

**SAINT
MARK'S
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**



"THE LION"

of ST. MARK'S

"To know Christ and to make Christ known."

SEPTEMBER 2023



Pastor's "Lion" Message for September, 2023

They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass (Ps. 106.20)

Verse 20 of Psalm 106 recalls the story of how the Israelites melted a golden calf from the jewelry they plundered from their slave masters when they left Egypt (Exodus 32 and Deuteronomy 4). When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the Ten Commandments he found them dancing around this idol and offering it sacrifice.

The Israelites were set free by the Lord. Through Moses God led the Hebrew peoples to freedom. Instead of rejoicing in their deliverance however, rather quickly they turned their backs on God and began to forget all the Lord's benefits.

The ancient Israelites were not the only ones to forget about God's love and all that God provides. There are golden calves in the 21st century. Idols to which we bow and to which we claim absolute allegiance. Golden calves are anything that separate us from

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STAFF OFFICE HOURS

Pastor: The Rev. Brian Vasey
 Mon-Thu 9 a.m.-1 p.m., & by appointment
 Church Organist: Sam Robinson
 Summer Mon 1-3 p.m. & by appointment
 Sexton: OPEN
 By appointment
 Bookkeeper: Jackie Baysore
 By appointment
 Administrative Assistant: Joseph Baur
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jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org

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OUR SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES:
Through September 3:
Holy Communion, 9:30 am

Beginning September 10
Holy Communion, 8 and
10:30 am
Sunday Church School, 9:15
am

ALL ARE WELCOME!



The Adult Sunday School Class resumes Sunday, September 10, 9:15 am in the Middle Lounge. All are welcome to join us as we continue in our study of *Holy Purpose: The Blessings of Service, Obedience and Faith.*

God's love; anything we worship and desire above all else; anything we place in the way of loving neighbor as God loves us and tells us to love others. Martin Luther explained the first commandment like this:

We are to fear, love, and trust God above all things (*The Small Catechism*).

Idols did not create us. Idols do not redeem us. Idols cannot love us.

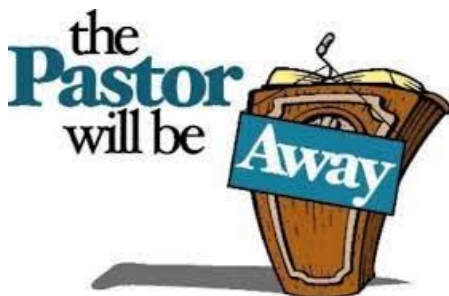
In September we “head back into our old routine”; two services and Sunday Church School resume Sunday, September 10. As we begin again the activities of fall, it is a good time to remind ourselves not to neglect God. The “vain world's golden store” (from Hymn 494, LBW) seeks to draw us away from love of God and love of neighbor. Let us remember God's love for us and seek to be the Lord's servants.

Grace + Peace,

Pastor Brian Vasey



Pastor Vasey has a new cell phone Number: 272-788-0161. Please use this number as his primary telephone number when he is not available by the church telephone or the church email. Thank You!



PASTOR VASEY WILL BE ON VACATION SEPTEMBER 26-OCTOBER 2. SHOULD YOU NEED A PASTOR IN HIS ABSENCE PLEASE CONTACT THE REVEREND RON MONTGOMERY (570-584-4465) OR THE CHURCH OFFICE.



SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER:

Sunday, September 3, The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion, 9:30 am

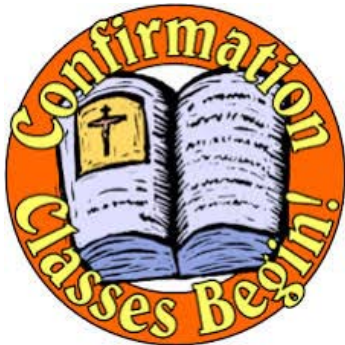
Sunday, September 10, The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
God's Work/Our Hands Sunday
Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am
Sunday School, 9:15 am

Sunday, September 17, The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am
Sunday School, 9:15 am

Sunday, September 24, The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am
AED Refresher Course Between Services
Sunday School, 9:15 am
Pet Blessing, 2 pm



FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 AND SUNDAY OCTOBER 22, 9:30 AM (THIS IS A TWO WEEK CLASS). ANY CHILD KINDERGARTEN-GRADE THREE WHO HAS NOT HAD FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION BUT WOULD LIKE TO IS ASKED TO CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1. OLDER CHILDREN, YOUTH AND ADULTS WISHING TO HAVE FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION SHOULD CONTACT PASTOR VASEY.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES (CATECHISM) BEGIN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 9:30 AM. THIS IS A TWO YEAR CLASS AND MEETS A TOTAL OF 16 SESSIONS (8 PER YEAR). ANY YOUTH WHO HAS COMPLETED GRADE 6 IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. CONFIRMATION SUNDAY WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025. ADULTS WISHING TO UNITED WITH ST. MARK'S IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP SHOULD CONTACT PASTOR VASEY.



+ When you or a family member are ill, have a crisis of faith, or have a personal concern of which you wish to make the pastor aware, please contact him directly by church office telephone (570-323-4619) or email (bvasey@stmarkswilliamsport.org). Do not assume the pastor will know of your need any other way.



+ When you or a loved one has a change of address, telephone number or email, please contact the church office at 570-323-4619 or stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org. Please direct your intentions whether or not to share this information with our church family.



To keep members of the church update on new address, phone number, change in marital status or anything else that needs updated, you will see in the weekly bulletin and the “Lion” , updates on the information.

If you have any information that needs to be update, please send an email to jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org or call the church office at 570-323-4619, Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

The office is working on an updated Church directory so please update any information ASAP to insure the directory is up to date.

The Synod Office has moved

The new location is 100 Mahoning Street, Milton. Phone service is not yet up and running so please be patient with synod communications.

The synod office has moved to its new location. We apologize for any inconveniences as we got set up in the new space. Please take note of the following information.

- Our telephone number, email, and mailing address remain the same.
- The address of the new location is 100 Mahoning Street, Milton
- If you call the office, you can reach Brenda Krouse (ext. 405) or Bishop Miller (ext. 406) by dialing their extensions at any time.

Our current office hours are 9:00am to 4:00pm, Tuesday through Thursday.

Brenda will work from home on Mondays and Fridays.





Lutheran World Relief News

This month I will be collecting personal care kits, sewing kits, and baby kits. Please refer to the directions on the next page of the Lion. Thanks to everyone who has filled a backpack. All kits should be in to the church by Blanket Sunday as they need to be down to the synod office by 10/14. Remember that items for the baby kits can be gently used. If you have questions, please contact me, Deb Buckman. I will have displays of the various kits on Sept. 3.

A copy of what to include in the kits is on the next page



Family Promise

Our next hosting will be in October. Currently there are two small families in the program but of course this could change very easily. Again we will only be providing dinners. If you would wish to stay and eat with the families, that would be great. Right now the families are eating in the Day center. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to the hosting date. Thanks to all who keep this ministry in their hearts. Any Questions or concerns please contact Becky Pryor at 570-971-4585 or email at beckypryor72@gmail.com



Operation Christmas Child

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

Please consider a donation of \$10.00 which will be put toward our shipping costs of \$700.00

Lutheran FABRIC KIT World Relief

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

2 1/2 yards of 58"-63" wide OR

3 yards of 42"-45" wide OR

4 yards of 24"-37" wide

- ♦ 2 spools of matching or neutral colored general purpose thread, 250-300 yards long.
- ♦ Fold the thread and one of the pieces of fabric and tie with string or yarn.

PERSONAL CARE KIT

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

SCHOOL KITS

Place the following in the drawstring backpack. Remove all excess packaging. No rubber bands.

4 notebooks - 70 to 80 sheets each, wide or college ruled. NO loose-leaf paper please. No composition books.

1 ruler - 30 centimeters or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other. Plastic, wood or metal.

1 pencil sharpener

1 pair of blunt scissors - safety scissors with embedded steel blade



BABY CARE KIT

Sizes newborn to 24 months can be included

Used items in good condition can be used

2 lightweight cotton T-shirts. NO onesies or snap crotch

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

2 blankets - medium weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn - 36" to 52" square

4 cloth diapers. Fold flat preferred.

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

2 pairs of cotton socks.

1 hand towel, dark color.

2 bath size bars of gentle soap in original wrapping. NO mini or hotel size please.

2 diaper pins or large safety pins.

