



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.”*

September

2024



Pastor's “Lion” Message for September

***Whatever work you do, put your-
selves into it, as done for the Lord...
Colossians 3:23***

On Monday, September 2, our nation celebrates Labor Day. Labor Day was established as a federal holiday in 1894. Its purpose was to recognize and organize the rights of American workers.

ELCA Lutherans believe that work is a way we serve God and our neighbor. Taking our cue from Scripture, we see work as the means through which basic needs are met as we who are created in God's image are called to till and keep God's garden (Genesis 2:15). Thus work is seen not as an end in itself but as a means for sustaining community and creation.

Labor Day, like many holidays marks the passage of time:

Change of weather

Back to school

The end of the growing season

A return to a more structured and for some a more challenging schedule

Labor Day brings change.

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STAFF OFFICE HOURS

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 Mon-Thu 9 a.m.-1 p.m., & by appointment
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 By appointment
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 By appointment
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JOIN US FOR SUNDAY
WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER:
ALL ARE WELCOME

It also reminds us of the steadfastness of our God. Our heavenly Father through Christ keeps promises. Weather changes. Vacations end. Harvest replaces sowing and tilling. Society returns to a more hurried existence. But God remains the same. Though all things around us change, “Jesus Christ remains the same, yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8)”.

Labor Day then not only represents a change but also a new commitment; a return to our “Laboring for the Lord”. Whatever work we do we should see it as been done for God and for the good of others. Our work, our tasks in life are an extension of our faith. For too long we have defined life as faith or works. The fact that we believe in Jesus as the Christ and live our lives according to this belief is our faith. Faith is belief plus works.

Labor Day is a reminder of how Jesus calls us to live; to live life with God at the center not on the periphery: Work for a clean environment, pursue peace with justice, look for ways to combat poverty and hunger, promote a fair and just society that all may have enough, and do all of these because Jesus, our Savior and Lord, asks it of us.

Labor Day is more than the last holiday of the summer. It is a reminder of our commitment to love God and neighbor in all we say and do.

Grace + Peace,
Pastor Vasey

Sunday, September 1, The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion, 9:30 am

Sunday, September 8, The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

God's Work/Our Hands Sunday

Holy Communion, 8 am

Holy Communion, 10:30 am

Sunday, September 15, The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion, 8 am

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Holy Communion, 10:30 am

Sunday, September 22, The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion, 8 am

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Holy Communion, 10:30 am

Sunday, September 29, The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion, 8 am

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Holy Communion, 10:30 am

A PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of work. Deliver us, in our various occupations, from the service of self alone, that we may do our work in truth and beauty and for the common good.

For all workers, that they would receive fair compensation and treatment in their labor. For those who seek work, both citizen and immigrant alike. For those who cannot work. Make those who lead the industries and commerce of this nation responsive to your perfect will. Cause our country to have a respect for all labors. Deliver us, Lord Jesus, from the maligning evils of greed, sloth, and gluttony that we may lead lives of holiness in service to you and our neighbor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From Bread for the World



+ 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!

September Worship Leaders
September 1—One Service
September 8 starts two services



**Communion Assistants for
September**

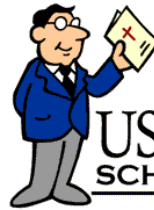
Please arrange replacement if you cannot serve.

September 1 Deb Buckman and Mindy Wentzel
 September 8
 8:00AM Drew Haussmann
 10:30AM Walt Doeblor and Gary Weber
 September 15
 8:00AM Nikki Jackson
 10:30AM Ralph and Lou Ann Zeigler
 September 22
 8:00AM Becky Pryor
 10:30AM Matt and Wanda Fortin
 September 29
 8:00AM Brian Jackson
 10:30AM Dan Zeigler



September Lectors

September 1 Audrey Albright
 September 8
 8:00AM Drew Haussmann
 10:30AM Shelby Weber
 September 15
 8:00AM Nikki Jackson
 10:30AM Donna Boston
 September 22
 8:00AM Becky Pryor
 10:30AM Brenda Gair
 September 29
 8:00AM Brian Jackson
 10:30AM Phil Thomas



