



# 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.*

## February

## 2026



### Pastor's Lion Message for February 2026

#### Pastor's "Lion" Message February, 2026

On Wednesday, February 18, the Season of Lent begins. Lent is the season of preparation for Easter Sunday and the entire Easter Season. Before we celebrate all the blessings Easter brings us, it is a good thing to "sit back and take it all in"; to take time to contemplate the entire message of Emmanuel, God with us and how God in Christ wins the battle of sin and death. Lent provides that opportunity.

This year, in addition to Sunday morning services and personal devotions, St. Mark's will provide a series of mid-week studies on the prophet Isaiah designed to better prepare us for the Easter message. Wednesdays in Lent, beginning February 25 and concluding March 25, we will gather in Fellowship Hall from 12:10 – 12:50 pm, to study how the themes associated with Isaiah echo the mission and ministry of Jesus. Our schedule appears below:

Feb. 25: The "Fast" of Isaiah and how it differs from a "traditional fast".

March 4: Isaiah's call to "biblical holiness" (it's not what you think).

March 11: How best to be prepared for God's Reign?

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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  
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By appointment  
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March 18: What might God's Reign look like?

March 25: The Suffering Servant; a model for discipleship

All are welcome! Bring a friend; bring a bag lunch to munch; bring yourself!

The blessings of the Season of Lent are many. Our mid-week study will provide yet one more way to reap all we associate with Lent as we seek to "Know Christ and make-Christ known".

Grace + Peace,  
Pastor Vasey



JOIN US FOR SUNDAY  
WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY-  
ALL ARE WELCOME!!

**JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP IN  
FEBRUARY: ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Sunday, February 1, The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**8 am Holy Communion**

**Sunday School, 9:15 am**

**10:30 Holy Communion**

**Sunday, February 8, The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**8 am Holy Communion**

**Sunday School, 9:15 am**

**10:30 am Holy Communion**

*The Souper Bowl of Caring*

**Sunday, Sunday, February 15, The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**8 am Holy Communion**

**Sunday School, 9:15 am**

**10:30 am Holy Communion**

*The Last Sunday after Epiphany*

*Baptisms of Nora and Clara Hasko*

**Sunday, February 22, The First Sunday in Lent**

**8 am Holy Communion**

**Sunday School, 9:15 am**

**10:30 am Holy Communion**

**ASH WENESDAY WORSHIP, FEBRUARY 18:**

**Holy Communion/Imposition of Ashes,  
Chapel, 12:10 pm**

**Holy Communion/Imposition of Ashes, Nave,  
7 pm**

*Bless the Lord who forgives all our sin. God's mercy endures for ever.*

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## **Lenten Devotionals**

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18. We encourage you to please find several devotional booklets in the Narthex that may aid you in your daily study throughout this Lenten season. We pray these seasonal meditations will help prepare your heart and mind as we move through this season of Lent heading toward our celebration of Easter.

### **Shrove Tuesday Fellowship**

**Fastnacht  
Day**



St. Mark's will observe "Shrove Tuesday" on February 17 with our annual "Fastnacht Day" or Donut Day event. We invite everyone to join us in Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:30 for light refreshments and Fastnachts (of course!) This year, our Men's Fellowship Group has decided to try their hand at making homemade fastnachts, so come and enjoy the fellowship of frying up dough into delicious donuts for an added bonus to this evening!

Our event will also include gathering in the courtyard to burn last year's palms for ashes to be used as our ashes for repentance and mortality on Ash Wednesday. We will conclude our time together with a brief liturgy of prayer and praise as we "Bury the Alleluia" in preparation for Lent. This promises to be a day of fun and meaning as we prepare to begin our Lenten pilgrimage in anticipation of the Easter Season. If you would like a ride, please contact Vicki Haussmann at (570) 447-3263. We are happy to pick up and take anyone home! We look forward to seeing you!



**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](mailto:stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org).



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](mailto:stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org). Please direct your in-  
tentions whether or not to share this information with our church  
family.

