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CHURCH**



“THE LION”
of ST. MARK'S
“To know Christ and to make Christ known”
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Pastor's “Lion” Message for February 2023

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mark's,
“Sunday's palms are Wednesday's ashes as another Lent begins” (*from the hymn by the same name; text, R.E. Whitney*).

On Wednesday, February 22, we will gather in St. Mark's at noon (Chapel) and 7 p.m. (Nave) to observe Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, the season of the church year that bids us to prepare for Easter. On Ash Wednesday we will participate in the imposition of ashes, the custom of marking ourselves with ash, the remains of last year's palms, as we hear the words that we are dust and to dust we shall return.

Ash Wednesday and all of Lent reminds us of two things:

1. We are mortal; human beings who one day will “return to dust”
2. Our only hope is in Jesus who has risen from the dead

Many look upon Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent as that which causes unnecessary hardship and depression. In truth, the Ash Wednesday message is just the opposite. On Ash Wednesday Christ is proclaimed. In Christ we have hope. In Christ we are not limited by our mortality. In Christ we can be forgiven. In Christ we have life eternal. After all what is the image of the smudge on our forehead? The cross, that which reminds us that the One who suffered and died, lives and offers us new life.

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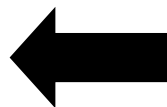
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Ash Wednesday is a Christian day of atonement. It is a day when we come to experience God "one on one", an "at-one-ment" with God. Here God speaks to us and lovingly says, "I love you. I forgive you. Learn my ways and walk with me in the way that leads to life forever."

We are mortal. We are dust and to dust we shall return. But in Christ even the dust possess eternal life.

Thanks be to God for Ash Wednesday!

Grace + Peace,

Pastor Brian Vasey



HAPPENING THIS MONTH:

Sunday, February 19, The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Church School, 9:15 a.m.

Tuesday, February 21, *Shrove Tuesday (Faustnacht Day)*

6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall: Donuts, Faustnachts, Coffee and Conversation
6:50 p.m., Burning Ashes for Ash Wednesday from last year's palms
7:05 p.m., Liturgy to "Bury the Alleluia" in preparation for Lent.

Wednesday, February 22, Ash Wednesday

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion, 12:05 p.m. (Chapel)
Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion, 7 p.m. (Nave)

Sunday, February 26, First Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m.

COMING IN

MARCH

Looking Ahead to March

Wednesday, March 1

Midweek Service of the Word, 12:15 p.m., Chapel

Sunday, March 5, Second Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 8

Midweek Service of the Word, 12:15 p.m., Chapel

Sunday, March 12, Third Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 15

Midweek Service of the Word, 12:15 p.m., Chapel

Sunday, March 19, Fourth Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 22

Midweek Service of the Word, 12:15 p.m., Chapel

Sunday, March 26, Fifth Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 29

Midweek Service of the Word, 12:15 p.m., Chapel



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



We continue collecting items for our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes with the goal of packing 75 shoeboxes in 2023.

Our February collection will be:

Bars of Soap *And* Plastic Soap Boxes

Washcloths (preferably dark in color)

Knit Hats

***T-shirts** (cute or plain, long sleeve or short, any will do)

***Socks/Undies**

Choose one, choose all! Donations may be placed in the red, OCC bin located in the Narthex. As always, thank you for your continued generosity!

**Just a note, the age ranges for the boxes we fill are 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14 (both boys and girls)*

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

The St Mark's Safety Committee would like to remind all members to be diligent in checking that church doors are securely closed. In recent weeks, doors have been found unlocked or ajar on a number of occasions. This leaves the church vulnerable to unauthorized entry, and may put both our members as well as the children of the Little Lambs preschool at risk. We kindly ask that all individuals who enter or exit an exterior church door (excepting the narthex doors during services), take a few seconds to check the door is fully closed and locked behind them. If each of us do our part, we can ensure our church is safe and secure for all who use our space. Thank you,
Drew Haussmann, Safety Committee Chair





