



# THE LION OF ST. MARK'S

MARCH 2018



As we go to print, we have almost completed the first full week in Lent, On each of the remaining Wednesdays of Lent, we continue to have **Mid-day Prayers** in the Chapel at 11:30 a.m. All are invited to join us for a lunch of hearty soup after the service. On Wednesday, March 21, the community meal will take place instead of the soup & bread.

**Wednesday evenings** our time together begins at 6:15 p.m. for supper, followed at 7:00 by an **evening service**. The timetable is the same at St. Luke as it is here: meal, then worship, as follows:

*March 7<sup>th</sup>—St. Luke hosts,  
Pr West preaching*

*March 14<sup>th</sup>—St. Mark's hosts,  
Pr Aurand preaching*

*March 21<sup>st</sup>—St. Luke hosts,  
Pr West preaching*



*Evening Vespers*

Please join us for **Morning Prayer** at 9:00 , weekdays, in the chapel.

On **Palm Sunday**, March 25, we process with palms and celebrate Holy Communion at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School will be held at 9:15 a.m. In preparation for the day, we are in Fellowship Hall on Saturday morning, 3/24, to make palm crosses—please join us.



The **Seder Dinner** is on Wednesday, March 28, at 6:15 p.m. Assistance is welcome and appreciated on that Tuesday and early on Wednesday to set the room and help with meal preparations.

Services on **Maundy Thursday** are at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel and 7:00 p.m. in the Nave.



The three hour service on **Good Friday** is at Pine Street UM this year. It still begins at noon and ends at 3:00 p.m. Our Chancel Choir will sing at approximately 2:00 p.m.



**Service of Darkness**

The solemn service of **Tenebrae** is at 7:00 p.m. in our Nave. Anyone who attends will find this is a very meaningful time of worship

On Saturday, March 31, the **East-er Vigil** begins quietly in the Chapel at 8:00 p.m. and, with music and light, moves into the Nave for the first celebration of Easter.



It is with great joy, that we celebrate the Risen Lord on **Easter** morning, April 1, with **Holy Communion** at 8:00 a.m, and 10:30 a.m. There will be no Sunday School this week. Instead, we will see you in Fellowship Hall for an extended hospitality. A craft is available for those who are interested.



## Acolyte Schedule

### MARCH SCHEDULE:

- March 4 Hannah & Elizabeth
- March 11 Gabriella & Annika
- March 18 Taylor & Sadie
- March 25 Evan, Stefan & Sean
- March 29 Maundy Thursday  
Jonah & Owen
- March 30 Tenebrae Grace
- March 31 Easter Vigil  
Makens, Dawson, & Evan

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***COUNCIL REPORTS DUE MAR. 10  
 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE MAR. 12***

### 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: Christian Humcke**  
 Sun/Mon/Wed mornings; Mon/Thu evenings  
**Financial Secretary: Graydon Yearick**  
 Mon & Wed 8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.  
**Youth & Family: Bernadette Jones**  
 Mon., Wed., Thur., Fri 10 a.m.—1 p.m.,  
 Sun. 8 a.m.—1p.m. & by arrangement  
**Youth & Family: Michele Owen**  
 Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 10 a.m.—2 p.m.  
**Secretary: Laura Schreckengast**  
 Mon-Fri 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

## Council Notes

The congregational council met on Monday, February 19, 2018, and determined the following:

- ◆ Approved an expenditure not to exceed \$3500 to Billtown Mechanical to treat the system and install a strainer to combat sludge and prevent future issues
- ◆ Directed the Christian Education Committee to contact Deb Buckman and Luke Stroup and set work days for purging/re-organizing the library
- ◆ Supported the Outreach Committee's request to place envelopes in the bulletins on March 4, 11, and 18 requesting monetary donations for the meal packaging event
- ◆ Discussed questions about responsibility and liability for shoveling sidewalks and the Little Lambs entrance
- ◆ Directed Ed Gair to submit a timesheet to the financial secretary to be compensated for extra work done in Lou DeSeau's absence

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## From the Parish Register

Arthur Decker passed away on February 4, 2018. The service in his memory and the committal were held on February 25, 2018

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**Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue**

Join us on **Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 7 PM** at Perkins on Via Bella (in the back room); come early to share a meal together or just arrive for coffee, dessert, and discussion. We will reflect on the studies and commemoration held in the past year and chart a path forward for continued local collaboration. All are welcome.