**Usher Schedule
for September**

September 1 Tim Maggs, captain
 Carl Hieber, Charles Kuntz
 September 8
 8:00AM Herb Poff and Ricard Miller
 10:30AM Mike Jensen, captain
 Pam Jensen, Shelby and Gary
 Weber
 September 15
 8:00AM Herb Poff and Richard Milller
 10:30AM Matt Fortin, captain
 Glenn Yapple, Dick Reitz
 September 22
 8:00AM Herb Poff and Richard Milller
 10:30AM Carl Albright, captain
 Brenda and Levi Gair
 September 29
 8:00 AM Herb Poff and Richard Miller
 10:30 AM Tim Maggs, captain
 CRL Hieber, Charles Kuntz

**Altar Guild for
September**

Deb Buckman
 Leah Haussmann



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Thank you to everyone for continuing to donate items for our Operation Christmas Child Collection. Our red bin has been overflowing all year which is absolutely wonderful! This September we are collecting **Socks**, (in all sizes), **Small Games/Puzzles**, and **School Supplies**. Not a huge fan of shopping? Please consider a donation of \$10.00 which will be put toward our \$750.00 (or more) shipping costs.

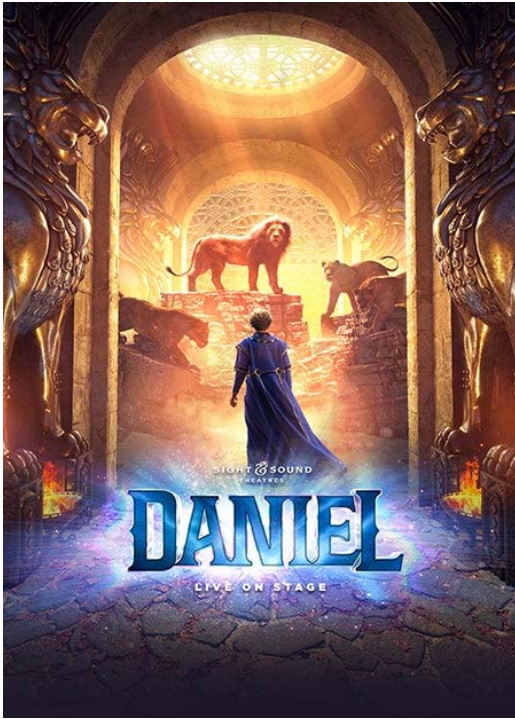
These items (or any others you find) may be placed in our red, OCC bin located in the narthex. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Camp Mount Luther “Foundations for the Future” Capital Campaign



Last April Bishop Collins joined both of our church services and gave an energizing account of the importance Camp Mount Luther plays in the spiritual growth of not only our children, but of families and community members as well. After 60 years of use, however, there is a definite need to modernize its facilities. In an effort to do this, the Upper Susquehanna Synod is conducting a Capital Campaign to help raise the needed \$1.6 to \$2 million to be used to renovate Maple Hall and build a new bathhouse. St. Mark's Church Council feels strongly that supporting Camp Mount Luther and the “Foundations for the Future” campaign is worthwhile, and a campaign target goal of contributing \$7500.00 over the next three years has been set. Over

the course of the next several weeks, information regarding the capital campaign will be distributed and discussed. On Sunday, September 22 you will have an opportunity to join in this effort by making your commitment to the campaign. We ask that you prayerfully consider your response as we join together to reach our congregational goal. We are excited that St. Mark's is able to be a part of the life-giving ministry that is found at Camp Mount Luther! Thank you for your consideration.



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 \$133.00/person. We will depart from the lower west end of Beiter's Parking Lot (Williamsport) at 6 am sharp. **CANCELLED!** Please contact Cheryl Williams (570) 327-1627 to reserve space and to answer any questions concerning the trip.

Quick Update on Me and Fred:

Thank you all so much for the prayers and cards, they are so kind and help me when things get a little down. Chemo is going as well as can be expected. One more round and I will get a PET scan to see how much Fred as suffered (shrunk).

Thank You, Joe Baur, Your Administrative Assistant



Todd Smith	September 3
Valerie Doebler	September 5
Derek Lewis	September 6
Debra Buckman	September 9
Hudson Ott	September 9
Nolan Ott	September 9
Mary Clouser	September 10
Carol Harvey	September 11
Timothy Maggs	September 13
Stefan Weber	September 13
Brennan Comerford	September 15
Audrey Bower	September 19
Ronald Arner	September 22
Brittany Dewar	September 22
Abigail Robertson	September 26



Lorraine and Edward Barone
September 2

Grace and Ronald Arner
September 3

Jackie and Michael Kinney
September 25





Council Minutes

AUGUST

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Williamsport, PA 17701

"To know Christ and to make Christ known"

Report of the Secretary for the Council Meeting held on August 19, 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"*
Nikki Jackson led us in opening prayer.

