



# SAINT MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## “THE LION”

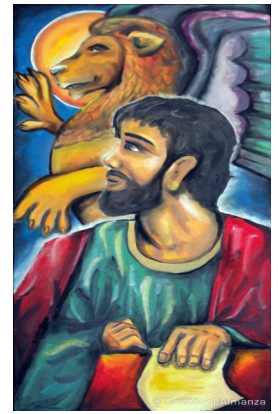
### of ST. MARK'S

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

*To know Christ and to  
make Christ known.*

## June

## 2026



### Pastor's Lion Message for June 2026

#### Pastor's “Lion” Message June, 2026

*“...the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul [Paul] for the work to which I have called them. Acts 13:2.”*

On Wednesday, June 11, the church remembers Barnabas, companion of Paul. Barnabas is usually identified as the cousin of Mark the Evangelist on the basis of the term *"anepsios"* used in Colossians 4, which carries the connotation of "cousin". According to Acts and Letters of Paul, he undertook missionary journeys as Paul's companion, evangelizing among the “God Fearers”, Gentiles who attended synagogues in some of the Hellenized cities of Anatolia. Barnabas also participated in the Council of Jerusalem in 49 AD. It is believed that he was stoned to death in Syria on June 11.

Why is Barnabas important to us and why should he be remembered? Two primary reasons:

1. It is believed that Barnabas not only was a companion of Paul, but also helped to finance his missionary journeys. He “got involved”. He didn't just throw money at missionaries he took action; he gave of his

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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  
Bookkeeper: Jackie Baysore  
By appointment  
Administrative Assistant: Michele Owen  
Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
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finances and himself.

2. Barnabas' birth name was Joseph but the apostles nick-named him "Barnabas, Son of Encouragement". When hardships became prominent in the life of the church, Barnabas encouraged believers to stay in Christ; to look to the hope of abundant and eternal life.

We remember Barnabas because he provides an example for us. Our life in Christ demands "all from us". To only give monetarily to the life of the church is incomplete. Jesus asks for all of our lives. Abundant life; eternal life is not something we can buy. Life in Christ is not easy. It is not a bed of roses for us as believers. Yes, we have hope in Christ, but our hope is not escapism. Our comfort is in Christ, not in the things of this world.

Barnabas reminds us of the truth Jesus came to share with us. We are the Body of Christ. We are encouraged to share all we have been given to tell the story of God's love, forgiveness, and life eternal, who will?

Grace + Peace,  
Pastor Vasey



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

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

***\*OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE OF ONE  
WORSHIP TIME – 9:30 AM – BEGINS  
JUNE 7***

**Sunday, June 7, The Second Sunday after  
Pentecost**

**9:30 am Holy Communion**

*Pancake Breakfast served by the Men's  
Fellowship follows worship*

**Sunday, June 14, The Third Sunday after  
Pentecost**

**9:30 am Holy Communion**

**Sunday, June 21, The Fourth Sunday after  
Pentecost**

**9:30 am Holy Communion**

**Sunday, June 28, The Fifth Sunday after Pen-  
tecost**

**9:30 am Holy Communion**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**2026 UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYN-  
OD ASSEMBLY IS SATURDAY, JUNE  
6, 2026 AT CAMP MT. LUTHER.  
PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR OUR  
SYNOD, AND BISHOP MILLER DUR-  
ING THIS TIME. ATTENDING SYN-  
OD ASSEMBLY REPRESENTING ST.  
MARK'S ARE DEB BUCKMAN, RAY  
HUFF AND PASTOR VASEY.**

## Synod Trip to Germany

A trip to Germany is being planned by our Synod 10/10-10/18 (with an option to stay through 10/21), 2026. Details including costs will be shared closer to the date. Those wishing to go should keep these dates open.



**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 intentions whether or not to share this information with our church family.

