



# THE LION OF ST. MARK'S

MARCH 2019

## Lent



*Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Lent is based on sacrifice, so most Christians choose to stop eating a favorite food or pursuing a favorite activity. However, you can also choose to do something instead. For example, say an extra prayer every day, go to Church twice a week, or read some scripture verses.*

On March 6, we begin our Lenten obligations with our traditional **Ash Wednesday** services with **Holy Communion**: at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel and in the Nave at 7:00 p.m.

On each **Wednesday** of Lent, we have **Mid-day Prayer** in the Chapel at 11:30 a.m. All are invited to join us for a lunch of hearty soup after the service.

**Wednesday evenings** our time together begins with Bible Study at 5:00, followed at 7:00 by **Vespers**.

**Morning Prayer** continues Monday-Thursday at 9:00 AM in the chapel.

On **Palm Sunday**, April 14, we will process with palms and celebrate Holy Communion at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. In preparation for that, we are in Fellowship Hall on **Saturday** morning, April 13, to make palm crosses—please join us.

The **Seder Meal** is on Wednesday, April 17. Assistance is welcome and appreciated on that Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon to set the room and help with meal preparations.

Worship on **Maundy Thursday** is 7:00 p.m. in the Nave.

The doors of St. Mark's will be open for three hours (noon-3:00) on **Good Friday** for any who wish to come in to pray, meditate, or follow the stations of the Cross. **Tenebrae** is at 7:00 p.m. in our Nave.

The **Easter Vigil** on Saturday, April 20, begins in the Chapel at 8:00 p.m. and moves into the Nave for the first celebration of Easter.

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*Forgiveness is the key that unlocks  
the door of resentment.  
~ Corrie Ten Boom*

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

DATE: Friday, March 1, 2019

TIME: 1:30 PM

PLACE: Shiloh Baptist Church, 433 Walnut Street, Williamsport

THEME: "COME, EVERYTHING IS READY"

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide, ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service.

- ♦ It is initiated and carried out by women in more than 170 countries and regions.
- ♦ It is symbolized by an annual day of celebration, observed on the first Friday in March, to which all people are welcome.
- ♦ It brings women of different races, cultures and traditions together in fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.
- ♦ Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and have immeasurable influence in the world.
- ♦ The motto of World Day of Prayer is **"Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action."**

The theme invites us to "come...everything is ready." Come to praise, thank, and proclaim the kingdom of love. The invitation is grounded in the parable Jesus told about a great feast which was attended by the folks called off the streets, as those invited excused themselves. Community forms around the table but is not enough to fill the house – there is still room. Who is missing from the table in our community and how can we invite them to the feast?

Come, there is a place for you! Refreshments will be served after the celebration. Parking is available in the parking lot next to the church. The church is not handicapped accessible.

Contributions to Church Women United in Lycoming County from individuals as well as from Women's Organizations are very much appreciated and will be used towards our Christmas Stocking Project. Your contributions may also be sent to Eleanor Derr, 319 Woodland Avenue, Williamsport, Pa 17701. Walkers, catheter bags and lap robes are also appreciated. Nursing homes throughout the county welcome these items. Instructions for these items can be obtained from Pat Wittig, 570-322-4330.



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### Church Council met on January 21, 2019

- Approved the Christian Education Committee's recommendation to change the committee name to Faith and Fellowship Committee.
- Discussed placing more frequent newspaper ads informing the public about St Marks and times of service. Council will look into cost.
- Discussed requiring multiple bids on larger projects around the church. The doorbell is being updated to ring throughout the church.
- Approved the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to retain Bernadette Jones in the position of Church Secretary & other duties as assigned by the Pastor for 25 hours per week effective Monday, January 21, 2019.
- Mel Wetzel will organize a meeting of the committee heads to discuss committee duties, volunteers and liaisons.

### Council met on February 18, 2019

- Worship & Music: Next meeting will be February 21
- Publicity Committee: A meeting will be scheduled for later in February, 2019.
- Property Committee: Discussions took place regarding a possible rekeying of the church.
- Personnel Committee: Lorraine Barone resigned from the committee. Candy Dewar joined the committee. The committee will be placing an ad for the position of Bookkeeper.
- Other Business:
  - Mel Wentzel will schedule a committee chair meeting. A nominating committee will be chosen to seek new council members to replace those approaching the end of their term.

