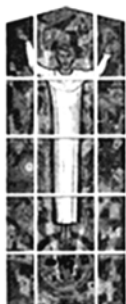


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## “THE LION” OF ST. MARK’S JUNE 2022

### Pastor's “Lion” Message for June, 2022

“...God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us” (Romans 5:5).”

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mark's, Finally it feels and looks like spring! On these beautiful days that God has given us you can actually go outside without a coat and not feel uncomfortable. In a few weeks summer will officially begin and hopefully, even warmer and more beautiful weather will be a reality.

Spring and summer have much to offer us: Warmer days, comfortable nights, experiencing God's creation with family and friends, more “easy” and “laid back” experiences. Even our congregation joins in this attitude- we offer one worship time at 9:30a.m. beginning June 5th.

Yes, we hope to enjoy all the changes that spring and summer have to give us. But we also have to remember that while seasons change, the love of God and the mandate we have as God's people to make that love known does not. As the Apostle Paul reminds us in the above verse, God's love has been shared with us that we might share it with others. We are not to be selfish with God's gift. We are not to identify it as something we have and others to do not.

Spring and summer are seasons for us to enjoy and look for ways to relax to be sure, but also to provide for us motivation to continue God's work with our hands.

During these days of spring and summer, take some time to slow down; to enjoy. But never in a way that separates from God's love and the mission of sharing that love with others.

Grace + Peace,

*Pastor Brian Vasey*



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HAPPENING THIS MONTH:



**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

is the Day of Pentecost (June 5, 2022). There will be ONE SERVICE TIME THAT SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM. All are asked to

“Wear Red” (the color associated with the Holy Spirit and Confirmation) on this very special day. Please pray for our confirmands as they continue to walk with and in the way of Christ: Levi Gair, Nolan Ott and Hudson Ott.



**Drive Safely Schools Out**

*Special Concerns List*

**Prayer List:** Victims of COVID-19 and their families, Liz Ruesskamp, Grace Arner, Diane Damaska, Vanessa Morgan, Gary Clark, Doris Brown, Charles Miller, Jerry Miller, Patricia Alexander, Diana Zeigler, Richard Ritter, Ashton Ott, Lucille Sider, April Clark, Lenny Sherlinski, Ruth Sherlinski, Gary Cable, Elsie Sechler, Virginia Pulasie, Susan Kalabacas, Bunny Ditchfield, Judy Fortin, Roy and Gloria Meyer, Mary Lou Doeblor, Walt Haussmann, Jeremy Splain, Ryan Dancho, the people of Ukraine and Eastern Europe, Ezra Buckman, Sheila Brassard, Kevin Rosini, All victims and their families of the Robb Elementary School Shooting (Uvalide, TX)

**SYNOD ASSEMBLY IS FRIDAY, JUNE 17 THROUGH SATURDAY, JUNE 18.**



Please keep the representatives of St. Mark's to Synod Assembly in your

prayers. In addition to other business our synod will be electing a new bishop. Our representatives to Synod Assembly in 2022:

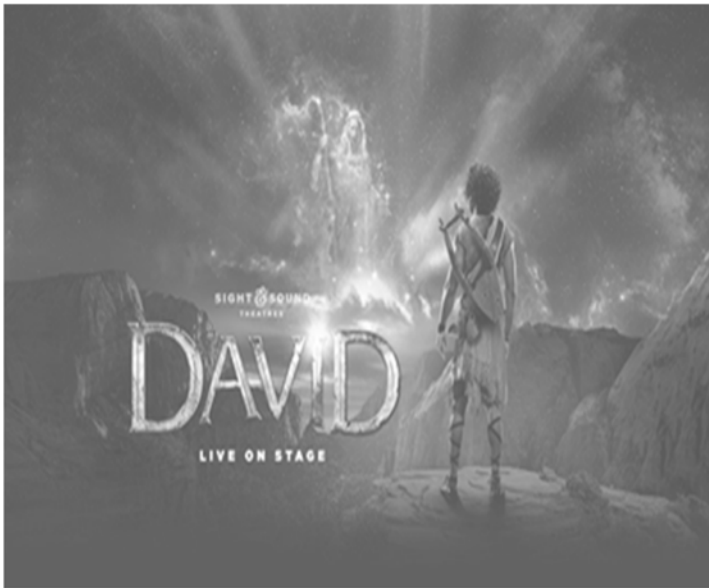
- Ray Huff
- Mel Wentzel
- Ralph Zeigler
- Pastor Vasey

