



The Lion of St. Mark's

APRIL 2017

Schedule of Services during Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY 8:00 AM ~ HOLY COMMUNION

9:15 AM ~ SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30 AM ~ HOLY COMMUNION

10:30 AM ~ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ~ youth led

MONDAY—FRIDAY 9:00 AM ~ MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY 6:15 PM ~ SEDER MEAL ~ in Fellowship Hall

HOLY THURSDAY 12:00 PM ~ HOLY COMMUNION ~ in Chapel
7:00 pm ~ HOLY COMMUNION & FOOT WASHING

GOOD FRIDAY 12:00 PM ~ ECUMENICAL SERVICE
7:00 PM ~ TENEBRAE

HOLY SATURDAY 8:00 PM ~ GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

EASTER SUNDAY 8:00 AM ~ HOLY COMMUNION
9:15 AM ~ EASTER HOSPITALITY & EASTER EGG HUNT
10:30 AM ~ HOLY COMMUNION

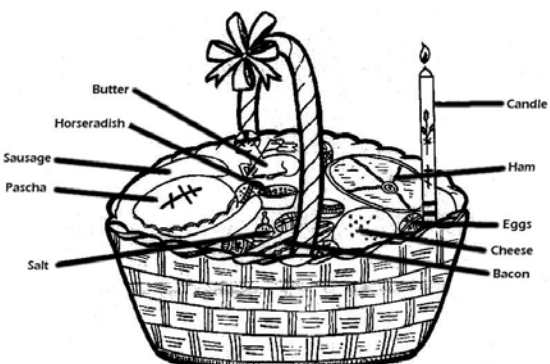


A Traditional Easter Basket

Butter is often shaped into a lamb reminding Christians that the Risen Christ is the Lamb of God. **Easter Bread**, a round or long loaf topped with a cross or a fish, is symbolic of Jesus, the Bread of Life. **Horseradish** symbolizes the bitter suffering of Christ. **Hard-boiled Eggs** or **Pisanki** indicate new life and Christ's Resurrection from the tomb.

Kielbasa (or other sausage/bacon/ham product) symbolizes of God's favor and generosity and reminds us we now live in grace rather than under law. **Salt** as necessary element in our physical life is symbolic of prosperity and justice and reminds us that people are the flavor of the earth.

Cheese indicates the moderation Christians should have at all times. A **Candle** represents Christ as the Light of the World. Included **Wine** adds the sweetness of life.



Colorful Ribbons and Sprigs of Greenery are attached to the basket as signs of joy and new life in the season of spring and in celebration of the Resurrection. A **Linen Cover** is drawn over the top of the basket when it is ready for the trip to church where it is joined with the baskets of others to await *the blessing after the Easter Vigil*. The food is then set aside and enjoyed on Easter Sunday.

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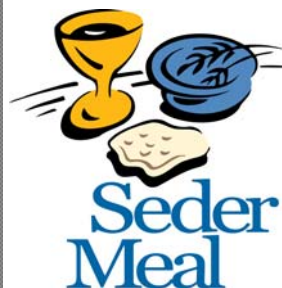
Council Notes

The congregational council met on Monday, March 13, in the Crossways Room.

- Dean Kerry Aucker spoke on the call process, and names for the call committee were discussed.
- Accepted the resignation of Wanda Fortin as church treasurer.
- The Annual Congregational meeting will be May 14, 2017.
- Council determined that Donna Elkin will not be a candidate for director of music, but is welcome to continue as interim at will until a permanent director of music is secured.
- Agreed to invite Pastor Tom Glasoe to present the third workshop in the "Healthy Congregations" series, and to continue with sessions four through six.
- Evening Prayer services will continue on Wednesdays throughout the Easter season, ending on May 31.
- The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 18.

Parish Register

The Installation Service for Pastor James West was held on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. The Bishop, Rev. Barbara J. Collins, and Conference Dean, Rev. Dr. Kerry Auker, led the service.



Our Seder Meal is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12, at 6:15 in Fellowship Hall.

Please call the office to let us know you're attending!

