

# The ReMarker

**FEBRUARY 2026**

**St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church  
of Mechanicsburg**

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***St Mark Lutheran Church Mechanicsburg***

***"To Know Christ and To Make Him Known"***



Dear Siblings in Christ,

We are about to enter Lent. We start with one of the most emotional services of the church year on Ash Wednesday

(February 18). On Ash Wednesday we are faced with our mortality along with our morality.

Ashes were used when a person or nation faced utter destruction because of their evil ways as a sign that they were ready to turn away from their sinfulness. Job sits among the ashes when his whole world is destroyed. Abraham acknowledges that he is nothing but dust and ashes when he bargains with God for the lives of the people living in Sodom and Gomorrah. The King of Ninevah sits in ashes when he hears the warning of Jonah to his people. Ashes were always used at a time when there was a life-or-death situation. This is true for Ash Wednesday as well.

Every year we gather to remember that like Abraham we are simply dust and ash. Even as we acknowledge our mortality, we know that it is our sinfulness which causes death. From the beginning, humans were created to live in harmony with our Creator and each other, but we all sin and fall short of that calling. Ash Wednesday forces us to acknowledge our sinful nature. It makes us face our immoral choices head on. It challenges us to acknowledge that we are but dust and will return to dust again.

But like the stories of ashes being used in the Old Testament, we come acknowledging our sins and turning away from death to life. So, on Ash Wednesday, we do not simply sit in ash to mourn our losses, but we receive ash in the shape of the cross to remind us where to turn for life.

May the ashes at the beginning of Lent point you to the end of Lent and the way to everlasting life!

Have a Blessed Lent!

*Pastor Marleen*

Pastor Marleen

## DECEMBER 2025 ATTENDANCE



Service Date	8:30 am In-Person	8:30 am Zoom	11:00 am In-Person	YouTube Service
December 7	41	6	5	12
December 14	42	7		16
December 21	58	7		23
December 24-4:00	47	3		38
December 24-9:30	66	10		58
December 28	46	5		20

### EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you would like to receive the weekly bulletins, announcements, and monthly newsletter via email, please forward your current email address to Karen in the church office at:

[kfisher@stmarkmburg.com](mailto:kfisher@stmarkmburg.com)



### MARCH 2026 REMARKER DEADLINE

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

# THE **TREASURER'S** REPORT



## **CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025**

•	General Operating Fund	\$	20,987.15
•	Capital Expenditures Fund	\$	7.92
•	Designated Gifts		
	Memorial Fund-Undesignated	\$	18,654.12
	Fellowship	\$	342.70
	Social Ministry	\$	4,331.59
	Quilting Connection	\$	116.23
	Youth Fund	\$	796.51
	Music Memorial	\$	893.00
	Columbarium	\$	2,669.01
	Noisy Sunday	\$	.50
•	Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$	2,193.29
•	Investment Account	\$	350,275.12
•	WinGS Account	\$	212.92
•	Altar Guild Account	\$	1,998.13

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

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Finance Committee will meet **February 11 at 1:00 PM** in the Finance Office.

<b>FINANCIAL INFORMATION</b>	
<b>December, 2025</b>	
<b><u>GENERAL FUND INFORMATION</u></b>	
YTD 2025 Income	\$ 242,129.39
YTD 2025 Expenses	\$ 229,732.47
<b><i>Difference</i></b>	<b>\$ 12,396.92</b>
<b><u>2025 vs 2024 COMPARISON (All Accounts *)</u></b>	
YTD Deposits through 12/31/25	\$ 281,784.33
YTD Deposits through 12/31/24	\$ 330,876.90
<b><i>Difference</i></b>	<b>\$ (49,092.57)</b>
YTD Expenses through 12/31/25	\$ 251,966.95
YTD Expenses through 12/31/24	\$ 326,777.78
<b><i>Difference</i></b>	<b>\$ (74,810.83)</b>
<b><i>* Includes General, Pastor's, Designated Gifts and Capital Appreciation Funds</i></b>	

## **NOISY SUNDAY—MAKE SOME NOISE!**

Noisy Sundays occur on the last Sunday of each month. The February Noisy Sunday offering will be held on **February 22, 2026**.



The Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 22**, immediately following worship service, in the Sanctuary.

## LENT AND ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026**. Worship services will be held at **noon and 6:15 PM**.



## BREAD AND BROTH AND LENTEN SERVICES

Come share a soup meal at St. Mark every **Wednesday evening at 5:30 PM** during Lent (February 25-March 25) followed by Lenten service/study time at **6:15 PM** in the Sanctuary.



## SOUP SCHEDULE FOR BREAD AND BROTH MEALS

February 25	WinGS
March 4	*Open Donations
March 11	Church Council
March 18	*Open Donations
March 25	Worship & Music (including choirs)

**When your group is providing soup, keep in mind that we will need 6 to 7 pots of soup.** Everyone will have a chance to sign up to bring in soup on \*Open Donation nights. Sign-up sheets will be posted at entrances to the church for soup donations and/or to assist with cleanup after the dinner. As a reminder, if you are coming for the meal and are not providing soup that week, please bring a salad, bread, or a dessert to share. To further assist us with cleanup, we ask that you pack up any of your leftovers at the end of the dinner. Or if you desire, take out containers will be available to share your leftovers with others. If you have any questions about the dinner, please contact Marlin Brown, Fellowship Chair.



# 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.

### **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL TIME DURING LENT**

The Bell Choir will rehearse on Tuesdays at 6:00 PM beginning February 17 up until April 1 when we will return to Wednesdays at 6:00 PM.

### **ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL TIME DURING LENT**

The Adult Choir will rehearse on Wednesday evenings following the worship services.

### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Spring on in and join Children's Choir. Come join us as we work on songs and special music for the Easter season. Please contact me if you have any questions. Miss Denise [denisehirn@hotmail.com](mailto:denisehirn@hotmail.com) or 717-802-1064.

### **WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE**

The Worship & Music Committee will meet February 4, 2026, at 2:00 pm.

## A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP

### CROSS-FOCUSED CHRISTIANS

Some passages in the Bible seem to be completely out of place. For example, why did Jesus explain in Matthew 6 that *"the eye is the lamp of the body"* (verse 22, NIV) right in the middle of some materialism-blasting verses like, *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth"* and *"You cannot serve both God and money"* (verses 19, 24, NIV)?

What do our earthly treasures and Christ's *"You cannot serve both God and money"* statements have to do with our eyes?

We know that looking at fancy advertisements with our eyes can directly impact how we use the material blessings God entrusts to us. But could it also be that Jesus is warning us against the foolishness of walking along His path with our right eye on heavenly treasures and our left eye on earthly treasures? When we do that, we become a "diverted-eye Christian"! We are then unable to focus clearly on the eternal things that matter.

Thank God that Jesus is not only our **Way**, but He's also the **Light** for our path, and He even offers eye salve to help us see clearly as we follow Him.

Let's be clear-sighted, focused Christians by keeping both of our eyes on the cross of Jesus.



Jesus  
+ IS  
the light  
AND  
the way  
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### APPEAL

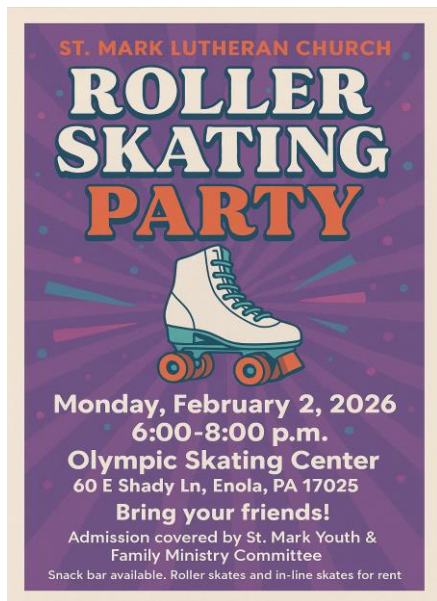
Lets joyfully lay up our treasures in heaven, where we will enjoy them for eternity. As we return God's tithe and give our Promise offerings, let's do it with both eyes on our Savior, Jesus Christ, from whom all our blessings come. Thank you, Jesus.

