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“THE LION” OF ST. MARK’S SEPTEMBER 2022

Pastor's “Lion” Message for September 2022

August is here (depending on when you read this it may have already come and gone), which means that change is rapidly descending upon us. The last few moments of summer will soon give way to autumn. Weather will turn cooler. Lush, green tree leaves will give way to leaves of yellow and red and trees will become bare. Soon, although we may fool ourselves in thinking we have plenty of time, Thanksgiving Day, Advent and Christmas will be upon us. A new calendar year will arrive, 2023, and with it we will say to each other, “Where has 2022 gone”?

August is the month that ushers in “change”. As the Greek philosopher Heraclitus reminds us, “Change is the only constant.” How true! No one person, no community, no nation, no organization, not even the church, is immune to change.

On this side of eternity change is inevitable. Thanks be to God it is not so with our Lord!

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Nibbles From The Churchmouse

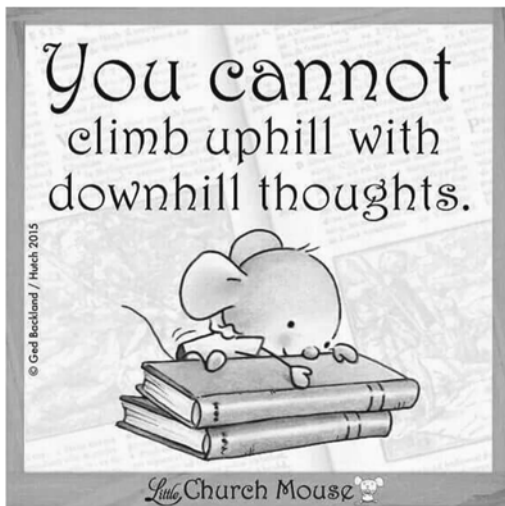
Since Joe said I would be back I am back briefly! Passing on things that I know when folks do not send in their news!

Haussmanns got Ben settled at the University of Nebraska to pursue his master's degree in biology. After being a magna cum laude graduate of Juniata, I know we can expect great things – good luck Ben! It is a little far away from your family but I am sure they will stay in close touch. My dear friend who had lived in Nebraska said the wind never stops blowing in Nebraska so I hope Ben has lots of hats!

Sean Jensen is off to University of Pittsburgh for his sophomore year. He spent the summer working as a recreation camp director in Loyalsock. He was a big hit with the children who took part and was a great playmate in the pool for their weekly outings.

The mouse and all the rest of us will be glad to see this summer go into the record books! St. Mark's struggles with heat but very soon we can enjoy cool autumn weather in the cooler sanctuary. Two services return in September so we will look forward to seeing all of you then and hearing your bits of news!

JoyceAnne



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The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,

his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning;

great is your (God's) faithfulness.

“The Lord is my portion”, says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

Lamentations 3:22-23

With all that changes around us life can become scary and unnerving. We may even find ourselves saying, “Everything changes and nothing can be trusted”. Not so! God's promises in scripture, in holy baptism and holy communion remind us that God's love is always there. While all will change around us and in us, the steadfast love of the Lord will always be!

“Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 733

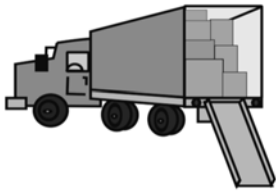
Grace + Peace,

Pastor Brian Vasey



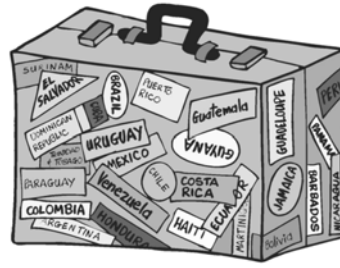
FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

First Communion Classes will be held October 23rd and 30th. Confirmation classes will resume in November 2022. If interested in either of these opportunities contact Pastor Vasey.



SYNOD OFFICE TO MOVE.

