

**SAINT
MARK'S
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**



**“THE LION”
of ST. MARK'S**

“To know Christ and to make Christ known.”

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Pastor's "Lion" message for April

Returning from the tomb, (the women) told all this to the eleven and to all the rest (Luke 24:9).

Dear members and Friends of St. Mark's, On Easter Sunday, and throughout the Easter Season, we will greet one another in worship proclaiming, "Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!" This greeting is a joyful sharing of the good news of Christ's resurrection.

On the very first Easter dawn, the women had gone to the tomb expecting to anoint a dead body - Jesus' body- with herbs and spices. But when they arrived, the body was not present. Jesus was not there. Jesus had risen. The women, the first witnesses to the resurrection, went and told the others what they had observed. However, the response to their announcement that Christ had risen was not a resounding, "Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!" The others did not believe them. They dismissed the women's words as an idle tale; meaningless, feel good gossip.

How do we receive the Easter message? Is our response one of joy, alleluia and amen or as a holiday filled with meaningless fluff and feel -good gossip? When we stand at the grave of a friend or loved one do we rejoice in Christ and embrace the good news that death has not its sting because of resurrection, or do we conclude it to be just an idle tale?

The women who went to the tomb at Easter Dawn spoke and speak the truth: Jesus is not among the dead, but among the living. When we share the Easter greeting of "Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!" we affirm the good news. As First Corinthians 15:19 reminds us: "If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied."

Join us this Easter! Add your voice to that of others and proclaim: "Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

**Grace + Peace,
Pastor Brian Vasey**

STAFF OFFICE HOURS

Pastor: The Rev. Brian Vasey
Mon-Thu 9 a.m.-1 p.m., & by appointment
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Summer Mon 1-3 p.m. & by appointment
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By appointment
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By appointment
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How many Green Shamrocks did you find in the March newsletter. Did you find 25 shamrocks?



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Sunday, April 16, The Second Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am

Sunday, April 23, The Third Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am

**Sunday, April 30, "St. Mark Sunday"
(Remembering our patron)**

Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, APRIL 9 (Easter Monday). IT WILL REOPEN AT 9 A.M., TUESDAY MORNING (April 10).

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 2, Sunday of the Passion
Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 6
Holy Communion, 12:05 p.m. (Chapel)
Holy Communion with Foot Washing, 7:30 p.m. (Nave)

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 7
Ecumenical Service, Trinity Episcopal Pro-Cathedral, Noon
(844 West 4th Street)
Tenebrae (Service of the Shadows), in our Nave 7:30 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday, April 8
The Great Vigil of Easter, 8 p.m.
(We will gather in the Chapel and move to the Nave)

EASTER

Sunday, April 9
The Feast of Resurrection (Easter Holy Communion), 8 and 10:30 a.m.

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



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.

MAY

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT MONTH (MAY)

Sunday, May 7, The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am

Sunday, May 14, The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am

Sunday, May 21, The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am

Sunday, May 28, The Day of Pentecost
(Wear an article of red clothing)
Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am



FREE HOSPITAL BEDS

Williamsport Home has 6 electric beds to donate...in excellent condition. The recipient would need to pick them up, though. Could you please send this to the ministerium? Contact Don Pote at 570.323.8781, ext. 1115.



Join us for a discussion of service times on Sunday, April 30, 2023.

The Worship and Music Committee invites all members of the congregation to join us for prayerful discussion after the 10:30 service on April 30 concerning the possibility of a single service continuing after Labor Day. We are doing this in response to much discussion at the Congregational Meeting in December.

The committee will have a brief meeting after the discussion. We realize that there are merits to keeping the two services after the single summer services. We also realize that there are merits to having one service.

A document will be available in the Narthex on April 16 and 23. Please fill it out with your comments. The document will basically have room for your comments concerning the advantages and disadvantages of having either the services as we have them now, or having a single service. We will have a method of collecting the responses by April 16.

We realize that this is a divisive situation for many members of the congregation. It's time to make a decision on the question of one or two services by the May meeting of the council. The council will make the ultimate decision per the constitution.

Blessings,

The Worship and Music Committee

Operation Christmas Child (OCC)



Many thanks to everyone who continues to donate items for our OCC collection! Our shoeboxes are well on their way to being filled with gifts for boys and girls throughout the world. Our monthly donations to date have included: activity books, journals, washcloths, soap, knit hats, combs/brushes and toothbrushes. All of these items are a wonderful start to showing kids how much they are loved.

