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Thursday, July 14, 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.

Lunch 'n' Fellowship

Wednesday, July 20 at 12 noon

Serving Ham B.B.Q.

Come, join us, and bring a friend!

Outreach Continued

HELPING



HANDS

HELPING HANDS DAY

Our next Helping Hands day will be Wednesday, July 20th. This is for all ages to come and help.

This year we will be doing something different - we will be picking up items to be donated to our Bazaar in September. If you have items to be donated and need someone to pick them up, please contact Michele Owen at 323-4619 or email at mow-en@stmarkswilliamsport.org. Because our youth will be helping, please have all items in boxes and no larger items such as furniture. We hopefully will have enough volunteers to break into a few small groups.

Please be at the church by 8:45am so we can leave by 9am. We will return to church in time to join Lunch n Fellowship at noon. There will be a movie shown in the afternoon starting at 1pm and ending at approx. 3:00pm.

There is No Vacation from Hunger



The Outreach Committee thanks the congregation for their generous support of our summer food drive for the United Churches Food Bank. The bin is overflowing but we encourage even more donations.

Summertime is an exceptionally busy time at the Food Bank due to the increase in food needed by young families with school age children.

The volunteers at the Food Bank and the families they serve are most grateful for your donations.

Missionary Visit

Pastor Brian Palmer, our missionary to Liberia, continues to visit throughout the Upper Susquehanna Synod. More than thirty members welcomed him to St. Mark's during Lunch 'n Fellowship in June. After the luncheon Pastor Palmer spoke about life in Liberia and his work since the great Ebola outbreak. He hopes to join us for our July Fourth celebration. Please continue to pray for Pastor Palmer and the people of Liberia.



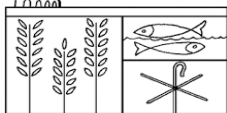
The Outreach Committee thanks the Parish Life Committee (Janet Jones, Bob Miller, Connie Shaible and Lou DeSeau) for the beautiful luncheon they prepared to welcome Pastor Palmer.

Please remember that contributions for missionary support are welcome at anytime and in any amount.

United Churches of Lycoming County

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS CURRENTLY NEEDED:

YOU give them something to eat. Mt 14:16



- *Hot Dogs (24 Oz.)
 - * Cereal
 - * Oatmeal
 - * Jelly
 - * Peanut Butter
 - Healthy Snacks
 - Canned Meats
 - Canned Vegies
 - Canned Fruits
 - Soups
 - Pasta/Sauces
 - All Condiments
- (* items most needed)

- ◆ Donation hours are: 9:30am - Noon
 - ◆ Operation Hours are: Tue. & Thurs. from 10am - 3pm
- 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.

JULY: Summer Field Trip

July 20th - After lunch at Pine Street UMC we will car pool to the Sones Farm and Home Museum, for a tour with Oliver and Mary Jane Sones, to learn more about "Life in the Early Days of Lycoming County" The fee for the museum is \$5.



DIAL - A - DEVOTION *

Have you called yet?



The number is 570-322-5762. It's available 24 hours a day. Devotions are three minutes or less, change weekdays and once on the weekend, and are designed to lift your spirits and help you to have "A Closer

Walk with God." The devotionalists this summer include:

- 6/27 - 7/3 Pat Jenkins
- 7/4 - 7/10 Rev. Ken Wagner-Pizza
- 7/18 - 7/24 Rev. Gwen Bernstine
- 7/25 - 7/31 Rev. Marwin Reeves
- 8/1 - 8/7 Pastors Jim & Kathy Behrens
- 8/8 - 8/14 Patty Gohrs
- 8/15 - 8/21 Rev. Gwen Bernstine
- 8/22 - 8/28 Michelle Lozensky
- 8/29 - 9/4 Pastor Dorothy Anderson
- 9/5 - 9/11 Pat Jenkins
- 9/12 - 9/8 Derek Smith

Listen today and tell others about this ministry!

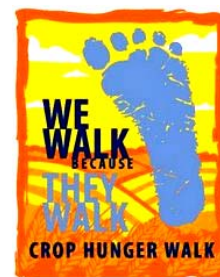
Mark these 2016 Dates

on Your Calendar:



* **Sixth Annual Golf Tournament** on Friday, September 23, at White Deer at 8:45 a.m.

* **CROP Walk** - Sunday, October 9, 1:30 p.m. along the River Walk, beginning at St. Mark's, Wmspt.



• **United Churches Assembly:** Thursday, Nov. 17 at First United Methodist Church, Muncy, 6:30 p.m. dinner meeting.



Special Concerns List

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Williamsport, PA 17701

Marie Byerly
Loyalsock Creek -
Rehabilitation & Nursing Home
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Montoursville, PA 17754

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SECOND SATURDAY

2nd
SATURDAY

On Saturday, July 9th at 10am, we will be creating
MILKSHAKES, SMOOTHIES, and other
SUMMER DRINKS!

Contact Janet Jones at (570)772-1184 or just come on
down to work in our cool kitchen!



Happy Birthday!

