



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
2025



Pastor's Lion Message for November 2025

Pastor's "Lion" Message November, 2025

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for
God's steadfast love endures forever
(Psalm 136:1).*

Beginning on November 2, and continuing through November 23 St. Mark's will be emphasizing stewardship. Traditionally we define stewardship as money, specifically money related to the church. And there is some truth in that. Stewardship does include monetary offerings given to God through the church. But that is not all that stewardship involves.

To be stewards conveys the understanding that what we call ours we do not actually own. Stewardship, properly understood, means to use all that we have been given in such a way that pleases the giver. Biblical stewardship then, seeks to use all that God has given in a way that pleases God.

We believe that our God is an abundant giver. God has given and continues to give to us life, forgiveness and life eternal. We do not bring life about; it is a gift. We do not earn forgiveness; it is a gift. Our behavior does not give way to life eternal; it is a gift. All these are gifts of God's abundant mercy. Be-

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cause God has given to us, we, through faith, which itself a gift of the Holy Spirit, seek to use these gifts in ways that please God.

Throughout the month of November I ask you to think of and act in ways that can show gratitude to God for these gifts through the many ministries of St. Mark's. Does this mean monetary giving; money? Yes, but not only money. Pray for others, especially for those you may not know. Protest – yes protest, in a nonviolent way of course – against injustices in our community and our world. Volunteer at the Food Pantry of the United Churches of Lycoming County. Serve on Church Council or a Church Committee. Join the choir. Be a lector, usher or communion assistant. These are but a few ways you can serve God through St. Mark's. God gives to us because of God's abundant mercy. We, people of God, are asked to say, "Thank you" to God by using these gifts in ways to please our Divine Giver; by being "Good Stewards".

Stewardship is telling the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ! Think about it; pray about it; respond in ways that say, "Thank you" to God for all God's gifts to you. Because of God's great mercy, return thanks to the Lord.

Grace + Peace,
Pastor Vasey



JOIN US FOR SUNDAY
WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER
ALL ARE WELCOME!!

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Sunday, November 2, All Saints' Sunday

8 am Holy Communion

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Holy Communion

**Sunday, November 9, The Twenty-second
Sunday after Pentecost**

8 am Holy Communion

Sunday School, 9:15 am

10:30 am Holy Communion

**Sunday, November 16, The Twenty-third
Sunday after Pentecost**

8 am Holy Communion

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Holy Communion

Sunday, November 23, Christ the King Sunday

The Last Sunday after Pentecost/ Stewardship Commitment Sunday

8 am Holy Communion

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Holy Communion

**Sunday, November 30, The First Sunday of
Advent**

8 am Holy Communion

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Holy Communion

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**PLEASE NOTE THAT IN CELEBRATION
OF OUR NATIONAL DAY OF THANKSGIVING,
THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED NOVEMBER 27-NOVEMBER 29.
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

HAPPENING THIS MONTH:

Sunday, November 2

Daylight Savings Time Begins

(Set clocks “back” one full hour)

Stewardship Campaign Begins

Tuesday, November 4

Election Day (Don't forget to vote)

5:30 pm, Evangelism and Fellowship

Wednesday, November 5: Men's Fellowship, 6 pm

All men are welcome to share fellowship and ideas for gatherings

**Sunday, November 9: Pack Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child
3PM Civic Corus Concert**

Monday, November 10: 1:30 pm, Executive Committee

Tuesday, November 11: 9:30 am, West Branch Conference

Wednesday, November 12: 10:30 am, Faith Formation

Thursday, November 13: 1 pm, City Pastor's Lunch

Friday, November 14: 5 pm, WCCO Concert

Saturday, November 15: 9 am, “Hometown Heroes”

Wednesday, November 19: 2 pm, Holy Communion, Willamsport Home

Sunday, November 23: Christ the King (Stewardship Commitment Day)

Thursday, November 27: Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, November 30: First Sunday of Advent

LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER:

Wednesdays in Advent: December 3 – December 17

12:10 pm, Midweek Advent Prayer and Praise (Chapel)

Sunday, December 7: Annual Meeting

ONE SERVICE, 9:30 Am

Brunch Follows Worship

Wednesday, December 24; The Nativity of Our Lord

7 pm “Children's Eucharist”

10 pm “Traditional Eucharist”

Sunday, December 28: One Service Time, 9:30 am

All Saints' Sunday

All Saints' Sunday will be celebrated at St. Mark's on November 2 at both services. All Saints' remembers and give thanks to God for all the faithful in Christ past, present and future. Be sure to join us as we commemorate the faithful and commit ourselves to be “servants of Christ”.



