

# The ReMarker

**AUGUST 2025**

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

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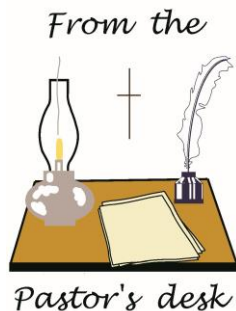
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***St Mark Lutheran Church Mechanicsburg***

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our household has been very busy during the spring and summer. We have two new puppies who have been hard to communicate with. I am certain that our dogs do not always understand what we expect from them, and we certainly do not understand what they want from us much of the time either. Plus, we have travelled all summer with them, so they are probably confused about where their nomad family even lives! In the process of trying to train two dogs at the same time, we have sometimes lost our patience, and a few times almost gave up on them. I am sure there have been times when they wish another family had taken them from the Humane Society—one that had a more normal schedule and stayed home more often. Yet there are also many moments when we just get to cuddle with the new dogs, or we watch them play together or play with the girls and all seems right with our world.



Whenever I get frustrated with the dogs, I begin to wonder how God ever puts up with us. The dogs at least want to please us and just want to be fed and loved. But we as humans often do things just out of spite or anger. Sometimes we even do things just because we know God wants us to do the opposite. We may understand God's will and ways even less than our dogs understand us. I am certain that God wants us to be happy and healthy and live meaningful lives, but we often feel like God is putting a roadblock between us and our desires. To be honest, God probably is doing that at times. My dogs think that chewing on everything, including electrical cords, is fun and makes them happy. I know that they not only destroy some things that we value but that many of the things they chew on could actually harm them. So, I take things away or spray bitter apple on them so that the dogs learn not to chew everything. Likewise, God does sometimes say, "no," because whatever we want is not good for us.

But we are so slow to learn. We keep making the same mistakes. We keep hurting ourselves and others. Yet God does not give up on us. God continues to love us!

I know that my dogs will never understand everything I try to tell them, and I will never understand what they are trying to tell me. This is just because dogs are not people. Likewise, we are not God. We will misunderstand what God wants at times and sometimes we will be willfully disobedient. Thankfully God does not get as frustrated at us as I get with my puppies.

Thanks be to God that our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love!

God Bless,

*Pastor Marleen*

Pastor Marleen

### NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY!!!

For a few years people have mentioned that it is time to consider doing a new church directory. So, we have chosen to work with Universal Church Directories to make this happen!



But we need your help to get a new directory to as many members as possible. We need you to sign up and get your picture taken. **You will only get a directory if you get your photo taken!** Our picture date is **Tuesday, August 19, from 1:00 pm - 7:30 pm.** If we fill up all of our time slots, the company will add more times for us.

You can sign up after church or online at [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com). Click on photography scheduling and use our Church Code: **pa1197** and the password: **photos** to make an appointment.

If you know a family member or friend who is looking for a professional portrait, they can sign up for that day as well and simply choose not to be included in our directory. (There are not

many places to go for professional family photos without a sitting fee today.)

If you cannot make it that day for a picture, you would need to pay \$15 to include your own picture and get a directory. We are hoping to pay for any homebound members who are unable to come in person, but we encourage them all to try to come on picture day.

Contact the church office or Pastor Marleen with questions, but please sign up so that your contact information is included in our church directory!



**SUMMER FELLOWSHIP TIME**  
Fellowship time continues every Sunday in the Parlor following the 8:30 am worship service through the end of August. We continue to share coffee, tea, and treats. If you would like to bring something to share, please do. It’s never too late to join us!

**SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES**  
Weather permitting, we will worship in the beautiful outdoors at 11:00 AM on August 10 on the Keller St. side of St. Mark. This will be the final outdoor worship service of the summer. Please bring your own chair.



