

# The ReMarker

JULY 2025

## St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mechanicsburg

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

Dear Siblings in Christ,

*From the  
Pastor's  
Desk*



With Pentecost and Holy Trinity Sunday just behind us, you have heard a lot about the Holy Spirit lately. We witnessed the work of the Holy Spirit during the synod assembly at the beginning of June. We pray that the work of the Holy Spirit is what led us to elect our new bishop to serve the Lower Susquehanna Synod for the next six years.

The process for electing a bishop is different than other elections. The first ballot is an ecclesiastical ballot. This means that every voting member present was able to write down the name of any ordained clergy in the whole ELCA to serve as our bishop. Now our synod did take great care in lifting up names ahead of time and talking with people who were open to serving as bishop, so we were able to share some biographical information of those individuals before the election. However, there were many others whose names did appear on the first ballot.

It would take 75% of the votes for someone to win the election on the first ballot. The second ballot is then all those who are willing to serve as bishop and have submitted their biographies. When there were only seven names left, we were able to hear from each one. When the top three candidates were left, the assembly heard from those three again. Finally, when only two names were left, we elected a bishop.

Another unique part of our process is that all voting members can be part of the process. Since there are more lay members present at the assembly than clergy, the laity have a greater voice during the process.

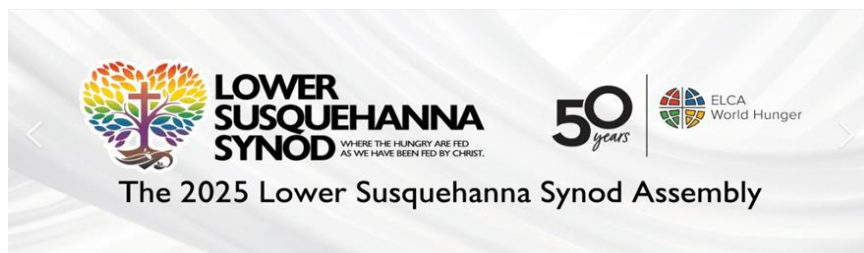
To be honest, my first choice was not elected; however, I trust that the Holy Spirit was at work and our new bishop is the person whose gifts are needed at this time for our synod.

Our new bishop is The Rev. Stephen Robert Herr. Please keep him and Bishop Dunlop (as he begins retirement soon) in your prayers.

May you see the work of the Holy Spirit in all that the Church does!

*Pastor Marleen*

Pastor Marleen



The Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly was held Thursday evening, June 5; Friday, June 6; and Saturday, June 7. Pastor Marleen and Terry and Gene Shaner attended on behalf of St. Mark. The main purpose was to elect a new Bishop. Over the course of 2½ days, we met, heard, and talked with the candidates for Bishop. After five ballots, our new bishop (Rev Stephen Herr of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Gettysburg) was elected. The Rev. Stephen Herr had 258 votes, with runner up, Rev. Dr. Angela Zimman, 206 votes.

The theme of the Assembly was Kick Hunger, celebrating 50 years of ELCA support of World Hunger.

We had a church service with intinction communion for over 500 people lead by Bishop Dunlop who invited the Holy Spirit to *blow the doors off and set our hair on fire.*

Over the course of three days, the Assembly met for approximately 20 hours and although long, it was very interesting seeing the Holy Spirit and our church in action.

*Gene and Terry Shaner*

## **PASTOR VACATION**

Pastor Marleen and family will be on vacation through July 3 and July 19-22. Pastor Karen Durbin will be on call for pastoral care and emergencies.



## **PHONE NUMBER FOR PASTORAL CARE AND EMERGENCIES:**

Pastor Karen Durbin - 717-649-7832

## **OFFICIATING at 8:30 AM Service:**

July 20 - Pastor Hal Fox

## **11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**

The 11:00 service will be offered on the first Sunday of each month in the sanctuary.



## **SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES**

Weather permitting, we will worship in the beautiful outdoors at 11:00 AM on July 13 and August 10 on the Keller St. side of St. Mark. Please bring your own chair.

## **REMINDER - SUMMER FELLOWSHIP TIME**

Sunday School classes will not meet over the summer. However, we are again having fellowship time in the Parlor after services. This is an opportunity to get together with friends at St. Mark any or every Sunday immediately after service. We will share coffee, tea, and treats. If you would like to bring something to share, please do. Hope to see you there.