**High School Graduation!**

*Congratulations are being sent to our 2022 high school graduates.*

**Elizabeth Haussmann, Ashton Ott, Amalie Robertson, Jonah Schreckengast** will walk across the stage this June and receive their high school diplomas. Please join us *Sunday, June 12* as we celebrate these students during our church service. Hospitality (complete with ice cream sundaes) will follow as we wish these four, young adults well. May God shower each of you with many blessings as you complete this milestone and begin the next step in your journey!





Master Poet. Fearless Warrior. Anointed King. From still waters to shadowed valleys, David's ascent to the throne is filled with towering giants, wild animals, and Philistine soldiers.

A bus trip to see the show **David** at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA is being organized by Cheryl Williams. This trip is being planned for Wednesday, September 14, the 11:00 AM show. While the bus will be pulling out around 6:00 AM, the early start will certainly be well worth it! Bus fare, show ticket, and dinner are all included in the price (roughly \$130-\$150 depending on number attending). If interested, please contact Cheryl Williams at (570) 327-1627.



## Nibbles From The Churchmouse

As we wrap up another school year two of our members have reached a milestone in their lives.

Ben Hausmann graduated Magna cum laude from Juniata College recently. He also received a Distinguished Scholar Award in Environmental Science. He plans to attend the University of Nebraska Omaha in the fall for his master's degree in biology. This summer he will be in the Williamsport area working as a zookeeper at Clyde Peeling's Reptiland as well as taking two online classes. Brave man to care for those reptiles!

Grace Schreckengast is also a new graduate receiving her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Eastern University. She has taken a position at Bryn Mawr Hospital. It is amazing how quickly those four years go. Another big surprise to me was that the Wentzel girls will be seniors at Penn State! Taylor is staying at Penn State this summer and at the moment is taking instruction in instrument repair – a crucial knowledge for music teachers while Sadie is in Williamsport working the Treasure Palace.

If there is one person the mouse was most familiar with it was our precious Lou. He saw him on a daily basis caring for the church and its members. How blessed we were to have him for so many years always making sure visitors, staff and members were cared for in any way he could. Scheduling him for assistant minister or lector was easy because he was always willing to fill in. As a member of the Little Lambs liaison committee anything they needed for their facility, anything that needed repair he was always available to mend. The children called him Mr. Lou and were always happy to see him.

We knew he was in failing health and increasing problems so we rejoice that his suffering is over – but oh we will miss him! This quote from Hamlet I have always loved and seems especially appropriate.

“Good Night, sweet prince! May flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.”



# Report of the Secretary for the Council Meeting

Vicki Haussmann, Secretary

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
Williamsport, PA 17701**

***"To know Christ and to make Christ known"***

Report of the Secretary for the Council Meeting held on May 16, 2022 at 6:00 PM  
- Vicki Haussmann, Secretary

Meeting was called to order by Ralph Zeigler and roll call was taken.

**Present:** Bob Campbell, Wanda Fortin, Ed Gair, Vicki Haussmann, Ray Huff,  
Pam Jensen, Herb Poff, Linda Rosini, Mel Wentzel, Glenn Yapple,  
Ralph Zeigler, Pastor Vasey  
Excused ~ Kathy Dancho

Wanda Fortin led us in opening prayer.

Council recited St. Mark's mission statement ~ "To know Christ and to make Christ known."