**JUNE 2025 ATTENDANCE**

Service Date	8:30 am Sanct.	Zoom	11:00 am	YouTube Service
June 1	50	5	4	12
June 8	51	6	4	14
June 15	48	4	--	18
June 22	42	3	--	22
June 29	49	4	--	15



**Current Account Balances  
as of June 30, 2025**

• General Operating Fund	\$ 11,911.98
• Capital Expenditures Fund	\$ 7.92
• Designated Gifts	
Memorial Fund Undesignated	\$ 7,934.12
Fellowship	\$ 399.56
Altar Guild	\$ 778.30
Social Ministry	\$ 4,498.52
Quilting Connection	\$ 116.23
Youth Fund	\$ 796.51
Music Memorial	\$ 1,093.00
Columbarium	\$ 2,142.58
Noisy Sunday	\$ 743.90
• Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$ 2,193.29
• Investment Account	\$ 345,461.31
• WinGS Account	\$ 346.04
• Altar Guild Account	\$ 1,338.69

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.



June, 2025	
<b><u>General Fund - Offering Envelope Information</u></b>	
YTD 2025 Offerings Needed through 6/30/25 to Meet Our Budget	\$ 97,461.30
YTD Offerings Received through 6/30/25	\$ 93,365.95
<b>Shortage</b>	<b>\$ (4,095.35)</b>
<b><u>2025 vs 2024 COMPARISON (All Accounts *)</u></b>	
YTD Deposits through 6/30/25	\$ 137,666.47
YTD Deposits through 6/30/24	\$ 156,146.31
<b><i>Difference</i></b>	<b><i>\$ (18,479.84)</i></b>
YTD Expenses through 6/30/25	\$ 126,231.53
YTD Expenses through 6/30/24	\$ 122,173.38
<b><i>Difference</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 4,058.15</i></b>
<b><i>* Includes General, Pastor's, Designated Gifts and Capital Appreciation Funds</i></b>	

## NOISY SUNDAY

The August Noisy Sunday collection will be held on August 31, 2025.



# ENJOY THE MUSIC

## *From the Choir Loft—*

### **VOCAL CHOIR AUTUMN STARTUP**

The St. Mark Vocal Choir will start rehearsals for the 2025-2026 season on **Wednesday, September 3, at 7:00 pm**. If you are interested in being a part of this important ministry of the church in leading worship and providing music to facilitate our interaction with God, please come to the first rehearsal. We would love for you to sing with us. Questions should be directed to Brad Hull (Cell: 202-738-2795 or Email: [bradleyjhull@gmail.com](mailto:bradleyjhull@gmail.com)).

### **ALL CALL FOR BELL CHOIR**

The Bell Choir enjoyed a very successful season last year and the congregation overtly shared their appreciation for its addition to St. Mark's worship. Bell choir is a unique form of music which is accessible to all levels of musical ability (including no musical ability). To select music for the bell choir, exact numbers of ringers are necessary. So, for this coming season, we are issuing an "all call." If you are interested in being a part of St. Mark's bell choir, whether a former or new member, please email or talk to Brad ([bradleyjhull@gmail.com](mailto:bradleyjhull@gmail.com)) by Sunday, August 31. Based on how many people express interest in being a part of a 2025-2026 bell choir, we will determine our plan for the year.

### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

The start of Children's Choir for the fall is right around the corner. Children ages 3 ½ - 12 are invited to join us! Our first rehearsal will be **Sunday, September 7**. We'll meet downstairs in the first classroom on the left immediately after the church service. During each rehearsal, we praise God through music, practice our songs for the service, and play fun games. We sing or play bells at one service per month and at special events throughout the year. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. My email is [denisehirm@hotmail.com](mailto:denisehirm@hotmail.com) and my phone number is 717-802-1064.  
*Miss Denise*

### **WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE**

The next meeting will be held **Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 2:00 pm** in the Parlor.

## A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP



### JESUS' TRANSFORMING PRESENCE

*"But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, 'Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.' Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost'" (Luke 19:8-10 NIV).*

Who knew, all those kids sitting in Sunday school were getting a lesson in stewardship! Generations of children have very often heard lessons based on the familiar account of Zacchaeus. The diminutive tax collector's curiosity surrounding the person and ministry of Jesus is what the Holy Spirit used to set him on a collision course for a total stewardship transformation. This transformation, according to the text of Luke 19, is not just about this life. This stewardship transformation is about eternity as well!

Remember the story: Zacchaeus was a tax collector. Do not think of friendly neighborhood IRS agents. This was more like a toll booth operator, but the governing authorities did not set the toll. They would contract men to staff roadside booths and tax the commerce that was passing along the road. This was an enterprise full of greed and graft. The tax collectors would take as much as they could and only pass on a portion to the government. The rest did not go into the community chest either! It went into the pocket of the tax collector.

