

The ReMarker

APRIL 2026

St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church
of Mechanicsburg

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Mechanicsburg, PA 17055



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"To Know Christ and To Make Him Known"



Dear Siblings in Christ,

“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.

(From Lutheran Book of Worship Hymn #153)

These are lyrics that have been stuck in my head since childhood. I don't know if we sang this Easter hymn every Easter Sunday, but we most likely sang it sometime during the seven weeks of Easter every year as I grew up. This year for the first time in many years, we will sing it again. I cannot predict whether you will like it or not, but I do hope that the lyrics ring true.

On Easter Sunday, we do welcome a happy morning. If you have worshipped throughout Holy Week with us, you know how incredibly happy the morning of the resurrection truly is. During the holiest week of the Christian year, we commemorate the final days of Jesus' earthly life. It is central to our faith to come together to remember the events of Holy Week each year.

So don't miss coming on Palm Sunday; we will invite the children and choir members to process as we sing the story of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. That day we also hear the words of Jesus' passion from Matthew's gospel. I know it sounds the same every year but the gospel stories each have unique focuses. Come to hear the story of both betrayal and remorse from Judas. Notice the promises Jesus makes to his disciples in his final meal with them. Pay attention to the cosmic happenings in Matthew's gospel when Jesus dies and rises. But please do not jump from Palm Sunday directly to Easter.

To really understand why we welcome this happy morning after all these ages, you need to come for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday too. The stripping of the altar reminds us how Jesus is

betrayed and denied by his own followers, but the Last Supper also reminds us that Jesus continues to be present with us every time we commune. It may seem like a repeat of Palm/Passion Sunday, but we will be hearing from John’s gospel on Thursday and Friday, so we have a different perspective. Even though it is an emotional service, Good Friday makes us face the fact of Jesus’ terrible death annually.

After experiencing the services of Holy Week again this year, I pray that you come and join us as we welcome the happy Easter morning once again this year!

Happy Easter!

Pastor Marleen

Pastor Marleen

FEBRUARY 2026 ATTENDANCE



Service Date	8:30 am In-Person	8:30 am Zoom	11:00 am In-Person	YouTube Service
February 1	52	6	0	22
February 8	44	8	-	27
February 15	39	8	-	58
February 18 (Ash Wednesday)		2	-	21
February 22	51	6	-	23
February 25 (Lent Midweek)		2	-	8



MAY 2026 REMARKER DEADLINE

Please deliver or email your information and articles for the **May 2026 ReMarker** to the church office **no later than Monday, May 13.**

HOLY WEEK



SCHEDULE

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2

There will be a noon service of Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar. In the evening, we will gather for the Seder Meal at 5:30 PM. This is a Christian version of the Passover Meal that Jewish families celebrate annually but remembering the Last Supper that Jesus shared with the first disciples as well. It is a light meal including roasted chicken, unleavened bread, Charoset, and hard-boiled eggs. During supper, we will celebrate Holy Communion. Then we will move to the sanctuary for a brief time of worship and the stripping of the altar. The worship portion will begin at 6:15 PM.

If you are planning on coming for dinner, please contact the church office as soon as possible.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3

The community will gather in various locations 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 and conclude with a brief time of worship together. Our congregation 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 won't want to miss the nailing of our names to the cross at the conclusion of the service.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD—SUNRISE SERVICE, POTLUCK BREAKFAST, AND EASTER SERVICE, APRIL 5

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

THE TREASURER'S REPORT



CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2026

• General Operating Fund	\$ 14,298.34
• Capital Expenditures Fund	\$ 57.92
• Designated Gifts	
Memorial Fund-Undesignated	\$ 20,483.33
Fellowship	\$ 276.43
Social Ministry	\$ 4,291.76
Quilting Connection	\$ 116.23
Youth Fund	\$ 826.51
Music Memorial	\$ 943.00
Columbarium	\$ 2,669.01
Noisy Sunday	\$ 243.10
• Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$ 2,150.64
• Investment Account	\$ 351,697.02
• WinGS Account	\$ 296.92
• Altar Guild Account	\$ 1,874.99

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled for **April 8 at 1:00 pm** in the Finance Office.

NOISY SUNDAY—MAKE SOME NOISE!

The Noisy Sunday offering for February was \$109.64 and the Noisy Sunday offering for March was \$129.82. THANK YOU! Noisy Sundays occur on the last Sunday of each month. The April Noisy Sunday offering will be held on **April 26, 2026**.

