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“THE LION” OF ST. MARK’S

MAY 2022



Pastor's “Lion” Message for May, 2022

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!

Sometimes we forget that Easter is a season of the church year lasting more than one day. A good way to remind ourselves of that truth is to remember the feast days of the saints who immediately follow Easter Day.

One such saint is Matthias. The feast day for Matthias (the day recorded as his martyrdom for Christ and, therefore, the day he is considered to be reborn in Christ) is May 14. According to Luke in Acts 1:15-26, the day before Pentecost, the eleven apostles cast lots for one to replace Judas Iscariot, and Matthias, who was a witness to Christ's resurrection, was chosen. The Bible records nothing else about him, however, church tradition suggests that he preached among the people of Cappadocia and settled along the coast of the Caspian Sea. He is believed to have been stoned to death in Jerusalem on May 14, sometime between 80 and 90 AD after attending a meeting with other apostles.

Matthias is considered by the church to be a very “ordinary” person whom the Lord called to do “extraordinary things”. His name is not one we immediately think about when quoting the names of the apostles. That is one reason we are asked to remember him. It reminds us of the mission and ministry of Christ, how Jesus calls “ordinary people” to do “extraordinary things” like proclaiming the miracle and wonder of resurrection, praying for the sick and suffering, caring for the unfortunate or performing a “random act of kindness”.

Resurrection in Christ is that which is to be celebrated and proclaimed not only on Easter Sunday, but throughout the entire Easter Season. Remembering saints such as Matthias keeps that truth before us.

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Grace + Peace,

Pastor Brian Vasey



CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR MAY

Confirmation Class will meet Sunday, May 8, 2022, 9:15 AM in the Crossways Room. Please remember to bring with you your *Lutheran Study Bible*, *The Lutheran Handbook*, a pen or pencil and paper. If you are unable to attend, please contact Pastor Vasey (570) 323-4619 or bvasey@stmarkswilliamsport.org. This is our last class meeting before confirmation. Confirmation Sunday is the Day of Pentecost June 5, 2022. There will be ONE SERVICE TIME THAT SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM.



Sauers, Christine	05/01
Lynch, Joshua and Brittany	05/02
Davenport, Jr., Galen and Pamela	05/15
Lewis, April	05/15
Harvey, Carol	05/17
Vasey, Brian and Joanne	05/24
Buckman, Debra	05/25
MacGill, Creighton and Christine	05/28
Jensen, Michael and Pamela	05/30

Wentzel, Melvin	05/01
Barone, Jerod	05/02
Clokey, Robert	05/02
Schreckengast, Jacob	05/02
Schreckengast, Grace	05/05
Larson, Alex	05/07
Doane, James	05/08
Weaver, Carl	05/10
Bardsley, H. Vincent	05/12
Waffenschmidt, Thomas	05/12
Lundy, Catherine	05/13
Zimmerer, Lori Ann	05/13
Mariano, Karen	05/14
Larson, Jane	05/15
Boone, Stephen	05/18
Decker, Arthur	05/18
Dewar, Candace	05/19
Schreckengast, Kenneth	05/19
Stugart, Amy	05/19
Fillnow, Michael	05/20
Roberts, Jaden	05/22
Lukens, Owen	05/23
Jensen, Ryan	05/24
Owen, Dawson	05/24
Pelleschi, Dustin	05/24
Goldy, Kenneth	05/25
Peluso, Joe	05/25
Angle, Jane	05/25
Prato, Norma	05/26
Ramsauer, Robert	05/26
Soars, Jean	05/26
Albright, Audrey	05/27
Hausmann, Walter	05/27
Hershberger, Joyce	05/27
Smith, Kyseem	05/27
Gair, Owen	05/30
Bieber III, Steven	05/31