## **Church Constitution Revision Presentation ~ Gary Weber**

- The committee integrated St. Mark's constitution into the ELCA model constitution and made revisions accordingly.  
These proposed revisions are as outlined:
  - One annual meeting held in December to approve the budget and new council members
  - New church council organized and convenes beginning in January
  - Constitution now includes By-Laws
  - Quorum has been reduced to 30 members
  - Council may approved contracts up to \$20,000 for non-budgeted expenses
  - Mutual Ministry Committee was eliminated. These responsibilities can be done by council's executive committee as needed
  - Procedure for selecting personnel committee members is clarified
  - Eliminated parish authorization as this does not apply to our congregation
- By-Laws
  - Financial Secretary position outlined and included
  - Responsibilities of council officers are outlined
  - Includes a technology clause for conducting meetings and voting through the use of technology

Ralph outlined and reviewed the possible timeline for approval of the constitution and by-laws. Council is asked to review both of these documents for a June council vote.

Council Meeting Notes Continued on next page

## President's remarks

- Thankful for all of the work, both seen and unseen, that continues to be done.
- Camp Mount Luther is hosting their Annual Circle of Faith Dinner June 12 beginning at 4:30. If anyone is interested in attending, please let Ralph know.
- Sign up sheets for council devotions and offering collection were passed.
- Biographies for the 6 candidates for Upper Susquehanna Synod Bishop can be found on the Upper Susquehanna Synod website.

## Ratification of email vote

**M(Mel Wentzel - 2nd Ray Huff) SC: CC: 22.5.1** Motion approved to ratify five items which were previously voted on and approved via email. These items will be included with the May minutes.

**The Secretary's Report** for the month of March (no April meeting due to weather) was accepted as presented.

- Correspondence from John Libbey, Treasurer, West Branch Chorale was read. West Branch Chorale is appreciative for the use of St. Mark's for their Spring concert. An honorarium was also enclosed.

**The Treasurer's Report** as of April 30, 2022 was accepted as presented and filed for audit.

- Pam Jensen reviewed our purchasing/reimbursement procedure.

**Pastor's report:** As submitted by Pastor Vasey.

- Communion services continue monthly at the Williamsport Home Bldg. A.
- Meaningful conversation with Bishop Collins regarding mission.
- Please read pp. 61-108 in Reclaiming the L Word for discussion at June's council meeting.

**M(Ray Huff - 2nd Pam Jensen) SC: CC: 22.5.2** Motion approved to hold the Wendorf Wedding at St. Mark's May 13, 2023.

- Please hold those attending the Synod Assembly in prayer.

## Committee Reports:

### Constitution Revision:

Update provided earlier in meeting by Gary Weber.

### Evangelism & Fellowship:

- Blood Drive scheduled for July 8, 2022 from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM.
- Ovens in kitchen were repaired and are ready for use.
- New refrigerator for kitchen will be delivered May 24.
- Monthly outreach activities and collections continue.
- Please consider helping with our July 4th outreach.
- With Parish Life, helped serve Lou DeSeau's funeral luncheon.
- Next meeting Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 6:00 PM. All are welcome.

### Faith Formation:

- Confirmation of three young men will take place June 5.
- Recognition of High School Graduates will take place June 12. Letters of invitation were sent to each of these 4 students.

**M(Faith Formation Committee) SC: CC: 22.5.3** Motion approved to host hospitality after service on both June 5 and June 12 in honor of these milestone events.

- Information relayed on Sight and Sound bus trip being organized by Cheryl Williams.
- A "Church in the Courtyard" service is being planned for July 24. A church "picnic" will follow in Fellowship Hall.
- Next meeting Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 10:45 AM. All are welcome.

**Finance:**

- Insurance policies were reviewed and appropriate changes/updates were made. Recommendation to have a full building appraisal.

**M(Finance Committee) SC: CC: 22.5.4** Motion approved to have appraisal of St. Mark's building and contents by Industrial Appraisal Co. at a cost of \$2865.00

- A professional audit will be completed this summer.
- Next meeting Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

**Nominating:**

- Committee will be discussing possible members for several needed positions including: Audit Committee, Synod Assembly delegates (2023), and council members.

**Personnel:**

- Discussion on what a part-time sexton position might look like. Please let Mel Wentzel know if there are changes or additions to be made to the outlined description.