In April, we are collecting **Stuffed Animals** (beanie baby size) or **Small Dolls, Hair Accessories, and Tape Measures**. These items may be placed in our red, OCC bin located in the narthex. Monetary donations are also welcome to help defray the cost of shipping. We hope to also order Grow With Me shoes this year to be included in as many boxes as possible. Checks may be placed with your offering, earmarked OCC. Thank you so much for your generosity!

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

Lutheran World Relief (LWR)



There is a great need for personal care kits for the victims of the Turkey earthquake and for war victims in the Ukraine. Kits are composed of a bath towel (dark color preferred-regular size not a bath blanket), 2 bars of soap, a comb, a toothbrush, and a nail clipper. You can provide a complete kit or bring in any of the components of the kit and I will make sure to complete the kit. Monetary donations are also welcome - make out to St. Mark's with LWR kits in the memo line.

EASTER HOSPITALITY



We are excited to once again be hosting Easter Hospitality! Please join us April 9th for a variety of tasty treats ~ nothing too big so no worries that Easter dinner will be ruined. We will meet in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour (anytime after 9:15 should work well) for refreshments and Christian Fellowship. All are invited and welcome to join in our Easter Celebration! We can't wait to see you!

Committee Reports:

Evangelism & Fellowship: March meeting was cancelled.

- Easter cards for special concerns folks will be available March 26.

Faith Formation: Update provided by Vicki Hausmann

- Souper Bowl "Stats" ~ 187 canned goods and 17, \$15.00 Weis gift cards were donated to UCLC Food Pantry. Little Lambs also participated, donating 65 canned goods.
- Lenten materials available in Narthex and Fellowship Hall.
- Easter Hospitality will take place between services on April 9.

Finance: Nothing to report.

Little Lambs: Update provided by Pastor Vasey.

- Pastor Vasey will spend time with children during Holy Week, sharing the Easter story.

Nominating: Update provided by Ralph Zeigler

- The council position left vacant will remain open at this point in time, being filled with the incoming class beginning January 2024. Council feels comfortable operating with 11 members, and this is something that has been done in the past when needed.

Personnel: Update provided by Mel Wentzel

- Sexton position remains on hold while waiting for FBI clearances to be returned.

M(Shelby Weber ~ 2nd Debra Buckman) SC: CC: 23.3.2 Motion approved to offer employment to Patty Falk pending receipt of FBI clearance.

M(Mel Wentzel ~ 2nd Glenn Yable) Motion amended and approved that Patty Falk begin employment effective immediately based upon the two clearances that have been received and are on record.

M(Pastor Vasey ~ 2nd Ray Huff) Amendment amended and approved that Patty Falk begin employment effective immediately based upon the two clearances that have been received and are on record. **However**, should the FBI clearance come back with a positive record, employment will be immediately terminated.

Property: Update provided by Ed Gair

- A congregational work day is scheduled for March 25, 2023 from 9AM-12PM.
- An updated quote for landscaping needs around the perimeter of the church will be obtained from VanDeLinde Landscaping.
- Lawnmower is broken and in need of repair or replacing.

Publicity:

- Easter publicity will be in the Williamsport Sun-Gazette.

Safety: Update provided by Herb Poff, liaison

- Fry's Fire Protection both added and moved several fire extinguishers throughout the building. *Signs will be placed around building indicating the location of all fire extinguishers.

Worship and Music: Updated provided by Ray Huff

- Carol Waltz will be the organist with Sadie Wentzel, soloist, on Easter Sunday.

- Prior to the April 30 meeting, members of the congregation are invited to join the committee for prayerful discussion concerning the pros and cons of a single service vs. two services. If possible, please submit written thoughts and ideas prior to this meeting.
 - * After this meeting, the worship and music committee will make a recommendation to council for either moving to one service or continuing with two services. A council vote will be the final decision. (What is considered a majority in this vote?).
- Easter lilies have been ordered.