# FREE LUNCHES FOR KIDS!

JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> - AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>

This summer, Hope Church is partnering with Hampden Hunger Heroes and the Central PA Food Bank to offer **free lunches** to all **children under 18**.

Lunches will be offered on **Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays** from **11AM - 12:30PM** at Hope Church **6260 Carlisle Pike Mechanicsburg Pa, 17050**. No registration necessary. All children are welcome!

- Lunches include a sandwich, a vegetable, fruit, and milk
- Please email [info@hopemechanicsburg.org](mailto:info@hopemechanicsburg.org) if your child has any food allergies.



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More Information





# Homebound VISITATION MINISTRY

## HOMEBOUND VISITATION MINISTRY

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



## AUGUST 2025 REMARKER DEADLINE

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



## MAY 2025 ATTENDANCE

Service Date	8:30 am Sanct.	Zoom	11:00 am	YouTube Service
May 4	46	6	2	12
May 11	59	5	0	31
May 18	47	4	3	16
May 25	51	3	0	11



### Current Account Balances as of May 31, 2025

• General Operating Fund	\$ 8,497.61
• Capital Expenditures Fund	\$ 7.92
• Designated Gifts	
Memorial Fund Undesignated	\$ 6,094.12
Fellowship	\$ 100.00
Altar Guild	\$ 778.30
Social Ministry	\$ 3,608.15
Quilting Connection	\$ 116.23
Youth Fund	\$ 796.51
Music Memorial	\$ 1,053.00
Columbarium	\$ 2,512.09
Noisy Sunday	\$ 490.11
• Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$ 2,193.29
• Investment Account	\$337,553.01
• WinGS Account	\$ 346.04
• Altar Guild Account	\$ 1,601.69

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



The Finance Committee will meet on **August 13, 2025 at 1:00 pm** in the Finance Office. No meeting in July.



May, 2025	
<b><u>General Fund - Offering Envelope Information</u></b>	
YTD 2025 Offerings Needed through 5/31/25 to Meet Our Budget	\$ 81,217.75
YTD Offerings Received through 5/31/25	\$ 73,961.48
<b>Shortage</b>	<b>\$ (7,256.27)</b>
<b><u>2025 vs 2024 COMPARISON (All Accounts *)</u></b>	
YTD Deposits through 5/31/25	\$ 109,633.73
YTD Deposits through 5/31/24	\$ 124,007.28
<b><i>Difference</i></b>	<b><i>\$ (14,373.55)</i></b>
YTD Expenses through 5/31/25	\$ 104,568.06
YTD Expenses through 5/31/24	\$ 100,998.60
<b><i>Difference</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 3,569.46</i></b>
<b><i>* Includes General, Pastor's, Designated Gifts and Capital Appreciation Funds</i></b>	

## NOISY SUNDAY

The total collected from our May Noisy Sunday was \$114.72. The year-to-date total is \$604.83. THANK YOU FOR MAKING NOISE. The July Noisy Sunday collection will be held on **July 27**.







# ENJOY THE MUSIC

## *From the Choir Loft—*

### SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

Watch your bulletins this summer as we proudly present special music offerings at the 8:30 AM worship service.

If you would like to provide an additional gift to the church that would enable honorariums for outside musicians to provide music for our worship services, please mark “Music Memorial” on your offering envelope. Brad will use this money to bring in special musicians as funding allows.

Please contact Brad at [bradleyjhull@gmail.com](mailto:bradleyjhull@gmail.com) with any questions.

### WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

The Worship and Music Committee will not meet in July. The next meeting will be held **Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 2:00 pm** in the Parlor.

## A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP

### ROOTED IN CHRIST, GROWING IN STEWARDSHIP

The heartland is now awash in various hues of **GREEN**. The doldrums of winter give way to the colors of spring. Now, the promise of spring gives way to the growth of summer. Fields are planted and sprouted. Gardens are planted. Flowers adorn the beds of neighborhood homes and roadside ditches. **GREEN** is the shade of life!

**GREEN** growth is also the hue of the faithful steward. The seed of faith planted in human hearts in the waters of Holy Baptism grows as it is nurtured in the Word proclaimed and ingested in the Holy Supper. This faith does indeed save. But our stewardship of the Gospel is also designed to bear fruit for God's glory and the benefit of our neighbor.

