



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."*

January

2025



Pastor's "Lion" Message for January 2025

*I've got a little gospel light, and I'm
going to let it shine!*

Walking, living in and reflecting the light of Christ. That is the message of the church for most of January. **The Epiphany** (January 6)- The wise men follow the light of a star to the Christ Child. **The Baptism of Our Lord; the First Sunday after the Epiphany** (January 12)- Jesus is baptized and reveals the light of God's love in him. **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** (January 15)- The reminder that, "Injustice to one man anywhere is injustice to all men everywhere". **The Confession of Peter** (January 16)- Proclaiming the truth that Jesus is Son of God. **The Conversion of Paul** (January 25)- A reminder of how the power of love can change the enemies of God into friends and colleagues. All these special days and commemorations have as their fundamental message the light of Christ. The light that we anticipate in Advent and celebrate at Christmas reveals God's love to us during the Season of and after Epiphany and bids us to follow.

Jesus is our light. He lights up our world that we might light up the world around us by walking in and showing God's love.

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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
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Sexton: OPEN
By appointment
Bookkeeper: Jackie Baysore
By appointment
Administrative Assistant: OPEN
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JOIN US FOR SUNDAY
WORSHIP IN JANUARY.
ALL ARE WELCOME!!

When we were baptized most of us received a baptismal candle as a memento of our baptism. That candle is presented to our godparents or other sponsors with the words, "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:15)." Our baptism is our light source. In our baptism Christ's light was shared with us that through our words and actions, our witness, we might draw attention to him who reigns within us.

Share the light of Christ! Light up the world with your witness! Attend worship, read devotionals, volunteer in the sandwich making for the blessing boxes at St. Mark's, pray for your pastor and congregation, befriend one who is unemployed, participate in Family Promise of Lycoming County, contribute to Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger and/or Lutheran Disaster Response.

Let your light so shine that others may indeed see Christ in you! Light up January and all of 2025 with the light of God's love!

Grace + Peace,
Pastor Vasey

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE OF THEIR TIME AND TALENTS IN LEADING THIS CONGREGATION THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF CHURCH COUNCIL IN 2024, AND WELCOME TO THOSE JOINING COUNCIL IN 2025!

January 5, Epiphany Eve
Holy Communion, 8 am
Sunday School, 9:15 am
Holy Communion, 10:30 am

January 12, Baptism of Our Lord
Holy Communion, 8 am
Sunday School, 9:15 am
Holy Communion, 10:30 am

January 19, The Second Sunday
after Epiphany
Holy Communion, 8 am
Sunday School, 9:15 am
Holy Communion, 10:30 am

January 26, The Third Sunday
after Epiphany
Holy Communion, 8 am
Sunday School, 9:15 am
Holy Communion, 10:30 am

PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2024- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025, IN CELEBRATION OF NEW YEARS' DAY. SHOULD YOU BE IN NEED OF A PASTOR DURING THIS TIME, PLEASE CALL 570-323-4619 OR PASTOR VASEY'S CELL 272-788-0161.

BEST WISHES FOR A SAFE, HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2025!

Pastor and Staff.



+ 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!

January Worship Leaders

Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot serve.



Communion Assistants

January 5
8:00 AM Kackie Kinney
10:30 AM Shelby & Gary Weber
January 12
8:00 AM Becky Pryor
10:30 AM Wanda & Matt Fortin
January 19
8:00 AM Drew Hausmann
10:30 AM Ralph & Lou Ann Zeigler
January 26
8:00 AM Jackie Kinney
10:30 AM Deb Buckman & Mel Wentzel



Lectors

January 5
8:00 AM Candy Dewar
10:30 AM Donna Boston
January 12
8:00 AM Becky Pryor
10:30 AM Brenda Gair
January 19
8:00 AM Vicki Hausmann
10:30 AM Deb Buckman
January 26
8:00 AM Drew Hausmann
10:30 AM Theresa Furman



Ushers

January 5
8:00 AM Miller / Poff
10:30 AM Maggs-Reitz Team
January 12
8:00 AM Miller / Poff
10:30 AM Weber Team
January 19
8:00 AM Miller / Poff
10:30A M Fortin Team
January 26
8:00AM Miller / Poff
10:30AM Albright Team

Altar Guild

Debra Buckman



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We look forward to continuing the outreach ministry of Operation Christmas Child in 2025, and have set a goal to pack 75 beautiful boxes! These shoeboxes will then be sent to kids around the world toward the end of the year. Monthly collections make this process a little less daunting come November, and we very much appreciate your generous donations throughout the year. In fact, thanks to your generosity we have already purchased 10 pairs of Grow With Me Shoes to be included in this year's shoeboxes which is absolutely amazing!

