

The ReMarker

APRIL 2025

St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mechanicsburg

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Mechanicsburg, PA 17055



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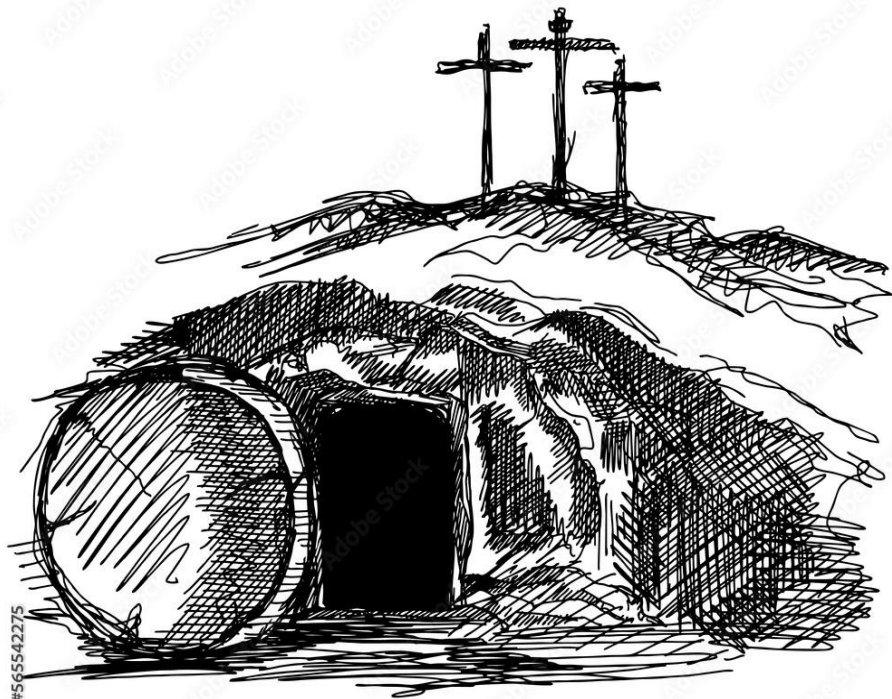
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"To Know Christ and To Make Him Known"



Word from Our Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy St. Patrick's Day! I know it is past when you are reading this, but I wrote this on St. Patrick's Day. For the first time, it occurred to me that St. Patrick's Day always falls in Lent. We all know that the dates of Lent can vary by just over a month, but March 17 happens to be on a date which always lands within the season of Lent.

Since I am not Irish (and I know most of you reading this are not either), you may not really care much about St. Patrick's Day. Others will enjoy the day and be Irish for a day of fun anyway. I do understand that there are even a few Irishmen and women living among German Lutherans for whom this day is important. No matter how Irish you are, the story of St. Patrick is a perfect one for the midst of Lent.

Though there are many legends about St. Patrick, and it is hard to tell what really happened and what did not, his own words tell us that St. Patrick was kidnapped by Irish raiders/pirates and was enslaved during his teenage years. During his years of being a slave, Patrick learned to trust more and more in God. Eventually he was able to escape from slavery and return to Britian. Shortly after that he became a priest. His call was to return to share the gospel with Ireland. It is a tremendous story of forgiveness to return to people who enslaved you in order to share the love of Christ with them. This is the heart of St. Patrick's ministry to Ireland.

In the midst of Lent, we are challenged to love not just our neighbors but our enemies. I hope that the story of St. Patrick inspires you to not limit your love of neighbors. It is easy to love those who are good to you. It is not too difficult to love those who seem to not even notice you. But to love your enemies is a

great command, especially personal enemies who have harmed you or your family. Love of enemies must start with forgiveness.

Lent centers on the message of forgiveness. It lifts us up with the hope of the forgiveness for our own sins, but it is also challenges us to forgive our enemies

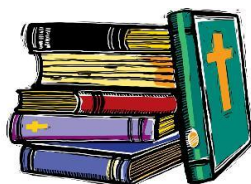
Instead of wishing you the luck of the Irish, I wish you the love of St. Patrick this Lent!

Pastor Marleen

Pastor Marleen

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study with Pastor Marleen continues each **Wednesday morning at 11:00 am** (unless otherwise noted) in the church Parlor. All are welcome to join us as we read 2nd Samuel together.