To consider this, let us look at the hymn, "*Fruitful Trees, the Spirits Sowing*" (LSB 691). It is very much a stewardship hymn!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d9Cm2b71nt8>

*Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, May we ripen and increase, fruit to life eternal growing, rich in love and joy and peace.*

- The tree of faith is not planted in us by us. It is the Spirit's work! We do not claim the title "steward." Rather, we are created for it (Gen. 1:26-28).
- He is the One who makes it grow in us. The fruits of the Spirit are borne out because we, by grace through faith, are connected to the vine that is Jesus (John 15).

*Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by sharing, patience, kindness, gentleness.*

- Our stewardship is NOT about what we do. It is about what the Holy Spirit does in and through us. That is the fruit that we bear. His fruit for His purposes.

- But that fruit is lived out through us. The world sees the fruit of our stewardship of the Gospel in lives lived connected to Word and Sacrament.

*Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly faster, goodness, faith, and self-control.*

- Stewards have been created and redeemed to reflect the image of Jesus in the world. He is the pattern. We reflect to others around us the Light of the Gospel He has shone on us.
- This reflection comes when Christ's goodness flows from us to others.

*Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, May we grow till harvests cease; Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven's love and joy and peace.*

- Just as the Spirit has created us for stewardship of the Gospel, so also does He cause our faithfulness! He calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies, and KEEPS us in this faithful stewardship of the Gospel.
- The ultimate goal of our faithful stewardship is eternity. For us. For our neighbor. All worked out by the Spirit.

**GREEN** is the color of the world right now. It is also the color of our stewardship, and it is growing in us as we are connected to the vine, Jesus! God grant our growth in Him!

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*



## PENTECOST SUNDAY THANK YOU

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who sponsored the beautiful geraniums which are now blooming in the flower gardens of our church.

Sincere thanks to everyone who “wore red” and “brought red” on Pentecost Sunday for New Hope Ministries. We collected 150 pounds of ketchup, mustard, spaghetti sauce, personal care items, etc.





## MONTHLY SUNDAYS TO BENEFIT NEW HOPE MINISTRIES

Each month, Social Ministry has selected items that are needed most by New Hope Ministries for collection. Here are the items for July, August, and September:

July 20	Breakfast Cereals, Pancake Mix, Pop Tarts, Instant Oatmeal
August 17	Applesauce, Pudding, Jello
September 21	Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo)

## COMMUNITY AID

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

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



## CHURCHWIDE "LADIES and FRIENDS NIGHT OUT"

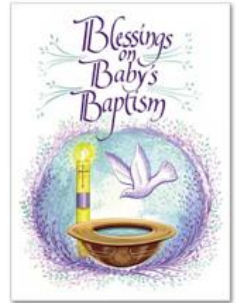
The churchwide Ladies Night Out will be held on Thursday, July 24, 6:15 pm, at a yet to be announced location.

Please RSVP to Karen Fisher at [kfisher@stmarkmburg.com](mailto:kfisher@stmarkmburg.com) or 717-580-7507 if you are interested in attending.

## LAST MINUTE NEWS ADDITIONS

### BAPTISM SCHEDULED FOR JULY 6, 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Please join family and friends of Michele Jones and Ryan Musser for the baptism of their son, Elijah John Musser, at the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, **July 6**.



### ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC SOLDIERS & SAILORS MEMORIAL PARK

1 Memorial Park Drive  
Mechanicsburg, Pa

**Sunday, August 10, 2025**

We again have the "Baseball Pavilion" to the right of the restrooms upon entering the park. Please bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert to share. There are electric outlets in the pavilion if you would like to bring a hot dish that needs plugged in. Additional details will follow.



### NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY COMING

It's been over 5 years since our last pictorial directory was published. We are planning a new pictorial directory for members and friends of St. Mark. Photos will be taken on **Tuesday, August 19, beginning at 2:00 PM.** There will be opportunities to sign up in late **July and early August.** Mark your calendars now and save the date. Details will follow.







## BOOK CLUB

Thank you to the 11 individuals who attended our first successful Book Club event in May.

