



The Lion of St. Mark's

MAY 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

Grace to you and peace,

Between now and Pentecost especially, we focus on the call process.

Some of you may have been wondering if you might want to serve on the call committee. The process has been changing over the past twenty years. I offer this description.

The initial work of the committee involves conversations with both the congregation and community leaders. The goal is to get an accurate picture of both the congregation and the Williamsport area. This work is best done by meeting twice a month, usually at church but sometimes in the community. It also involves briefing the council as well as giving progress briefs to the congregation from the previous week's work.

The goal of the process is to be able to interview pastoral candidates with a clear understanding of the congregation, both its identity and purpose. Likewise, the candidates will have also gone through a thorough process of discernment about who they are and what they wish to accomplish in their calling.

I ask you now, in the light of Christ Jesus' resurrection and our Christian walk of faith, to ask yourselves if you have the gifts or know people who do have these gifts, so that when a member of council asks you if you are willing to serve, you will have a ready answer.

Pray for me as I pray for you, always,

in Christ Jesus,

Pastor James West

♪ DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE ♪

Church picnic: June 11, 2017, AT 1:00 pm!!

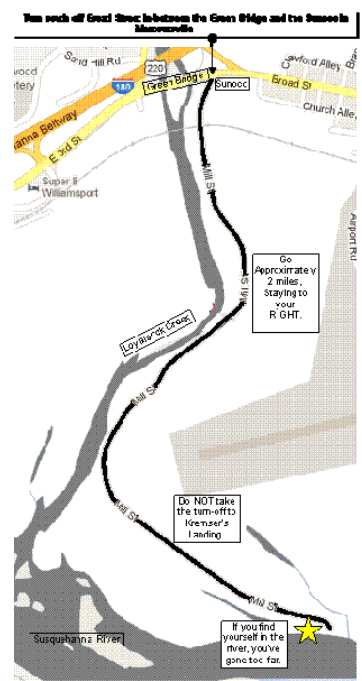
Because we've had SO MUCH FUN there, we are returning to Pavilion 3, which is NOT in Indian Park. It's down along the Susquehanna. You turn south off Broad Street just east of the bridge. Follow that road, always bearing to the RIGHT (do NOT turn off to Kremser's Landing). If you find yourself in the Susquehanna, you've gone about 100' too far.

Last year, we fished; splashed; played volleyball, croquet, and badminton; and sat visiting. If you have canoes or life vests*...bring them!...*along with a dish to share.* Hamburgers, hotdogs, rolls, cold water, lemonade, and ice tea will be provided.

If you want to help with our annual picnic, please call or email the office or sign up in the narthex or the staff hallway.

If anyone would like to make a donation toward the purchase of food and supplies for the picnic, envelopes are available in the narthex for your contribution. Thank you!

**life vests must be worn by any wishing to go out on the water*



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"Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through Music."



~ Martin Luther

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Thursday, May 11, 2017, at 5:30 P.M.

All are welcome!

Council Notes

April's council meeting was on Monday, April 23, well after the LION was sent out. Please check May's edition for council updates.

Parish Register

The funeral service for Shirley L. Dieffenbach, who died March 27, 2017, was held on Saturday, April 8, 2017. Pastor James E. West presided.



COMMUNION
Assistants

**Communion
assistants
are needed for late
10:30 service.**

If interested, please see Gregg Dancho.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Future Meeting Dates:

TBA PM Stephen Ministry

Thursday, June 15 - 9:30 AM

Stephen Ministry



Hospice Seminar

Dr. Alexander R Nesbitt specializes in hospice/palliative care in the Williamsport area. He is leading a seminar on hospice care on Wednesday, May 10. Those who want to attend may join the carpool meeting her at St. Mark's at 9:15 that morning.

DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSIONS TO:

Church Council ... **WEDNESDAY, May 10th**



...**FRIDAY,
May 12th**

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

Pastor: The Rev. James West
 Sun-Wed 8 a.m.-1 p.m. & by appointment
Sexton: Lou DeSeau
 Sun - Thurs 5:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Parish Musician: Donna Elkin
 Sunday mornings & Thursday evenings
Financial Secretary: Graydon Yearick
 Mon & Wed 8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
Youth & Family: Bernadette Jones
 Wed., Thur., Fri 12—4p.m.,
 Mon. 9:00a.m.-3p.m., Sun. 8a.m.—1p.m.
Youth & Family: Michele Owen
 M, Tu, W, F 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Secretary: Laura Schreckengast
 Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m—1:00 p.m.