*In Memoriam*

**Memorials** - This is a reminder that when you submit a memorial unless specified  
on the memo line as to where you want the memorial to be applied, the money will  
go in the general fund. The following are suggestions as to where you might want  
to direct your memorial.

Roof fund

Organ fund

Dossal fund

Kitchen fund

Furnace fund

These are the large projects that are proposed in the next few years. The kitchen  
fund is an ongoing fund to defray costs of such events as the Congregation meeting  
brunch. If you have any questions, please contact me - Deb Buckman



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](mailto:bvasey@stmarkswilliamsport.org)). Do not assume the pastor will know of your need any other way.



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Do you enjoy reading? Do you have an interest in exploring the variety of materials found in our church brary? 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 col-

umnist 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).



# ***FEBRUARY Worship Leaders***

**Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot serve.**



## **Communion Assistants**

February 1

8:00 AM Brian Jackson

10:30 AM Matt & Wanda Fortin

February 8

8:00 AM Drew Haussmann

10:30 AM Shelby & Gary Weber

February 15

8:00 AM Nikki Jackson

10:30 AM Ralph & Lou Ann Zeigler

February 22

8:00 AM Becky Pryor

10:30 AM Deb B. & Mindy W.



## **Ushers**

February 1

8:00 AM Miller/Poff

10:30 AM Gary & Shelby Weber

February 8

8:00 AM Miller/Poff

10:30 AM Tim & Deb M./Dick Reitz

February 15

8:00 AM Miller/Poff

10:30 AM Fortin/Yaple/Wentzel

February 22

8:00 AM Miller/Poff

10:30 AM Gair Family



## **Lectors**

February 1

8:00 AM Brian Jackson

10:30 AM Phil Thomas

February 8

8:00 AM Drew Haussmann

10:30 AM Karen Mariano

February 15

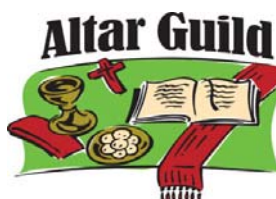
8:00 AM Nikki Jackson

10:30 AM Mary Ann Stiller

February 22

8:00 AM Becky Pryor

10:30 AM Deb Buckman



## **Altar Guild**

Lou Ann Zeigler, Cindy Todd,  
Theresa Furman



## February

### Birthdays

Michael Reitz	2/6
Margie Doebler	2/8
Gloria Greevy	2/10
Emily Newcomer	2/13
Michele Owen	2/13
Rick Robertson	2/17
Rev. Brian Vasey	2/26
Gary Clark	2/27
Jane Kline	2/29
Ralph Zeigler	2/29

## February

### Anniversaries

Cindy Hartzel	2/4
Vince & Diane Bardsley	2/18



## FAMILY PROMISE



Thank you to everyone who provided meals for hosting in November. It is much appreciated and if you would like to help donate to the meals in the future, please contact Deb Buckman.



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.



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We continue collecting items for our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes with the goal of packing 75 shoeboxes in 2026.

In February we are collecting:

**Toothbrushes/Toothbrush Holders**  
**Washcloths (preferably dark in color)**  
**Knit Hats**

**\*T-shirts** (cute or plain, long sleeve or short, any will do)

**\*Underwear**

Choose one, choose all! Donations may be placed in the red, OCC bin located in the Narthex. As always, thank you for your continued generosity!

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



Christ's Blessings Continue in 2026!

The Evangelism and Fellowship and Faith Formation Committees would like to send a **HUGE** thank all who participated in our Reverse Advent Calendar collections this past December. A stunning

**One Thousand One Hundred Twenty Five** items were distributed to 5 local agencies helping those in need.

- \* Shepherd of the Streets received over **300** hygiene items
- \* United Churches Food Pantry received **200** non-perishable food items
- \* Code Blue received **600** individual snacks, cups of soup, and cereal
  - \* Code Blue also received **\$370** in grocery gift cards to assist with their ministry.
- \* The Blessing Box received individual snacks as well as hygiene items
- \* Sojourner's Truth received miscellaneous items to be used in their kitchen.
- \* 16 cake mixes and frosting are ready to be used to make Birthday Bags this Spring!