Income & Expense Report

FINANCIAL INFORMATION	
February, 2026	
<u>GENERAL FUND INFORMATION</u>	
YTD 2026 Income	\$ 37,003.53
YTD 2026 Expenses	\$ 41,645.03
<i>Difference</i>	\$ (4,641.50)
<u>2026 vs 2025 COMPARISON (All Accounts *)</u>	
YTD Deposits through 2/28/26	\$ 37,003.53
YTD Deposits through 2/28/25	\$ 46,423.16
<i>Difference</i>	\$ (9,419.63)
YTD Expenses through 2/28/26	\$ 41,645.03
YTD Expenses through 2/28/25	\$ 45,542.37
<i>Difference</i>	\$ (3,897.34)
<i>* Includes General, Pastor's, Designated Gifts and Capital Appreciation Funds</i>	

LAWN TRACTOR

Property has found a lawn tractor to cut grass and also has an attachment to blow snow. The cost for the tractor with snow blower attachment is **\$7,410** that will hopefully arrive by the end of April.

To date, we have collected **\$4,067.00** toward the cost of the tractor which leaves us with a current balance of **\$3,343.00**.

If you would like to help pay for the tractor, please use one of the "Special Offering" lines on your offering envelope and mark it "mower."

We will need to pay for the tractor when it is delivered so any outstanding balance will need to be funded by a line of credit loan from the bank.



ENJOY THE MUSIC

From the Choir Loft—

WORSHIP SERVICE NEWS—11:00 AM

The 11:00 AM worship service continues with Communion on the first Sunday of each Month.

VOCAL CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS

The Vocal Choir and Bell Choir will return to Wednesday night rehearsals on April 8 at 6:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

The Worship & Music Committee will meet April 8, 2026, at 2:00 pm in the parlor.

THOUGHTS FROM STEWARDSHIP

What is stewardship? Dictionary.com defines it as “*responsible overseeing and protection of something considered worth caring for and preserving.*”

Charles Stoughton cited in *Embracing Stewardship* by Charles Lane and Grace Duddy Pomroy amplifies this with “**Stewardship is everything I do after I say I believe.**” It is how we manage all God has entrusted to our care—time, talent, resources, and more.

St. Mark Lutheran Church is blessed with many good stewards who devote much to the church. Thank you to all of you.

Let’s all take the time during Holy Week and Easter to examine and strengthen what we do to support our faith.

Kevin Amos, Chair, Stewardship Committee



JESUS THE GOOD STEWARD: FIVE WAYS TO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE

Have you ever thought about what it really means to be a good steward? Stewardship isn't just about money—it's about how we manage everything God entrusts to us: our time, abilities, relationships, and even creation itself. From the very beginning, God has called his people to live as wise and faithful stewards.

Good stewardship lies at the heart of the command given to Adam and Eve in Genesis to be fruitful, subdue the earth and rule over everything. As God's image bearers they were to reflect the heart of a benevolent God to the world in a caring and wise way (Genesis 1:26-28). It's a charge that passes on to us.

Yet, as we see from Genesis 3 onwards, humanity's stewardship has been marked by failure, as sin distorts our ability to care for what God has entrusted to us. But while many biblical figures illustrate stewardship in different ways, Jesus provides the ultimate example.

Here are five ways in which Jesus shows us what being a good steward is all about:

1. USE YOUR GOD-GIVEN ABILITIES

Jesus taught a lot about how we should steward everything in life. One such example is the 'Parable of the Talents' (Matthew 25:14-30). It's a powerful narrative illustrating the key principles of stewardship. In the parable, a master entrusts his servants with talents (a form of currency) before going on a journey. The servants who wisely invest and multiply their talents are praised upon the master's return, while the one who buries his talent is rebuked.

Jesus uses this parable to convey the importance of using one's God-given abilities and resources for the benefit of the Kingdom. The lesson goes beyond financial matters; it extends to the skills, time, and opportunities we have generally in life. Jesus encourages us to

actively engage with these gifts bestowed upon us by God and to use them responsibly for the growth of his kingdom through the church.

Whether it's our profession, creativity, leadership, or acts of kindness, we are called to use what we have—not bury it in fear.