The council is again providing the wine pourers and we are asking our youth to step up again for food service. *If anybody is available and willing to help set the room or prepare food on Tuesday or Wednesday during the day, please call or email Bernadette. Thank you!*

COMMITTEE REPORTS DUE MON., 4/10
LION ARTICLES DUE WED., 4/12

Prayer Chain



When a person or cause needs to be named in prayer, contact Kathy Kolb at kathy@kolbnetworks.com, and the office, stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org. The office will list 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.

ARE WE REACHING YOU?

The St. Mark's Publicity Committee has begun sending regular e-mail newsletters to our members. We want to be sure that everyone receives this communication. Unfortunately, we have been hearing that some members' newsletters are being delivered to their spam folders or they are not receiving the e-mails at all. Now that won't do!

So here's what we suggest. Computers, and users, vary in the methods they use to filter spam, so the safest thing to do is to add the following addresses to your address book:

stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org,
mowen@stmarkswilliamsport.org,
lschreckengast@stmarkswilliamsport.org.

This will help ensure that our communications will bypass your spam filters.

Also, please make sure that we do indeed have a valid e-mail address for you. Members of the committee have been reaching out to those members who may not have given us their address, but if you have any doubt, please send an e-mail to any of the above addresses to update your information.

And don't forget to keep giving us your feedback! We want to be sure that our newsletter is useful and helpful for you! Contact Pam Jensen, Gary Weber, or Michele Owen with your suggestions or questions.

Staff Office Hours

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Youth & Family: Bernadette Jones

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Mon. 9:00a.m.-3p.m., Sun. 8a.m.-1p.m.

Youth & Family: Michele Owen

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YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



In times of stress, turmoil, or illness, it is comforting to know that the church family of St. Mark's is there to support you through visits, a warm meal, prayers, cards, or phone conversation.

It distresses us to know that we were not there for some of you because we were unaware of a situation. Please communicate your need to us via telephone, email, family member, or friend.

Everyone, if you are conscious of a member of our congregation being in difficulty, please, convey that information to the staff—don't assume that we know. Christ is with us always and we make his love known by sharing it with others.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Many thanks to everyone who continues to donate items for our OCC collection. Our shoeboxes are on their way to being filled with gifts for boys and girls throughout the world. Take a look at the shoebox in the narthex which is filled with our monthly donations to date ~ activity books, tissues, washcloths, soap, knit hats, sunglasses and watches are a wonderful start to creating a special Christmas memory.



In April, we are collecting **Stuffed Animals** (beanie baby size) and **Toothbrushes** (child or adult size). These items may be placed in our red, OCC bin located in the narthex. Thank you for your continuing generosity!

Youth Fundraising Dinner!

In spite of Old Man Winter trying to keep hold of us, the youths' fundraising dinner was a wonderful success. A little over 30 people were in attendance with numerous take-out dinners going home with those who were unable to stay.



The meal of salad, spaghetti, bread, and dessert was well-served and delicious. Kitchen staff and wait staff alike did an excellent job.

Also excellent were our performers of the day: Laura Z., Sadie, Grace, Taylor, and Hannah offered string, horn, and vocal music for their audience to enjoy.

A total of \$384 dollars was received toward a charity of the youths' choice.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

We would like to extend a special thank you to Ben Haussmann. He played the piano wonderfully for our accompaniment for Children's Church in March and has agreed to finish out the year with us.

Thank you, Ben!



CHILDRENS CHURCH

OUR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS WILL LEAD THE SERVICE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 10:30 This month, our offering is canned food for the Food Bank.

ACOLYTES

APRIL SCHEDULE:

- April 2 Grace & Jonah
- April 9 Stefan, Hannah, Gillian
- April 13 Sadie & Taylor
- April 14 Dawson
- April 15 Evan, Laura, Jonah
- April 16 Sean, Grace, Kensi
- April 23 Dylan & Annika
- April 30 Stefan & Owen



CONFIRMATION

MEETING THIS MONTH IS SUNDAY, APRIL 23!



YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY (cont.)



As I sit here at my computer I am yearning for Spring but the television is saying the Governor has announced a state of emergency for tomorrow – ah well, “If winter comes, can spring be far behind?” It seems it is very far behind!

As usual the news is full of good things about the young people in our church and their special musical talents- Taylor Wentzel and Gracie Schreckengast were selected for the PMEA regional band festival. Along with Sadie Wentzel, the girls performed for Governor Wolf and were special guests of Senator Gene Yaw.

