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Pastor's “Lion” Message for November

On Thursday, November 24, our nation will celebrate and observe a National Day of Thanksgiving. One of the hymns associated with this day is, “We Plow the Fields and Scatter” (362, LBW). “We Plow the Fields and Scatter” reminds us that while human beings plow fields and scatter seed, God provides the mystery of growth:

*We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered By God's almighty hand.*

Traditional themes associated with harvest and Thanksgiving Day.

The title of the hymn can also provide us with an unfortunate commentary on what Thanksgiving Day has become. Think about it, “We plow the seeds and scatter.” Not the scattering of seeds but the scattering of ourselves.

Thanksgiving Day has become the forgotten holiday. Oh we still celebrate it with a long weekend, the gathering of family and a grand and glorious meal, but the real purpose of giving thanks seems to be lost. We don't show up for that. We scatter. Thanksgiving Day is a time not so much to “give thanks” as it is to:

- Watch a parade
- Sing turkey songs
- Eat until you can't eat any more
- Begin Christmas Shopping
- Watch football games

A National Day of Thanksgiving is to be a day as it's name implies, “To Give Thanks”.

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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

The mouse wants to remind everybody that he or she is anonymous and would like to remain that way!

As an armchair traveler. I enjoyed reading about Ralph and Lou Ann’s travels, so I wanted to share them with you.

Lou Ann and Ralph Zeigler recently traveled to Italy, Austria, and Germany. Highlights included:

Seeing numerous cathedrals and churches, including the Duomo in Milan (Europe’s 2nd largest cathedral); St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Turin (which houses the Shroud of Turin, believed to be the burial cloth that covered the body of Christ as He was laid in the tomb); and several very opulent Austrian and German baroque and rococo churches.

Visiting the charming cities of Innsbruck (twice host to the winter Olympics) and Salzburg, Austria, where a Mozart dinner concert was enjoyed at St. Peter’s Abbey, an inn dating back to 803 A.D. Castles and forts throughout the region (including several from the 13th and 14th centuries) serve to remind of Europe’s incredible history.

Experiencing the “Passion Play” in Oberammergau, Germany. The five-hour play (with a dinner intermission) has been performed by town residents since 1634, when survivors of the bubonic plague promised to tell the story of Christ’s Passion every decade if they would be spared from further death. They were, and their promise has been kept since.

Enjoying the food and celebrating Oktoberfest (dating back to the early 1800s) in Munich, Germany, as well as appreciating some of that city’s rich culture and landmarks (the town square glockenspiel among them).

Returning with lots of memories and enjoying new experiences, they agreed that it is nice to be traveling again!

Pastor’s “Lion” Message (continued from Page 1)

What is most important about Thanksgiving Day? Gathering of family? The history associated with it? The turkey dinner? No, the giving of thanks! The name says it all! The purpose of the day is “built in”- to give thanks! To give thanks for what we enjoy. For our blessings. For our faith. To plow the fields and “scatter”, scatter in the sense of not showing up, is as many have said, “To miss the forest for the trees”!

On November 24, our National Day of Thanksgiving, take time. Give thanks!

Grace + Peace,

Pastor Brian Vasey



NEW OFFICE HOURS

(starting Nov. 27, 2022)

- Pastor Vasey Monday -Thursday
- 9 a.m.—1 p.m. and by appointment
- Joseph Baur (administrative assistant)
- Tuesday - Friday 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, November 24, 2022 and
Friday, November 25, 2022

In Observance and Celebration of our
National Day of Thanksgiving



Hello December

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 10:30 a.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, November 27, Annual Advent Wreath Making. After the 10:30 a.m. service, light lunch and all materials provided.

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

**No Church School this Sunday
Saint Nicholas Visits us in Worship
Annual Meeting follows worship**

Sunday, December 11
The Third Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Church School (for all ages) 9:15 a.m.