Anniversary Year

Traditional Gift	Modern Gift
1st Paper	Clocks
2nd Cotton	China
3rd Leather	Crystal/Glass
4th Fruit & Flowers	Linen/Appliances
5th Wood	Silverware
6th Sugar	Iron
7th Copper/Wool	Desk Set
8th Bronze	Linen and Lace
9th Willow/Pottery	Leather
10th Tin/Aluminum	Diamond
11th Steel	Jewellery
12th Silk	Pearls
13th Lace	Textiles/Fur
14th Ivory	Gold Jewelry
15th Crystal	Watches
16th Wax	Silver
17th Furniture	Same
18th Porcelain	Same
19th Bronze	Same
20th China	Platinum
21st Brass/Nickel	Same
22nd Copper	Same
23rd Silver Plate	Same
24th Musical Instruments	Same
25th Silver	Silver
30th Pearl/Ivory	Diamond

Report of the Secretary for the Council Meeting

Vicki Haussmann, Secretary

Due to weather concerns on April 18 the council meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be held on May 16, 2022 at 6:00PM

Evangelism and Fellowship Notes for "The Lion"

May 2022

Easter Greetings

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee thanks the congregation for their help in sending Easter greetings to our Special Concern folks and others we do not see as often as we wish. We are certain these greetings brought a smile and good cheer to those receiving them.

Parish Life Committee Updates

The Parish Life Committee, with your help, has been providing meat and cheese sandwiches the second and fourth Monday of each winter month. At a recent committee meeting, they voted to continue making sandwiches for New Covenant's Blessing Box. They are grateful for the monetary support given by the congregation in supplying the meat, cheese, condiments and baggies for this project. We are also grateful for food donations supplied weekly from Joan Madden of Montoursville. Thank you, Joan. Monetary contributions for these items continue to be welcomed. Checks may be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line indicating Food4All.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES AT REDEEMER LUTHERAN

Free Community Dinner

Thursday, May 12, 2022 starting at 5PM until all meals are distributed. All are welcomed. St. Mark's is providing cake for this month's dessert.

A special thank you is extended to Susan and Jim Newcomer for providing delicious Easter cookies for April's meal.

Daniel's Closet

Donations of spring/summer clothing, bedding and shoes may be dropped off Thursday, May 12, 2022 from 3PM-4:30PM. Distribution will be Saturday, May 28, 2022 beginning at 8:30AM. CDC guidelines, masks and social distancing are still required.

If you have a large quantity of clothing, please call Barb Horn at 570-974-3744 to arrange a time to take your clothing directly to Redeemer Lutheran. Smaller quantities of clothing may be placed on the stage and the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee will take them to Redeemer on drop off-day.

Cakes Needed

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee, with assistance from Parish Life, provides the desserts for Redeemer's Community dinners. For May's dinner we are providing assorted servings of cake. We need eight cakes. Can you provide a 9"x13" sheet cake? Cakes need to be in St. Mark's kitchen on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 by 1:00PM. The type and flavor are your choice. This committee will do the cutting and packaging of the cakes. Please contact Becky Miller Pryor at 570-971-4585 if you wish to provide a cake. Thank you for any assistance you can give.

**Evangelism and Fellowship Committee Notes
for "The Lion" (Part B)**

May 2022

Additional Information

Our July Fourth Lawn Party is Back!!!

After an absence of more than two years, Church Council has unanimously approved the July Fourth Lawn Party's return to St. Mark's. Although we will not host a patriotic program in the Nave, the bathrooms off of the Narthex will be open. We will provide fresh popcorn, prepackaged snacks, candy, water, drinks and hot dogs. As many items that can be prepackaged will be, including the condiments for the hot dogs. Hand sanitizer and a hand washing station will be available.

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. Closer to the event, sign-up sheets for setting up, working the event and cleaning up afterwards will be available.

It is not too early to begin collecting needed supplies. Please consider donating any of the following items or by making a monetary donation.

- 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 is also needed to purchase additional supplies that are not donated

Donated items can be placed in the tub in the Narthex. Checks can be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line designating July Fourth. Thank you for any help you can give. Speak to a member of the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee for additional information, Becky Miller Pryor, committee chair.

Sharing in the Caring

Ongoing Collections at St. Mark's:

United Churches Food Pantry: Items in need are cereal of all kinds, oatmeal, bottled juices, juice boxes and pre-packaged food and healthy snacks.