2. SERVE THE NEEDS OF OTHERS

Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet (John 13) shows us that stewardship is about serving others, no matter how lowly the task. Philippians 2:5-11 reminds us that Jesus' whole life—from incarnation to the cross—was one of self-giving service. In the same way, true stewardship isn't about status or recognition, but about humbly caring for others.

Jesus' life not only demonstrates humility but also the essence of a good steward. Jesus, the ultimate steward of humanity's salvation, exemplifies the importance of selfless service. In stewarding the basic ability of washing another's feet he sets the example of serving others with deep love and humility that mirrored his entire mission.

3. MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus consistently shows compassion and care for the marginalised, the sick, and the needy. He primarily does this by making time for them. Jesus made time for the marginalised and hurting, showing that good stewardship isn't just about talents or money, but how we prioritise people in our daily lives. We never read about Jesus wasting a moment, everything is always carried out with impeccable timing.

While we can never achieve this same level of perfection the principle to note is that good stewardship extends beyond personal talents, resources and even basic abilities. A compassionate and caring attitude towards others will often cost us the most in terms of our time. In imitating Jesus, we're called to be a good steward love and justice by spending time actively engaging in the well-being of others around us.

4. BE PREPARED FOR SACRIFICE

The pinnacle of Jesus' stewardship is found in his sacrificial death on the cross. In Mark 10:45, Jesus states, "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many". This profound statement encapsulates the sacrificial nature of Jesus' mission on Earth.

The cross represents the ultimate act of being a good steward, as Jesus willingly offers himself for the redemption of humanity. Believers are called to reflect on this sacrificial love, recognizing the responsibility to steward their lives in a manner that aligns with the transformative power of the cross, and share the life-saving message of the gospel.

Stewardship isn't always easy. Sometimes, it calls for sacrifice—putting others before ourselves and giving generously, just as Jesus gave his life for us.

5. CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

While the Bible may not explicitly address environmental concerns as we understand them today, the broader concept of stewardship can be applied to caring for God's creation. In returning to the early chapters of Genesis we note that humans are given the responsibility to rule. This charge implies a role of caretakers or stewards, responsible for maintaining the harmony and balance of the created world.

Applying this principle to contemporary environmental issues, believers can see themselves as good stewards of the Earth. Responsible resource management, sustainable practices, and a mindful approach to environmental impact align with the biblical call to be caretakers of God's creation.

It's no accident that the risen Jesus was mistaken for a gardener (John 20:15)—a reminder that caring for creation is part of our calling.

FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF THE GOOD STEWARD

Stewardship isn't just about what we have—it's about how we live. Jesus, the ultimate Good Steward, calls us to follow his example in every area of life: using our gifts wisely, serving others humbly, making time for what matters, embracing sacrifice, and caring for creation. As we do, we reflect God's heart to the world.



Matt Holderness 05 Mar 2025

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT—



WinGS LEARN PAINTING FROM A PRO

During the March meeting of the Women in God'Service (WinGS), the ladies were given a lesson in water color painting by our very own Deb Kreiger. Deb very graciously, and patiently, spent time during their meeting sharing her talent to let them try their own hands at water color painting. She brought her very talented student, Ellie, to assist her. This was enjoyed by all who attended!

We will have a presentation by Stacey Heiland of Joys of Life Scrapbooking on journaling on April 14 at 6:30 pm. We hope you will join us.



WinGS BIRTHDAY IN A BOX PROJECT

The WinGS group would like to thank everyone who donated items for their *Birthday in a Box Project* for New Hope Ministries. Each cake pan contains cake mix, icing, balloons, birthday card, ribbon, a can of soda, and instructions. Pastor Marleen blessed the 35 items on March 29. They will be delivered to New Hope Ministries, and 35 individuals will enjoy a delicious birthday cake.

Tina Freidhof, President, WinGS



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT (See poster in back of newsletter)

Our annual Easter egg hunt is scheduled for the Saturday after Easter. All children are invited to join us on **Saturday, April 11, at 10:00 AM** for an Easter lesson and hunt for treat-filled plastic eggs.

Please return filled eggs to the Upper Room or to a member of the Youth and Family Ministry Committee no later than Easter Sunday (April 5, 2026). If you would like to help out on the day of the hunt, please contact Pastor Marleen or Amy Gimbel (YFM Chair).