Bible Study



BREAD AND BROTH

Bread and Broth continues at St. Mark **every Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm during Lent through April 9**. After each meal, we hope you join us in the sanctuary for an **inter-active service at 6:45 pm** as we explore the Bible's "metanarrative." There are separate special activities for kids during each service.

SOUP SCHEDULE FOR REMAINING BREAD AND BROTH MEALS

April 2
April 9

*Open Donations
Worship & Music (including choirs)

If you have any questions about the meal, please contact Phyllis Mihalich, Fellowship Chair.

HOLY WEEK



SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Begin Holy Week by gathering to process with palms and celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We gather on **Sunday, April 13, at 8:30 am for our traditional service and at 11:00 am for our simpler worship.**

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17, AT NOON

There will be a noon service of Holy Communion at St. Mark and the stripping of the altar.

MAUNDY THURSDAY AGAPE MEAL AT ST. STEPHEN-6:00 PM

Our congregation has been invited to St. Stephen Lutheran Church on **Thursday, April 17, for an AGAPE Meal.** The AGAPE Meal is a candlelight simple meal with a service of healing and common communion interwoven ending in a quiet stripping of the altar. **Please sign-up on the sheets provided at entrances to St. Mark if you plan on attending. St. Stephen is located at 30 W. Main St., New Kingstown, Pa.**

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER WALK AND SERVICE - APRIL 18

The community will gather in various locations on April 18 at 11:00 am to begin walking and covering our community in prayer. Pastor Marleen will be leading a prayer group from St. Mark that day. All of the groups will end in the center of town at **12:00 Noon** and conclude with a brief time of worship together. Our community will gather for a traditional Good Friday worship service to remember the death of Christ and hear the passion narrative according to John's gospel at 7:00 pm. You don't want to miss nailing your name to the cross at the conclusion of the service.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD—SUNRISE SERVICE, POTLUCK BREAKFAST, AND EASTER SERVICE, APRIL 20

We gather to celebrate the first Sunday of Easter. We will gather at **6:30 am for the Sunrise service, 7:15 Easter Potluck breakfast, at 8:30 am for our traditional worship, and 11:00 am for our simpler worship.**



FEBRUARY 2025 ATTENDANCE

Service Date	8:30 am In-Person	8:30 am Zoom	11:00 am In-Person	YouTube Service
February 2	54	8	10	22
February 9	36	15	0	39
February 16	38	9	10	22
February 23	52	8	38	13



Current Account Balances as of February 28, 2025

• General Operating Fund	\$ 9,445.38
• Capital Expenditures Fund	\$ 7.92
• Designated Gifts	
Memorial Fund Undesignated	\$ 2,928.67
Fellowship	\$ 100.00
Altar Guild	\$ 778.30
Social Ministry	\$ 3,100.00
Quilting Connection	\$ 116.23
Youth Fund	\$ 1,178.51
Music Memorial	\$ 1,128.00
Columbarium	\$ 845.09
Noisy Sunday	\$ 242.64
• Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$ 3,193.29
• Investment Account	\$346,611.15
• WinGS Account	\$ 382.33
• Altar Guild Account	\$ 1,389.69

In reference to any financial questions, congregation members should contact Barb Yost, Finance Chairperson and Treasurer, or send an email to: byost@stmarkmburg.com.



February, 2025	
<u>General Fund - Offering Envelope Information</u>	
YTD 2025 Offerings Needed through 2/28/25 to Meet Our Budget	\$ 32,487.10
YTD Offerings Received through 2/28/25	\$ 26,693.83
Shortage	\$ (5,793.27)
<u>2025 vs 2024 COMPARISON (All Accounts *)</u>	
YTD Deposits through 2/28/25	\$ 46,423.16
YTD Deposits through 2/29/24	\$ 45,543.67
<i>Difference</i>	<u>\$ 879.49</u>
YTD Expenses through 2/28/25	\$ 44,542.37
YTD Expenses through 2/29/24	\$ 43,874.09
<i>Difference</i>	<u>\$ 668.28</u>
<i>* Includes General, Pastor's, Designated Gifts and Capital Appreciation Funds</i>	

NOISY SUNDAY REPORT

The March Noisy Sunday collection totaled \$139.31. April Noisy Sunday will be held, **April 27.**



The Finance Committee will meet on **April 9, 2025** at **1:00 pm** in the Finance Office.



