



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

2024



Pastor's "Lion" Message for June 2024

On Tuesday, June 11 the church remembers Barnabas, Apostle. Whenever I hear the name Barnabas I think back to my pre-teen years and the gothic soap opera, *Dark Shadows* and its tragic vampire hero, Barnabas Collins. I think it's safe to conclude that when the church mentions Barnabas it has a different person in mind!

Barnabas as mentioned in Acts was sent by the church in Jerusalem to oversee the work of the church in Antioch. Why send Barnabas? Because as scripture tells us he was "...full of the Holy Spirit and of faith."

Barnabas was a companion of Paul and the cousin of John Mark (Mark the Evangelist). He was given the title "Apostle" (meaning teacher) due to his preaching, teaching and healing in the name of Jesus. There are many stories and traditions concerning Barnabas but he is primarily known as "The Apostle of Encouragement". Barnabas had the gift of encouraging others to "step up and be bold" for the sake of the gospel. Sometimes he is referred to as the church's first "Life Coach".

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 Summer Mon 1-3 p.m. & by appointment

Sexton: OPEN
 By appointment

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 By appointment

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The month of June is now upon us. June at St. Mark's is often viewed as a time to slow down when it comes to ministry due to vacations, warmer weather, one service time, no Sunday School or bible study, etc. For many June is the month we focus primarily on our Independence Day celebration. I would suggest we use June as a time to be a "Barnabas" and encourage others; to take the time necessary to refresh ourselves (everyone needs time to rest) but also encourage one another to continue in the way of Christ. To borrow a phrase from our Salvation Army friends: "Need knows no season". Worship and praise of God should always be a priority. Prayer for our communities and our world is to be ongoing.

On June 11 we remember Barnabas, Apostle. May his message of encouraging others in the way of Christ always be with us.

Grace + Peace,

Pastor Vasey



*That
Sunday
Morning
Feeling*

JOIN US ON SUNDAY MORNINGS IN JUNE

Sunday, June 2, The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion, 9:30 am
Graduate Recognition

Sunday, June 9, The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion, 9:30 am

Sunday, June 16, The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion, 9:30 am

Sunday, June 23, The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion, 9:30 am

Sunday, June 30, The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion, 9:30 am

Please note: There will be one worship time, 9:30 am, June 2-September 1, and no Sunday School. Our "Fall Schedule" (Holy Communion, 8 am; Sunday School, 9:15 am; Holy Communion, 10:30 am) will resume on Sunday, September 8, 2024, 8 am.



+ When you or a family member are ill, have a crisis of faith, or have a personal concern of which you wish to make the pastor aware, please contact him directly by church office telephone (570-323-4619) or email (bvasey@stmarkswilliamsport.org). Do not assume the pastor will know of your need any other way.

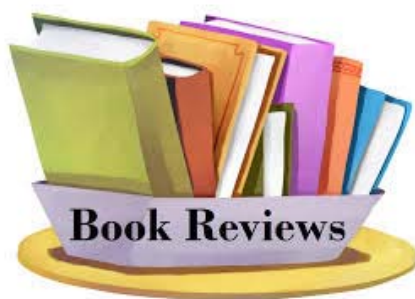


+ When you or a loved one has a change of address, telephone number or email, please contact the church office at 570-323-4619 or stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org. Please direct your intentions whether or not to share this information with our church family.



If you have any information that needs to be updated, please send an email to jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org or call the church office at 570-323-4619, Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

The office is working on an updated Church directory so please update any information ASAP to insure the directory is up to date.



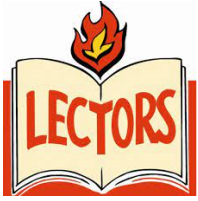
Do you enjoy reading? Do you have an interest in exploring the variety of materials found in our church library? Would you be willing to write a short synopsis of a church library book you read for The Lion? If so, the Faith Formation Committee wants YOU! Please see Vicki Hausmann, Sally Bjornstad, or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

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

SUMMER SCHEDULE STARTS

Holy Communion 9:30AM

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST AND September 1



Summer Schedule One Service

JUNE Lectors

ONE SERVICE

9:30AM

June 2 Becky Pryor

June 9 Karen Mariano

June 16 Brian Jackson

June 23 Phil Thomas

June 30 Drew Haussmann



Usher Schedule for JUNE

June 2 Carl Albright, captain
Brenda and Levi Gair

June 9 Tim Maggs, captain
Carl Hieber and Charles Kuntz

June 16 Mike Jensen, captain
Pam Jensen, Shelby and Gary Weber

June 23 Matt Fortin, captain
Glenn Yapple and Dick Reitz

June 30 Carl Albright, captain
Brenda and Levi Gair



Communion Assistants for JUNE

Please arrange replacement if you cannot serve.