Your generosity is truly amazing! Thank you for helping to "Make Christ Known" to those in need this New Year!

## **Lenten Collection**

This Lenten season we are collecting items to create Birthday Bags for the United Churches Food Pantry. (We have done this project the past few years so it may seem somewhat familiar!) The Food Pantry has been serving an increasing number of neighbors each month, and Birthday Bags are a nice way to help celebrate these special family occasions. The most helpful items for our bags during the Lenten season are: **cake pans with lids, gift bags, cake mixes/frosting (preferably funfetti), and birthday candles.** Examples of the cake pans and gift bags (for sizing purposes) are in the Narthex, and all of these items can be found at the Dollar Tree. We look forward to working on this project together, sharing Christ's love with those in need.



**January 2026**

**Minutes**

**St. Mark's Council meeting- January 19, 2026**

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Council recited the Defining Mission Statement

Cindy Todd read the opening prayer.

Secretary's roll call: Ray Huff

Members present: Deb Buckman, Shawn Cartwright, Donna Clark, Cathy Fenderson, Wanda Fortin, Ray Huff, Nikki Jackson, Richard Miller Richard Reitz, Scott Seyler, Cindy Todd. Lou Ann Zeigler, Pastor Vasey, Vicki Haussmann

Treasurer's Report: The report was accepted and filed for audit.

Memorial Funds Update: Cindy Todd presented a document showing the Memorial Contributions from January 1, 2020-December 31, 2025. The information will be most helpful in potential disbursement of said funds. The Dossal fund total to date is \$20,000.00

Outgoing President's Remarks: Vicki Haussmann thanked council and the family of St. Mark's for their support as she grew into the position. She was very pleased at the many positives at St. Mark's:

- New church members now serving on council

- Baptisms of two young men

- New and successful Men's Group

- The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary preparations

- Being so close to Dossal completion

- Generosity of all in their time, talents, and treasures

- Confidence that council will continue with a serving heart

## Council Minutes Continued .....

Council, in turn, thanked Vicki for her willingness to step out of her comfort zone and do such tremendous work as the council president.

### **CC2026.01.01: To Approve Election of Officers for the 2026 Church Council Term**

President- Ray Huff

Vice-President- Richard Reitz

Secretary- Cindy Todd

Treasurer- Deb Buckman

ALL ACCEPTED AND WERE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

Pastor's Report: Pastor presented his pastoral duties for the month. Lectionary Group Study, Conference meetings, Pastor's lunch, Christmas Eve worship, Men's Fellowship (pancake/sausage breakfast on Jan.4). He visited Little Lambs on December 10.

He also presented information for the Go Tell it IN the Mountains Initiative on Sunday, February 1.

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 and Parish Life- The goal is to continue our regular projects, collections, blood drive, sandwich making, desserts for Redeemer dinners, dinners for Habitat for Humanity and VBS, card ministry as well as thinking of ideas for the July 4 celebration. Devin Owen and Cheryl Williams will be helping with the sandwich crew.

Faith Formation- Over 1,100 items of non-perishable foods were distributed to various agencies as well as \$370.00 in gift cards to Code Blue due to the Blue Stars made by Lou Ann, Cindy T., and Teresa F. Souper Bowl is February 8; Shrove Tuesday February 17 (Men's group will make the doughnuts, and Lenten Bible Study will begin on February 25 on Prophet Isaiah.

Financial- Audit completed January 16 with results to follow. Discussed Brotherhood Mutual Insurance and workers' comp liability. Insurance cost for 2026 is \$12,700.00. We need to conduct an inventory of worship items (chalices, altar candles, etc.) for insurance purposes.

## Council Minutes Continued .....

### **FC2026.01.02: Pay \$400.00 for Participant Accident Insurance for \$25,000.00 policy. ADOPTED.**

Little Lambs- Hannah has accepted the rental agreement for 2026. The State Inspection window is between February 1 and March 1, 2026. Pastor will visit LL on April 1. We need a Declaration Page from Little Lambs.