**The Evangelism Committee is hosting another book club read on Thursday, July 31, at 1:00 pm in the parlor.**

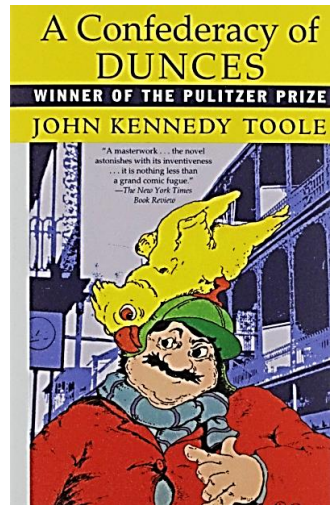
The suggested book is a Pulitzer Prize winning novel by John Kennedy Toole, *A Confederacy of Dunces*.


"A Confederacy of Dunces" follows the misadventures of Ignatius J. Reilly, a lazy, obese, and self-proclaimed scholar who lives with his mother in New Orleans. Forced into the workforce after his mother's accident, Ignatius navigates a series of jobs, using his intellectual and social ineptitude to "save the world through degeneracy" and impress his love interest, Myrna Minkoff. The novel satirizes the modern world through Ignatius's unique perspective and his chaotic attempts to revolutionize society.

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.

Thank you,  
*Jo Ann Novinger, Chair*  
*Evangelism Committee*




<b>JULY 2025</b> <b>8:30 AM Blended Worship Service; 9:45 AM Sunday School/Fellowship Hour</b> <b>11:00 am-Worship Service as noted</b>		
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
		<b>1 Pastor Vacation</b> 6:00 pm-Fellowship
<b>6 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30 am-Worship Svc.-Comm. 9:45 am-Fellowship Hour 11:00 am-Worship Svc.-Comm. & Baptism 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	<b>7</b> 3:45 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group	<b>8</b>
<b>13 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30 am-Worship Svc. 9:45 am-Fellowship Hour 11:00 am-Worship Svc.-OUTDOOR 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	<b>14</b> <b>REMARKER DEADLINE</b> 7:00 pm-German Group	<b>15</b>
<b>20 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Pastor Vacation</b> <b>Pastor Hal Fox, Officiating</b> <b>New Hope Food Collection</b> 8:30 am-Worship Svc. 9:45 am-Fellowship Hour 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros 1:00 pm-FUSE mtg. at St. Stephen	<b>21 Pastor Vacation</b> 3:45 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group	<b>22 Pastor Vacation</b> 1:00 pm-Social Ministry Outreach
<b>27 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>NOISY SUNDAY</b> 8:30 am-Worship Svc. 9:45 am-Fellowship Hour 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	<b>28</b> 7:00 pm-German Group	<b>29</b>



**JULY 2025**

**8:30 AM Blended Worship Service; 9:45 AM Sunday School/Fellowship Hour  
11:00 am-Worship Service as noted/**

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>2 Pastor Vacation</b> 12:30 pm-Evangelism 2:00 pm-Worship & Music 6:00 pm-EMS Game Night	<b>3 Pastor Vacation</b> 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00 am-Property Committee 7:00 pm-Church Council 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	<b>11</b> 3:45 pm-Violin Lessons	<b>12</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Pastor Vacation</b> 5:00 pm-Monthly dinner with friends at St. Stephen
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:15 pm-Ladies Night Out 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	<b>25</b> 3:45 pm-Violin Lessons	<b>26</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 1:00 pm-Book Study 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	<b>August 1</b>	<b>2</b>

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF—SCHOOL KITS

Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school, especially in places where their access is deprioritized, has even stronger results. Lutheran World Relief School Kits contain essential supplies to help children—and in some cases—adults continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. Learning leads to a better life for them, their families, and their communities.



**The Social Ministry Outreach Committee is collecting items listed below for Lutheran World Relief to fulfill their urgent need of School Kit requests. We are collecting items through September 21. Gross's is again donating their truck to take our items to Maryland. We will be holding our in-gathering and blessing of school kits and quilts on Sunday, September 28. St. Mark will serve as the collection point for designated churches on Saturday, October 4.**

Please place items in the containers marked "School Kits." Thank you so much for helping individuals who are in need.

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secured together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secured together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2½" eraser

If you would like to contribute toward the purchase of backpacks, supplies, or shipping funds, please mark your contributions accordingly.

## PURSE PROJECT

Again, this 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 or medium-large purse or tote  
(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 20 filled purses to the Women's Shelter at Bethesda Mission. 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*

# Youth News

## ST. MARK YOUTH NEWS

### SUMMER DAY CAMP

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.



