

The ReMarker

OCTOBER 2025

St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mechanicsburg

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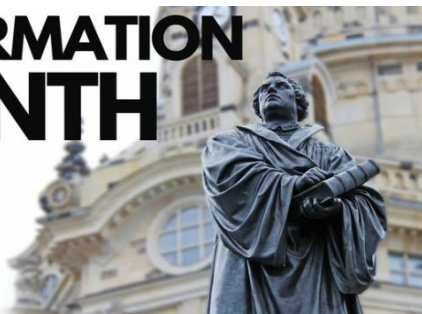
"To Know Christ and To Make Him Known"

OCTOBER IS—



Thank you
Pastor Marleen Griffith-Stull!!

REFORMATION MONTH



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

October brings with it Reformation Day! I know that department stores are not selling any Reformation decorations nor are there many big Reformation parties. The parade through town is not focused on Reformation. But while the culture focuses on Halloween, the Church still does focus on reformation in October.

This year I think it is worth pondering more what Reformation means. The term comes from the Latin “reformare” meaning to shape again. So, it is re-forming something or reshaping something that already exists. Of course we use it in reference to reshaping the Church. Reforming the Church was really important in the 1500s but it continues to be important today as well.

Today the threat is not just a theological one—which there is always a need to return to scripture and prayer to keep us focused on the gospel—but also a very practical one. We need to consider reshaping the Church today because many of our old systems no longer work. At one time, we had many people seeking churches to attend; now we need to give people a reason to come and worship with us. At one time we worried about having enough programs for children and youth; now we need ways to connect with youth and help them grow in their faith. Once we were more concerned with having enough space for all of our church activities; now we must prayerfully consider how to be good stewards of a space which is larger than we need.

The reality is that the Church is always in need of Re-Formation, but it is hard work. It relies on us being faithful learners and interpreters of God's Word. It depends on us having enough faith to move forward trusting the promise of Immanuel (God with us). Reformation also takes the voices of those we agree with and those we disagree with to help us see the hopeful future that God has in store for us. It never means giving up the Church all together but reshaping for our reality.

Let's spend this October dreaming about what the reshaped Body of Christ looks like in our time and place.

Happy Reformation Month!

Pastor Marleen

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BLESSING OUR PETS

Many of us have pets who are part of our families. Once a year we have an opportunity to publicly give thanks for our pets and to bless them. Join us on Sunday, October 5 (or October 12 if the weather is bad on the 5th) at 12:00



Noon in the church's backyard for our Blessing of the Pets.

Bring your pet in a crate/cage or on a leash for a brief service of blessing. Invite friends or family who have pets to join us too. If your pet is too anxious to come out in a group, contact Pastor Marleen for a visit and private blessing.



AUGUST 2025 ATTENDANCE

Service Date	8:30 am In-Person	8:30 am Zoom	11:00 am In-Person	YouTube Service
August 3	49	5	5	17
August 10	50	6	--	43
August 17	42	4	--	38
August 24	46	3	--	29
August 31	50	4	--	39

THE TREASURER'S REPORT



CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF AUGUST 31, 2025

•	General Operating Fund	\$	11,318.60
•	Capital Expenditures Fund	\$	7.92
•	Designated Gifts		
	Memorial Fund Undesignated	\$	9,914.12
	Fellowship	\$	383.39
	Altar Guild	\$	778.30
	Social Ministry	\$	5,823.01
	Quilting Connection	\$	116.23
	Youth Fund	\$	796.51
	Music Memorial	\$	968.00
	Columbarium	\$	2,742.58
	Noisy Sunday	\$	860.80
•	Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$	2,193.29
•	Investment Account	\$	347,273.65
•	WinGS Account \$	\$	379.19
•	Altar Guild Account \$	\$	1,438.89

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

The Finance Committee will meet on **October 8, at 1:00 pm** in the Finance Office.

NOISY SUNDAY—MAKE SOME NOISE!

The Noisy Sunday collection for August was \$139.65. The next Noisy Sunday will be held on **October 26**. THANK YOU!