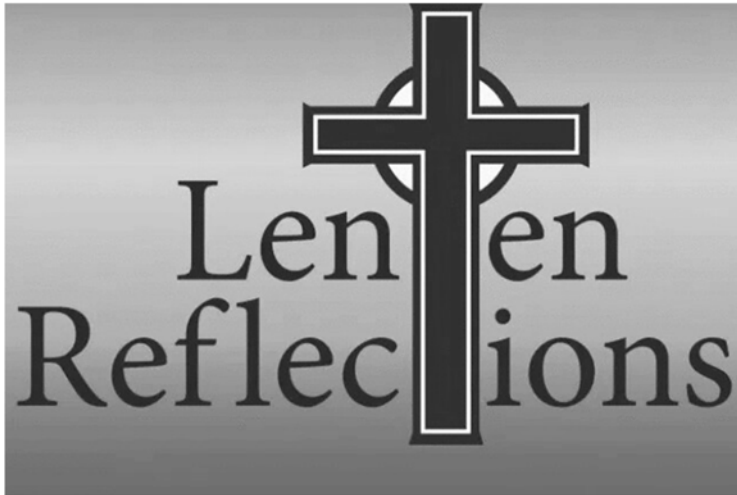
The Philadelphia Eagles? The Cincinnati Bengals? The Kansas City Chiefs? The San Francisco 49ers? What on earth do these names even mean? It means that the football season is drawing to a close and Super Bowl Sunday is quickly approaching.

Whether you are a football fanatic or are just in it for the snacks, "Souper Bowl Sunday" gives us a wonderful opportunity to also think about others in our community. This year "Souper Bowl Sunday" is

February 12th, which means there are 2 full weeks in February to collect cans of soup. Our "Famous Football Tubs" will be in the Narthex ready to accept your donations of soup (or other non perishable food) on Feb. 5th and Feb. 12th. If you prefer, monetary donations may also be made (checks should be earmarked for Souper Bowl of Caring). Monetary donations will be used to buy \$15 gift cards for the United Churches Food Pantry.

Please pray this simple prayer that started the Souper Bowl of Caring 30+ years ago: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."

We are looking forward to coming together as a congregation to see what we can do together to help fight hunger here in Williamsport. On the count of three, 1-2-3- St. Mark's!



Midweek Lenten Series: Making Change
Wednesdays in Lent (March 1-29), 12:15 pm, Chapel

Change is a constant in our lives. Some changes mark gradual transitions, as when daytime shifts toward twilight or winter turns to spring. Others happen in the blink of an eye, separating time into "before" and "after". We choose to undergo some changes after carefully considering our options, while others are forced upon us.

In the weeks, days, and hours before Jesus' crucifixion, the disciples also experienced change: a change of venue as the gates of Jerusalem ap-

proached; a change of plans as their long-awaited Messiah was arrested and tried; a change of circumstance as the crowds shouted "Crucify!"

Change is hard. We long for the expected and familiar, but all too often find ourselves in the midst of uncertainty and the unknown. We cannot predict how things will turn out. The hymnwriter Joachim Neander proclaimed God's steadfast love in the midst of life's inevitable changes: "All my hope on God is founded who will all my trust renew, who through change and chance will guide me, only good and only true. God unknown, God alone, call my heart to be thine own" (WOV 782).

Each Wednesday in Lent we will explore together how in the midst of change, God in Christ is always with us.

All are welcome!



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 January 23, 2023 at 6:00 PM

- Vicki Haussmann, Secretary

Secretary's roll call was taken.