*2026 Tithe & Offerings Devotional Readings  
Adventist Stewardship Ministries*



## ASSISTANT MINISTER TRAINING

Now that we're offering Communion every Sunday, some people have requested refresher training. Additionally, we have folks who have indicated they are willing to volunteer but want to know what all it entails (no you don't have to preach the sermon.) This is your chance; **Pastor Marleen will be offering training following worship on Sunday February 1.** Please meet in front of the Sanctuary following worship. As soon as the Altar Guild has reset for the 11:00 AM service, the training will begin. Any questions, do not hesitate to contact Pastor Marleen.



## BRUNCH AND A MOVIE ARE BACK - FEBRUARY 8

- What:** Watch the first episode of the Amazon Prime series "House of David" and eat a potluck brunch
- When:** February 8 during the Sunday School hour (9:45 AM - 10:45 AM)
- Where:** Church Parlor

No need to RSVP, just come with your brunch contribution and enjoy.



## NEW HOPE MINISTRIES—HELPING THOSE IN NEED

The Social Ministry Committee designates one Sunday per month to bring items in support of New Hope Ministries' food drives. We are collecting Chicken Noodle Soup and Tomato

Soup **through February 13**. The battle continues again between Karen's Team CHICNS (Creating Hope in Chicken Noodle Soup) and Shannon's Super Duper Tomato Soup-ers. Please bring soup in each week and place on the football field located outside Fellowship Hall.

## WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE - WinGS

The WinGS group will meet on **Tuesday, February 10, at 6:30 PM** in the parlor.



## WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE (WINGS)— BIRTHDAY IN A BOX SERVICE PROJECT

The WinGS are doing a service project of providing a **birthday in a box** to be donated to New Hope Ministries. We are asking the congregation to help with the collection of the items needed.

The items we are collecting are cake mix, frosting, candles, balloons, 8x10 pans with high lid (will be used to package the items), and ribbon to make them pretty. We are requesting the items to be donated no later than **SUNDAY, MARCH 8**. Thank you for your help with our service project.

## LADIES AND FRIENDS NIGHT OUT

The Ladies and Friends will be looking for restaurant ideas for February and March. Stay tuned! If you have a restaurant suggestion, please contact Karen Fisher at 717-580-7507.



**FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS  
JOIN IN THE FUN—**

**St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**DINNER & BANDIT BINGO**

**Friday, February 13, 2026  
Fellowship Hall**

**Dinner: 5:00 PM**

**Bandit Bingo: 6:00 PM**

*(where stealing is legal)*

*Please bring one canned food item for  
New Hope Ministries*

**Please sign up and/or RSVP  
no later than February 6**

**717-766-4482**

**[kfisher@stmarkmburg.com](mailto:kfisher@stmarkmburg.com)**



## **COLLEGE AND MILITARY CARE PACKAGES**

The Youth and Family Ministry Committee will be assembling and sending care packages to our military personnel and college students. If you have a military person or student that you would like to receive a care package, please provide their name and mailing address to Michele Connor (via email to <mailto:crashdog68@aol.com> or text to 717-579-4640) **no later than February 15.**

## **COLLEGE AND MILITARY CARE PACKAGE DONATIONS**

Due to rising shipping costs, we are in need of contributions to cover postage. If you would like to help, please mark your donation for Youth and Family Care Packages. If more is collected than needed for the postage, it will be designated for the Youth and Family Ministry account for upcoming activities.





We are also collecting items to include in the care packages. For a list and to sign up for an item (or more), please see the list here: <https://www.timetosignup.com/stmark/view/1381208>.

**Paper sign-up sheets are available at entrances to St. Mark.** Donations can be placed in the Upper Room or given directly to Michele Connor **no later than February 15.** Thank you for your support and generosity!



