

ST. MARK'S
LUTHERAN
CHURCH



“THE LION”
OF ST. MARK'S
OCTOBER 2022



Pastor's “Lion” Message for
October 2022

Mention “stewardship” at church and you're likely to see a lot of eyes rolling, hear some deep groans and note people squirming in their seats. The word stewardship has become code for “time to open up your wallet”.

Yes, stewardship does involve money, and stewardship campaigns include a reference to how much the church budget will be for the coming year. But that is only part of the story.

Stewardship is more than just money. As Clarence Stoughton, who served as president of two ELCA Lutheran Colleges in the late 20th century noted, “Stewardship is everything we do after we say, 'I believe'.” The church budget is a plan for funding ministry; a plan for how we at St. Mark's will financially provide a way to tell of God's love in Jesus Christ in our community, our nation and our world.

A steward is one who perceives that everything is a gift from God's hand: our selves, our time and our possessions. They are signs of God's gracious love. Stewardship then, is the act of giving back to God what God has first shared with us. An act to be practiced with joy and gratitude. Not with rolling eyes and grumbling.

On Sunday, October 16, “Harvest Home Sunday”, we will have the opportunity to *Thank the Lord for all the signs of God's love*. Be sure to join us. See stewardship as it was meant to be seen, thanking God for all God's gifts and a commitment to best use those gifts to tell the story of Jesus and his love.

Grace + Peace,
Pastor Brian Vasey



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OUR SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES:
Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School (for all ages), 9:15 a.m.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

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Nibbles From The Churchmouse

Busy, Busy, Busy, Busy. Then again what mouse is not at this time of the year. So much to prepare for with the holidays just around the corner.

If any one has anything to contribute to the Churchmouse please feel free to send it to Joe and he will get it published.

Does our Church Mouse have a name?

After checking around with a few well knowledgeable people, the answer seems to be no or at least no one knows.

So how about we name the little guy or girl. I would love to have suggestions to have a name attached to our church mouse.

Send in your suggestions to jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org or drop it off in my mailbox or even stop by say hello and suggest a name.

Can't wait to see all the ideas and then maybe we will have a vote on the possible name.

Thanks in advance,

Joe



Who is that mouse?

Not a great pic (it was taken in the late 70's). When I lived in Pittsburgh I attended Grandview United Presbyterian and each year we had a pie social event,

which was dinner and of course pie. We also had a stage and would put on a show for the crowd. One year I was the MC but not just any MC. Our church newspaper had a column much like your "Nibbles from the Churchmouse" and his name was Mouny Mouse. I hosted the event one year as Mouny Mouse and while cleaning out my office I found this picture and wanted to share it with you. Wait until you see my bell choir picture. Yup, that's your administrative assistant, Joseph Baur.





HAPPENING THIS MONTH:

Sunday, October 2, "Pet Blessing", 2 p.m.
All pets are welcome. Weather permitting we will gather in the church parking lot. In case of inclement weather we will gather in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, October 9, CROP Walk
Registration is at noon and the walk begins at 1 p.m. "We walk because others must walk". If you can't walk be a sponsor and/or help with refreshments along the way. Contact Brenda Gair (570-220-8859 or brendag1comcast.net) for information.

Sunday, October 16, "Harvest Home Sunday; Thanking the Lord for All Good Gifts"
Consecration Sunday at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 22, "Pumpkin Carving" in Fellowship Hall, 5 p.m. All are welcome.

Sunday, October 30, Reformation Sunday.
Martin Luther will "make an appearance" at both our 8 and 10:30 Services. Come and witness "Pastor Luther" nailing his 95 Theses to the Church Door proclaiming the "just shall live by faith".

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday, November 6, All Saints' Sunday (Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m.)

Sunday, November 13, "Shoebox Sunday" (Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m.)

Saturday, November 19, "Billtown Brass" in St. Mark's Nave, 5 p.m.

Sunday, November 20, Christ the King Sunday (Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30a.m.)

Thursday, November 24, "A National Day of Thanksgiving" (USA)

Sunday, November 27, The First Sunday of Advent (Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m.)

Sunday, December 4, The Second Sunday of Advent (Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.)

*Saint Nicholas Visits us in Worship
Annual Meeting follows worship.
Please note there is only one worship time this day.*



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.



