



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."*

May

2024



Pastor's "Lion" Message for May 2024

*And let the one who believes in me drink
(John 7:38).*

It is generally held that a person can only last three days without water. Without water life ceases to exist. It is essential for survival.

A few years ago my grandmother-in-law's farm had to dig a new well. The old well was beginning to decay and started to give water that was no longer safe to drink. Even though there was no longer any livestock kept at the farm, a new well was still necessary. People lived there; people still live there. To this day my sister-in-law and her family live at this location and maintain a flower garden and a vegetable garden. Without water these ventures could not take place. And so a new well was drilled. Well-diggers (yes that is the actual term for a people who dig or drill wells; I looked it up) had to drill the new well to a depth of 250 feet to find good, clean water. It was a big and expensive project. But it needed to be done especially if people wished to keep living at the farm.

Jesus calls himself living water. He invites persons who seek pure water to come to him and drink. "Drinking from his word" we receive the life-giving good news of acceptance, forgiveness, love and life eternal. Encouraged to dig deep into God's Word we drink by the promise of the One who saves.

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STAFF OFFICE HOURS

Pastor: The Rev. Brian Vasey
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 By appointment
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 142 Market Street
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The gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost was like a well of good water erupting and flooding the world with the Good News of God's presence and salvation. Our celebration of Pentecost still brings us this good news.

On the Day of Pentecost the Church celebrates the outpouring of God the Holy Spirit upon all the earth. Our thirst is quenched by God's own life-giving water!

Grace + Peace,

Pastor Vasey

***Don't forget to wear RED
on Pentecost, Sunday
May 19, 2024.***



LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE, 2024:

Sunday, June 2 we begin "Summer Worship". 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.

*That
Sunday
Morning
Feeling*

JOIN US ON SUNDAY MORNINGS IN MAY

Sunday, May 5,

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion, 8 am

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Holy Communion, 10:30 am

Sunday, May 12,

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion, 8 am

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Holy Communion, 10:30 am

Sunday, May 19,

The Day of Pentecost

WEAR RED TO WORSHIP

Holy Communion, 8 am

Sunday Church School, 9:15 am

Holy Communion, 10:30 am

Sunday, May 26,

The Holy Trinity

(First Sunday after Pentecost)

Holy Communion, 8 am

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Holy Communion, 10:30 am

Sunday, May 31,

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion, 8 am

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Holy Communion, 10:30 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.



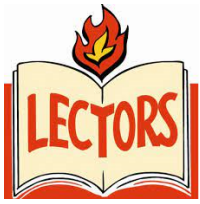
If you have any information that needs to be updated, please send an email to jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org or call the church office at 570-323-4619, Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

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!



MAY Lectors

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| May 5 | 8:00AM | Nikki Jackson |
| | 10:30AM | Audrey Albright |
| May 12 | 8:00AM | Becky Pryor |
| | 10:30AM | Donna Boston |
| May 19 | 8:00AM | Brian Jackson |
| | 10:30AM | Karen Marino |
| May 26 | 8:00AM | Drew Hausmann |
| | 10:30AM | Brenda Gair |



Communion Assistants for May

Please arrange replacement if you cannot serve.

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| May 5 | 8:00AM | Jackie Kinney |
| | 10:30AM | Ralph and Loy Ann Zeigler |
| May 12 | 8:00AM | Drew Hausmann |
| | 10:30AM | Matt and Wanda Fortin |
| May 19 | 8:00AM | Nikki Jackson |
| | 10:30AM | Dan Zeigler |
| May 26 | 8:00AM | Becky Pryor |
| | 10:30AM | Deb Buckman and Mindy Wentzel |



Usher Schedule for May

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| May 5 | 8:00AM | Herb Poff and Richard Miller |
| | 10:30AM | Carl Albright, captain Brenda and Levi Gair |
| May 12 | 8:00AM | Herb Poff and Richard Miller |
| | 10:30AM | Tim Maggs, captain Carl Hieber and Charles Kuntz |
| May 19 | 8:00AM | Herb Poff and Richard Miller |
| | 10:30AM | Mike Jensen, captain Pam Jensen, Shelby and Gary Weber |
| May 26 | 8:00AM | Herb Poff and Richard Miller |
| | 10:30AM | Matt Fortin, captain Glenn Yaple and Dick Reitz |

Altar Guild for May

Wanda Fortin
Mindy Wentzel



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



May Bible Study

The Faith Formation Committee is pleased to once again be offering the opportunity to grow in our faith through a 4 week study focusing on women of the Bible. Which women you ask? You will have to join us Wednesdays in May from 12:10 - 12:45 for the answer to that question! We look forward to our time together, and hope you will join us.