Next meeting: March 18, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

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**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
March 6, 2019

### 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**  
**Secretary:**  
Mon-Fri 9 a.m.—2 p.m.

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Grace to you and peace.

We tried to delay it as much as we could, but Easter is still coming, which means that we get to get ready for it. The way we get ready is to enter the season of Lent. All the details are in this March edition of the *St. Mark's Lion*. Here is a summary.

Wednesday, March 6,

Ash Wednesday service with Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes

Chapel Service at 11:30 a.m. Church Service (Nave) at 7 p.m.

Wednesdays of Lent March 13, 20, 27. April 3, 10.

Chapel Service at 11:30 a.m. Light Lunch at Noon in Community Room Bible Study at 5:00 p.m. Middle Lounge, Church Service at 7 p.m.

Daylight Saving Time begins on the First Sunday in Lent, March 10 Saturday Services at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel (Saturday, March 2 will be at 4 p.m. Standard Time)

Holy Week

Palm Sunday April 14 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Seder Meal at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday; Maundy Thursday at Church 7: 00 p.m.; Good Friday 7:00 p.m.

The Church will be open for prayer on Good Friday from Noon to 3 p.m. There will also be a Community Good Friday Service at Sojourner Truth, 501 High St., beginning at 12:30p.m.

Easter Vigil begins at 8:00 p.m. Saturday in the chapel, concludes in the Church.

Easter Day and following Sundays of Easter, 8 and 10:30 a.m.



Christianity is our life before God, in Christ Jesus, for others. Lent is that time when Christ's Church remembers that this is most certainly true.

Pray for me as I pray for you,  
always in Christ Jesus,  
*Pastor James*

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### GAME DAY REVISITED!

Due to inclement weather, we were prevented from enjoying each others' company in fun and fellowship.

WE HAVE RESCHEDULED TO  
SUNDAY, MARCH 3!

**ALL AGES** are welcome to come enjoy board games or cards. We will still meet at noon in Fellowship Hall.

Bring a favorite game! Bring finger-food or beverage to share. Bring a friend—bring two!



*Join us for an afternoon of fun!*



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

**Meal Packaging Event at  
St. Mark's Lutheran  
Saturday, April 6, 2019 beginning at 9:00am**

Locally, 4,700 (1 in 6) children in Lycoming County struggle with food insecurity (www.feedingamerica.org.)

You can help alleviate this insecurity by making a monetary donation, 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 to the New Love Center in Jersey Shore.

Sign-up sheets for volunteering during the event will be available in the Narthex. Together we can make a difference.

Checks may be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line stating Meal Event.

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## Can You Tie A Knot ?

If you can, we want you!! Our Quilters are in need of people to tie knots and people to sew quilt tops. It is easy and fun! Talk to any of our present quilters if you are interested. Or, just come any Wednesday morning and see for yourself.

National Quilting Day will be celebrated on March 16, 2019. For nearly 70 years Lutherans have made quilts for people in need around the world. Hundreds of thousands of quilts are sent each year to people who are struggling with displacement, chronic poverty, illness, conflict, or natural disasters. You can help!

As usual, donations of large pieces of new or gently used fabrics (no fiberglass) are greatly appreciated. Flannel sheets are particularly good. Monetary donations can be made to St. Mark's with a designation of "Quilters".

*"Those who sleep under our quilts sleep under a blanket of love."*

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### WANTED!

**CANTORS FOR THE 8:00 SERVICE  
ON SUNDAY MORNINGS.**

We are seeking a cantor for the 8 am service; someone who can sing the hymns and all of the songs of the liturgy to help guide the congregation through the musical portions of worship. Please contact Christian Humcke for details at [christianwhumcke@gmail.com](mailto:christianwhumcke@gmail.com)

# Nibbles from the Church Mouse

Last night's symphony concert was certainly held under extreme weather conditions but the logistics of changing such a large ensemble are overwhelming – the concert was wonderful and much appreciated by those who made the effort to get there. The Civic Choir sang the Bruckner TeDeum with the orchestra and the effect was amazing – three of the members of the vocal group were our own Deb Buckman, Sadie Wentzel and Christian Humcke. Inspirational!