Secretary's Roll Call:

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

M(Herb Poff ~ 2nd Dick Miller) SC: CC: 24.8.1 Motion approved to accept Glenn Yaple's resignation from church council.

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

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report/July statement of activities printed Aug. 3, 2024 was accepted and filed for audit.

* Debra Buckman reviewed/explained pertinent numbers regarding July's income and expense reports. A hard copy of this information can be found in the "Minutes Binder" located in the church office.

* The old copy machine is owned by St. Mark's. Therefore we need to find a way to remove/dispose of it. Joe is trying to find a buyer.

*Noted that the old risograph also needs to be removed.

Pastor's report: As submitted by Pastor Vasey for the months of June and July.

- Participated in "Boundary Training" on July 16.
- West Branch Conference meetings will be held at St. Mark's beginning in September.
- The Center City Pastor's Lunch will now take place the second Thursday of the month.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism & Fellowship/Parish Life: Update provided by Wanda Fortin, Liaison

- July 4th Block Party raised \$280. These donations were divided equally between

Shepherd of the Streets and the United Churches of Lycoming County.

- 22 donors gave blood at the August 2nd blood drive hosted at St. Mark's. Our next blood drive will be December 8th.
- We will be collecting Tasty Cakes for Redeemer's September Community Dinner.

Council Minutes Continue

- Cereal Sunday is a success with 248 boxes collected to date. Sept. 8 is our last collection date for the summer.
- September bazaar is postponed until next year. Items may be dropped in basement.
- Parish Life will host a luncheon for the funeral of John Hoffman to be held August 31.
- Center City Pastor's Lunch will resume September 12th at 1:00 PM.

Faith Formation: Update provided by Vicki Haussmann.

- Backpack Blessing was held Sunday, August 18th, 2024.
- Sunday School will resume September 15th at 9:15 AM in the Chapel. The study will focus on the Old Testament beginning with I and II Samuel.
- God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday is September 8th. There are 4 ongoing projects that members can support which will help to serve and love others.

Finance: Update provided by Debra Buckman.

- The internal audit committee was pleased with how St. Mark's finances are handled. One suggested area for improvement focused on how the church credit card is used and stored. The finance committee will develop a policy to outline this procedure.
- Reminder to spend money that has been budgeted for the year.
- Committee chairs will soon be asked to submit budgets for 2025.

Little Lambs: Update provided by Pastor Vasey.

- Reminder will be given that sidewalk chalk is not to be used under the portico.
- Hannah Peachie is the new owner of Little Lambs.
- Next meeting September 16 at 12:15 PM.

Nominating: Update provided by Ralph Zeigler.

- Nominating committee will begin to form and start the nominating process within the next month or so.

Personnel: Update provided by Nikki Jackson.

- Joe Baur, Administrative Assistant, feels good and is doing well. His cancer markers are down and he is awaiting an upcoming PET scan.

Property: Update provided by Herb Poff, Liaison

- Susan and Jim Newcomer donated a new awning for the Fellowship Hall entrance. Thank you!
- Termites have been found in the basement. When the exterminator is working, Little Lambs should not be in the area due to the chemicals needed to be used.
- Ants have been found in the Crossways Hallway.
- A wasp nest has been found in the courtyard and should be removed for the safety of Little Lambs children and others.
- A roof leak has been found in the area over the Men's Narthex Bathroom. The roofing company St. Mark's contracts with will be coming to take a look and make repairs as is covered under our contract. Repairs that might be needed above and beyond general maintenance will be discussed.
- Stove has been removed from the kitchen. Choice Cleaners cleaned the area free of charge.
- Courtyard fountain is ready for winter.

Publicity: Update provided by Pastor Vasey, Liaison.

- NTR

Council Minutes Continue

Safety: Update provided by Herb Poff, Liaison

- NTR

Worship and Music:

- 2 services resume September 8th.
- Crop Walk will be October 13, 2024.
- Harvest Home Sunday will be October 20, 2024.
- Reformation Sunday is October 27, 2024.
- Midweek Advent Services begin December 4, 2024 at 12:15 PM.
- There will be a single service December 8, 2024 at 9:30 AM. Our Annual Assembly will be held this day as well as the Crismon Service.
- Discussion was held regarding the Advent wreath and making it a bit more "user friendly".