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS:**

**Ann Kuntz**

**Williamsport Home**

**1900 Ravine Rd., Bldg. B, Room 916**

**Williamsport, PA 17701**



## College Graduation!

Congratulations to our 2026 college graduates!

**Amalie Roberson** ~ Liberty University

Amalie will be working as a nurse in a medical intensive care unit!!

Congratulations, Amalie!

**Jonah Schrekengast** ~ (December Graduate) Indiana University of PA (IUP)

Jonah graduated from IUP with a major in Marketing and minor in Economics.

He was in the Eberly College of Business Honors program, was photographer for “The Penn” university newspaper, and is a member of the American Marketing Association. Currently Jonah is working for Matthews Motors in Covington, PA in Inventory Acquisition (he researches and buys the cars they sell). Congratulations, Jonah!

We wish you both all the best as you set out on new and exciting adventures! May God shower you with many blessings as you complete this milestone and begin the next step in your journey.

*Gracious and caring God, our source of light, we ask for your almighty hand to be upon these graduates as we send them forward. With their classes and grading now complete, may they strive toward excellence in all they do. Amen.*

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

St. Mark's Men's Fellowship Group is once again hosting a Pancake Breakfast! Come enjoy a plate of fluffy flapjacks and warm Christian fellowship as we kick off our summer worship schedule. We will gather on **June 7th** in Fellowship Hall following the single, 9:30 AM worship service for this time of food, conversation, and community. It's sure to be “Positively, Pancake Perfect”!

We look forward to seeing you there!





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.



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!

## 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).



# JUNE Worship Leaders

Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot serve.



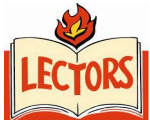
## Communion Assistants

June 7	
9:30 AM	Ralph & Lou Ann Zeigler
June 14	
9:30 AM	Drew & Vicki Haussmann
June 21	
9:30 AM	Gary & Shelby Weber
June 28	
9:30 AM	Phil Thomas & Dan Zeigler



## Ushers

June 7	
9:30 AM	Glenn Yaple & Mel Wentzel
June 14	
9:30 AM	The Gair Family
June 21	
9:30 AM	Tim & Deb Maggs/Dick Reitz
June 28	
9:30 AM	Gary & Shelby Weber



## Lectors

June 7	
9:30 AM	Scott Seyler
June 14	
9:30 AM	Megan Cartwright
June 21	
9:30 AM	Shawn Cartwright
June 28	
9:30 AM	Phil Thomas



## Altar Guild

Deb Buckman & Sarah Young

# June Birthdays

Jenn Robertson	6/10
Ruth Sherlinski	6/15
Wanda Fortin	6/16
Brandon Fortin	6/20
Bob Campbell	6/21
Dick Reitz	6/21
Cheryl Williams	6/22
George Poliska	6/28
April Clark	6/30
Cindy Todd	6/30

# June Anniversaries

Dick & Josie Miller	6/06
Charles & Ann Kuntz	6/18
Gary & Shelby Weber	6/18
Jim & Susan Newcomer	6/23
Drew & Vicki Haussmann	6/28



## FAMILY PROMISE

Our next hosting will be in July and then November. Thank you so much for your help in this outreach. If you have any questions, please contact me— Deb Buckman.



Winter is just about over and the stores will be putting the winter clothing on sale. This is a good time to look for those 0-24 month sweaters/coats/sweatshirts. Also winter pajamas (remember, no feet) - 2 piece pajamas are OK. Some stores are still having "white sales" where you can get bath towels and hand towels cheap - remember, no bath blankets (too big). Have fun shopping. Deb Buckman



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Through Operation Christmas Child, Samaritan's Purse is sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with millions of boys and girls in more than 100 countries each year. Many of these children have never before received a present or heard the true meaning of Christmas—until they open a gift-filled shoebox from a person like you. Thank you for helping us to deliver the Gospel through the gift of a simple shoebox.