Unfinished Business:

- **Growing our Church:** Helen Schramm presented the idea of bringing back opportunities for Christian Fellowship outside of Sunday worship.
 - * Sharing meals together (potluck or a simple, catered meal)
 - * Game (afternoon) Night with pizza provided
 - * Movie (afternoon) Night with popcorn and drinks provided
 - * Welcome gathering for Patty Falk, Sexton
 - * Easter Hospitality between services
- ** Provide transportation to those who may be interested in attending but cannot drive.
- **Spire Update:** On hold until Council receives engineering advice.
- **Dossal Update:** The Merhaut Company located in Pittsburgh will return in late April/early May to look at this project.
- **Credit Card Update:** M&T Bank has approved and mailed a new credit card to St. Mark's.
- **Constitution and By-Laws Update:** Bishop Miller has approved our Constitution and By-Laws. Bishop Miller also provided several suggestions for clarity in our wording. These have been passed on to Gary Weber, chair of this committee.

New Business:

- M(Nominating Committee) SC: CC: 23.3.3** Motion approved to send Melvin Wentzel and Bob Campbell as lay delegates to the Synod Assembly held in June.
- M(Mel Wentzel ~ 2nd Shelby Weber) SC: CC: 23.3.4** Motion approved to allow Little Lambs to expand their preschool space to the classroom directly behind the library on the East end of the 2nd floor of the building ("the middle school room"). Little Lambs will leave the murals on the walls intact. Increase in rent is being negotiated.

Mel Wentzel led us in closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: Monday, April 17th, 2023 @ 6:00 PM (Middle Lounge)

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

“To know Christ and to make Christ known”

Report of the Secretary for the Council Meeting held on March 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM

- Vicki Haussmann, Secretary

2023 Church Council photograph was taken by Gary Weber.

Meeting was called to order by Ralph Zeigler.

Council joined in reciting our defining statement ~ “To know Christ and to make Christ known”.
Vicki Haussmann led us in opening prayer.

Secretary's roll call was taken.

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

President's remarks:

- Prayers for our congregation, members of Synod, Pastor Vasey, Bishop Miller, Bishop Eaton, church council. We ask God's guidance as we all continue to grow in our faith.

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

Additional Correspondence: An email from Pam Jensen was read to council.

M(Ray Huff ~ 2nd Helen Schramm) SC: CC: 23.3.1 Motion approved to accept Pam Jensen's resignation as church treasurer as well as to be excused from the remainder of her church council term ending in December 2023.

** The positions of council parliamentarian as well as church treasurer are both open. If there is interest in either, please let Ralph know.

The Treasurer's Report: as of February 28, 2023 was accepted and filed for audit.

Pastor's report: As submitted by Pastor Vasey.

- Noted that St. Mark's congregation was recognized for financial support of Camp Mt. Luther in 2022.
- Conference Assembly will be held April, 23, 3 pm at St. Luke Lutheran.



Lutheran Day at the Capitol 2023

Mark your calendar and plan to join Lutherans from around the state for a day of worship, learning and advocacy on April 2, 2023. Plan to stay for a dinner celebration of advocates at the Harrisburg Hilton. Tell your friends and watch here for more information and registration.

Evangelism and Fellowship Committee Notes

April 2023 CONTINUED

Blessing Box Bath Kits

During Lent, bath kits were assembled for Lutheran World Relief for distribution in Turkey. Thank you, Deb Buckman for spearheading this much needed project. The Faith Formation and Evangelism and Fellowship Committees are joining together to continue a similar project much closer to home. The Blessing Boxes at New Covenant UCC give bath kits to homeless people who stop by for nourishment and hygiene items.

The foundation of each kit is a bath towel and washcloth which our committees will provide. But we will need assistance from congregation members for additional items to complete each kit. Our goal is to complete ten kits by May.

Items in need are bars of soap, plastic soap dishes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toothbrush holders, band-aids, inexpensive combs and brushes and small bottles of body lotion. Items can be found inexpensively at the Dollar Tree, Dollar General, Family Dollar or Wal-Mart. Donations may be placed in the tub in the Narthex. Thank you for any assistance you can give.

Rise Up Village Bakery

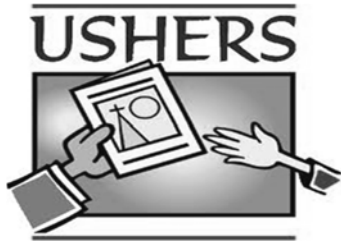
What is our mission? Why do a dozen people spend Mondays baking at New Covenant United Church of Christ? Who are we?