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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)

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

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who continues to donate items for our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! If you get a chance, take a look at the shoebox in the narthex which is being filled with our items collected each month. It is fun to see the box coming together, and to know how happy these gifts will make someone come December. More importantly, thank you for helping to spread Christ's love through our gifts.



In May we will be collecting **Combs/Brushes and Deodorant (Men's or Women's)**. These items may be placed in our red, OCC bin located in the narthex. Thank you, thank you for your continued generosity. It is very much appreciated.

CONFIRMATION CAMP



This year, Summer confirmation Camp for our students will be held Monday—Wednesday, July 10—12.

Our students, Jonah, Ashton, Owen, Amalie, Gabriella, and Elizabeth, will spend three days with Pr. West and Bernadette as they learn more about our Lutheran faith, the Bible, the Holy Land, worship, our community, and St. Mark's, itself.

These three days are always an exciting time around the church, beginning at 8:45 in the morning and ending about 4:30. They enjoy snacks, lunch, and fellowship; go on field trips to St. Anthony's and the American Rescue Workers; finishing on Wednesday with a special event for them, their families and mentors.

CHILDRENS CHURCH

The last Children's worship service for this school year is Sunday, May 14.

Keep your eye on the *LION* for some exciting changes with this service!

ACOLYTES

MAY SCHEDULE:

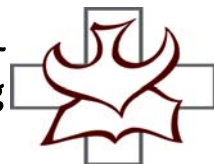
- May 7 Hannah & Taylor
- May 14 Gillian & Sadie
- May 21 Laura & Dawson
- May 28 Sean & Evan



CONFIRMATION

MEETING THIS MONTH IS SUNDAY, MAY 21!

A cookout is planned for dinner, with everybody bringing something!



Youth Fundraising Dinner!

CORRECTION: \$404 was raised by our youth at their dinner.



Thank you to everyone who gave so generously!

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY (cont.)



Rachel Carson said, "There is something healing in the repeated refrains of nature – the assurance that dawn comes after night and Spring after Winter." Every year Spring is more welcome, every year I grow older and so today is a gift – the sun is shining, the air is warm and the blossoming trees are flourishing!

I am learning one thing about our congregation – they have never experienced April Fool jokes – at least none they wanted to share. Only my daughter, Pamela, can always be counted on, sent me one (not sure I approved this one, though!)

"You all know Harold Hershberger as your friendly, helpful usher. But he has a darkly humorous side, one that is all too familiar to his hapless victims. His two daughters quickly learned to check their milk cups before drinking, since Dad was known to substitute buttermilk from time to time...But Harold's most legendary prank involved the time he was driving a rental car and he thought he'd make picking up his daughter Pam from Cochran Elementary more fun. Now 6 year old Pam had just participated in a school assembly about what to do if a stranger tries to get you into a car so when a strange looking man (Harold, with his hat pulled down) pulled up and asked her if she wanted a ride, she let out a piercing scream and ran back into the school. Apparently, poor Mr. Dice, the school principal never got over the incident and talked about it until his dying day. Now there's

a successful prank!

My own experience this year-I got a phone call on Saturday morning from Pastor West – he said Lent had been so hard on folks that he had decided to cancel Sunday services – would I call the others on the list and let them know – having lived through several of Harold's tricks I replied "Of course I will Pastor and Happy April Fools Day to you!

Our wonderful musicians at St. Mark's are not a joke – enjoyed the Repasz Band spring concert April 9 and spotted our own Donna and Ken Elkin, Laura Schreckengast and Nancy Moff. The band has been invited to perform for the Pa. Music Educators in Erie April 20 – nice honor for them.

Taylor and Sadie Wentzel continue to be featured at Loyalsock - Taylor was chosen for Regional Band and Orchestra and performed in the pit orchestra for the musical "Once upon a Mattress" at Loyalsock. Sadie had one of the leads in the musical and has a role in the upcoming musical "Godspell".

The twins, along with Grace Schreckengast, Laura & Anna Zeigler, Evan Barone and Sara Jones have enhanced the worship service with their musical gifts. How lovely to have such talent!