**Property:**

- Discussion regarding hiring out yard work around perimeter of the building ~ weeding, mulching, mowing as needed. \*\*This does not include the courtyard which will continue to be taken care of by volunteers.

**M(Mel Wentzel - 2nd Wanda Fortin) SC: CC: 22.5.5** Motion approved to gather prices for landscaping services for exterior (perimeter) of the building, \*not including courtyard.

- Little Lambs has hired DJ's Painting to paint basement walls. \*Little Lambs will continue to communicate with Ed or Pastor before any "outside" work is begun.
- Broken refrigerator/freezer unit moved out of kitchen. New outlet installed in preparation for new refrigerator's arrival.
- 4 new lights were installed in the kitchen. 4 new lights were installed in Middle Lounge.

**Publicity:**

- Easter publicity was completed for the season.
- The committee will meet to work on summer events, dates and times.

**Safety:**

- Drew Haussmann has agreed to chair this committee.
- Next meeting Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 11:00 AM.

**Women of the ELCA:**

- Nothing to report.

**Worship and Music:**

- Suggestion made to possibly place Lenten cross in a different location.
- Soloists (members or guests) will be part of summer worship services.

**M(Worship and Music Committee) SC: CC: 22.5.6** Motion approved to Reconvene a single summer service held at 9:30 AM beginning June 5.

- Committee will place geranium order for Pentecost.
- Dossal Project continues to progress. Fabric samples have been ordered for consideration of color and material.



## **Unfinished Business:**

### **Audit Committee:**

-Nothing to report.

### **Spire Update:**

- Looking at 3 options: cap the opening and have no spire, install a smaller spire which would possibly be more wind resistant, hire a structural engineer to evaluate and reinstall current spire. No further discussion at this time.

### **Sound System Update:**

- Herb Poff continues to be contact person. Sound system updates and disposal of unused items to be completed soon.

### **Membership Growth:**

- Involve the congregation in brainstorming possible ideas for growing the church.  
- Form a subcommittee which focuses on membership growth.  
Ray Huff and Herb Poff are willing to serve.  
Open this committee up to congregational members. Place information in newsletter for all to consider.

## **New Business:**

**-M(Herb Poff - 2nd Mel Wentzel) SC: CC: 22.5.7** Motion approved to purge financial files from before the year 2012.

## **Announcements:**

None at this time

Wanda Fortin led us in closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Next meeting: Monday, June 20, 2022 @ 6:00 PM (Crossways Room)**



## **Growing the Church**

Among the many challenges facing today's churches is that of membership growth. At St. Mark's, we are aware of the declining attendance at Sunday worship as well as the smaller number of younger families who are part of our congregation.

Church Council is wanting to address this trend to see how we might be able to grow our church. As we have been blessed, we can be a blessing to others – sharing the Good News and all that our congregation enjoys. We do this because God has called us to do so.

How might this be done? Church Council is forming a Membership Growth Committee, and we ask you to help St. Mark's to live its mission – “to know Christ and to make Christ known”. Together, we can identify ways to invite others to worship with us, to share our faith, and to become involved in the life and work of this congregation.

Will you help? There will be lots of conversations, a few meetings, and many prayers as together we consider the future of our church. The gifts that we have been given must be shared with others. Please let your interest and ideas be known to any of our Council members. May God continue to bless the members of St. Mark's as together we do the work that He would have us do.

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POLICY**

Reasonable accommodations will be provided for persons with disabilities. Call 570-323-3755 or PA Relay #711 for more information.

## SECTION 8 WAIT LIST – OPENING

The Lycoming Housing Authority will open the waiting list for the housing choice voucher program. Applications will be accepted online at [www.lycominghousing.org](http://www.lycominghousing.org) beginning on **Monday May 9, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.** This list will close when the Authority **receives 2,000 applications and/or Friday May 27, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., whichever comes first.** No applications will be accepted after this period. Applicants may use any device where internet access is available. Applicants in need of an accommodation separate from the application process described, please call (570) 323-3755. For individuals in need of assistance due to a hearing impairment, please call PA Relay #711.