Nominating- No report.

Personnel- No report. We will evaluate employees in Sept/Oct.

Property- No report.

Publicity- No report.

Safety- No report.

Worship and Music: Meeting on January 25 after late service.

175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee- The committee will meet on March 8, following the late service.

Unfinished Business:

Awaiting color match from the samples that were sent for fire retardant.

New Business:

**CC2026.01.02- Appointment of Financial Secretary- Herb Poff agreed to continue in this role. ADOPTED.**

**CC2026.01.03- (M- Huff/2 Jackson) Appoint Scott Seyler as Parliamentarian. APPROVED.**

**CC2026.01.04- Election of Synod Assembly lay delegates for June 6 meeting/Ray Huff volunteered to be one of the delegates. Adopted.**

Council reviewed and discussed Covenant of Conduct and Council Meeting Ground Rules.

**EC2026.01.01- \$7,264.00 received from our investments be allocated in the following manner: \$3,632 toward the dossal project, \$3,632 toward replacing the roof.**

**ADOPTED.**

Council devotion and offering collection sign-up sheets were passed.

Cindy Todd led us in the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Next Meeting: February 16, 2026, at 6:00 pm. \*\*Council Picture will be taken at the start of the meeting.



## **A Suggested Covenant of Conduct**

### **St. Mark's Lutheran Church**

*In order for our congregation and Church Council to deal effectively with issues, please follow the following guidelines:*

1. All members of St. Mark's affirm their right to express their opinions concerning the life and ministry of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.
2. Members are encouraged to share their opinions directly with the pastor, Church Council, Church Committee Members and at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation.
3. When opinions are expressed to the pastor, Church Council and Church Committee Members, the question to the person sharing the information shall be, "What do you wish to have me do with this information?"
4. When an individual not elected to Church Council wishes to address the Church Council, this person, shall be made aware of the meeting date/time. The Council President and pastor shall be notified that this individual will be present at the meeting.
5. If an individual does not wish to address the Church Council in person, the individual must give permission to use their name. If permission is not given, the Council Member cannot share the concern/comment. The Council will not act on anonymous letters or hearsay.
6. All opinions not requiring action may be shared in writing with the entire Council.
7. At his/her discretion, a Council Member may ask any individual to refer any concern/comment to another Council Member for presentation.
8. Each item/issue shall be placed on the agenda and recorded in the minutes of record.
9. All Council business is to take place following – not before – the opening prayer.
10. No individual not elected to Council may "show up" at a Council Meeting to voice an opinion, or present an item/issue, without notifying the President of Council or pastor at least 4 days in advance. Non-elected individuals who wish to voice an opinion or present an item/issue without notifying the President of Council or pastor will be not heard.

## Council Meeting Ground Rules

- Start meeting on time
- Have a prepared agenda
- End the meeting on a mutually agreed upon time
- No after meeting parking lot discussions
- Complete items requiring action as agreed
- One person speaks at a time
- All Council Members are looked upon as “equal” (set apart, not above)
- Turn off or mute all cell phones and devices
- Address conflict by dealing with the issue not the person
- Notify the Council if you will be absent
- Listen actively and attentively
- Participate do not lurk
- Practice confidentiality (what's said in the room stays in the room)
- Have fun but not at another's personal expense; be civil and respectful of others
- Opportunity will be given to comment or ask questions before each vote
- Unless otherwise directed, all questions/comments will be recorded.
- Be present physically and mentally

\*Please Note: Failure to comply with these simple ground rules may result with the Council President asking an individual to leave the meeting.

At the January meeting of **St. Mark's Congregational Council**, the following officers were elected for calendar year 2026:

President	Ray Huff
Vice-President	Richard Reitz
Secretary	Cindy Todd
Treasurer	Deb Buckman

Thank you to all who have agreed to serve St. Mark's for 2026 and all who have previously served our congregation.