We concluded our 6-week joint Lutheran-Catholic study of *From Conflict to Communion* the first week of February at Perkins. Over those weeks, we gathered as a group ranging from 12-15 people (or just 6 on that icy/snowiest of days!) from 6 different local congregations. The discussions were open and engaging with plenty of personal experiences and stories shared. The fellowship was encouraging, and there was plenty of good food and good food for thought. We look forward to seeing many of you there on April 4<sup>th</sup> to continue to work together on our journey towards visible Christian unity as members of the body of Christ.

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Grace to you and peace.

You may have noticed that it's March and I am still here as your interim pastor.

I share your impatience and wonderment, bewilderment perhaps, too. We have a big word that covers this situation: Discernment. Discernment means listening. It means listening for that still small voice that speaks volumes, shakes mountains, and thunders out of the blue. I'm referring to Elijah's experience in his hiding place. The full account is written in 1 Kings 19. The call committee is being still in order to hear God's call. At the same time, pastors are being still in order to hear that same call. Together they are spending this precious time to discern whether or not they are hearing God's call to serve at St. Mark's.

I hadn't seen it this way until I spent some time reading 1 Kings 19 with discernment in these days of the interim. Interim ministry is a bit like living in a cave for me with my immediate family in Colorado. And for the congregation waiting for the Lord to reveal the name of the next pastor, there are hurricane force winds, mountains falling apart, an earth-

quake and finally a fire. I'm speaking poetically, certainly. This is how God makes all things new out of the heritage we've been given.

Through it all, we get to discover what God has in mind for the people, of late, us, who gather at 142 Market Street who call upon the Lord for life, forgiveness and salvation.

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

Pastor James West

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**Don't Be Fooled – Hunger is No Joke!**

**Meal Packaging Event  
at St. Mark's Lutheran**

**Sat., Apr. 21, 2018 beginning at 10:00 am**

Meal Packaging Event: Ending Hunger, Enriching Lives will be at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 142 Market St., Wmspt., on Saturday, April 21, from 10:00—Noon.

Volunteers of all ages and abilities are needed to package 20,000 fortified tomato basil pasta meals. Volunteers fill, weigh, seal and box the meals for delivery to local Food Banks/Pantries. All supplies and equipment will be provided.



Call Michele at St. Mark's, 570-323-4619 weekdays from 9-1 to register. Provide your name, phone number and what one-hour shift you wish to serve. Shifts are 10-11 and 11-Noon.

Also, sign-up sheets for volunteering during the event are available in the Narthex. Together we can make a difference.

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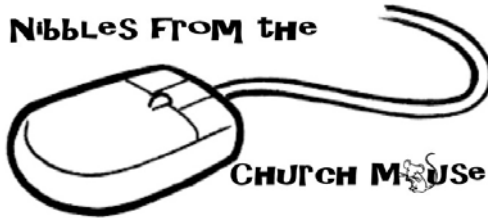
**Ongoing Activities at Redeemer Lutheran:**

**Free Community Dinner:** Thursday, March 8, 2018 from 5:30 PM -6:30 PM. All are welcome.

**Daniel's Closet:** Free seasonal clothing on Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 9:00 -11:00 AM. Donations may be dropped off at Redeemer on March 22, 2018 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM.



**Nibbles From the**



As I look at my window there is still a lot of snow, heavy fog and general dreariness but

we keep in mind Spring will come!

Our brilliant young folks continue to be represented on their various honor rolls - Hannah and Ben Haussmann and I am sure when I see Loyalsock High School the Wentzels and Sean Jensen will be there as well! James Newcomer is listed on the distinguished honor roll as a senior at Williamsport Area High School.