The mission of the Rise Up Village Bakery is to provide training in baking skills and to offer support and guidance for individuals involved with the criminal justice system. Our vision for the graduates of our program is that they will be able to secure gainful employment and be restored to the community. We are volunteers who work alongside the trainees. We share love by serving others.

Trainee referrals come from local agencies. As people transition out of the program, we are always looking for new candidates. Volunteers are also needed to work in the kitchen and in the “front of the house” with labeling and packaging. Please spread the word about our program and our need for participants, both trainees and volunteers.

Currently there are 122 people on our weekly mailing list. The orders for baked goods are often as much as 30 loaves of bread, 100 rolls, 80 muffins and over 60 dozen cookies. On Mondays we start baking at 8:00 a.m. and orders can be picked up between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. We have become a “well oiled machine” and have learned how to “dance” around each other in the kitchen!

To receive weekly notifications of what we will have available for Monday pick up, please sign up for our email list at riseupvillagebakery@gmail.com. (United Churches’ News, March 2023)



Usher Schedule for April

April 2	8:00 a.m.	Herb Poff and Richard Miller
	10:30 a.m.	Mike Jensen, captain Gary Weber, Pam Jensen, Shelby Weber
April 6	Maundy Thursday	
	7:30 p.m.	
April 7	Good Friday	
	7:30 p.m.	
April 8	Easter Vigil	
	8:00 p.m.	
April 9	Easter	
	8:00 a.m.	Herb Poff and Richard Miller
	10:30 a.m.	Matt Fortin, captain Glenn Yaple, Bud Doebler
April 16	8:00 a.m.	Herb Poff and Richard Miller
	10:30 a.m.	Carl Albright, captain Brenda, Owen and Levi Gair
April 23	8:00 a.m.	Herb Poff and Richard Miller
	10:30 a.m.	Tim Maggs, captain Carl Hieber, Charles Kurtz
April 30	8:00 a.m.	Herb Poff and Richard Miller
	10:30 a.m.	Mike Jensen, captain Gary Weber, Pam Jensen, Shelby Weber

Lectors For April



April 2	8:00 a.m.	Becky Pryor
	10:30 a.m.	Becky Pryor ????
April 6	MAUNDY THURSDAY	
	7:30 p.m.	Ray Huff
April 7	GOOD FRIDAY	
	7:30 p.m.	
April 8	EASTER VIGIL	
	8:00 p.m.	
April 9	EASTER	
	8:00 a.m.	Drew Haussmann
	10:30 a.m.	Pam Jensen
April 16	8:00 a.m.	Pastor Vasey
	10:30 a.m.	Karen Mariano
April 23	8:00 a.m.	Vicki Haussmann
	10:30 a.m.	Deb Buckman
April 30	8:00 a.m.	Becky Pryor
	10:30 a.m.	Gary Weber

No Cheating Quiz on Page 15

10. A: Because he was born yesterday.
9. A: April Fools! He won't earn anything. He died.
8. A: Ton
7. A: Henry
6. A: The letter "M"
5. A: You don't bury survivors!
4. A: "Short"
3. A: Carrie lives in Australia.
2. A: All of them!
1. A: The letter "R"
- Answers for the April Fool's Day Quiz**



Altar Guild for APRIL

Connie Shaible
Sally Bjornstad



Communion Assistants for April

Please arrange replacement if you cannot serve.

- April 2 8:00 a.m. Jackie Kinney
- 10:30 a.m. Deb Buckman and Mindy Wentzel
- April 6 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
- 7:30 p.m.
- April 7 **GOOD FRIDAY**
- 7:30 p.m.
- April 8 **EASTER VIGIL**
- 8:00 p.m.
- April 9 **EASTER**
- 8:00 a.m. Becky Pryor
- 10:30 a.m. Matt and Wanda Fortin
- April 16 8:00 a.m. Drew Haussmann
- 10:30 a.m. Walt Doeblor and Gary Weber
- April 23 8:00 a.m. Jackie Kinney
- 10:30 a.m. Carl and Audrey Albright
- April 30 8:00 a.m. Becky Pryor
- 10:30 a.m. ????????????

Random Bricks

By

Joseph Baur



April is a good month for me. It will mark one year since I joined the St. Mark's family. It has been a wonderful year and I will say it again, everyone here is so amazing and it is a pleasure to work with everyone.