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

On Sunday, **April 12**, 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! Let's laugh at the devil through our humor!
Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

MONTHLY SUNDAYS TO BENEFIT NEW HOPE MINISTRIES

The Social Ministry Outreach Committee designates one Sunday a month to collect items for New Hope Ministries. Here are the items for April, May, and June:

April 19

May 24 (Pentecost)

June 14

**Peanut Butter and Jelly
Ketchup and Mustard
(Wear red and bring red)
Cleaning Products**

MECHANICSBURG AREA MEALS ON WHEELS (MAMOW)

Our wonderful bakers made and donated 11 cakes in March for MAMOW. Thank you to all the bakers and to Sara Jane Miller and Donna Shur, for coordinating this monthly program. You are AMAZING!



LADIES AND FRIENDS NIGHT OUT

The Ladies and Friends will be dining at Red Lobster on April 23 at 6:30 PM. Please RSVP to Karen Fisher at 717-580-7507 if you plan on attending.


COMMUNITY YARD SALE

(See poster in back of newsletter)

Sell your stuff or come to shop! Join us on **Saturday, May 9 from 9:00 am--?** for a yard sale on our back lawn. Everyone is welcome to set up starting at 7:00 am. Mechanicsburg Borough does not permit sales before 9:00 am. If you would like to use one of our tables, we are requesting a donation of \$10.00. You must carry out and return. Refreshments will be available for a free-will offering.

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9:45 AM Sunday Church School and Children's Choir

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
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<p>5 EASTER DAY-CHRIST IS RISEN 6:30 am-Easter Sunrise Svc. 8:30 am-In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc.-Communion 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's SS & Choir 11:00 am-Worship Svc. 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros</p>	<p>6 7:00 pm-German Club</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>12 HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY 8:30 am-In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc.-Communion 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's SS & Choir 10:45 am-Youth & Family Ministry 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros</p>	<p>13 2:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Club</p>	<p>14 6:30 pm-WinGS</p>
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<p>26 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Noisy Sunday 8:30 am-In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc.-Communion 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's SS & Choir 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros</p>	<p>27 2:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group</p>	<p>28 1:00 pm-Social Ministry</p>

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 6:00 pm-Bell Choir	2 MAUNDY THURSDAY 12:00 pm-Noon Svc. 5:30 pm-Seder Meal 6:15 pm-Worship Svc Following svc.-Vocal Choir	3 GOOD FRIDAY 11:00 am-Prayer Walk 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-Good Friday Svc.	4 11:00 am-Bob Curll Funeral Service
8 11:00 am-Bible Study 1:00 pm-Finance 2:00 pm-Worship & Music 3:30 Worship Planning 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Vocal Choir	9 9:00 am-Property Committee 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons 3:00 pm-Fellowship 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	10 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons	11 10:00 am-Easter Egg Hunt 6:30 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros
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BOOK CLUB

The next book club meeting is **May 12 at 1:00 PM**. The book is "*The Red Tent*," by Anita Diamant. *The Red Tent* (1997) is a compelling retelling of the biblical story from the perspective of Dinah, daughter of Jacob and Leah. The book explores Dinah's experiences as a woman in the biblical era, her time in the red tent, and her ill-fated love affair with Prince Shalem. The novel highlights family dynamics, female

empowerment, and the lives of strong, distinct women within Jacob's household. Readers follow Dinah from childhood through her adulthood, including her work as a midwife in Egypt and her struggle to find independence from her family. Anita Diamant's narrative transforms a brief biblical account into a rich, intimate story of love, loss, and resilience.

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, Amazon, or Thrift books.

SUMMER DAY CAMP FOR KIDS

Mark your calendars! Day Camp at St. Mark will return this summer for kids from K- 5th grade. Those who are older are encouraged to come and help during camp this summer. On **August 3 through August 7 from 8:30 am—3:30 pm**. This year we use the ELCA's National Youth Gathering's theme: *Imagine More... Courage, Joy, Love, Welcome, and Grace*.

We will learn how the Kingdom of God is a place of **more**. This **FREE** camp is a great way for our youth and youth in our community to grow in their faith! If you know young people who would like to attend, invite them to join us. If you want to be part of sharing faith with the next generation, let Pastor Marleen know, and we will find ways for you to participate.



PURSE PROJECT

Again, this spring and summer, the Social Ministry Outreach Committee will be collecting items for their *Purse Project*. **WE NEED YOUR HELP.** Our Purse Project is aimed at supplying women with some of the little things they need to get back on their feet.



