

The ReMarker

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St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mechanicsburg

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"To Know Christ and To Make Him Known"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year we celebrate Pentecost on June 8. I know many people wear red and know that we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on

Pentecost Sunday but I'm not sure that it is a BIG celebration for most Lutherans. Yet, it should be. It marks a new beginning for God's relationship with humanity. I think it is worth sharing a little more about what Pentecost is and was before Jesus' time.



There is a reason that there are many Jewish people from all nations gathered in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost.

Pentecost was a Hebrew harvest festival which took place 50 days after the Passover. However, after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension, Pentecost takes on a whole new meaning for the followers of Jesus.

The apostles and many other disciples are gathered in Jerusalem waiting for the Holy Spirit to come to them. It does on Pentecost. They hear a loud rush of wind. The wind or breath of God is what gives life to Adam and all living creatures. It is the wind under God's control that separates the Red Sea so that Moses can lead the Israelites to safety. The people of God know that the power of God can be experienced in the wind. Then the tongues of fire appear on the disciple's heads. Moses was first called when he witnessed the burning bush. It was a pillar of clouds by day and fire by night which led the Israelites to freedom from captivity. Elijah is carried to heaven in a chariot of fire. Fire is used in all the sacrifices to God, and the prophets tell of God using fire to purify us before the final judgement.

There is no denying that the Holy Spirit is the presence of God in the story of the first Pentecost after Jesus' death. The reason to celebrate however is not simply that God did a new thing in the early church, but that God is still doing a new thing today. The Holy Spirit is still here among us calling us to live out God's love and grace in new ways.

May we celebrate Pentecost this year because it is a reminder that the Holy Spirit continues to bring Christ's presence to a world in need of grace, forgiveness, and hope.

May the Holy Spirit come to you this Pentecost!

Pastor Marleen

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PASTOR VACATION

Pastor Marleen and family will be on vacation
June 9-13, June 20-July 2 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:

June 22 - Church members

June 29 - Church members

July 20 - Pastor Hal Fox



IMPORTANT 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Recently, attendance has been very low and, at times, non-existent at the 11:00 AM service, even after music has been added. In hopes that all 11:00 attendees can worship together,

starting in June 2025, the 11:00 service will be offered only the first Sunday each month in the sanctuary. This new schedule provides the opportunity to those who cannot make the 8:30 service time to commune together. It also relieves Pastor, Altar Guild, and offering duty persons from the extra time commitments when no one attends. Your church council hopes this new schedule will lead to greater attendance at 11:00 so more of the church family can worship and commune together.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study with Pastor Marleen continues **each Wednesday morning at 11:00 am through June 4** in the church Parlor. We will take a break over the summer and resume in the fall. All are welcome to join us.

SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES

Weather permitting, we will worship in the beautiful outdoors at 11:00 AM on the 2nd Sunday of June, July, and August (June 8, July 13, and August 10) on the Keller St. side of St. Mark. Please bring your own chair. These services will be discontinued after June if no one attends.



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.



APRIL 2025 ATTENDANCE

Service Date	Lent Svc.	8:30 am Sanct.	Zoom	11:00 am	YouTube Service
April 2	31		0		18
April 6		49	6	4	17
April 9	23		0		23
April 13		62	4	9	48
April 17 Maundy Thurs.-Noon	22		0		48
April 18 Good Friday	45				62
April 20		65	11	10	32
April 27		47	6	2	18



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

•	General Operating Fund	\$	9,630.31
•	Capital Expenditures Fund	\$	7.92
•	Designated Gifts		
	Memorial Fund Undesignated	\$	4,454.12
	Fellowship	\$	100.00
	Altar Guild	\$	778.30
	Social Ministry	\$	2,843.15
	Quilting Connection	\$	116.23
	Youth Fund	\$	1,178.51
	Music Memorial	\$	1,053.00
	Columbarium	\$	845.09
	Noisy Sunday	\$	381.95
•	Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$	2,193.29
•	Investment Account	\$	330,909.32
•	WinGS Account	\$	312.37
•	Altar Guild Account	\$	1,786.69

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



The Finance Committee will meet on **June 11, 2025**
at **1:00 pm** in the Finance Office.