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

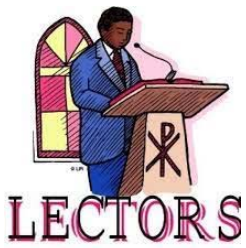
5 unsharpened #2 pencils secured together with a rubber band.

5 black or blue ballpoint pens secured together with a rubber band. NO gel pens please.

1 box 16 or 24 crayons.

1 eraser - 2 1/2 inches.

Secure by drawing the string on the backpack.



September Lectors

Two Services start September 10

September 3	9:30 AM	Deb Buckman
September 10	(Two Services)	
	8AM	Vicki Haussmann
	10:30 AM	Ralph Zeigler
September 17	(Two Services)	
	8AM	Candy Dewar
	10:30 AM	Karen Marino
September 24	(Two Services)	
	8AM	Nikki Jackson
	10:30 AM	Phil Thomas



Communion Assistants for September

Please arrange replacement if you cannot serve.

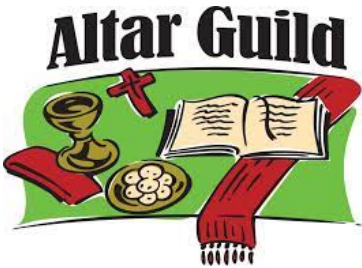
Communion Assistants

September 3	9:30 AM	Deb Buckman
September 10	(Two Services)	
	8AM	Drew Haussmann
	10:30 AM	Walt Doeblor and Gary Weber
September 17	(Two Services)	
	8AM	Nikki Jackson
	10:30 AM	Ralph and Lou Ann Zeigler
September 24	(Two Services)	
	8AM	Becky Pryor
	10:30 AM	Dan Zeigler and Carl Albright



Usher Schedule for September

September 3	9:30 AM	Carl Albright, captain Brenda, Owen and Levi Gair
September 10	(Two Services)	
	8AM	Richard Miller and Herb Poff
	10:30 AM	Tim Maggs - Captain; Carl Hieber; Charles Kuntz
September 17	(Two Services)	
	8AM	Richard Miller and Herb Poff
	10:30 AM	Gary Weber, captain Shelby Weber and Dick Reitz
September 24	(Two Services)	
	8AM	Richard Miller and Herb Poff
	10:30 AM	Matt Fortin, captain Glenn Yaple and Bud Doeblor



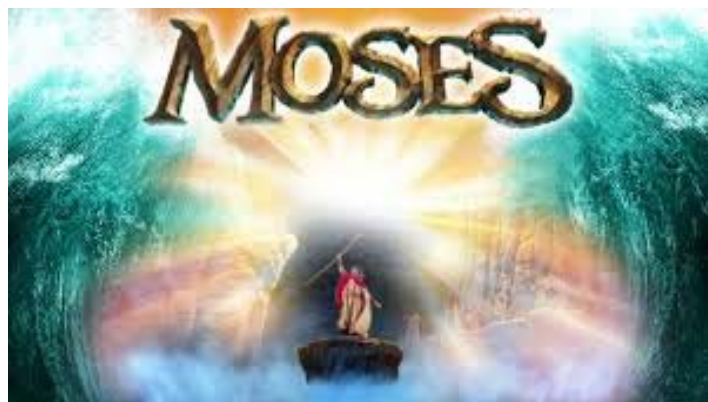
Altar Guild for
September

Connie Shaible
Sally Bjornstad

**A big
thank
you**
for all your
help and support.

SIGHT AND SOUND “MOSES” BUS TRIP, SEPTEMBER 20.

Our bus to see “Moses” at the Sight and Sound Theatre has been filled! A reminder, the bus departs from Beiter's Parking Lot (540 Montgomery Pike, Williamsport) 6 am on September 20. Please park your car in the West End Parking Lot of Beiter's.



Do you like to craft?

Please join us on Saturday, September 30 for a morning of Fun, Fall Crafting! Our project will involve making some sort of pumpkin ~ ideas are still being generated ~ but all will be super easy and lots of fun to complete! We will meet at 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. Coffee and sweets will be provided, along with all craft supplies. If you are planning to join us, please RSVP to Vicki Haussmann at (570) 447-3263 or sign up in the Narthex so we are sure to have enough materials.

Random Bricks

By

Joseph Baur



As we move into the fall season we are preparing a few things to help everyone communicate with each other better.