The Wentzel twins continue their involvement in things musical. Taylor played with the PMEA District Band and Orchestra and qualified to participate in PMEA Regional Band and Orchestra. She has been accepted into West Chester University and Penn State University for the fall of 2019. Both schools are high on her list of choices. As the athletic year ends so does the Loyalsock Pep Band. This is a year of firsts and lists which become bittersweet to those involved.

Sadie has continued singing the National Anthem at the games for the varsity basketball season. She also participated in the PMEA District Chorus and has been accepted into Penn State University and Susquehanna University for the fall of 2019.

A note from Pastor Elkin: Katy and family were home at Christmastime and not just to visit. Katy was honored at a special assembly on December 21 at Southern Columbia High School and recognized as a Distinguished Alumna. The plaque given to her says in part "This award is given in recognition of your achievements and success in your field of endeavor. Your exceptional accomplishments have a lasting and positive effect." Ken and Donna attended and heard Katy address the very attentive student body for more than 10 minutes. Following that she went to another room and addressed band and chorus students and answered perceptive questions for more than a half hour. When asked about how she balances work and family she answered "There are considerable challenges" as she was holding Oliver on her lap. Everyone laughed. What a wonderful honor for Katy and family – she had an outstanding record at her high school. All three years she was state champion, first chair oboe in district, region and state band or orchestra. I am sure her parents are very proud as are all of us.

Happy Valentine's Day and keep in touch!!

Blessings, *Joyce S. Hershberger*

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*Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.*

~ 1 Peter 5:6

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

*"I took each item out of my box one by one. I wanted to rejoice for everything."*

~ *Andy, shoe box recipient.*

Please consider donating to our shoebox collections each month. The items are small, and yet so meaningful to the child who receives them. Our St. Mark's goal for 2019 is to fill 45 shoeboxes in November.

In March, we will be collecting:

**Combs/Brushes**

**Toothbrushes/Plastic Toothbrush Cases**

**Soap/Plastic Soap Boxes**

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

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*To our St. Mark's family,*

*It has been five months since Phil's major surgery at UPMC Passavant (Pittsburgh). Considering the severity of the surgery and the complication which followed (a clogged artery), he is doing very well and we are pleased to report his various wounds are healing nicely.*

*We are so thankful for God's ongoing presence, guidance and love in our lives during this extremely stressful time.*

*Phil and I want to thank our St. Mark's family for their many thoughts and prayers, visits, phone calls, texts, countless cards, and help in so many different ways throughout the last year.*

*We want to offer a sincere thank you to Pastor West for his home visits, but more importantly, for his presence prior to and during Phil's major surgeries at both Geisinger and UPMC Passavant. He was a source of extreme comfort and peace to our entire family.*

*As we consider our trials over the past year, the following verses come to mind:*

*Psalm 100: 4b – "Give thanks to Him and praise His name."*

*1 Thessalonians 5:18 – "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

*May God bless you all for your many kindnesses.*

*In Christ,*

*Phil and Barb Thomas*

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## Valentine's Day Wishes

The Outreach Committee thanks the congregation for their enthusiastic support of our recent Valentine's Day card and candy event. Local folks on the Special Concerns List and others we do not see as often as we wish received a cheery card and a heart shaped box of candy to celebrate this holiday. Folks living out of town were remembered with Valentine's Day cards. We feel certain there were many smiling faces when those sweet gifts arrived.

**MARCH SERVICE SCHEDULES**

<u>USHERS</u>		<u>Early</u>	<u>Late</u>
3/3	Dick & Herb		M Jensen team/Connie S
3/10	Dick & Herb		M Fortin team/Cindy H
3/17	Dick & Herb		Hershberger team/Pam J
3/24	Dick & Herb		C Fortin Team/Nancy L
3/24	Dick & Herb		M Jensen team/Ruth S

<u>LECTORS</u>		<u>Early</u>	<u>Late</u>
3/3	L Kolb		B Gair
3/10	D Haussmann		R Zeigler
3/17	D Labenberg		D Zeigler
3/24	B Pryor		K Mariano
3/31	Todd Smith		H Hershberger

**ASSISTANT MINISTERS**

		<u>Early</u>	<u>Late</u>
3/3	Lou DeSeau		L Rosini
3/10	D Haussmann		J Hershberger
3/17	B Haussmann		R Huff
3/24	Becky Pryor		L DeSeau
3/31	Lou DeSeau		K Dancho

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

		<u>Late</u>
3/3		Dan & Diana
3/10		Lou & Carl H
3/17		Gregg & Kathy
3/24		Matt & Wanda
3/31		Mel & Mindy

**ACOLYTES**

		<u>Late</u>
3/3		Annika Waffenschmidt
3/10		Owen Gair
3/17		Hannah & Elizabeth H.
3/24		Taylor Wentzel
3/31		Sadie Wentzel

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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. Mona Rundio, coordinator of the pantry, encourages folks to purchase the BOGO specials and donate one to the food pantry.