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: NOVEMBER 2-23, 2025

Our 2025 Stewardship Campaign begins Sunday, November 2 and concludes Sunday, November 23. Our theme this year is “Because of God's Great Mercy”. During these several weeks as we celebrate all our congregation does in Jesus' name within St. Mark's, our community and around the world, think and pray about how you might respond to God's great mercy in Jesus Christ.



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.



**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 at 570-323-4619 or email stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org.

CROP Walk

The CROP walk was another huge success on October 12th. It was a beautiful afternoon, with amazing company; Pastor Vasey, Karen Mariano, Matt & Wanda Fortin, Dan Simmons from St. James Lutheran Church in Rauchtown and myself. We were especially grateful to have Barb Thomas join us and make the entire three miles! With the support and generosity of our congregations, we raised \$1,157.00!! \$290.00 will support local food banks and \$867.00 national & international programs. THANK YOU! We made one more step to Help Stop Hunger. Next year, we hope you can walk with us!

Brenda Gair



Thank You

Dear Pastor Vasey and the Congregation of St. Mark's Church,

Thank you so much for welcoming our family for the baptism of our two boys. It meant a lot to me personally to have my children baptized at the church that has meant so much to my family for so many years. Please accept this donation to the church as a thank you for everything the church did to make our day so special.

With Love, The Boyle Family

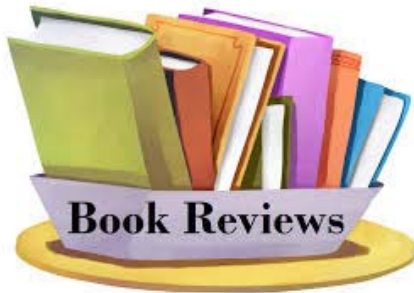
Williamsport Civic Chorus Concert

Sacred Voices: Divine Harmony from Martines to Mozart on Sunday Nov. 9 at 3 PM here at St. Mark's. Cost: general admission - \$12 at door, Senior/Student \$10 at door. \$2 discount if purchased online through Williamsportcivicchorus.org or at RM Sides or Otto's bookstore.





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.



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 Haussmann, 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!

Envelopes

There are special envelopes in the pew racks for Heat (to pay for boiler repair), Roof (for the roof on the Parish house) and Organ (for repairs and general maintenance). When giving to these causes, be sure to put your name on the envelope so your contribution may be recorded correctly on your contribution statement. Please write on the memo line of your check how you wish your gift to be used (cash is always welcome).



Memorials



A reminder that when giving a memorial for a loved one or other church member, please specify where the money is to be allocated (ex. roof fund, music fund). If you do not specify, your donation will be deposited into the "General Account".

NOVEMBER Worship Leaders

Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot serve.



Communion Assistants

November 2

8:00 AM Nikki Jackson
10:30 AM Matt & Wanda Fortin

November 9

8:00 AM Drew Haussmann
10:30 AM Shelby & Gary Weber

November 16

8:00 AM Becky Pryor
10:30 AM Mindy Wentzel & Wanda Fortin

November 23

8:00 AM Jackie Kinney
10:30 AM Ralph & Lou Ann Ziegler

November 30

8:00 AM Drew Haussmann
10:30 AM Matt & Wanda Fortin



Lectors

November 2

8:00 AM Brian Jackson
10:30 AM Ralph Ziegler

November 9

8:00 AM Vicki Haussmann
10:30 AM Donna Clark

November 16

8:00 AM Becky Pryor
10:30 AM Shelby Weber

November 23

8:00 AM Candy Dewar
10:30 AM Donna Boston

November 30

8:00 AM Drew Haussmann
10:30 AM Brenda Gair



Ushers

November 2

8:00 AM Miller/Poff
10:30 AM G. Yaple, M. Wentzel

November 9

8:00 AM Miller/Poff
10:30 AM Gair Team

November 16

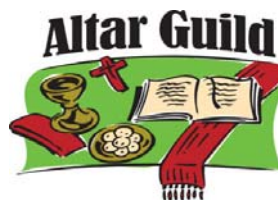
8:00 AM Miller/Poff
10:30 AM Tim & Deb Maggs, D. Reitz