We are updating the St. Mark's Directory and should have that out sometime in September. Please if you have any updates to addresses or phone numbers let the administrative assistant, Joe Baur, aware of them. Email me at jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org.



I have been working on updating the database and information for our weekday parking permits. We have a few spots available and are looking to fill them. If you know anyone who needs a parking spot send them to Joe Baur. Cost is only \$30.00 a month to park Monday-Friday. The cost is a great savings to the amount they would pay in town. If you

have any ideas on how to advertise the parking spots also let me know, I would love to get them all filled.

The fall season is the start of our busy season. Please be aware of deadlines for holiday information, special events or activities and of course the “Lion”

Special Shout Out to Michael Ochs who is greatly missed here at the office and wishing him better health. We are trying to live up to your excellent example of proofing the bulletins and “Lion”.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

"To know Christ and to make Christ known"

Report of the Secretary for the Council Meeting held on August 21, 2023 at 6:00 PM
- Vicki Haussmann, Secretary

Meeting was called to order by Ralph Zeigler
Council joined in reciting our mission statement ~ "To know Christ and to make Christ known".
Mel Wentzel led us in opening prayer.

Secretary's roll call was taken.

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

President's remarks:

- We look forward to Fall and the many activities and service opportunities that are available at St. Mark's. Please consider participating as your time permits.

Secretary's Report: M(Mel Wentzel ~ 2nd Ray Huff) SC: CC: 23.8.1 The secretary's report for the month of June was approved.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's reports for the months of June (printed 7/14/23) and July (printed 8/11/23) were accepted and filed for audit.

Ratification of Council Action since last Council meeting:

M(Ralph Zeigler ~ 2nd Ray Huff) SC: CC: 23:8:2 Motion approved and email vote ratified to accept updated guidelines for honoraria for church staff at weddings and funerals.

The offer of employment for the Sexton position was declined by the potential employee.

Pastor's report: As submitted by Pastor Vasey.

- Noted the synod office has moved to the Milton Lutheran Parish. However, continue using Box 36, Lewisburg, PA 17837 for a mailing address, and info@uss-elca.org as the email address.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism & Fellowship: Email update provided by Becky Pryor

- Final *Cereal Sunday* will be September 3rd.
- Please consider helping with the Fall Sale ~ set up, sale, clean up. Any help is needed and most appreciated!

Parish Life: Email update provided by Becky Pryor

- As Janet Jones prepares to move to Reading, PA, we thank her for her leadership and service on the Parish Life Committee.
- If you have an interest in serving on this committee, please contact Becky Miller Pryor.

Faith Formation: Update provided by Vicki Haussmann

- Sunday School resumes September 10.
- Pet Blessing will be held September 24 at 2:00 PM.
- Fall Craft will be held September 30 at 9:30 AM.
- October School of Religion will be held Wednesdays in October from 12:10-12:45.
Bring a lunch to munch as we study how to encourage spiritual growth and discipleship.

Finance: Nothing to report.

Little Lambs: Update provided by Pastor Vasey

- The floors in the Little Lambs classrooms and hallway were stripped and refinished by Choice Cleaners. As this job became more in depth and time consuming than was first anticipated, we appreciate Choice Cleaners' graciousness with the final bill.

M(Executive Committee) SC: CC: 23.8.3 Motion approved that the previously approved 12% increase in rent be divided between the next two years, 6% in 2024 and 6% in 2025.

Nominating: Update provided by Ralph Zeigler

- Meeting in September to begin identifying possible candidates for 2024 Church Council. Open positions are available for 2 new members as well as one vacancy for a total of 3 new members. Please share possible suggestions with the committee.

Personnel: Update provided by Mel Wentzel

- The sexton position remains open.
- Mel brought a thought from Sadie Wentzel suggesting that LGBTQ flags or banners around the building may encourage and indicate to all people that St. Mark's is a welcoming congregation.

Property: Update provided by Ed Gair

- VanDeLinde has finished the landscaping and all are pleased with a job well done. We look forward to continued work with VanDeLinde in the future.
- Information on possible security camera installation was provided. Council is asked to review this information for discussion at our September meeting.

Publicity: Nothing to report.

Safety: Nothing to report.