In January, we are collecting:

Fun Pads (small, activity pads)

Journals/Small Notebooks

T-shirts* ("Cute" or plain white. Either is fine!)

Socks/Undies*

These items may be placed in our red, OCC bin located in the narthex. Thank you for your continued support in helping spread the good news of God's love!

*Just a note ~ the age ranges for the boxes we fill are 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14 for both boys and girls. This may help with clothing sizes.



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

Our Adult Class will meet in the chapel with Paul's Letter to the Philippians to be our topic of study. 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!

January Birthdays

Shelby Weber	1/1	David Butters	1/16
Jeremy Hinds	1/2	Donna Boston	1/17
James Newcomer, Sr.	1/4	Beth Miller	1/17
Mary Lou Doebler	1/6	Ruth Rees	1/17
Susan Baker	1/10	Herb Poff	1/21
Andrew Zeigler	1/10	Elizabeth Ruesskamp	1/22
Toby Zimmerman	1/10	Scarlett Lynch	1/23
Matthew Reitz	1/12	Neil Eshelman	1/24
Jackie Kinney	1/13	Walter Doebler	1/25
Riley Weber	1/14	Marc Kinney	1/26
Anna Zeigler	1/15	Sean Buckman	1/28
Laura Zeigler	1/15	Devin Owen	1/30





Council Minutes

December 2024

Report of the Secretary for the Council Meeting held December 16, 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”*

Ray Huff led us in opening prayer.

Secretary’s Roll Call:

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

Secretary’s Report: It was noted that the original minutes for the month of November were amended, making 2 minor corrections.

M(Ray Huff ~ 2nd Dick Reitz) SC: CC: 24.12.1 Motion approved to accept the amended minutes from the November council meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: The treasurer’s report/November statement of activities printed December 15, 2024 was accepted and filed for audit.

- Debra Buckman reviewed/explained pertinent numbers regarding November’s income and expense reports. A hard copy of this information can be found in the “Minutes Binder” located in the church office.
- The November budget shortfall was covered by money that was transferred from our investment account in September. No additional investment withdrawals were made.

Pastor’s report: As submitted by Pastor Vasey for the month of November.

- Card from Christine Baur, Joe Baur’s wife, was shared with Council.
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity letter asking St. Mark’s to promote this event at St. Peter’s Cathedral, Scranton, Wednesday, January 22, 12:10 PM.
- Many thanks to all who have served and who continue to serve on Council.

*Sign up sheets for 2025 Council devotions and offering collection were sent around.

Committee Reports:

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

- Card Ministry continues. Congregation will be asked to mail provided Christmas cards to our special concern folks. **Sign up sheet for 2025 monthly card ministry was sent around.
- Collections of all sorts continue.
- Parish Life appreciates the new dishwasher.

Faith Formation: Update provided by Vicki Haussmann.

- 9 families enjoyed making Advent wreaths at the beginning of the Advent season.
- Advent devotionals and calendars are being used to celebrate the Advent season.
- Advent materials were distributed to several families to be used with grandchildren.
- 13 Reverse Advent calendar bags were taken for collection of items for Shepherd of the Street and UCLC Food Pantry.

Finance: Update provided by Debra Buckman.

- Jackie Kinney is bringing payment for altar flowers as well as parking rent up to date.

Council Minutes Continued

- Envelope pledges have almost met budget.
- No investment transfers were needed for the month of November.
- PPL contract was renewed for a period of 2 years.
- UGI contract has also been renewed.

Little Lambs: Update provided by Pastor Vasey.

- Pastor Vasey shared Christmas stories with Little Lambs.
- Next liaison meeting is January 15, 2025.

Nominating: Update provided by Ralph Zeigler.

- Nothing to Report.

Personnel: Update provided by Ralph Zeigler.

- Committee met to discuss hiring of a new Administrative Assistant.
- There are job postings on both UCLC webpage and St. Mark's Facebook page.

Property: Update provided by Herb Poff, Liaison

- New dishwasher has been installed. It unfortunately flooded the basement as well as areas in the business wing. Choice Cleaners helped with initial cleanup. DuraClean

Restoration Services has finished the clean up.