St. Mark's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

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

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, Nikki Jackson,
Richard Miller, Shelby Weber, Glenn Yapple, Ralph Zeigler, Pastor Vasey
Absent (excused): Ray Huff, Herb Poff, Richard Reitz, Helen Schramm

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

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report printed April 8, 2024 was accepted and filed for audit.
* Debra Buckman reviewed/explained pertinent numbers regarding last month's budget.

M(Dick Miller ~ 2nd Debra Buckman) SC: CC: 24.4.1 Motion approved to ratify the email vote to contract with Billtown Mechanical to replace the entire pump unit on the church heating system at a cost of \$5,540.
* Ed Gair reported that the new unit has already arrived and been installed!

Pastor's report: As submitted by Pastor Vasey.

- April Holy Communion service at the Williamsport Home has been cancelled due to Pastor being away for parents' Memorial Service.
- Liberty Parish contract has been renewed for 2024.
- Pastor shared the Easter story with Little Lambs on March 25.
- West Branch Conference Assembly to be held May 5. A new Conference Dean and Secretary will be elected. Please hold this process in prayer.
- Beverly Best passed away March 17, 2024. There will be a graveside service May 4. Pastor met with the family by way of telephone.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism & Fellowship/Parish Life: Update provided by Wanda Fortin, Com. Member
- Committee will be serving a Habitat lunch this Saturday, April 20.

Faith Formation: Update provided by Vicki Haussmann.

- May Bible Study to be held on Wednesdays with topic Women of the Bible.
- Pentecost is May 19th. Please wear red.
- Church picnic is scheduled for July.
- 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.



Finance: Update provided by Debra Buckman.

- An internal audit of finances is needed. Brian Jackson and Phil Thomas have agreed to be part of this process. One more person is needed.
- Gift acceptance guidelines are being reviewed and updated as needed.
- There is money available (via named funds) for the dossal project.
- There is an upcoming meeting with the bank. All are welcome to attend.
- Deb continues to look for the Memorial Book.
- There is money available (via named funds) to help offset the cost of the newly installed pump unit.
- There is money available (via named funds) to purchase mulch for the courtyard.

Little Lambs: Update provided by Pastor Vasey.

- Next meeting: April 29.

Nominating: Update provided by Ralph Zeigler

- NTR

Personnel: Update provided by Nikki Jackson

- Meeting April 29 at 6:00 PM.

Property:

- NTR

Publicity: Update provided by Pastor Vasey, Liaison

- Brainstormed possible ideas for publicity ~ small notices in the paper, electronic billboard announcements.
- This committee is looking for new members.

Safety: Update provided by Ralph Zeigler, Liaison

- Fire suppression unit in the kitchen has been inspected. Williamsport Fire Department is waiting to receive the needed paperwork from Frey's Fire Protection.
- Working to update signs around church (AED, Fire Extinguishers, Exits).
- Updating outside lights.
- Meeting quarterly.

Worship and Music:

- Cross was placed in the Sanctuary due to not fitting in the Narthex. Positive reaction to having it in the same location as the Christmas tree, especially with the Easter lilies surrounding the base.

Unfinished Business:

Growing the Church:

Copier: Joe is researching when our current copier contract ends. He is also researching the possibility of a new copier.

Spire Update: NTR

Dossal Update: Additional samples of orphrey bands are being sent, along with a 2nd sample of a different red material. Adam from Merhaut would like to meet with Lundy's Construction before ordering material.



New Business:

Kneeling for Holy Communion to be revisited at May Council meeting.

* Please organize your thoughts for discussion.

Reviewed Facilities Use Brochure as a follow up on fees for use of the Nave.

Donations are welcome, but there is no set fee for use of the Nave. Pastor and Council approval is needed for any other purpose than worship.