Worship and Music: Updated provided by Ray Huff

- Civic Choir will begin rehearsals on August 28, 2023.
- 12 reservoir chests for the organ need to be replaced at a cost of \$7000.00 each. This can be done over a timeframe of 10 years.
- Sam Robinson continues to look for choir members.
- Single services will be held on December 10 (Annual Meeting) and Dec. 24th (AM)
Both of these Sundays will have one **9:30 AM** service.
* There will also be 2 services held on Christmas Eve (evening).

Unfinished Business:

- **Growing our Church:** Ongoing conversation continues.
- **Spire Update:**
- **Dossal Update:** The Merhaut Company out of Pittsburgh is only able to provide the fabric for the dossal. Ralph Zeigler will be in contact with Frank Lundy to see if they are able to help with installation.
- **Scott Gelnett Offer:** Herb Poff reached out to Scott Gelnett. We will be placed on the schedule to receive information at a date yet to be determined.
- **Industrial Appraisal Co./Revaluation Services:** Deb Buckman and Nikki Jackson continue to work on this.

New Business:

M(Mel Wentzel ~ 2nd Nikki Jackson) SC: CC: 23.8.4 Motion approved to nominate Debra Buckman to the position of treasurer for the remainder of 2023.

M(Mel Wentzel ~ 2nd Helen Schramm) SC: CC: 23.8.5 Motion approved to close nominations for the position of treasurer.

- It was suggested that extended hospitality or luncheon might follow the single service on December 10. This is the day of our Annual Meeting, and it would be a nice opportunity to gather in Christian fellowship.

M(Ralph Zeigler ~ 2nd Ray Huff) SC: CC: 23.8.5 Motion approved for the Billtown Brass Holiday concert to be held in the Nave on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 5:00 PM. Rehearsals will also be held Friday evening, November 17 and Saturday November 18 in the morning.

- Committee budget requests should be brought to the next council meeting. If there are "Wish List" items to be included in the budget, please bring these to council as well.

Mel Wentzel led us in the closing prayer.
The meeting was adjourned.

October School of Religion



The Faith Formation Committee is pleased to once again be offering the opportunity to grow in our faith through the October School of Religion. Please join us Wednesdays in October from 12:10 -12:45 for education and discussion as we look to enhance our faith life. You are invited to bring a brown bag lunch to munch as Pastor Vasey uses this time to teach. Schedule of topics below.

October "School of Religion"

Please join us on Wednesdays in October (Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25) as we take time to learn and grow in our faith. Our theme will be.....

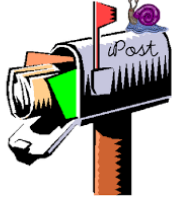
"Encouraging Spiritual Growth and Discipleship...."

- ~ Through Prayer and Daily Bible Reading
- ~ Through Weekly Worship
- ~ Through Serving In and Beyond the Congregation
- ~ Through Nurturing Relationships

Pastor Vasey will use the book *Real Faith for Real Life* by Michael W. Foss to serve as a starting point for teaching, and just as importantly for discussion. A limited number of copies will be available for those in attendance.

You are invited to bring a brown bag lunch to munch as we meet from 12:10-12:45 in Fellowship Hall. We are excited for this opportunity, and look forward to sharing this time of study and fellowship.

Mail Call



Thank You for your generous donation! Thank you for Breaking the Cycle of homelessness!

Jenny

Family Promise of Lycoming County

[Www.familypromiselycoming.org](http://www.familypromiselycoming.org)

Pastor Brian, Becky, the Sandwich Crew and everyone at St. Mark's,

On behalf of STEP and Lycoming College. I want to thank you for your donations for the hygiene kits for the Shepard. With your help students were able to assemble approximately 100 kits. Thanks also for all you do for our Blessing Box Ministry. The sandwiches you make are such a blessing. We couldn't do it without you. We are so grateful.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Pastor Brad

New Covenant United Church of Christ



Please join the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee and the Faith Formation Committee on Sept. 10 for "God's work. Our hands." Sunday. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

This year, our service project is one that will not only benefit our community, but will also **greatly** help St. Mark's Women of the ELCA as we begin to set up for our Fall Bazaar. Any and all hands (and legs and backs) that can begin to help with the set up process will be gladly and gratefully welcome. Once our sale is complete, the money raised will be donated to various organizations throughout our community, helping "God's work. Our hands." come full circle.