HARVEST HOME SUNDAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022

Our congregation will be celebrating a "Day of Thanksgiving" by bringing nonperishable food items for local United Churches Food Pantry. Items should be brought to church Sunday, October 9th and 16th 2022. Bags will be available Sunday, October 2nd. People are given a three day supply of food. We pray you and your family will be part of this annual celebration as we thank God for what he has given us through both our offering of food and returning of our 2023 pledges.

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"And now, the praise team will juggle chain-saws as we receive the offering."



Biblical Stewardship Principles

God's Stewards belong to God; claimed by the Lord in Holy Baptism.

God's Stewards are managers, not owners.

God's Stewards are Saints and Sinners simultaneously; they are redeemed only by the cross of Christ.

God's Stewards are uniquely singular yet profoundly plural.

God's Stewards are in the world yet not of it.

God's Stewards are loved and loving.

God's Stewards are served and serving.

God's Stewards live with an awareness of the present and future, of time and eternity.

From: Lutheran Hour Ministries.



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 September 26, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

Vicki Haussmann, Secretary

Meeting was called to order by Ralph Zeigler.

Pastor Vasey led us in opening prayer.

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

Roll call was taken.

Present: Bob Campbell, Wanda Fortin, Vicki Haussmann, Pam Jensen, Herb Poff, Linda Rosini, Ralph Zeigler, Pastor Vasey

Absent: Ed Gair, Ray Huff, Melvin Wentzel, Glenn Yaple

President's remarks:

Continued appreciation for all the work that is done within our congregation.

Ratification of Business Since August Meeting:

M(Pam Jensen - 2nd Wanda Fortin) SC: CC: 22.9.1 Motion approved and email vote ratified to hire Drew Grier for the position of part-time sexton pending receipt of his clearances.

The Secretary's Report: for the month of August was approved as submitted.

The Treasurer's Report: as of August 31, 2022 was accepted as presented and filed for audit. Pam Jensen clarified there will be some minor changes and tweaking as the budget is finalized over the next 2 months.

Pastor's report: As submitted by Pastor Vasey.

Synod Assembly News: Pastor Miller was installed as Bishop on Sept. 17, Pizza and Birch Beer “Goodbye” to Bp. Collins went well, location of Synod Office is unknown at this time.

Kent Peterson of the Mission Investment Fund, ELCA will visit St. Mark's on October 5 for a 3:30 P.M. informal presentation. All are invited to attend.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism & Fellowship:

Collections continue for various local organizations.

Donations continue to be accepted for the **2023** Fall Bazaar.

Card Ministry continues. * **In need of Anniversary and Thinking of You cards.** - Parish Life continues to make sandwiches for the Blessing Boxes. Desserts are also provided monthly for Redeemer's Community Dinner.

Parish Life is researching online options for navy table coverings.

Parish Life served funeral lunches for the families of Shirley Miller and Marion Waldeisen.

Faith Formation:

Backpack Blessing Sunday celebrated in August. Invitations were distributed to preschool students at Little Lambs.

God's Work Our Hands Sunday brought a light lunch followed by 2 service projects. 10 Bath/hygiene kits were put together and 4 fleece, knot blankets were assembled. All will be donated to local charities.

Sunday School Resumed. Pastor Vasey is teaching an adult class meeting in Middle Lounge. Children/youth class meets in the nursery.

Pet Blessing takes place October 2 at 2:00 P.M.

Crop Walk takes place October 9th.

Pumpkin Carving takes place October 22 at 5:00 P.M. All ages are welcome!

Finance:

Pam shared that St. Mark's did pass the audit performed by Larson, Kellett and Associates, P.C. However, there were a few recommendations given that we would like to implement both now and upon hiring a new bookkeeper.

A Church Council member should open bank statements and look for unusual or improper items before giving them to the individual responsible for reconciling the bank statements.

A Church Council member should review, approve, and sign the monthly bank reconciliations.

Invoices should be cancelled at time of payment to prevent duplicate payment. A stamp marked PAID will be used for this.

Receipts should be issued for cash payments of monthly parking payments.

The former treasurer should be removed from the credit card account and be replaced by a current member of Church Council.

Employee raises need to be put into the budget.

Due to continued price increases, the Finance Committee has determined a 30% budget increase for heat, electric, and postage will be included in the budget.

Little Lambs:

Wanda Fortin will be the St. Mark's liaison to Little Lambs. They will meet Oct. 3rd.

