



SAINT MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

"THE LION"

of ST. MARK'S

A Monthly Newsletter by and for the members of St. Mark's

*To know Christ and to
make Christ known."*

November

2024



Pastor's "Lion" Message for November

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 2:6-7

On Thursday, November 28, our nation will observe a National Day of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving Day in the USA is a federal holiday commemorating the giving of thanks of Pilgrims and Native Americans at their first harvest in Plymouth, Massachusetts, November, 1621. This feast lasted three days and was attended by 90 Native American Wampanoag people and 53 survivors of the Mayflower (Pilgrims).

Thanksgiving Day has been celebrated nationally on and off since 1789. It is truly the first uniquely "American holiday."

Keeping with the spirit of thanksgiving I share with you the words of the hymn *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* as my Lion Pastor's Page for November. May these words inspire all of us to remember to give thanks for all we enjoy! Happy Thanksgiving!
+Pastor Vasey

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STAFF OFFICE HOURS

Pastor: The Rev. Brian Vasey
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Church Organist: Sam Robinson
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 By appointment

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 By appointment

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 Williamsport, PA 17701

(Pastor's Message, cont.)

We plow the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand.
He sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain

All good gifts around us
are sent from heav'n above.
Then thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord
for all his love.

He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey him;
by him the birds are fed.
Much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.

Refrain

We thank you, our creator,
for all things bright and good,
the seedtime and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
for all your love imparts,
but what you most would treasure--
our humble, thankful hearts.

Refrain

Text: Matthias Claudius, 1740-1815;
tr. Jane M. Campbell, 1817-1878, alt.

A PRAYER FOR A NATIONAL DAY OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God our Father, your generous
goodness comes to us new every day. By
the work of your Spirit lead us to
acknowledge your goodness, give thanks
for your benefits, and serve you in willing
obedience; through your Son Jesus Christ

our Lord. Amen.

THANK YOU!

Dear People of St. Mark's,

Thank you so very much for your gifts and thoughts
shared with me on Pastor Appreciation Day (Sunday,
October 13). I thank you for your thoughtfulness and
generosity. May our Lord continue to bless you as to-
gether we strive to "Know Christ and to Make Christ
Known".

Grace + Peace, Pastor Brian Vasey



JOIN US FOR SUNDAY
WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER:
ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday, November 3

All Saints Sunday

(Daylight Saving Time Ends)

Stewardship Sunday

Holy Communion, 8:00 am

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Holy Communion, 10:30 am

Sunday, November 10,

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion, 8 am

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Holy Communion, 10:30 am

Sunday, November 17,

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion, 8 am

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Holy Communion, 10:30 am

Sunday, November 24,

Christ the King Sunday

Last Sunday of the Church Year

Holy Communion, 8 am

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Holy Communion, 10:30 am



+ 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.



If you have any information that needs to be updated, 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.



Do you enjoy reading? Do you have an interest in exploring the variety of materials found in our church library? Would you be willing to write a short synopsis of a church library book you read for The Lion? If so, the Faith Formation Committee wants YOU! Please see Vicki Hausmann, Sally Bjornstad, or Bob Campbell if you would like to be featured as a

guest columnist in The Lion! We will gladly assist you in finding the perfect book to read for this newly established (although not yet named) column. We look forward to discovering more about the materials found in our library through you. Thank you for sharing your talents in this exciting way!

November Worship Leaders



Communion Assistants for November

Please arrange replacement if you cannot serve.

November 3

8:00AM Drew Hausmann

10:30AM Dan Zeigler

November 10

8:00AM Jackie Kinney

10:30AM Deb Buckman and Mindy Wetzel

November 17

8:00AM Nikki Jackson

10:30AM Ralph and LouAnn Zeigler

November 24

8:00AM Becky Pryor

10:30AM Matt and Wanda Fortin



November Lectors

November 3

8:00AM Becky Pryor

10:30 AM Brenda Gair

November 10

8:00AM Candy Dewar

10:30AM Gary Weber

November 17

8:00AM Brian Jackson

10:30AM Karen Mariano

November 24

8:00AM Nikki Jackson

10:30AM Linda Rosini



Usher Schedule for November

November 3

8:00AM Miller/Poff

10:30AM Jensen Team

November 10

8:00AM Miller/Poff

10:30AM Fortin Team

November 17

8:00AM Miller/Poff

10:30AM Albright Team

November 24

8:00AM Miller/Poff

10:30AM Maggs Team

Altar Guild for November

Cindy Huff

Linda Rosini

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Once again this Christmas, Ray Huff will order poinsettias for the sanctuary. If you would like to reserve one to take home after worship on Christmas Eve, please let him know by November 25th. They come in a variety of blossom colors (red, white, pink, candy cane) and are available in two sizes (6 1/2 inch for \$8.00; 7 inch for \$14.00).