Present: Debra Buckman, Ed Gair, Vicki Haussmann, Ray Huff, Nikki Jackson, Herb Poff, Helen Schramm, Shelby Weber, Mel Wentzel, Glenn Yapple, Ralph Zeigler, Pastor Vasey
Absent (Excused): Pam Jensen

President's remarks:

- Prayers for our congregation, members of Synod, Pastor Vasey as we begin a new year.
- Reminder to be respectful of each other as Council members as well as Pastor Vasey.
- Thanks for all who served our congregation in 2022, and for the commitment made to serve in 2023.
- Waiting for Synod approval on our new Church Constitution and By-Laws

Election of Officers:

M(Mel Wentzel ~ 2nd Debra Buckman) SC: CC: 23.1.1 Motion unanimously approved to elect Ralph Zeigler as President of Church Council.

M(Ray Huff ~ 2nd Shelby Weber) SC: CC: 23.1.2 Motion unanimously approved to elect Melvin Wentzel as Vice-President of Church Council.

M(Debra Buckman ~ 2nd Helen Schramm) SC: CC: 23.1.3 Motion unanimously approved to elect Vicki Haussmann as Secretary of Church Council.

M(Mel Wentzel ~ 2nd Helen Schramm) SC: CC: 23.1.4 Motion unanimously approved to elect Pamela Jensen as Treasurer of Church Council.

Ratification of Council Action since December meeting:

M(Mel Wentzel ~ 2nd Herb Poff) SC: CC: 23.1.5 Motion approved and email vote ratified to approve the Williamsport Chamber Choir and Orchestra to hold rehearsals and their Spring concert in St. Mark's Nave.

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

The Treasurer's Report: Statement of Activities was provided by Jackie Baysore.

- Clarification regarding In/Out Expenditures as far as Family Promise and Lutheran World Relief (as well as other similar In/Out expenditure categories). Finance Committee is aware that the way these categories are noted in the monthly report is confusing and is working to try and make these numbers more clear if possible.

The Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2022 was accepted and filed for audit.

- Ralph Zeigler introduced Herb Poff as the financial officer.

Report of the Secretary for the Council Meeting

(continued)

Pastor's report: As submitted by Pastor Vasey.

- Noted that there is a need for grocery store gift cards as a way to help those in need buy food.
- Mentioned the new Synod Staff (Assistants to the Bishop) and gave a brief overview of their positions.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism & Fellowship: Written report as submitted by Becky Miller Pryor.

Faith Formation: Update provided by Vicki Haussmann

- Appreciation for all the help with our "Christmas Clean-Up".
- Souper Bowl Sunday is Feb. 12.
- Shrove Tuesday event Feb. 21st at 6:30 PM.

Finance: Nothing to report.

Little Lambs: Update provided by Pastor Vasey.

- Communication between Little Lambs and St. Mark's is ongoing as needed.
- Wanda Fortin will continue as liaison to Little Lambs.

Nominating: Update provided by Ralph Zeigler

- The Nominating Committee will meet prior to the February Council meeting to work on identifying lay delegates to the Annual Synod Assembly (June 16-17) and to identify members of the congregation to serve on the Audit Committee (3 non-council members are needed).

Personnel: Update provided by Mel Wentzel

- Jackie Baysore has agreed to stay on as our bookkeeper.
- Committee will be interviewing a candidate for the open sexton position.

Property: Update provided by Ed Gair

- A congregational work day is scheduled for March 25, 2023 from 9AM-12PM.
M(Property Committee) SC: CC: 23.1.6 Motion approved to retain a structural engineer to provide needed information regarding the possibility of repairing the church spire as well as what the cost might entail. This information will then be used to make an informed recommendation on how to best move forward with this project.

Publicity: Update provided by Ralph Zeigler (information from Gary Weber)

- The committee will be working on Lenten and Easter publicity.

Safety: Update provided by Herb Poff, liaison

- Continue to check that doors are closed and locked when leaving the building.

Worship and Music: Updated provided by Ray Huff

- Prior to the April 30 meeting, members of the congregation are invited to join the committee for prayerful discussion concerning the possibility of a single service continuing after Labor Day.

Report of the Secretary for the Council Meeting

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Unfinished Business:

- **Growing our Church:** Will be revisited next month.
- **Spire Update:** On hold until Council receives engineering advice.
- **Dossal Update:** The Merhaut Company located in Pittsburgh will return in February.