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. Items should be packed into small boxes and placed away from the Bazaar Room door. This year's sale is Saturday, September 7, 2019.

Soda Tabs for Ronald McDonald House: Containers are in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall for your donations.

**Ongoing Activities at Redeemer Lutheran:**



Free Community Dinner: Thursday, March 8, 2019 from 5:30 PM -6:30 PM. All are welcome.

Daniel's Closet: Free seasonal clothing on Saturday, March 23, 2019 from 9:00 -11:00 AM. Donations may be dropped off at Redeemer on March 21, 2019 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM. If you have a large quantity of clothing, please call Barb Horn at 570-974-3744 or Carol Johnson at 570-772-6674 to arrange a time to take your clothing directly to Redeemer Lutheran.

*If you have a large quantity of clothing that cannot wait until the drop -off date you can now call Barb Horn @ 570-974-3744 or Carol Johnson @ 570-772-6674 to arrange a mutually convenient time to take your clothes to Redeemer Lutheran.*

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*Words could never begin to express my appreciation for our Staff's assistance and that of the Parish Life Committee in helping my daughter plan her husband's memorial service held on January 26th. I can't thank them enough for their part in providing such a meaningful farewell to a beloved member of our family.*  
~ Shirley Miller

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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 13, 2019 at 6:00 PM though Thursday, March 14, 2019 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 nonprofit's mission possible.

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*Dear St. Mark's Church Family,*

*What a nice visit I had with Bunny Ditchfield and her friend, Teresa! It was a visit filled with friends and happy memories. I know I am loved because He first loved us. (1 John 4:19) the heart-shaped box of candy certainly added a sweet touch to me day!*

*Love, Elda Zeigler*

**FAITH UNBOUND  
IN LYCOMING COUNTY**

**Join Lou Kolb** as he hosts the third podcast in our series to better acquaint you with the ministries and activities of United Churches.



This show features **Pastor Tammey Aichner** and our **United Campus Ministry**.

Check it out on Youtube and. As always, let us know what you think. <https://youtu.be/v4CW64FTDtk>

If you haven't listened to our earlier podcasts yet, check them out at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUZ9MGYYkRo>  
[https://youtu.be/7TZNJ\\_ILT1I](https://youtu.be/7TZNJ_ILT1I)

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*It's time for our Campus Ministry's Annual Soup Sale. Below is the list of soups and your order form.*

**Soup Sale for United Campus Ministry**

Donation: \$7.00 per quart

(Checks payable to "United Churches Campus Ministry")

All soup freshly homemade then frozen.

Order Form

Type	Quantity
Beef and Barley . . . . .	_____
Chicken Corn Chowder . . . . .	_____
Chicken and Wild Rice . . . . .	_____
Chili . . . . .	_____
Ham and Bean . . . . .	_____
Hot Sausage and Shrimp Gumbo . . . . .	_____
Italian Wedding . . . . .	_____
Potato with Chicken and Rivals . . . . .	_____
Spinach, Sausage and Tomato Tortellini . . . . .	_____
Tomato . . . . .	_____
Vegetable Beef Soup . . . . .	_____
Total Quarts ordered: _____ x \$7 . . . . .	\$ _____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail checks and order form to Tammey Aichner, 1325 Mansel Ave., Williamsport, PA 17701. Orders needed by March 17th. Quantities limited, first ordered, first served. Delivery will be between April 1st - 7th. Tammey will contact you to arrange delivery. Soup will be delivered frozen. All proceeds go toward our Campus Ministry.