- Question raised as to if we want to pursue hiring an engineer to look at replacing the spire on the bell tower. This was tabled until a later time.
- Still waiting for the fire inspector to come for a walk through.
- Detailed property notes can be found in the "minutes binder" in the church office.

Publicity: Update provided by Pastor Vasey, Liaison.

- St. Mark's Christmas services were advertised in the Sun-Gazette.

Safety: Update provided by Herb Poff, Liaison

- Nothing to report.

Worship and Music: Update provided by Ray Huff.

- Poinsettias are arriving Thursday. They will remain in the hallway until Christmas.
- Thank you to all who helped decorate the Sanctuary ~ the tree, Crimsons, Advent wreath. It is a beautiful space to worship.
- Wanda Fortin is stepping into the role of Altar Guild coordinator. Thank you!

Unfinished Business:

Growing the Church:

- We appreciate the visitors that come through our doors.

Spire Update:

- See Property notes.

Dossal Update:

- Waiting on fabric samples.

New Business:

M(Deb Buckman ~ 2nd Helen Schramm) SC: CC: 24.12.2 Motion approved to allow the Williamsport Music Club to rehearse and hold a concert in the Nave April 21 and 22, 2025; 6:30-9:30 PM.

Announcements:

- "Advent is the Perfect time to think Synod Assembly!" information and word search were distributed.
- January 12, 2025 Installation of new council members.
- January 20, 2025 Council meeting, reorganization and election of officers.
- Ralph Zeigler shared his thanks to both Herb Poff and Shelby Weber who are going off council, as well as to all council members for the work that is being done.
- Pastor Vasey thanked Ralph Zeigler for his time and commitment in his role as Council President these past 3 years.

Ray Huff led us in closing prayer.

Council Minutes Continued

“Council Christmas 2024” ~ We enjoyed a little Christmas Trivia to end our 2024 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: Monday, January 20, 2025 @ 6:00 PM (Middle Lounge)

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Annual Congregational Meeting

Report of the Secretary for the Congregational Meeting held December 8, 2024.

~ Vicki Haussmann, Secretary

- Ralph Zeigler called the meeting to order.
- The congregation recited St. Mark’s mission statement:

“To know Christ and to make Christ known.”

Ralph Zeigler opened the congregational meeting with prayer.

- Vicki Haussmann served as Secretary.
- Shelby Weber served as Parliamentarian.

Shelby Weber declared that a quorum was present.

M(Gary Weber ~ 2nd Ray Huff) SC: CC: 24.12.1 Motion approved to accept the minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

Ralph Zeigler shared his appreciation to committee chairs, volunteers, and especially Pastor Karl Runser for the work done to compile the 2024 Annual Report. Copies of the Annual Report remain available.

Ralph Zeigler announced the 4 nominees to be elected to serve a three year term on Church Council. The nominees are: **Donna Clark, Cathy Fenderson, Cindy Todd, Lou Ann Zeigler.**

There were no other nominations from the floor.

M(Jane Kline ~ 2nd Karen Mariano) SC: CC: 24.12.2 Motion approved to close nominations for Church Council, Class of 2027.

M(Mel Wentzel ~ 2nd Walt Haussmann) SC: CC: 24.12.3 Motion approved to elect Donna Clark, Cathy Fenderson, Cindy Todd, and Lou Ann Zeigler as Council members beginning their 3 year term in January of 2024.

Welcome to our incoming Council Members!

Ralph Zeigler encouraged congregational members to review the 2025 operating budget for St. Mark’s Lutheran Church found on the back page of the Annual Report. There was no congregational discussion regarding the 2025 operating budget.

M(Phil Thomas ~ 2nd Shelby Weber) SC: CC: 24.12.4 Motion to adopt the proposed budget of \$421,902.00 to support the ministry of St. Mark’s Lutheran Church was approved.

M(Wanda Fortin ~ 2nd Donna Clark) SC: CC: 24.12.5 Motion approved that Council elect two lay delegates to represent the congregation of St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Williamsport, in all business to come before the Annual Assembly of the Upper Susquehanna Synod.

Annual Congregational Meeting Continued ...

- * Any church member wanting to be considered to serve as a lay delegate should please let a Council member know by January 10, 2025.

Announcements and Acknowledgements:

* Ray Huff led the congregation in appreciation for Ralph Zeigler's 3 years of service as Council President. Ralph's council term is ending in 2024.