New Business:

M(Executive Committee) SC: CC: 23.1.7 Motion approved that the February 2023 Council meeting be moved to Monday, February 27th.

M(Executive Committee) SC: CC: 23.1.8 Motion approved to apply for a new M&T Business Credit Card on behalf of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Suggested names for this card are Jackie Baysore and Joseph Baur,.

Next meeting: Monday, February 27th, 2023 @ 6:00 PM (Middle Lounge)
***Note this is the 4th Monday in February.**

Please note that the February Council Meeting will be on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Notes for this council minutes will not be available for the March "Lion". Minutes will be available to review in the Administrative Assistant's Office.



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Usher Schedule for February

February 5	8:00 a.m.	Richard Miller and Herb Poff
	10:30 a.m.	Mike Jensen, captain Gary Weber, Pam Jensen, Shelby Weber
February 12	8:00 a.m.	Richard Miller and Herb Poff
	10:30 a.m.	Matt Fortin, captain Glenn Yapple, Bud Doebler
February 19	8:00 a.m.	Richard Miller and Herb Poff
	10:30 a.m.	Carl Albright, captain Brenda, Owen and Levi Gair
February 26	8:00 a.m.	Richard Miller and Herb Poff
	10:30 a.m.	Tim Maggs, captain Carl Heiber, Charles Kurtz



Altar Guild for February

Wanda Fortin
Mindy Wentzel

Can You Help?

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



Lectors For February



February 5	8:00 a.m.	Vicki Haussmann
	10:30 a.m.	Pam Jensen
February 12	8:00 a.m.	Becky Pryor
	10:30 a.m.	Ralph Zeigler
February 19	8:00 a.m.	Walt Haussmann
	10:30 a.m.	Linda Rosini
February 26	8:00 a.m.	Candy Dewar
	10:30 a.m.	Ray Huff



Communion Assistants for February

Please arrange replacement if you cannot serve.

February 5	8:00 a.m.	Becky Pryor
	10:30 a.m.	Matt and Wanda Fortin
February 12	8:00 a.m.	Jackie Kinney
	10:30 a.m.	Carl and Audrey Albright
February 19	8:00 a.m.	Jackie Kinney
	10:30 a.m.	Deb Buckman and Mindy Wentzel
February 26	8:00 a.m.	Drew Haussmann
	10:30 a.m.	Walt Doebler and Gary Weber

Evangelism and Fellowship Committee

Notes for “The Lion” February 2023



Valentine’s Day Greetings

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee needs the congregation’s help in sending Valentine’s Day greetings to our Special Concern folks and others we do not see as often as we would like.

Cards will be available in the Narthex on Sunday, February 5, 2023 before and after each service. Please add a cheery message, affix a stamp and mail in time for Valentine’s Day. Thank you for any assistance you can provide.

Ongoing Collections at St. Mark’s

United Churches Food Pantry: Needed are canned meats/vegetables/fruits with pop-top lids if possible. Healthy snacks, cereal/oatmeal, juice/drinks and condiments including salt and pepper.

Shepherd of the Streets: Needed are shampoo, conditioner, bodywash, tooth paste and toothbrushes for adults and children, feminine hygiene products, paper towels, Kleenex, hand and dish soap. Diapers in sizes 5 and 6 and adult pull-ups are especially needed.

Blessing Boxes at New Covenant UCC: Easily prepared foods like Cup of Soups, individual packs of crackers and cookies, microwave mac & cheese, ramen noodles and individual boxes of cereal are needed. Travel size hygiene items are also needed.



Sojourner Truth Ministries: Bleach, Dawn dish detergent, napkins, paper plates, individual cups of cereal, mac and cheese, fruit/pudding/Jell-o cups, protein bars and packs of snack crackers.