### WHAT IS SECTION 8?

The Housing Choice Voucher program, commonly called "Section 8," provides rental assistance to low-income families in the private rental market. Through the Section 8 program, families maintain secure, quality housing in neighborhoods of their choice. Families pay rent based on household income and the applicable payment standard. The Housing Authority pays the rest of the rent to the landlord in the form of a Housing Assistance Payment (HAP). Participants must locate their own apartment and the home must pass a Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspection.

### WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY?

- ✓ Name and date of birth of all household members
- ✓ Social security numbers of all household members
- ✓ Approximate household income
- ✓ Current mailing address
- ✓ Active phone number or email address

### WHO CAN APPLY?

Eligible Low income families

1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person
\$42,650	\$48,750	\$54,850	\$60,900	\$65,800	\$70,650



**Lycoming County Housing Authority**  
**1941 Lincoln Drive**  
**Williamsport Pa 17701**  
**(570) 323-3755**

THINGS YOU NEED TO APPLY ONLINE:

1. Complete Full Names (No Nicknames) Social Security #s, Birthdays
2. Complete Addresses to include: (Only Last 4 Years)
  - A. Street Name, Apartment #, City, State Zip Code
  - B. Complete Landlord Name, Address, Phone Number
  - C. Complete Move IN and Move Out dates
3. All Criminal History
4. Other Names Used (including marriages)
5. Other Social Security Numbers Used (if any)
6. Income for all household members. Please have complete Name(s) and Addresses(s) to your employer(s). (If you receive Child Support, SSI, SSD, SSP, Unemployment, TANF, etc., please put the Source and Amount received.
7. Have you ever lived in Subsidized or Public Housing before? If so, please give Name of Housing Authority and the address you resided.
8. Banking Information
9. Asset(s) Information
10. Expense Information (Child Care, Medical, Pharmacy)
11. Emergency Contact Information

[www.lycominghousing.org](http://www.lycominghousing.org)

Providing accurate information will allow the Authority to process your application quicker. Please note, if anything changes after you apply, it is your responsibility to contact LHA and report all changes in writing. It is very important to keep your address and phone number updated, as that is how we contact you. Failure to do this can result in your removal from the waiting list.

If you are a person with a disability and need a reasonable accommodation to participate in the application process or need an application in another in a language other than English, please call our administrative office at (570) 323-3755 (dial 711 for telecommunication relay service) or visit our main office located at 1941 Lincoln Drive Williamsport, Pa 17701; Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.





Reminder only one Service June, July, August and First Sunday in September. Those services will be at 9:30 a.m.

## Communion Assistants

June 5	Walt Doeblor and Gary Weber
June 12	Ralph and Lou Ann Zeigler
June 19	Gregg Dancho and Dan Zeigler
June 26	Matt and Wanda Fortin
July 3	Carl and Audrey Albright
July 10	Deb Buckman and Mindy Wentzel
July 17	Gregg and Kathy Dancho
July 24	Walt Doeblor and Gary Weber
July 31	Ralph and Lou Ann Zeigler
August 7	Gregg Dancho and Dan Zeigler
August 14	Matt and Wanda Fortin
August 21	Carl and Audrey Albright
August 28	Deb Buckman and Mindy Wentzel
September 4	Gregg and Kathy Dancho

Please arrange replacement if you cannot serve

## Summer Lectors

9:30AM

June 5	Becky Pryor
June 12	Ralph Zeigler
June 19	Pam Jensen
June 26	Leah Haussmann
July 3	Mel Wentzel
July 10	Ruth Rees
July 17	Donna Boston
July 24	Vicki Haussmann
July 31	Gregg Dancho
August 7	Phil Thomas
August 14	Gary Weber
August 21	Linda Rossini
August 28	Dan Zeigler
September 4	Deb Buckman

If you have a conflict with your schedule Sunday, the following members are willing to read and may be able to fill in.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Karen Mariano	Drew Haussmann
Ray Huff	Walt Haussmann
Kathy Dancho	Candy Dewar