The Office of the Upper Susquehanna Synod will be moving to space provided by St. John Lutheran Church in Northumberland in the near future. A commitment on the part of the bishop's office to be better stewards of that entrusted to the synod led to this move. Details will be forthcoming.



PASTOR'S VACATION

Pastor Vasey will be on vacation September 1-8. Should you need a pastor during this time please contact The Rev. Ron Montgomery. You can reach Pr. Montgomery at 570-584-4465 or 570-584-3490. You may also be in touch with him through our church office (570-323-4619). *On Sunday, September 4, Mr. C. Ray Huff will preach and preside at St. Mark's. Ray is our Synod Authorized Lay Worship Leader.*

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ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, OUR FALL SCHEDULE WILL RESUME. Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (for all ages), 9:15 a.m.



Upcoming Events at St. Mark's

Williamsport Civic Chorus begins rehearsals

Mondays at 7:00 p.m. beginning September 12

Memorial Service for Marion Waldeisen

Saturday September 10, 10:00 a.m to 1:30 p.m.



WELCOME

RICHARD & CHARLOTTE

We welcome Richard and Charlotte Reitz to our St. Mark's family as they unite with our congregation. Charlotte and Dick come to St. Mark's by way of Letters of Transfer from New Covenant UCC, Williamsport.

Lutheran World Relief



We are coming down to the wire on this project. All kits are due by Sunday, Oct. 2 as they have to be delivered to the gathering site on Sat. Oct. 8. We have at least 60 backpacks out to be filled but there are more of them in the Narthex. There is a display about the LWR and kits in the hallway of the Parish house so you can see where these items go. We still need baby kits, personal care kits and fabric kits. Blankets are also needed, twin size, 60x80 in, cotton, knit or polyester (no polar fleece) Gently used quilts in the correct size can be used. If you have questions or need me to bring you anything or pick up anything—570-323-1707 or dabuckman65@gmail.com

Personal Care Kit

1 light weight bath towel
20" x 40" to 52" x 27"
Dark color (fast drying if possible)
2 or 3 bath size bars of soap in original wrapping
NO mini or hotel size please
1 adult toothbrush in original package – if you buy a multi-pack of brushes, place one in a business size envelope and seal
1 sturdy comb – remove packaging NO picks or fine-toothed combs
1 metal nail clipper (ones with attached file are OK) – remove packaging
Wrap all items in the towel and secure with string, yarn or ribbon.

Fabric Kit

2 pieces of cotton or cotton blend fabric (NO knits or 100% polyester) Each piece should match one of the sizes below. Fabrics do not need to match in size, color or pattern.

2 ½ yards of 58"-63" wide OR

3 yards of 42"-45" wide OR

4 yards of 24"-37" wide

2 spools of matching or neutral colored general purpose thread, 250-300 yards long

Fold the thread and one of the pieces of fabric inside the other pieces of fabric and tie with string or yarn.

School Kit

Place the following in the draw-string backpack. Remove all excess packaging.

4 notebooks – 70-80 sheet each, wide or college ruled

NO Loose-leaf paper please

NO composition books

1 ruler – 30 centimeters or a ruler with **centimeters** on one side and inches on the other – plastic, wood, or metal

Ones with just centimeters are OK

1 pencil sharpener

1 pair blunt scissors – safety scissors with embedded steel blade

5 **Unsharpened** #2 pencils secured together with a rubber band

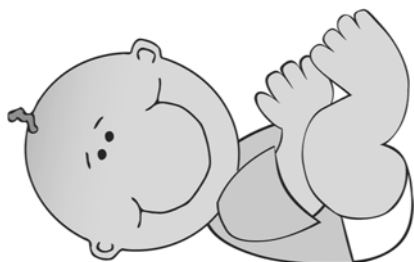
5 black or blue ballpoint pens secured together with a rubber band (no gel pens please)

1 box 16 or 24 crayons

1 eraser 2 ½ inch

Secure by drawing the strings

Baby Care Kits Instructions Next page



Baby Care Kit

(sizes newborn to 24 months can be included) Used items in good condition can be used.