For Your Home for Advent

This year, Advent begins on December 1st. In order to prepare our hearts and minds for the upcoming celebration of Christmas, we encourage you to please take both an Advent devotional booklet and Advent calendar to use at home for daily study. We pray these devotions may guide your heart and quiet your soul throughout this holy season.



Congregational Meeting



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** is scheduled for **Sunday, December 8, 2024 immediately following the 9:30 a.m. single service of worship.**

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

- Annual Report of Committees to the Congregation
- Election of four Council members

Adoption of the 2025 budget to support the ministry of St. Mark's
Any other business that needs to be addressed

Please mark your calendars and plan to participate in this Annual Congregational Meeting. If you need additional information or have items that you would like to discuss, please contact one of the Council officers: Ralph Zeigler, president; Nikki Jackson, vice-president; Vicki Haussmann, secretary; or Debra Buckman, treasurer. Thank you!



Please join our Sunday School classes beginning at 9:15 AM.

Our Adult Class will meet in the chapel with a topic of study to be determined. We do know there will be no shortage of discussion, learning and laughter as Pastor leads this dedicated class in study.

We look forward to sharing this time of fellowship and study and hope to have you join us! All are welcome!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

November brings much excitement for Operation Christmas Child as it is time to pack our shoeboxes! We have been collecting all sorts of items over the past 10 months, and it is now time to pull everything together! We will be packing our shoeboxes in Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, November, 17th, after late service**. A light lunch will be served, and a brief presentation will show how meaningful and life-changing these gifts are to the kids who receive a shoebox filled with all sorts of goodies. Plus, packing shoeboxes for others is tons of fun! This promises to be a fun hour with the goal of packing at least 75 boxes to be sent out to children in need.

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

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

Wreath-Making

Please join us on Sunday, December 1st, for our annual Advent Wreath-making event. We will gather in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour (9:15 ish) and create an Advent Wreath for your family to use at home during the Advent season. We will be making our wreaths in a variety of vessels and containers, using wet floral foam to keep the greens fresh throughout the Advent season. All materials will be provided! Please sign up in the Narthex or RSVP by contacting Vicki Haussmann at (570) 447-3263. We look forward to seeing you there!

* Materials will also be available after the 10:30 service should you wish to meander on over to Fellowship Hall and create a wreath for your home.



Quick Update on Joe

Thank you all so much for the prayers and cards! They are so kind and help me when things get a little down. I continue to convalesce at home, and will provide further updates when I have them.

Thank You, Joe Baur, Your Administrative Assistant

November Birthdays

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|---------------------|-------------|
| Shawn Wright | November 1 |
| John Bower | November 7 |
| Ann Kuntz | November 7 |
| Brenda Gair | November 8 |
| Darian Johnson | November 8 |
| Cathy Fenderson | November 9 |
| Chele Fredericks | November 9 |
| Becky Pryor | November 9 |
| Shawn Zimmerman | November 11 |
| Elizabeth Haussmann | November 13 |
| Donna Baker | November 18 |
| Ronald Baker | November 18 |
| Ray Reams` | November 21 |
| Sally Bjornstad | November 23 |
| James Newcomer Jr. | November 23 |
| Nancy Bieber | November 25 |
| Stephen Dewar | November 25 |
| Ashley Miller | November 25 |
| Lucia Walz | November 26 |
| Shelly Clokey | November 27 |
| Katlin Jensen | November 27 |



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





OCTOBER

**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 October 21, 2024 at 6:00 PM
- Vicki Haussmann, Secretary

Meeting was called to order by Ralph Zeigler.
Council recited our defining mission ~ *"To know Christ and to make Christ known"*
Vicki Haussmann led us in opening prayer.

M(Shelby Weber ~ 2nd Nikki Jackson) SC: CC: 24.10.1 Motion approved to ratify the email vote to hire Pastor Karl Runser for contracted administrative services.

Secretary's Roll Call:

Present: Debra Buckman, Wanda Fortin, Vicki Haussmann, Ray Huff, Nikki Jackson, Herb Poff, Richard Reitz, Helen Schramm, Shelby Weber, Ralph Zeigler, Pastor Vasey
Absent: Richard Miller

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

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report/September statement of activities printed October 12, 2024 was accepted and filed for audit.