Not only scholastically but musically we have some stars as well. Taylor Wentzel earned first chair for the French horn in the district orchestra this past week and now will move on to regional orchestra. She performed several solos during the concert held at Athens High School. Upcoming concerts will be held at Wyoming Valley Secondary Center and Messiah College. In May she will be performing at the WVIA studios as a result of being a senior division winner for the 2018 Classical Artists Competition adjudicated at Bloomsburg University. Great work, Taylor!

Sadie Wentzel prefers musical theater and is preparing for her role as Judy in the musical "9 to 5", coming up in March at Loyalsock High School.

Not to be outdone by her daughters, Mindy Wentzel is the author of a book titled "Deliverance: a Survival Guide to Parenting Twins". The book is available on Amazon and to find it go to the Books Department and type in the title. Congratulations to Mindy - a genuine author in our midst!

Donna Clark reports that their son Brett's daughters, Hallie and Mia, are involved in Odyssey of the Mind. Hallie is at WAHS and Mia at the Williamsport Area Middle School. Mia went to nationals with Lyco Valley three years ago.

Donna and Gary become great-grandparents again on December 1 with the birth of Wren Laurel Waldman to their granddaughter Rachel. She joins her big brother Bain making four great grandchildren for the Clarks.

Kathy and Greg Dancho were showing the pictures of their new granddaughter, born to son Matt and his wife. They were headed for State College on Sunday to see their new baby!

Our own granddaughter, Emily Newcomer, was happy to be in downtown Philadelphia for the Super Bowl and then to celebrate at the parade on the following Thursday. Emily's college, St. Joseph's cancelled classes for the day—the city was on cloud nine!

Valentine's Day is coming this week and the mouse wants you to remember that not only as we know from Sunday School that "Jesus loves you" he (or she) loves you too!

*Joyce Anne*

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**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Thank you to everyone who has donated items to our January and February OCC Collection! We are off to a great start, and are looking forward to being able to fill **40** shoeboxes come November.



In March, we will be collecting:  
**Combs/Brushes**  
**Mini Flashlights**

These items (or any others you find) may be placed in our red, OCC bin located in the narthex. We thank you for your generosity!

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Our tradition of Lenten meals continues this year. On March 7, 14,

& 28, we serve our hearty, homemade soups and bread.

But, on Wednesday, March 21, is Lunch & Fellowship for the community. On that day, we'll be serving up pasta and meatballs. So, bring a bib and tuck in on any of these Wednesdays.

On Wednesday evenings, join us here or at St. Luke at 6:15 for supper, again, serving soup & bread. The actual dates are:

St. Mark's on March 7 & 21  
St. Luke at March 14 & 28

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*This month, Children's Church is on Sunday, March 18. Please join us in the chapel for a simple service where the children can ask questions and sing kid-friendly songs.*

## FAMILY PROMISE

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

A great big thanks to all who make the week of Family Promise hosting go so smoothly.

**Set up/Tear down crew**

Sally Bjornstad – contact  
 Sarah Young  
 Mel Wentzel  
 Tim Maggs  
 Ed Gair  
 Devin Owen  
 Cheryl Williams

**Drivers**

Phil Thomas – contact  
 LouAnn Zeigler  
 Carl Heiber  
 Matt Fortin  
 Donna Elkin  
 Ken Elkin  
 Pastor West  
 Tim Maggs

**Overnight**

Donna Elkin  
 Kenneth Elkin  
 Evelyn Landis\*  
 Debbie Maggs  
 Sam Hwang\*  
 Pastor West  
 Bernadette Jones  
 Declan Jones  
 Devin Owen  
 Becky Miller Pryor

**Dessert**

Michelle Owen – contact  
 Judy Fortin  
 Ruth Rees

**Chefs**

Mel Wentzel  
 Audrey Albright  
 Kathy Eshelman  
 Becky Miller Pryor  
 Janet Jones  
 Bob Miller  
 Cheryl Williams  
 Deb Holmes  
 Todd Smith  
 Declan Jones  
 Devin Owen  
 Connie Shaible  
 Cindy Huff