This is why the people had such disdain for *Jewish* tax collectors. They were seen as both crooks and traitors. They were crooks in that they extorted their compatriots and others in the toll process. But worse, they were seen as traitors because their efforts supported the occupying Roman authorities. That is the



real reason that the people would not make way so that short Zacchaeus could see Jesus.

For this reason, he runs ahead and climbs a tree. He had heard all the stories. He wanted to see this Jesus with his own eyes. Mercy is on display. This hated crook and traitor gets a direct audience with Jesus — at Jesus' own request! Jesus invites Himself to Zacchaeus' house. This is where the transformation is about to take place!

Notice how Jesus does it. He does not preach a three-week sermon series, nor does He ask Zacchaeus to make a pledge. There is nothing programmatic about Jesus' approach. But Zacchaeus is completely transformed! The transforming force is the very presence of Jesus! Direct time with Jesus takes a crooked, selfish, criminal and makes him the most faithful steward.

This new life of stewardship is marked by the promises made. First, he gives half of his ill-gotten gains to the poor. These are people whom he would not have defrauded at all! Yet, after spending time with Jesus, they are His first concern. Only after this does he double the requirement of the Levitical law on fraud. And what does Jesus say is the result? Salvation!

Doing the acts of stewardship does not save. Rather, the faith in Jesus that is created by the Holy Spirit is what saves! This is critical for us to confess. Failed stewardship can and will cut you off from God. The only antidote for failed stewardship is the presence of Jesus.

We do not need to run ahead and climb a tree for this presence of Jesus. He makes Himself available to us every week in the Divine Service. He speaks His Word of invitation to us in the pages of Holy Scripture. This, and this alone, transforms us from sinner to saint, from owner to steward of all that belongs to the Lord.

Do you want to become a more faithful steward? Spend more time with Jesus. Make the Divine Service a weekly priority. Feast on Christ's body and blood weekly! This is the great gift that brings salvation from God's House to yours!

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

## REMINDER - SUMMER DAY CAMP



A colorful poster for St. Mark Lutheran Church Day Camp. At the top left is a yellow sun with the word "FREE" in a black banner. 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, a blue circle says "Lunch & Snacks Provided". To the right, a yellow circle says "August 4-7" and "8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.". Below the text are six cartoon children of diverse backgrounds playing on a green grassy field. At the bottom, it says "FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K-5 (2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR)". Below this are contact details for registration and the address.

**FREE**

# ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH DAY CAMP

BIBLE STORIES, SPORTS, ACTIVITIES, AND MUCH MORE

Lunch & Snacks Provided

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

## ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC SOLDIERS & SAILORS MEMORIAL PARK

1 Memorial Park Drive  
Mechanicsburg, Pa

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

Arrive at park:	12:30 pm
Picnic Lunch:	1:30 pm
Games:	2:30 pm



We have reserved the “Baseball Pavilion” to the right of the restrooms upon entering the park. The Fellowship Committee will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, ketchup, mustard, pink lemonade, and water. **Please bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert to share.** There are some electric outlets in the pavilion if you would like to bring a hot dish that needs plugged in. Hoping to see everyone there. **Sign-up sheets are located at entrances to St. Mark.** Contact Phyllis Mihalich if you have any questions.

## BACKPACK BLESSING

Start the school year off by joining us for a blessing of 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.

BACKPACK



BLESSINGS



## CHURCHWIDE “LADIES & FRIENDS NIGHT OUT”

The churchwide Ladies Night Out will be held on **Thursday, August 28, 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.

## PEACHES AND (ICE) CREAM

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



## 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 August, September, and October:

August 17

Applesauce, Pudding, Jello

September 21

Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo)

October 19

HARVEST HOME ITEMS plus Peanut Butter and Jelly



## COMMUNITY AID

The Women in God's Service (WinGS) continue to benefit from any items of clothing and shoes that

are taken to Community Aid. When delivering items to the store directly, please use our church number **10053** so that St. Mark (WinGS) receives credit. **THANK YOU!**

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF—SCHOOL KITS

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.