Anna Zeigler performed at PMEA District Orchestra and moved on to the Regional Orchestra.

The CAC performance of Drumline featured three of our folks – again both Wentzels, Sadie and Taylor, and also Gracie Schreckengast.

Not to be outdone Jonah Schreckengast performed in the Lycoming County Honors Band and featured in a clarinet composition that was part of the program.

These young men and women are so talent-

ed – their family and their church families are very proud!

Caught a glimpse of Jim Newcomer in the Sun-Gazette as part of a Conagra Group presenting a check to the Muncy Historical Society. He was hard to miss because he was literally head and shoulders over the rest.

Young James Newcomer became a part of the polar bear group when he plunged into the Loyalsock Creek when the water measured 46 degrees! Makes me cold to think of it.

Another son of St. Mark's, Sean Jensen, is excelling at basketball and was named one of the five all-stars in a recent tournament! Congratulations to him!

Morgan Comini, son of Sharon and Eric, and a former member of our congregation, is gaining quite a record in wrestling. He recently qualified for the regional tournament and has won thirty matches in the season at Montoursville – I remember him as a very small young man and he has certainly grown up!

As always I am eager to hear from you with your news – I am always optimistic you will remember!

– *Joyce Hershberger*

St. Paul Lutheran Church Scholarship Program

InFaith Community Foundation is pleased to announce an available scholarship through the St. Paul Lutheran Church Scholarship Program.

About InFaith: This scholarship program is administered by InFaith Community Foundation, a national charity with a mission to serve donors, spread joy and change lives. Through InFaith, giving is customized to each donor's charitable interests and financial circumstances. InFaith is a proven steward of these gifts, earning consistently high ratings from Charity Navigator and GuideStar for sound fiscal management, transparency and commitment to excellence. Together with donors, InFaith now grants more than \$16 million annually to charities serving local, national and global communities. To learn more, visit InFaithFound.org.

About the Scholarship: The St. Paul Lutheran Church Scholarship Program was founded by the congregation of the former St. Paul Lutheran Church in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. St. Paul Lutheran Church, prior to its closing, established this special scholarship program to benefit Lutheran students who are graduating seniors of high school located in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. Scholarship recipients will receive an award of approximately \$500.

Online Scholarship Application: Applications are now available. Complete eligibility requirements and the new online application may be found at infaithfound.org/scholarships. Paper applications will only be available by request. All applications and necessary documents must be received by the Foundation no later than April 30, 2017. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

THIS & THAT



All females of St. Mark's and children to age 12, please join us for our Annual Women's Dinner on Wednesday, May 3, 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 in 3-D, one step up from last year!

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

Family Promise Fundraiser!

"GODSPELL!" a musical based on the Gospel of St. Matthew, will be presented at the Castellano Center on Park Avenue on Friday & Saturday, May 5 & 6, for the benefit of Family Promise of Lycoming County.

Produced by the FPLC Players and Studio 570 and under the direction of Bernadette Haas Jones, the Cast includes Dale Scrivener, Declan Jones, Jared Whitford, Caroline Pogust, Ted Kipp, Ellen Althea McCormick, Emery Fox, and Katie Mello, among others. Donna Zierdt Elkin is musical director for the production.

Carried along by such memorable tunes as *Day by Day*, *Save the People*, and *We Beseech Thee*, the show is guaranteed to entertain.

Performances will be at 7:00 PM on Friday and Saturday, with a 2:00 PM matinee on Saturday. Reservations are not necessary and a suggested donation of \$10 will be accepted at the door. If you wish to become a patron, make checks out to Family Promise of Lycoming County and put GODSPELL on the memo line.

ALL proceeds go directly to Family Promise of Lycoming County

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mark's,

Grace to you and peace.

If it weren't for deadlines, little would get done. This letter is a case in point. I am writing it a few minutes before this newsletter goes to print.

Thank God it's April (TGIA). April is sometimes called the cruelest month. Perhaps it's because of the certainty of death and taxes. I put off both death and taxes. For the Christian, it is a matter of death, resurrection (and taxes, too.)