*All this has been in lost & found for...well, for a very long time. Please claim in the office by month's end.*

**Festival Choir 2019** is forming under the direction of David Koskey. The Faxon Festival Choir closes their Community Church Concert Music Series. *This Ecumenical Choir is open to all youth and adults who love to sing Sacred Choral Music and want to be part of the choir!*

Rehearsals will be 1:30-3:30 PM on the following Sunday afternoons:

February 17	March 24	April 7
February 24	March 31	April 28

Normally they practice the last two Sundays of the month (April changed due to Palm Sunday and Easter)

Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, May 4, 9:00 AM - Noon

PERFORMANCE: Sunday, May 5, at 2:00 PM

Registration fee is only \$25.00. There are no auditions and robes will not be used. You do not need to sing in a church choir to sing in the Festival Choir.

Join them this spring for the 2019 Faxon Festival Choir! A registration form is available in the supplement for you to fill out and mail with your registration fee to Faxon Kenmar UMC Festival Choir Attention: David Koskey 1301 Clayton Ave Williamsport, PA 17701. Should you be seeing this too late for the mail, contact the church office at 570-323-7272. Music packets will be passed out at the first rehearsal. Dave is looking forward to joining all your voices together to make beautiful music to praise God.



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**DIAL - A - DEVOTION**

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

It's available 24 hours a day. **Devotions** are three minutes or less, change weekdays and once on the weekend, and are designed to lift your spirits and help you to have "A Closer Walk with God." The devotionals this month are:

3/4-10 Pastors Jim & Kathy Behrens

3/11-17 Mrs. Tiffany Haller

3/18-24 Mrs. Gail Landers

Listen today and tell others about this ministry!



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We had a great time on Sunday February 17! We learned a lot about some members of our St. Mark's Family, as you can see:



Diana Zeigler showed us how to make baskets and displayed her collection.

Michael Ochs shared his collection of gospel and religious music on CDs.



Sadie & Taylor Wentzel and friend, Collin, played for us as a trio and soloing with Christian accompanying them.

Glenn Yaple taught us about his exotic, cold-hardy plants.



Donna Clark worked on her scrapbooks as we looked on...and learned about her grandchildren!



...and hospitality was enjoyed by all!

## ALL THE LANGUAGES OF THE GOOD NEWS

This Milestone was celebrated on Sunday, February 10. Dallas Hanford and Brennan Comerford received personalized bags containing books, a CD of a children's choir, and an icon of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. After worship, they decorated their bags and learned all the different ways we could spread the Good News.



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**SOUPER BOWL RESULTS. THANK YOU ALL!!**

# THANK YOU!

St. Mark's Lutheran Church's 2019 Collection

raised:

## \$132 and 111 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.



February 3, 2019

Our Father who art in Heaven...  
*Yes?*  
 Don't interrupt me. I'm praying.  
*But—you called me!*  
 Called you? No, I didn't call you...I'm praying...Our Father who art in Heaven...  
*There—you did it again!*  
 Did what?  
*Called me! You said, "Our Father who art in Heaven." Well, here I am. What's on your mind?*  
 But I didn't mean anything by it. I was, you know, just saying my prayers for the day. I always say the Lord's Prayer. It makes me feel good, kind of like fulfilling a duty.  
*Well, all right...Go on.*  
 Okay, Hallowed be thy name...  
*Hold it right there. What do you mean by that?*  
 By what?  
*By "Hallowed be thy name"?*  
 It means, it means...good grief, I don't know what it means. How in the world should I know? It's just a part of the prayer. By the way, what does it mean?  
*It means honored, holy, wonderful.*  
 Hey, that makes sense. I never thought about what 'hallowed' meant before. Thanks.  
 Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.  
*Do you really mean that?*  
 Sure, why not?  
*What are you doing about it?*  
 Doing? Why, nothing, I guess. I just think it would be kind of neat if you got control, of everything down here like you have up there. We're kinda in a mess down here you know.  
*Yes, I know; but, have I got control of you?*  
 Well, I go to church.  
*That isn't what I asked you. What about your bad temper? You've really got a problem there, you know. And then there's the way you spend your money -- all on yourself. And what about the kind of books you read?*  
 Now hold on just a minute! Stop picking on me! I'm just as good as some of the rest of those people at church!  
*Excuse me! I thought you were praying for my will to be done. If that is to happen, it will have to start with the ones who are praying for it. Like you, for example.*  
 Oh, all right. I guess I do have some hang-ups. Now that you mention it, I could probably name some others.  
*So could I.*  
 I haven't thought about it very much until now, but I would like to cut out some of those things. I would like to, you know, be really free.  
*Good. Now we're getting somewhere. We'll work together -- You and me...I'm proud of you.*  
 Look, Lord, I need to finish up here. This is taking a lot longer than it usually does...Give us this day, our daily bread.  
*You need to cut out the bread. You're overweight as it is.*  
 Hey, wait a minute! What is this? Here I was doing my religious duty, and all of a sudden you break in and remind me of all my hang-ups.  
*Praying is a dangerous thing. You just might get what you ask for. Remember, you called me—and here I am. It's too late to stop now. Keep praying....well, go on.*  
 I'm scared to.  
*Scared? Of what?*  
 I know what you'll say.  
*Try me.*  
 Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
*What about Ann?*