June 2 Drew Haussmann & Jackie Kinney

June 9 Nikki Jackson and Becky Pryor

June 16 Ralph and Lou Ann Zeigler

June 23 Deb Buckman and Mindy Wentzel

June 30 Walt Doeblner and Gary Weber

Altar Guild for JUNE

Cindy Huff

Linda Rosini



A SPECIAL NOTE

Sometimes you get good news and sometimes not so good news. The biggest difference in dealing with the news, is the love and support you get when the news is not so good. I can't imagine working anywhere else and getting the news that I have Liver cancer. Everyone here has been so supportive and caring. As I discover what will happen to Fred (I call the cancer Fred) I know the thoughts and prayers I am getting from everyone here is going to help me evict Fred and move on. The blessing of working here has brought so much goodness to my life. Thank

You all and I look forward to working here for a few more years, if not even many more.

Peace and Love, Joe Baur

Contact Information

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Hughesville, PA 17737

UPDATE

You people are so wonderful and amazing. My wife and I have never felt so much love and support. I will start Chemo Therapy and Immune therapy on Thursday June 6, 2024. Fred will not be happy. The PET Scan showed the cancer was a little more involved with the liver and bigger than originally thought. This is a very treatable type of cancer and I plan on fighting it hard. I will also consult with Doctors in Pittsburgh to review any other options including surgery. Thank you all for the support, love and prayers.

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), bungee cords, screwdrivers**

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)



St. Mark's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

"To know Christ and to make Christ known" **MAY Report**

Report of the Secretary for the Council Meeting held on May 20, 2024 at 6:00 PM
- Vicki Haussmann, Secretary

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

Secretary's Roll Call:

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

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

M(Finance Committee) SC: CC: 24.5.1 Motion approved to ratify the email vote to purchase a copier from Lycoming Digital Copier Co., not to exceed \$7,560.00.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report printed April 30, 2024 was accepted and filed for audit.

- * Debra Buckman reviewed/explained pertinent numbers regarding last month's budget. Hard copies of this information are available for those interested.
- * Debra Buckman noted that funds will be transferred from our investments to cover expenses.

Pastor's report: As submitted by Pastor Vasey.

- Please see written report to Council. Nothing new to add.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism & Fellowship/Parish Life: Written update provided by Becky Pryor.

- Parish Life Committee is requesting that the commercial stove in the kitchen be removed. It no longer works and is no longer needed.
- Collections for Danville State Hospital, Lycoming County Church Women United, Cereal Sundays, and 4th of July continue.
- The Fall Sale will (most likely) be postponed until Fall 2025.
- Meals for Habitat for Humanity, Sojourner Truth Ministries, and possibly VBS will be served over the next several months.
- 4th of July festivities are being planned. Please help where able.



Faith Formation: Update provided by Vicki Haussmann.

- May Bible Study to be held on Wednesdays with topic Women of the Bible. Pastor

Carol Johnson will teach the fourth and final study on May 22nd. An average of 13 people have been in attendance each week.

- Church picnic is scheduled for July 21st.

- We would like to encourage the congregation to engage with some of the materials from our library. If you are interested in reading a library book and writing a short review about this book for the Lion, please let a member of the committee know. We appreciate that Mel Wentzel has offered to write a review.

Finance: Update provided by Debra Buckman.

- The internal finance committee will consist of Audrey Albright, Phil Thomas, and Brian Jackson.

- Gift acceptance guidelines are being reviewed and updated as needed. Copies will be distributed to Council for perusal before our next meeting.

- The finance committee will be meeting with the financial advisors at M&T Bank on May 28th to review investments. If interested in attending, please let Deb know.

- Memorials received for Mr. Furman have been used to purchase a battery operated weed whacker.

- Barb Thomas tendered her resignation to the committee.

Little Lambs: Update provided by Pastor Vasey.