**Evening hosts**

Vicki Haussman – contact  
 Donna Clark  
 Carrol Morehart\*\*  
 Tim Morehart\*\*  
 Kim Kmetz\*\*  
 Cheryl Eckert\*  
 Lisa Dabney\*\*  
 Kathy Dancho  
 Gregg Dancho  
 Brenda Gair  
 Candy Dewar  
 Sheila Brown  
 Matt Fortin  
 Wanda Fortin

**Laundry**

Becky Miller Pryor  
 Sally Bjornstad  
 Sarah Young

All of the volunteers made the week go smoothly and made the families feel welcome. They were impressed with our facilities and our members.

*Persons above with an \* are from First Presbyterian Church which unfortunately closed this past Sunday. Persons with \*\* are from Bethel Presbyterian which is a support church for St. Mark's.*

A great big special thanks goes to Dave Williams who has agreed to be the other FP coordinator for St. Mark's. He will be the contact for overnight hosts. Our next hosting is in May. Please consider helping – you can start small – bring a dessert (it does not have to be homemade) or come and sit for an evening to talk with the guest.

May God bless all of you and please keep Family Promise in your prayers.

*Deb Buckman, FP Coordinator*

*Dave Williams, FP Coordinator*



3/1 Ruth Pile  
 3/5 Trisha Harvey  
 3/5 Barbara Switzer  
 3/6 Robert Shaible  
 3/6 Madison Walz  
 3/9 Robert Lynn  
 3/9 Patricia Thayer  
 3/14 Romain Bastian

3/15 Kimberly Caster  
 3/15 Roxanna Larson  
 3/16 Dinah Labenberg  
 3/16 Hannah Lynn  
 3/17 Alan Zimmerer  
 3/21 Randy Lukens  
 3/22 Lauren Sims  
 3/24 Gary Weber  
 3/25 Leah Haussmann  
 3/25 Sara Larson  
 3/27 Jonathan Bower  
 3/28 Sandra Edler

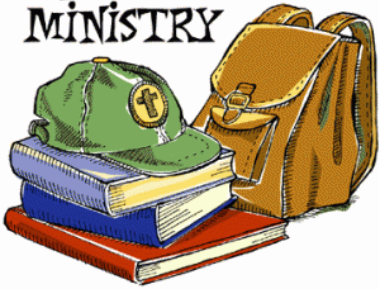
3/28 David Walz  
 3/29 Mark Bittenbender  
 3/29 Tyler Bower  
 3/29 Carl Hieber  
 3/29 April Lewis

*Happy Anniversary*

3/6 Gary & Donna Clark  
 3/19 Kenneth & Lois Goldy



# CAMPUS MINISTRY



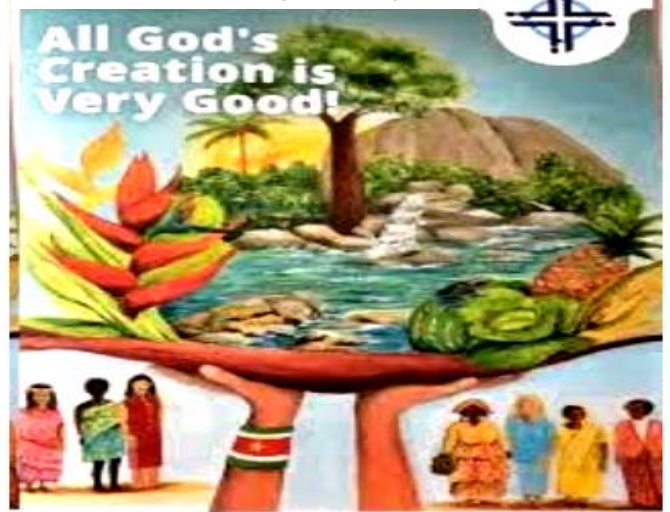
Our Spring semester has been anything but normal. In just a few weeks, we've had early closings, late openings, and complete days off. We continue with Jesus and Java, and every week we reach a larger group

of students. We still have a few dates open to lead a Bible Study.