November 23

8:00 AM Miller/Poff
10:30 AM Gary & Shelby Weber

November 30

8:00 AM Miller/Poff
10:30 AM Fortin, Yaple, Wentzel



Altar Guild

Wanda & Matt Fortin

November Birthdays

John Bower	11/7
Ann Kuntz	11/7
Brenda Gair	11/8
Cathy Fenderson	11/9
Becky Pryor	11/9
Elizabeth Haussmann	11/13
Donna Baker	11/18
Ray Reams	11/21
Sally Bjornstad	11/23
James Newcomer Jr.	11/23
Nancy Bieber	11/25
Stephen Dewar	11/25
Katlin Jensen	11/27

November Anniversaries

Jenn & Rick Robertson	11/5
Stephen & Candy Dewar	11/18
Cheryl & Dave Williams	11/19
Ralph & Lou Ann Ziegler	11/19
Mel & Mindy Wentzel	11/30

PLEASE NOTE:

Happy belated anniversary to Romain
& Evelyn Bastian 10/30



FAMILY PROMISE



Thanks to all who helped with our family promise hosting. Our next hosting is coming up quickly Nov. 16 to Nov. 22. This is our last hosting for this year. Currently there are two families - a mother with 7 children and another mother with 2 children. As you know this can change quickly so I will keep you up to date as I receive information. Sunday and Tuesday are already spoken for.

Also - I am looking for a co-worker to help me with this task. It is not hard - scheduling the meals and making sure there are not three nights of spaghetti! is the hardest part. If you are interested in helping please talk to me - Deb Buckman

Operation Christmas Child Work Days

We plan to pack our OCC Shoeboxes on Sunday, November 9 after both church services. If this date doesn't quite work into your schedule, please join us on Wednesday, November 5th at 10:00 AM to help fold the 80 shoeboxes we plan on filling. Still not able? Then consider joining us on Thursday, November 6 at 5:30 PM to unpack and organize our tables. If you have any questions, please reach out to Vicki Haussmann at (570) 447-3263. Many hands make light work, and we look forward to sharing this outreach ministry with you.



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 9th**. Due to the Civic Chorus concert in the afternoon, we will begin packing shoeboxes after the 8:00 service to get a bit of a "head start". Have no fear though, packing will also take place after the 10:30 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!



175th Anniversary Committee

The 175th Anniversary of the founding of St. Mark's Lutheran Church (formed as the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church) will take place in early 2027. This milestone anniversary is worthy of celebration, and we would like to begin planning for this special occasion. In an effort to accomplish this task, a 175th Anniversary Committee has been formed, and our first meeting took place in September. If you missed this meeting, no worries! We are meeting again in Middle Lounge on **Sunday, November 23 after the 10:30 service**. If you are interested please come ~ along with any and all ideas you may have. If you are interested but can't make this meeting, please reach out to Vicki Haussmann. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Reverse Advent Calendar

As we count down the 25 days until Christmas the Faith Formation and Evangelism and Fellowship Committees would like to offer congregation members an alternative to the traditional Advent calendars where a small gift is received daily. Rather than *receiving* something each day of Advent, we are counting down to Christmas by *giving* something each day of Advent.

What sorts of items are we you ask? This year we are collecting an eclectic mix of non-perishable items: canned goods, cake mixes, funfetti icing, cups of soup, and single serve items for the Blessing Boxes. Personal care items/hygiene products are welcome as well. Please take a holiday bag ~ along with an idea list ~ from the Narthex (beginning November 30). Each day during Advent place an item *into* your bag. Please pray that these small items might be a blessing to those who receive them.

Return your filled bag on Christmas Eve. Even sometime in January would be fine! We hope that this Reverse Advent Calendar will be a blessing to your Advent preparations. Thank you for your generosity!

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

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.



Great work! Our kits were delivered to the gathering location by the helping hands at Messiah Lutheran. So we are done for this year however, please do not stop thinking about the kits and the items for them. Watch the clearance racks and shelves for items and snap them up. If you do not want to store them at home, you can bring them to the church and put them in the office opposite the middle lounge - you will know which one it is - the messy one with boxes, etc. Baby clothes, towels, etc. can be found on clearance.



Please join us on Sunday, November 30, for our annual **Advent Wreath-making event**. We will gather in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour (9:15 ish) to 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.



October 2025

Minutes

St. Mark's Council meeting- October 20, 2025

Call to Order: 6:04 pm

Council recited the Defining Mission Statement

Nikki read the opening prayer.

Secretary's roll call:

Members present: Debra Buckman, Cathy Fenderson, Vicki Haussmann, Ray Huff, Cindy Todd (exc), Lou Ann Zeigler, Wanda Fortin, Donna Clark, Nikki Jackson, Richard Miller, Richard Reitz, Pastor Vasey

Deb Buckman delivered the Treasurer's Report. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

Pastor's Report:

Lectionary group study, conference and lunch meetings in September.