Sean Jensen won second place for his design for the WAM yearbook and was also invited into the Junior Honor Society. Grace Schreckengast was asked to join the Honor Society at Loyalsock- congratulations to those two! I hope you have a blessed Easter and a beautiful spring!

– *Joyce Hershberger*

MILESTONE MINISTRY



Passing on Faith: PROGRESSIONS. On Sunday, April 23, we celebrated the Schreckengast family, Jacob in particular, as they prepare for him to leave for Navy boot camp.

We pray that God will be with Jacob and guide him in his new life, that He will be with his parents as they grow accustomed to this new phase of his life, and that He leads them into a new, stronger relationship with each other and with Him.

At an extended hospitality after the 10:30 service, there was opportunity to wish Jacob well, encourage his parents and record contact information in the address book given as a gift from the congregation..

THIS & THAT

Fourth of July Celebration

Last year hundreds of people enjoyed our annual Fourth of July celebration. 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

Place your donated items in the bin in the Narthex (church entrance). 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.



GODSPELL for Family Promise

"GODSPELL!" a musical based on the Gospel of St. Matthew, will be presented at the Castella-no Center at 320 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 our own Sadie Wentzel. 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 7:30 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



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.



Women & Children's Dinner

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.

This year, the musical entertainment is provided in

3-D! You'll just have to attend to find out what that means!

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

THIS & THAT, cont.

what's cooking

⇒ **Second Saturday!** PIZZA! It's not just delivered anymore! Explore different methods, sauces, and shells! Bring a friend! See you on May 13, 10 am!



⇒ **Lunch'n'Fellowship** is serving up meatloaf this month! If you can, bring a dish to go with that and join us on Wednesday, May 17, to share in the fun, food, & fellowship!

⇒ **Cooking Tip:** Grate frozen butter straight into pastry dough for fast, even distribution.. This is great for pie, biscuits, and anything else where you want to incorporate butter quickly while it's still cold.

⇒ **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.



Alyssa Boatwright, from Geisinger Health Plan will be presenting a program on "How to Navigate Medicare"

After Lunch'n'Fellowship on Wednesday, May 17. Plan to stay 30-45 minutes later that usual and get some answers to questions or help in figuring out problems with wending your way through the health care systems.



Sunday, May 28, at 6 pm
Bring a treat and join us!

Healing Communities Training

The Healing Communities model equips congregations to become a "Station of Hope" by providing training and support in building relationships of healing, redemption and reconciliation with individuals and families impacted by the criminal justice system. Congregations are encouraged to send a group of at least three leaders/active members in order to effectively implement the model in their setting.



Saturday, May 13, 2017 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: Fleming Parish Center - St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 720 West Fourth St., Williamsport

Cost of Training: \$40 per person; \$110 for groups of 3 from the same church/organization, (additional persons from the same group - \$35 per person up to a maximum group size of 5) Cost includes lunch and all training materials.

Registration Deadline: Thursday, May 4 (if after the deadline, call for availability)

To register, send the registration form (available outside the Christian Ed/Youth & Family offices) along with your registration fee to: United Churches of Lycoming County, 202 East Third Street, Williamsport PA 17701. For more information contact Gwen Bernstine at United Churches, 570-322-1110 or director@uclc.org.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

Daniel's Closet Distribution Day

Spring is here and so is the need for lighter weight clothing and jackets in good condition, accessories and shoes / sneakers in all sizes from infant to adult. The greatest needs are for children's clothing and men's clothing in smaller sizes. Shoes and sneakers for children and adults are also in short supply. May's outreach is scheduled as follows.

- ◇ Drop-Off at Redeemer will be Thursday, May 25, 2017 from 4:30 - 6:00 pm.
- ◇ Michele Owen has offered to take any clothing brought to St. Mark's to Redeemer.
- ◇ Distribution will be Saturday, May 27, 2017 from 9:00 am – 11:00am.

2nd ANNUAL SPRING SING

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 needs people to participate in the Second Annual Spring Sing to our Special Concerns folks and others we do not see as often as we would like.



On Sunday, May 21, 2017, following the late service, 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. We need a minimum of four cars full of visitors to reach everyone. A sign-up poster in is in the Narthex.