## **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.

## **SAVE THE DATE - SOUP ON THE SIDEWALK MECHANICSBURG HALLOWEEN PARADE**

Stop by St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mechanicsburg on **Tuesday, October 14, 2025,** starting at 6:00 pm for our *Soup on the Sidewalk* event. Please let Phyllis Mihalich know if you are willing to donate a crockpot of soup. We are also looking for individually wrapped baked goods. Drop your soup and baked goods donations by 5:45 pm the night of the parade. Help is needed serving the soup at this event. If you are available to volunteer, please let Phyllis Mihalich or Karen Fisher know.



## **CROP HUNGER WALK**

**ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME**




Mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 19, 2025.** That afternoon, caring folks like you will let their feet do the talking as they raise funds to feed the poor at the 2025 Mechanicsburg/West Shore CROP Walk!

Please advise Karen Fisher if you are planning on walking this year. We hope to have a large team of walkers from St. Mark. Additional details will be made available as we receive them.

**AUGUST 2025**

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

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
		
<b>3 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30 am-Worship Svc.-Comm. 9:45 am-Fellowship Hour 11:00 am-Worship Svc.-Comm. 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	<b>4</b> 8:30 am-Church Day Camp 3:45 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group	<b>5</b> 8:30 am-Church Day Camp 6:00 pm-Fellowship Committee
<b>10 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC AT MEMORIAL PARK</b> 8:30 am-Worship Svc. 9:45 am-Fellowship Hour 11:00 am-Worship Svc.-OUTDOOR 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros 12:30 pm-Church Picnic	<b>11</b> 7:00 pm-German Group	<b>12</b>
<b>17 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS</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>18</b> 3:45 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group	<b>19 PHOTO DAY</b> 1:00 pm-7:30 pm-Photos for Directory 154 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Mark
<b>24 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30 am-Worship Svc. 9:45 am-Fellowship Hour 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	<b>25</b> 7:00 pm-German Group	<b>26</b> 1:00 pm-Social Ministry Outreach
<b>31 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>NOISY SUNDAY</b> <b>PEACHES &amp; ICE CREAM</b> 8:30 am-Worship Svc. 9:45 am-Peaches & Ice Cream 9:45 am-Fellowship Hour 11:00 am-Worship Svc. 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	<b>1 September</b> <b>LABOR DAY HOLIDAY</b>	<b>2</b>

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 3:45 pm-Violin Lessons	2
6 8:30 am-Church Day Camp 6:00 pm-EMS Game Night	7 8:30 am-Church Day Camp 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	8 3:45 pm-Violin Lessons	9
13 9:00 am—Evangelism 1:00 pm-Finance 2:00 pm-Worship & Music 5:30 PM-Lessons and Legos at St. Stephen	14 REMARKER DEADLINE 9:00 am-Property Committee 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	15	16 Methodist Church using St. Mark Parking Lot
20	21 7:00 pm-Church Council 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	22 3:45 pm-Violin Lessons	23
27	28 6:15 pm-Ladies Night Out 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	29	30
3 12:30 pm-Evangelism 6:00 pm-EMS Game Night 7:00 pm-Vocal Choir	4 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	5 3:45 pm-Violin Lessons	6

## **PURSE PROJECT**

The Social Ministry Outreach Committee is 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**

**Wash cloth**

**Bar of soap**

**Body wash**

**Toothpaste**

**Toothbrush**

**Any hygiene product**

**Make-up**

**Hand wipes**

**Bottled Water**

**Hand sanitizer**

**Hand lotion**

**Beef jerky**

**Applesauce**

**Mints**

**Deodorant**

**Comb**

**Razor**

**Scarf**

**Hat**

**Gloves**

**Small first aid kit**

**Thermal socks**

**Chapstick**

**Facial Wipes**

**Trail Mix**

**Gum**

**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 are located at the back entrance of St. Mark for your donations. Please contact Karen Fisher, Chair, Social Ministry Committee with questions.