Sunday, December 18
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Church School (for all ages) 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, December 24
The Nativity of Our Lord
"A Children's Eucharist", 7 p.m.
"Traditional Eucharist", 10 p.m.

Sunday, December 25
The Nativity of Our Lord
Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.
Only one worship time this Sunday. No Sunday Church School

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26—THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.

Sunday, January 1, 2023
The Holy Name of Jesus
Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.
Only one worship time this Sunday. No Sunday Church School

HAPPY NEW YEAR
MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2023, THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.



CROP WALK RESULTS

The CROP walk was a huge success on October 9th! Thank you to Michael Ochs, Pastor Vasey, Fortin and Hanford families for walking and all who sponsored by donating. Together we raised \$1,627.00!! Our goal was \$1,000.00 and in 2021 we raised \$920.00. We enjoyed another day of beautiful weather and fellowship. We made one more step to Help Stop Hunger. Next year, we hope you can walk with us!

Brenda Gair



Operation Christmas Child

Please join us in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 6th after the 10:30 service to help pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. A light lunch will be served, and a brief presentation will show how meaningful and life-changing these gifts are to the kids who receive a shoebox filled with all sorts of goodies. Plus, packing shoeboxes for others is tons of fun! Many hands make for light work, and all are welcome to participate in this outreach project. We look forward to seeing you there!!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** is scheduled for **Sunday, December 4, 2022**, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. single service of worship.

Among the items to be presented, discussed, and/or voted upon are

Annual Report of Committees to the Congregation

Election of five Council members

Adoption of the 2023 budget to support the ministry of St. Mark's

Ratification of the changes and amendments to St. Mark's Constitution and By-Laws previously voted upon and approved by the congregation in July

Any other business that needs to be addressed

Please mark your calendars and plan to participate in this Annual Congregational Meeting. If you need additional information or have items that you would like to discuss, please contact Ralph Zeigler, Council president; Melvin Wentzel, Council vice-president; Vicki Hausmann, Council secretary; or Pamela Jensen, Council treasurer. Thank you!



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 October 17, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

- Vicki Haussmann, Secretary

Roll call was taken.

Present: Bob Campbell, Vicki Haussmann, Ray Huff, Pam Jensen, Herb Poff, Mel Wentzel, Ralph Zeigler, Pastor Vasey

Absent: Wanda Fortin, Ed Gair, Linda Rosini, Glenn Yaple

President's remarks:

Ralph shared that the current church year is ending with a new church year beginning on the first Sunday of Advent. It will be a busy season, but also take time to enjoy.

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

A thank you note and gift was received from the estate of Doris Brown.

Ratification of Business Since September Meeting:

M(Mel Wentzel -2nd Ray Huff) SC: CC: 22.10.1 Motion approved and email vote ratified for the removal of all trees on the east side of the church building by Dincher and Dincher Tree Surgeons, Inc.

A second motion was also approved and email vote ratified to hire Deborah Kershner as part-time bookkeeper at the rate of \$18/hour.

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

The Treasurer's Report: There was no treasurer's report on account of Jackie Baysore being ill.

Pastor's report: As submitted by Pastor Vasey.

Office Hours to change beginning November 27, 2022. The church office will be covered 5 days/week.

Pastor: Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m. -1 p.m.

Joe Baur/Administrative Assistant: Tues.-Fri. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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 a December volunteer.**

Desserts are provided for Redeemer's Community Meal. ***In need of one more cake for November's meal.**

Collections and activities for Advent and Christmas will be posted in "The Lion".

Faith Formation:

Sunday School classes continue.

Shoebox packing for Operation Christmas Child to be held Nov. 6th. after 10:30 service.

Finance:

Deb Kershner will begin training for the part time bookkeeper position on Tuesday, October 18. She will be paid for her training time.

Finance committee will meet October 18th to finalize 2023 budget.

Little Lambs:

Pastor will schedule time to share his puppets with Little Lamb students.