August 2025	
<u>General Fund - Offering Envelope Information</u>	
YTD 2025 Offerings Needed through 8/31/25 to Meet Our Budget	\$ 129,948.40
YTD Offerings Received through 8/31/25	\$ 124,553.33
Shortage	\$ (5,395.07)
<u>2025 vs 2024 COMPARISON (All Accounts *)</u>	
YTD Deposits through 8/31/25	\$ 184,166.77
YTD Deposits through 8/31/24	\$ 211,738.62
<i>Difference</i>	\$ (27,571.85)
YTD Expenses through 8/31/25	\$ 169,443.22
YTD Expenses through 8/31/24	\$ 200,390.11
<i>Difference</i>	\$ (30,946.89)
<i>* Includes General, Pastor's, Designated Gifts and Capital Appreciation Funds</i>	



NOVEMBER 2025 REMARKER DEADLINE
 Please deliver or email your information and articles for the **November 2025 ReMarker** to the church office **no later than Monday, October 13, 2025.** Thank you so much.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME—TURN CLOCKS BACK
 Daylight Savings Time in the US ends Sunday, November 2, 2025. At 2:00 a.m. local time, clocks turn back to 1:00 a.m., which effectively adds an extra hour of sleep and shifts more light to the morning. Turn your clocks back before going to bed on Saturday evening, November 1.





ENJOY THE MUSIC

From the Choir Loft—

VOCAL AND BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS

The bell choir gathers at **6:00 pm on Wednesdays** for rehearsal in the Parlor. The adult choir rehearses at **7:00 pm** on the same evening. There is still time to join either choir. We would love for you to sing and/or ring with us. Questions should be directed to Brad Hull, Director of Music, (Cell Phone: 202-738-2795) or Email: bradleyjhull@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir resumed last month, and we are excited to share some special music. We're always accepting new members. Please call or email me if you have any questions. My email is denisehirn@hotmail.com and my phone number is 717-802-1064. Sincerely, *Miss Denise*

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

The next Worship and Music Committee will be held on **October 1, at 2:00 pm.**

A handwritten phrase "Thank you ..." in a cursive, red ink style. The word "Thank" is written in a fluid, connected script, followed by "you" and three dots.

We Appreciate You ! ! !

RECOGNIZING OUR CHURCH FAMILY

St. Mark would like to say “*Thank You*” to all of our 80 year old plus members for all they have done and continue to do for our congregation! If you are between 80 and 85, please contact Shannon Weaver at 717-691-1618 (leave a message) **no later than October 19** to share all the ways you have actively participated in our ministry over the years.

If you know someone who should be recognized, please contact Shannon to put them on our list! We don’t want to miss any of this valued group.

Pastor Marleen and Shannon Weaver



A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP

One of the most forgotten concepts in stewardship is the interdependent nature that makes up the Body of Christ and the way that body supports the shared work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is experienced in the local congregation, as well as in broader mission and ministry efforts at the district and Synod levels. Yet in these words, St. Paul reminds the Romans and us that we are indeed members of one another. This is true in our worship. It is also true in our stewardship of the Gospel. Stewards of all shapes and sizes, ages and abilities, affluence and influence are all assembled around Word and Sacrament in the local congregation with no one being more important than the other.

Part of this forgetting lies in what the eyes see and how our human mind operates. Our eyes and our minds are quick to come to the erroneous conclusion that the person who writes the biggest check is the more important steward. Human logic, flawed by sin as it is, could make a claim that the youngest child or the most infirm, aged member of the congregation would certainly be considered something less than important when it comes to the stewardship of the Gospel.

Paul makes it clear in these words that this is not how stewardship of the Gospel is measured in the Body of Christ. Rather, it would be better to view local stewardship like the lost art of harmony in congregational singing. This has been lost not only due to the performative nature of the lead singers of the local praise team, but also because modern hymnals are written to almost force the novice hymn-singer into unison voice.

Creative harmonization by talented organists is beautiful to listen to but does not always support the people in the pews in singing in parts. This is a loss in demonstrating a very practical aspect of whole-body stewardship.