This year, Holy Week and the beginning of the Easter season happens in the middle of April, along with the deadline of Federal, State, and local taxes, which are due to be paid not later than midnight Tuesday, April 18th.

On the other hand, the discernment process of getting ready to call a pastor is open ended.

There is no deadline, only the grace of the time God gives us to gain a sense of who St. Mark's Lutheran Church is now without Pastor Elkin.

There's some grief work to be done. That's the death part of interim ministry. Then there's the resurrection piece of what our Lord would have us do now based on where we have been. And yes, there's even a tax part. The work is taxing. There is underlying joy in this taxing labor because it is God's labor of love among us.

Pray for me, as I pray for you, always in Christ Jesus.

TGIA, Hosanna, and Amen.

The Rev. James West

AN INVITATION

The Williamsport Chapter of the American Guild of Organists April meeting will be held at St. Mark's on Saturday, April 22, at 10:00 AM.

Donna Elkin will be presenting a program on beginning organ improvisation. You are welcome to come and enjoy watching the organists creating music on the spot.

THIS & THAT, cont.

what's cooking

⇒ **Second Saturday!** We're making candy eggs for Easter! Peanut butter, coconut, and butter cream! Bring a friend! See you on April 7, 10 am!



⇒ **Lenten Meals:** continue Wednesday on April 5, we share a meal with those who come at noon and 6:15 p.m. the main dish is various soups, accompanied by whatever others choose to bring. Mid week services will be held before lunch at 11:30 and after dinner, at 7:00.



⇒ **Lunch'n'Fellowship** returns with Beef Stew! Join us on Wednesday, April 19, to share in the fun, food, & fellowship!



⇒ **Cooking Tip:** For the best carrot cake, instead of peeling and grating carrots, try using jars of baby food carrots (3rd stage for older babies). Your cake will turn out moist and delicious!



⇒ **Food Service Committee** is always looking for volunteers to assist in the kitchen, bake cakes or cookies for special events, set tables for more involved occasions, or whatever else is needed. Let Janet Jones know of your interest.



Sunday, April 23 at 6 pm
Bring a treat and join us!

Camp Mount Luther

April 23, 2016: Camp Mount Luther Spring Open House

Have you ever wanted to see Mount Luther's site and facilities? Do you miss camp and want to visit in the springtime? Are you interested in coming to camp this summer but want to get more information and see the place first?

Well, this is your chance! The Camp Mount Luther Spring Open House will be held on Sunday, April 23, 2017, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. You can ask questions, tour camp, and see what it's like to be a camper!

First time campers who are not yet registered for the summer and who attend the event can get a \$25 discount on their summer registration! More details will be shared on their website at www.campmountluther.org



LUTHERAN YOUTH DAY

Lutheran Youth Day at Susquehanna University is on Saturday, April 22nd, with Joe Davis and AGAPE* coming to spend the day with everyone.

The poster and registration form are on the bulletin board outside the Christian Ed offices.
Deadline is April 7

OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

Daniel's Closet Distribution Day

Lighter weight clothing and jackets in good condition, accessories and shoes in all sizes from infant to adult are needed for springtime weather. The greatest needs are for children's clothing, plus size clothing for men and women and shoes 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 20, 2017 from 4:30 pm – 5:30pm.
- ◇ Michele Owen will take any clothing brought to St. Mark's to Redeemer.
- ◇ Distribution will be Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 9:00 am – 11:00am.

SHARING IN THE CARING

Many thanks are given to the congregation for their regular donations of non-perishable food items. Recently our bins were full and we delivered food items to the United Churches Food Bank and hygiene items to the Shepherd of the Street's office.

Your continued support of these two causes is greatly appreciated. Your donations may be placed in the bin in the narthex.



Community Meal

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Thursday, April 13, 2017,
at 5:30 P.M.

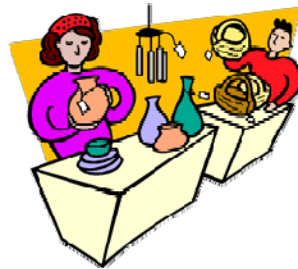
All are welcome!



ANNUAL BAZAAR NEWS

THE BAZAAR ROOM IS OPEN!