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

Ongoing Events at Redeemer Lutheran

Community Dinner on Thursday, February 9, 2023 beginning at 5:00 P.M. until all meals are distributed. This is a take-out meal available at the curb. All are welcome.



The Parish Life and Evangelism and Fellowship Committees provide desserts each month to support Redeemer’s dinner. This month Jim and Susan Newcomer will provide Valentine cookie packets for dessert. Thank you, Jim and Susan for your generous help.



For desserts in March, we are requesting brownie mixes and cooking oil. Donations can be placed in the Narthex.

Daniel's Closet Distribution of free seasonal/winter clothing on Saturday, February 25, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Winter weather brings the need for warm clothing and sturdier shoes and boots for adults and children. Blankets, throws and afghans are also accepted.



Donated Clothing: Donations for Daniel's Closet will no longer be accepted the same day as the community dinner. Donations will be accepted the evening of set-up, which is the Thursday before each Saturday distribution.

This month's clothing drop off is Thursday, February 23 from 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

If you have a large quantity of clothing, please call Redeemer's office (leave a message) at 570-322-2333 to make an appointment. Smaller quantities of clothing may be placed on the stage if you are unable to accommodate the new drop off schedule.



Got Stuff

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee and the Women of St. Mark's need donations for our annual Fall Sale that will, after an absence of two years, be held in early September.

We are accepting holiday decorations, housewares, linens, toys, small, working electronics, gadgets, dishes, jewelry, lamps, art work and the list goes on. If you don't want it, we probably can sell it.



Family Promise 2023

St. Mark's host weeks for 2023 are March 26-April 2 (the week before Palm Sunday), July 9-16, Oct. 15-22, and Dec. 10-17. Family Promise has decided not to go back to the rotation system at this point so the host congregation is only responsible for food. This means providing food for breakfast and lunch plus providing dinners. We have received additional instructions concerning meals. Meals need to be packaged for each family with the family number placed outside the container. If you have items which are for everyone, ex. Salad, then it needs to be marked everyone. Do Not put items

in the refrigerator. Place cold items on the table and hot items on the stove. The week before our hosting I will send the volunteer code for the door so you can enter. I will do the shopping for the breakfast and lunch items but of course, help is always welcome. Please put these dates on your calendars. Also, when planning which day you would be willing to cook, remember that Tuesdays are done by our partner church.

If you have questions please contact Deb Buckman, text (570-971-9321), email (dabuckman65@gmail.com) or call 570-323-1707. If you email and I do not get back within a reasonable time, try one of the other methods. There is no internet at my house and cell phone service is unreliable.



Lutheran World Relief 2023

St. Mark's will again be participating in the LWR kits. Now is a good time to get washcloths and towels as they are on sale. Please remember that towels should 52" x 27" (slightly larger is OK) and dark color.

For baby kits, the tops should not have snap bottoms and the sleepers should not have feet. NO polar fleece please. Sizes should not exceed 24 month and can be a mix of sizes.



Personal care kits are desperately needed now for Ukraine. If you would like to make a kit or two, please contact me. Cash donations are always accepted either through the church or you can donate directly at lwr.org. See my contact information under the Family Promise blurb.



Michael Reitz	February 6
Margie Doebler	February 8
Matthew Heaps	February 8
Paul Zimmerer	February 8
Joseph Baur	February 10
Gloria Greevy	February 10
Charlene Wright	February 10
Lisa Lewis	February 13
Emily Newcomer	February 13
Michele Owen	February 13
Elsie Sechler	February 13
Annette Peluso	February 15
Scott Kimble	February 16
Jarrett Eyer	February 17
Rick Robertson	February 17
Amanda Eyer	February 19
Tyler Stugart	February 20
Donna Elkin	February 21
Brandon Pelleschi	February 21
Evelyn Ward	February 21
Kahla Doane	February 22
Seth Greninger	February 22
Pastor Brian Vasey	February 26
Gary Clark	February 27