April, 2025	
<u>General Fund - Offering Envelope Information</u>	
YTD 2025 Offerings Needed through 4/30/25 to Meet Our Budget	\$ 64,974.20
YTD Offerings Received through 4/30/25	\$ 60,647.02
Shortage	\$ (4,327.18)
<u>2025 vs 2024 COMPARISON (All Accounts *)</u>	
YTD Deposits through 4/30/25	\$ 88,276.58
YTD Deposits through 4/30/24	\$ 97,242.94
<i>Difference</i>	<i>\$ (8,966.36)</i>
YTD Expenses through 4/30/25	\$ 85,877.03
YTD Expenses through 4/30/24	\$ 82,729.98
<i>Difference</i>	<i>\$ 3,147.05</i>
<i>* Includes General, Pastor's, Designated Gifts and Capital Appreciation Funds</i>	

NOISY SUNDAY

The total collected from our April Noisy Sunday was \$108.16. The year-to-date total is \$490.11. THANK YOU FOR MAKING NOISE. The June Noisy Sunday collection will be held on **June 29**.





ENJOY THE

MUSIC

From the Choir Loft—

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

As our choir takes its well-deserved annual summer break, we are seeking musicians of all shapes, sizes, and ages to add their talents to our 8:30 AM service. Your contribution in helping us connect with God during the service would involve two to three minutes of music during the Prelude or Offertory. Do you feel called to explore this possibility? Or perhaps you could reach out to a friend or family member that is musically inclined? If you know someone or would like to provide music yourself, please contact Brad at bradleyjhull@gmail.com by June 15 so we can appropriately plan ahead.

Also, 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.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

The Worship and Music Committee will meet
Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 2:00 PM in the Parlor.

A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP

THE IDOLATRY OF “MINE!”

As a Christian and as a pastor, I struggle with stewardship at times. But this should not surprise us. The Old Adam within each of us so often rears his ugly head. When that happens, our hands start to close around the very things which the Lord has entrusted to us. The Old Adam thinks we own things. One of the earliest words a young human learns is “MINE!” My blanket. My toy. My life. My faith. My house. My car. My career. My ministry. My congregation. MY. MY. MY.



But this ownership mentality is nothing short of idolatry. Yes, pastor and steward leader, you are an idolater by nature. When you think anything belongs to you and may be used however you want it to be used, you are guilty of idolatry. You are not fearing, loving, and trusting in God above all things. The people who sit in the pews, classes and meeting rooms at your congregation are guilty of this. So are you.

STEWARDSHIP STARTS WITH REPENTANCE. For stewardship to be taught properly, it must start with the Law. It must convict before the Gospel can pardon. That conviction must start with you, my dear friend. The first hearer of the sermon is the preacher. The Word of God, rightly distinguishing Law and Gospel, can never only be “for them.” If judgment begins with the household of God, within that household it starts with the leaders.

Any approach to stewardship that doesn’t begin with Spirit-wrought repentance within the pastor and steward leaders is doomed to fail. It is only when the pastor and steward leader fully embrace their own need for repentance that they may effectively lead, as stewards of God’s great treasure of the Gospel, other selfish idolaters to that which will set them free.

WE ARE STEWARDS OF OUR BAPTISM. The steward should drown the Old Adam “by daily contrition and repentance” (SC, Baptism). All that clings to the fallen steward, all sin and evil desires, are washed away DAILY, and give way to the new man, who has emerged to live as a faithful steward “in righteousness and purity forever” (SC, Baptism).

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP STARTS AT THE FONT. It starts at the font, FOR YOU. Then through you, your hearers, and those you lead in the stewardship journey are called to remember their Baptism. This is what makes the teaching and preaching of stewardship a pastoral function. It is not about paying the bills, balancing the budget, or anything else which we might have counted as stewardship over the years. Stewardship is first a call to repentance – for me first!