2 lightweight cotton T-shirts **NO Onesies or snap crotch**

2 long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (NO feet) – pajama sets of top and pants can also be used

2 blankets – medium weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn – 36” to 52” square (no polar fleece)

4 cloth diapers. Flat fold preferred

1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with hood or include a baby cap

2 pairs of cotton socks

1 hand towel, dark color

2 bath size bars of gentle soap in original wrapping

NO mini or hotel size please

2 diaper pins or large safety pins

Secure everything inside one of the blankets and secure with the diaper pins



SAVE THE DATE!

You cordially are invited to the installation of The Reverend Craig A. Miller, recently elected as the Fourth Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, which will take place on Saturday, September 17, 2:00 PM at Zion Lutheran Church, Sunbury.

This is an exceptional opportunity for members of St. Mark's congregation to witness an important moment in the life of the Church. Pastor Miller will be installed as Bishop by The Reverend Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Fellow Lutherans from throughout our area will be in attendance, along with clergy (Lutheran and other denominations) who participate in the laying on of hands to bless and to welcome the new Bishop. The Upper Susquehanna Synod is one of only 65 ELCA synods across the nation, and is comprised of 117 Lutheran churches and some 25,000 baptized members.

Please join with Lutherans from throughout the region in welcoming Pastor Miller as the Fourth Bishop. The Rev. Craig A. Miller, Mifflinburg, Pa., was elected June 18 to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election took place during the synod assembly, June 17-18, at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pa.

Miller was elected on the fifth ballot, with 103 votes to 91 votes for the Rev. Stina Schaeffer, pastor of Salem Lutheran Church, Selinsgrove.

The bishop-elect has served as assistant to the bishop and director for evangelical mission in the synod since 2016. He served as pastor of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., from 1996 to 2016.

Miller earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, N.Y., in 1985 and his Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (now United Lutheran Seminary) in 1996. United is one of seven ELCA seminaries.





Meeting Minutes

Report of the Secretary for the Council Meeting

Vicki Haussmann, Secretary

“To know Christ and make Christ known”

Report of the Secretary for the Council Meeting held on August 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Vicki Haussmann, Secretary (Minutes taken by Wanda Fortin)

Meeting was called to order by Ralph Zeigler.

Kathy Dancho led us in opening prayer.

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

Wanda Fortin was appointed temporary Secretary.

Roll call taken.

Present: Bob Campbell, Kathy Dancho, Wanda Fortin, Ed Gair, Ray Huff, Pam Jensen, Herb Poff, Linda Rosini, Mel Wetzel, Ralph Ziegler, Pastor Vasey.

Absent: Vicki Haussmann (excused), Glenn Yaple.

President's remarks

-Ralph shared his pleasure in witnessing council members and others stepping up to fill roles such as communion assistants when in need. He thanked everyone for their work and dedication. Ralph referenced one of his favorite tag lines, “Why do I serve? Because I can!”

Ratification of business since June meeting:

-There was a vote of Council members to approve the use of the nave by the Lycoming College Chamber Choir for their performance of Durufle's “Requiem” on Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Rehearsals will be Tuesday and Wednesday, November 8 and 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. Council members voting to approve this by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 2 not voting.

The Secretary's Report for the month of June was accepted as presented.

The Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2022 and July 31, 2022 were unavailable due to items requiring corrections. Reports will be available for the September council meeting.

Pastor's Report: as submitted by Pastor Vasey.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism and Fellowship: As submitted by Becky Miller Pryor

-Next meeting Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. All are welcomed to attend.

Faith Formation:

-Meeting Scheduled for Monday August 22, 2022 at 10:45 a.m.

Finance:

-M (Finance Committee) SC:CC 22.8.1 Motion submitted and approved to hire Ministry Works to provide payroll service for St. Mark's employees at a cost of \$830.50 for the first year. (to begin January 1, 2023)

-The church audit has been completed. We are awaiting the final audit report.