Unfinished Business:

Growing the Church: We have enjoyed welcoming several new visitors to our service in recent weeks.

Copier/computer updates: NTR

Spire Update: NTR

Dossal Update: A larger swatch of cloth for the dossal has been received although it may be a slightly different red than originally thought. Ralph Zeigler will check into this. Worship and Music Committee seems to be leaning toward a blue orphrey band. Fire proofing the dossal material can be done through the contractor.

New Business:

Little Lambs Lease: Gary Weber, Esq. has put together a rough draft of a Lease Agreement between St. Mark's Lutheran Church and Little Lambs Preschool and Child Care. **Council is asked to please read through and make suggestions by the end of this week (8/23/24).**

* Check on expenses St. Mark's incurs as a result of having Little Lambs as a tenant vs. what Little Lambs is paying for rent.

** Clarification was sent via email regarding property taxes. Deb Buckman reviewed the real estate tax payment information in our files. It shows that the church pays taxes only for the parking lots and vacant land that we own.

Copier Warranty: NTR

PPL Supplier: Deb Buckman will look into how this utility seems to have changed to another company.

M(Executive Committee) SC: CC: 24.8.2 Motion approved for the congregation at St. Mark's to participate in Camp Mount Luther's Foundations for the Future Capital Campaign with a campaign target goal set at \$7500.00

M(Ray Huff ~ 2nd Nikki Jackson) SC: CC: 24.5.3 Motion approved to permit the following four groups to use St. Mark's facilities:

Vicki Haussmann, Fellowship Hall for select dates, September-November.

WCCO, rehearsal and concerts in the Nave, select dates September-May.

Hometown Heroes, Fellowship Hall on November 16, 2024.

Billtown Brass, rehearsal and concert in the Nave on November 23.

Announcements:

- Parsons will be in all week to work on organ repairs.
- Herb Poff will send out statements of giving at the end of September.

Nikki Jackson led us in closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: Monday September 16th, 2024 @ 6:00 PM (Middle Lounge)



To: Pastors and Church Leaders

From: Tammey L. Edkin

RE: Greater Lycoming CROP Walk

Date: August 2024

Our community's annual walk to fight hunger, the **CROP Walk**, is scheduled for **Sunday, October 13, 2024**. Registration and Walk will begin at 1 p.m. in front of St. Mark's Lutheran Church (142 Market Street). Walkers can walk 3, 6, or 9 miles on the River Walk. Other structured opportunities will be in Hughesville, in Quiggleville, and in Trout Run. You, or members of your congregation, may wish to walk on your own instead or create another location!

This year is our 46th Walk, and to date, we have raised over 1 million dollars to help stop hunger! Last year we raised almost \$6,000. We hope we can count on your congregation's participation. Please contact Tammey as soon as possible at director@uclc.org, or at 570-322-1110, with a contact person from your congregation. Please supply their name, address, phone, and email.

CROP Walk materials may be found at www.crophungerwalk.org/williamsportpa. You may also contact the office of United Churches of Lycoming County for physical materials. Please return all collected funds by the end of October to United Churches of Lycoming County. You may submit late funds through the end of November.

Thank you for doing your part to fight hunger both locally and globally. Of the money we raise, 25% goes to our community and is distributed equally among the Jersey Shore Care and Share, the Sonlight House of Muncy, the United Churches of Lycoming County's Food Pantry, and the West End Christian Community Center. The other 75% is distributed by Church World Service nationally and internationally to help people who are hungry.

Please join us as our Sunday School classes resume September 15th beginning at 9:15 AM.



Our Adult Class will meet in the chapel with a topic of study to be determined. We do know there will be no shortage of discussion, learning and laughter as Pastor leads this dedicated class in study.

We look forward to sharing this time of fellowship and study and hope to have you join us! All are welcome!

Evangelism and Fellowship Committee Articles for The Lion September 2024



Urgent Need!

There is No Vacation from Hunger.