*** Ralph Zeigler shared appreciation:**

- * To all Council members.
- * To Jackie Baysore, Sam Robinson, and Pastor Vasey.
- * To all volunteers who take care of so many things around St. Mark's.
- * To the Executive Committee.
- * To his family.
- * For support as Council President this past year.

* A little added excitement to this meeting was the loss of electricity. We were still able to finish our work, as well as enjoy brunch in Fellowship Hall using the blessings of natural light and a catered meal that was already warm!

Pastor Vasey offered grace for our brunch.
2024 Annual Meeting was adjourned.

St. Mark's is looking for an Administrative Assistant

Job Duties include but are not limited to:

- * Provide assistance and support to the Pastor and Congregation
- * General clerical duties including weekly church bulletins, annual reports, congregational mailings, and general record keeping
- * Maintain media contacts for advertising church services and special events
- * Assist with scheduling church maintenance contractors

Job Qualifications:

- * Computer proficiency to include Microsoft Word and Publisher
- * Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- * Ability to maintain confidentiality
- * Willingness to obtain required clearances (Acts 151, 34, and 114)

Job Hours:

Part-Time, Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm

Pay:

\$14.00 - \$17.00 per hour (Based on knowledge and experience)

Please forward resume including three (3) references to nikjax5@yahoo.com

Evangelism and Fellowship Committee Articles for The Lion

January 2025

Thank You for the many December Gifts

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee thanks the congregation for their support of our many December projects. Without your continued support we could not have been the hands of God at this very special time of year.

During December the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee, with generous assistance from the congregation, accomplished the following outreach:

A mini hygiene drive in late November/ early December saw 270 various items delivered to the Shepherd of the Streets' office. They continue to be in great need of hygiene items.

Congregation members, with some additional help from the Newberry Branch of NGA, donated more than one hundred assorted clothing items, hygiene items, fleece throws, activity books, watches and batteries to the residents of the Danville State Hospital. The committee is grateful for Tracy Fox of Redeemer Lutheran for transporting our items along with Redeemer's items to Danville.

Congregation members also donated body wash, assorted snacks and pudding cups for the sixteen ladies of CM-6 and their caregivers at the Selinsgrove Center. Each lady received a gift bag of slipper socks, body wash and a pack of pudding cups. Gift bags of snacks were prepared for their caregivers. Due to inclement weather, we were unable to sing and tell stories in person to the ladies of CM-6. Special thanks to Shirley and Jackie Kinney for delivering our gifts on a better-weather day. The staff was grateful for our gifts and hope 2025 will be the year we can return in person.

On December 6, 2023 we hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall. Sixteen units of blood were collected including a donation from Wanda Fortin. We have tentative plans to schedule two blood drives for 2025.

Thank you to the members of the congregation who took Christmas cards from the table in the Narthex, added a cheery message and mailed them to our Special Concerns Folks and others we do not see as often as we would like.

The handmade ornaments crafted by Theresa Furman, Cindy Todd and Lou Ann Zeigler brought joy to many. All monetary donations will be given to the United Churches Food Pantry for their use in providing non-perishable items to those experiencing food insecurity.

The Faith Formation and Evangelism and Fellowship Committees thank the congregation for participating in Reverse Advent. As of press time, the Advent bags were being returned filled with non-perishable food items, snacks and hygiene products.

These gestures of Christmas spirit given by members of our congregation were certain to comfort the individuals receiving them in Christ's name.

Thank You from the Parish Life Committee

During December, this committee saw several events that required the help of many others to be successful. We are grateful to the congregation for always saying yes when asked to help. Here are some activities that have occurred.

Evangelism and Fellowship, Continued ...

Theresa Furman and Cheryl Williams are refreshing our cupboards by giving them a thorough cleaning.

They had a good start earlier in December and will resume their work this month.

We thank Church Council and the Property Committee for their efforts in securing and installing a new dishwasher in our kitchen. The previous model was more than thirty years old and failing rapidly. The new model is working wonderfully.

We thank everyone from Council and Property Committee members to pew mates who assisted with set up to clean up for the Christmas brunch and Bob Miller's funeral luncheon.

Dream Week

The Mission Possible: Protecting Freedom, Justice and Democracy

January 17 – January 25

This week gives us an opportunity to reflect on Dr. King's work and put our thoughts into action in a variety of ways in our community. From a peace walk to packing food at the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank a number of activities are available for your participation.