## **“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.” SUNDAY**

On Sunday, September 7, the nearly 10,000 congregations of the ELCA will gather to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God’s people. The Social Ministry Committee is repeating the project of preparing a spaghetti dinner, salad, bread, and dessert to take to our shut-ins and residents of group homes in the Mechanicsburg area. **We are requesting donations of spaghetti, desserts, as well as monetary donations to help defray the cost of the meatballs, salad, and bread. In addition, we will need volunteers to deliver the meals.** Please use the sign-up sheets at entrances to the church to volunteer.



In addition to the spaghetti dinner, we will be assembling school kits, making greeting cards, and putting together kits for Caitlin’s Smiles. Read more about this wonderful organization here: <https://www.caitlins-smiles.org/>. Additional service projects will be added when identified. **Volunteers from previous years should plan on wearing their “God’s Work. Our Hands” bright yellow t-shirts.**

As was mentioned in last month’s newsletter, we have challenged 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 your GOOD DEEDS!

Here are ideas for August:

- Keep a promise
- Plant flowers
- Laugh louder
- Make a special treat
- Call someone and tell them you were thinking of them
- Be kind—it’s contagious

## SAVE THE DATE - WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE (WinGS)



WinGS is having their annual Potluck Dinner and first meeting of the 2025-2026 season. We invite ALL WOMEN to join us on **September 9, 2025, at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall**. The meat will be provided by WinGS officers. Everyone is requested to bring a dish to share. If you would like to attend, please contact Sandy Brown at 717-991-1121 ([Sbrown8186@verizon.net](mailto:Sbrown8186@verizon.net)) or Sara Jane Miller at 717-448-4777 ([usersj42@yahoo.com](mailto:usersj42@yahoo.com)). Our regular meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. You do not have to be a member of St. Mark to join the Women in God's Service.



## SAVE THE DATE—HOSS'S CROP WALK RECRUITER'S RALLY COMMUNITY DAY FUND RAISER

Please save the date and plan ahead to eat at the Mechanicsburg HOSS'S (located on Old Gettysburg Pike) anytime during the day on **Thursday, September 25, 2025**. Coupons, which must be presented at HOSS'S when you order your meals, will be available at all entrances of our church as soon as they are received.

## THANK YOU—MAMOW BAKERS

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





Dear family and friends at St. Mark,  
Thank you with all my heart for your cards, calls, and most of all prayers for my 2-year old great granddaughter, Regan Piper Moyer. Regan is still on meds; however, after 6 long weeks at Hershey Medical Center, she is home and well on the road to recovery. Praise God!  
*Karen Fisher, Regan's Gigi*

Dear St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
This letter is to thank you for your donation of \$100.00 on June 24, 2025. Your faithful support of our program will help ensure meal security for our clients. Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels are most grateful for your support.  
*Karen Cochran, Secretary on behalf of Volunteers of MAMOW*

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**BLANKETS, HATS, SOCKS,  
SCARVES, AND GLOVES FOR  
THE HOMELESS**

The Blankets, Hats, Socks, Scarves, and Gloves for the Homeless Program continues year-round. New or gently used blankets, new hats, new socks, new scarves, and new gloves should be placed in the container at the back entrance. We will deliver items to either Bethesda Mission or Operation Wildcat. Thank you for your generosity and helping those in need.



**BLANKET COLLECTION**

**IN CASE YOU MISSED  
IT—**

On July 6, 2025, we celebrated with Michelle Jones and Ryan Musser and family as their son, Elijah John Musser, born May 27, 2025, became a member of the Body of Christ through his baptism.



## 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.


The Prayer List is cleared every 4 months; therefore, will be cleared at the end of August 2025. If you would like an individual to remain on the list, please contact Karen either by email: [kfisher@stmarkmburg.com](mailto:kfisher@stmarkmburg.com) or by phone at 717-766-4482.