Take some time and consider your own stewardship story. Mine is a tapestry, with checkered past, baptismal renewal, divine comedy, and new directions all woven together. The Lord of the church has used His holy Word to break down and rebuild me as a steward of the treasure of the Gospel.

He has done the same for you. Reflect on the times when you have fallen far short. Remember your Baptism and the call and commission that it is. Your Baptism restores you as a steward, not just of the created order. You are a steward of the Gospel, using the created order to point people to Jesus.

May the Lord bless and keep YOU in your baptismal grace of stewardship of the Gospel, so that He may use you to shepherd the stewards under your care!

Pastor Nathan Meador

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COMMUNITY DINNER

The next Community Dinner will be held **Sunday, June 1, 5:00 PM**, at Mechanicsburg Church of God. Please consider joining the team of volunteers that help prepare and/or serve meals to our community. We have quite a few openings available! Please sign up using this link ttsu.me/communitydinnerspring2025 or for additional information, contact Karen Fisher at 717-580-7507 or kfisher@stmarkmburg.com



COMMUNITY DINNER



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 June, July, and August:

June 8	<i>(Wear red for Pentecost, bring red)</i>
July 20	Ketchup and/or Mustard
	Breakfast Cereals, Pancake Mix,
	Pop Tarts, Instant Oatmeal
August 17	Applesauce, pudding, jello

GERANIUM PLANTING DATE SET

Please join us on **Monday, June 9, at 6:30 pm** as we plant the geraniums at the church. Please bring your own tools.



SUMMER FELLOWSHIP TIME

Sunday School classes will not meet over the summer. However, we are again having fellowship time in the Parlor after services beginning **June 15**. 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.

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.



AN AFTERNOON OF STRAWBERRIES & ICE CREAM

When: June 21, 2025
Time: 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Where: Fellowship Hall

Join the Fellowship Committee on **June 21 in Fellowship Hall** as they serve fresh strawberries and ice cream to everyone. If you plan on attending, please sign up at entrances to St. Mark.



CHURCHWIDE "LADIES and FRIENDS NIGHT OUT"

The Churchwide Ladies and Friends Night Out will be held on **Thursday, June 26, 6:15 pm**, at Pizza Grille, 3817 Gettysburg Rd., Camp Hill, PA. Please RSVP to Karen Fisher at kfisher@stmarkmburg.com or 717-580-7507 if you are planning on attending.



BOOK CLUB

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

The Evangelism Committee will be hosting another book club read on Thursday, July 31, at 1:00 PM in the parlor.

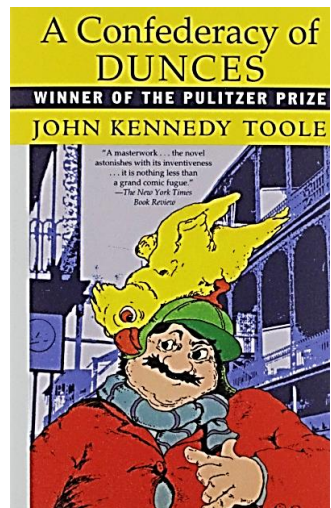
The suggested book is a Pulitzer Prize winning novel by John Kennedy Toole, *A Confederacy of Dunces*.

"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*



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. That 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 will be 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 fund, please mark your contributions accordingly.



THANK YOU—MAMOW BAKERS

Thank you to the individuals who provided **10 cakes** for Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels in May. 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.

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 **3rd Saturday of each month at 5:00 pm.** No reservation needed! Just come on in and join us! Everyone is welcome!





Benjamin Scott Connor

Ben, son of Brian and Michele Connor, graduated in May 2025 from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, with a BS in Health Sciences. Ben plans to continue in the fall at Duquesne University in the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program.

Jenna Lee Weist

Jenna, daughter of Tom and Kelley Weist and granddaughter of Karen Fisher, graduated summa cum laude from CyFair High School, Cypress, Texas on May 30. Jenna will be attending the University of Texas, Austin, in the fall majoring in Biology and would like to pursue a career in the medical field.