October 25th at 9:30 a.m. Little Lambs will have a "Costume Parade" following the theme of Noah's Ark. All are welcome to come support.

Little Lamb students are invited to St. Mark's "St. Nicholas Service" on Dec. 4.

Little Lambs Christmas concerts to be held Dec. 19 and 20. (Risers needed)

Nominating:

M(Nominating Committee) SC: CC: 22.10.2 Motion approved to appoint Shelby Weber to fill the unexpired term of Kathy Dancho.

Recommendations for Council term beginning in 2023 will be forthcoming.

Audit Committee and Synod Assembly nominees will be brought before Council in the Spring and voted upon at Special Congregational meeting at that time.

Personnel:

Drew Grier is no longer a candidate for the part-time Sexton position.

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

Part time bookkeeper position was offered (and accepted) to Deb Kershner. **M(Personnel Committee) SC: CC: 22.10.3** Motion approved to purchase a new desk, chosen by Pastor Vasey, from Plankenhorn Stationery in the amount of \$2299.00. This replaces an older, defective desk in his office.

M(Personnel Committee) SC: CC: 22.10.4 Motion approved to purchase a desk chair for Joe Baur, Administrative Assistant in an amount not to exceed \$500.00. This replaces an older, damaged chair in his office.

Property:

Electrician is being brought in to look at several spots around the building.

Plumber needed to look at utility sink for Little Lambs.

Herb Poff, with help from Joe Baur, will begin labeling thermostats around building to help clarify their uses.

Discussion ongoing regarding attaching movable drapes on Narthex stairwells to help keep heat in Narthex.

Discussion on hiring someone to repair parking lot lights.

Publicity:

October email newsletter was sent.

Ad was placed in Sun-Gazette religion section.

Ads will be placed for Christmas services.

Safety:

Several fire extinguishers have been or will be relocated to more convenient locations.

Several new fire extinguishers may be purchased to replace expired extinguishers.

Women of the ELCA:

Open leadership opportunity.

Worship and Music:

Next meeting Sunday, October 23 @ 11:45 A.M. Advent/Christmas activities, doxology will be discussed.

Harvest Home Sunday was celebrated. The special music for this service was most appreciated.

Unfinished Business:

Annual Report: Brief reports are due to the church office by November 1st.

Growing our Church: Will be revisited in the new year.

Please use the pen and ink notecards depicting St. Mark's Nave to send to visitors and members alike. They can be found in the copy room.

Spire Update: Nothing to report at this time.

New Business:

United Churches of Lycoming County Annual Dinner Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 10 at 6:30 PM with gathering beginning at 5:45 P.M.

Volunteers are needed to help open the building for special rehearsals and concert events. Ralph Zeigler will email dates for perusal.

M (Ray Huff - 2nd Pam Jensen) SC: CC: 22.10.5 Motion approved to move the November Council Meeting to November 14th.

Next meeting: Monday, November 14, 2022 @ 6:00 PM (Middle Lounge)

***Note this is the 2nd Monday in November.**

***Note the new location.**

Reverse Advent Calendar

The Faith Formation and Evangelism and Outreach Committees are once again giving congregation members an alternative to the traditional chocolate Advent calendars. And instead of *receiving* something each day of Advent, we are counting down to Christmas by *giving* something each day of Advent.

On November 27th or December 4th please take a holiday bag from the Narthex and on each day of Advent place a non-perishable food item, snack item or hygiene product in your bag. (*Hygiene products are in high demand this season at Shepherd of the Streets, so if you are moved to donate, please consider giving soap, shampoo, shaving cream, toothbrushes, etc.) Please pray that these small items might be a blessing to the person who receives them. Return your filled bag on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, or even January 1st! All items will be sorted and given to the United Churches Food Bank, Shepherd of the Streets and the Blessing Boxes at New Covenant UCC. Thank you for your generosity!