Nominating:

Possible council candidates and candidates for synod assembly are being contacted to learn of their interest.

Personnel:

Drew Grier is still waiting on clearances.

Ads for the Bookkeeper position will be placed in Sun-Gazette and Webb Weekly.

* Suggested to expand this to include [indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com) as well.

Evaluations of staff members have been completed.

Property:

Dincher's Tree Service will be giving estimate for cutting down trees along east side of building.

Publicity:

Online newsletter (email blast) will be sent out Sept. 27th.

Safety:

Next meeting Tuesday, October 4 @ 11:00 A.M.

Women of the ELCA:

Open leadership opportunity.

Worship and Music:

Next meeting Sunday, October 23 @ 11:45 A.M.

Unfinished Business:**Spire Update:**

Nothing to report at this time. Herb Poff will continue to look into the options.

Growing our Church:

Council brainstormed ideas as to what we can be doing to "Make Christ Known":

Publicity at Penn College/Lycoming College

Partnering with other churches for events and activities

Increase signage to announce events

Greet our parking patrons with donuts/coffee

Council also listed things we currently do to "Make Christ Known":

July 4th Celebration

Crop Walk

Monthly Lunch and Fellowship (Pre-Covid). City Ministerium (Pre-Covid)

Sign Board

Wed. Advent Services open to all

- Dossal Update:

Sample material has been purchased. Logistics of installing a dossal cloth need to be discussed. Ralph has a possible contact.

New Business:

M(Vicki Haussmann - 2nd Herb Poff) SC: CC: 22.9.2 Motion approved to reinstate hospitality after both services.

Linda Rosini will schedule communion assistants for late service. Vicki Haussmann will schedule for early service.

Committee reports for the Annual Report are due by the end of October. This is a good time to recognize committee members.

M(Pam Jensen - 2nd Herb Poff) SC: CC: 22.9.3 Motion approved (pending proof of insurance and completion of building usage form) to allow the WCCO to use the Nave for rehearsals Nov. 30 and Dec. 1st, and to present a concert Dec. 2. Sam Robinson is involved with this organization.

Pastor Vasey led us in closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: Monday, October 17, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M. (Crossways Room)



PUMPKIN CARVING

Please join us Saturday, October 22 at 5:00 P.M. for an evening of Fun and Fellowship, Creativity and Candy Corn, Pumpkins turned to Jack-O-Lanterns!

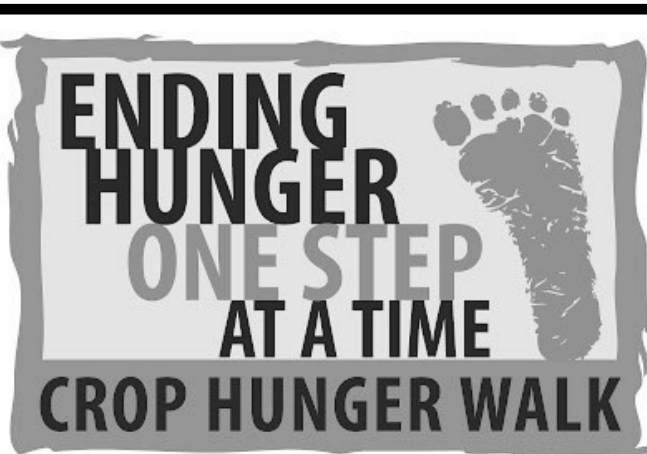
Whether young or young “at heart”, we would love to have you join us for pizza and pumpkin carving.

What: Pumpkin Carving (Some Pumpkins Provided)

When: October 22, 5:00 P.M.

Where: Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP to Vicki Hausmann (570) 447-3263 or sign up in the Narthex by October 16th so we know how many pumpkins are needed. Can't wait to see you!