- Preschool has been rehearsing their closing program.

- Next meeting July 8th at 12:15 PM.

Nominating: Update provided by Ralph Zeigler.

- NTR

Personnel: Update provided by Nikki Jackson.

- Joe Baur, Administrative Assistant, has been asked to make a daily checklist of the work he does in an effort to help those who may be helping in the office should Joe be required to be out of the office for medical reasons.

- There has been a volunteer who has offered to help in the office should Joe need to be out for medical reasons. This volunteer does have some experience with computers.

Property: Update provided by Herb Poff.

- Courtyard fountain needs repaired, replaced, or repurposed. Debra Buckman will research the memorial fund for the fountain to see if there is money remaining for replacement or repairs. This item will be revisited at our next meeting.

- New weed whacker has been purchased.

- Recommendation to remove the commercial stove in the kitchen was presented.

Property committee has someone who will remove the stove for free. Council agrees that stove should be removed.

- Member has volunteered to pressure wash East side of building.

- Heating System continues to be problematic. Ed Gair is working on gathering options and estimates for best possible route to take.

* Keep current boiler and make repairs as needed.

* Committee is waiting for Debra Buckman to verify if there is asbestos on the pipes in the basement. If there is asbestos, should we proactively remove it so making repairs will be easier.

* Replace entire system which could easily cost half a million dollars.



Publicity: Update provided by Pastor Vasey, Liaison.

- 4th of July Celebration will be advertised.
- Single service beginning June 2 will be made known to congregation.

Safety: Update provided by Herb Poff, Liaison

- NTR

Worship and Music:

- Geraniums were on display for Pentecost. Remaining flowers were planted.

- Single Service begins June 2 at 9:30 AM.
- Hymns will be printed to the bulletin. This enables us to access more music to coordinate with the service.
- An inventory of available banners will be taken.
- Thankful for all the behind the scenes work that is done by this, and all, committees.

Unfinished Business:

Growing the Church:

- July 4th Block Party and Concert.
- Church Picnic to be held July 21st.
- United Churches combined VBS July 21-25.

Copier: Joe would like to have the new copier in place before buying a new computer for his office. New computers for both Joe and Jackie are included in this year's budget.

Spire Update: NTR

Dossal Update: Additional samples of materials are being sent. Ralph has been in touch with the Williamsport Fire Department as well as Codes to make sure all of our bases are covered.

New Business:

M(Wanda Fortin ~ 2nd Herb Poff) SC: CC: 24.5.2 Motion approved to contract with Ezra Buckman to mow and weed whack for the duration of the mowing season at a cost not to exceed \$599.00. We would like Ezra to also watch for weeds and trash as he is able.

Washington National Cathedral is offering a 4 week Zoom Bible Study on the Book of Acts. This Bible study will be held on Tuesdays beginning May 21.

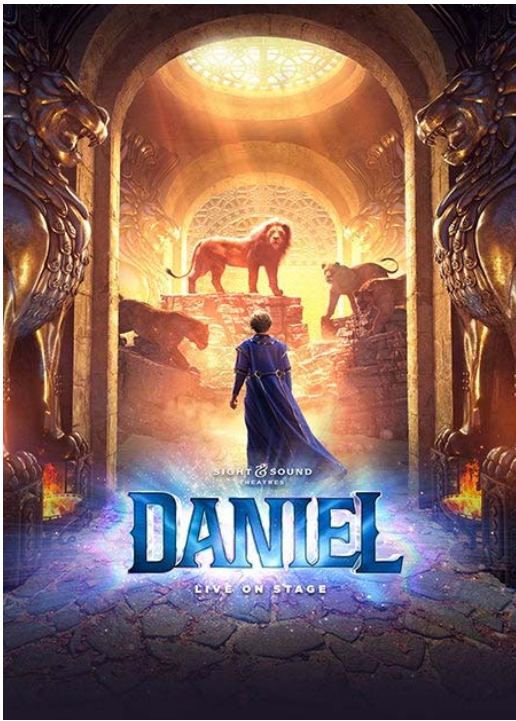
Gary Weber presented an archiving workshop.

M(Ray Huff ~ 2nd Nikki Jackson) SC: CC: 24.5.3 Motion approved to permit the Williamsport Civic Chorus to hold rehearsals and board meetings for the 2024-25 season. There will be no concerts held at St. Mark's this upcoming season.