Dear friend I MISS YOU

Dear Pastor Vasey and People of St. Mark's:

I am so sorry for the delay in this correspondence but we have been a little befuddled! Gregg and I would like to thank you and all of the members of St. Mark's for the heartfelt send-off you gave us. Emotions were running high that day, but the memories will last a lifetime. I have been thinking about how to thank everyone for their lifetime of support and care they all have provided to all of us for so many years. Being of a certain age, I think of Carole King and "Tapestry": My life has been full of highs and lows and my tapestry has been made more colorful and vibrant because of all the pieces of all of you that are forever entwined with me. I can never thank you all enough for all you have given of yourselves to us. St. Mark's will always be our home--where our hearts are.

In Christ,

Kathy and Gregg Dancho



UPCOMING CONCERTS HERE AT ST. MARK'S

WILLIAMSPORT CIVIC CHORUS

Concerts Saturday, November 12th at 3:00 p.m.
and Sunday, November 13th at both 3:00 and
7:00 p.m.

BILLTOWN BRASS HOLIDAY KICK OFF CONCERT

Saturday, November 19th at 5:00 p.m.

CHAMBER CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

Friday December 2nd at 7:00 p.m.



ADVENT DAILY STUDY GUIDE AVAILABLE

Sunday, November 27th is the first Sunday in Advent. In order to prepare our hearts and minds for the upcoming celebration of Christmas, we encourage you to please take both an Advent devotional booklet and Advent calendar to use at home for daily study. We pray these devotions may guide your heart and quiet your soul throughout this holy season.

MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES

On Wednesday in Advent beginning, November 30 and concluding December 21. Join us in worship in our chapel from 12:15 - 12:45 p.m. as we explore the theme of "Advent Saints"

November 30, Andrew, Apostle

December 7, Ambrose of Milan, pastor and Hymnwriter

December 14, John of the Cross, Renewer of the Church

December 21, Katharina von Bora Luther, Renewer of the Church

ALL ARE WELCOME!



O come • O come • Emmanuel



Usher Schedule for November

Nov. 6	8:00 a.m.	Richard Miller, Herb Poff
	10:30 a.m.	Carl Albright— Captain, Brenda, Owen and Levi Gair
Nov. 13	8:00 a.m.	Richard Miller, Herb Poff
	10:30 a.m.	Tim Maggs— Captain, Carl Hieber, Charlie Fortin
Nov. 20	8:00 a.m.	Richard Miller, Herb Poff
	10:30 a.m.	Mike Jensen— Captain, Gary Weber, Sean Jensen, Shelby Weber
Nov 27	8:00 a.m.	Richard Miller, Herb Poff
	10:30 a.m.	Matt Fortin— Captain, Glenn Yapple, Bud Doeblor



Altar Guild for November

Connie Shaible
Sally Bjornstad

Can You Help?

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



ASSISTANTS

Lectors For November

Nov. 6	8:00 a.m.	Ruth Rees
	10:30 a.m.	Deb Buckman
Nov. 13	8:00 a.m.	Drew Haussmann
	10:30 a.m.	Donna Boston
Nov. 20	8:00 a.m.	Candy Dewar
	10:30 a.m.	Gary Weber
Nov. 27	8:00 a.m.	Pastor Vasey
	10:30 a.m.	Ralph Ziegler

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



Communion Assistants for November

Nov 6	Every 8:00 a.m. this month	
		Becky Pryor (or) Drew Haussmann (or) Jackie Kinney
	10:30 a.m.	Ralph & Lou Ann Zeigler
Nov 13	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m. (see above)
	10:30 a.m.	Dan Zeigler
Nov 20	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m. (see above)
	10:30 a.m.	Mat & Wanda Fortin
Nov 27	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m. (see above)
	10:30 a.m.	Carl & Audrey Albright

Please arrange replacement if you cannot serve.