Our Community's annual walk to fight hunger, CROP Hunger Walk, will be held Sunday, October 9th at 1:00 PM, registration begins at noon 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 on-line; <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/williamsportpa>

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



Usher Schedule



ASSISTANTS

Lectors For October



October 2

8:00 a.m. Richard Miller, Herb Poff
10:30 a.m. Matt Fortin—Captain,
Glenn Yaple, Bud Doebler

October 9

8:00 a.m. Richard Miller, Herb Poff
10:30 a.m. Carl Albright—Captain
Brenda, Owen & Levi Gair

October 16

8:00 a.m. Richard Miller, Herb Poff
10:30 a.m. Tim Maggs—Captain
Carl Hieber, Charlie Fortin

October 23

8:00 a.m. Richard Miller, Herb Poff
10:30 a.m. Mike Jensen—Captain
Gary Weber, Sean Jensen,
Shelby Weber

October 30

8:00 a.m. Richard Miller, Herb Poff
10:30 a.m. Matt Fortin—Captain
Glenn Yaple, Bud Doebler



Communion Assistants



October 2 8:00 a.m. Becky Pryor/ Drew Haussmann
10:30 a.m. Wanda and Matt Fortin
October 9 8:00 a.m. Becky Pryor/ Drew Haussmann
10:30 a.m. Audrey and Carl Albright
October 16 8:00 a.m. Becky Pryor/ Drew Haussmann
10:30 a.m. Deb Buckman and Mindy Wentzel
October 23 8:00 a.m. Becky Pryor/ Drew Haussmann
10:30 a.m. Lou Ann and Ralph Ziegler
October 30 8:00 a.m. Becky Pryor/ Drew Haussmann
10:30 a.m. Walt Doebler and Gary Weber

Please arrange replacement if you cannot serve.

WORSHIP



ASSISTANTS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

October 2 8:00 a.m. Drew Haussmann
10:30 a.m. Ray Huff
October 9 8:00 a.m. Candy Dewar
10:30 a.m. Phil Thomas
October 16 8:00 a.m. Pastor Vasey
10:30 a.m. Pam Jensen
October 23 8:00 a.m. Vicki Haussmann
10:30 a.m. Dan Zeigler
October 30 8:00 a.m. Becky Pryor
10:30 a.m. Linda Rosini

If unable to serve please contact the following who may be able to fill in.

Karen Mariano Drew Haussmann
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.



Altar Guild for October

Cindy Huff and
Linda Rosini

Can You Help?

St. Mark's is looking for additional volunteers for Ushers, Communion Assistants and Lectors.





Thanks to your continued generosity, our OCC shoeboxes are just about complete. In fact, they are just about bursting at the seams ~ a great “problem” to have! For the month of October, we will be collecting “Odds N Ends” ~ things that will help us finish each of the 60 boxes that we will be donating to Samaritan’s Purse. Please take a tag from the OCC bin in the Narthex and bring back the item(s) listed. Not a huge fan of shopping? Please consider donating \$10.00 to help cover the cost of shipping our boxes. Thank you again for your continued support of this outreach project. We are excited to see our boxes come together at our **Shoebox Packing Event** which will be held in Fellowship Hall on **November 6th**. Would love to see you there!



St. Mark’s turn to host Family Promise is in October. The families are staying at the center on Hepburn Street. We are responsible for the evening meals. I will be making calls to our chefs. If you would like to volunteer to make a meal, please contact Deb Buckman at 570-232-1707 or email at dabuckman65@gmail.com.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



Thanks again for all of the kits donated. A final report of the number of kits will be in the November “Lion”. Kit packing will be done on Thursday, October 6 at 10 a.m. in the Nave. Kits need to be delivered to the Synod truck on Saturday, October 8. Anyone who can help pack up or help deliver the boxes is most welcome. Contact Deb Buckman at 570-232-1707 or email at dabuckman65@gmail.com.

Evangelism and Fellowship Committee

Notes for the “Lion” October 2022

Sharing in the Caring

Ongoing Collections at St. Mark’s



United Churches Food Pantry: Coffee, condiments, Pop-Tarts, Hamburger Helper, Jello-O, pudding, ramen noodles, cereal, soups and canned vegetables such as yams, potatoes and beets.

Sojourner Truth Ministries: This ministry is 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. Currently brown paper lunch bags are needed for take-out meals and snacks.

Shepherd of the Streets: The Shepherd’s bins for hygiene items are in need of supplies. 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 United Churches Food Pantry, 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! Although the annual Fall Sale has been postponed until fall 2023, the Women of St. Mark’s still need your donations. 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, October 13, 2022 starting at 5:00 PM until all meals are distributed. All are welcome. Thank you, Jim and Susan Newcomer for providing packets of cookies for this month’s dessert. In November we will be providing servings of cake. Speak to Becky Miller Pryor if you can provide a cake.