# FEBRUARY 2026

**8:30 AM - Worship Svc.; 11:00 AM- Worship 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month  
9:45 AM Sunday Church School and Children's Choir**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<b>1 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 8:30 am-In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc.-Communion 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's Choir Assistant Minister Training 11:00 am-Simple Svc.-Comm. 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	<b>2 GROUNDHOG'S DAY</b> 2:00 pm-Violin Lessons 6:00 pm-Roller Skating Party 7:00 pm-German Club 	<b>3</b>
<b>8 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 8:30 am-In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc.-Communion 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's Choir 10:45 am-Youth & Family Ministry 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	<b>9</b> 2:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Club	<b>10</b> 6:30 pm-WinGS
<b>15 Transfiguration of our Lord.</b> 8:30 am-In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc.-Communion 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's Choir 10:45 pm-Y&FM Committee 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	<b>16</b> 8:00 am-Garden Club 2:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Club 	<b>17 FASNACHT DAY</b> 6:00 pm-Bell Choir
<b>22 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> <b>NOISY SUNDAY</b> 8:30 am-In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc.-Communion 9:45 am-Congregation Meeting 9:45 am-Children's Choir 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	<b>23</b> 2:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group	<b>24</b> 1:00 pm-Social Ministry 6:00 pm-Bell Choir
<b>MARCH 1 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 8:30 am-In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc.-Communion 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's Choir 11:00 am-Simple Svc.-Comm. 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	<b>2</b> 2:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group	<b>3</b> 6:00 pm-Bell Choir

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>4</b> 11:00 am-Bible Study 12:30 pm-Evangelism 2:00 pm-Worship & Music Committee 3:30 pm-Worship Planning 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	<b>5</b> 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	<b>6</b> 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons	<b>7</b> 6:30 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros
<b>11</b> 11:00 am-Bible Study 1:00 pm-Finance 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	<b>12</b> 9:00 am-Property Committee 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	<b>13 REMARKER DEADLINE</b> 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons	<b>14 BE MY VALENTINE!</b> 6:30 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros 
<b>18 ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Noon-Ash Wed. Svc. 6:15 pm-Ash Wed. Svc. Following Worship-- Adult Choir 	<b>19</b> 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons 6:30 pm-Church Council 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	<b>20</b> 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons	<b>21</b> 6:30 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros
<b>25</b> 11:00 am-Bible Study 5:30 pm-Bread & Broth 6:15 pm-Worship/Bible Study Following Worship-- Adult Choir	<b>26</b> 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	<b>27</b> 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons	<b>28</b> 6:30 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros
<b>4</b> 11:00 am-Bible Study 12:30 pm-Evangelism 6:15 pm-Worship/Bible Study Following Worship-- Adult Choir	<b>5</b> 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	<b>6</b> 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons	<b>MARCH 7</b> <b>TURN CLOCKS AHEAD BEFORE GOING TO BED!</b>  6:30 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

An Invitation—

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE  
for  
VELMA MUMPER  
March 4, 1923—October 25, 2025**

St. Mark members are welcome to attend a  
Celebration of Life for Velma Mumper.

**Saturday, March 7, 2026**

Fellowship Hall from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.  
Light refreshments provided.

**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](http://www.lutherancamping.org).

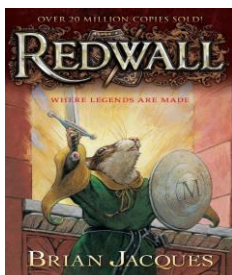
Our congregation will provide half the basic camp fee, and scholarship money is available if needed.

Both camps will again hold **OPEN HOUSE** on **March 15 and April 12 from 2:00 PM-4:30 PM**. Remember to get the camp person discount and if you register with your full payment before April 4, 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 ***Wear Love***. The theme verse is: “As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience.” Colossians 3:12.



## BOOK CLUB READ

The Evangelism Committee is hosting a Book Club Read on **Friday, March 20, at 1:00 PM**, in the parlor. The **REDWALL**, by Brian Jacques, is **One of TIME Magazine's 100 best fantasy books of all time**. It is the book that inspired a legend—the first novel in the beloved, bestselling Redwall saga.

*"Welcome to Mossflower Wood, where the gentle mice have gathered to celebrate a year of peace and abundance. All is well...until a sinister shadow falls across the ancient stone abbey of Redwall. It is rumored that Cluny is coming—Cluny, the terrible one-eyed rat and his savage horde—Cluny, who has vowed to conquer Redwall Abbey! The only hope for the besieged mice lies in the lost sword of the legendary Martin the Warrior. And so begins the epic quest of a bumbling young apprentice—a courageous mouse who would rise up, fight back...and become a legend himself."* The book is available through the library, e-bay, Amazon, etc.