Glenn Yapple led us in closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: Monday, June 17th, 2024 @ 6:00 PM (Middle Lounge)



The Bus Trip to see “Daniel” at Sight and Sound Theatre

Wednesday, September 11, 2024. The cost of the trip, which includes the show, meal and bus fare is \$153.00/person. We will depart from the lower west end of Beiter’s Parking Lot (Williamsport) at 6 am sharp. Please contact Cheryl Williams (570) 327-1627 to reserve space and to answer any questions concerning the trip.

Summer Hospitality!

The summer months are once again upon us and with them come long, lazy days, swimming, camping, smores, suntans, and all sorts of fun, summery things. At St. Mark’s, summer also means a single service beginning at 9:30 AM.

We look forward to sharing hospitality with each other after the 9:30 service, and ask that you please consider signing up to share a few treats ~ nothing fancy is required! Perhaps find a friend to help make the load just a bit lighter. Sign-up sheets may be found in the “Hospitality Binder” on the “Hospitality Table” in the Narthex. We look forward to spending a little time together on these Summer Sunday mornings. Thank you for helping!



Pastor Vasey has a new cell phone Number: 272-788-0161. Please use this number as his primary telephone number when he is not available by the church telephone or the church email. Thank You!



Evangelical Lutheran Church **FROM BISHOP MILLER** in America

“[The Church] is the assembly of all believers among whom the gospel is purely preached, and the holy sacraments are administered according to the gospel.” (Augsburg Confession VII)

The New Testament word “ekklesia”, usually translated “church”, means “assembly”. Thus, we understand ourselves to be church when we gather in assembly. Most frequently, we assemble on Sunday in our separate congregations (synonymous with assemblies) where we hear the gospel preached and share in the sacraments of the church.

Even as we gather in separate communities, we understand that the Church is more than our local gathering: we are part of the “communion of saints” across time and space who also gather. We pray in our communion liturgy “with the church on earth and the church in heaven, we praise [God’s] name and join [the Church’s] unending hymn.”

The ELCA calls itself a church with three expressions, congregations, synods, and the churchwide organization, each of which, separately and together, are most fully known in assembly, gathering around the Word and Sacraments where Christ gives himself to us. In our assemblies, we strive to manifest the unity of our faith in Jesus Christ as we faithfully carry out Christ’s mission.

Our synod will assemble on June 14-15. We will center our work around the gospel, even as we vote on matters of governance and administration. Through worship, prayer, and study, the gospel will be proclaimed, and we will be fed on Christ’s body and blood.

I ask you to pray for our church in all its expressions, especially for those who will assemble in June, that we will be a sign of God’s love in Jesus Christ coming into the world, a representation of the assembly of all believers.

Our Synod Assembly is June 14-15 at Susquehanna University. Voting members from St. Mark’s to Synod Assembly in 2024 are Deb Buckman, Mel Wentzel and Pastor Vasey. Please hold our Synod in prayer as it gathers to vote on business and affirm reports.



Grace Arner	June 3
Edward Barone	June 3
Sean Jensen	June 3
Breanna Bower	June 7
Jennifer Robertson	June 10
Adam Clokey	June 12
Alex Clokey	June 12
Ruth Sherlinski	June 15
Wanda Fortin	June 16
Brandon Fortin	June 20
Robert Campbell	June 21
Richard Reitz	June 21
Cheryl Williams	June 22
Taigen Tebbs	June 23
Robert Helm	June 24
George Poliska	June 28
April Clark	June 30
Cynthia Todd	June 30

Ann and Charles Kuntz	June 18
Shelby and Gary Weber	June 18
Brenda and John Bower	June 21
Donna and Kenneth Elkin	June 23
Susan and James Newcomer, Sr.	June 23
Christine and Joseph Baur	June 26
Vicki and Andrew Haussmann	June 28

Evangelism and Fellowship Committee

JUNE 2024

Fourth of July Celebration Needs You!



Please consider joining us as we honor God and country on this special day. Members of the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee will be asking for volunteers to assist with set-up, man the various tables and to clean up in time for the fireworks. Please say “yes” to our requests.

We are also collecting needed supplies. Please consider donating any of the following items.