According to data from the National Alliance to End Homelessness, roughly 29% of all people experiencing homelessness are women, and the transition out of homelessness can be difficult without support.

Here are some items to consider when donating:

Large purses or totes (preferably new or gently used)

Full size bottle of shampoo	Mints
Wash cloth	Deodorant
Bar of soap	Comb
Body wash	Razor
Toothpaste	Scarf
Toothbrush	Hat
Any hygiene product	Gloves
Make-up	Small first aid kit
Hand wipes	Thermal socks
Bottled Water	Chapstick
Hand sanitizer	Facial Wipes
Hand lotion	Trail Mix
Beef jerky	Gum
Applesauce	Other appropriate items

Containers have been placed at the back entrance of St. Mark for your donations. Please contact Karen Fisher, Chair, Social Ministry Committee, with questions.

And the King will answer them, truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40



Hi Pastor Marleen,

I wanted to say thank you to the church for the care package. It was really sweet of everyone who helped out to include such a variety of gifts! I was especially in love with the colored pencils and sticky note collection. Being able to erase and shade skin tones really leveled up my doodles, and I'm already knee-deep in flagging the interesting and important parts of my books. I'm glad the other college students in our church community are showered with the same generosity.

Alma Gimbel, Class of '29, Susquehanna University

St. Mark Lutheran Church,

We would like to thank the Youth and Family Ministry for their college boxes. They were very much appreciated. Thanks ❤️

Katelynn Mattern, Nevaeh Barnhart. Kira Shirk, and Owen Purdy

St. Mark Lutheran Church,

We had an extra care package, so I mailed it to Ben and his two roommates since they are still in grad school, and they asked me to tell everyone at church thank you for the package and they appreciate it!

Michele Connor for Ben Connor and his two roommates

St. Mark Lutheran Church,

I received my yearly package from your church today!! Thank you for thinking of me and adding my name to the list. I have been going to church every Sunday here in Austin with 3 of my closest friends and I love it. Please thank your church for the wonderful package.

Julia Weist, University of Texas in Austin

TO ALL who helped in any way during the 5 weeks of lent—

To include bakers, soup makers, delivery drivers, those who contributed funds, dessert makers, meal assemblers, kitchen help including organizing, setting up and cleaning up and anything I may have missed for the 27 meals that were prepared each week—



TREMENDOUS THANKS. YOU MADE THE DIFFERENCE IN SO MANY LIVES. WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE YOU.

Karen Fisher, Chair, Social Ministry Outreach

IN CASE YOU MISSED THIS IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT--


BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY SHARING

In the future, we will discontinue sharing birthdays and anniversaries in the ReMarker. Unfortunately, we have accidentally overlooked members in the past and have included people who no longer wished to be included on our list. Putting together a monthly ReMarker is already a very time-consuming process and trying to keep an ongoing record of who wants to share this information and who does not is more than any office manager should be responsible for. We apologize to the families who we have hurt because of our mistakes of inclusion or exclusion—none of those were intentional. But to save time and future hurt, we will no longer share this information. Instead, we will put our time and energy into other ministries. If at any time you wish to have a card shower for one of your loved ones (members or not!), just let the church office know. This is a ministry that we know shares the love of Christ with many as they celebrate milestones in their lives.

If you have questions about this, please contact me directly. (It is a pastoral decision, not a Church Council or Office Manager decision.)