Charlene	Diann	John	Rachel	Rita
Birgit	Rosie	Layne	Alice	Eden
Amy	Debby	Pearl	Karen	Muretta
Bob	Mike	Bartok	Sue	Garry
Deb	Doug	Dorota	Cynthia	
James	Rick	Sue	Dolores	
Alice	Duryea	Nina	Ez	
Derwood	Clairene	Regan	Dolores	
Carol	Elane	Amanda	Carol	
Ed	Elijah	Roger	Darlene	
Karen	Betty	Steve	Jennifer	

## 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**.

# **AUGUST 2025** **8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS**

<b>LAY READER</b>	<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>
3 Amy Gimbel	3 Alma Gimbel
10 Connie Kuntz	10 Phyllis Mihalich
17 Sara Jane Miller	17 Karen Heath
24 Scott Kreiger	24 Matt Yost
31 Dave Harnish	31 Denise Hirn
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	<b>USHERS</b>
3 Joan Murphy	3 Terry Shaner, Matt Yost
10 Phyllis Mihalich	10 Tina Freidhof, Michele Connor
17 Katie Stull	17 Marlin Brown, Sandy Brown
24 Caroline Stull	24 Scott Kreiger, Deb Kreiger
31 Brett Hirn	31 Shannon Weaver
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	
3 Terry Shaner, Bev Reihart	
10 Sandy Brown, Michele Connor	
17 Sara Jane Miller, Cindy Larkin	
24 Connie Kuntz, Sandy Brown	
31 Jo Ann Novinger, Beverly Reihart	
<b>AUGUST MONEY DUTY</b>	
Terry Shaner, Amy Gimbel/Ben Yost	



## **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.*

### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

11	Kenna Fake	18	Betty Curll
14	Werner Jonas	18	Christine Chester
14	Gary Yorlets	21	Phyllis Mihalich
15	Dolores Stevens	23	Bennett Sisolak
16	Katie Stull	24	Max Clelan
16	Connie Kuntz	25	Matt Yost
17	Tina Freidhof	26	Joan Murphy

### **AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

7	Bill & Denise Hirn
11	Don Stull & Pastor Marleen
18	Jim & Diane Atticks

### **PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY**

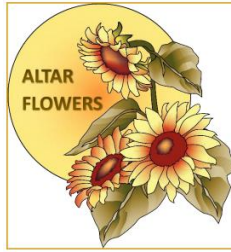
We extend our prayers and deepest sympathy to Dolores Ruth (wife) and Crystal (daughter) and Jim Titmas and their entire family on the loss of our dear friend, Ed Ruth, on July 1.

*With Deepest Sympathy*



<https://obituaries.cremationofpennsylvania.com/obituaries/Harrisburg-PA/James-Ruth-12437405>





- August 3            In memory of Marvyl Rife and Graham Brown by Sandy Brown Rife and Ed Rife.
- August 10           In loving memory of my brother, Fred Sanders, by Karen Fisher.
- In honor of grandson, Timothy Thomas, on his August 13 birthday by Karen Fisher.
- August 17           In memory of my parents Abraham and Rebecca Burd, by Sara Jane Miller.
- August 24           In honor of my dad, Gary Reihart, on his 86<sup>th</sup> birthday by Dee Bernatos.
- August 31           In honor of Matt Yost by Ben and Barb Yost.
- In loving memory of my dad, David E. (Curly) Sanders by Karen Fisher.

### **ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED**

Altar flower sponsors are needed for Sunday, September 21 and 28. Please use the form located in bulletins or in the ReMarker