7/1 Gabriella Gregory
 7/2 Stanley Baker
 7/2 Kristine Wacker
 7/3 Maxwell Hospes
 7/3 Theodore Larson III
 7/4 Philip Thomas
 7/5 Kimberly Fillnow
 7/5 Dierah Williams
 7/6 Corey Hospes
 7/7 Andrea Hinds
 7/7 Gabriel Nichols
 7/8 Robert Lynn Jr.
 7/9 Hugh Byerly
 7/9 Dylan Ott
 7/10 Nicholas Buckman
 7/10 Edgar Miller III

7/11 Mary Martin
 7/12 Doris Brown
 7/12 Annika Waffenschmidt
 7/13 Levi Gair
 7/14 Declan Jones
 7/14 Nancy Larson



7/15 William Confer Jr.
 7/15 Vicki Haussmann
 7/16 Ashley Butters
 7/16 Stephanie Confer
 7/16 Michael Hieber

7/16 Kay Plankenhorn
 7/18 Brenda Bower
 7/20 Patricia Alexander
 7/21 Pamela Jensen
 7/22 Constance Shaible
 7/23 Evan Barone
 7/23 Reba Jacobs
 7/23 David Weaver
 7/23 Bryce Young
 7/24 Edward Gair
 7/25 Shirley Hill
 7/26 Gail Greninger
 7/27 Ann Kuntz
 7/29 Matthew Fortin
 7/30 Carol McMorris
 7/31 Stephen Dewar

Happy Anniversary!

7/1 Ralph & Holly Thorne
 7/3 Ray & Cynthia Huff
 7/5 Walter & Margie Doeblor
 7/5 Daryl & Elizabeth Lewis



7/6 Robert & Kristin Lynn
 7/24 Sean & Maria Elkin
 7/29 Robert & Susan Curry

Thank You



On June 13, the feast of Saint Anthony, our kitchen will be 36 years old. Because of your goodness to us and your continued generosity, we are able to do what we do for the poor. With the help of volunteers we feed them a good hot meal each day. May God bless you and Saint Anthony care for you always.

Sincerely in Christ, Sister Henry

Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for your contributions. God will surely bless you for your generosity. Without you we could not do what we are doing for the poor. I hope you know how much we need your help and how much we appreciate each and every donation.

God bless you. You are in my prayers each day. Love, Sister Henry

St. Mark's Family:

Thank you for your prayers, cards, flowers, and concerns since my spine surgery. I have appreciated each and every one. Your thoughtfulness and kindness will always be remembered.

Lou Ann Zeigler



St. Mark's JULY Calendar of Events

Friday July 1, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

Sun July 3, 2016

Pentecost 7

9:30am Holy Communion

10:30am Summer Forum



Mon July 4, 2016

*Independence Day -
Office Closed*

6:00pm Outdoor Hospitality

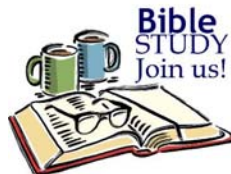
7:30pm Patriotic Music Program

Tue July 5, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

11:45am Bible Study -
NEW DAY!

7:00pm Summer Forum "Replay"



Wed July 6, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

9:20am Staff Meeting

Thu July 7, 2016

6:31am Men's Ministry

9:00am Morning Prayer

Fri July 8, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

10:30am Christian Ed Committee

Sat July 9, 2016

10:00am 2nd Saturday

Sun July 10, 2016

Pentecost 8

9:30am Holy Communion

10:30am Summer Forum

Mon July 11, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

Tue July 12, 2016

Lion Article Deadline

9:00am Morning Prayer

11:45am Bible Study - **NEW DAY!**

7:00pm Summer Forum
"Replay"



Wed July 13, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

9:20am Staff Meeting

Thu July 14, 2016

6:31am Men's Ministry

9:00am Morning Prayer

5:30pm Redeemer

Community Meal

Communi-



Fri July 15, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

Sun July 17, 2016

Pentecost 9

9:30am Holy Communion

10:30am Summer Forum

Mon July 18, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

6:30pm Council Meeting

Tue July 19, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

11:45am Bible Study - **NEW DAY!**

7:00pm Summer Forum "Replay"

July Calendar of Events continued



Wed July 20,
Helping Hands Day
 12:00pm Lunch 'n'
 Fellowship



Thu July 21, 2016

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

Fri July 22, 2016

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

Sat July 23, 2016

9:00am Daniel's Closet Clothing
 Giveaway

Sun July 24, 2016

Pentecost 10
9:30am Holy Communion
 10:30am Summer Forum
 6:00pm Teen Movie
 Night



Mon July 25, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer
 6:30pm Property Committee

Tue July 26, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer
 11:45am Bible Study -
NEW DAY!
 6:00pm LSM
 7:00pm Summer Forum "Replay"



Wed July 27, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:20am Staff Meeting
 7:00pm Mutual Ministry Committee

Thu July 28, 2016

6:31am Men's Ministry
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:30am Stephen Ministry

Fri July 29, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

Sun July 31, 2016

Pentecost 11
9:30am Holy Com-
munion
 10:30am Summer
 Forum



Survey says....



Most of the time, surveys are depressing. They tend to show that our teaching of the faith and learning about it are not working very well. In case a reader does not think that this is the case, here are a few of the results of a survey that was done in 1998 dealing with Lutheran congregations. If it were repeated today, the results would most likely be considerably worse.

— 67% of the people agreed that “most religions lead to the same God.” Christians should acknowledge that the God of Abraham, the one who raised Jesus from the dead, is the true God.

— 60% of respondents agreed that “The main purpose of the Gospel is God's right rules for living.” Luther would be disheartened that we get this wrong; the Law presents rules for living while the Gospel is God's forgiveness when we make a mess of things.

— 56% of the people agreed that “God is satisfied if the person lives the best life one can.” No, the Lord God is “satisfied” with nothing less than perfection; otherwise, Jesus' death and resurrection are robbed of their meaning.

— Only 56% agreed that “Property belongs to God, and we hold it in trust from him.” Do the rest think that there could be some ultimate source and owner other than the Lord God Almighty?

— 48% of respondents agreed that “People can be justified before God by loving others.” They miss the main point of Luther's reformation, that we are justified or made right with God by a free gift of God, not by what we do or fail to do.

Do we need to spend time teaching and learning the basics these days? Yes, very much so!

Church Ladies With Typewriters...



These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment and gracious hostility.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

Ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

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