ENJOY THE MUSIC

From the Choir Loft—

CHOIR REHEARSALS ON WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

Bell Choir: Before Lenten Worship Service

Adult Choir: Following Lenten Worship Service

Following Lent, the Bell Choir and Adult Choir will resume regular rehearsals on Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Please contact Brad Hull, Director of Music, with any questions at 202-738-2795.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir is working on music for the Easter Season. We can't wait for you to hear our songs! We'll continue to meet after service for rehearsals, and new members are always welcome. Contact Miss Denise with any questions. denisehirn@hotmail.com or 717-802-1064.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE - NEW TIME

The Worship and Music Committee will meet **Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 2:00 pm** in the Parlor.

A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP



WHOSE IS IT ANYWAY?

If you have ever bought or sold a house, you are acquainted with the concept of a “title search.” Before you can sell your house, and before anyone else will feel comfortable putting down the money to buy it, you have to prove that you really own it. So, a title company looks through the public records to ensure that you bought it from the person who really owned it, who bought it from the person who really owned it before that, all the way back to the earliest records of your state, including when your state was only a territory or colony of England.

Peak into a preschool classroom during playtime and you’ll see a simplified version of this. A child starts playing with a ball, but another child says, “That’s mine: I had it first.”

You can’t understand the Seventh Commandment without understanding this concept of ownership or title. As the Small Catechism puts it:

You shall not steal. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Your neighbor’s possessions are *his*: you don’t have a right to take them. And likewise, your possessions are yours. Ownership and property rights are foundational to any functioning society.

But there is something deeper to know about ownership, and that is the question of who has the title and ownership to

you? Paul says, “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price” (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

If you yourself are owned by God, then of course everything that you own, you really only possess by God’s leave: all of it, at bottom, belongs to Him since *you* belong to Him. For you were bought with the blood of Christ.

This notion is the foundation of all Christian stewardship. It all belongs to God. It should all be used for things that bring honor to His name, blessings to our neighbors and the extension of His kingdom.

--Rev. Rob Blezard

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WOMEN IN GOD’S SERVICE (WinGS)

WinGS will be holding their **April meeting on Tuesday, April 8, at 6:30 pm** in the Parlor. We will be assembling Easter baskets and bags of food for several families. Please contact Tina Freidhof if you would be interested in helping with the project.

COMMUNITY AID

The Women in God’s Service (WinGS) benefit from any items of clothing and shoes that are taken to Community Aid. When delivering items to the store



directly, please use the number **10053** so that St. Mark (WinGS) receives credit.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **Saturday, April 26, at 10:00 a.m.** followed by refreshments. We will be providing the congregation with empty plastic Easter eggs in brown paper bags to be filled and returned. If you are interested in helping to donate filled eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt, we will have plastic eggs available beginning **March 30**. Filled eggs should be returned no later than **Sunday, April 20**.



Easter Egg Hunt



Easter Breakfast



EASTER POTLUCK BREAKFAST

We hope you will join us Easter Sunday, April 20, in Fellowship Hall for a Potluck Breakfast. Come after the Sunrise service or come early for the 8:30 service. The breakfast will start at approximately 7:15 a.m. and end at approximately 8:15 a.m. Come and spend some time with your Church Family.

Please bring a dish to share.

Suggested dishes are: Egg Casseroles, Pastries, Potato Casseroles, etc. If you are coming to the Sunrise service and are bringing a warm dish (or something that needs put in the oven) there will be someone in the kitchen starting at 6:00 a.m. to help you with this.

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

On Sunday, April 27, during worship, we will have our regular elements of worship with fun and creative moments and experiences mixed in. We will use God's gifts of laughter and joy to enjoy the new life that Christ gave us through the Easter miracle as we gather in worship, celebration, and praise!



Hint: Something is being delivered from the North Pole.

Let's laugh at the devil through our humor!
Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

MONTHLY SUNDAYS TO BENEFIT NEW HOPE MINISTRIES

Each month, Social Ministry has selected items that are needed most by New Hope Ministries for collection. Here are the items for April, May, and June:

April 27
May 27
June 8

Canned Fruit or Fruit Cups
Feminine Hygiene Products
Ketchup and Mustard

ST. MARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH COLUMBARIUM

The Columbarium

St. Mark has an on-site columbarium located on the Keller St. side of the building.

The price of a niche is currently \$600 for congregation members. Family members of the congregation may purchase a niche for \$700 and non-members may purchase a niche for \$750.