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD NEWS

November brings much excitement for Operation Christmas Child as it is time to pack our shoe-

boxes! We have been collecting all sorts of items over the past 10 months, and it is now time to pull everything together! We will be packing our shoeboxes in Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, November 6th, after 10:30 a.m. service.** A light lunch will be served, and a brief presentation will show how meaningful and life-changing these gifts are to the kids who receive a shoebox filled with all sorts of goodies. Plus, packing shoeboxes for others is tons of fun! This promises to be a fun hour with the goal of packing 60 boxes to be sent out to children in need.

In addition to our packing event, we will be collecting monetary donations during the month of November. Samaritan's Purse asks for a **\$10.00** donation to help cover the cost of shipping each shoebox. This \$10.00 donation also helps Samaritan's Purse train and equip local churches to use the Ministry Partner Guide. This resource teaches churches how to share the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ in a child-friendly way. Your donation also provides The Greatest Gift Gospel Booklets, which are written in the children's language and distributed along with shoebox gifts.

Lastly, please pray that the shoeboxes we pack and send bless the child who receives it with the love of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your continued support of Operation Christmas Child. How exciting that we at St. Mark's are able to share the Good News around the World!



make a monetary donation by making a check out to St. Mark's with Family Promise in the memo line.

ANNUAL ADVENT WREATH MAKING



Please join us on Sunday, November 27th, for our annual Advent Wreath-making event. We will gather in Fellowship Hall

following the 10:30 a.m. service for a light lunch, and the opportunity to create an Advent Wreath for your family to use at home during the Advent season. This year we will be trying a new "method" of wreath making which will hopefully help our wreaths stay fresh all season. All materials are provided! We look forward to see-



Thank you to everyone who provided food and monetary gifts for Harvest Home Sunday. We had a very nice response to help those in need with a three day supply of food. Our generous contributions are always appreciated at the United Churches Food Pan-

try. Donations may be placed on the table in the Narthex throughout the year.

Worship & Music Committee

Family Promise

A great big thanks to all of our cooks for the October hosting of Family Promise. Everything went well and the families were greatly appreciative. You do not have to be a cook in order to participate in this ministry. You could have pizza or other take-out food delivered or you could buy the fixings for a meal to be cooked by one of the families. Our next hosting is Dec. 11-17. To participate without being responsible for a meal you could

Evangelism and Fellowship Committee

Notes for “The Lion” November 2022

Sharing in the Caring

Looking Ahead to Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee will provide Thanksgiving cards on Sunday, November 13, 2022 for congregation members to send to our Special Concern Folks and others we do not see as often as we wish. Please consider sending a card or two. Cards will be in the Narthex before and after both services.



Later this month we will be collecting items to gift the seventeen ladies of CM-6 at the Selinsgrove Center. We will be collecting extra-moisturizing body wash, non-refrigerated pudding cups in a variety of flavors and pairs of slipper socks so every lady can receive a pair or two. We will also gift the caregivers with treats. Later this month we will learn if an in-person party will occur. Regardless of that decision, our gifts will be delivered. Monetary gifts are always welcomed. Checks may be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line indicating the Selinsgrove Party.

We will also collect general gifts for the residents (consumers) of the Danville State Hospital. Those gifts include the following items in sizes Large and XLG for men and women.

Socks, Sweat Shirts, Sweat Pants, Underwear, Inexpensive Wallets and Watches, Men's Belts and Undershirts, T-Shirts, Batteries (AA & AAA,) Hats, Gloves, Scarves, Slippers, Puzzle Books, Alarm Clocks, Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Body Lotion, Chapstick, Body Spray, Toothbrushes and Toothpaste, Fleece Throw Blankets and Decks of Cards.

Specific containers will be available in late November for your donations to the Selinsgrove Center and the Danville State Hospital.