If you'd like to donate baked goods for Jesus and Java or it's your time for Faith Talks, please contact me. I'd love to connect you and your church family with the students. We are excited about our leadership team this year. We have a strong group of students with a love for God and a willingness to share that with others. Each of them is leading a Bible Study this semester! As part of our Student Organization requirement, we must have a fundraiser. Below you'll find a soup order form. Please consider supporting UCM by ordering a quart or two of soup...you may need it if you get snowed in again!

*Tammy Aichner, Coordinator, [ucm@ucl.org](mailto:ucm@ucl.org)*

## Women's World Day of Prayer



*Church Women United World Day of Prayer Service  
Friday, March 2 at 1:30 P.M.  
Montoursville Presbyterian Church  
900 Elm Street - Montoursville PA*

## Just for Middle School Girls



*Be a part of ending abuse and trafficking*

*Wednesdays 3:45-5:15*

**Begins March 7** (12 weeks of activities, skill building, conversations, friendship, and learning your true value in God)

501 High St

Sojourner Truth Ministries



*Tammy Aichner, Coordinator, [ucm@ucl.org](mailto:ucm@ucl.org)*

Soup Sale for United Campus Ministry

Donation: \$7.00 per quart

(Checks payable to "United Churches Campus Ministry")

All soup freshly homemade then frozen.

Type	Order Form	Quantity
Beef and Barley. ....	_____	_____
Chicken Corn Chowder. ....	_____	_____
Ham and Bean. ....	_____	_____
Hot Sausage and Shrimp Gumbo. ....	_____	_____
Italian Wedding. ....	_____	_____
Winter Sausage, Potato and Vegetable. ....	_____	_____
Total Quarts ordered: _____ x \$7. ....	_____	\$ _____
Name: _____		
Address: _____		
Phone Number: _____		

Mail checks & order form to Tammy Aichner at 1325 Mansel Ave. Williamsport, PA 17701. Orders are needed by March 19<sup>th</sup>. Quantities limited, first ordered, first served. Delivery will be between April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>. Tammy will contact you to arrange delivery. Soup will be delivered frozen. All proceeds will go toward our Campus Ministry.



## SAVE THE DATE

# Lutheran Youth Day April 14, 2018

with David Scherer (AGAPE\*) and Joe Davis

Sponsored by:  
The Office of Religious and Spiritual Life  
[musser@susqu.edu](mailto:musser@susqu.edu) 570-372-4303  
[www.susqu.edu/religious-and-spiritual-life](http://www.susqu.edu/religious-and-spiritual-life)

## SAVE THE DATE



**FUNDRAISER**

Please join us in the fight to end hunger and warm your body and soul. A simple meal of soup, bread and desserts from our finest local chefs and bakers will be paired with a take-home hand-crafted pottery bowl.

**Friday, March 2, 2018**

Two seating's left: 1:00pm and 4:30pm  
(running an hour and a half each seating)

**Genetti Hotel & Suites in Williamsport**

Tickets are \$25 in advance, all ages welcome.

Tickets at the door will be \$30.

Tickets can be purchased online or by calling the  
Williamsport office at 570-321-8023.

**MENU:**

*Nippenose Valley Village:* Ultimate Baked Potato and Minestrone Vegetable

*Le Jeune Chef at Penn College:* Mushroom Bisque and Cajun Vegetarian

*Abbey Eschbach from STEP, Inc.:* Zuppa Toscana

*Real Taste Food Truck:* Mexican Pozole

*The James Williamsport:* Crab Bisque

*Hillside Catering:* French Onion Soup and Chicken Tortellini

Desserts provided by *Tony's Delicatessen, Purity Candy, Cake Room, Peter Herdic House, and Country Cupboard.*

Bread by *Bimbo Baker*

*Join us to warm your body and soul.*

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**WEDNESDAY ECUMENICAL LUNCHES**

Wednesday lunches at Pine St. UM have begun again: they serve 11:45 a.m. Lunch is \$6. 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 the United Churches office 570-322-1110 if you are not a regular attender will help our caterer, Heidi, know how to prepare.