Looking for a project that doesn't require physical labor? Please join us in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM to help assemble health kits to be used in blessing boxes throughout the Williamsport community.

We look forward to seeing you September 10th for "God's work. Our Hands" as we work together to serve and love our neighbor.

Evangelism and Fellowship Committee Articles for The Lion

September 2023



Still Got Stuff?

If you have items that you wish to donate to our Fall Sale, they now can be placed on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Items should be placed in front of the stage curtains.

Please also be thinking as to when you can help get our sale ready. From September 10-September 16, help is needed every day. Join the fun and say “yes” to helping. Here is a quick time line.

Sunday, September 10: Arranging tables and bringing donations from the basement.

Monday, September 11 – This may be the day we have the Lycoming College Women’s Basketball Team.

Tuesday, September 12 - Friday, September 15 from 9:15 - Noon: Unpack and arrange all the treasures. (We can have an evening session for those who work during the day.)

Friday, September 15: Late day selling to the public from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 16: Selling from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 16: Clean-up starting at 1:00 p.m. followed by American Rescue Worker’s pick up of leftovers.

SUPERCEREAL SUNDAY



Cereal Sundays

To date, we have collected 211 boxes of cereal for use by the United Churches food Pantry. **Can we strive to raise our grand total to 300 boxes?**



Card Ministry

Thank you, Glenn Yapple and Jackie Kinney for spreading cheer during the month of August. Thanks also to Audrey Albright for her donation of many handmade cards suitable for all occasions.



Parish Life

The co-chairperson of Parish Life, Janet Jones, is in the process of selling her home and relocating to the Reading area to live with her daughter. She will be permanently residing with her daughter by early September. This move will have a significant impact on the ability of Parish Life to meet the food service needs of the congregation. In addition to sandwich making, providing desserts for Redeemer, funeral luncheons and assisting with hospitality for church events, this committee also prepares a monthly luncheon for the Center City Pastors. Lunches will resume in October.

If you have an interest in serving on this committee or assisting with a specific activity, please contact Becky Miller Pryor at 570-971-4585.

Open Williamsport



Open Williamsport is a program through Lycoming College that works to integrate inner-city and urban first-time college students to life in Williamsport. The college is welcoming the faith community to participate alongside them, whether that be a home cooked meal, fellowship or an outreach event.

New Covenant UCC was the staging site for community service projects that happened August 21, the first week these students arrived at Lycoming College.

One service project at this gathering was assembling hygiene kits for Shepherd of the Street's clients. Members of St. Mark's provided 230 assorted items for this project.

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee thanks the congregation for their support. This committee hopes to further interact with these students as their freshman year progresses.



Ongoing Collections at St. Mark's:

Ongoing Events

Blessing Boxes at New Covenant UCC: Monetary donations toward the cost of preparing 80 sandwiches per month are greatly appreciated. Checks may be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line indicating Parish Life. Also needed are ready to eat snacks and microwaveable foods such as cup of soup and mac and cheese.



United Churches Food Pantry: Needed are non-perishable food items of all kinds, healthy snacks and juices (family size and individual.)

Shepherd of the Streets: Needed for men, women and children are Shampoo and Conditioner, Shaving Cream, Razors, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Body Wash, Deodorant, Feminine Hygiene Items and Soap, especially Dove. Paper Towels and Toilet Tissue are also needed.

Sojourner Truth Ministries (STM): Brown bags for lunches, plastic wrap and jars of relish (sweet and dill) FYI: STM serves more than 600 meals each week that include both eat-in and brown bag lunches to go.

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

Ongoing Events at Redeemer Lutheran:

For desserts in September: The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee will be collecting boxes of TastyKake cupcakes of any kind for Redeemer's September dinner. We will need 20 boxes to provide the 120 packets Redeemer will need. Watch for sales at our supermarkets and consider making a donation.

Community Dinner on Thursday, September 14, 2023 beginning at 5:00 PM until all meals are distributed. This is a take-out meal available at the curb. All are welcome.

Daniel's Closet: This month's clothing drop-off at Redeemer is Thursday, September 28, 2023 from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Especially needed are children's clothes and clothing for men in size small.