-Industrial Appraisal Co. has requested additional information from the church that is being gathered. The appraisal inspection date has been moved from September 2022 to October 2022.

-The Finance Committee will be working on the 2023 budget for approval at the November council meeting. The budget will be presented to the congregation at the December congregational meeting. Pam is requesting all committees please provide your budget requests to her before September 27, 2022.

Nominating:

-Members of the committee meet on August 15, 2022 to identify candidates for council.

-Next meeting September 26, 2022.

Personnel:

-Continue to work on hiring a Sexton for 12-15 hours per week. Will be placing ads in the Webb Weekly and Williamsport Sun Gazette.

-Pam and Herb would like to be present during interviews for the Sexton position.

-Next meeting August 23, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Property: As submitted by Ed Gair.

-M (Property Committee) SC:CC:22.8.2 Motion submitted and approved to accept bid from VanDeLinde for \$2,000.00 to mulch the perimeter of the church and courtyard for end of August/this fall.

Publicity:

-Working on Fall Newsletter.

Safety:

-As submitted.

Women of ELCA:

-No update at this time.

Worship and Music: as presented by Ray Huff.

-Discussion regarding single service.

-Single service to continue thru September 4, 2022

New Business

-M (Ed Gair - 2nd Kathy Dancho) SC:CC; 22.8.7 Motion approved to allow Little Lambs to expand into one additional classroom space per their request. The next scheduled meeting with Little Lambs will take place on October 3, 2022 where discussion regarding renegotiation of the rental lease will take place.

- Kathy Dancho announced the August council meeting will be her last, as she and Gregg will be moving from the area.

- The minutes from the July 24, 2022 special congregational meeting to approve the revisions to St. Mark's constitution and bylaws were accepted by the Council without objection.

Announcements:

- Pastor encouraged those who are able to attend the installation of the new Bishop—Pastor Miller on September 17, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at Zion Church in Sunbury.

- Offering collection for September—Mel Wentzel

- Celebration of Bishop Collins and Pizza Party at Camp Mt. Luther, Saturday, August 27 beginning at noon. All are welcomed. Please register online if planning to attend.

- Opening and Closing Prayer for September: Ray Huff

Kathy Dancho led us in closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: Monday, September 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. (Cossways Room)



Our Community's annual walk to fight hunger, CROP Hunger Walk, will be held Sunday, October 9th at 1:00 PM, at the River Walk in Williamsport. The walk begins here at St. Mark's and you can walk 3, 6 or 9 miles (most of us walk 3 miles).

Join the St. Mark's team to walk or donate and help us make this the most successful year. Our goal is \$1,000 (last year we raised \$920)! We walk because they walk for food. By walking on a fall afternoon, you create awareness to these issues, raise funds and have fellowship with members of the St. Mark's congregation as well as other congregations.

25% of the funds we raise support local hunger agencies plus we impact families in more than 35 countries. In partnership CROP walks support self-help programs, assist after disasters and help address root causes of poverty by providing water systems and tools to grow the food they need.

To register to walk or donate to our team, you can speak with volunteers in the Narthex or online; <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/williamsportpa>

Click: Donate > Donate to a Team > enter "St. Mark's Lutheran Church Lion" > enter your donation.



Usher Schedule

September 4

9:30 a.m.

Captain Matt Fortin, Glenn Yaple, Bud Doebler

September 11

8:00 a.m. Richard Miller and Herb Poff

10:30 a.m. Captain Carl Albright, Brenda, Owen and Levi Gair

September 18

8:00 a.m. Richard Miller and Herb Poff

10:30 a.m. Captain Tim Maggs, Carl Hieber, Charlie Fortin

September 25

8:00 a.m. Richard Miller and Herb Poff

10:30 a.m. Captain Mike Jensen, Gary Weber, Sean Jensen, Shelby Weber



Communion Assistants

September 4 9:30 a.m.

Open—Looking for volunteers

September 11 10:30 a.m.

Walt Doebler and Gary Weber

September 18 10:30 a.m.

Wanda and Matt Fortin

September 25 10:30 a.m.