In June, we are collecting: ~ **small balls (no super balls please), yo-yo's (light up if possible), slinkies, matchbox cars, "fun" bandaids**

Monetary donations are also welcome to help offset the \$10.00/box cost for shipping our shoeboxes. This \$10.00 also provides devotional material for every child who receives a shoebox. Checks may be made to St. Mark's with OCC in the memo line.

These items, or any other treasures you may find, may be placed in our red, OCC bin located in the narthex. Thank you!

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



# May 2026

## Minutes

### St. Mark's Lutheran Church Council Meeting – May 18th, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

Council recited the defining mission statement – “To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known”

Pastor Vasey provided the opening prayer and led the council in remembering Eric IX, the patron saint of Sweden.

Secretary's roll call by Scott Seyler (filling in for Cindy Todd)

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

Members absent – Cindy Todd, excused.

Pastor Jeff LeCrone (St. Luke's), Dean of the West Branch Conference of the Upper Susquehanna Synod spoke to council about the next steps in the pastoral search. He will be meeting with the Bishop tomorrow. Pastor Jeff emphasized the importance of completing the Ministry Site Profile as soon as possible.

Council President Ray Huff went over the Transition Checklist. Call Committee will have two Council members (non-officers) and four members (two men and two women). The Council President also asked for volunteers to assist with the crafting of a Ministry Site Profile.

Donna Clark made the motion to accept the Minutes of the April Meeting and Lou Ann Ziegler seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report (Deb Buckman) – Report tabled.

Pastor's Report (Pastor Vasey)

\*Messiah has installed a new pastor Pr. Jerry Kliner. His Installation will be May 30<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

\*Little Lambs is requesting Bouncy House to be set up for graduation weekend. Request tabled until additional questions about insurance coverage for this event can be answered.

\*Pr. Montgomery will be preaching and presiding at St Marks on August 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Council Minutes Continued .....

\* Pastors of Redeemer Lutheran, St. Luke Lutheran and St. Mark's Lutheran continue to provide pastoral care for the churches known as Liberty Parish.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Evangelism and Fellowship* – July 4<sup>th</sup> Lawn Party has been cancelled. St. Mark's Church picnic will be held on Sunday, July 12. Balance of activity surrounds Pastor Vasey's ordination and retirement celebrations.

*Faith Formation* – Book study will conclude May 20<sup>th</sup>, Joshua and The Children, a sequel to the study of the book, Joshua. Men's Fellowship will be providing the pancake breakfast following the first joint service on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

*Finance Committee* – Committee met May 17<sup>th</sup> and discussed taking \$2500.00 from the Account 117 (Fellowship). Proposal is for this amount to go into and out of Fellowship Acct 117, but it still needs to be determined from which line item the funds will come. (Issued tabled.)

Utility bills: Gary Weber pointed out that St Mark's is tax exempt and that the church should not be paying Williamsport Municipal Water Authority's stormwater taxes. The PA Supreme Court determined these stormwater "fees" to be taxes, and St Mark's is a tax-exempt entity. Additionally, St. Mark's has been paying UGI and PPL state taxes. Finance committee will be submitting the necessary paperwork to seek reimbursement for any taxes paid that should not have been charged to St Mark's.

*Memorial Committee* – No meeting.

*Nominating* – No Report.

*Parish Life* – see Evangelism and Fellowship. Meeting was held last Wednesday. Question was raised if St Mark's has church guidelines/policies in place in addition to the church's Sexual Acts Liability Coverage of \$500,000.00.

*Personnel* – No report.

*Property* – There is a proposal from Cholin Corp Inc. for a system design (blueprints) for fire pull boxes required in the Little Lambs area of the church building. The System Design

## Council Minutes Continued .....

quote from Susquehanna Fire was for \$4500.00 and Cholin Corp Inc. would do the system design for this amount. Issue tabled until further information is gathered and a future meeting between Property and Little Lambs is held.