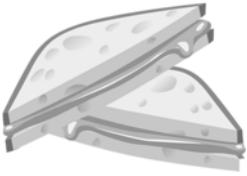
Keeping in Touch

The **Card Ministry at St. Mark's** is in full swing. In addition to the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee having cards available to the congregation for special times of the year, several members of the congregation are choosing a month and sending a variety of cards to our Special Concern Folks and others at St. Mark's. All cards, stamps and a list of folks receiving cards are provided. We request that approximately two cards per week be sent. **We are in need of someone to send cards in December.** Speak with Becky Miller Pryor if you are able to fill this need.



Parish Life Activities

For the past year the Parish Life Committee has been slowly returning to their pre-pandemic activities. Although the committee members have not felt ready to return to our community luncheons, they have wanted to reach out to those in need in our community.



Currently members donate and deliver two dozen sandwiches to New Covenant's Blessing Boxes twice per month. They also assist the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee with packaging desserts for Redeemer's community dinner. When requested, the committee has served several luncheons following funeral services.



Their newest activity involves preparing and serving a luncheon to the City Pastors of the United Churches of Lycoming County at their monthly meeting. This group expressed a desire to return to meeting in person at St. Mark's.

Committee members are excited to be cooking and hosting this event. Unfortunately, we have lost committee members since the pandemic. Extra hands are needed with set up and dishwashing. Please speak with Janet Jones or Becky Miller Pryor if you would like to help.

Ongoing Events at Redeemer Lutheran:

Daniel's Closet: Donations of fall clothing, bedding and shoes may be dropped off Thursday, November 10, 2022 from 3:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. Distribution will be Saturday, November 19, 2022 beginning at 8:30 AM. **This is one week earlier due to the Thanksgiving holiday.** 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 November 10.

Community Supper: Thursday, November 10, 2022 from 5:00 PM until all meals are served. For the past several months, 120 meals have been distributed. This is a take-out only meal. All are welcome to attend.



THANK YOU Thank you to Jim and Susan Newcomer for donating all the cookies for October's dinner. Members of St. Mark's will provide servings of cake for this month's meal.

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. Tracy is our new Daniel's Closet contact at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Lutheran World Relief



Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who participated in the Lutheran World Relief project. All kits were delivered to the cargo carrier on Sat. Oct. 8 – 78 school kits, 18 baby kits, 16 personal care kits and 2 fabric kits. Additionally we had 2 quilts and 5 blankets. Remember, it is not too early to start on next year's kits – watch sales, etc. From last year's donations, 2 fabric kits were sent to Armenia. As information becomes available, it will be published. Thanks again and I look forward to a great success next year as well. If you do not wish to make kits, monetary donations are always needed to help with the cost of shipping the kits. Make out checks to St. Mark's with LWR kit.

Sharing is caring

SHARING IN THE CARING



Ongoing Collections at St. Mark's:

United Churches Food Pantry: Items most in need are small cans of Coffee, Juice, Cereal, Oatmeal, Healthy Snacks, Canned Fruits and Vegetables and Container or Boxed Meals.

Shepherd of the Streets: Specific needs this month are Shampoo and Conditioner, Band-Aids, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes for all ages, Toilet Tissue, Paper Towels, Razors and Shaving Cream for men and women. Hygiene items should be regular sizes.

Blessing Boxes at New Covenant UCC: Individual Healthy Snacks and Crackers, Microwave Soups and Pasta, Ramen Noodles, Deodorant and Socks, T-Shirts and Hoodies (new or gently used for men and women in sizes Large and XLG.) Travel-size Hygiene Items are especially needed. New or gently used towels and washcloths are also needed for bath kits.



Sojourner Truth Ministries: This ministry provides meals to approximately 70+ people each day, Mondays through Saturdays. This month they are in need of Cooking Oil, Spices (pepper, garlic salt, garlic powder, red pepper flakes, etc.) Aluminum Foil, Lunch-size Paper Bags, Bleach and other Cleaning Supplies.

Items for the Food Pantry, Shepherd of the Streets, Blessing Boxes and Sojourner Truth may be placed on the table or in the bins in the Narthex.

Aluminum Soda Can Tabs: Containers are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. Tabs are given to support the Ronald McDonald House in Danville.