Dan Zeigler

September Early Services

Tim Maggs and Becky Miller Pryor

Please arrange replacement if you cannot serve.

Lectors



September 4 Mel Wentzel

September 11

8:00 a.m. Vicki Hausmann

10:30 a.m. Donna Boston

September 18

8:00 a.m. Becky Miller Pryor

10:30 a.m. Audrey Albright

September 25

8:00 a.m. Ruth Rees

10:30 a.m. Gary Weber

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Karen Mariano

Drew Hausmann

Ray Huff

Candy Dewar

Note to all Lectors: We have lost some of our folks so we could use some more lectors. So if you know anyone please send their names to me, Joyce Hershberger



Altar Guild

SEPTEMBER

Wanda Fortin and Mindy Wentzel



Thank you to everyone for continuing to donate items for our Operation Christmas Child Collection. Our red bin has been overflowing all year which is absolutely wonderful! This September we are collecting **Socks**, (in all sizes), **Small Games/Puzzles**, and **School Supplies**. Not a huge fan of shopping? Please consider a donation of \$10.00 which will be put toward our shipping costs of \$600.00.

These items (or any others you find) may be placed in our red, OCC bin located in the narthex. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

As you may have heard, Family Promise is now back to doing the church rotations where the families move from church to church. Due to the lack of overnight hosts here at St. Mark's, we will not be participating in the rotation at this time. This means that when our hosting week comes the families will stay at the day center and St. Mark's will be responsible for the food, including dinners. St. Mark's is slated to host in October so I will be making calls to the cooks. If anyone wants to get involved, either cooking or staying overnight when we host, please call (570-323-1707) or email dabuckman65@gmail.com



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Evangelism and Fellowship

Evangelism and Fellowship Committee Notes for the Lion, September 2022

Missionary from Liberia



The Reverend Linda Johnson Seyenkulo, our missionary in Liberia and wife of Jensen Seyenkulo, bishop emeritus of the Lutheran Church of Liberia, visited with members of St. Mark's and others from the community in late July. She shared with us her responsibilities in instructing men and women for the ministry and in serving as an assistant pastor for a congregation. Her presentation revealed that the Lutheran Church in Liberia has been growing steadily in membership for the past several years. It is one of the largest denominations in Liberia. And that due to immediate and stringent regulations for all people the Covid-19 virus did not have the impact on Liberia as it had in our country. Pastor Seyenkulo will continue her ministry in Liberia after visiting with her family in Minnesota.

Sharing in the Caring



September is Hunger Awareness Month. In a recent Facebook post, Sojourner Truth Ministries posted pictures of their food pantry. Their shelves are all but bare. These are the same shelves Chef Dave uses when preparing lunch for 75-100 people six days per week! All non-perishable food donated in September will be taken to Sojourner Truth Ministries for use by Chef Dave and his volunteers. Please consider looking in your cupboards or purchasing an item to be donated.

Ongoing Collections at St. Mark's:

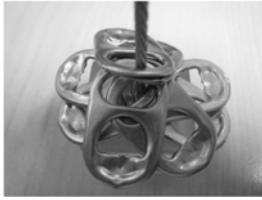
Sojourner Truth Ministries: This ministry is also in need of individual snacks and beverages for folks who need additional food. Needed are protein bars, packs of peanuts, juice boxes, breakfast bars and individually wrapped snacks. Cooking oil and spices are always needed in the kitchen.

Shepherd of the Streets: The Shepherd's bins for hygiene items are also all but empty. Items most needed are shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, body wash and shave cream for men and women, disposable razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes for adults and children. Also needed is 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, socks (new or gently used) and men's t-shirts and hoodies (new or gently used in sizes large and extra-large) are needed.



Donations to Sojourner Truth Ministries, Shepherd of the Streets or to the Blessing Box 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: Got Stuff? We still need it! The Women of St. Mark's need your donations for our Fall Sale. 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.