## SAVE THE DATE—ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

### The hunt! Join the fun!

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

### Preparations! How you can help

There will be bags of empty eggs available to take home and fill **beginning on March 15**. All candy must be pre-wrapped. The kids also enjoy little toys or eraser type treats.



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).



## MECHANICSBURG AREA MEALS ON WHEELS BAKERS

Our wonderful bakers made 11 pans of brownies for December and 22 loaves of different breads. (banana, zucchini etc.) for January. Thank you, Sara Jane Miller and Donna Shur, for coordinating this monthly program. Special thanks to all of our bakers. You are AMAZING!



## KEN SHUR COMING OUT OF RETIREMENT TO RUN ONE MORE BOSTON MARATHON

Ken Shur just couldn't stay away from running the Boston Marathon—one more time!

He has put his sneakers back on and is training to run in his 12<sup>th</sup> Boston Marathon on **Monday, April 20, 2026**, on behalf of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

As he has done in previous years, Ken would like to honor cancer survivors, those fighting cancer, and those who lost the battle by wearing the names of those individuals on his t-shirt. Let's provide Ken with as many names as possible to adorn his shirt on his final (we will see) Boston Marathon run. It means so much to him and Donna. Please submit the names of cancer survivors, those fighting cancer, or those who lost the battle to Karen Fisher in the church office **no later than Wednesday, April 1.** If you would like to sponsor him, please contact Ken at 717-462-1549.



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Please contact Sara Jane Miller at 717-448-4777 or Karen in the church office at 717-766-4482 if you would like to obtain a prayer shawl, blanket, or prayer square to give as a blessing to someone or if you would like to join our wonderful team of crocheters and knitters. We gave 2 baptism blankets in January.

## 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

Thanks to many of you who helped us last year, we were able to provide 15 filled purses to Trinity Lutheran Church for their Clothing Closet. Containers will be 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*



**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 will be asking for donations  
for use of the tables towards the  
purchase of a new sign for our back  
yard.)*

**Refreshments:**  
Available for purchase.



St. Mark Lutheran Church,

I would like to thank Pastor Marleen and everyone at St Mark for the help we received the day of my mother's (Nina McElwain) Celebration of Life. It was overwhelming. We were prepared to set up fellowship hall only to find the church team started to set up the room. That was a pleasant surprise, it was nice to see Nina's church family all coming together to make this event a success. This church has always meant a lot to her and Luther, as they were involved with serving the church and raising our family in it. Thank you everyone who came out to celebrate Nina's life.  
*Beth Yorlets*

WinGS of St. Mark,

Thank you for the wonderful Christmas gift bag Connie brought with all the great and useful gifts plus all the delicious goodies to. The card was beautiful as all the ones I've received are to. I really appreciate all of your thoughtfulness and prayers. It made my day.

*Love, Ez Sassaman*

Dear St. Mark Friends,

I would like to thank you for the beautiful poinsettia that was delivered to me. I appreciate it very much.

*Sincerely, Pearl Lehmer*

Dear St. Mark Lutheran Church,

Thank you for all the Christmas gifts of pretzels, cookies, baseball cards, cuckoo clock, and socks!

*Sincerely, Tom Hassell, American House Apartments*



*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](mailto:kfisher@stmarkmburg.com) with your name and birthday/anniversary. Thank you.*

2 Matthew Hoover  
3 Clara Foulds  
7 Andrea Sassaman  
8 Muretta Yentzer  
9 Pastor Marleen  
12 John Kuntz  
12 Ben Thumma

12 Kelley Weist  
14 Griffin Scott Clelan  
17 Amber Troutman  
22 Cindy Hoover  
26 Heather Thumma  
27 Brittany Boyer

2 Brian and Michele Connor  
4 Lenny and Tina Freidhof  
16 Dave and Terri Hopkins



### **IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

Please keep the family of our dear sweet friend, Pearl Lehmer, (94 years young) in your thoughts and prayers. Pearl passed away on January 22, 2026. Malpezzi is handling the funeral arrangements. We will pass information along when received.