A niche measures 12" wide x 12" high x 16" deep and is designed to normally contain the ashes of one or two people. Pets may be inurned in a family's niche, but no acknowledgement of the pet's name shall appear on the niche's name plates.

The purchase of name plates will continue to be the responsibility of the next-of-kin. The price of a name plate will be based on the price of the metals used in the casting at the time of purchase.

If anyone is interested in more information or would like to purchase a niche, please contact Barb Yost (byost@verizon.net) or (717-512-9286) or Karen Fisher in the church office (717-766-4482).

WANTED: INDIVIDUALS TO KNIT AND CROCHET FOR THE PRAYER SHAWL/BLANKET MINISTRY? We need individuals to make prayer shawls, ponchos, hats, prayer squares, hats, and scarves.

If you would like to join in this outreach ministry, please contact Sara Jane Miller who is our coordinator at (717)-448-4777.

HELP WANTED—BAKERS

Sincere thanks to all our bakers for making 11 cakes in March for Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels. We always need additional bakers. If you would like to volunteer to be on our list of bakers, please contact Sara Jane Miller at 717-448-4777. THANK YOU!



SUMMER CAMP

Brochures for Summer Camp at either Camp Nawakwa or Camp Kirchenwald are available at the church office, or you can contact our camp person, Connie Kuntz, at 717-503-5244. You can also register or find additional information online at

www.lutherancamping.org. Our congregation will provide half the basic camp fee and scholarship money is available if needed.

Both camps will Open House on **April 6 from 2:00-4:30 PM**. Remember to get the camp person discount and if you register with your full payment **before April 5**, you are eligible for the full payment discount. The congregation will be billed later for half the basic fee. Remember there are camps available for all ages with Family Camps and Elder Camp. The Bible study theme this year is God's Word Comes Near. The theme verse is:

The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart.
Romans 10:8

Camp Songs!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NUQaEujjq64>



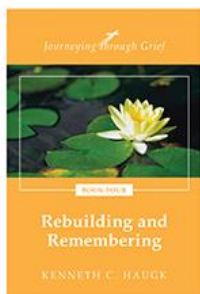
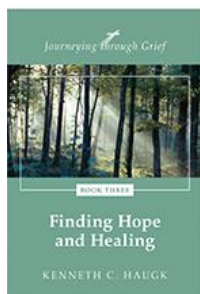
BLANKETS, HATS, SOCKS, AND GLOVES FOR THE HOMELESS

The Blankets, Hats, Socks, and Gloves for the Homeless Program continues year-round. Please contact Karen at 717-580-7507 to make arrangements to bring items to the church. Items collected will be delivered to either Bethesda Mission or Operation Wildcat. Thank you for helping those less fortunate.



JOURNEYING THROUGH GRIEF

Did you know that St. Mark has pamphlets entitled, *Journeying through Grief* for you, your family, and friends to give you comfort and hope when you lose a loved one.



Journeying through Grief is a set of four short books that are free to give to people at four crucial times during the first year after the loss of a loved one. The author writes short, easy-to-read chapters sharing helpful insights about grief, Bible verses, and stories that provide comfort, reassurance, and hope.


Please contact Pastor Marleen or Joan Murphy at 717-497-9717 or email tj_murphee@hotmail.com to receive these free books for comfort and reassurance.



SAVE THE DATE - COMMUNITY YARD SALE

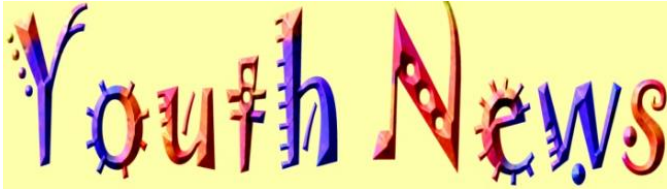
Sell your stuff or come to shop! Join us on **Saturday, May 24, from 9:00 a.m. till????** for a yard sale on our back lawn. Anyone is welcome to set up starting at 7:00 am. Mechanicsburg Borough does not permit sales before 9:00 a.m.