## **The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee**

**February 2026**

### **Update on Code Blue**

Church crafters, Theresa Furman, Cindy Todd and Lou Ann Zeigler graciously made and donated wire stars for use by the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee during Advent. The ornaments were free for the taking, but a modest donation was requested to purchase grocery gift cards for Code Blue. Many stars were taken and the monetary donations were generous. But something magical occurred. In addition to more than \$200.00 in cash, gift cards starting showing up anonymously in the Evangelism and Fellowship mailbox. Last week St. Mark's was able to give Code Blue several grocery gift cards totaling \$370.00 in addition to hundreds of individual snacks! But the gifts have continued, as an additional \$50.00 in grocery gift cards were placed in our mailbox raising our total to \$420.00! We are blessed by your generosity, but more importantly Code Blue is able to serve the homeless in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

### **Valentine's Day Greetings**

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 1, 2026 after each service. Please add a cheery message, affix a stamp and mail in time for Valentine's Day. In the event of church being cancelled because of snow, cards will be available Sunday, February 8, 2026.

Thank you for any assistance you can give.

### **Sharing in the Caring**



### **Ongoing Collections at St. Mark's:**

Members of St. Mark's have given much in December and January for a number of projects, but the need continues. The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee is grateful for any items members can donate at this time.

**United Churches Food Pantry:** Participating in Souper Bowl Sunday is a wonderful way to support the Pantry. Go Teams!

**Shepherd of the Streets:** If it keeps a person clean, it is needed. They are also in need of slightly used winter coats, hats and gloves. Of urgent need are paper towels and toilet paper.

**Blessing Boxes at New Covenant UCC:** We are sharing the snack items that were donated during December and January. But we continue to accept travel size hygiene items and anything else you are able to donate.

**Sandwich Crews at St. Mark's:** We provide sandwiches weekly to New Covenant's Blessing Boxes. Monetary donations to offset the cost of rolls, meat and cheese are always appreciated. Checks may be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line indicating Parish Life. Thank you, Devin Owen, for joining the Wednesday Sandwich Crew!

**Sojourner Truth Ministries:** Mayonnaise, bottles of salad dressings and large, brown lunch bags.

**Church Women United:** The ladies of CWU sew fidget throws for residents of nursing homes and busy bags for hospitalized children. They are in need of colorful cotton or cotton/polyester fabric. Donations may be placed in the Narthex.

**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:** Is on Thursday, February 12, 2026 beginning at 5:00 PM until all meals are distributed. This is a take-out meal available at the curb. Jim and Susan Newcomer will provide desserts this month. Thank you, Jim and Susan for your continued support.

**-Desserts for March:** Toward the end of February, the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee will be collecting TastyKake cupcakes. More information will be in upcoming bulletins.

**-Daniel's Closet:** Distribution of free seasonal/winter clothing is Saturday, February 28, 2026 from 8:30 – 11:00 AM. The recent winter storms increase the need for warm clothing and sturdier shoes and boots for adults and children. Blankets, throws and crocheted afghans are also accepted.

**-This month's clothing drop off is Thursday, February 26, from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM.**

Please contact Becky Miller Pryor if you can help transport our donations to Redeemer.

-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 can be placed on our stage behind the curtains.

As a congregation, we have been most generous with our donations to various nonprofits in our community. Below are **THANK YOU NOTES** from those who have benefitted from our outreach in 2025.

-Dear St. Mark's Lutheran,

We are so grateful for the many ways that we partnered together in ministry this year.

Thank you for all your donations to our Blessing Box ministry. We look forward to all that we'll do together in 2026 and beyond.

Wishing all of you a season full of hope, peace, joy and love.

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Brad and Everyone at

New Covenant UCC

-Dear St. Mark's Lutheran,

On behalf of Danville State Hospital, I would like to thank you for your continued support over the years! Because of your generosity, we are able to ensure all of our consumers (residents) are receiving gifts and having a little brighter Christmas. Thank you so much for your kindness.