The sound that builds when choral and congregational singers settle into their voice parts is nothing short of heavenly! Yet

when altos, tenors, and bass sing their individual parts without any concept of how they fit together, the music doesn't sound as powerful. The narrow range of the typical alto line almost sounds monotonous. The tenor line can get painfully high, and the base line can get uncomfortably low. But when interdependently entwined, along with the melody that is so often carried by the sopranos, the music becomes a tremendously powerful tool in communicating the Gospel.

The same is true of individual stewards. Certainly, stewards with more financial means are in a unique place to "carry the tune" for ministry in a local congregation. But that doesn't rule out the faithful stewardship of the saint-like 94-year-old Hulda, who prayed for her young pastor in German every night while the aches and pains of arthritis and the grief of losing a daughter to cancer kept her awake. This does not rule out Jimmy, the profoundly developmentally disabled confirmand whose basic but dramatically eloquent confession of the faith left an impression on a congregation long after he went to be with Jesus. It doesn't rule out the single parent, the recovering addict, the family coming out of bankruptcy, the elderly widow and everyone in between.

The Lord has entrusted all the baptized with stewardship of the one thing needful: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. No one member of any congregation is more important than another when it comes to this stewardship. The biggest check isn't always the best way to communicate the Gospel. In fact, it is almost always better communicated with the widow's mite, the tenacious stewardship of the talents and so much more.

In the local congregation and beyond, our corporate stewardship of the Gospel needs each other to fill out our great confession. It is not about equal amount. It is about interdependence that only the Holy Spirit can work! Each of us has a role to play, **a harmony to sing**. The standard for that role is faithfulness. We do not have the same function, but we have the same Jesus! As we sing the parts entrusted to us by the Holy Spirit, the sweet music of the Gospel goes out!



The Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod



HELP WANTED - LOAD TRUCK FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

St. Mark is the collection point for Lutheran World Relief items. Lutheran churches from the Cumberland Conference drop their items off at the back of the church on **Saturday, October 4, 2025, between 9:00 am and 10:30 am**. We need your help to load Gross's truck. Please contact Karen Fisher if you are available to help. Goodies will be provided.

SOUP ON THE SIDEWALK—MECHANICSBURG HALLOWEEN PARADE

Plan to visit St. Mark Lutheran Church the night of the Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade on **Tuesday, October 14, beginning at 6:00 pm**. St. Mark is on the parade route, so bring a lawn chair to reserve your spot. The Fellowship Committee and volunteers will be serving delicious homemade soup and bottled water outside on Keller St.



CROP WALK FOR THE HUNGRY

Please join our team of **St. Mark Keller St. Walkers** at the 2025 Mechanicsburg/West Shore CROP Hunger 5K Walk to feed the poor. The walk will take place rain or shine on **Sunday afternoon, October 19, 2025**, at **Memorial Park in Mechanicsburg**. **EVERY** dollar donated will benefit these local and global organizations who aid the most vulnerable: New Hope Ministries, Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels, and Church World Service.

Walkers can join our team (**ST. MARK KELLER ST. WALKERS**) at **[2025 CROP Hunger Walk - St. Mark Keller St. Walkers](#)** or walk individually. All walkers can donate generously on-line, collect dollars from sponsors (reminding them to make checks payable to CWS/CROP) and bring checks to the event on October 19.

Click this link to donate to a team member or to "sign-up" to walk.

Please contact Karen for questions or additional information.
Karen Fisher, Team Captain



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 18th, 2025

8-11:00 a.m.

Shepherdstown United Methodist Church

1934 S. York St., Mechanicsburg, Pa 17055

Fellowship Hall

The Mission Team invites you to join us for a

Pancake Breakfast/Mission Meal

Menu:

Pancakes

Sausage Links

Scrambled Eggs

Fruit Cups

Coffee, Tea

Milk (Chocolate/White)

Orange Juice, Apple Juice

**100 % of the Donations will be given to
Mechanicsburg/ West Shore CROP Hunger Walk**

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. We collected 30 pounds of toiletry items in September. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS. Following are the items for October, November, and December:



October 19 - Harvest Home including Peanut Butter and Jelly

November 2 - Thanksgiving Food Items

Turkey, Potatoes, Stuffing, Canned Yams, Canned Corn, Canned Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Gravy, Aluminum Roaster pan, Pumpkin Pie Mix, Boxed Potatoes, Canned Fruit Cocktail, Boxed Stuffing, Dry Beans, or anything you would like to give.