A colorful poster for St. Mark Lutheran Church Day Camp. At the top left is a bright yellow sun with rays. The title 'ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH DAY CAMP' is in large, bold, teal letters. Below the title, it says 'BIBLE STORIES, SPORTS, ACTIVITIES, AND MUCH MORE' in green. To the left of the title, a blue circle contains the text 'Lunch & Snacks Provided'. To the right, a yellow circle contains the dates 'August 4-7' and the time '8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.'. At the bottom, six diverse children are illustrated in various playful poses on a green grassy field. At the very bottom, there is a green banner with white text providing registration information and the church's address.

**FREE**

**ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH DAY CAMP**

**Lunch & Snacks Provided**

**BIBLE STORIES, SPORTS, ACTIVITIES, AND MUCH MORE**

**August 4-7**

**8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

**FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K-5 (2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR)**

Registration by phone (717) 766-4482  
Registration by email [revmarleen@stmarkmburg.com](mailto:revmarleen@stmarkmburg.com)

Address 117 West Keller Street  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

## ST. MARK DAY CAMP WISH LIST:

- 12 Pool noodles
- Large cardboard pieces
- Disposal table clothes
- Paper plates, napkins, utensils,
- Thin ribbon
- Large colorful paperclips (to make bookmarks)
- Snacks both for afternoons and mornings
- Your Time: We can use a few hours of help to make Day Camp happen.
- Your family and friends who have kids!

Thanks to all who donated items last year. **Your generosity made it possible to do many fun crafts and games!**

## ST. STEPHEN YOUTH NEWS

Since St. Mark has been partnering with St. Stephen Lutheran Church for youth events, there are many other events you are welcome to join us for. Here are the

upcoming events St. Stephen is hosting. If you wish to get email update or have questions about any of the following, please contact Jenny Batcheler at: [yfmd@ststephenlc.org](mailto:yfmd@ststephenlc.org)



## FUSE MEETINGS

Attention Families! St. Stephen Church, New Kingstown, will be holding their **Fuse Meetings** on the **3rd Sunday of each month, at 1:00 pm**. A lunch meal is always served. Bring a side dish to share! This meeting is for kids of any age, 0-18, and the supportive adult in their life, in whatever form that is (parents, grandparents, neighbors, friends, older siblings, extended family, etc.). You don't need to attend St. Stephen Church to attend Fuse! Anyone is welcome! We will have a meal, do some activities and learn a lesson. So come **Fuse** with us!

## EMS GAME NIGHT!

Youth in Grades K-12 are invited the **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month**, from **6:00 pm-8:00 pm** to come play boards games with various local **EMS personnel** in the **St. Stephen Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall!** Fill out a short mixer sheet to get to know a little about them, choose from a large collection of games, and have a night of fun, friends, and socialization! All different games and skill levels for different age groups! Are you up for the challenge? Adult sign in at door required for non-teens during drop off.



## LESSONS AND LEGOS!

Youth of all ages are invited to come between 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm the **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month** for a short lesson story and

then build a Lego creation of their imagination and choosing, pertaining to the lesson story theme. It will be displayed for the month within the church! Parents welcome! Younger kids will need adult support.

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## DINNER WITH FRIENDS AT ST. STEPHEN

Dinner With Friends is a free community meal at St. Stephen Church, New Kingstown, for anyone desiring some socializing with neighbors of the community, a home cooked meal, and light-hearted entertainment! It is on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at 5:00 pm**. No reservation needed! Just come on in and join us! Everyone is welcome!





### **THANK YOU—MAMOW BAKERS**

Thank you to the individuals who provided **10 pans of brownies** for Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels in June. If you are interested in baking for MAMOW, please contact Sara Jane Miller at 717-448-4777. Heartfelt thanks to Sara Jane Miller and Donna Shur for their time and dedication to this outreach ministry and to all the bakers.

### **PLANNING AHEAD:**



### **BACKPACK BLESSING**

Start the school year off by joining us for a blessing of the backpacks. During the service on **Sunday, August 17**, Pastor Marleen will bless the backpacks/ bookbags of students and teachers for a spirit-filled sendoff into the new academic year.



### **PEACHES AND (ICE) CREAM**

On **August 31**, please join us after the 8:30 am service (about 9:45 am). We will meet in Fellowship Hall to enjoy peach treats and kick off Sunday School for the Fall.