- Debra Buckman reviewed/explained pertinent numbers regarding September's income and expense reports. A hard copy of this information can be found in the "Minutes Binder" located in the church office. Copies of these items were also emailed to council members.
- Money was transferred from our investment accounts.

Pastor's report: As submitted by Pastor Vasey for the month of September.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism & Fellowship/Parish Life: Update provided by Wanda Fortin, Liaison

- Committee continues to provide sandwiches for the Blessing Box at New Covenant UCC.
- Personal care products will be collected for Shepherd of the Street during a "mini hygiene drive" November 10-24, 2024.
- Parish Life, along with volunteers, will help with 2 funeral luncheons in October.

Faith Formation: Update provided by Vicki Haussmann.

- October Bible Study on the book of Galatians has had 12-14 in attendance.
- OCC shoebox packing November 17, 2024.

Finance: Update provided by Debra Buckman.

Council Minutes Continue

- Working on 2025 budget proposal.
- Stewardship Sunday will be November 3, 2024. Pledge cards will be available in the Narthex as well as in The Lion.
- Herb Poff mailed 70 contribution statements to members of the congregation.

Little Lambs: Update provided by Pastor Vasey.

- The official name of Little Lambs is *Little Lambs Preschool and Childcare, Inc.*
- Time was spent reviewing the proposed lease. Gary Weber will review.
- There is a discrepancy in our ledgers as to how much rent has been paid to St. Mark's this year. This is being worked on and will be rectified as soon as possible.
- Should there be an emergency in the Little Lambs area of the building on a day they are not in session, please give them notice.
- Harvest Party will be October 31, 2024 at 9:30 AM. Please feel free to come see the kids parade in their costumes!

Nominating: Update provided by Ralph Zeigler.

- Committee met before council meeting and identified possible persons to serve on church council in 2025. 2 of the 4 vacant council positions have accepted nominations. The committee will be reaching out to other candidates in the near future.

Personnel: Update provided by Nikki Jackson and Pastor Vasey

- Joe Bauer, Administrative Assistant, has been admitted to the hospital with pneumonia.
- Committee will be meeting in the near future.

Property: Update provided by Herb Poff, Liaison

- Parish House roof estimate received at \$205,000. Requests for bids will be obtained.
- Little Lambs shared a 10/9/24 inspection report from the City Fire Department noting several deficiencies: lighted exit signs are not working, working emergency lighting in halls and stairways needed, properly installed and working smoke detectors are needed. A new emergency generator will be considered as well.
 - * This issue, and the pressing need to address some of these deficiencies has been moved to the top of the To Do List.
 - * The question was broached and a short discussion had as to what do we want to do with the Parish House moving forward? No decisions were made at this point in time and future discussion will need to take place. As of now, Parish House repairs will continue to be addressed and properly cared for.

Publicity: Update provided by Pastor Vasey, Liaison.

- Suggestion made to advertise our activities in the Webb Weekly as this is free of charge.

Safety: Update provided by Herb Poff, Liaison

- Nothing to report.

Worship and Music:

- Noted upcoming dates in the life of the church.
- Advent wreath form has been repurposed with artificial greens and will be stored in the choir room.

Unfinished Business:

Growing the Church:

Spire Update:

- Waiting for engineering proposal from Jeff Brooks on the feasibility of a new spire on the bell tower.

Dossal Update:

- Ecclesiastical Sewing sending fabric samples. This company has custom fabrics available.

Council Minutes Continue

Little Lambs Lease:

- Was presented and discussed at the October liaison meeting with Little Lambs.

Camp Mount Luther Capital Campaign Wrap Up:

- \$15,370 was pledged by our St. Mark's congregation members. This is more than double our initial goal!
- Pastor suggested that this information be given to Chad Hershberger at Camp Mount Luther.

New Business:

M(Shelby Weber ~ 2nd Dick Reitz) SC: CC: 24.10.2 Motion approved to use Nesco Resource to supply temporary workers for the position of administrative assistant with hours and duties as determined by the Personnel Committee.

Congregational Meeting ~ Sunday, December 8 @ 9:30 AM.

M(Deb Buckman ~ 2nd Shelby Weber) SC: CC: 23.10.3 Motion approved to provide a brunch free of charge for members of the congregation following the December 8th

Congregational Meeting.