November 30 - Christmas Food Items

Turkey or Ham, Potatoes, Stuffing, Canned Yams, Canned Corn, Canned Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Gravy, Aluminum Roaster pan, Pumpkin Pie Mix, Boxed Potatoes, Canned Fruit Cocktail, Boxed Stuffing, Dry Beans, or anything you would like to give.



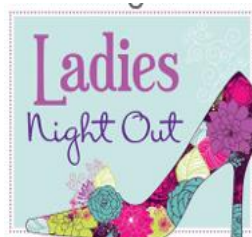
WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE - WinGS

Due to the Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade being held on October 14, the WinGS group will meet on **Tuesday, October 21, at 6:30 pm**. All women are invited to attend.

LADIES AND FRIENDS NIGHT OUT

Our next Ladies Night Out will be held, Thursday, **October 23, 2025, 6:15 pm** at **Snappers in Mechanicsburg**. Please RSVP to Karen Fisher no later than Sunday, October 19. Hope to see you there!

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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

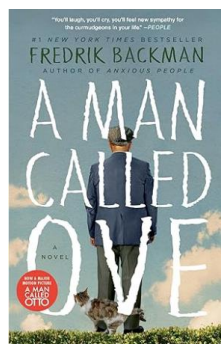
A Prayer Shawl Blessing was held on September 28 for items including 121 school kits, 21 prayer blankets, 16 prayer squares, 13 baby blankets, and 6 hats. Please contact Sara Jane Miller at 717-448-4777 or Karen in the church office at 717-766-4482 or kfisher@stmarkmburg.com if you would like to obtain 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, knitters, seamstresses, or crafters.



BOOK CLUB

The Evangelism Committee is hosting another book club read on **Thursday, November 4, at 1:00 pm in the parlor.**

The suggested read is a book entitled, *A Man Called Ove*, by Fredrik Backman. Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon--the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him "the bitter neighbor from hell." But must Ove be bitter just because he doesn't walk around with a smile plastered to his face all the time? We look forward to conversation and fellowship with you. Please share and invite a friend. The book is available through the library, Thrift Books, or Amazon.





PUT ON YOUR COSTUME AND JOIN US FOR SOME FUN
AT THE

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH
Halloween Party

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

3:00-4:30 P.M.

FELLOWSHIP HALL
117 W. KELLER STREET
MECHANICSBURG, PA 17050

SNACKS, DEVOTIONS, AND GAMES
AGES PRESCHOOL-5TH GRADE

R.S.V.P. to revmarleen@stmarkmburg.com by October 22nd



OCTOBER 2025 - PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH
8:30 AM - Worship Svc.; 11:00 AM- Worship 1st Sunday of the Month
9:45 AM Sunday Church School and Children's Choir

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
		
5 17th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc. 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's Choir 11:00 am-Quiet Svc. 12:00 - Blessing of the Pets 12:00 - Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	6 2:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group	7
12 18th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc. 9:30 am-COUNCIL CONNECTION 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's Choir 12:00 - Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	13 REMARKER DEADLINE 2:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group	14 6:00 pm-Soup on the Sidewalk 7:00-Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade
19 19th Sunday after Pentecost HARVEST HOME CROP WALK 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc. 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's Choir 1:00 pm-CROP Walk Registration 12:00 - Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	20 8:30 am-Garden Club 2:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group <i>Deadline to submit loved one's names for All Saints Sunday</i>	21 6:30 pm-WinGS
26 REFORMATION SUNDAY NOISY SUNDAY OFFERING 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc.-Comm. 9:45-Intergenerational Sunday School 12:00 - Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros 3:00 pm-Dawn Bennett-Recital	27 2:00 pm-8:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group	28 1:00 pm-Social Ministry 2:00 pm-Fellowship