Shepherd of the Streets: Items most needed are tissues, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, body wash and shave cream for men and women, toothpaste, hand soap, body lotion, dish soap and small packages of laundry pods. Laundry pods are now available at the Dollar Tree.

Blessing Boxes at New Covenant UCC:

Individual healthy snacks and crackers, Cup of Soups, microwave meals, ramen noodles, juice boxes, travel-size hygiene items, combs, toothbrushes and socks (new or gently used) are needed.

Sojourner Truth Ministries: Dawn dish detergent, plastic forks, lemonade mix, Lysol spray, bleach, coffee, paper towels.

Donations to the Food Pantry, Shepherd of the Streets, the Blessing Box or to Sojourner Truth Ministries may be placed on the tables in the Narthex.

Soda Tabs: Collected to support the Ronald McDonald House in Danville. Containers are in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

Pennies for Youth Activities: A container is available in the Narthex for your donations.

MISSION CONVERSATION WITH BISHOP COLLINS, SATURDAY, MAY 14.

Bishop Collins is hosting “Mission Conversations” across our Synod. Each conversation centers around the theme, “How can we be better at co-operation?” The bishop wishes to emphasize that we are the Body of Christ and not individual “clubs”. Where there is common ground between churches needs to be explored and demonstrated. The conversation scheduled for our conference area (The West Branch Conference) is May 14, 2022, 2 pm at St. Luke Lutheran Church (Williamsport). All are welcome to attend and share ideas.

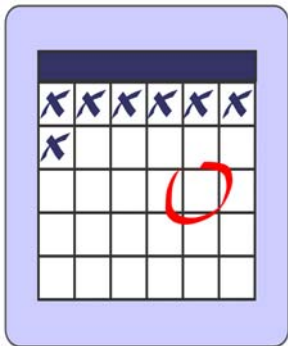


Thank You
Williamsport
Fire
Department

On Thursday, April 14th there was a bit of unwanted excitement here at the parish when an electrical cord frayed and caught a chair on fire in the room across from the Administrative Assistant’s office. Fortunately it was caught quickly and removed outside where the Pastor used a fire extinguisher to extinguish the fire until the Williamsport Fire Department arrived and quickly insured that the fire was out and checked the building to make sure there were no additional concerns.

Spring Clean-Up

The beautiful blooms that seem to have popped in recent days can only mean one thing. Spring is here! Warmer temperatures, sunshine, and blue skies just seem to make things a little more cheery. Following the success of our March “Church Clean-Up”, we are once again looking for volunteers to help spruce up the grounds outside our building. Please join us **Saturday, May 7th** from **9:30-11:30AM** ~ weeding and cleaning up the garden beds will be our main focus. Afterwards, join us for pizza and fellowship to celebrate a job well done! Any questions, please contact Vicki Haussmann. We look forward to seeing you! (Should there be rain, this event will be postponed until further notice).



*LOOKING
AHEAD TO
JUNE*

- ◆ One Worship Time, 9:30AM Sunday, Begins June 5th
- ◆ Confirmation Sunday is the day of Pentecost, June 5th
- ◆ Synod Assembly is Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18, 2022.



A great big THANK YOU to everyone who continues to donate items for our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! Never doubt that God is using these seemingly small items for good. **“Our economic condition is very poor, so my parents cannot afford to buy toys for me. When I heard that I would get a gift box, I was so excited! Thank you to all of my foreign friends who sent me the toys and other amazing things.”**

–Samia, East Asia

In **May** we will be collecting **Jump Ropes, Hair Accessories, Bungee Cords, Screwdrivers**

Monetary donations are also welcome as we would like to include “Grow With Me” shoes in this year’s boxes. While these are a bit pricey, they adjust over time and can “grow” 5 sizes as the child’s foot grows. A huge blessing indeed! Checks may be made to St. Mark’s with OCC in the memo line.

These items may be placed in our red, OCC bin located in the narthex. Thank you!

The age ranges for the boxes we fill are 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14, (both boys and girls).