Alma Jane Gimbel

Alma, daughter of Sean and Amy Gimbel and granddaughter of Werner Jonas, graduates from Cumberland Valley High School, Mechanicsburg, PA in June and will attend Susquehanna University in the fall to pursue degrees in Creative Writing and Publishing and Editing.

JUNE 2025 8:30 AM Blended Worship Service; 9:45 AM Sunday School/Fellowship Hour 11:00 am-Worship Service as noted		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
1 Ascension of Our Lord 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc.-Comm. 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 11:00 am-Worship Svc.-Comm. 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros 1:00 pm	2	3 6:00 pm-Fellowship
8 Day of Pentecost-Wear Red-Bring Red (Ketchup/Mustard) 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc.-Comm. 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 11:00 am-Worship Svc.-OUTDOOR 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	9 Pastor Vacation 3:45 pm-Violin Lessons 6:30 pm-Plant geraniums 7:00 pm-German Group	10 Pastor Vacation
15 Holy Trinity Sunday 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc.-Communion 9:45 am-Fellowship Hour 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros 1:00 pm-FUSE mtg. at St. Stephen	16 7:30 am-Garden Club 7:00 pm-German Group	17
22 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Pastor Vacation 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc. 9:45 am-Fellowship Hour 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	23 Pastor Vacation 3:45 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group	24 Pastor Vacation 1:00 pm-Social Ministry Outreach
29 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Pastor Vacation NOISY SUNDAY 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc. 9:45 am-Fellowship Hour 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	30 Pastor Vacation 7:00 pm-German Group	1 JULY Pastor Vacation 6:00 pm-Fellowship

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11:00 am-Worship Service as noted

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 11:00 am-Bible Study 12:30 pm-Evangelism 2:00 pm-Worship & Music 3:30 pm-Worship Planning 6:00 pm-EMS Game Night	5 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	6	7
11 Pastor Vacation 1:00 pm-Finance Committee 7:30 pm-Lessons & Legos at St. Stephen	12 Pastor Vacation 9:00 am-Property Committee 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	13 Pastor Vacation REMARKER DEADLINE 3:45 pm-Violin Lessons	14 Flag Day
18	19 Juneteenth Holiday-Church Office Closed MECHANICSBURG JUBILEE DAY 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	20 Pastor Vacation 	21 Pastor Vacation 1:00 pm-Strawberry Festival 5:00 pm-Dinner with friends at St. Stephen
25 Pastor Vacation	26 Pastor Vacation 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros 6:15 pm-Ladies & Friends Night Out at Pizza Grille	27 Pastor Vacation 3:45 pm-Violin Lessons	28 Pastor Vacation
2 Pastor Vacation 12:30 pm-Evangelism 2:00 pm-Worship & Music 6:00 pm-EMS Game Night	3 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	4 Church Office Closed 	5

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.



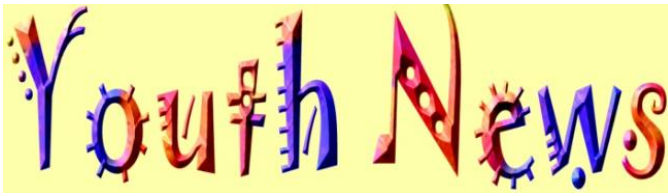
Here are some items to consider when donating:

Large 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



ST. MARK YOUTH NEWS

SUMMER DAY CAMP

Mark your calendars! Summer Day Camp at St. Mark will return this summer **August 4 through August 7** from 8:30 am-3:30 p.m. We will learn about what God has done and continues to do for the hungry in our world. 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.

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

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!



WE ARE EXPANDING!!!!

EMS Game Night! Now open to the community!! You are invited to come the **1st Wednesday of each month**, from **6-8pm**, 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 meet them, choose from a large collection of games, and have a night of fun, friends, and socialization! Wide selection of games, skill levels, and genres for different age groups! Are you up for the challenge? Come **adults!** Come **kids!** Come **teens!** Come **families!** Bring your **friends** with or meet new ones! It's a fun night for all!