If you are doing what is affectionately known as "heavy housework" this spring, the Women of St. Mark's welcome your donations. The Bazaar Room is open for your donations of holiday decorations, housewares, home décor, linens, toys and other treasures you no longer need or want. Please be sure all donated items are clean, in good condition and working properly. Placing your donations in small boxes is a help come set up time.



This year's Fall Bazaar
is
Saturday,
September 9, 2017.

SPRING SING & VISIT

Save the Date!

The Outreach Committee will once again host the Spring Sing and Visit to our Special Concern folks and others we do not see as often as we wish.



This event will begin with a light lunch after the late service on Sunday, May 21, 2017. Please mark your calendars now to join in the fun.

OUTREACH (continued)

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Christ-Centered Care

Here at St. Mark's, we are fortunate to have Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay-caring ministry that equips and empowers lay caregivers to provide high-quality, confidential care to people who are hurting.

During three of the Sundays in Lent, March 19, March 26 and April 2, more information will be provided to the congregation by our Stephen Ministers.



April Meeting Dates:

*Tuesday, April 18, 6:30PM
Stephen Ministry*

*Thursday, April 20 - 9:30
AM Stephen Ministry*

SPRINGTIME GREETINGS

Please join with the Outreach Committee to send Easter greetings to our Special Concern folks and others we do not see as often as we wish.

On April 9, 2017, after each service, the Outreach Committee will host hospitality and have cheery cards on the trees in the Narthex. Please take a card or two and, along with a cheery greeting, mail the card(s) in time for Easter.



THANKS FROM THE NGA



Thank You for Having a Heart

The Newberry Branch of NGA thanks the members of St. Mark's Lutheran for their many new socks, undies and sweat pants that were donated during our "Have a Heart, Donate Smart" campaign.

More than 140 new items were donated! The socks and undies complete clothing outfits and along with the sweat pants also stock WASH nursing suites. Your participation increases a child's self-esteem and assists in maintaining his or her school attendance.

ONGOING OUTREACH

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

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



FLOWER MEMORIALS

Please remember to sign up for flowers in the 3-ring binder in Narthex.

QUILTS - "Hugs From God"

Did you ever think of a quilt as a "hug from God"? Warm, comforting, and good.

Our St. Mark's Quilters make quilts, but they need help!! Sewing skills are not necessary, only a desire to help spread God's love to people in distress. Come on Wednesday mornings and help tie knots or baste fabric layers together. At the present time we are in particular need of people to machine stitch, which is done at home.

Due to the high cost of fabrics, monetary donations would also be appreciated. Such donations can be made to St. Mark's with a designation for "Quilting". You'll get a hug!

Meal Packaging Event at St. Mark's Lutheran

Don't Be Fooled – Hunger is No Joke!

Saturday, April 29, 2017, beginning at 10:00 AM

Locally, 13.6% of our Lycoming County population struggles with food insecurity (www.feedingamerica.org.) You can help alleviate this insecurity by donating funds, working the event or donating a food item for use at the refreshment counter. Our goal is to package 20,000 meals of pasta with tomato basil sauce to be distributed to local food banks and food pantries in the Greater Williamsport Area and other sites in Lycoming and Clinton counties.

The Outreach Committee needs volunteers to pack meals that day, donate funds to offset the cost of the ingredients and to donate food items for the refreshment stand.

To do any or all of these choices see the display and sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

Checks may be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line reading "End Hunger."

Contact Michele Owen with questions or to volunteer.



King of Kings Easter Drama

DONATIONS FOR EGG HUNT!

King of Kings is a musical drama depicting the life of Jesus Christ presented at Blanchard Church of Christ each spring on the two weekends prior to Easter Sunday. This drama is not offered as a performance, but rather as an act of worship to glorify and edify Jesus Christ. More than 200 children, youth and adults are involved in the cast and crew for this drama.

FREE tickets are distributed for each night of the drama and guarantee the ticket holder a seat until 6:30 pm. Call the church office for ticket reservations at 570-962-2423 beginning in February through the nights of the presentation.

We are currently collecting donations of candy and small trinkets for our annual Easter egg hunt. Donations may be given to Michele Owen or placed in the Narthex. Thank you for helping us fill our plastic eggs ~ we know our Sunday school kids will love hunting for them!