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

Ralph Zeigler led us in closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: Monday, May 20th, 2024 @ 6:00 PM (Middle Lounge)



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who continues to donate items for our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! Never doubt that God is using these seemingly small items for good. **“Our economic condition is very poor, so my parents cannot afford to buy toys for me. When I heard that I would get a gift box, I was so excited! Thank you to all of my foreign friends who sent me the toys and other amazing things.”**

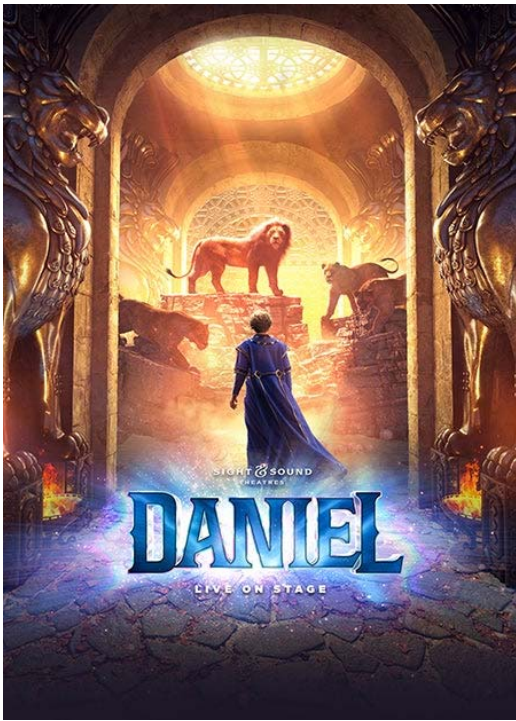
–Samia, East Asia

In **May** we will be collecting **Jump Ropes, Hair Accessories, Bungee Cords, Screwdrivers**

Monetary donations are also welcome as we would like to include “Grow With Me” shoes in this year’s boxes. While these are a bit pricey, they adjust over time and can “grow” 5 sizes as the child’s foot grows. A huge blessing indeed! Checks may be made to St. Mark’s with OCC in the memo line.

These items 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)



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!



The Rev. Ben Lander, currently serving at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Muncy, will be preaching at the Annual Memorial Service at Old Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2633 Lime Bluff Road, Muncy. The service will take place on Sunday, June 2, 2024, at 2:30pm. Mrs. Joy Barto will accompany the service on the church's antique pump organ.

Old Immanuel is considered to be the mother church of Lutheranism in Lycoming County. Founded in 1791, it lived until its doors shut permanently in 1920. The first structure built on the property was of log; the second and third (the current) structures were of brick. The current building was dedicated in 1869, and contains two cornerstones, one in German dated 1832, and one in

English dated 1869. At least 9 Revolutionary Soldiers and 5 Civil War Soldiers are buried in the historic cemetery. The church was built on land donated by Henry and Barbara Shoemaker, of "Shoemaker Mills" at the Routes 442/405 intersection.

At one time, there was a school associated with Old Immanuel, and the church contained a gallery, a wine-glass pulpit, and enough straight-backed pews to seat 600 people.

Old Immanuel closed its doors for regular services in 1920, after giving rise to 19 other Lutheran congregations. Some of these have also closed their doors, such as Trinity (Huntersville), St. Paul's (Millville), Germany Church (at one time known as St. John's), Katy's Church (at one time known as Immanuel Lutheran), Christ Lutheran (Montgomery), Messiah (Alvira), the Stone Church in ElimSPORT, and Zion's, also in ElimSPORT. Others, such as Moreland Lutheran (at one time known as St. John's) and St. Mark's Lutheran (Lairdsville) have taken on new identities as they have become home to other congregations.

Churches that have sprung up from Old Immanuel that continue with the Lutheran tradition include Trinity and Mount Zion, Hughesville; St. Andrew, Muncy; St. James, Muncy; Messiah, Clarkstown; St. John's, Gordner's Grove; St. John's (Brick), Montgomery; and Bethany, Montoursville.

The public is invited to attend this service as well as to tour the historic church. Light refreshments will be served on the church lawn after the service. Please note that the church does not have running water or electricity. For more information, or to follow Old Immanuel more closely, "Like" us on FaceBook!!!

CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

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| Melvin Wentzel | May 1 |
| Jerod Barone | May 2 |
| Robert Clokey | May 2 |
| Jacob Schreckengast | May 2 |
| Grace Schreckengast | May 5 |
| H. Vincent Bardsley | May 12 |
| Thomas Waffenschmidt | May 12 |
| Catherine Lundy | May 13 |
| Karen Mariano | May 14 |
| Jane Larson | May 15 |
| Stephen Boone | May 18 |
| Candace Dewar | May 19 |
| Kenneth Schreckengast | May 19 |
| Ryan Jensen | May 24 |
| Dawson Owen | May 24 |
| Dustin Pelleschi | May 24 |
| Norma Prato | May 25 |
| Audrey Albright | May 27 |
| Walter Haussmann | May 27 |
| Owen Gair | May 30 |



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| Joanne and Rev. Brian Vasey | May 24 |
| Pamela and Michael Jensen | May 30 |



CENTER CITY PASTOR'S LUNCH

This month's luncheon will be Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 1:00PM. We are looking for additional help with this meal. Speak with Becky Miller Pryor if you enjoy setting / decoration tables or could provide a dessert. Generally, twelve pastors attend.