- Bags of individually wrapped candy (Smarties, Tootsie Rolls, Suckers)
- Fruit Snacks
- Individual bags (one ounce) of assorted chips and pretzels
- Bottled water in 8 oz. and 16 oz. sizes
- Bottles of ketchup, mustard and sweet relish. Smaller bottles of ketchup are preferred due to the ease of handling.
- Lemonade and Ice Tea mix
- 12-ounce cans of soda (any flavor in both regular and diet)
- Snack-size plastic bags
- Trinkets / Kiddie prizes

Money to purchase additional supplies not donated (hot dogs, rolls, condiments, pre-mixed packets of popcorn & oil, trinkets and more candy if needed.) Donated items can be placed in the tub in the Narthex. Checks can be made payable to St. Mark’s with the memo line designating July Fourth Celebration. Thank you for any help you can give.

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 in the Narthex. Please consider supporting this initiative. Thank you.

The dates for these special cereal collections are

- Sunday, June 9
- Sunday, July 14
- Sunday, August 11
- Sunday, September 8



Ongoing Collections at St. Mark's:

Sojourner Truth Ministries (STM): Jars of Mayonnaise, Bleach, Dawn Dish Detergent, Lunch Bags, Spices (salt, pepper, garlic powder, etc.) and Paper Towels.



United Churches Food Pantry: Needed are pancake mix, kid's juice boxes, Stove Top stuffing, canned fruit, baked beans, Ramen noodles, peanut butter, grape jelly, tea bags, chicken rice soup, vegetable soup, canned beets and carrots.

Shepherd of the Streets: Needed for men and women are Disposable Razors, Shaving Cream, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Body Wash, Feminine Hygiene Items, Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue, Deodorant and small packages of Laundry Pods.

Blessing Boxes at New Covenant UCC: Monetary donations toward the cost of preparing 80 plus sandwiches per month are greatly appreciated. Checks may be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line indicating Parish Life. We are also accepting two specific items that are most helpful with sandwich making during the hot summer months. These items are StarKist Deli Style Tuna Salad and StarKist Chicken Salad. These ready-to-eat salads come in foil packets and do not need refrigeration.



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

Ongoing Events at Redeemer Lutheran:

For desserts in June and beyond: The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee is most grateful for the unwavering support of Susan and Jim Newcomer with this outreach. The Newcomer's will provide all the desserts for June, July and August! We are blessed.

FYI: Beginning in late August through early September, the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee will be accepting boxes of TastyKake's of any kind.

Community Dinner: Thursday, June 13, 2024 beginning at 5:00 p.m. 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, June 27 from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM.

Distribution of free summer clothing is Saturday, June 29, 2024 from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. In addition to clean clothing in good condition, shoes for men, women and children are always needed. Sheets, blankets, throws and afghans are also accepted.

If you have a large quantity of clothing, please call Redeemer's office (leave a message) at 570-322-2333 to make an appointment. Smaller quantities of clothing may be placed on the stage if you are unable to accommodate the new drop off schedule.

Updates on Collections



The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee thank the congregation for their donations to the Danville State Hospital Shoe Drive. Several pairs of casual shoes and sneakers were recently delivered for use by their residents. Many thanks also for the various items donated to the Lycoming County Church Women United's Busy Bag project. These colorful bags are filled and given to pediatric patients in our local hospitals. This committee is also grateful for the continued support given by congregation members to Shepherd of the Streets, Blessing Boxes at New Covenant UCC, United Churches Food Pantry and Sojourner Truth Ministries.

New Outreach Activities

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee is reaching out to the community in new ways.

On April 20, we hosted a luncheon at the Habitat for Humanity Faith Build on Scott Street. This was our second luncheon and we have scheduled a third luncheon for August 10.

On June 22, we will partner with New Covenant UCC to host a luncheon at Sojourner Truth Ministries. We are planning for 75 guests.

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

Still Cleaning? Redecorating? Moving? Got Stuff?

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee and the Women of St. Mark's still need donations for our annual Fall Sale that is tentatively scheduled for September 13 and 14, 2024. At this time, we do not have enough donations to have the sale. But if you are discovering items, you no longer need or want, please donate them to us.



We are accepting holiday decorations, housewares, linens, toys, small, working electronics, gadgets, dishes, jewelry, lamps, art work and the list goes on. If you cannot use it or want it, we probably can sell it. If you are unsure, we can use an item, contact Becky Miller Pryor.