- * Suggestion to use a RSVP form for accurate numbers to give to caterer.

Annual Report to the congregation:

- Please have committee reports for Annual Report in to the office by October 31.
- Distribution of reports on November 24 and December 1.

St. Mark's Church Council cordially invites you to attend a brunch immediately following the December 8th Annual Congregational Meeting. A menu of sausage casserole, spinach quiche, fresh fruit, sweet treats, and beverages will be served in Fellowship Hall, catered by The Food Guy. We look forward to this time of Christian Fellowship, and hope that our time together might be a blessing to you during the busy holiday season.

We ask that you please RSVP by December 1st so that we have an accurate count to give to the caterer. You can drop your RSVP in the offering plate! Thanks!

Annual Congregational Meeting Brunch RSVP

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

Please return by: December 1, 2024

* A free will donation will be taken.

Evangelism and Fellowship Committee

October 2024

Hygiene Help for the Shepherd of the Streets

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee has received several requests from the Shepherd's office asking for assistance with hygiene products for men, women and children. Yvonne Shenuski, Administrative Assistant, states that as soon as items are received, they are distributed. In response to this urgent need, this committee will be conducting a mini hygiene product collection beginning November 10. We will be distributing small grocery bags to congregation members on that Sunday. Please consider donating something from your own bathroom closet or including an item or two on your shopping list. Dollar Tree, Dollar General and Family Dollar are all sources of good products at reasonable prices. We are requesting that all bags be returned by Sunday, November 24. Our donations will be delivered to the Shepherd of the Streets office on Monday, November 25. Thank you for any help you can give.

Ongoing Collections at St. Mark's:

Card Ministry: Thank you, Nikki Jackson for sending cards in October. During November Vicki Haussmann will send cards to those we do not see as often as we would like.

2025 Calendars and Planners: If you are already receiving these items and have extras, please consider donating them for distribution to places like Daniel's Closet, Blessing Boxes and Shepherd of the Streets. A box is in the Narthex Closet for your donations.

Sojourner Truth Ministries (STM): Needed are brown, large-size lunch bags, plastic wrap, bottles of salad dressing (any kind,) ketchup and mustard. FYI: STM serves more than **600** meals each week that include both eat-in and brown bag lunches to go.

Blessing Boxes at New Covenant UCC: Monetary donations toward the cost of preparing 80 - 96 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 pop top cans of Chef Boyardee pasta, individual microwave cups of mac and cheese, snack crackers and cookies. Travel-size hygiene items and inexpensive combs and brushes are also accepted.

United Churches Food Pantry: We had a wonderful response to our Harvest Home food collection, but the need for food is ongoing. Please consider continuing to donate an item or two. Thank you, Ray and Cindy Huff for delivering our donations from our Harvest Home collection.

Shepherd of the Streets: Desperately needed for men and women are Bars of Soap, Shampoo and Conditioner, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Paper Towels, Deodorant, Body Wash, Laundry Pods, Baby Body Wash and Shampoo, Razors and Tissues.

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

Ongoing Events at Redeemer Lutheran:

November's Desserts: This month Susan and Jim Newcomer will provide the desserts for Redeemer's dinner. Thank you both for your continued willingness to serve.

Community Dinner on Thursday, November 14, 2024 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, November 21, 2024 from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Warmer clothing for fall is being requested. 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.

The folks at Redeemer could also use more volunteers to unpack and display donations in preparation for distribution. If you have time to spare, consider lending a helping hand. Show up and ask for Tracy Fox. She will be most grateful for your willingness to help.

Distribution of free clothing is Saturday, November 23, 2024 from 8:30 AM– 11:00 AM. 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.

Pastors' Luncheons Return

Please Help!

Several local Pastors meet monthly for lunch and fellowship at St. Mark's. The Parish Life committee takes the lead on this event and we are in need of new volunteers to assist in the preparation, serving and clean-up of this event. Speak with Becky Miller Pryor if you can provide a salad or dessert, would like to help prepare the entrée or assist with cleaning up afterwards.

Looking Ahead to Advent and Christmas

Later this month the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee will be collecting items to gift the ladies of CM-6 at the Selinsgrove Center. We will be collecting extra moisturizing body wash, non-refrigerated pudding cups in a variety of flavors and pairs of slipper socks so every lady can receive a pair or two. We will also gift the caregivers with treats. Monetary gifts to purchase items are always welcomed. Checks may be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line indicating the Selinsgrove Party.