Also it marks one year since the chair fire; lets not do that again.

April 2 is Light It Up Blue for Autism Day and the whole month is Autism Awareness Month. It is so important that we remember, not just this month, that the contributions those with autism have made to this world. Working with many in my life with autism I have found them to be some of the most dedicated, hard workers ever.

Historical moments in the month of April

America's first astronauts were announced by NASA on April 9, 1959.

The first Webster Dictionary was copyrighted by Noah Webster on April 14, 1828.

The Titanic sank on April 15, 1912.

The Revolutionary War in America began on April 19, 1775.

The United States Library of Congress was established April 24, 1800.

Our first President George Washington was inaugurated on April 30, 1789. You have to wonder what would George think of how we have taken this country he gave us and turned it into something unrecognizable to him.



Can You Help?

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

Contact us at stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org

For more information or to sign-up.

Evangelism and Fellowship Committee

Notes for “The Lion” April 2023

Parish Life Committee Update

For the second year, the Parish Life Committee with assistance from the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee has been making two dozen sandwiches twice per month for the Blessing Boxes at New Covenant UCC and providing For the second year, the Parish Life Committee with assistance from the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee has been 120 desserts each month for Redeemer’s Community dinners. Congregation members have been a blessing in providing in-kind and monetary donations to assist in continuing this outreach.

But with the rising cost of food, we are once again asking for monetary donations to purchase meat, cheese, individual packets of mayo and mustard, dessert ingredients and containers to pack sandwiches and desserts. Donations may be made payable to St. Mark’s with the memo line indicating Parish Life. Any assistance you can give is greatly appreciated.

Spring Cleaning? Got Stuff?

The Bazaar Room is looking much fuller in recent weeks. But the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee and the Women of St. Mark’s still need donations for our annual Fall Sale that will be held in early September. If spring cleaning has you discovering items you no longer need, think of donating them to us.

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.

We cannot accept VCR tapes, text books, encyclopedias, computers, televisions, large gym equipment, cribs or mattresses.

Please place your donations in boxes small enough for us to lift. Donations can be placed in the Bazaar Room in the basement. If you cannot get to the basement, leaving them on the second landing in the back stairwell is helpful. Extra boxes for your convenience are available in the Bazaar Room.



Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser

Grab your friends and family for dinner at Texas Roadhouse on April 20, 2023. Ten percent of your purchases will be donated to United Churches of Lycoming County! Call ahead for your seating at (272) 236-3060. Don’t forget to mention to your server that you are there to support UCLC!

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, cake/muffin mixes and frostings, jellies/jams and condiments including tabletop salt and pepper. At this time, the Pantry DOES NOT need green beans, corn, spaghetti, soups or mac and cheese.

Shepherd of the Streets: Needed are shampoo, conditioner, bodywash, feminine hygiene products, Kleenex and small packages of laundry pods. Diapers in sizes 5, 6 and 7 and 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 (STM): Bleach, Dawn dish detergent and umbrellas for their homeless guests. STM is also in need of clip-on reflectors for bikes, Dixie luncheon plates, disposable 8 oz. cups and disposable coffee cups. STM would be especially appreciative of healthy snacks for use in their after-school program.

Donations to the Food Pantry, 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, March 13, 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. In March we provided individual brownie packets. Jim and Susan Newcomer will provide cookie bars for April's meal. Thank you,

Jim and Susan.

For desserts in April, we are seeking donations of assorted cakes in any flavor with any frosting. Cakes need to be delivered to the church kitchen no later than 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2023. Please speak with Becky Miller Pryor if you are able to provide a cake.

Daniel's Closet Distribution of free seasonal/spring clothing on Saturday, April 25, 2023 from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. Shoes for all ages are always needed. Sheets, blankets, throws and afghans are also accepted.

This month's clothing drop off is Thursday, April 23 from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM.

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.



SHOE DRIVE

Danville State Hospital

April 2 – April 30

**ALL SIZES ACCEPTED / MEN'S & WOMEN'S ADULT
FOOTWEAR**

The Danville State Hospital is accepting donations of new or gently used, casual footwear or sneakers for their consumers (residents.) The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee is accepting donations during the month of April and will transport any donated shoes to the Danville State Hospital.