APRIL 2025
8:30 AM Blended Worship Service; 9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 am-Worship Service

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
		1 6:00 pm-Fellowship
6 5th Sunday in Lent 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc.-Comm. 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's SS & Choir 11:00 am-Worship Svc.-Comm.	7 2:45 pm- Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group	8 6:30 pm-WinGS
13 PALM SUNDAY 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc. 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's SS & Choir 11:00 am-Worship Svc.	14 2:45 pm- Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group	15 REMARKER DEADLINE
20 RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD-EASTER DAY 6:30 am-Sunrise Svc. 7:15 am-Potluck Breakfast 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc. 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's SS & Choir 11:00 am-Worship Svc.	21 2:45 pm- Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group	22 1:00 pm-Social Ministry Outreach Committee
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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 11:00 am-Bible Study 12:30 pm-Evangelism 2:00 pm-Worship & Music 3:30 pm-Worship Plng. 5:30 pm-Bread & Broth Before Worship-Bells After Worship-Choir	3 6:45 pm-Youth & Family Ministry 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	4 3:45 pm-Violin Lessons 6:15 pm-Violin Recital Rehearsal	5 3:30 pm-Violin Recital
9 11:00 am-Bible Study 1:00 pm-Finance 5:30 pm-Last Bread & Broth Before Worship-Bells After Worship-Choir	10 9:00 am-Property Committee 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	11 3:45 pm-Violin Lessons	12
16 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir	17 Maundy Thurs. 12:00-Maundy Thurs. Svc.-St. Mark 6:00-AGAPE meal at St. Stephen 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	18 Good Friday 11:00 am-Prayer Walk 7:00 pm-Good Friday Svc.	19
23 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir	24 8:00 am-Central Area Judges Council (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros 7:00 pm-Church Council	25 3:45 pm-Violin Lessons	26
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ST. MARK YOUTH NEWS

MIDWEEK LENTEN YOUTH LESSONS

We will continue Midweek Lenten Youth Lessons through April 9. Come and feed your family a soup supper at Bread and Broth and stay for an interactive lesson too! We will meet every Wednesday through **April 9**. Soup dinners begin at 5:30 pm but if you are late, there will still be soup to eat! Worship and Study and the children's lessons will begin around 6:45 pm each week.

EASTER EGG HUNT AND REFRESHMENTS

Scheduled for April 26 at 10:00 a.m. Watch bulletins for additional information.



DAY CAMP

Mark your calendars! Day Camp returns to St. Mark **August 4 through August 7**. Invite friends to join us!

ST. STEPHEN YOUTH NEWS

Since St. Mark has been partnering with St. Stephen Lutheran Church for youth events, there are many other events you are welcome to join us for. Here are the upcoming events St. Stephen is hosting. If you wish to get email update or have questions about any of the following, please contact Jenny Batcheler at: yfmd@ststephenlc.org

FUSE MEETINGS

Attention Families! St. Stephen Church, New Kingstown, will be holding their **Fuse Meetings** on the **3rd Sunday of each month, at 1:00 pm**. A lunch meal is always served. Bring a side dish to share! This meeting is for kids of any age, 0-18, and the supportive adult in their life, in whatever form that is (parents, grandparents, neighbors, friends, older siblings, extended

family, etc.). You don't need to attend St. Stephen Church to attend Fuse! Anyone is welcome! We will have a meal, do some activities and learn a lesson. So come **Fuse** with us!



EMS GAME NIGHT!

Youth in Grades K-12 are invited the **1st Wednesday of each month**, from **6:00 pm-8:00 pm** to come play boards games with various local **EMS personnel** in the **St. Stephen Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall!** Fill out a short

mixer sheet to get to know a little about them, choose from a large collection of games, and have a night of fun, friends, and socialization! All different games and skill levels for different age groups! Are you up for the challenge? Adult sign in at door required for non-teens during drop off.

EASTER EGG COLORING DAY

Please register to participate in our free Public Easter Egg Coloring Day for all ages! Whether you are an adult or child, you are welcome to come socialize and color eggs! Light refreshments provided.



When: April 12, 2025

Time: 3:00 PM

Where: Fellowship Hall, St. Stephen Church

Start talking to your families now to spark interest in coming in for the afternoon, to color eggs together as a group! Each participant gets a dozen eggs to color and take home! Register at <https://www.surveymon.com/r/ZN5F2FD>.

DO YOU LIKE TO SEW?

We have quite a few quilt squares that need assembled and sewn together. Squares are pre-cut, and instructions are provided. Please contact Karen to arrange to pick up at St. Mark.