When: April 1, 2 & April 7, 8, 9 at 7:00

Location: Blanchard Church of Christ
Blanchard, PA



United Churches of Lycoming County

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS CURRENTLY NEEDED:



Canned Vegetables, Fruit, Canned Meats
Noodles Stuffings Sauce
Condiments Mixes Pastas
Healthy Snacks Oatmeal Cereal

—The shelves are depleted...
—Please also check expiration dates
—In dire need of volunteers, esp. on Thursdays to help clients with items

Our hours of operation are:

Mondays 9-12 Donations/stocking
Tuesdays 10:15 – 2:30 Client distribution
Thursdays 10:15 – 2:30 Client distribution
Rear of the Castellano Center:
320 Park Ave. Williamsport, PA
570-322-1657

WEDNESDAY ECUMENICAL LUNCHES

Join us Wednesdays for lunch and a interesting program! The lunch line opens about 11:45 a.m. and you are always assured of a tasty \$6 lunch, warm ecumenical fellowship and a thoughtful program designed to enrich your life mentally, physically, spiritually and socially.

The parking is free in the Pine Street lot north of the church from 11 to 1:30. No reservations are necessary, but a call to Gwen at the United Churches Office 570-322-1110 if you are not a regular attendee will help the caterer know how to prepare.

LENTEN SERIES: GOD'S PRESENCE IN YOU

Speakers and topics for the following weeks are.....

April 5—Pastor Kathy Burkhart, Unityville United Methodist Charge, "To be Understood as to Understand, to be Loved as to Love"

April 12—Mrs. Tammey Aichner, United Campus Ministry, United Churches, "For It is In Giving That We Receive & In Dying that We are Born"

Join us! Bring a friend! Make new friends! When winter weather makes travel difficult on Wednesdays call Gwen at 570-419-1464 or 570-323-5911 to know if Ecumenical lunch has been cancelled.

SUMMER CAMP!

Interested in attending
Camp Mount Luther this summer?

St. Mark's will provide 50% of the cost. Scholarships are also available for those young people who are interested in participating in one of their summer programs.

(flyer available near Michele's door)



EASTER Hospitality & Egg Hunt!

This year, we share in the joy of Easter by worshipping together, praising God, and enjoying all his many gifts—among them fellowship, refreshment, and fun!

In between the services on Easter morning, post-8:00/pre-10:30, refreshments will be served for everyone in Fellowship Hall, beginning shortly after 9:00 am.

While enjoying each others' company, those adults and youth who wish can join in creating small gifts for our homebound.

Others may want to watch the children hunt for eggs in the courtyard. Yes! The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place Easter morning!

So, bring your families to early service and stay late, or come early for the late service. Either way, we look forward to sharing the joy of the day with you!!

RACE against RACISM



April 29, 2017, 9am - Brandon Park - 5k & Unity Fest

Interested? For more information, go to:

<http://www.ywcawilliamsport.org/site/apps/nlnet/content2.aspx?c=7oIDJMPwGiIUf&b=8029405&ct=14384025¬oc=1>



SPECIAL CONCERNS LIST

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1251 Rural Ave.
Williamsport, PA 17701

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Williamsport, PA 17701

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Montoursville, PA 17754

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NEW DESIGNATION:

Rose View *COURT* is now
Leighton Place Senior Living

Happy Anniversary and Birthday!



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| Jon Huff | 4/2 |
| Bernadette Jones | 4/2 |
| Tina Harvey | 4/5 |
| Linda Rosini | 4/6 |
| John Goertz | 4/7 |
| Elda Zeigler | 4/9 |
| Sadie Wentzel | 4/10 |
| Taylor Wentzel | 4/10 |
| Robert Clouser | 4/11 |
| Michael Ochs | 4/13 |
| Ezra Buckman | 4/14 |
| Veronica Doane | 4/14 |

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| Jami Larson | 4/15 |
| David Hughes | 4/17 |
| Sara Neal | 4/17 |
| Beverly Best | 4/18 |
| Beverly Schmitt | 4/18 |
| Diana Zeigler | 4/18 |
| Cynthia Hartzel | 4/19 |
| Jeffrey Byerly | 4/20 |
| Karen Pelleschi | 4/20 |
| Ben Hausmann | 4/23 |
| Karen Burd | 4/26 |
| Walter Hausmann | 4/27 |
| Audrey Comerford | 4/28 |
| Ruth Ditchfield | 4/29 |
| Dorothy Bingaman | 4/30 |



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| Matthew & Wanda Fortin | 4/3 |
| Robert & Bernadette Jones | 4/8 |
| Louis & Kathy Kolb | 4/8 |
| Theodore & Jane Larson, Jr. | 4/21 |
| Carl & Audrey Albright | 4/23 |
| Randy & Jeanette Lukens | 4/23 |



Easter Egg Hunt is Easter morning at 9:30!