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

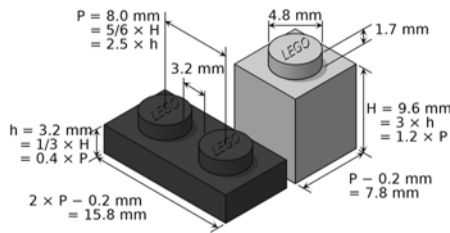
2023 Calendars and Day Planners: Got more than you can use? Donate them to the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee for distribution to Shepherd of the Streets, Blessing Boxes and Daniel's Closet. A box will be available in the Narthex for your donations.

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.

Random Bricks

By

Joseph Baur



The weather is getting colder and the people around here at St. Mark's just keep getting warmer.

Thank you all for the gifts I received from the members of St. Mark's. You all make my job fun, exciting and give me such a feeling of acceptance and appreciation of the job. It does make me feel warm.

Just a reminder that my new schedule will be starting November 28th. I will be here Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Of course if I am not here just leave me a message or email me at jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org and I will get back to you.

Busy time of the year coming up for the church and I am looking forward to the challenges. Please be aware of deadlines for newsletter and bulletins for all the upcoming season. I am looking forward to publishing my first Christmas Edition of "The Lion". If there is anything you would like to see in that edition please let me know by the posted deadline, December deadline will be the 19th of December.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ART

Scarecrow



How about these two cuties who attended the Pumpkin Carving Event at the Church. The fellowship was great and all had a great time.

Diana and Dean show off their creations.



**ADULT
SUNDAY
SCHOOL
NEWS**

The Adult Sunday School Class is currently studying, Living the Kingdom; Reflections on the Small Catechism. We meet in the Middle Lounge at 9:15 a.m. All are welcome.



Shawn Right	November 1
Marguerite Smith	November 4
Samantha Kneeder	November 6
John Bower	November 7
Ann Kuntz	November 7
Brenda Gair	November 8
Darian Johnson	November 8
Cathy Fenderson	November 9
Chele Fredericks	November 9
Becky Miller Pryor	November 9
Shawn Zimmerman	November 11
Pamela Davenport	November 12
Elizabeth Haussmann	November 13
Donna Baker	November 18
Ronald Baker	November 18
Tracey Heaps	November 20
Donna Hutchinson	November 20
Ray Reams	November 21
Sally Bjornstad	November 23
Robert Jones	November 23
James Newcomer, Jr.	November 23
Nancy Bieber	November 25
Stephen Dewar	November 25
Ashley Miller	November 25
Lucia Walz	November 26
Shelly Clokey	November 27
Katlin Jensen	November 27
Matthew MacGill	November 29
Harold Hershberger	November 30

Jennifer and Rick Robertson	November 5
Emily and David Elkin	November 15
Candace and Stephen Dewar	November 18
Cheryl and David Williams	November 19
Lou Ann and Ralph Zeigler, Jr.	November 19
Mary and Robert Clouser	November 20
Nicole and David Walz	November 22
Judith and Charles Fortin	November 26
Melinda and Melvin Wentzel	November 30

Anniversary Ideas & Things to Do for Celebrating

- Ask Each Other Would You Rather Questions
- Attend a Concert
- Attend a Local Mixology Class
- Book a Couple's Spa Day
- Book a Room at a B&B
- Check Something From Your Couple's Bucket List
- Cook a Perfect Meal for Two
- Create a Playlist of Your Favorite Songs
- Do a Couple's Photo Session
- Make Scrapbook from the Past Year
- Recreate Your First Date
- Write Each Other a Love Letter
- Spend an Evening With No Technology