Daniel’s Closet: Donations of summer and fall clothing, bedding and shoes may be dropped off Thursday, October 13, 2022 from 3:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. Distribution will be Saturday, October 22, 2022 beginning at 8:30 A.M. CDC guidelines, masks and social distancing are still required. Please speak with Becky Miller Pryor if you can assist with taking our donations to Daniel’s Closet on October 13.

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.





Random Bricks

By

Joseph Baur

Did you notice a few changes to the newsletter? The newsletter is more like a book with the two staples on the left side. This is to help us keep in line with the United States Postal Regulations and hopefully save us some money sending out the "Lion". Starting with the October "Lion" it should save us about \$40.00 a month. We also had to flip around the address to make the folded part the bottom (another postal regulation). Upgrading and keeping the "Lion" the best for all members and friends of the church is one of my priorities.

Of course if there is anything else that you would like to see in the "Lion", let me know and we will see if we can work on it.



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"I wasn't always as religious as I am now. For years I thought the Ten Commandments were a doo-wop group from the 1950's!"



CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"The first day is always the hardest Claude... which Sunday School class were you teaching?"

HALLOWEEN FUN FACTS

- Pumpkins classify as a fruit, not a vegetable.
- Finding a spider on Halloween night is considered good luck.
- Michael Myers' mask came from an altered Captain Kirk Mask.
- The fear of Halloween is called Samhainophobia.



Little Lambs Presents *Noah's Ark Harvest Parade*

On Tuesday October 25th the Little Lambs will parade around St. Mark's outside and inside dressed as their favorite animals. If you are interested in watching the little ones parade, you are invited to join us as we celebrate the season with them. Your Administrative Assistant is always looking for a reason to "dress up". We will have a time soon, look for it in a future bulletin.



Shirley Vognet	October 13	95
Lois Winters	October 30	95
John Hoffman	October 29	90
Charles Kuntz	October 24	87
Barbara Thomas	October 29	77
Christine Sauers	October 12	76
Gary Goertz	October 11	74
Richard Miller	October 24	72
Doborah Maggs	October 30	70
Jane Zimmerer	October 9	69
Gary Chrisman	October 14	69
Kathy Eshelman	October 27	68
Mark Welker	October 24	63
Glenn Yaple	October 9	60
Amy Burkholder	October 11	59
Patrice Santalucia	October 11	57
Stephanie Bieber	October 5	50
Andrew Hausmann	October 28	50
Megan Boyle	October 20	44
Sean Fenderson	October 17	41
Robert Curry	October 12	40
Ryan Lynn	October 23	34
Natalie Miller	October 31	34
Caitlin Butters	October 6	33
Paige Hanford	October 21	29
Kameera Smith	October 10	23
Hannah Hausmann	October 26	21
Carolyn Wacker	October 21	19
Breanna Chicas	October 19	17
Hazel Boone	October 26	5
Naomi Boone	October 26	5



Kathleen & Kenneth Caster	October 9	46
Mary & Scott Kimble	October 25	42
Catherine & Jeffrey Kneedler	October 9	40
Veronica & Lee Doane	October 4	34
Evelyn & Romain Bastian	October 30	28
Andrea & Tracy Gregory	October 16	18
Audrey & Jake Comerford	October 27	10





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9 Worship Service 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. CROP Walk starts at 1:00 p.m.	10 Williamsport Civic Chorus Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	11	12	13	14	15	
16 Harvest Home Sunday Worship Service 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	17 Williamsport Civic Chorus Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Civic Board 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	18 Deadline for "Lion"	19	20	21	22 Pumpkin Carving Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.	
23 Worship Service 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	24 Williamsport Civic Chorus Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	25 Little Lambs Noah's Ark Harvest Parade Time TBA	26 "Lion" Getting ready for mailing	27	28	29	
30 Reformation Sunday Worship Service 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	31 Williamsport Civic Chorus Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Be Safe and Spooky						



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 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. 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 _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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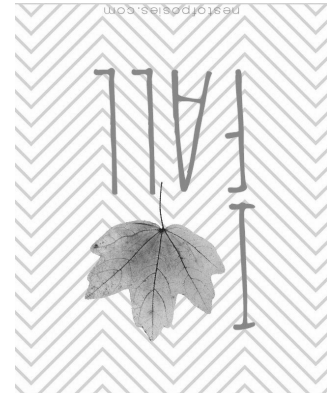
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 Summer Mon 1-3 p.m. & by appointment
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 By appointment
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