APRIL 2017 Calendar of Events

Sun April 2, 2017

8:00am Holy Communion
 9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Holy Communion
 12:00pm The Way
 6:30pm Youth Music Rehearsal

Mon April 3, 2017

9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:45am Staff Meeting
 7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

Tue April 4, 2017

8:00am City Pastors Breakfast
 9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed April 5, 2017

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

Thu April 6, 2017

9:00am Morning Prayer
 6:00pm Bell Choir
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Fri April 7, 2017

9:00am Morning Prayer
 10:30am Christian Ed Committee

Sat April 8, 2017

10:00am 2nd Saturday



Sun April 9, 2017—PALM SUNDAY

8:00am Holy Communion
 9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Holy Communion
 10:30am Children's Church
 12:00pm The Way
 6:30pm Youth Music Rehearsal

Mon April 10, 2017

Council Agenda Due

9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:45am Staff Meeting
 7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

Tue April 11, 2017

9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed April 12, 2017

Lion Article Deadline

9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:00am Quilting
6:15pm Seder



Thu April 13, 2017

9:00am Morning Prayer
12:00pm Holy Communion
 5:30pm Redeemer Community Meal
7:00pm Holy Communion
 & footwashing
 8:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Fri April 14, 2017

9:00am Morning Prayer
12:00pm Ecumenical Service
7:00pm Tenebrae



Sat April 15, 2017

8:00pm Great Vigil of Easter

Sun April 16, 2017—EASTER

8:00am Holy Communion
 9:15am Hospitality & Egg Hunt
10:30am Holy Communion
 12:00pm The Way



Mon April 17, 2017

9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:45am Staff Meeting
 6:00pm Civic Chorus Board Meeting
6:30pm Council Meeting
 7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal
 7:00pm Wmspt. Dog Training Club

Tue April 18, 2017

9:00am Morning Prayer
 6:30PM Stephen Ministry

Wed April 19, 2017

9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:00am Quilting
 12:00pm Lunch 'n' Fellowship
 6:30pm Bible Study in Middle Lounge

Thu April 20, 2017

9:00am Morning Prayer
 6:00 Bell Choir
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Fri April 21, 2017

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

Sat April 22, 2017

9:00am Daniel's Closet Clothing Giveaway
 10:00am AGO in Nave

APRIL 2017 Calendar of Events (continued)

Sun April 23, 2017

8:00am Holy Communion

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am Holy Communion

Progressions Milestone

12:00pm The Way

6:00pm Teen Movie Night

6:00pm Catechetical Dinner/Meeting

6:30pm Youth Music Rehearsal

Mon April 24, 2017

9:00am Morning Prayer

7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

Tue April 25, 2017

9:00am Morning Prayer

6:00pm LSM at St. Luke's

6:30pm Williamsport Music Club

Wed April 26, 2017

9:00am Morning Prayer

9:00am Quilting

9:45am Staff Meeting

6:30pm Bible Study in Middle Lounge

Thu April 27, 2017

9:00am Morning Prayer

4:00pm Daniel's Closet Drop-Off

6:00 Bell Choir

Thu cont.

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Fri April 28, 2017

9:00am Morning Prayer

Sat April 29, 2017

8:00am Meal Packaging at St. Mark's

Sun April 30, 2017

8:00am Holy Communion

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am Holy Communion

12:00pm The Way

6:30pm Youth Music Rehearsal

PANDAMANIA VBS—SUN.-THU., JUNE 18-22



*I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not
be moved.*

*Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul
rejoices;
my body also rests secure.
For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.*

*You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures for
evermore.*

~ Psalm 16:8-11