10 Famous Birthdays to Celebrate in February

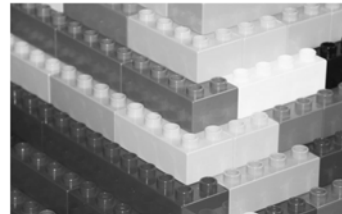
- February 4, 1913: Rosa Parks
- February 7, 1867: Laura Ingalls Wilder.
- February 11, 1846: Thomas Edison
- February 12, 1809: Abe Lincoln
- February 15, 1564: Galileo Galilei
- February 21, 1933: Nina Simone
- February 22, 1732: George Washington
- February 27, 1932: Elizabeth Taylor

Happy Anniversary



February 18

Diane and H. Vincent Bardsley



Random Bricks
By
Joseph Baur

Happy Valentine's Day to all.

So what does February bring us? The most unusual weather forecaster in the world, Punxsutawney Phil. Groundhog Day is on Thursday, February 2. The emergence of the groundhog (woodchuck) from its burrow is said to foretell the weather for the following six weeks. The beginning of February, which falls roughly halfway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, has long been a significant time of the year in many cultures. Among the Celts, for example, it was the time of Imbolc, observed in anticipation of the birth of farm animals and the planting of crops, and February 2 is also the date of the Christian festival of Candlemas, also called the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin. During the Middle Ages there arose the belief that animals such as the badger and the bear interrupted their hibernation to appear on this day. If the day was sunny and the animal saw its shadow, six more weeks of winter weather remained. If, however, the day was cloudy, it was a sign that the weather during the following weeks would be mild, leading to an early spring. German immigrants to the United States carried the legend with them, and in Pennsylvania the groundhog came to be substituted for the badger.

If you ever want to see a crazy event, head to Punxsutawney and see Phil and his entourage make the prediction. I went once and I can safely say ... Never Again.

Make sure you remember your sweetheart on Valentine's Day.



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Join us on a visit to the
**UNITED STATES
HOLOCAUST
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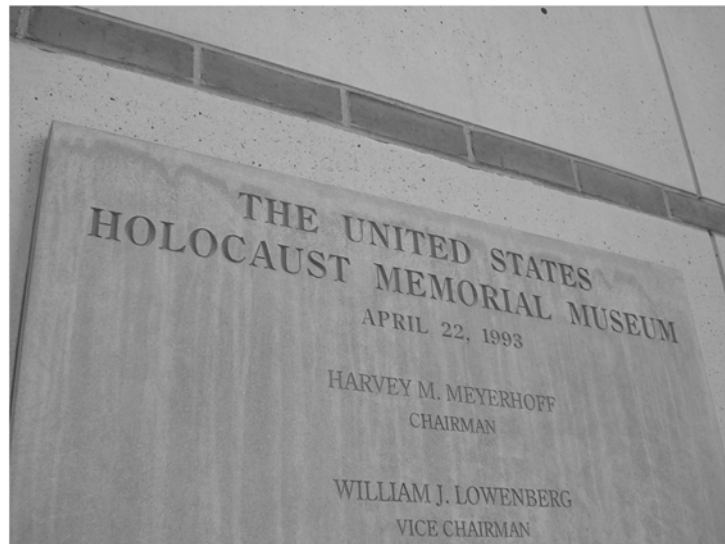
February 20th, 2023

\$70 includes bus transportation and entrance to the Museum.

5:45am: Depart Williamsport | 10:00am: Arrive at Museum

Limited to 56 people, so reserve your spot today!

Email: office@uclc.org or call: 570-322-1110





Taste of Camp

Hungry for camp but can't wait until the summer? Always wanted to try camp but not sure you'll like it? Camp Mount Luther has an event for you! On February 5, 2023, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., you can get a **Taste of Camp!** Enjoy songs, food, games, a campfire program, information on the 2023 program, and more! Those who attend will get Camel Bucks to spend in the camp store this summer. Campers from synod congregations who attend this event will get Camel Bucks for all their congregation's Summer 2023 campers.