Update on Our Fall Sale: At a recent meeting of the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee and in consultation with the Women of St. Mark's, a decision was made to postpone our annual Fall Sale until September 2023. Our donations at this time are not sufficient to have the large sale the public enjoys. We are confident that donations will continue and we will be in a much better position for this event in 2023.

Ongoing Activities at Redeemer Lutheran:

Free Community Dinner: Thursday, September 8, 2022 starting at 5:00 PM until all meals are distributed. All are welcome. St. Mark's is providing servings of cake for this month's dessert. Speak with Becky Miller Pryor if you can provide a cake or to assist with packaging.

Daniel's Closet: Donations of summer and fall clothing, bedding and shoes may be dropped off Thursday, September 8, 2022 from 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM. Distribution will be Saturday, September 24, 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 Tracy Fox at 570-692-2037 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 the clothing to Redeemer on drop-off day.



Please join the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee and the Faith Formation Committee on Sept. 11 for "God's work. Our hands." Sunday. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities of-

fer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

We will meet in Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 service to share in light refreshments before beginning our work. Two simple activities will be available including working on fleece knot blankets and making hygiene kits for the Blessing Box. Both of these activities will greatly benefit those in the Williamsport Community. We look forward to this opportunity of fellowship and outreach as we lovingly serve our neighbor.



Random Bricks

By

Joseph Baur

September brings the memories of school starting. For me in Pittsburgh, grades 1-6 were at Saint Mary's of the Mount. It is

not a school anymore but a microbrewery and apartments. Next on to Prospect Middle School for grades 7-9. Again no longer a school but upscale apartments. Off to South Hills High School (Go Tigers), oh yea not a school anymore, Senior Living Apartments. I often wonder if I could get the apartment that use to be my home room. A few years ago I finished my bachelor's degree at Kaplan University; they changed their name to Purdue Global. If you thought I jinxed all my past schools I also have worked at 5 different places that have closed their doors for good. Am I jinxed? I don't think so, just a series of situations that gave me perspective as to "nothing lasts forever". Fond memories of each place and I always look on them with gratitude. But change is always a good thing, new experiences, new friends and new challenges. This chapter of my life here at St. Mark's is amazing and I look forward to not "jinxing" this institution. I have said it before but it bears repeating, I have never felt so cared for and welcomed at any other position in my career. I think that is how the "jinx" has been broken.



Please join us as our Sunday School classes resume September 18th beginning at 9:15 AM.

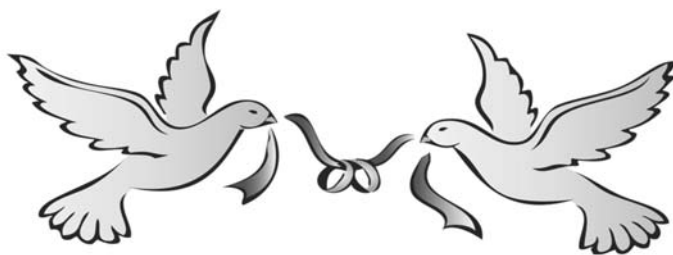
Our Youth Sunday School Class will meet in the first floor Nursery Classroom. Music, lessons, and activities will aid us as we learn about the love Jesus shares with everyone.

Our Adult Class will meet in the Middle Lounge with a topic of study to still be determined. We know there will be no shortage of discussion, learning and laughter as Pastor leads this dedicated class in study.

We look forward to sharing this time of fellowship and study and hope to have you join us!



Dee Goertz	September 2
Todd Smith	September 3
Brett Campbell	September 5
Lauren Campbell	September 5
Valerie Doebler	September 5
Derek Lewis	September 6
Debra Buckman	September 9
Hudson Ott	September 9
Nolan Ott	September 9
Mary Clouser	September 10
Carol Harvey	September 11
Mary Ann Stiller	September 12
Timothy Maggs	September 13
Stefan Weber	September 13
Brennan Comerford	September 15
Abreanna Doane	September 18
Audrey Bower	September 19
Richard Harris	September 20
Ronald Arner	September 22
Brittany Dewar	September 22
Abigail Robertson	September 26



Happy Anniversary!