ONGOING OUTREACH

The Outreach Committee continues to collect non-perishable food items for the United Churches Food Bank and hygiene products in regular sizes for the Shepherd of the Street's office. All donations may be placed in the tub in the Narthex.

ANNUAL BAZAAR NEWS

THE BAZAAR ROOM IS OPEN!

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, 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 is Saturday, September 9, 2017.

Contact Shirley Hill or Becky Miller Pryor with questions.



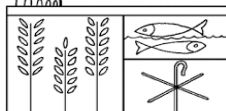
Thank You from the Outreach Committee

- ✧ *Thank you to everyone who took the time to send an Easter greeting to our Special Concern folks. What a wonderful way to welcome the Easter season.*
- ✧ *As of press time our community meal event had not occurred, but much preparation had taken place. We are thankful for the New Love Center in Jersey Shore (Pastor Kerry Aucker) and St. Luke Lutheran Church in Williamsport (Pastor Elizabeth Aurand) for donating the \$5,000 needed to package 20,000 meals. Thrivent Visa debit cards and other individual monetary donations totaling more than \$800 were also given to this cause. Many thanks also to all the volunteers who helped with set up, packaging, refreshments and cleaning up this event. Together with community members we were able to address the food insecurity that exists in our area.*
- ✧ *Thank you to the St. Mark's Angel who recently donated a gift card to assist our committee. It was just what was needed.*

United Churches of Lycoming County

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS CURRENTLY NEEDED:

YOU give them
something
to eat. Mt 14:16



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 Thurs-
days 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 distribu-
tion 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 attender will help the caterer know how to prepare.

MAY 3 - Mr. Carl and Mrs. Opal Schlappi, Area Musicians, "Come Hear That Old Time Gospel Music"

MAY 10- Ms. Rhonda McDonald, Program Coordinator, Journey House, New Covenant UCC, "Celebrating Ten Years Helping Families Transition From Homelessness to Wholeness"

MAY 17- Ms. Lauren Leathers, Admissions and Marketing Director, Rose View Center. "A Sneak Peek into Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation"

MAY 24- Agent Jason Bolt, Criminal Investigator, Williamsport Police Department, "Being \$cam \$mart"

MAY 31- Ms. Sandy Nelson, St. Michale's Lutheran Church, Quiggleville, "Mission in Liberia"

Join us! Bring a friend! Make new friends!

THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to the many members of St. Mark's who added to the celebration of my 95th birthday with thoughtful cards and notes. My family and I greatly appreciate your many kindnesses!

Elda Zeigler and family



St. Mark's,

A very heartfelt thanks for all the sympathy cards, calls, and flowers when my husband died recently.

Ernestine Doane

DEVIN UPDATE: Devin was recently seen for a check-up for his heart failure at our local family doctor. Devin is feeling strong but still has a diagnosis of cardiomyopathy with heart failure. His regime is the same - limited physical activity, limited liquids and salt and the continuation of his two heart medications. His next visit will be in June with his primary cardiologist in Hershey, and at this time he will also have an ECHO done. The doctor was happy with Devin's progress and his mental attitude towards his diagnosis. There is still some confusion whether it was viral or congenital. I have requested Devin's name remain on the prayer list - we appreciate all prayers for the continuation of healing for his heart, we are still hopeful his heart will heal and eventually he can be taken off the heart meds.

Michele

SPECIAL CONCERNS LIST

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Williamsport, PA 17701

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Rose View Center
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Carl & Lucille Weaver
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Williamsport, PA 17701

Elda Zeigler
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1251 Rural Ave.
Williamsport, PA 17701

NEW DESIGNATION:

Rose View *COURT* is now
Leighton Place Senior Living

Happy Birthday and Anniversary!