NOVEMBER



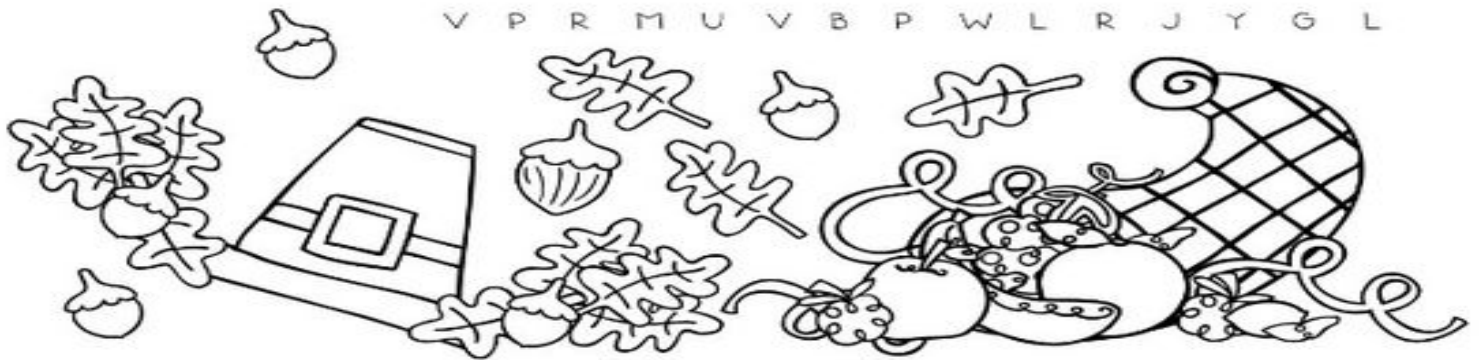
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
October 30	October 31 WCC Rehearsal 7-8PM	1	2	3	4	5
6 <i>ALL SAINTS' DAY</i> Holy Communion 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	7 WCC Rehearsal 7-8PM	8 Lycoming College Chamber Choir Practice 6-8PM ELECTION DAY	9 Lycoming College Chamber Choir Practice 6-8PM	10 Lycoming College Chamber Choir 6-8PM	11 WCC Rehearsal 7-8PM VETERANS DAY	12 Hometown Heroes 8:30AM-12:30PM WCC Rehearsal 9AM (Nave) WCC Concert 3- 4PM
13 <i>Shoebox Sunday</i> Holy Communion 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. WCC Concert 3- 4PM and 7-8PM	14	15	16	17	18 WCC Rehearsal 7-8PM	19 Billtown Brass St. Mark's Nave 10:30AM-6:30PM Concert 5:00PM
20 <i>Christ the King Sunday</i> Holy Communion 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	21	22	23	24 "A National Day of Thanksgiving" OFFICE CLOSED	25	26
27 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> Holy Communion 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Advent Wreath Making	28	29	30 Chamber Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal 7:00PM	December 1 Chamber Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal 7:00PM	December 2 Chamber Choir and Orchestra Concert 7:00PM	December 3

THANKSGIVING



Pie
 Corn
 Pudding
 Gobble
 Stuffing
 Turkey
 Thanksgiving
 Pilgrim
 Indian
 Gratitude
 Thankful
 Cornucopia
 Family
 Friendship
 Gather

P	R	N	I	L	R	T	I	G	C	E	P	Y	D	I
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This Month Is

Adopt A Senior Pet Month
 Aviation History Month
 Banana Pudding Lovers Month
 Diabetic Eye Disease Month
 Epilepsy Awareness Month
 Family Stories Month
 Gluten-Free Diet Awareness Month
 Historic Bridge Awareness Month
 Lung Cancer Awareness Month
 Military Family Month
 National Adoption Month
 National Alzheimer's Disease Month
 National COPD Month

National Long-term Care Awareness Month
 National Native American Heritage Month
 National Family Literacy Month
 National Peanut Butter Lovers Month
 National Raisin Bread Month
 National Scholarship Month
 National Diabetes Month
 National Family Caregivers Month
 National Home Care & Hospice Month
 National Inspirational Role Models Month
 National Life Writing Month



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