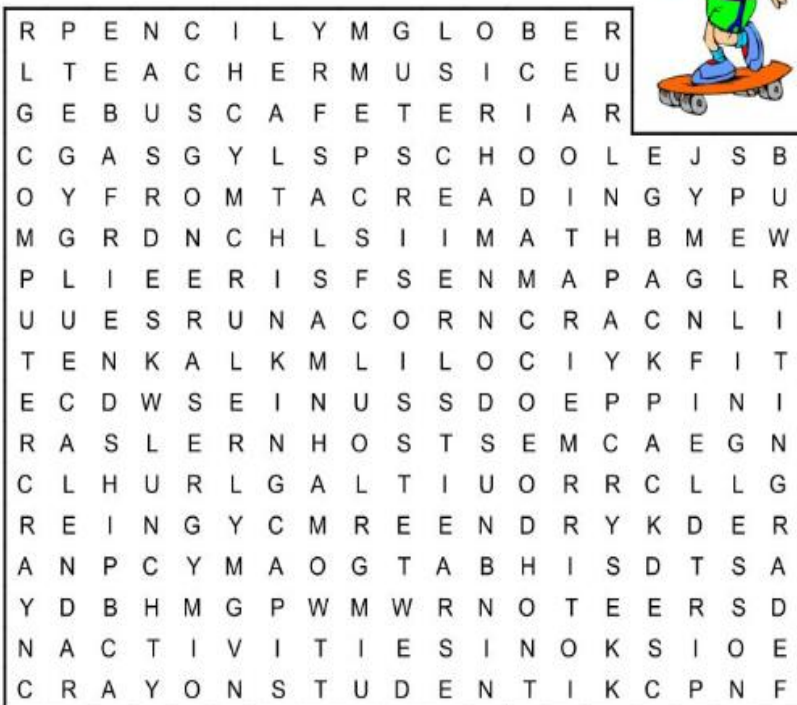
### **ROSE ON THE ALTAR**

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.



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

## Back-to-School Word Search



Find the words hidden in the puzzle.

ACTIVITIES	BUS	FOLDER	MAP	SCIENCE
ART	CAFETERIA	FRIENDSHIP	MATH	SCISSORS
BACKPACK	CALENDAR	GLOBE	MUSIC	SOCIAL STUDIES
	CLASSROOM	GLUE	NOTEBOOK	SPELLING
	COMPUTER	GRADE	PENCIL	STUDENT
	CRAYONS	GYM	PRINCIPAL	TEACHER
	DESK	LEARN	READING	THINKING CAP
	ERASER	LESSON	RULER	WELCOME
	FIELD TRIP	LUNCH	SCHOOL	WRITING



## UPCOMING EVENTS

August 4-7	St. Mark Summer Day Camp
August 10 August 10	11:00 am Summer Outdoor Worship Church Picnic—Memorial Park, Mechanicsburg
August 17	Backpack Blessing
August 19	Photo Day at St. Mark
August 28	Ladies & Friends Night Out
August 31	Peaches & Ice Cream Sunday
September 7	God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday
September 9	WinGS Pot-Luck Dinner & Meeting
September 25	HOSS's Community Day-CROP Walk
September 28	Ingathering and Blessing of School Kits
October 4	Loading Truck-Cumberland Conference
October 5 October 12	Blessing of the Pets Rain date-Blessing of the Pets
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



### SEPTEMBER 2025 REMARKER DEADLINE

Please deliver or email your information and articles for the **SEPTEMBER 2025 ReMarker** to the church office **no later than AUGUST 14, 2025**. Thank you so much.

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

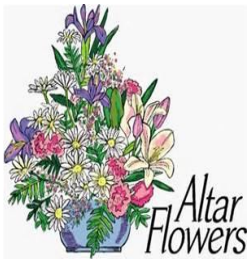
Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ 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!

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

### Thanksgiving Meals at St. Mark

For as long as many of us can remember, our wonderful Fellowship Committee at St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church, along with so many wonderful volunteers, have prepared hundreds, if not thousands, of Thanksgiving meals for our church family, our friends, our neighbors, our homebound, special needs individuals, and anyone from the community who came for a Thanksgiving meal.

In particular, Werner Jonas took the lead on dressing the turkeys and preparing them for our Thanksgiving meals—along with his homemade rolls and delicious, marinated vegetables.

As time goes by so quickly and our lives change, it is now time for Werner to step down, take a long-earned rest, and turn this “chef responsibility” over to someone else.

But who, you ask, can fill his shoes?

At this point in time, we do not know if we will be able to have the people power to prepare Thanksgiving meals in the future. While our Committee Chair, Phyllis Mihalich, coordinates a wonderful group of volunteers serving in the kitchen, the Fellowship Committee does not have people power to continue the Thanksgiving meals unless someone steps up and takes the lead. And we need all kinds of added help.

We know there are other churches locally who offer traditional Thanksgiving meals. We will be sharing that information with you as an option if needed. The Social Ministry Committee is exploring other ways to provide meals to our homebound and adults if needed as well. **If we do not have a volunteer by August 31 to coordinate and prepare for the Thanksgiving meal, we will notify you accordingly so that you have time to make other Thanksgiving plans.**

We give our heartfelt THANKS and JOB WELL DONE to Werner Jonas for all he does and will continue to do at St. Mark—just not the Thanksgiving meals going forward.

But who, you ask again, can fill his shoes?

Please pray for this.

**Is it you?**