**MARCH PROGRAMS:**

7: To Be Announced

14: "Martha and Mary" The Rev. Brian VanFossen, Pastor, St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Williamsport

21: "The Little Children," The Rev. Gwen Bernstine, Executive Director, United Churches

28: "The Lawyer's Interaction With Jesus: The day Jesus Raised the Bar", The Rev. James

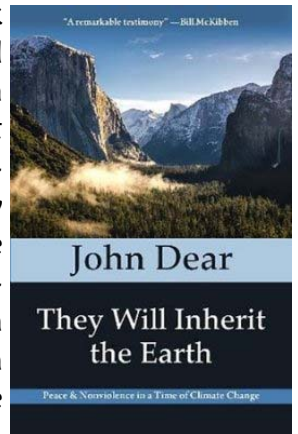
West, Interim Pastor, St. Mark Lutheran Church, Williamsport

Pastor West will lead the Pine Street United Methodist Luncheon on Wednesday March 28th at noon. The series of Lenten talks are on people whom Jesus encountered on his way to the Cross. The person of interest for his talk will be the man who is not able to follow Jesus because of his wealth, power and influence. If you want to read ahead, the biblical reference is Mark 10: 17-22.

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**JOHN DEAR TALK & BOOK SIGNING**

John Dear: a Talk and Book Signing Event will be held Tuesday, March 27th at 7 pm at Honors Hall, Corner of East Fourth and Basin Streets, Lycoming College. His new book, "They Will Inherit the Earth: Peace in a Time of Climate Change," is a reflection on the connection between nonviolence and climate change, based on the third beatitude, blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.



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**PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Prayer Breakfast will be held Saturday, April 7 at 9:30 at the Holiday Inn Express (Grand Ball Room) Wmspt. Sponsored by the Susquehanna Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life. Speakers will be Phyllis Krieger, Connie Costello and Becky Biter. The cost of the buffet is \$15 for adults, \$5 for children 10 and under. RSVP to Doris at 570-745-3502 by Friday, March 30. Visit [www.pavalleyprolife.org](http://www.pavalleyprolife.org) for details.

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*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 appreciate each and every donation.*

*God bless you. You are in my prayers each day.  
Sincerely in Christ, Sister Henry*





**Valentine's Day Wishes**

The Outreach Committee thanks the congregation for their enthusiastic support of our recent Valentine's Day card event. More than twenty folks on the Special Concerns List and others we do not see as often as we wish received a cheery card or two making this a sweet holiday indeed. We feel certain there were many smiling faces when those charming messages arrived.

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**Raise the Region**

First Community Foundation of PA in partnership with Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships will once again be launching a 30-hour online fundraising event starting Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 6:00 PM though Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 11:59 PM. Take a few moments and visit

[www.raisetheregion.org](http://www.raisetheregion.org) to see the many non-profit organizations accepting donations. A few charities that come to mind at St. Mark's are Civic Chorus, the SPCA and the Newberry Branch of NGA. All gifts are tax deductible and will help make your favorite non-profit's mission possible.



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**Sharing in the Caring**

**Ongoing Collections at St. Mark's:**

United Churches Food Pantry: Non-perishable food items are always in need.

Shepherd of the Streets: Hygiene items in regular sizes for infants, kids and adults. Also needed are disposable diapers and new or gently used towels and bedding.

Bazaar Room: The Women of St. Mark's continue to accept donations for the annual Fall Bazaar. This year's sale is Saturday, September 8, 2018.

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*"So when the devil throws your sins in your face and declares that you deserve death and hell, tell him this: "I admit that I deserve death and hell, what of it? For I know One who suffered and made satisfaction on my behalf. His name is Jesus Christ, Son of God, and where He is there I shall be also!"*

~ Martin Luther

Joyce Hershberger is very diligent in gathering information regarding members of our church family and telling us of it in an engaging manner. But it slipped by her this time that she didn't tell us about this!



In her capacity as president of the Williamsport Symphony Orchestra, she participated in the acceptance of a check from the Friends of the Symphony in the amount of \$15,000.