*Publicity* – We will continue to look for a new publicity person for St. Mark's. The position is currently filled by Pastor Vasey.

Evangelism and Fellowship: The Committee met and they will be helping out the June 16<sup>th</sup> Habitat for Humanity project by providing fifty sandwiches and two cases of water. Sojourner luncheon will be next Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 am. A Blood Drive was held at St Marks on May15th.

*Worship and Music* – next meeting is May 31 after the 10:30 am service. Planning for the summer and beyond.

*175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee* – Church contact information page needed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Dossal Project – Ralph Ziegler cut a sample and sent via courier to a Philadelphia vendor that provides fire retardation spray.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No St Mark's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Lawn Party in 2026

St. Mark's Church picnic is scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup>.

August 2<sup>nd</sup> is Pastor's Last Sunday /Retirement followed by luncheon. Tickets will be \$10.00 and seventy-five attendees are expected.

June 1<sup>st</sup> Williamsport Civic Chorus will practice for a nursing home visit. Motion to approve allowing the Williamsport Civic Chorus to practice at St Mark's to prepare for their nursing home visit. Motion made by Nikki Jackson and seconded by Dick Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

Closing Prayer (The Lord's Prayer) led by Lou Ann Zeigler

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Next Meeting – 6PM on Monday June 15th, 2026

## **The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee Articles for The Lion**

**Of June 2026**

### **Cereal Sundays**

For food insecure families with children there is no vacation from hunger during the summer months. With schools no longer serving breakfast or lunch, a family's food budget is stretched even tighter. We can help ease that burden. In addition to non-perishable food items being donated to the United Churches Food Pantry, the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee is designating the second Sunday of June, July, August and September to collecting boxes of cereal of any kind and in any size including the double boxes from Sam's Club. Donations will be given to the United Churches Food Pantry and any single-serve boxes will be given to the Blessing Boxes at New Covenant UCC. Donations may be placed in the tub or on the table in the Narthex.

Last year we donated more than 300 assorted boxes of cereal! Please consider supporting this initiative. Thank you.

**The dates for these special cereal collections are**

**Sunday, June 14**

**Sunday, July 12**

**Sunday, August 9**

**Sunday, September 13**



### **Habitat for Humanity Building Blitz**

**Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established. And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. (KJV)**

**Proverbs 24:3-4**

On Saturday, June 6, 2026, the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee will participate at a special Habitat for Humanity build on Scott Street in Williamsport. We will be joining up to 100 volunteers, who will work in shifts, to build one home over that weekend.

We have volunteered to provide sandwiches for 50 volunteers, condiments and cases of water. Other churches are providing more sandwiches, more condiments and pasta salad. Various businesses are providing snacks and chips.

We are in need of monetary donations to purchase rolls, meat, cheese and individual condiments. If you wish to help, checks can be made payable to St, Mark's with the memo line reading Evangelism and Fellowship. Thank you in advance for any help you can provide.

Ongoing Collections at St. Mark's:

Members of St. Mark's have given much for a number of projects from December through May but the need continues. The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee continues to request, on behalf of the vulnerable in our community, for any items listed below that you are able to donate. Thank you for your continued support.

**United Churches Food Pantry:** With the rising cost of groceries, the Pantry continues to see an increase in clients. Any non-perishable item is gratefully accepted and appreciated. The Pantry is also accepting white grocery bags and egg cartons.

**Shepherd of the Streets:** If it keeps a person clean, it is needed. Of urgent need is toothpaste for adults and children. Dollar Stores are good resources for items reasonably priced.

**Blessing Boxes at New Covenant UCC:** Snack items, microwave, single serve food and travel size hygiene items.

**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.

**Sandwiches / Hot Weather Items:** With summer approaching, we need to account for the hot weather that impacts the shelf life of our usual sandwiches. Parish Life is accepting donations of shelf stable packets of **StarKist Deli Tuna Salad and StarKist Chicken Salad**. A container is in the Narthex for donations.