October study to end 10/22.

Plans are also underway for the Bishop's visit on October 26.

Plans are underway for the Stewardship Campaign, "Because of God's Great Mercy"

"Men's Fellowship", 11/5, 6 pm

Pastor received a "Thank You" note from the Boyle family for a recent baptism.

The pastors of Redeemer Lutheran, St. Luke Lutheran, and St. Mark's Lutheran continue to provide pastoral care for the Liberty Parish.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Evangelism and Fellowship: Thanks to Lou Ann for her pumpkin making. The Blood Drive was successful, and the next one will be on December 5. The committee is collecting items for residents of the Danville and Selinsgrove centers. The Newcomers will provide desserts for the Redeemer meals for the rest of the year. The committee is making 80-100 sandwiches per month .

Council Minutes Continued

Faith Formation: The Men's Group met on October 8 and the next meeting will be on November 5. We will have a "Question/Answer" session with Bishop Miller at 9:30 in the chapel on October 26. Shoebox packing will occur on November 9. Advent materials have been ordered and paid.

Finance: Deb Buckman presented the report. Council reviewed the proposed budget.

Little Lambs: The fire certificate will be presented to Little Lambs after Frey's checks our fire extinguishers. The Noah's Ark (costume) parade will be held at the end of the month.

Pastor will read "A Christmas Story" to Little Lambs in December.

Nominating: We will need one or two new council members for 2026. The committee met at 5:30 on Oct. 20

Personnel Committee reports for the annual meeting on December 7 are due between October 26 and November 2. Please prayerfully consider if you might feel called to serve on the Council executive board.

Property: The proposed roof over Little Lambs was discussed. Proposals and estimates for this large project will be sought.

Publicity- No report.

Safety- No report.

Worship and Music: We have received the fabric and a test sample is at The Barn for fire-proofing. We will then check it for a color match with the large roll of fabric. We continue to praise God in our gifts of music and direction from Sam Robinson.

175th Anniversary Committee- The committee met on September 14 and discussed the "who, what, where, and when" of the planning. The committee agreed to meet on November 23, 2025. The 175th ANNIVERSARY will be celebrated on April 4, 2027.

Crop Walk was held on October 12. We had seven walkers: Pr. Vasey, Karen Mariano, Matt and Wanda Fortin, Ed and Brenda Gair, and Dan Simmons (Brenda's father). We also had Barb Thomas show us that we are not too old to walk for hunger. We raised \$40.00 more than last year. Brenda Gair was the coordinator.

Stewardship Campaign- November 2-23 Sundays. "Because of God's Mercy" as the theme. Stewardship Sunday is November 23.

Annual Meeting- December 7, one service at 9:30 with brunch following.

Council Minutes Continued

EF 2025.10.01 (M- Zeigler/2- Jackson) Host Women of ELCA Gathering November 1. Approved.

Civic Chorus will meet on Mondays throughout November and the first Monday of December.

Sight and Sound Bus Trip- September 24 to see Noah was very successful.

Nikki Jackson led us in closing prayer.

The meeting ended at 7:35.

Next Meeting: November 17, 2025, 6:00 PM



Evangelism and Fellowship Committee Articles for The Lion

November 2025

Church Women United Visit St. Mark's

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee will host the Church Women United of Lycoming County as they celebrate World Community Day on Saturday, November 1, 2025 beginning at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. CWU will present a bible study based on peace and kindness followed by light refreshments and fellowship. Monetary donations are being requested for their Christmas Stocking Project that distributes stockings to 1,000 area nursing home residents. All women of St. Mark's are cordially invited to attend.



Ongoing Collections at St. Mark's:

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

2026 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, bottles of salad dressing (any kind,) ketchup and mustard, plastic forks and spoons and sets of salt and pepper shakers. 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 (41 bags equaling 210.85 pounds with more being already being donated) 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 campaign.

Shepherd of the Streets: Urgently 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 generosity and willingness to serve.

Community Dinner on Thursday, November 13, 2025 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 20, 2025 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 plus sheets and blankets are always in need.

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 on November 20 @ 4:00 and ask for Tracy Fox. She will be most grateful for your willingness to help.

Daniel's Closet's Distribution of free clothing is Saturday, November 22, 2025 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 for drop off. Smaller quantities of clothing may be placed on the stage if you are unable to accommodate the drop off date.

Pastors' Luncheons Need 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 and non-refrigerated pudding cups in a variety of flavors. We will also gift the caregivers with treats. Monetary gifts to purchase items not donated 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 Under-shirts, 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.