Evangelism and Fellowship Committee

May 2024

Church Women United in Lycoming County

May Friendship Day

May 3, 2024



For their May Friendship Day, CWU is requesting items for Busy Bags. Items needed are coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, finger puppets, fidget toys, socks, Slinkys, Nerf balls, sticker books, Play-Doh and small puzzles. A tub for your donations is in the Narthex.

There is an urgent need for lap robes, catheter bag covers and walker bags. If you can sew these items and would like instructions, see Becky Miller Pryor.

P.S. Busy Bag items will be collected throughout May and delivered to CWU.



Danville State Hospital Shoe Drive

Again, this year, Danville State Hospital is sponsoring a shoe drive for its residents. They are collecting new and gently used sneakers and shoes for both men and women in adult sizes. Please note they cannot accept high heels or other “fancy” shoes.

Donations will be accepted through mid-May and may be placed in the tub in the Narthex.

Soles4Souls Workshop and Shoe Collection

Thank you to the congregation members who donated a total of ten pair of shoes for the Soles4Souls collection. The program at Messiah Lutheran on April 13 was most informative. Abby Yorks shared her passion for this outreach and their mission. Their mission is: Creating sustainable jobs and providing relief through the distribution of shoes and clothing around the world. (This includes the United States.)

Spring 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 . 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.

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.

Habitat Luncheon

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee hosted their second Habitat/Faith Build luncheon of 2024 on April 20, 2024. Volunteers from Trinity Episcopal and staff from Habitat for Humanity were most appreciative of the hot lunch we provided. This committee has so enjoyed this fellowship that we hope to do a third luncheon in August. Be looking for ways you can get in on the fun and fellowship in future editions of the Lion.

Ongoing Collections at St. Mark's:



United Churches Food Pantry: Any non-perishable food is always needed. But the following items are **most needed** at this time. Canned peaches, pineapple and mandarin oranges, canned mixed vegetables and beets, ketchup and jelly, especially grape.

Shepherd of the Streets: Needed are shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste, body wash, feminine hygiene products, toilet tissue, Kleenex and small packages of laundry pods.



Blessing Boxes at New Covenant UCC: Easily prepared foods like Cup of Soups, individual packs of crackers and cookies, microwave mac & cheese, ramen noodles and individual boxes of cereal are needed. Travel size hygiene items are also needed.

Summer Blessing Box Needs: With summer temperatures it is difficult to provide our usual meat and cheese sandwiches. **The Parish Life and Evangelism and Fellowship Committees are asking for two specific donations. They are Star-Kist Deli Style Tuna Salad and Star-Kist Chicken Salad.** Both come in a foil packet and are ready to eat. These items are able to resist spoiling due to extreme temperatures. A container is available in the Narthex for these specific items.



Sojourner Truth Ministries (STM): Needed are TP, paper towels, sugar, cooking oil, salt and pepper sets, aluminum foil and plastic wrap.

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

Ongoing Events at Redeemer Lutheran:

Community Dinner on Thursday, May 9, 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.

For desserts in May, Jim and Susan Newcomer will provide brownies on behalf of St. Mark's. Thank you, Newcomer's for your unwavering support of this outreach.

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee: Starting in mid-May we are asking congregation members to donate boxes of Tastykakes in any flavor for June's desserts.

Daniel's Closet Distribution of free spring/summer clothing on Saturday, May 25, 2024 from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. In addition to clean, spring and summer clothing in good condition, shoes for men, women and children are always needed. Sheets, blankets, throws and afghans are also accepted.

This month's clothing drop off is Thursday, May 23, 2024 from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM.

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.



Fourth of July Celebration Will Need You!

It is never too early to begin planning our July Fourth celebration. Toward the end of May, the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee will be collecting needed supplies. Please consider donating any of the following items. A tub for donations will be in the Narthex.

- 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
- Cans of soda, both regular and diet
- Bottles of ketchup, mustard and sweet relish. Smaller bottles of ketchup are preferred due to the ease of handling.
- Lemonade and Ice Tea mix
- 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.

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Once again, the Danville State Hospital is sponsoring a shoe drive for its residents. They are collecting new and gently used sneakers and casual shoes for men and women in adult sizes. Beginning mid-April through mid-May a tub will be in the Narthex for your donations. Please note that DSH cannot accept high heels or other “fancy” footwear.