Pastor Marleen, Ms. Karen, and everyone at St. Mark Lutheran Church, We just wanted to let all of you know how very much your kindness and love has means to our family! Your overwhelming generosity has helped to turn one of the most stressful and frightening times of uncertainty into one of the greatest blessings we have ever had in our lives. We now have a home that was even better than the one we lost! We are so happy to spend

our time there and so excited to go back to it when we are away! And none of this would have been possible without all of you! We are so thankful that you have taken us in and accepted us as a part of your family, and we look forward to returning your favor as well as paying it forward to others in need and sharing the love that you have shown us when we needed it the most. Thank you again—*The Murphy and Page Families*

Note from Pastor Marleen: Thanks for your contributions to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, so that we were able to help these families.

Thank you, Phyllis Mihalich, for the wonderful Taco Tuesday night hosted by the Fellowship Committee. A good time and great food were enjoyed by all of us. And thank you to everyone who brought a dessert to share.

Dear Friends at St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church, Thank you very much for your gift of \$200.00 designated to Mechanicsburg Place: A Senior Center and More. Your gift is a ray of sunshine as it brightens the days of so many seniors who view Mechanicsburg Place as an extension of home. Thank you so much for your generosity and support.

With Gratitude, Bill Coder, VP of Development

St. Mark,
I adore flowers. These are especially lovely with your message. Thank you for your kindness.
Fondly, Mary A. Mumma

Dear St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church.

This letter is to thank you for your donation of \$100.00 on February 24, 2025. We certainly appreciate your church's continued support of MAMOW. Your commitment is wonderful and sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely, Karen Cochran, Secretary on behalf of The Volunteers of MAMOW

Notes and cards received in response to college and military package mailings



Dear St. Mark Lutheran Church,
Thank you for all of the goodies and the gift card. It was so sweet and thoughtful!!
Thank you, Bella

Dear St. Mark Lutheran Church,
This amazing package came in the mail today! You are so sweet to think of me. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness.
Julia Weist

Dear St. Mark Lutheran Church,
Thank you so much for the box. I appreciate it!!
Nevaeh Barnhart

Dear St. Mark Lutheran Church,
Thank you so much for the box.
Katelynn Mattern

Dear St. Mark Lutheran Church,
Thank you so much for the Lenten box. It's amazing.
Elisa Scutti

Dear St. Mark Lutheran Church,
Thank you so much for the care package!!! My roommate and I are very grateful.
Salvatore Scutti

Dear St. Mark Lutheran Church,
Thank you for the package and the nice surprise!
Love, Ben Connor

Dear Members of St. Mark Lutheran Church,
Thank you to everybody who generously donated items,
shoeboxes, time packaging the boxes, and money to cover
shipping costs! These packages from “home” are appreciated
and we couldn’t make it happen without all of you!
Youth and Family Ministry Committee

Dear Social Ministry Outreach Committee,
Thank you for thinking of me at Christmas
Jaylyn Atticks

Thank You Jack and Kirk Kapp!
The Worship and Music Committee would like to thank Jack Kapp
and his son, Kirk, who have securely stabilized our candelabras,
so we don’t have to worry about them tipping over.
Worship and Music Committee



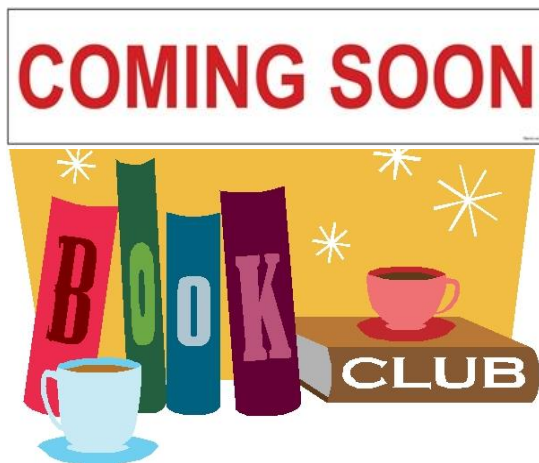
ST. MARK CROP WALKERS

I wanted to share the exciting news
with you that the Mechanicsburg/West
Shore CROP Hunger Walk was ranked
#31 in the country in terms of funds
raised for 2024. Congratulations!!!
Thank you for your amazing efforts and
dedication in making a meaningful
difference in the fight against hunger!
We will do it all over again on October
19!. *You rock St. Mark Keller Street
Walkers!! Thank you,
Karen Fisher, Team Captain*



MAY 2025 REMARKER DEADLINE

Please deliver or email your information and
articles for the **May 2025 ReMarker** to the
church office **no later than April 15, 2025**.
Thank you so much.