**Sojourner Truth Ministries:** Mayonnaise, napkins and lemonade or ice tea mix (any flavor.)

**Card Ministry:** The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee thanks the congregation for their donations of assorted cards. Also thank you to Michele Owen for sending cards in May. This month Jackie Kinney will send cards to our Special Concern folks.

**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, June 11, 2026 beginning at 5:00 PM until all meals are distributed. This is a take-out meal available at the curb. All are welcome.

**Desserts for June:** The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee will provide Rice Krispie Treats for this month's dessert.



**Thank You** to everyone who supplied the many cookies (240 to be exact) that were needed to make cookie packets for May's Community Dinner at Redeemer. A special thank you to Jackie Kinney for packaging these sweet treats.

**This month's clothing drop off is Thursday, June 25, from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM.** Please consider donating summer clothing for all members of a family. Shoes for adults and children along with blankets, sheets, throws and crocheted afghans are also accepted

**Daniel's Closet: Distribution of free seasonal/summer clothing is Saturday, June 27, 2026 from 8:30 – 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 taking your items directly to Redeemer. Smaller quantities can be placed on our stage behind the curtains.

### **News from the Parish Life Committee**

For more than a decade, the Parish Life Committee has provided a monthly meal for the Center City Pastors and others. Many members of the congregation, both past and present, have willingly helped by donating, preparing, serving and cleaning up a lovely meal for these guests. After much consideration concerning our future with Pastor Vasey's retirement, we have asked for this monthly luncheon/meeting to be held elsewhere. St. Luke Lutheran will host beginning in September 2026.

As chairperson I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to Bob Campbell, Cathy Fenderson, Jackie Kinney, Devin Owen and Cheryl Williams for their willingness to serve these past four years.

With appreciation, Becky Pryor



### **Evangelism and Fellowship Outreach Activities**

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee has been busy and will continue to reach out to our community in helpful ways.

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, we hosted a Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall. Fifteen pints of much needed blood were collected. Our next Blood Drive will be in September. Thank you Karen Mariano for taking the lead on this event.

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, we partnered with New Covenant UCC to host a luncheon at Sojourner Truth Ministries. We provided rolls, chips, applesauce cups and

assorted cookies to compliment a picnic-style lunch. We served 74 guests. Thank you to Jackie Kinney for doing yeoman's work on this event.

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, we will help provide lunch to 100 volunteers at Habitat for Humanity's Building Blitz. See the Building Blitz article for ways you can help.

We have been asked by United Churches to host a light supper for the participants of this summer's VBS (July 19 -July 23) at St. John's-Newberry UMC. More information on specifics in the July newsletter.

### Vacation Bible School 2026

### Snowball Mountain Challenge

**Where?** St. John's-Newberry UMC @ 2101 Newberry Street in Williamsport

**When?** July 19<sup>th</sup> through July 23<sup>rd</sup>

**What time?** Dinner 5:30 p.m. VBS 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.



Designated for ages 4-12 and special abilities adults

### Receiving Thanks

We reach out to many programs and ministries. See a few of the thank you notes we have received thanking us for our care and concern.

*Dear St. Mark's Lutheran Church,*

*Thank you so very much for your generous donation of \$1,900.00 to support our various ministries (\$750 for our Food Pantry, \$750 for Shepherd of the Streets and \$425 for our General Fund.) Each day we are seeing an increase for the most basic of needs in our community. On behalf of our neighbors that benefit from your generosity, I say "Thank you!"*

*Together,*

*Tammey Edkin, Executive Director*

*United Churches of Lycoming County*

*Dear St. Mark's,*

*Your generosity is appreciated and is making a difference in people's lives. Thanks so much for your faithful donations of hygiene items throughout the year. You remain a huge help to our ministry!*