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 11:00 am-Bible Study 2:00 pm-Worship & Music 3:30 pm-Worship Planning 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir	2 2:00 pm-Violin Lessons 6:45 pm-Youth & Family Ministry	3 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons	4 9:00 am-Load Gross's Truck for LWR
8 11:00 am-Bible Study 1:00 pm-Finance 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir	9 9:00 am-Property 2:00 pm-Violin Lessons	10 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons	11
15 11:00 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir	16 2:00 pm-Violin Lessons 6:45 pm-Church Council	17 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons	18 8:00 am-Pancake Breakfast-Shepherdstown UMC 10:00 am-Mechanicsburg Streets of Treats
22 11:00 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir	23 2:00 pm-Violin Lessons 6:15 pm-Ladies & Friends Night Out-Snappers, Mburg	24 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons	25 3:00 pm- Kids Halloween Party
29 11:00 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir	30 3:15 pm-Violin Lessons GHOSTS & GOBLINS 6:00 pm-Borough of Mechanicsburg Trick or Treat	31 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons HAPPY HALLOWEEN and REFORMATION DAY	November 1 

**ANNUAL QUILT AUCTION
NOVEMBER 2,
2025, AT CAMP
NAWAKWA**

Join us for this year's annual Quilt & Craft Auction, November 2, at Nawakwa. This fun-filled day of bidding raises money for the Camping



Corporation's Endowment Fund, which helps to financially sustain our fine ministry activities.

Oct 25 – Oct 30- Online Bidding – High bids will become starting bids on Nov 2

In Person Auction - November 2 at Nawakwa

2:00 - Silent Auction of Handmade Craft Items

3:00 - Live Auction of Quilts

Dinner following Live Auction

Please help us make this year's event a success by attending and bidding on one or more items in November.

Donate an item: Download the [Donation Form](#)

*All donated items are required to be at Nawakwa by **October 19**.*

[**RSVP to attend the auction on November 2!**](#)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting will be held **Sunday, November 9, at 9:30 am following worship service in the Sanctuary.** The agenda includes approval of the 2026 Budget and election of council members for 2026.



Making a Difference at Christmas

BE A SANTA TO UNDERPRIVILEGED ADULTS—CONTRIBUTIONS AND SHOPPERS NEEDED

Over the past 14 years, we have purchased and delivered Christmas gifts to residents of the American House Apartments and Brethren House Apartments located in the Borough of Mechanicsburg. These facilities are designed for underprivileged individuals who are 62 years of age or older or individuals who are disabled. These residents are on a limited income; many with no or estranged families, and most of the residents do not own or drive a car.

We would like to continue providing Christmas to these individuals. Also, it has been our tradition to provide a luncheon for the residents as well.

We will be requesting “wish lists” from each of the residents. We have been blessed with a wonderful group of shoppers and a wonderful group of individuals who donate and help with the shopping.

If you are interested in making a financial contribution to help defray the expenses, please mark it **“Social Ministry” no later than Sunday, November 9** . If you would like to help with the shopping, please contact Karen Fisher at 717-580-7507 or email at kfisher@stmarkmburg.com.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study continues every Wednesday at 11:00 am in the parlor.



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT & YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 22, 2025**—it's going to be a fun-filled evening at St. Mark Lutheran Church!



Parents' Night Out (5:00-7:00 p.m.)

Need a break? We've got you covered! Parents of potty trained preschoolers through 5th grade children are invited to enjoy a night out while your kids enjoy a safe and fun evening right here at church. From 5:00-7:00 p.m., our Older Youth and Adult volunteers

will provide babysitting, dinner, and engaging activities for the children. Please let us know how many children and their ages will be attending **NO LATER THAN Wednesday, November 19** by emailing: revmarleen@stmarkmburg.com

Youth Movie Night (7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.)

The fun doesn't stop there! At 7:00 p.m., our Older Youth will stay for a special Movie Night. Popcorn will be provided, and each youth is asked to bring along a favorite snack to share with friends.



This evening is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, fun, and a little break for parents—while our young people build community together. Don't miss it!

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS EXPRESS

Christmas will be here before we know it. It is hard to believe that it is the time of the year when we are starting to plan for the upcoming holiday season.