Distribution of free FALL clothing is Saturday, September 30, 2023 from 8:30 AM– 11:00 AM. In addition to clean clothing in good condition, shoes for men, women and children are always needed. Sheets, blankets, throws and afghans are also accepted.

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 drop off date.



Todd Smith	09/03
Valerie Doebler	09/05
Joshua Lynch	09/05
Derek Lewis	09/06
Hudson Ott	09/09
Nolan Ott	09/09
Ava Peluso	09/09
Mary Clouser	09/10
Carol Harvey	09/11
Timothy Maggs	09/13
Stefan Weber	09/13
Brennan Comerford	09/15
Tammy Fitzpatrick	09/17
Audrey Bower	09/19
Ronald Arner	09/22
Brittany Dewar	09/22
Abbigail Robertson	09/26
Jonathan Lynch	09/27
David Williams	09/28
Pamela Fink	09/30



Lorraine and Edward Barone	09/02
Grace and Ronald Arner	09/03
Nancy and Steven Bieber	09/03
Shelly and Robert Clokey	09/04
Jackie and Michael Kinney	09/25



Camp Mount Luther will be holding a **5- and 10-kilometer trail run** race at the camp on Saturday, September 2, 2023. This is an entry-level trail race

on Mount Luther grounds with proceeds going to the camp. The start time for the race is 9:00 a.m. Runners decide on race day if they want to do a 5k or 10K (a double loop of the 5K) run.

Registration is \$35. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. on race day. Shower facilities are available after the race. All miles for the course will be marked, and there is one water stop on the course. There will also be a Kids Fun Run! The age groups are 6 and under and 7 – 10. Special awards will be presented to every participant in the fun run. Again, this year there will be a one-mile fun walk! Same registration fees and amenities apply. Walk will be on a dirt road. Timing will be electronically done. To register, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Mifflinburg/DandelionRun5k10kTrailRace>. You must be registered by midnight, August 14 to receive a hoodie! There will be an awards ceremony following the races.

The Dandelion Run, begun in 2002, is organized by Joel and Shelley Heasley of Middleburg. It was named in honor and memory of Rev. Glenn E. Heasley, Jr., former Assistant to the Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Glenn’s favorite “flower” was the dandelion. Heasley’s widow, Shirley, is also involved in the planning of the race.

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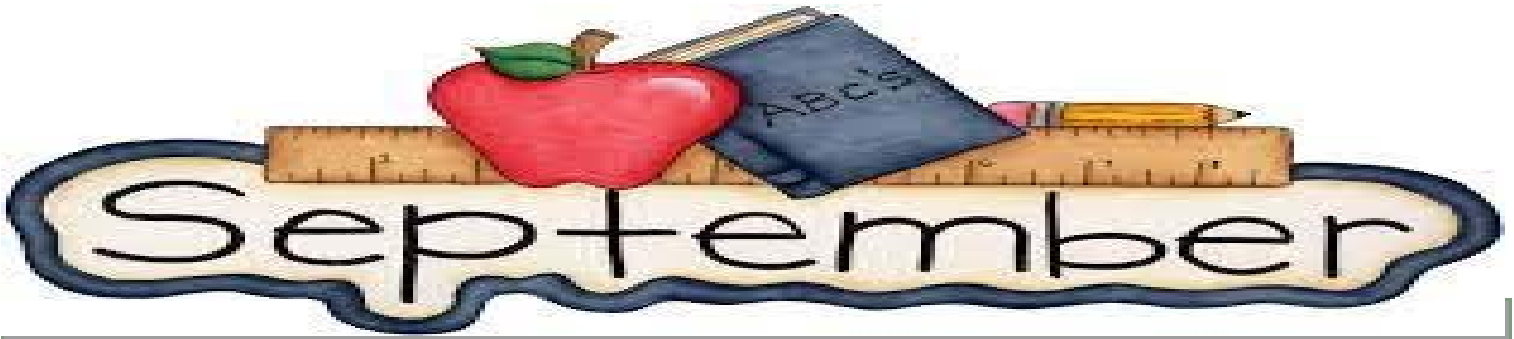
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This is Sticky Sea Snake the pirate who appears every September 19 during "Talk like a Pirate Day". Maybe if I catch him in a good mood, he will show up here at St. Mark's that day.



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8:00 AM
10:30 AM

Council Meeting
6PM
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WCC Rehearsal
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6PM

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