In speaking with Molly Hearity, Chief Occupational Therapist at DSH, many consumers do not have family or adequate funds to purchase shoes or clothing. A clothing store is available for shopping where these needed items are free or have a minimal cost much like our local nursing homes.

A tub for shoe donations will be available in the Narthex.

THANK YOU



Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Mark's,

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and cards concerning my spine surgery on March 3. The procedure was done at PennSurgery at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Your support and the skill of Dr. Welch and staff made it possible for me to come to church on March 19 with no need of any physical support.

We had a consultation with Dr. Welch on Monday, February 27 and he asked when I wanted surgery. I was filled with thanks when he said those words. I said that he could choose, and he did: Wednesday, March 1! We came back on the 27th to get things while driving in the big snowstorm and returned the next day. God was with us throughout and I'm not bent over anymore.

Cindy was superb in both support and a little "push" now and then to get through the rehabilitation period. She was also my driver through center city Philadelphia and the Schuylkill Expressway. That was exciting.

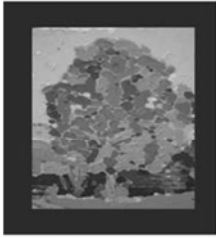
Thanks to Pastor Vasey and the congregation for the support through it all. Matt Fortin and I sit near each other and marvel at how wonderful our medical ordeals played out. Thanks be to God!

God bless St. Mark's,
Ray Huff



Memorial and Testimonial Service for

THE REVEREND PAUL F. BOSCH



In the Loving Memory of

THE REVEREND PAUL F. BOSCH

DATE: MARCH 19TH, 2023

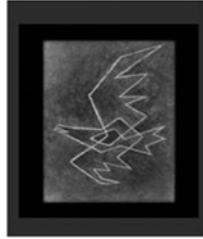
TIME: 2 PM

LOCATION:
Hendricks Chapel in the Noble Room

Parking in the Quad Lot, near the
accessible entrance.

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#) or call 315.257.4739.

If you wish to offer a testimonial, please call or text
Pastor Gail Riina, Lutheran Chaplain at 315.257.4739.



S Syracuse University
Hendricks Chapel

We have lost a wonderful companion, The Rev. Paul F. Bosch who was the first full time Lutheran Chaplain at Syracuse University/ SUNY ESF. He was extremely creative and passionate. He died on his 92nd birthday after an amazing service to the church, in America and Canada. Lutheran Campus Ministry at Syracuse is held a memorial and testimonial service on March 19th.



In 1956, Paul F. Bosch joined St. Mark's as Assistant Pastor. Rev. Bosch graduated from Muhlenberg College and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. He was of the fifth generation of Lutheran clergy and, in fact, grew up in a parsonage in Buffalo, NY.

While at St. Marks, Pastor Bosch continued in the steps of previous assistants in heading the Christian Education program. He was intimately involved with the building project and he participated in the ground breaking for the 1960 church building. He left St. Mark's in 1960 to serve as Lutheran Campus Pastor at Syracuse University, but returned for the dedication of the new church.

Rev. Bosch continued in the Syracuse position for 20 years. Later he moved to Waterloo Lutheran Seminary (Waterloo, Ontario) as Lecturer in Liturgics & Spirituality and the arts of worship (including courses in pastoral liturgy, church architecture, church music, church drama.)

Most recently Rev. Bosch has been an active author for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, writing "Seasons and Celebrations" for the [ELCIC's worship homepage](#) and other worship-related items on the same webpage. In 1996 he was honored by the ELCIC as the first "Companion of the Worship Arts," an award that is bestowed in recognition of significant contribution to the worship life of the ELCIC by ongoing inspiration and encouragement to others, and service to God, through worship, spirituality and the arts. He also appears on radio and television.