See? I knew it! I knew you would bring her up! Why, Lord, she's told lies about me, spread stories. She never paid back the money she owes me. I've sworn to get even with her!  
*But—your prayer—what about your prayer?*  
 I didn't—mean it.

*Well, at least you're honest. But, it's quite a load carrying around all that bitterness and resentment isn't it?*  
 Yes, but I'll feel better as soon as I get even with her. Boy, have I got some plans for her. She'll wish she had never been born.  
*No, you won't feel any better. You'll feel worse. Revenge isn't sweet. You know how unhappy you are—well, I can change that.*

You can? How?

*Forgive Ann. Then, I'll forgive you; and the hate and the sin will be Ann's problem—not yours. You will have settled the problem as far as you are concerned.*

Oh, you know, you're right. You always are. And more than I want revenge, I want to be right with You...(sigh). All right, all right...I forgive her.

*There now! Wonderful! How do you feel?*

Hmmmm...Well, not bad, not bad at all! In fact, I feel pretty great! You know, I don't think I'll go to bed uptight tonight. I haven't been getting much rest, you know.

*Yeah, I know. But, you're not through with your prayer are you? Go on.*

Oh, all right. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

*Good! Good! I'll do that. Just don't put yourself in a place where you can be tempted.*

What do you mean by that?

*You know what I mean.*

Yeah. I know.

*Okay. Go ahead. Finish your prayer.*

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Do you know what would bring me glory—what would really make me happy?*

No, but I'd like to know. I want to please you now. I've really made a mess of things. I want to truly follow you. I can see now how great that would be. So, tell me—how do I make you happy?

*You just did.*

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### PLACE TO BE FOR LUNCH WEDNESDAYS IS PINE STREET UNITED METHODIST!

Join us Wednesdays for lunch and an 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.

#### MARCH:

- 6- **Rev. James Wooster**, Pastor, Pine Street United Methodist Church, "*Ash Wednesday Service*" **Lenten Series - with the Williamsport Ministerium** Embracing An Alternative Orthodoxy A Five Study Series With Richard Rohr on the Legacy of St. Francis
- 13- **Rev. Ken Wagner-Pizza**, Pastor, Trinity Episcopal Church, "*Atonement Theology*"
- 20- **Rev. Gwen Bernstine**, United Churches of Lycoming County, "*Eco-Spirituality*"
- 27- **Rev. Jeffrey LeCrone**, Interim Pastor, St. Luke Lutheran Church, "*The Cosmic Christ*"

Plan to attend! Bring a friend! It's for regular folks like you and me! Join us this week! \*





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- 3/1 Ruth Pile
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- 3/6 Robert Shaible
- 3/6 Madison Walz
- 3/9 Robert Lynn
- 3/9 Patricia Thayer
- 3/11 Michael Kinney
- 3/14 Romain Bastian
- 3/15 Kimberly Caster
- 3/15 Roxanna Larson
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- 3/17 Alan Zimmerer
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- 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

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 3/6 Gary & Donna Clark

*PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT BULLETINS ARE CURRENTLY PRINTED NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY MORNINGS. PLEASE HAVE ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE ANNOUNCED INTO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN TUESDAY MORNING. DURING BUSY WEEKS, PLEASE CALL BY MONDAY.*

**FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH'N'FELLOWSHIP**

**WHEN? Wednesday, March 20**

**WHERE? Our Fellowship Hall**

**WHAT? Baked Ham**

**Please join us for good food & fellowship!**

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**PARKING SPACES AVAILABLE TO RENT!**

St. Mark's has some parking spaces open to rent. Numbered spots are available for week-day use and are \$25/mo.