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**PALM CROSSES**

Learn how to make those nifty crosses that you receive every year on Palm Sunday! At 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 24, join us in Fellowship Hall to help us make the crosses. It's always fun. Many hands make light work, so, let's get these made!



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**EASTER MORNING HOSPITALITY**

In between the services on Easter morning, post-8:00/pre-10:30 services, 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 an Easter craft.

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!!





**THANK YOU!**  
 St. Mark's Lutheran Church's 2018 Collection  
 raised:  
**\$413.16, 541 food items**

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**  
 souperbowl.org

February 4, 2018

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 Souper Bowl of Caring

**Souper Bowl 2018!**

Living in central Pennsylvania, the weekend of February 3-4 was especially exciting for us. We have always had great collection bins (giant footballs) for the Souper Bowl food drive. But, this year, we added another incentive for giving...we labeled one football "Eagles" and the other one "Patriots." Then, we asked our congregation members to put their offerings into the bin of the team for whom they were rooting! Well, you can see the results in the accompanying photos! Because of this friendly competition (Eagles over Patriots 132/21), we collected more food items than we have in years: a grand total of **153!**

In addition to finding out who the favored team was in our congregation, we went outside the church seeking donations at our local Sam's Club. The weather was at a low of 16° when we started at 9:00 a.m., but warmed up to about 33° by the time we left at 2:00. While there, we collected **303 individual food items** and **\$260** in monetary donations. Folks were really friendly and some even left and then returned with more food! Again, Eagles fans predominated. Though there was one Pennsylvanian who was solidly behind the Patriots (granted, he was wearing a Steelers jacket and hat)! WE are extremely thankful that Sam's allowed us to set up out there for the day!

We are also thankful to other stores who helped us out, too. We received gift cards from Wegmans Food Store, Giant Markets, and Weis Markets. With those, we were able to purchase **85 more** cans of food!

We more than tripled the amount of our usual donations:

With all this, St. Mark's was overjoyed to contribute **537 food items** to the **Lycoming County Food Bank**, **4 #10 cans of vegetables** to **St. Anthony's Center**, and over **\$413.16** to **Shepherd of the Streets**. In this, as in all things we are thankful for God's guidance in all we do.

We hope you enjoy the photos. *(next page)*

**FOOD PANTRY HOURS:**

Hours are: 9:30 - Noon  
 on Mondays for delivery.

Tuesdays/Thursdays from 10-3  
 clients by appointment only 570-322-1657  
 Castellano Center 320 Park Ave.,  
 Williamsport, PA



As always, the food pantry stands in need of any non-perishable food items.  
*Thank you*

**Our 24 hour Devotion Line**

Have you called yet? The number is 570-322-5762.

It's available 24 hours a day.

Devotions change each weekday and once on the weekend, and are designed to lift your spirit and help you to have  
*"A Closer Walk with God."*



The devotionists this month include:

- 3/5-11 Ms. Yvonne Shenuski
- 3/12-18 Pastor Derek Smith
- 3/19-25 Mrs. Sandy Grier

Listen today and tell others about this ministry!

**Daniel's Closet**

(Free Seasonal Clothing) on Saturday, March 24th, from 9:00 – 11:00 AM

*(Donated clothing may be dropped off on Thursday, March 22nd, from 4:30-6:00 PM)*

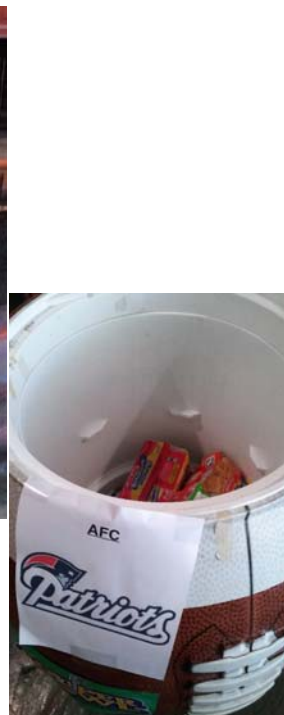
**Free Community Supper All Are Welcome**