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

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

Specific containers will be available in late November for your donations to the Selinsgrove Center and the Danville State Hospital. Thank you in advance for any help you can give.

"SING WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN GLORY; SING THE RESURRECTION SONG!"

The Festival of All Saints will be celebrated on Sunday, November 3. At both services the "Roll of the Honored Dead in Christ" will be read as we remember with thanksgiving for life eternal, the faithful who have died in Christ since last All Saints' Sunday (November 5). This year's list of friends and family who are part of "The Church Triumphant" include: Diana Elizabeth Zeigler; Patrice Darlene Alexander; Susan M. Kalabacas; Robert Emerson Furman; Mary Geraldine Martin; Beverly A. Best; Beverly J. Farnsworth; John E. Hoffman; Peter Braden Zeigler; Shirley Marlene Diefenbach Lloyd.

May their souls and the souls of all the departed rest in peace.

2024 ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 5. DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!

What the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America says about voting:

We are called to conversation and prayer around our role as U.S. residents and as people of faith in ensuring our election systems promote dignity and respect for all.

We are called to act by speaking out as advocates and engaging in local efforts to guarantee the right to vote to all citizens. For more information on voting as responsible people of faith log onto [ELCA.org/advocacy](https://www.elca.org/advocacy).

FALL SALE POSTPONED

Still Cleaning? Redecorating? Moving? Got Stuff?

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee and the Women of St. Mark's need many more donations for our annual Fall Sale to be successful. Due to an insufficient number of items at this time, the decision has been made to postpone our sale until September 2025.

If you have yet to gather things for the sale, there is still time. If you have already donated items, there is more time to look again at your treasures and decide what can be donated.

We are accepting holiday decorations, housewares, linens, toys, small, working electronics, gadgets, dishes, jewelry, lamps, art work and the list goes on. If you cannot use it or want it, we probably can sell it. If you are unsure as to if your item can be used, speak with Becky Pryor.



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

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.

Family Promise



Our hosting week is the week of Thanksgiving. Thursday (Thanksgiving Day) has all been arranged, so if you would like to help with a dinner for the other days, or provide funds for purchasing the food for breakfasts and lunches, that would be great!

Please include "Family Promise" in the memo line of your check.

Lutheran World Relief



Lutheran World Relief

Many thanks to all of you who participated in putting together the kits for Lutheran World Relief!

Eighteen boxes of items were delivered, including 70 school kits, 9 baby kits, 10 sewing kits, 12 personal care kits, 16 blankets, and 3 quilts.

Your generosity is amazing!!

Williamsport Civic Chorus

The WCC will hold a concert of Christmas music on Sunday, November 24, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, located at 1400 Market Street. The concert, which is part of the Victorian Christmas celebration, begins at 3:00 p.m.



Become Part of *Our* Church Family

WANT TO EXPLORE WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN? ADULTS WISHING TO UNITE WITH ST. MARK'S IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ARE INVITED TO CONTACT PASTOR 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!

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Sunday is November 3rd. Please pray about your financial commitment to St. Mark's. The majority of our income is from what you, as members, provide. Thanks for your generosity! Stewardship forms are available in the narthex, or use the form below.

MY COMMITMENT FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

In response to God's Love and as a concrete expression of my/our faith and commitment to Christ and his church, I/
We plan to make the following commitment in my giving in 2025.

_____ \$ per week OR

_____ \$ per month OR

_____ \$ per year

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

November 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 <i>All Saints' Sunday</i> 8:00 am Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion | 4 7:00 pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal | 5 <i>Election Day</i> 11:30 am Safety Meeting | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 8:00 am Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion | 11 5:30 pm Finance Committee 7:00 Civic Chorus Rehearsal | 12 9:30 am West Branch Conference | 13 2:30 pm Executive Committee | 14 10:45 am Faith Formation 1:00 pm City Pastors' Lunch | 15 | 16 Hometown Heroes in Fellowship Hall |
| 17 8:00 am Holy Communion 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion Shoebox Packing | 18 6:00 pm Council 7:00 pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal | 19 | 20 2:00 pm Williamsport Home Communion | 21 7:30 pm Billtown Brass rehearsal | 22 | 23 5:30 pm Billtown Brass Concert |
| 24 <i>Christ the King</i> 8:00 am Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion | 25 12:15 pm Little Lambs Liaison Meeting 7:00 pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal | 26 | 27 | 28 <i>Thanksgiving</i> Office Closed | 29 Office Closed | 30 Office Closed |