Go to www.stepcorp.org/MLK to learn about the available events and to register for those in which you wish to participate.

Go Green for Gifting

Have more Christmas gift bags, new greeting cards and tissue paper than you can use? Donate them to the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee for gifting the ladies of CM-6 and others in 2025. Although a record number of calendars and planners have already been donated, we can still find homes for extra 2025 calendars and day planners. Donated items can be placed in the tub in the Narthex.

Resolutions for 2025?

Are you thinking of making any changes to your life in 2025? Maybe you want to become more fit or be more organized. Maybe our Lord has been calling you to be more involved at church or in our community. If so, please consider joining the Parish Life Committee, Faith Formation Committee or the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee. All three of these committees are in desperate need of members.

If joining one of these committees does not work in your life at this time, please consider being part of the Card Ministry team. From the comfort of your home, on the month of your choosing, you can send one or two cards per week to folks on our Special Concern list. All cards, stamps and addresses are provided. All that is needed is you. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex.

If any of these opportunities are a fit for you or for more information, speak with Vicki Hausmann or Becky Miller Pryor.

Sharing in the Caring

Ongoing Collections at St. Mark's:

Please know we understand that much was given in December for a number of projects, but the need contin-

Evangelism and Fellowship, Continued ...

ues. The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee is grateful for any items members can donate at this time.

United Churches Food Pantry: Needed are pancake mix and syrup, beef and shrimp ramen noodles, canned pineapple, oranges and fruit cocktail, Spam, Vienna sausages and disposable salt and pepper shakers.

Shepherd of the Streets: Needed are shampoo, conditioner, bodywash, tooth paste and toothbrushes for adults and children, feminine hygiene products, paper towels, Kleenex, deodorant and razors.

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. Monetary donations to offset the cost of meat and cheese is always welcomed.

If you would like to be involved in making sandwiches in our kitchen for the Blessing Box, speak with Becky Miller Pryor. It takes approximately one hour per week to make the required sandwiches. At this time only five people per month are making 80 plus sandwiches. Parish Life makes sandwiches the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Evangelism and Fellowship make sandwiches the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

Sojourner Truth Ministries: Mayonnaise, salt and pepper shakers, large, brown lunch bags, Dawn dish detergent and cooking oil or spray.

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

Ongoing Events at Redeemer Lutheran:

Community Dinner on Thursday, January 9, 2025 beginning at 5:00 PM until all meals are distributed. The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee will provide desserts. This is a take-out meal available at the curb. All are welcome.

Daniel's Closet Distribution of free seasonal/winter clothing on Saturday, January 25, 2025 from 8:30 – 11:00 AM. Winter weather brings the need for warm clothing and sturdier shoes for adults and children. Blankets, throws and afghans are also accepted.

This month's clothing drop off is Thursday, January 23 from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM. It is the perfect time to make room for that new clothing from Christmas by donating your gently used clothing to Daniel's Closet.

If you have a large quantity of clothing or cannot make the scheduled drop-off, please call Redeemer's office (leave a message) at 570-322-2333 to make an appointment.

A Look Ahead to February

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

Cards will be available in the Narthex on Sunday, February 9, 2025 after each service. Please add a cheery message, affix a stamp and mail in time for Valentine's Day. Thank you for any assistance you can provide.

Pastors' Luncheons

Once each month through May, local Pastors will meet 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. The next luncheon is scheduled for January 9, 2025, at 1:00 PM.



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.

Many Thanks from Danville State Hospital

Dear Members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

We would like to thank you for your time and generosity getting all these great items around for us. These items (clothing, hygiene items and more) will assist in filling up individual's Christmas bags and ensuring they all will be smiling on Christmas Day. This is possible because of all of you and your kindness. Thank you.

Regards, Amy Shepperson, Recreational Coordinator, Danville State Hospital



**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!

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 8:00AM Holy Communion 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Holy Communion	6	7	8 2:30PM Executive Committee	9 10:45AM Faith Formation 1PM Pastors' Luncheon	10	11
12 8:00AM Holy Communion 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Holy Communion	13	14 9:30AM West Branch Conference	15 12:15PM Little Lambs Liaison 2PM Communion at Williamsport Home	16	17	18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
19 8:00AM Holy Communion 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Holy Communion	20 6PM Council	21	22	23	24	25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends
26 8:00AM Holy Communion 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Holy Communion	27	28	29	30	31	