**June Starts 9:30AM Service Only**

*Thank You Volunteers*

# Usher Schedule

# Altar Guild

June 5 Captain: Mike Jensen  
Gary Weber, Sean Jensen,  
Shelby Weber

June 12 Captain: Matt Fortin  
Glenn Yapple, Bud Doebler

June 19 Captain: Carl Albright  
Brenda Owen, Levi Gair

June 26 Captain: Tim Maggs  
Carl Hieber, Charlie Fortin

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## JUNE

Connie Shaible and Sally Bjornstad

## JULY

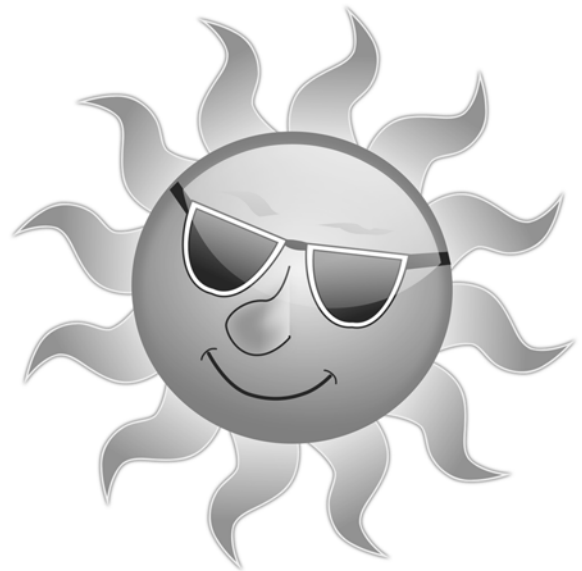
Bev Hieber and Audrey Albright

## AUGUST

Deb Beckman and Leah Haussmann

## SEPTEMBER

Wanda Fortin and Mindy Wentzel





## Operation Christmas Child

In 2021, Samaritan's Purse continued to declare God's glory in more than 100 countries and territories through Operation Christmas Child. We praise God that more than 9.1 million shoebox gifts were distributed to children in need at over 81,000 outreach events! **Every shoebox represents an opportunity to reach one more child with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.** Many thanks to everyone who continues to donate items for our OCC collection.

In June, we are collecting: ~ **small balls (no super balls please), yo-yo's (light up if possible), bungee cords, screwdrivers**

Monetary donations are also welcome as we are looking into including "Grow With Me" shoes in this year's boxes. While these are a bit pricey at \$20.00/pair, 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)



Family Promise is in need of room dividers to make another family space. Our waiting list is 11 families deep and we could create another

family space if we had a sturdy room divider. If you have anything that could be used, please email me at [Jenny@lycofp.org](mailto:Jenny@lycofp.org)



### To our church family at St. Marks

Thank you for all the cards with thoughts and prayers for us through the pandemic and Gary's surgery.

They were so very uplifting knowing you thought of us. Gary is convalescing but doing much better. God bless you all.

Yours in Christ,

Donna Clark

# June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Faith Formation Meeting 10:45 a.m.	3	4
5 Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Pentecost Confirmation	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Celebrate Graduating Seniors	13	14	15	16	17 SYNOD ASSEMBLY	18 SYNOD ASSEMBLY
19 Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Father's Day	20 Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. in the Crossways Room	21	22	23	24	25
26 Worship Service 9:30 a.m.	27	28	29	30		



# Evangelism and Fellowship Committee Notes for the Lion

June 2022

## Our July Fourth Lawn Party is Back and Happening Soon!!!

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, pre-packaged 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.

Please consider joining us as we honor God and our country on this special day. Many hands make for light work. In the near future sign-up sheets for setting up, working the event and cleaning up afterwards and the next day will be available. What area could use your help?

This event relies on donations to host the hundreds of people from the community who attend. Donations from local businesses are minimal or no longer exist. 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
  - Bags of assorted chips and pretzels
  - Bottled water in 8 oz. and 16 oz. sizes
  - Trinkets / Kiddie prizes
- Money to purchase hot dogs, buns, paper products, popcorn oil and other supplies 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.