Our Christmas Blessings Express tree will be placed at the back entrance of St. Mark toward the middle of October, and we will be collecting unwrapped gifts through Sunday, November 30. In the meantime,

copies of the New Hope Ministries Wish List will be made available at entrances to the church in order that you can take advantage of early sales, online shopping, Amazon Prime Days, etc.



This season they are only accepting new clothing for children—teens. No adult clothing, except what is listed on their Wish List. (*see next page.*) Copies will be available at entrances to St. Mark in addition to the ornaments on the Blessings Express Tree.

The Social Ministry Outreach Committee would like to sincerely thank you for your generosity in helping all of those in need.
Karen Fisher, Chairperson, Social Ministry

SAVE THE DATE—DECK THE HALLS

Come join in the fellowship as we hang the wreaths and decorate the trees for Christmas on **Saturday, December 13, at 9:00 am**. Hoping to see you there!



New Hope Ministries' Christmas Wish List

* Men

Tool Set/Tool box
Work/Winter Gloves
Wallet
Watch
Hair Trimmers
Shaving kit
Electronic Razor
Grilling set
Gadget kit
Belt
Slippers
Hat
Sunglasses
Wireless Charging Pad
Tile Pro
Thermo travel mugs
Slippers
Shower kit
Wireless gaming headset

* Women

Purse
Watch
Jewelry
Perfume
Skin Care Basket
Tote Bag
Sunglasses
Gloves
Slippers
Blow dryer
Curling Iron
Flat Iron
Nail Care Kit
Body Scrub
Slippers
Candles
Nail polish kit
Jewelry organizer
Stand vanity mirror

Games (age 3 to 7+)

Chutes & Ladders
Candy Land
Memory
Operation
Trouble
Monopoly
Twister
Connect Four
Battleship
Jenga
Yahtzee
Taco vs Burrito
Uno
Kids Against Maturity
The Floor is Lava!
Dart & Dart Board
Any Board Games
Puzzles

* Household

Serving Utensils sets
Bed Sheet Sets (full & queen)
Kitchen storage items
Toaster
Crockpot
Electric Skillet
Toaster Oven
Air Fryer
Any small kitchen appliance
Hand/Kitchen towel set
Glassware set
Dinnerware set
Flatware set
Towel set
Bath set
Coffee maker
Pots & Pans

* Household continued

Mixing bowls set
Baking sheets
Roasting pans
Casserole set
Knives set
Electric hand blender
Electric can opener
Electric food chopper
Waffle maker
Drying rack
Organizer
Fan
Small lamp
Laundry basket
Decorative signs/Art décor
Decorative fake plants

Infant/Toddler

(6 months to 24 months)

Anything Little Tikes
Anything Playskool
Anything Baby Einstein
Anything Fisher Price
Learning Walkers
Tonka Trucks
Trains
Stacking rings
Mr. Potato Heads (all kinds)
Doctor kit
Plush Doll
Books
Bath Toys

Preschoolers (ages 2 to 5)

Play Instruments
Cars/Truck/Trains
Kitchen Play Set
Mega Bloks
Animal/Dinosaur figurines
Play-Doh sets
Princess Dresses & accessories
Baby Dolls & accessories
Legos Duplo
Super Hero Figurines
LCD Writing Tablet
Ride on toys/scooters
Educational toys
Activity kits

Older Children (ages 6-12)

Baby Dolls and accessories
Labubu dolls
Barbie Dolls & accessories
Animal/Dinosaur figurines
Remote Control Cars
Funko Pop figurines
Super Hero figurines
Science kits
Nerf Guns
Kids Crafts
Lego
Sport balls/bats
Books/Puzzles/Games
Educational toys
Karaoke microphone
Squishmallows

* Teens

Skateboard
Basketball
Soccer ball
Baseball/bat
Football
Make-up
Jewelry
Tote bag
Hair accessories
Perfume
Journal
Decorative pillow
Skin care basket
Earbud headphones
Bluetooth speaker
Phone case

Thank you for your generosity.

This is suggested gift ideas, but please feel free to buy what you would believe someone would like as a gift.
To assist those that often ask what we are in most need of and very rarely receive, we have marked those items with an asterisk (*).