**Newsletter articles due Tuesday, Mar. 12**

**Council reports due Sunday, Mar. 10**

**Fri March 1, 2019**

**Sat March 2, 2019**

**4:00pm Holy Communion**

**Sun March 3, 2019**

**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

7:00am Morning Prayer

**8:00am Holy Communion**

9:15am Sunday School

**10:30am Holy Communion**

11:45am Chancel choir practice

**Mon March 4, 2019**

9:00am Morning Prayer

11:00am Staff Meeting

7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

**Tue March 5, 2019**

9:00am Morning Prayer

1:00pm City Pastors' Lunch

6:30pm Outreach

**Wed March 6, 2019**

**Ash Wednesday**

9:00am Morning Prayer

**11:30am Ash Wednesday Service  
(Chapel)**

11:45 Pine St UM Ecumenical Meal

**7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service  
(Nave)**

**Thu March 7, 2019**

9:00am Morning Prayer

10:45am Faith & Fellowship Comm.

7:00pm Bell Choir

**Sat March 9, 2019**

**4:00pm Holy Communion**

**Sun March 10, 2019**

Daylight Saving Time begins

*LENT 1*

**Council Agenda Due**

7:00am Morning Prayer

**8:00am Holy Communion**

9:15am Sunday School

**10:30am Holy Communion**

11:45am Chancel choir practice

**Mon March 11, 2019**

9:00am Morning Prayer

11:00am Staff Meeting

7:00pm Civic Chorus Reh.

**Tue March 12, 2019**

**Lion Article Deadline**

9:00am Morning Prayer

**Wed March 13, 2019**

9:00am Morning Prayer

**11:30am Midday Prayer & Meal**

11:45 Pine St UM Ecumenical Meal

5:00pm Bible Study

**7:00pm Lenten Vespers**

**Thu March 14, 2019**

9:00am Morning Prayer

5:30pm Redeemer Community Meal

7:00pm Bell Choir

**Sat March 16, 2019**

**6:00pm Holy Communion**



**Sun March 17, 2019**

St. Patrick's Day

*LENT 2*

7:00am Morning Prayer

**8:00am Holy Communion**

9:15am Sunday School

**10:30am Holy Communion**

11:45am Chancel choir practice

**Mon March 18, 2019**

9:00am Morning Prayer

11:00am Staff Meeting

6:00pm Civic Chorus Board Meeting

**6:30pm Council Meeting**

7:00pm Wmspt. Dog Training Club

7:00pm Civic Chorus Reh.

**Tue March 19, 2019**

9:00am Morning Prayer

**Wed March 20, 2019**

Vernal Equinox

9:00am Morning Prayer

**11:30am Midday Prayer & Meal**

11:45 Pine St UM Ecumenical Meal

12:00pm Lunch 'n' Fellowship

5:00pm Bible Study

**7:00pm Lenten Vespers**

**Thu March 21, 2019**

9:00am Morning Prayer

4:00pm Daniel's Closet Drop-off

7:00pm Bell Choir

**Sat March 23, 2019**

9:00am Daniel's Closet

**6:00pm Holy Communion**

**Sun March 24, 2019**

*LENT 3*

7:00am Morning Prayer

**8:00am Holy Communion**

9:15am Sunday School

**10:30am Holy Communion**

11:45am Chancel choir practice

**Mon March 25, 2019**

9:00am Morning Prayer

11:00am Staff Meeting

7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

**Tue March 26, 2019**

9:00am Morning Prayer

**9:20am Lion Crew**

6:00pm LSM at St. Luke

**Wed March 27, 2019**

9:00am Morning Prayer

**11:30am Midday Prayer & Meal**

11:45 Pine St UM Ecumenical Meal

5:00pm Bible Study

**7:00pm Lenten Vespers**

**Thu March 28, 2019**

9:00am Morning Prayer

7:00pm Bell Choir

**Sat March 30, 2019**

**6:00pm Holy Communion**

**Sun March 31, 2019**

*LENT 4*

7:00am Morning Prayer

**8:00am Holy Communion**

9:15am Sunday School

**10:30am Holy Communion**

11:45am Chancel choir practice