*In Christian love,*

*Reverend Mark D. Brumbach*

*Shepherd of the Streets*

*Dear Women of the ELCA /St. Mark's Lutheran*

*Thank you for your generous gift of \$250.00 towards our Blessing Boxes. Your continued support helps us care for our community through the Blessing Boxes.*

*Thank You from Pastor Brad and the congregation at New Covenant UCC*

### **Receiving Thanks – Continued**

*To My St. Mark's Family*

*My recent health event was totally unexpected on my part, but my cardiology team did a great job in mending my heart. I have been home for a week and feeling more like myself bit by bit. As good as modern medicine is, it can never be as good as all the prayers that have lifted me up to our Lord. It is a great comfort to me to know I am in the best of hands with my church family by my side. In addition to the prayers, thank you, thank you, thank you for the cards, phone calls, flowers and texts that have brightened my days.*

*In Christian love,*

*Becky Pryor*



### **Did You Know?**

If you are experiencing a health event and need medical equipment, St. Mark's has a supply of walkers, port-a-potties, shower chairs, crutches and a medical bed. Call the church office for additional information.

If you provide altar flowers, you may take them home to enjoy after the late service. Mache flower bowls are available in the Pastor's sacristy for your convenience.

# CAMP MOUNT LUTHER SUMMER 2026

## 2026 SUMMER SCHEDULE

### WEEK 1: June 15-19

- **Community Day Camp** (ages 5-12) at Faith, Lewisburg (Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm)
- **Work Week** (ages 13+)

### WEEK 2: June 21-26

- **Scooby Doo** (ages 9-12)
- **Mini-Camp** (ages 9-12)
- **X-Teen** (ages 13-17)
- **Adult Grow and Lunch** (ages 18+) (June 23, 10:30am-1:00pm)
- **Off-Site Day Camp** at Trinity Lutheran, McAlisterville (evenings, Sun-Thu)

### WEEK 3: June 28- July 1

- **On-Site Day Camp** at CML (ages 5-12) (Mon-Wed)
- **Hammock Outpost** (ages 13-17) (ends Wed at noon)
- **Family Camp** (all ages) (ends Wed at noon)
- **Adult Grow and Lunch** (ages 18+) (June 30 from 10:30am-1:00pm)

### WEEK 4: July 5-10

- **Fantasy** (ages 9-15)
- **Mini-Camp** (ages 9-12)
- **SIT** (staff in training) (ages 16-17)
- **Adult Grow and Lunch** (Ages 18+) (July 7, 10:30-1:00)

### WEEK 5: July 12-17

- **OhioPyle** (ages 14-17)
- **Off-Site Day Camp** at Trinity Episcopal, Williamsport
- **Off-Site Day Camp** at Zion Lutheran, Sunbury
- **Off-Site Day Camp** at St. Peter Lutheran, Kreamer (evenings, Sun-Thu)

### WEEK 6: July 19-24

- **Pirates** (ages 9-15)
- **Mini-Camp** (ages 9-12)
- **Optional Day Backpacking** (ages 13-15)
- **SIT** (staff in training) (ages 16-17)
- **Adult Grow and Lunch** (ages 18+) (July 21, 10:30am-1:00pm)

### WEEK 7: July 27-31

- **Off-Site Day Camp** at Zion Lutheran, Turbotville
- **Off-Site Day Camp** with The Table, Bloomsburg at Trinity UCC, Bloomsburg
- **Off-Site Day Camp** at Milton Lutheran, Milton

### WEEK 8: August 2-4

- **On-Site Day Camp** at CML (ages 5-12) (Mon-Tue)
- **Classic** (ages 9-17) (ends Tue at 4pm)

\*\*\*Camp weeks begin Sunday at 4pm and end Friday at 4pm *unless otherwise indicated.*

This year's curriculum theme is



Together, we will see how God wants us to put on love every day, just like our favorite clothes. At camp, we will learn to show love through kindness, humility, calmness, sticking with what's right, and forgiving others. When we wear love, we help our community grow stronger and share God's love with the world!