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT—

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

The Social Ministry Committee along with lots of help from St. Mark church members participated in God's Work. Our Hands Sunday. We prepared and assembled dinners which included spaghetti and meatballs, salad, roll, and cookies for homebound individuals, group homes, and individuals who participated in our service projects. A sincere thank you to all the volunteers who came to help prepare, assemble, and deliver the meals and to everyone who participated in any of the service projects.
St. Mark--YOU ROCK!

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SERVICE PROJECTS:

- YOU made and delivered 70 spaghetti dinners.
- YOU completed a total of 121 School Kits.
- YOU completed kits for Caitlin's Smiles.
- YOU made cards for our Creative Kindness project.
- YOU participated in a clean-up project at Mechanicsburg Memorial Park.
- YOU are amazing!



Assembling 70 meals for homebound & shut-ins



Assembling, packing, and counting 121 school kits.



Making cards for Creative Kindness Project



Making kits for Caitlin's Smiles



Clean-up project at Memorial Park



Dear St. Mark Leaders, Volunteers, Cooks, Bakers, Kit Makers, Assemblers, Workers, Deliverers, Clean-Up Crew, etc. To **everyone who participated in any way** on September 7 with the God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday projects----THANK YOU!!!
Karen Fisher, Chair, Social Ministry Outreach

Dear Social Ministry Outreach at St. Mark Lutheran!
On behalf of the 2025 Mechanicsburg/West Shore CROP Hunger Walk, I want to express my **sincere appreciation** to you for your **PLATINUM (\$300.00)** sponsorship for this walk. We and New Hope Ministries, Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels, and Church World Service are so grateful for your standing with their efforts to address the needs of the vulnerable in our neighborhood and world. You are a most faithful sponsor and know that you are appreciated.
What can I say—you're the BEST!!
Rev. Ulli Klem, Coordinator
Mechanicsburg/West Shore CROP Hunger Walk

Dear Friends,
Thank you for your recent gift of \$25.00 to Lutheran World Relief given through the Lower Susquehanna Synod, ELCA. We are proud to carry your love—and God's love—to the places it's needed most...until your love reaches every neighbor.
Warm Regards, Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard, Pres. & CEO

Dear Siblings in Christ at St. Mark Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your recent gift of \$125.00 given via Synod Benevolence on August 31, 2025. As we move into the fall of the year, we are very aware of God's blessings upon us. Chief among them are devoted and supportive friends such as you. Thank you so much for your generosity. May the peace that transcends time and place be with you.
Yours in Christ, Michael Youse, Executive Director
Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If you would like your birthday and/or anniversary to be printed in the ReMarker, please call the church office (766-4482) or email the office at kfisher@stmarkmburg.com with your name and birthday/anniversary. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS

3	Mark Fake	24	Willow Yorlets
7	Ian Clelan	25	Beverly Weaver
14	Pearl Lehmer	25	Heather Weed



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1	Scott & Lori Clelan
8	Benjamin & Heather Thumma
24	Gregory & Cindy Hoover

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER

A surprise BIRTHDAY card shower has been requested for Pearl Lehmer. Pearl will be **94 years young on October 14**. Let's shower Pearl with lots of birthday wishes!

Pearl's address is:

Pearl Lehmer
Cumberland Crossings, R33
1 Longsdorf Way
Carlisle, PA 17013



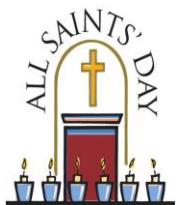
ST. MARK'S PRAYER CIRCLE

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



ST. MARK'S PRAYER LIST

DURING WORSHIP SERVICES, due to security issues, we will pray out loud the first names only of individuals who have been placed on the Prayer List. The full name of the individual will be printed in our newsletter and in bulletins.



LOOKING AHEAD TO ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

On **Sunday, November 2, 2025**, we will remember the Saints who have died in faith since last All Saints' Sunday (November 3, 2024). **If you have a loved one whom you would like to remember this year, please contact the church office no later than Monday, October 20.**



Opening our Hearts. Transforming our Losses

A Faith Based Workshop on Grief

**HOSTED BY:
TRINDLE SPRING
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**14 STATE ROAD
MECHANICSBURG, PA
17050**

FELLOWSHIP HALL

DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025

8:30A.M. Check-In & Fellowship

TIME: 9:00 – 3:00P.M. Workshop

Register by calling Cheryl in the Church Office

Phone: 717-766-7091, Option 1.