Lorraine and Edward Barone	September 2	26 years
Grace and Ronald Arner	September 3	55 years
Nancy and Steven Bieber, Jr.	September 3	50 years
Shelly and Robert Clokey	September 4	22 years
Jackie and Michael Kinney	September 25	34 years
Taigen Tebbs	September 29	3 years



***Happy Belated Birthday Ruth Ann Bigelow.
August 14. Sorry we missed it.***

Bible Word Search:

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MAIDSERVANT	MERCHANT	MIDWIFE	PHARAOH
PHILOSOPHER	POET	TEACHER	WARRIOR

References: Isaiah 47:13; 1 Samuel 13:19; Mark 6:3; 1 Chronicles 19:18;
 Genesis 40:1; Acts 25:25; Exodus 28:11; 2 Timothy 2:6; 2 Samuel 18:26;
 Revelation 14:2; Luke 10:35; Acts 16:23; Deuteronomy 15:17; Matthew 13:45;
 Genesis 35:17; Genesis 12:15; Acts 17:18; Acts 17:28; 1 Chronicles 25:8;
 Judges 11:1

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September 2022

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<p>Worship Services return to 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday September 11, 2022</p>				Pastor Vacation	Pastor Vacation	Pastor Vacation
4 Pastor Vacation Worship Service 9:30 a.m.	5 Pastor Vacation Labor Day (Church Office Closed)	6 Pastor Vacation	7 Pastor Vacation	8 Pastor Vacation	9	10 Memorial Service for Marion Waldeisen 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
11 Worship Services 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	12 WCC Rehersal 7:00 p.m.	13	14	15	16	17
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HARVEST HOME SUNDAY



Sunday, October 16, 2022, "Harvest Home Sunday" will be a time to express our gratitude to God through our intended giving to the church in 2023. Our God has blessed us and continues to bless us in Christ with the gifts of grace, faith, life, and life eternal. October 16 will be a day to say, "Thank You" to God for all the blessings we enjoy at both the 8 am and 10:30 am worship services

Below you will find your "Estimate of Giving" card. Once you determine what your financial giving will be in 2023, complete the following commitment card, bring it with you to worship on October 16, along with your regular weekly offering, to place in the provided basket. Should you find yourself unable to attend either worship service on October 16, please mail your commitment card to the church office and mark it confidential (142 Market St., Williamsport, PA 17701) **by Thursday, October 20, 2022**

The ELCA has a motto regarding our life together: God's Work/Our Hands. This phrase reminds us that in Christ God has blessed us; indeed, God has done for us in Christ what we could never do for ourselves. To support the work of the church universal through the ministries of the St. Mark's congregation is a definitive and faithful way to show our gratitude. The blessings of our faith are truly God's Work in our hands.

In uncertain financial times many of us hesitate to increase our commitment. We must believe that God gives us the strength and grace necessary to do what God leads us to do—the work and blessing of ministry.

MY COMMITMENT FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

In response to God's love and as a concrete expression of my/our faith in and commitment to Christ and his church, I/we plan to make the following commitment in my giving.

My/Our Commitment 2023 is

\$ _____ per week

or

\$ _____ per month

or

\$ _____ per year

Name _____

Address _____ Apt. Number _____

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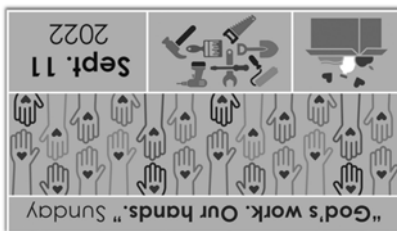
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 Church Organist: Sam Robinson
 Summer Mon 1-3 p.m. & by appointment
 Sexton: Position Open
 Bookkeeper: Jackie Baysore
 By appointment
 Administrative Assistant: Joseph Baur
 Monday through Thursday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Friday the Church Office is Closed

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