Sales to Support Community Outreach

If you love all kinds of yard, estate and rummage sales you will need to check out these two upcoming events.

***Rummage and Book Sale at South Williamsport UMC**, 409 Main Street, South Williamsport. Friday, November 7 and Saturday November 8 from 8:00A– 1:00P both days. Their profits nurture community members and support a mission in Honduras.

***“Everything Christmas Sale”** hosted by the Newberry Branch of NGA. Saturday, November 8 from 9:00 – 1:00 at Redeemer Lutheran Church Social Hall, 1100 Washington Blvd. Their profits support providing new clothes and coats to children in the Greater Williamsport Area.

Did You Know?

*If you provide altar flowers for any given Sunday, you may take them home to enjoy. You can pick them up after the late service. Containers are available in the sacristy off of the nave. Please consider returning the mache container when you no longer are enjoying the flowers.

*Need a certain piece of medical equipment on a short-term basis? We may have it for you to borrow. We have a limited supply of walkers, portable potties, booster seats, crutches, shower chairs and two medical beds. Contact the church office to make an inquiry.





ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

St. Mark's Annual Congregational Meeting and Brunch are scheduled for **Sunday, December 7, 2025 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 new Council members
- * Adoption of the 2026 budget to support the ministry of St. Mark's Lutheran Church
- * Any other business that needs to be addressed

Please mark your calendar 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: Vicki Haussmann, president; Dick Reitz, vice-president; Ray Huff, secretary; or Debra Buckman, treasurer. We are looking forward to not only seeing you on December 7th, but are excited to see how our congregation will continue to "Make Christ Known" in 2026! Thank you for your participation in this important, church event.



A bus trip to Stone Gables Estate* in Elizabethtown, PA is being organized by Cheryl Williams. This trip is being planned for Wednesday, November 19, 2025. The bus will be pulling out around 9:00 AM from Beiter's parking lot. The trip will include bus fare, a meal catered by "Food for Thought Catering", a ride on the Santa Express train, and the National Christmas center followed by the Christmas light drive-thru. All are included in the price of \$145.09 per person. If interested, please contact Cheryl at (570) 327-1627.

* Stone Gables Estate is a biblical faith-based ministry/business. Their mission is to donate 100% of net profits to aid abandoned children worldwide.

November 2025

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9AM-Noon CWU Fellowship Hall
2 ALL SAINT'S 8:00AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30AM Holy Communion	3 WCC	4 5:30PM E & F WCC	5 6:00 PM Men's Fellowship	6	7	8
9 OCC Packing 8:00AM Holy Communion 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Holy Communion 3PM CONCERT	10 3:30PM Pastor With L. Lambs WCC		12 WCC	13 Pastor's Lunch WCC	14 7:30PM WCCO Concert	15 9A—12P Hometown Heroes
16 8:00AM Holy Communion 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Holy Communion	17 6 PM Council WCC	18	19 9AM Stone Gables TRIP	20	21	22
23 8AM & 10:30AM Holy Communion 9:15AM S. School	24 WCC	25	26	27	28	29
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St. Mark's Christmas Flower Order Form 2025

Name _____

Envelope # _____ Phone _____

I am ordering _____ 6.5 inch potted pinched,
_____ Red or _____ White @\$8.00 = \$ _____

_____ 7 inch potted,
_____ Red or _____ White @\$14.00 = \$ _____

And/or a gift for other decorations = \$ _____

And/or a donation to local hunger = \$ _____

These are given:

In honor of (living person[s])

In memory of (deceased)

All flower orders must be in by November 23.

Flowers will be available for you to take home following the late Christmas Eve service.

Return order slips to A—Collection basket
 B — Office





Williamsport Chamber Choir & Orchestra present

Refrains of the Reformation

Samuel Robinson, Artistic Director

featuring

CANTATA NO. 80

J.S. BACH

NOVEMBER 14, 2025
7:30 PM

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
142 MARKET ST., WILLIAMSPORT

TICKETS AT DOOR
\$10 ADULT
\$5 STUDENT



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St. Mark's Church Council cordially invites you to attend a brunch immediately following the December 7th Annual Congregational Meeting. Our brunch menu, catered by The Food Guy, is tentatively set for quiche, egg casserole fresh fruit, sweet treats, and beverages and will be served in Fellowship Hall. 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 November 30 so that we have an accurate count to give to the caterer. You can drop your RSVP in the offering plate any time! Thanks!

**Annual Congregational Meeting
Brunch RSVP**

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

Please return by: November 30, 2025

* A free will donation will be taken.