Jenna Eyer	April 2
Jon Huff	April 2
Tina Harvey	April 5
Linda Rosini	April 6
Carol Butters	April 7
Zachary Travis	April 8
Sadie Wentzel	April 10
Taylor Wentzel	April 10
Robert Clouser	April 11
Geoffrey MacGill	April 13
Michael Ochs	April 13
Ezra Buckman	April 14
Veronica Doane	April 14
Steven Bieber, Jr.	April 15
Jami Larson	April 15
David Hughes	April 17
Sara Neal	April 17
Beverly Best	April 18
Beverly Schmitt	April 18
Diana Zeigler	April 18
Cynthia Hartzel	April 19
Jeffrey Byerly	April 20
Karen Pelleschi	April 20
Catherine Kneeder	April 21
Marc Fish	April 23
Benjamin Haussmann	April 23
Karen Merrifield	April 26
Lisa Welker	April 27
Audrey Comerford	April 28
Ruth Ditchfield	April 29



Wanda and Matt Fortin	April 3
Dee and Gary Goertz	April 3
Kathy and Louis Kolb	April 8
Annette and Joe Peluso	April 16

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A bus trip to see **Moses** at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA is once again being organized by Cheryl Williams. This trip is being planned for Wednesday, September 20, the 11:00 AM show. While the bus will be pulling out around 6:00 AM, the early start will certainly be well worth it! Bus fare, show ticket, and dinner are all included in the price (roughly \$130-\$150 depending on number attending). **Please note that the faster we sign up, the lower the price may be. To sign up, please contact Cheryl Williams at (570) 327-1627. We can't wait to hear from you!

THANK YOU



The Jensen and the Newcomer families would like to express our deep appreciation for all of the cards, prayers, and good wishes we have received since the passing of our parents. Truly, I think you all are keeping Hallmark in business! It's been a very difficult time for us, and the fact that we can even get through it is due, I'm sure, to all of the prayers being lifted up for us. The caring of our church family has definitely made a difference!

Like many of the families worshipping at St. Mark's today, Mom's family was actively involved in the church going back several generations. Her mother, Elsie Tepel Simpson, played church basketball as a young woman; as an adult, she was a Sunday school teacher. Mom was one of five children, but unfortunately, that was not enough to win Elsie the prize she coveted for having the most children in attendance at the annual women's dinner!

The list of Mom's volunteer activities at St. Mark's is too long to mention; recently, she focused on writing the "Nibbles from the Church Mouse" column in the Lion. Although we will miss her chronicling of members' news, she would be pleased to see the fun and informative additions that Joe is contributing to that publication. In a column she wrote not long ago regarding Lou DeSeau's passing, she concluded by saying that, while his suffering was over, "oh, how we will miss him!" Joyce and Harold, we will always miss you too.

A reminder that all are invited to attend the memorial service we will hold on Saturday, May 27 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mark's. A reception will follow at the Williamsport Country Club.

Pam and Mike Jensen, Sue and Jim Newcomer

April Fool's Day

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- WACKY
- SILLY
- JOKE
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- BAMBOOZLE



AN APRIL FOOL'S DAY QUIZ

1. **Q:** What's in the middle of March and April but never at the beginning or end?
2. **Q:** What month has one day?
3. **Q:** Carrie's birthday is in April, which is in the fall. How is this possible?
4. **Q:** What 5-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?
5. **Q:** A plane crashes exactly on the border of the U.S. and Canada. Half the people on board were American and half the people were Canadian. Where do you bury the survivors?
6. **Q:** What comes once a minute, twice every moment, but never in a thousand years?
7. **Q:** Henry's mother had four kids. The first three were named April, Fools, and Day. What was the fourth one named?
8. **Q:** When written forward, this word is heavy. When written backward, it is not. What word is this?
9. **Q:** When called to investigate, the police found that a man had died in his apartment. When they looked up where he worked, they discovered that he earned \$30 for every month he worked with 30 or fewer days and \$35 for every month he worked with 31 days. Assuming today is April 1, how much will he earn by the end of December?
10. **Q:** Mike was born on March 31st and he's the easiest person to pull an April Fools' joke on. Why?



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2 PALM SUNDAY Holy Communion 8 and 10:30 a.m.	3	4	5	6 MAUNDY THURSDAY Chapel 12:15 p.m. Nave 7:30 p.m.	7 GOOD FRIDAY "A Service of Shadows" 7:30 p.m.	8 EASTER VIGIL 8:00 p.m.
9 EASTER Holy Communion 8 and 10:30 a.m.	10 EASTER MONDAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	11	12	13	14	15 Billtown Brass Concert
16 Holy Communion 8 and 10:30 a.m.	17	18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day
23 Holy Communion 8 and 10:30 a.m.	24	25	26	27	28 Arbor Day Plant a tree	29
30 Saint Mark's Sunday Holy Communion 8 and 10:30 a.m.						

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