Communion Assistants

8AM

May 1	Vicky Hausmann
May 8	Becky Pryor
May 15	Drew Hausmann
May 22	Becky Pryor
May 29	Drew Hausmann

10:30AM

May 1	Deb Buckman and Mindy Wentzel
May 8	Gregg and Kathy Dancho
May 15	Lou Deseau and Dan Zeigler
May 22	Walt Doebler and Gary Weber
May 29	Ralph and Lou Ann Zeigler

Lectors

8AM

May 1	Vicki Hausmann
May 8	Leah Hausmann
May 15	Candy Dewar
May 22	Becky Pryor
May 29	Vicki Hausmann

10:30AM

May 1	Gary Weber
May 8	Donna Boston
May 15	Audrey Albright
May 22	Karen Mariano
May 29	Deb Buckman

Ushers

8AM

Every Sunday in May	Miller/Poff
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10:30AM

May 1	Maggs Team
May 8	Jensen Team
May 15	Fortin Team
May 22	Albright Team
May 29	Maggs Team

June Starts 9:30AM Service Only



Who is that New Face

Greetings. If you have been around the office and seen a new face, I am the new Administrative Assistant (formerly Church Secretary) My name is Joseph (Joe) Baur. Born in Pittsburgh (yes I bleed black and gold) and moved to Hazleton then to Hughesville when I married my beautiful wife Christine about 12 years ago. I am the proud father of a daughter (Helene) and step-son (Kyle). I am the GrandDude of 6 grandchildren, 5 boys and 1 girl. Anytime you stop by my office you be able to see my unique hobby, I collected LEGO.

I recently retired and it is going great but I was missing doing something to keep a little busy. My last position was as a Human Resource Assistant and I loved the job. I have also worked as a Lead Supervisor in a call center and spent some time working for Amazon in West Hazleton. I spent over 10 years as the Business Program Supervisor in a non-profit training adults who live with a disability for employment in the community. I even had the chance to finish my Bachelor's Degree in Business a few years ago.

I also spent many years in Pittsburgh working with at-risk youth in intensive treatment centers. I also spent many years working for the Boys and Girls Club and was the assistant director at their summer camp each year.

Starting in grade school I played bass and progressed to play a few years in the Pittsburgh Youth Orchestra after high school.

When I saw this position advertised I thought this is a great opportunity to get out and do some good (besides LEGO is expensive).

The people here have been great in welcoming me here and helping me to get oriented to the position. Please feel free to stop by anytime to say Hello. If there is something I can help you with please just ask. I look forward to helping the church grow and thrive. But please, no more fires!

Reach me in my office at if there is anything I can help you with. 570-323-4619 or my email jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org

Articles for "The Lion" are due the third Tuesday of the month (sooner if possible).



Camp Mount Luther

This is still time to sign up for camp! In addition to "traditional" camping weeks for ages 8-17, CML offers shortened weeks and day camps for ages 4-8 and family camp for all ages. You can even take your family to camp for a one-day adventure in July! For more information visit www.campmountluther.org/summer/programs/.

HELP WANTED

Camp Mount Luther is taking applications for summer staff.

You must be a high school graduate by the time camp starts. If hired, you will need to obtain the necessary clearances. Applications can be submitted online at www.campmountluther.org

Bazaar Room

Getting the itch to spring houseclean?

The Women of St. Mark's need donations for the annual Fall Sale. *We have minimal donations thus far.* Please pack your items in small boxes if possible for ease of moving. Place them in the Bazaar Room away from the door. If you cannot get to the Bazaar Room, items may be left on the lower landing of the back stairwell as you enter from the parking lot.

STAFF OFFICE HOURS
 Pastor: The Rev. Brian Vasey
 Mon-Thu 9am-1pm & by appointment
 Church Organist: Sam Robinson
 Summer Mon 1-3pm & by appointment
 Sexton: Lou DeSean
 Sun 7am-Noon
 Bookkeeper: Jackie Baysore
 By appointment
 Administrative Assistant: Joseph Baur
 Mon-Thr 9am-1pm
Friday the Church Office is Closed

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 Janet Jones, Parish Life
 Debra Buckman, Family Promise Coordinator
 Prayer Chain Coordinator is Needed
 Sally Bjornstad, Altar Flowers

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