### Food for All

The Evangelism and Fellowship and Parish Life Committees thank the congregation for their monetary donations to this fund. These monies help answer our call to serve the needy in our community. It helps us with Redeemer's monthly desserts and with twice monthly sandwiches for New Covenant's Blessing Box. We also provide take out containers as needed to Sojourner Truth Ministries and Redeemer Lutheran. Your continued monetary support is greatly appreciated. We could not continue this level of outreach without your participation. Thank you, thank you, thanks you.





## Sharing in the Caring

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

**United Churches Food Pantry:** Items in need are cereal of all kinds, canned goods (meats, vegetables, fruit), cake and brownie mixes and condiments.

**Shepherd of the Streets:** Items most needed are toilet tissue, paper towels, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, body wash and shave cream for men and women, disposable razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes for adults and children, 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. Thank you, Janet Jones for the 40 plus travel-size kits you assembled.

**Sojourner Truth Ministries:** Needed are plastic forks, lemonade mix, coffee, paper towels and Lysol spray.

**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.

**Bazaar Room: Getting the itch to houseclean?** The Women of St. Mark's need donations for the annual Fall Sale. **We have minimal donations thus far.** If we do not receive considerably more donations by August, we will postpone our sale until September 2023. For ease in moving, please pack your items in small boxes. 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.

#### **Ongoing Activities at Redeemer Lutheran:**

**Free Community Dinner: Thursday, June 9, 2022 starting at 5:00 PM** until all meals are distributed. All are welcome. St. Mark's is providing cookies for this month's dessert.

A special thank you is extended to Barbara Thomas, Bob Miller, Jackie Kinney, Wanda Fortin, Ruth Ann Bigelow and Cheryl Williams for their cake donations for May's dinner.

**Daniel's Closet: Donations of spring/summer clothing, bedding and shoes may be dropped off Thursday, June 9, 2022 from 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM.** Distribution will be Saturday, June 25, 2022 beginning at 8:30 AM. 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 it to Redeemer on drop off day.



## Community Blood Drive

### Be the Lifeline Patients Need

### Give Blood

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee in collaboration with the Northcentral PA Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold a **Community Blood Drive** on Friday, July 8, 2022 from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Please consider being a donor as the Red Cross is experiencing a blood crisis across the United States including in the Greater Williamsport Area. Pre-scheduled appointments are strongly recommended. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit Red-CrossBlood.org and enter: St. Marks to schedule an appointment.



## Parish Life Updates

Thank you to Church Council for their approval of a new residential refrigerator for our kitchen. It was installed on May 24, 2022. Previously our commercial stoves received new thermostats and thermocouples and are back in business. Additional thanks to Ed Gair and Herb Poff for moving the old refrigerator/freezer to Fellowship Hall and changing the outlet for the new refrigerator. And added bonus to all the kitchen work is that our cleaning service was able to strip, scrub and wax the kitchen floor to have everything clean and bright before the delivery of the new refrigerator.

Parish Life is in need of additional committee members. If this is an area in which you would like to serve, please speak with Janet Jones or Becky Miller Pryor. Thanks to Mel Wentzel for already volunteering to assist with dish washing when needed.



Random Bricks from the  
Desk of the  
Administrative Assistant

By  
Joseph Baur



## 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/](http://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](http://www.campmountluther.org)

Thank you all for the wonderful meet and greet welcoming me to St. Mark's. I have never felt so welcomed at a new job. Everyone is Awesome (LEGO reference).

Thank You to all who helped with the May Newsletter. I promise it will be easier next time.

While we are on the topic of the monthly newsletter I would like to remind everyone of the Deadlines for submitting articles or information for the newsletter.

The third Tuesday of each month is the deadline to submit anything for the newsletter. This month May 24 was the deadline. So this month if all goes right we would have assembled and label the newsletter on Thursday May 26. Each month we will start at 9:30AM and should finish in about 90 minutes. Anyone who would like to help is welcome to join us each month.