## A MESSAGE FROM SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH—GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS. SUNDAY

**September 7** is a day of using our God-given gifts to **DO GOOD AND SERVE OTHERS**.

We all want to do good! Whether it’s for ourselves or our loved ones, the planet, or society at large. No matter how big or small, good deeds carry a double punch—we make a **positive impact—and we feel great at the same time.**



We are challenging each of you to do **ONE GOOD DEED A DAY OR WEEK**. Keep a record, take pictures of what you have done, and on September 7, we will share the GOOD.

We will provide ideas in July and August bulletins and newsletters. Here are some ideas to start:

1. Help a friend in need.
2. Volunteer for an hour at an organization of your choice.
3. Write a thank-you note to someone who won't expect it.
4. Find unneeded items in your house and donate them to a charitable organization.
5. Mow grass for someone in need.
6. Organize a family meal and appreciate being together.
7. When you are outside, stop and look around you. Take time to appreciate nature.
8. Leave flowers for a stranger.
9. Pay for a stranger's meal
10. Hold the door open for someone.

We will be providing a spaghetti meal to homebound and other individuals. In addition, we will present service projects that you can sign up and participate in on September 7.

**STAY TUNED!**



## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT—

### YARD SALE—HUGE SUCCESS

We had 14 salespeople. Some whole families, couples, or friends. We had an unknown number of buyers. Everyone reported that they were happy with what they sold. All that participated were appreciative that we provided the space and table for free with a goodwill offering for hot dogs, chips, and drinks.

Thank you to everyone that helped in any way. In particular; Bill Hirn for making the hot dogs, Frank Crupi, Sean Gimbel, Jonas Gimbel, Jeff Hoffnagle, Don Stull, Pastor Marleen, and Jessica Johnston, for carrying tables out and back in to Fellowship Hall. In fact, a few of the sellers also carried tables.





## JULY - 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

LAY READER	ASSISTING MINISTER
6 Matt Yost	6 Denise Hirn
13 Scott Kreiger	13 Karen Heath
20 Bev Reihart	20 Barb Yost
27 Amy Gimbel	27 Phyllis Mihalich
ACOLYTE	USHERS
6 Brett Hirn	6 Sean Gimbel, Jonas Gimbel
13 Karen Heath	13 Phyllis Mihalich, Karen Heath
20 Audrey Johnson	20 Greg Hoover, Cindy Hoover
27 Phyllis Mihalich	27 Gene Shaner, Terry Shaner
ALTAR GUILD	
6 Terry Shaner, Sara Jane Miller	
13 Phyllis Mihalich, Connie Kuntz	
20 Muretta Yentzer, Andrea Sassaman	
27 JoAnn Novinger, Joan Murphy	
JULY MONEY DUTY	
Ben Yost, Karen Fisher	



### DISCLAIMER FOR RECORDING SERVICES

We are blessed to be able to record our worship services. By entering and by your presence here, you consent to be filmed and/or otherwise recorded for our congregation and on YouTube. Our cameras are generally directed at the front of the sanctuary.



*If you would like your birthday and/or anniversary printed in the ReMarker, please call the church office (717-766-4482) or email the church office at [kfisher@stmarkmburg.com](mailto:kfisher@stmarkmburg.com) with your name and birthday/anniversary. Thank you.*

### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

1	Wyatt Fake	15	Jessie Sisolak
3	Tinsley Sisolak	16	Clairene Jones
4	Karen Murphy	22	Sean Gimbel
5	Karen Fake	22	Theodore Chester
7	Nicholas Murphy	23	Jack Kapp
9	Walt Fake	24	Lori Krammes
9	Brinley Brudowsky	26	Christopher Deck
9	Tara Leiningar	27	Chuck Irvin
15	Terry Barley	29	Jan Miller
		31	Elizabeth Barley

### **JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

2	Dave and Tami Harnish
3	Frank and Jessie Sisolak
16	Jeff and Casey Marks



### **CARD SHOWER**

Our dear friend and long-time church member, Ed Ruth, could really use some encouragement. A card shower has been organized to show our support for Ed and his family.