### Tiered pricing!

Choose the level that works best for you. Scholarships are available.

#### Day Camp (per day)

\$90 | \$75 | \$60

#### Mini Camp & Family Camp

\$550 | \$425 | \$345

#### Week-long Camps

\$1100 | \$850 | \$690

For more information, go to [campaountluther.org/summer](http://campaountluther.org/summer)

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TODAY!



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More info: [campmountluther.org/summer](http://campmountluther.org/summer)



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**Upper Susquehanna Synod**  
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God's work. Our hands.

January 21, 2026

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**1 Thessalonians 5: 12-13 (NRSV)**

*We appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you,  
and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you;  
esteem them very highly in love because of their work.*

Dear Members of St. Mark Lutheran Church:

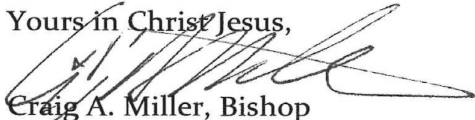
Your pastor, the Rev. Brian Vasey, will be celebrating a significant anniversary of his ordination this year. On June 15, 2026, Pastor Vasey will have served in the Office of Word and Sacrament for forty years.

Since it is appropriate to express words of thanks for the ministry of those who touch our lives with the Gospel, the Upper Susquehanna Synod encourages congregations to express thanks to pastors for their ministry and to publicly recognize significant milestones in their ministerial lives. Our tradition has been to recognize such anniversaries in five year increments. I encourage you, therefore, to plan a recognition of your pastor's anniversary this year as close as practicable to the actual date.

The Occasional Services resources for our worship specify that an anniversary of ordination to Word and Sacrament ministry is appropriately honored by having the pastor preside at Holy Communion. Petitions for the pastor and family are appropriately included in the prayers as well. A post communion prayer that names the pastor is included in the Occasional Services.

Thank you for your partnership in the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ through the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. May God bless your work in the Gospel.

Yours in Christ Jesus,



Craig A. Miller, Bishop

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**St. John's-Newberry UMC**

**Where? 2101 Newberry Street, Williamsport**

**When? July 19<sup>th</sup> through July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**What time? Dinner 5:30 p.m. VBS 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Designated for ages 4-12, and special abilities adults.**

For information, call or contact



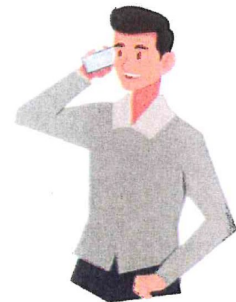
**St. John's-Newberry UMC**

**570-326-5569**

or visit our website at

**<https://www.stjnumc.com/be-in-the-know.html#/>**

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**Cokesbury Kids VBS Resources**

Student Registration Form



Please Print

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Family/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Last school grade completed \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs/Allergies/Medical Information/Medications taking and what for/Other:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contacts

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS; including yourself, must be 18 or older

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**Photo Release:** St. John's-Newberry UMC/VBS has my permission to use my child's photograph publicly in VBS materials. I understand the images may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. I also understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

Parent/Guardian's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Assigned Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Are family members helping with VBS? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

# June 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Sandwich Crew			Habitat for Humanity Blitz
	7-9PM Civic Chorus Rehearsal	5:30PM E & F	6PM Men's Fellowship			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30AM Holy Communion MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST	Sandwich Crew			Redeemer Dinner 5PM		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:30AM Holy Communion Pastor's 40th Ordination Old Immanuel Lutheran 2:30PM	6PM Council		Sandwich Crew 2:00PM Williamsport Home Communion			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:30AM Holy Communion	Sandwich Crew			4-6PM Clothing drop-off@ Redeemer Lutheran		8:30AM-11:00AM Daniel's Closet
28	29	30				
9:30AM Holy Communion						