A Message from Pastor Tammev Edkin



The United Churches of Lycoming County's Food Pantry is seeing an increase in families that are utilizing our services in order to stretch their limited resources. We love being able to feed our neighbors, with your donations, and with the love of Christ! However, our shelves are becoming empty as soon as we fill them. Please consider taking a collection, within your church of our most needed items:

- Canned Meats (Tuna Fish, Chicken, Salmon, Beef, etc.)
- Canned Fruits (Peaches, Mandarin Oranges, Pineapple, Pears, etc.)
- Canned Vegetables (Carrots especially!)
- Pastas (Elbow Macaroni, Wide Egg Noodles, etc.)
- Soups (Cream of Chicken, Cream of Mushroom, Beef Stew, Chunky Soups, Ramen Noodles, etc.)
- Condiments (Mayonnaise, Relish, Ketchup, BBQ Sauce, Gravy, etc.)
- Snacks (Saltines, Individual Bags of Chips and Pretzels, Jello and Pudding Cups, etc.)
- Tea Bags and Juice Boxes

Marshmallow Fluff (Yum!)

In response to Pastor Tammev's request, the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee will be conducting a mini food drive beginning September 8. We will be distributing small grocery bags to congregation members on that Sunday. Please consider donating something from your own pantry or including an item or two on your shopping list. We are requesting that all bags be returned by Sunday, September 22. Our donations will be delivered to the United Churches Food Pantry on Monday, September 23. 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. We can help ease that burden. The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee has designated the second Sunday of each summer month to collecting boxes of cereal of any kind and in any size. Please note that the Pantry continues to be in particular need of single-serving containers of cereal.

Our FINAL Cereal Sunday is September 8, 2024.

Our total donations to date are 248 boxes of assorted cereals. Can we get to 300 boxes?

Evangelism and Fellowship Activities

Tastykake Cupcakes Needed: Boxes of Tastykake cupcakes of any kind of are needed for Redeemer's Community dinner, September 12. Please consider donating a box or two to help with September's dinner. Donations are needed by September 8 and may be placed on the table in the Narthex.

Tuna Salad and Chicken Salad Packets: This committee is most grateful for the congregation's many donations (upwards of 100 packets) that have been given for use by the Blessing Boxes this summer. These donations made it possible to provide safe food every week. We will soon be able to vary our sandwiches by including the use of various deli meats.

We have been told that the use of the Blessing Boxes by homeless and low-income people has greatly increased. Thank you for helping us help others.

Card Ministry: Thank you, Leah Hausmann for your assistance in sending cards during August. Candy Dewar is our volunteer for September.

The Red Cross Blood Drive held on August 2, 2024 was a success. Twenty-two pints of blood were donated with our own Karen Mariano and Wanda Fortin being donors. Our next blood drive will be December 6, 2024.

Habitat for Humanity Luncheons will resume this fall. Our committee will be contacted with available dates later in September. Please consider donating a food item or joining us in serving the volunteers.

Ongoing Collections at St. Mark's:

2025 Calendars and Planners: If you are already receiving these items and have extras, please consider donating them for distribution to places like Daniel's Closet, Blessing Boxes and Shepherd of the Streets. A box is in the Narthex Closet for your donations.

Sojourner Truth Ministries (STM): Needed are brown, large-size lunch bags, plastic wrap, bottles of salad dressing (any kind,) ketchup and mustard. FYI: STM serves more than **600** meals each week that include both eat-in and brown bag lunches to go.

Blessing Boxes at New Covenant UCC: Monetary donations toward the cost of preparing 80 - 96 sandwiches per month are greatly appreciated. Checks may be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line indicating Parish Life. Also needed are pop top cans of Chef Boyardee pasta, individual microwave cups of mac and cheese, travel size hygiene items, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

United Churches Food Pantry: See the message from Pastor Tammey Edkin, Executive Director of the United Churches of Lycoming County and the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee's mini food drive request.

Shepherd of the Streets: Desperately needed for men and women are Bars of Soap, Shampoo and Conditioner, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Paper Towels, Deodorant and Diapers in sizes 3,4,5,6.

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

Ongoing Collections at St. Mark's:

Ongoing Events at Redeemer Lutheran:

September's Desserts: The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee is requesting donations of Tastykake cupcakes of all kinds for Redeemer's community dinner. Donations are needed by September 8.

Community Dinner on Thursday, September 12, 2024 beginning at 5:00 PM until all meals are distributed. This is a take-out meal available at the curb. All are welcome.

Daniel's Closet: This month's clothing drop-off at Redeemer is Thursday, September 26, 2024 from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Warmer clothing for fall is being requested.