Or Email: office@trindlespringlutheran.org

Lunch and beverages will be provided

Freewill offerings accepted



Open to Everyone

All Ages Welcome

All of us have experienced loss in our lives through death, separation, divorce, moving to a new home, beginning a new job (or losing one), health challenges, loss of a friendship or a beloved pet family member. Sometimes it is a friend or family member who experiences loss, and it hurts our hearts as well.

This workshop is designed to help us identify the grief in our lives and learn skills to transform those losses.

**Led by Rev. Ruth Ward, Retired United Methodist Clergy
Protestant Chaplain at Sinai Hospice, Baltimore, MD: 1990-1998.**

WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS

USHERS	
5 Sean Gimbel, Jonas Gimbel	
12 Sara Jane Miller, Karen Heath	
19 Greg Hoover, Cindy Hoover	
26 Ken Shur, Donna Shur	
LAY READER	ASSISTING MINISTER
5 Karen Fisher	5 Denise Hirn
12 Scott Kreiger	12 Matt Yost
19 Amy Gimbel	19 Barb Yost
26 Dave Harnish	26 Karen Heath
ACOLYTE	ALTAR GUILD
5 Brett Hirn	5 Connie Kuntz, Andrea Sassaman
12 Katie Stull	12 Michele Connor, Cindy Larkin
19 Audrey Johnston	19 Sara Jane Miller, Bev Reihart
26 Joan Murphy	26 Joan Murphy, Sandy Brown

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for ushers, lay readers, acolytes, assisting ministers, and altar guild.

Please contact the following to volunteer for:

Ushers:	Shannon Weaver 717-691-1618
Lay Readers:	Karen Fisher 717-580-7507
Assisting Ministers:	Phyllis Mihalich 717-697-0227
Acolytes:	Joan Murphy 717-737-5214
Altar Guild:	Connie Kuntz 717-503-5244



OCTOBER SPONSORS

- October 5 In honor of the October wedding anniversaries of my daughter and son-in-law (Kelley and Tom Weist); my son and daughter-in-law (Tim and Natalie Thomas); my grandson (Cody Thomas and his wife, Tessa); my grandson (Timothy Thomas and his wife, Megan); and my granddaughter (Shania Moyer and her hubby, Cody) by Karen Fisher.
- October 12 In memory of our daughter, Mitzi Imbo, by Ez and Andi Sassaman.
- In memory of Nancy Kapp by Jack Kapp and Barbara Lehman.
- October 19 In honor of my sister, Jennifer, by Susan Fissel.
- In memory of my grandparents, Edward and Ruth Bird and Samuel and Ella Mae Fissel, by Susan Fissel.
- October 26 As we celebrate Pastor Appreciation Month, the flowers are presented in honor of Rev. Marleen Griffith-Stull.



Church Council

COUNCIL CONNECTION

Calling all Members of St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church. Your Church Council would like to invite you to Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, October 12, following worship**. Our focus for this meeting is to update you on St. Mark's

current financial status and to find out if you have any questions. Currently, monthly financial reports are provided in *The ReMarker*. We hope this information is helpful to you and would like your feedback. In addition, this meeting could be a time to address any questions you may have in preparation for the upcoming budget meeting in November.

Refreshments will be provided by your Church Council. So please come with your questions and enjoy some goodies with your fellow members.

If you find this meeting helpful, we would like to offer additional meetings where we can keep you updated on what the Council is working on and address any concerns and or questions you may have. Your Church Council is here to serve you, the members of St. Mark.

As always, if you are interested in joining Council, please talk to a Council member.

Current Church Council Members

Terry Shaner
Jo Ann Novinger
Amy Gimbel
Ben Yost
Denise Hirn
Karen Fisher
Pastor Marleen

Non-Council

Barb Yost, Treasurer
Phyllis Mihalich, Fellowship