This year's summer camp season will begin on June 18 and run until August 8. There are programs for all ages from preschool to senior high, and for adults and families. Camp Mount Luther is a special place where kids and families come together to grow with God and serve with smiles! Camp provides a safe place for people of all ages to relax and unwind in nature, discover God's love, sing around the campfire, learn more about themselves, and make new friends while at the same time being renewed in mind and spirit.



Camp Mount Luther is participating in The First Community Foundation Partnership of PA's "**Raise the Region**" on March 8-9, 2023. It is a 30-hour fundraising event starting at 6:00 p.m. and ending the next day at 11:59 p.m. Money donated by the Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships will help stretch donations made to organizations that day. Additional monetary prizes and incentives will be awarded, too. Proceeds raised for Mount Luther these days to the camp's Annual Fund unless a donor gets in touch with the camp office to designate it for another camp cause. To be part of Raise the Region, visit www.raisetheregion.org during the event and make an online donation to camp. Running totals will be shown throughout the day at the Raise the Region website. Camp Mount Luther has participated in Raise the Region for ten years and has garnered about \$179,000 in donations during this event. The camp hopes you will help us to have another successful year!





GROW in the Snow Looks at Baptism

All youth in 6-12th grade and their youth leaders are invited to attend this synod youth retreat on March 17-18. The theme of this year's will be baptism. Experience your Creator, play winter games and find refreshment in the peace of camp in winter. The retreat is from Friday night to Saturday afternoon, but there is an option for youth and leaders to come just for the day on Saturday. The cost is \$73 for the whole program. Each registered group should provide one adult (21 or over) for every seven youth and at least one adult for each gender represented. Cabin assignments will be made based on available adults and the number of youth attending. Contact Chad Hershberger at chad@campmountluther.org



Back to Work

WE ARE GOING BACK TO WORK IN TORNADO-RAVAGED WESTERN KENTUCKY

JOIN US TO BE PART OF THIS WORK

WHAT: Mission/Work Trip sponsored by SINDR (Susquehanna Interdenominational Network for Disaster Relief)

WHEN: March 26 – 31, 2023

WHERE:

- Lodging at First Presbyterian Church, Madisonville, KY Working With Hopkins County EMA

WHO: YOU, and any of your friends who want to help!

HOW MUCH: Just your contribution toward travel and food.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Clair Kline, 570-374-4481, clairsally@verizon.net



SHROVE TUESDAY CELEBRATION

St. Mark's will observe "Shrove Tuesday" (February 21) the day before Ash Wednesday with a special celebration. At 6:30 p.m. we will gather in Fellowship Hall for donuts and light conversation. Remember that in some circles "Shrove Tuesday" is also referred to as "Fastnacht" or Donut Day, a day to remove all fat and sugar from the home in preparation for Lent. Our celebration will also include

gathering in our courtyard to burn last year's palms for ashes to be used as our ashes for repentance and mortality on Ash Wednesday. We will conclude our time together with a brief liturgy of prayer and praise as we "Bury the Alleluia" in preparation for Lent. Joined by fellow Lutherans from St. Luke, Williamsport, this promises to be a meaningful day as we begin our Lenten pilgrimage in anticipation of the Easter Season.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



February 2023



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4 Baby Shower Fellowship Hall Noon-3PM
5 Holy Communion Service 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.	6	7 Pastor's Lunch	8	9	10	11
12 Holy Communion Service 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19 <i>The Transfigura- tion of Our Lord</i> Holy Communion Service 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.	20 President's Day <i>Church Office Closed</i>	21 Shrove Tuesday Fellowship Hall for Donuts at 6:30 p.m.	22 Ash Wednesday Holy Communion (Chapel) 12:05 p.m. Holy Communion (Nave) 7:00 p.m.	23	24	25
26 Holy Communion Service 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.	27 St. Mark's Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	28				

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