OUR SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES:

Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am

Sunday Church School, 9:15 am



The Adult Sunday School Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:15 am in the Chapel. All are welcome to join us for study, discussion and fellowship.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



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!



Our Parking Lot is filling up on weekdays we only have a few spots left. If you know anyone who needs a parking place during the weekdays, please have them contact jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org or call 570-323-4619 and talk to Joe



Welcome to our new parking customers
Lycoming County Voter Registration
Janney Montgomery Scott
PJ Beiter Coins



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

Advantages

No waiting for snail mail for it to arrive

Always available to review on your phone, tablet or laptop.



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



Spring Cleaning? Got Stuff?

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee and the Women of St. Mark's need donations for our annual Fall Sale. We will need many more donations than we currently have if we are to have a sale in 2024.

We are accepting holiday decorations, housewares, linens, toys, small working electronics, gadgets, dishes, jewelry, lamps, art work and the list goes on. If you don't want it, we probably can sell it. Not certain we can use it, speak to Becky Miller Pryor before bringing it.

Please place your donations in boxes small enough for us to lift and place them 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.

The First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania (FCFP) recently sponsored the largest online fundraiser, Raise the Region, in our area. Jennifer Wilson, President and CEO of FCFP stated, "\$2.34 million does not happen without a first gift." It is both humbling and gratifying that many members of St. Mark's were some of those first gifts. Those donations to JV Brown Library, Civic Chorus, SPCA, American Rescue Workers and the Newberry Branch of NGA are just a few of the 350 nonprofits that benefited from your donations. The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee thanks you for reaching beyond our church walls to make Williamsport a better community for all.

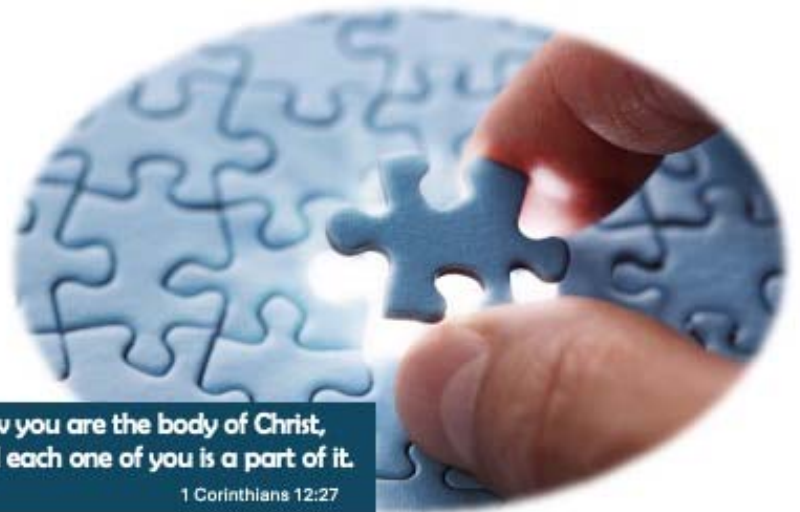
A Variety of Gifts!

Join us for a day of learning and fellowship!

Saturday, May 4, 2024

9am-3pm
(lunch included)

St. John's Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
300 Queen Street
Northumberland, PA



Keynote: Meetings that Matter

Workshops include:

- Worship Planning
- Record Keeping/Archiving
- Home Communion
- Using Your Gifts for God's Mission

Worship Service to Commission our new Authorized Lay Worship Leaders at 2:15 pm in the sanctuary.

Cost is \$10 per person to cover cost of meal.

Pre-register by contacting the Synod Office at [\(570\) 524-9778](tel:5705249778) by 4/26/24.

Sponsored by the Lay Ministry Institute of the Upper Susquehanna Synod.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

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Here are some more fun things to celebrate this May:

- **May 1:** School Principals' Day
- **May 2:** World Tuna Day
- **May 8:** No Socks Day
- **May 8 (second Wednesday in May):** Root Canal Appreciation Day
Really is this something to appreciate lol
- **May 14:** Dance Like a Chicken Day
Is there any other way



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| 5 Holy Communion 8AM and 10:30AM | 6 | 7 <i>Center City Pastor's Lunch 1:00PM</i> | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Holy Communion 8AM and 10:30AM Mother's Day | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Holy Communion 8AM and 10:30AM | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Holy Communion 8AM and 10:30AM | 27 <i>Memorial Day Church Office Closed</i> | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

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