The Evangelism Committee will be hosting a book club read on May 15, 2025, at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

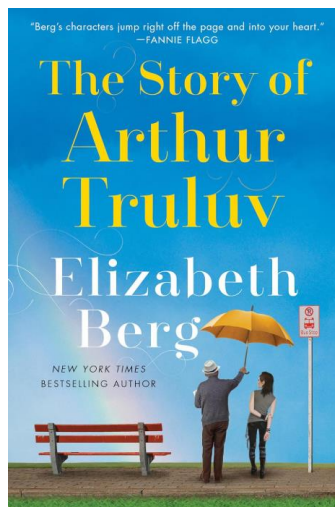
Suggested book is a novel by Elizabeth Berg, *The Story of Arthur Truluv*.

This is a heartwarming novel about two unlikely people who find a connection. Arthur is a kind caring man who visits the cemetery daily to have an imaginary conversation with his late wife. There he meets Maddy, a troubled teen hiding from school. Together they find their way back from loss and loneliness to a different kind of life.

We look forward to conversation and fellowship with you. We encourage you to share and invite a friend.

The book is available through the library or Thrift books.

Thank you,
Jo Ann Novinger, Chair
Evangelism Committee




Living Lutheran

We heard you—and listened. We have found a way to bring back the magazine's print publication in a quarterly fashion. Each issue (spring, summer, winter, and fall) will feature the stories you know and love, along with updates on the church and your ELCA community. The cost for one year will be \$19.95 for an individual subscription and \$17 per year for a congregation group subscription.

If you are interested, please contact Karen in the church office. We will determine if there is enough interest for a group subscription. Anyone without internet may call 800-638-3522.

-APRIL-

8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

LAY READER	ASSISTING MINISTER
6 Karen Heath	6 Sean Gimbel
13 Palm Sunday - Various	13 Phyllis Mihalich
17 Noon - Frankie Hensel	17 Joan Murphy
18 Terri Hopkins	18 Barb Yost
20-Sunrise-TBA	20-Sunrise-Frankie Hensel
20 Easter-Sara Jane Miller	20 Easter-Tina Freidhof
27 Karen Fisher	27 Alma Gimbel
ACOLYTE	USHERS
6 Katie Stull	6 Gene Shaner, Terry Shaner
13 Phyllis Mihalich	13 Tyson Murphy, Joan Murphy
17 Joan Murphy	17 Noon-
18 No acolyte needed	18 No ushers needed
20-Sunrise-Joan Murphy	20-Sunrise
20 Easter-Caroline Stull	20 Easter-Keith Hensel, Frankie Hensel
27 Alma Gimbel	27 Marlin Brown, Sandy Brown
ALTAR GUILD	
6 Joan Murphy, Andrea Sassaman	
13 Sandy Brown, Phyllis Mihalich	
17 Connie Kuntz, Phyllis Mihalich, Joan Murphy	
18	
20 Terry Shaner, Connie Kuntz, Jo Ann Novinger	
27 Muretta Yentzer, Cindy Larkin	
APRIL MONEY DUTY	
Karen Fisher, Ben Yost	



If you would like your birthday and/or anniversary to be printed in the ReMarker, please contact Karen at 717-580-7507 or email the office at kfisher@stmarkmburg.com with your name and birthday/anniversary. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS

1	Scott Kreiger	22	William Hirn
8	Scott Clelan	28	Orson Boyer
8	Debra Kreiger	29	Genna Atticks
8	Rodney Ritter	29	Frank Sisolak
8	Paula Zinobile	30	Amanda Brudowsky
17	Kiehra Beck	30	Amy Gimbel

ANNIVERSARIES

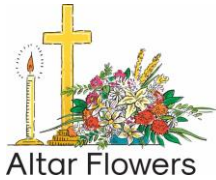
15	Christine and Brett Chester
26	Ez & Andi Sassaman

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Please keep the family and friends of Doris Berger in your thoughts and prayers. Doris passed away on March 21, 2025.

<https://www.buhrig.com/obituaries/doris-berger>





- April 6 In memory of Angela Fasick by Jessie Johnston.
- April 13 In honor of grandson Cody Moyer's April 15
birthday by Karen Fisher.
- In memory of Donald (Duck) Thomas on what
would have been his 82nd birthday (April 9) by his
family.
- April 20 Easter Lilies by sponsors.
- April 27 In memory of Donald C. Fissel by Susan Fissel.