Merry Christmas,

Amy Shepperson,

Volunteer Coordinator, DSH

-Dear St. Mark's Friends,

Our Code Blue Warming Center is welcoming those in need and they are waiting at the door in groups. Your generous gift of grocery cards and snacks will allow us to meet many of their needs. We will of course offer meals and lodging, but giving sending them out in the morning with good snacks for nourishment during the day is an extra blessing.

Your generous donation of \$420.00 in grocery cards and 600 individually wrapped snacks make this winter weather less of a threat for our brothers and sisters.

Thank you, St. Mark's Friends,

Code Blue Ministry at First Church

John and Sue Best, Coordinators

-Dear Pastor Vasey and St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for the Advent Care package you sent to Miles and Jack. They absolutely loved it! Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2026!

Love,

Megan, Michael, Miles and Jack

Boyle

(Megan is the daughter of Skip  
and Gloria Greevy)

### **Congratulations Gary Weber!**

Each year, the Lycoming Law Association recognizes those members who completed their "fair share" of pro bono service by accepting at least three pro bono cases. The LLA extended their sincere thanks to all participants, including our own Gary Weber, for their service to the community.

Gary, your church family also thanks you for answering Christ's call to serve in your capacity as an attorney. You are a blessing to the community and to us.





The Seattle Seahawks? The New England Patriots? What on earth do these names even mean? It means that the football season is drawing to a close and Super Bowl Sunday is quickly approaching.

Whether you are a football fanatic or are just in it for the snacks, "Souper Bowl Sunday" gives us a wonderful opportunity to also think about others in our community. This year "Souper Bowl Sunday" is February 8th, which means there are 2 full weeks in February to collect food for the United Churches Food Pantry . Our "Famous Football Tubs" will be in the Narthex ready to accept your donations on Feb. 1st and Feb.8th. \* Any non-perishable donations are welcome, but for a fun twist, see the attached list of ideas! If you prefer, monetary donations may also be made (checks should be earmarked for Souper Bowl of Caring). Monetary donations will be used toward Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Please pray this simple prayer that started the Souper Bowl of Caring 30+ years ago: Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat.

We are looking forward to coming together as a congregation to see what we can do together to help fight hunger here in Williamsport. On the count of three, 1-2-3- St. Mark's! Hut!





## Super Bowl Sunday Food Drive!



As we gear up for the big game, let's show our community spirit by supporting those in need!

We're collecting football-themed items for the United Churches Food Pantry.

Drop off your donations after Super Bowl Sunday (2/8) and be a part of a winning team!

🏆 Let's tackle hunger together! 🏆

Jerry "Rice"  
Rice Side Dishes

Jerod "Mayo"  
Mayonnaise

"Orange" Bowl  
Canned Oranges

"Icing" the Kicker  
Cake Mix & Icing

"Pancake" Blocks  
Pancake Mix & Syrup

Jabril "Peppers"  
Salt & Pepper

"Sauce" Gardner  
BBQ Sauce

"Heinz" Field  
Ketchup

"Sugar Bowl"  
White or Brown Sugar

Jamaal "Fudge"  
Brownie Mix

Donations can be dropped off at:  
520 W. Third St. Williamsport on Monday 2/9.  
Contact: [director@ucl.org](mailto:director@ucl.org)



# February 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:00AM Holy Communion 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Holy Communion W&M after 10:30	WCC	5:30PM Evangelism & Fellowship	6:00 PM Men's Fellowship			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:00AM Holy Communion 9:15AM S. School 10:30AM Holy Communion Souper Bowl of Caring WCC Retreat	WCC			10:45AM Faith Formation  1:00PM Pastors' Lunch		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:00AM Holy Communion 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Holy Communion Hasko Baptisms	6PM Council  WCC	Shrove Tuesday (Fastnacht Day) 5:30PM	2PM Wmspt. Home Communion  Ash Wednesday 12:10PM Holy Communion 7PM Holy Comm. Nave	4-6PM Daniel's Drop-off		8:30AM-11AM Daniel's Closet Distribution @ Redeemer Lutheran
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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