Pastor Marleen

WORSHIP HELPERS

LAY READER	ASSISTING MINISTER
2 Maundy Thursday Noon-Frankie Hensel 6:15 pm-Karen Fisher	2 Maundy Thursday Noon - Phyllis Mihalich 6:15 pm-Sean Gimbel
3 Good Friday 7:00 pm-Karen Heath	3 Good Friday 7:00 pm-Denise Hirn
5 Easter Sunrise-Frankie Hensel 8:30 am-Sara Jane Miller	5 Easter Sunrise-Joan Murphy 8:30 am-Karen Heath
12 Scott Kreiger	12 Barb Yost
19 Dave Harnish	19 Tina Freidhof
26 Connie Kuntz	26 Kevin Amos
ACOLYTE	USHERS
2 Maundy Thursday Noon-Phyllis Mihalich 6:15 pm-Katie Stull	2 Maundy Thursday Noon-Karen Heath, Kevin Amos 6:15-Ken Shur, Donna Shur
3 Good Friday—no acolyte needed	3 Good Friday
5 Easter Sunrise-Joan Murphy 8:30 am-Caroline Stull	5 Easter Sunrise-no ushers needed 8:30 am- Tina Freidhof, Michele Connor
12 Katie Stull	12 Shannon Weaver, Connie Kuntz
19 Audrey Johnston	19 Matt Yost, Kevin Amos
26 Joan Murphy	26 Charles Rusnak, Karen Rusnak
ALTAR GUILD	
2 Maundy Thursday Noon-Sara Jane Miller, Barb Lehman, 6:15-Terry Shaner, Joan Murphy	
3 Good Friday	
5 Easter 8:30 am-Connie Kuntz, Bev Reihart	
12 Phyllis Mihalich, Muretta Yentzer	
19 Terry Shaner, Connie Kuntz	
26 Michele Connor, Cindy Larkin	
APRIL COUNCIL MONEY DUTY	
Ben Yost, Kevin Amos	



Hi, I Just Wanted
To Send You A
Little Note To Let
You Know That I Was
Thinking Of You!

CARD SHOWER

If you would like to request a card shower for someone, please provide the information to Karen in the Church Office, and we will be happy to accommodate your request. It's just a simple way of reaching out and sharing God's love. Thanks so much.

St. Mark Lutheran Church

Easter EGG HUNT!

Join us for a fun-filled Easter Egg Hunt!

117 West Keller Street,
Mechanicsburg, PA

Saturday, April 11, 2026 • 10:00 a.m.

Eggs, Treats & Prizes! All are welcome!



Date: Saturday, May 9, 2026

Place: St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church
Back Yard

Set Up: Starts at 7:00 AM

Sell: 9:00 AM
Trinkets and Treasures

Tables: Available from church to use. You must carry outside and return. *(We are requesting a \$10.00 donation towards the purchase of a new sign for our back yard.)*

Refreshments:
Free-will donation.



April 2	Maundy Thursday Svc. - Noon
April 2	Maundy Thursday Seder Meal - 5:30 PM
April 2	Maundy Thursday Svc. - 6:15 PM
April 3	Good Friday Prayer Walk - 11:00 AM
April 3	Good Friday Worship Svc. - 7:00 PM
April 5	Easter Sunrise Service - 6:30 AM
April 5	Potluck Easter Breakfast - 7:15 AM
April 5	Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Day
April 11	Easter Egg Hunt
April 12	Holy Humor Sunday
April 20	Ken Shur-Boston Marathon
April 23	Ladies & Friends Night Out 6:30 pm—Red Lobster
May 9	Community Yard Sale
May 16	Spreading of tan bark
May 26	Planting of geraniums
August 3-7	St. Mark Day Camp
August 9	Annual Church Picnic
September 13	God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday
October (TBA)	Soup on the Sidewalk at Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade
October 18	55 th Annual CROP Walk



Geraniums for
Geraniums for
Pentecost

If you would like to sponsor a geranium for Pentecost on **May 24**, please complete the form below.

The cost is **\$8.00 per plant**. Please place the form with your payment in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

The deadline for ordering is Sunday, May 3.
Please make your check payable to **St. Mark Lutheran Church** and put **“Altar Guild”** on the memo line.

The geraniums will be planted in the flower beds of the church on **May 26**.

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

To the Glory of God

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Presented by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Total number of geraniums ordered

Amount of Check: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## SPREAD TAN BARK—WE NEED YOU!!!

We will be spreading tan bark on **Saturday, May 16, beginning at 8:00, rain or shine.**

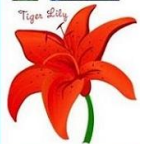
Shovels, pitchforks, rakes and/or wheelbarrows are helpful to bring, but are not required. Please let Ben Yost know if you plan to be there. The more, the merrier, and the quicker it gets done!



## April Word Search



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Babys Breath

Hydrangea

Rose

Black Eyed Susan

Iris

Snapdragon

Daffodil

Lily

Sunflower

Daisy

Petunia

Sweet pea

Heather

Queen Annes Lace

Tulip



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

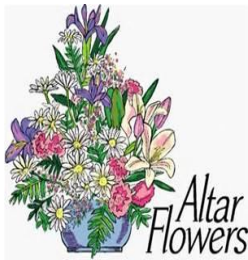
Willing to Share

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!