Please mail cards to:

Ed Ruth  
Church of God Home  
801 N. Hanover St.  
Room 106  
Carlisle, PA 17013



July 6	In memory of Florence and Aaron Harnish by Dave Harnish.
July 13`	In memory of Nancy Kapp by Jack Kapp.
July 20	TBA
July 27	TBA

#### **ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS**

**We need flower sponsors for July 20 and 27 and August 3, 24, and 31.** If you would like to sponsor one or both vases, please complete one of the forms located in the newsletter, bulletins, or entrances to St. Mark or contact Connie Kuntz at 717-503-5244.

#### **ROSE ON THE ALTAR**

If you would like to sponsor a rose to be placed on the altar with baby's breath, the cost is \$9.50. Please contact Karen in the church office and she will place the order.



# -WORD SEARCH-



WORD SEARCH DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

BARBECUE  
BEACH  
COOKOUT  
FIRECRACKER  
FIREWORKS  
FLAG  
FLIP FLOPS  
FOURTH  
FREEDOM  
HEAT  
HIKING  
ICE CREAM  
INDEPENDENCE  
LEMONADE  
OUTDOOR  
PARADE  
PARK  
PATRIOTIC  
S'MORES  
SUMMER  
SUNBURN  
SUNSCREEN  
SUNSHINE  
SWIMMING  
TRAVEL  
WATERMELON  
WATERPARK

S	C	F	S	N	Z	T	K	U	C	X	W	S	E	R	O	M	S	S
H	U	D	Y	Z	L	V	T	U	G	L	L	P	R	S	X	P	P	S
M	K	N	S	U	N	B	U	R	N	E	E	M	N	Y	X	A	O	U
E	L	H	S	L	K	V	H	K	Y	M	M	P	W	T	E	R	L	N
P	C	G	D	C	B	O	U	T	D	O	O	R	F	W	A	K	F	S
W	W	N	H	M	R	A	P	V	T	N	S	P	L	G	G	Z	P	H
A	D	S	E	O	I	E	R	Z	Z	A	F	K	A	P	H	A	I	I
T	U	K	G	D	I	S	E	B	X	D	R	L	M	A	T	H	L	N
E	W	R	B	E	N	D	K	N	E	E	F	G	J	R	R	S	F	E
R	A	O	L	E	T	E	R	M	W	C	I	W	I	A	U	Z	M	D
M	T	W	K	R	U	T	P	A	D	B	U	O	T	D	O	Q	B	I
E	E	E	Y	F	A	S	N	E	A	B	T	E	R	E	F	Z	Y	K
L	R	R	S	E	S	W	T	R	D	I	N	D	A	A	F	Q	S	T
O	P	I	H	F	S	I	S	C	C	N	H	S	V	H	C	A	E	B
N	A	F	U	U	E	M	V	E	A	I	I	S	E	W	V	K	B	W
S	R	F	M	C	G	M	D	C	K	N	J	W	L	E	M	K	R	Y
U	K	M	E	M	C	I	D	I	L	D	N	J	Z	C	Y	O	J	I
X	E	B	M	Y	E	N	N	C	W	A	Z	T	U	O	K	O	O	C
R	W	M	K	I	P	G	F	I	R	E	C	R	A	C	K	E	R	M



July 6	11:00 am-Baptism of Elijah John Musser
July 13	11:00 am-Summer Outdoor Worship
July 24	Ladies Night Out
July 31	Book Club
August 4-7	St. Mark Summer Day Camp
August 10	11:00 am Summer Outdoor Worship
August 10	Church Picnic—Memorial Park, Mechanicsburg
August 17	Backpack Blessing
August 19	Photo Day at St. Mark
August 31	Peaches & Ice Cream Sunday
September 7	God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday
September 28	Ingathering and Blessing of School Kits
October 14	Soup on the Sidewalk at Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade
October 19	CROP Walk at Memorial Park
December 24	Christmas Eve Services & Lighting of the Luminaries

# Altar Flower Sponsorship Form

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

- ☐ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ To the Glory of God

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Email: \_\_\_\_\_

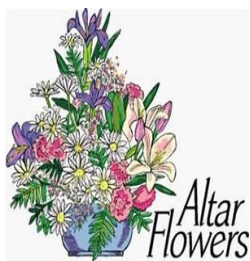
Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Willing to Share

Circle Payment Enclosed:

\$25.00 One Vase of Flowers

\$50.00 Both Vases of Flowers



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



Please check any that apply!

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

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

THANK YOU!