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

Please place your donations in boxes small enough for us to lift. Donations can be placed in the Bazaar Room in the basement. If you cannot get to the basement, leaving them on the second landing in the back stairwell is helpful. Extra boxes for your convenience are available in the Bazaar Room.

Evangelism and Fellowship Committee

Thank You from Becky Miller Pryor

The Parish Life Committee recently hosted the final Pastors' luncheon until September. There were 20 guests that included local pastors, three County Commissioners and other stakeholders who participated in a round table discussion on homelessness in our community. This was our largest luncheon to date. Our crew did a great job with all aspects of this event.

Many hours are spent in planning, cooking, serving and cleaning up each luncheon. Each month a menu is chosen, supplies are purchased and various dishes are prepared from an entrée to dessert. In addition to all the cooking, tables need to be set, the meal served and at the end of the luncheon, everything is washed and returned to the cupboards. Obviously, many hours are needed to accomplish all these tasks.

A huge thank you goes to the volunteers who have faithfully assisted in the success of these luncheons. They are Deb Buckman, Bob Campbell, Cathy Fenderson, Jackie Kinney, Dick Reitz and Cheryl Williams.

Another outreach of the church is our weekly sandwich making for the Blessing Boxes at New Covenant UCC. Many thanks to our faithful crew members who, week after week, make an assortment of sandwiches. They are Deb Buckman, Cathy Fenderson, Bob Miller, Connie Shaible and Barb Thomas.

If either of these activities interest you, please speak with Becky Miller Pryor about joining us. The more the merrier.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

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



Pastor Vasey has a new cell phone Number: 272-788-0161. Please use this number as his primary telephone number when he is not available by the church telephone or the church email. Thank You!



NO SUNDAY SCHOOL During the Summer

Please join us on Sunday, July 21st following our worship service, for a church picnic held in Fellowship Hall. This is the best of both worlds as picnic food will be coupled with a bug-free, dry, cool environment! Hotdogs, beverages, and chips will be provided ~ as well as all plates and utensils. **Please bring a dish to share as you are able.**

If you need a ride or if you have questions, please be in touch with Vicki Hausmann at (570) 447-3263.



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jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org and say you want to receive the monthly "Lion" by email.

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Would you like to pick up your monthly "Lion" here at the church, just let me know. Send me an email at jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org or call me at 570-323-4619 or stop by the office and let me know.

Thanks

Joe



Congratulations to our 2024 high school graduate, **Abigail Robertson**, who will walk across the stage this June and receive her high school diploma. Abby will be attending Lock Haven University this Fall. May God shower you with many blessings as you complete this milestone and begin the next step in your journey!



Congratulations to our May 2024 college graduates!

Hannah Haussmann ~ Washington and Jefferson College

Sadie Wentzel ~ (December Graduate) Penn State University

Benjamin Haussmann ~ University of Nebraska Omaha (Master's Degree)

We wish you 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.

UNITED CHURCHES OF LYCOMING COUNTY
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

CAMP FIRELIGHT

Sunday, July 21st - Thursday, July 25th
Held at Saint John's-Newberry United Methodist Church
2101 Newberry Street, Williamsport

New!! Free Supper 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. - VBS 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. each evening
designed for ages 4 - 12 and special abilities adults



Registration Form (one form per child/person)

Child Name: _____

Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Email: _____ Cell#: _____

Age: _____ Grade Completed: _____ Church Affiliation: _____

New!! Attending the free nightly light supper: ____ Yes ____ No

What special needs/concerns/allergies do we need to be aware of to make this the best experience:

Name of person who will be dropping off/picking up child: _____

Photo Release: Camp Firelight 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. ____ Yes ____ No

Photo Signature Acknowledgement _____

How did you hear about our VBS event? _____

Please drop-off or mail information by Sunday, July 14th to any participating church or to the office of: Saint John's-Newberry UMC, 2101 Newberry Street, Williamsport, PA 17701 or email to secretary@stjnumc.com

June

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Cancer Immunotherapy Awareness Month Cancer Survivors Month				Pride Month Alzheimer's Awareness Month		1
2 Holy Communion 9:30AM	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Holy Communion 9:30AM	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Holy Communion 9:30AM	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Holy Communion 9:30AM	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Holy Communion 9:30AM						

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