Distribution of free clothing is Saturday, September 28, 2024 from 8:30 AM– 11:00 AM. 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 drop off date.

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Pastors' Luncheons Return

Starting Thursday, September 12, 2024 and meeting monthly through May, local Pastors will meet for lunch and fellowship at St. Mark's. The Parish Life committee takes the lead on this event and we are in need of new volunteers to assist in the preparation, serving and clean-up of this event. Speak with Becky Miller Pryor if you can provide a salad or dessert, would like to help prepare the entrée or assist with cleaning up afterwards.

FALL SALE POSTPONED

Still Cleaning? Redecorating? Moving? Got Stuff?



The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee and the Women of St. Mark's need many more donations for our annual Fall Sale to be successful. Due to an insufficient number of items at this time, the decision has been made to postpone our sale until September 2025.

If you have yet to gather things for the sale, there is still time. If you have already donated items, there is more time to look again at your treasures and decide what can be donated.

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 as to if your item can be used, speak with Becky Pryor.

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

Family Promise



Our next hosting is the first week in September. We will provide dinner on Sun. through Fri. Tues. dinner will be done by our partner church. Remember, you can make food, you can take the ingredients to make food so the guests can cook, or you can order take-out. If you want you can stay and visit with the guests also. Please let me know if you are willing to help, Deb Buckman

Lutheran World Relief



Lutheran World Relief

Hi – it is that time – kits! St. Marks want to make its mark so how about 70 school kits, 10 personal care kits, 10 baby kits and 10 sewing kits. The directions are in the narthex or you can contact me, Deb Buckman for information. The bags for school kits are also in the narthex as well as plenty of erasers, pens, pencils and other items. For personal care kits there are combs and nail clip-

pers. Diapers and diaper pins are also available. Completed kits can be place in the tub under the table with the supplies on it. D Buckman dabuckman65@gmail.com 570-323-1707 Walmart and Staples have notebooks and other items on sale. Watch for the coupons for JoAnn's for fabric. TG Maxx is a good place for the baby kits. Kits are due by the end of September



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!



This year, the ELCA celebrates “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday on September 8th.

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee and the Faith Formation Committee, would like to put forward several ongoing projects as service to the neighbors in our community. We ask that you:

1. Please consider giving a donation to Camp Mount Luther’s **Foundations for the Future Campaign**. Pledges for this capital campaign will be made on September 22nd at both services. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you might be able to support the good work being done at Camp Mount Luther.
2. Please consider completing a kit for Lutheran World Relief. Fabric Kits and Baby Care Kits are most needed at this point in time, but any and all kits are welcome.
3. Please consider donating food staples to the UCLC Food Pantry. The need for food is great for many of our neighbors, and the pantry shelves do not stay stocked for long. A list of most needed items can be found in The Lion or in the bulletin.
4. Please consider supporting our Family Promise Hosting week. Whether through providing a meal, or making a donation to support St. Mark’s hosting efforts, helping those who are experiencing homelessness is a wonderful way to serve and love.

St. Mark’s is a wonderfully generous congregation, and our committees very much appreciate your continued support in so many areas. “God’s Work. Our Hands.” isn’t just one Sunday for our congregation. However, we are grateful for the opportunity this special Sunday provides to remind us that serving and loving others is what we are called to do. Thank you, St. Mark’s!

September 2024

National Suicide Prevention Week (Sept. 8-14)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Holy Communion</i> 10:00AM	2 LABOR DAY <i>Church</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	3	4	5	6	7
8 <i>Holy Communion</i> 8:00AM 10:30AM	9 <i>Civic Chorus</i> <i>Rehearsal</i> 7:00PM	10 World Suicide Prevention Day	11	12	13	14
15 <i>Holy Communion</i> 8:00AM 10:30AM <i>Sunday School</i> 9:15AM	16 <i>WCC Board</i> <i>Meeting</i> 6:00pM <i>Civic Chorus</i> <i>Rehearsal</i>	17	18	19	20	21
22 <i>Holy Communion</i> 8:00AM 10:30AM <i>Sunday School</i> 9:15AM	23 <i>Civic Chorus</i> <i>Rehearsal</i> 7:00PM	24	25	26	27	28
29 <i>Holy Communion</i> 8:00AM 10:30AM <i>Sunday School</i> 9:15AM	30 <i>Civic Chorus</i> <i>Rehearsal</i> 7:00PM					

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JUNE Edition

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