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



Edward & Lorraine Barone

5/2

Hugh & Marie Byerly

5/2

Joshua & Brittany Lynch

5/2

Galen & Pamela Davenport

5/15

Creighton & Christina MacGill

5/28

Michael & Pamela Jensen

5/30



MAY 2017 Calendar of Events

Monday May 1, 2017

Pr. West away
9:00am Morning Prayer
9:45am Staff Meeting
7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

Tue May 2, 2017

Pr. West returns
8:00am City Pastors Breakfast
9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed May 3, 2017

Pr. West at Bishop's retreat
9:00am Morning Prayer
9:00am Quilting
6:00pm Women & Children's Dinner



Thu May 4, 2017

Pr. West at Bishop's retreat
9:00am Morning Prayer

Fri May 5, 2017

Pr. West at Bishop's retreat
9:00am Morning Prayer
7:30pm Godspell at the Castellano Center



Sat May 6, 2017

6:00am Catechetical Trip
2:00pm Godspell
7:30pm Godspell at the Castellano Center

Sun May 7, 2017

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

Mon May 8, 2017

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

Tue May 9, 2017

9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed May 10, 2017

Council Agenda Due
9:00am Morning Prayer
9:00am Quilting
6:30pm Bible Study in Middle Lounge

Thu May 11, 2017

9:00am Morning Prayer
5:30pm Redeemer Community Meal
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Fri May 12, 2017

Lion Article Deadline
9:00am Morning Prayer

Sat May 13, 2017

10:00am 2nd Saturday
9:00am-4:00pm Healing Communities Training @Fleming Parish Center—
see article pg. 7

Sun May 14, 2017 – Mother's Day

8:00am Holy Communion
9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Children's Church
10:30am Holy Communion
11:30 Annual Meeting
12:00pm Anniversary Milestone Celebration
6:30pm Youth Music Rehearsal



Mon May 15, 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 May 16, 2017

Election Day
9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed May 17, 2017

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

Thu May 18, 2017

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

Fri May 19, 2017

9:00am Morning Prayer

Sun May 21, 2017

8:00am Holy Communion
9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Holy Communion
11:30am Congregational Annual Assembly
11:30am Spring Sing
6:00pm Catechetical Dinner/Meeting cook-out
6:30pm Youth Music Rehearsal

Mon May 22, 2017

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

Tue May 23, 2017

9:00am Morning Prayer
6:00pm LSM at St. Luke's

Wed May 24, 2017

9:00am Morning Prayer
9:00am Quilting
6:30pm Bible Study in Middle Lounge

Thu May 25, 2017

9:00am Morning Prayer
4:00pm Daniel's Closet Drop-Off
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm United Churches Ascension Day Service @ Redeemer Lutheran Church



MAY 2017 Calendar of Events (continued)

Fri May 26, 2017

9:00am Morning Prayer

9:20am Lion Crew

Sat May 27, 2017

9:00am Daniel's Closet Clothing Giveaway

Sun May 28, 2017

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING begins

8:00am Holy Communion

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am Holy Communion

12:00pm The Way

6:00pm Teen Movie Night

6:30pm Youth Music Rehearsal

Mon May 29, 2017

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING

Office Closed

9:00am Morning Prayer

9:45am Staff Meeting

Tue May 30, 2017

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING

9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed May 31, 2017

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING

9:00am Morning Prayer

9:00am Quilting

10:30am Publicity Committee

6:30pm Bible Study in Middle Lounge



This summer, we invite children to

PANDAMANIA:

WHERE GOD IS WILD ABOUT YOU!

PandaMania, this year's vacation Bible school event, will be co-hosted with Trinity Episcopal here at **St. Mark's** from **Sunday, June 18, to Thursday, June 22**. As kids explore a

bamboo forest filled with crazy pandas, they discover that God loves us. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into yummy treats and experience electrifying Bible adventures. Bible Memory Buddies, Boomer, Fez, Amanda, Lulu and Pogo, remind them of God's wild love. They'll create Bible Point crafts to take home and play with all summer long. Plus, God Sightings prompt children to look for evidence of God all around them. Each day concludes with a Rowdy Wrap-Up—a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends (also called Very Important Pandas) are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at about 8:15 p.m.

PandaMania is for kids from Pre-K to Fifth Grade and will run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each day. For more information, call 323-4619. Registration forms are available in the Narthex after church!

YOU CAN HELP!

Bernadette and Michele have planned workdays for the construction and painting of theme pieces for "PandaMania." On Saturdays, June 10 & 17, at 10:00 a.m. until noon or 1:00, we will meet for a period of productive fellowship. So if you have any artistic talent, can wield a mean utility knife, paint a solid base coat, or just be able to keep the coffee coming—please join us on one or all of these days to prepare for the opening of "PandaMania."