Remember to send me any corrections for the Church Directory, birthdays, anniversaries, or anything that needs corrections or added to the newsletter. We don't know of any changes unless you tell us.

You can always reach me at the church, Monday through Thursday at 570-323-4619. Fax is 570-323-2452 or at my email [jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org](mailto:jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org).

### Pittsburgh Fun Fact

Pittsburgh's St. Anthony's Chapel is home to more Catholic relics than anywhere else in the world except for the Vatican.

I visited there once while I still lived in Pittsburgh and it was very unique and amazing to see all the relics.



### Bazaar Room

**Getting the itch to  
spring houseclean?**

The Women of St. Mark's need donations for the annual Fall

Sale. We have min mal 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.



## Celebrating Anniver-

Amy and Shane Stugart	June 8
Barbara and Donald Switzer	June 13
Kristine and James Wacker	June 13
Ann and Charles Kuntz	June 18
Shelby and Gary Weber	June 18
Diana and Daniel Zeigler	June 20
Brenda and John Bower	June 21
Donna and Kenneth Elkin	June 23
Susan and James Newcomer Sr.	June 23
Vicki and Andrew Hausmann	June 28
Joyce and Harold Hershberger	June 30

### What is the 12-and-a-half-year Anniversary Celebration?

In Denmark, it's traditional to make a big fuss of the 12-and-a-half-year anniversary. This 12-and-a-half-year marriage anniversary is said to be a copper wedding. The family members and friends build the couple half an arch made from spruce (you get the other half when you reach your 25th). Then this customary arch is decorated with flowers and lights and positioned at the door of your home.

### Wedding Dress

In the ancient times of the Greeks and the Romans, brides used to wear white gowns. These white robes were the symbol of youth, joy and purity. However, in recent times, the bride tends to choose the wedding dress as per their preference and fashion. The following is an interesting rhyme to caution the bride about her selection of colors:

**White Wedding Dress:** Married in white, you have chosen alright.

**Green Wedding Dress:** Married in green, ashamed to be seen.

**Red Wedding Dress:** Married in red, You will wish yourself dead.

**Blue Wedding Dress:** Married in blue, you will always be true

**Yellow Wedding Dress:** Married in yellow, ashamed of your fellow.

**Black Wedding Dress:** Married in black, you will wish yourself back.

**Pink Wedding Dress:** Married in pink, of you he'll think.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Andrew Sims	June 1
Evelyn Bastian	June 2
Grace Arner	June 3
Edward Barone	June 3
Sean Jensen	June 3
Brenna Bower	June 7
Jeffrey Kneedler	June 8
Ryan Goertz	June 9
Jennifer Robertson	June 10
Adam Clokey	June 12
Alex Clokey	June 12
Kambriana Bieber	June 15
Ruth Sherlinski	June 15
Wanda Fortin	June 16
Nathan Elder	June 17
Carl Knowlden	June 18
Kelli Travis	June 18
Christina Raup	June 19
Brandon Fortin	June 20
Cheryl Williams	June 22
Taigen Tebbs	June 23
Tali Thorne	June 23
Liam Elkin	June 24
Nathan Fillnow	June 24
Robert Helm	June 24
Seth Eshelman	June 27
Kristin Lynn	June 27
George Poliska	June 28
April Clark	June 30
Emily Welker	June 30



## Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>

@ St. Luke Lutheran Church (1400 Market St., Williamsport)

6:00 - 8:00pm each evening

Designed for ages 4 – 12 and special abilities adults

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Registration Form (one per child/person)

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

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

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Permission to take and use photos: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Please drop-off or mail information by Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> to any participating church or to the office of United Churches of Lycoming County, Attention: VBS

202 E. Third St., Williamsport PA 17701

or email the information to [director@uclc.org](mailto:director@uclc.org)

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 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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 Ralph Zeigler, Council President  
 Mel Wentzel, Vice President  
 Vicki Haussman, Council Secretary  
 Pam Jensen, Treasurer  
 Janet Jones, Parish Life  
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 Prayer Chain Coordinator is Needed  
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