Redeemer Lutheran Church Thursday, March 8, 2018 5:30 – 6:30 PM





# SOUPER 2018 BOWL



**Thu March 1, 2018**

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

**Fri March 2, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer

**Sun March 4, 2018**

**Lent III**  
8:00am Holy Communion  
9:15am Sunday School  
10:30am Holy Communion

**Mon March 5, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer  
10:03am Staff Meeting  
7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

**Tue March 6, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer  
11:00am VBS Planning at Trinity  
1:00pm City Pastors' Lunch  
6:30pm Outreach

**Wed March 7, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer  
9:00am Quilters  
11:30am Midday Lenten Service  
12:00pm Lenten Lunch  
12:00pm Ecumenical Lunch @ Pine St.  
1:15pm Pericope  
6:15pm Lenten Supper (at St. Luke)  
7:00pm Evening Lenten Service (St. Luke)

**Thu March 8, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer  
9:30am Stephen Ministry  
10:30am Publicity Committee  
5:00pm Worship & Music Committee  
5:30pm Redeemer Community Meal  
6:00pm Bell Choir  
6:30pm Stephen Ministry  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

**Fri March 9, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer

**Sat March 10, 2018**

Council Agenda Due

**Sun March 11, 2018**

**Lent IV**  
**Congregational Mtg—**  
**Constitution**  
8:00am Holy Communion  
9:15am Sunday School  
10:30am Holy Communion

**Mon March 12, 2018**

**Lion Article Deadline**  
9:00am Morning Prayer  
10:03am Staff Meeting  
7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

**Tue March 13, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer

**Wed March 14, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer  
9:00am Quilters  
11:30am Midday Lenten Service  
12:00pm Lenten Lunch  
12:00pm Ecumenical Lunch @ Pine St.  
1:15pm Pericope  
6:15pm Lenten Supper (at St. Mark's)  
7:00pm Evening Lenten Service (St. Mark's)

**Thu March 15, 2018**

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

**Fri March 16, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer

**Sun March 18, 2018**

**Lent V**  
8:00am Holy Communion  
9:15am Sunday School  
10:30am Holy Communion  
10:30am Children's Church

**Mon March 19, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer  
10:03am Staff Meeting  
6:00pm Civic Chorus Board Meeting  
6:30pm Council Meeting  
7:00pm Wmspt. Dog Training Club  
7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

**Tue March 20, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer

**Wed March 21, 2018**

9:00am Morning Prayer  
9:00am Quilters  
11:30am Midday Lenten Service  
12:00pm Ecumenical Lunch @ Pine St.  
12:00pm Lunch 'n' Fellowship  
1:15pm Pericope  
6:15pm Lenten Supper (at St. Luke)  
7:00pm Evening Lenten Service (St. Luke)

**Thu March 22, 2018**

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





**Fri March 23, 2018**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 9:20am Lion Crew

**Sat March 24, 2018**  
 9:00am Palm Cross Making  
 9:00am Daniel's Closet

**Sun March 25, 2018**  
**Palm Sunday**  
 8:00am Holy Communion  
 9:15am Sunday School  
 10:30am Holy Communion

**Mon March 26, 2018**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 10:03am Staff Meeting  
 7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal



**Tue March 27, 2018**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 6:00pm LSM at St. Luke's

**Wed March 28, 2018**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 9:00am Quilters  
 12:00pm Ecumenical Lunch @ Pine St.  
 1:15pm Pericope  
 6:15pm Seder Meal - Fellowship Hall

**Thu March 29, 2018**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 12:00pm Holy Communion-chapel

7:00pm Holy Communion & Foot Washing-nave

**Fri March 30, 2018**  
 Office Closes at noon  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 12:00—3:00pm Ecumenical Svc. @ Pine St United Methodist Church  
 2:00pm St Mark's Choir sings at Ecumenical Svc.  
 7:00pm Tenebrae

**Sat March 31, 2018**  
 8:00pm The Great Vigil of Easter



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