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

We need flower sponsors for all of May. If you would like to sponsor one or both vases, please complete one of the forms located in the newsletter, bulletins, or entrances to St. Mark or contact Connie Kuntz at 717-503-5244.



HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES

At St. Mark Lutheran Church, we are committed to keeping our homebound members as active as possible in the life of the church. If you are no longer able to join us for worship, be sure to contact the church office so that we can plan to visit with you. Pastor Marleen has trained lay members to bring communion to you so that everyone is visited about once a month. Please never hesitate to call the church office or Pastor Marleen if you have any pastoral care needs! In addition, if you would like to have a weekly church bulletin mailed to you, please email Karen at kfisher@stmarkmburg.com or contact her in the church office at 717-766-4482.



April 13	Palm Sunday
April 17	Maundy Thursday Noon at St. Mark Maundy Thursday AGAPE Feast at St. Stephen, 30 W. Main St., New Kingston, 17072 - 6:00 PM
April 18	Good Friday Prayer Walk - 11:00 AM
April 18	Good Friday - 7:00 PM
April 20	Easter Sunrise Service - 6:30 AM
April 20	Potluck Easter Breakfast - 7:15 AM
April 20	Resurrection of our Lord - Easter Day
April 26	Easter Egg Hunt and Refreshments
May 15	Book Club Study of <i>Arthur Truluv</i>
May 24	Community Yard Sale
August 4-7	St. Mark Day Camp
September 8	God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday
October 14	Soup on the Sidewalk at Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade
October 19	CROP Walk at Memorial Park
November 27	Annual Thanksgiving Meal
December 24	Christmas Eve Services & Lighting of the Luminaries

Altar Flower Sponsorship Form

Please check the one that applies to your sponsorship and complete the following statements:

- ☐ In memory of _____
- ☐ In honor of _____
- ☐ To the Glory of God

Sponsor Name: _____

Sponsor Phone #: _____

Sponsor Email: _____

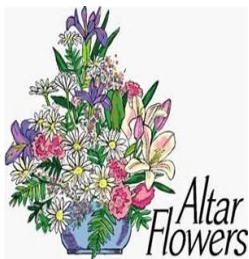
Date Requested: _____

- ☐ Willing to Share

Circle Payment Enclosed:

\$25.00 One Vase of Flowers

\$50.00 Both Vases of Flowers



Checks should be made payable to St. Mark Lutheran Church and note "Altar Guild" in the memo line. Place in the offering plate or mail directly to the church office

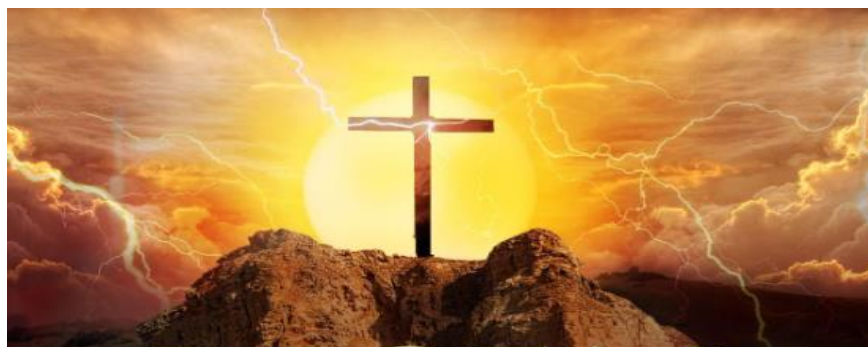


Please check any that apply!

- ☐ Flowers will be picked up by sponsor.
- ☐ Deliver one vase of flowers to shut-in or hospital
- ☐ Deliver both vases of flowers to shut-in or hospital

Please contact Connie Kuntz at 717-503-5244 with any questions.

THANK YOU!



Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Charles Wesley

Easter Hymn from *Lyra Davidica*

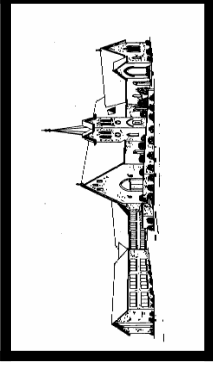
1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ was led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sons of men and an - gels say, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids Him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once He died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heav'n's, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

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