## ST. MARK'S PRAYER LIST


DURING WORSHIP SERVICES, due to security issues, we pray out loud the first names only of individuals who have been placed on the prayer list. The full name of the individual is printed in our newsletter, The ReMarker and in our weekly bulletins. If you would like to add OR remove a name on the prayer list, please contact Karen in the church office at **717-766-4482** or e-mail at [kfisher@stmarkmburg.com](mailto:kfisher@stmarkmburg.com). Thank you.



## PRAYER CIRCLE

The names are not automatically placed on the prayer circle and the prayer list. To add a name to the *Prayer Circle*, please contact Beverly Reihart at **717-432-3148**.

## FEBRUARY 2026

LAY READER	ASSISTING MINISTER
1 Scott Keiger	1 Karen Heath
8 Dave Harnish	8 Denise Hirn
15 Terri Hopkins	15 Sean Gimbel
18 (Noon) Karen Heath	18 (Noon) Phyllis Mihalich
18 (6:15 PM) Amy Gimbel	18 (6:15 PM) Kevin Amos
22 Bev Reihart	22 Tina Freidhof
ACOLYTE	USHERS
1 Joan Murphy	1 Sean Gimbel, Jonas Gimbel
8 Brett Hirn	8 Phyllis Mihalich, Karen Heath
15 Caroline Stull	15 Greg Hoover, Cindy Hoover
18 (Noon) Phyllis Mihalich	18 (Noon) 2 Ushers Needed
18 (6:15 PM) Katie Stull	18 (6:15 PM) 2 Ushers Needed
22 Audrey Johnston	22 Ken Shur, Donna Shur
ALTAR GUILD	
1 Sandy Brown, Terry Shaner	
8 Phyllis Mihalich, Sara Jane Miller	
15 Connie Kuntz, Muretta Yentzer, Barb Lehman	
18 Phyllis Mihalich, Sara Jane Miller	
18 Terry Shaner, Bev Reihart	
22 Joan Murphy, Cindy Larkin	
FEB. COUNCIL MONEY DUTY	
Barb Yost, Amy Gimbel	

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer to assist, read, acolyte, usher, or become a member of the altar guild, please contact the following individuals:

Assistant Minister:  
Acolyte:  
Altar Guild:  
Lay Reader:  
Usher:

Phyllis Mihalich  
Joan Murphy  
Connie Kuntz  
Karen Fisher  
Shannon Weaver



February 1                      In memory of Viola Adams by John and Connie Kuntz.

February 8                      In honor of my granddaughter, Tessa Thomas' birthday, February 10, by her grandma, Karen Fisher.

In honor of my daughter, Kelley Weist's birthday on February 12, by her mom, Karen Fisher.

February 15                      Sponsors needed

February 22                      Sponsors needed

### FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED

We are in need of flower sponsors for **February 15 and 22—both vases and for all of March with the exception of March 1.**

Please complete a form located in the back of the bulletins or the ReMarker. Please contact Connie Kuntz at 717-503-5244 with any questions. Thank you.



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### 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.





<b>February 1</b>	<b>Assistant Minister Training</b>
<b>February 2</b>	<b>Roller Skating at Olympic Skating Center</b>
<b>February 8</b>	<b>Brunch and a Movie</b>
<b>February 13</b>	<b>Dinner and Bandit Bingo</b>
<b>February 18</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>
<b>February 22</b>	<b>Annual Congregation Meeting</b>
<b>February 25</b> <b>February 25</b>	<b>Bread and Broth Begins</b> <b>Lenten Services Begin</b>
<b>March 7</b>	<b>Celebration of Life for Velma Mumper</b>
<b>March 20</b>	<b>Book Club Read - Redwall</b>
<b>April 11</b>	<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>

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

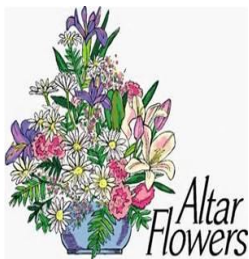
Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ 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

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THANK YOU!