LESSONS AND LEGOS!

Youth of all ages are invited to come between 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm the **2nd 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 kiddos will need adult support.



HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES

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. Please 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 or contact her in the church office at 717-766-4482.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT—

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

We sang silly songs, dressed in winter clothes, and had a super snowball fight that had everyone laughing at the devil on the Sunday after Easter.



Click this link to watch the service.

[April 27, 2025. Holy Humor Sunday. Pastor Marleen's message begins at the 27:31 minute mark.](#)

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Despite the weather, we had a wonderful group of 22 kids and their families attend our annual Easter Egg Hunt indoors.



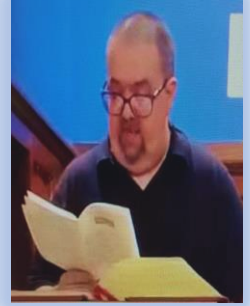
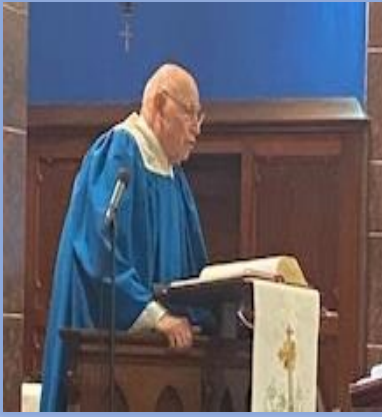
AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

We celebrated with the family of Jonas Paul Gimbel as he celebrated his Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday, May 18, 2025. Please keep Jonas in your prayers as he continues to grow in his faith.



MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

Thank you to men of St. Mark (Werner Jonas, Sean Gimbel, Jonas Gimbel, Scott Kreiger, Matt Yost, Ben Yost, Kevin Amos, and Marlin Brown) for blessing us with a beautiful service on Mother's Day, May 11.



[May 11, 2025. Mother's Day Service. Today's Gospel message begins at the 20:43 minute mark.](#)





St. Mark Friends,
I have been enjoying the church services on the Internet. I'm so glad you do it for ones like me. Miss you all.
Sincerely, Diann Foltz



To everyone--
who trimmed bushes, edged flowered beds, pulled weeds, or helped in any way before spreading the tan bark—a huge thank you. To everyone that helped spread tan bark, we sincerely thank you. All of you helped make our church look beautiful. Your help was greatly appreciated.
Property Committee

Dear St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church,
This letter is to thank you for your donation of \$100.00 on April 29, 2025. We sincerely appreciate your church's continued support of MAMOW. Your commitment to MAMOW is wonderful and sincerely appreciated.
Sincerely, Karen Cochran, Secretary on behalf of Volunteers of MAMOW

Dear St. Mark,
Please thank the Easter lily donor for me. The blooms were absolutely gorgeous—so white, so perfect for the day.
Mary A. Mumma


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. If you would like to add or remove a name on the prayer list, please contact Karen in the church office at **717-766-4482** or email at kfisher@stmarkmburg.com. Thank you.

PRAYER CIRCLE

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

**-JUNE 2025 VOLUNTEERS-
8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**

LAY READER	ASSISTING MINISTER
1 Sara Jane Miller	1 Barb Yost
8 Terri Hopkins	8 Denise Hirn
15 Connie Kuntz	15 Karen Heath
22 Beverly Reihart	22 Matt Yost
29 Dave Harnish	29 Tina Freidhof
ACOLYTE	USHERS
1 Joan Murphy	1 Dave Harnish, Susan Fissel
8 Brett Hirn	8 Cindy Larkin, T.J. Larkin
15 Alma Gimbel	15 Sara Jane Miller, Dee Bernatos
22 Matt Yost	22 Ben Yost, Bev Weaver
29 Tina Freidhof	29 Ken Shur, Donna Shur
ALTAR GUILD	
1 JoAnn Novinger, Sara Jane Miller	
8 Sandy Brown, Michele Connor	
15 Connie Kuntz, Cindy Larkin	
22 Michele Connor, Bev Reihart	
29 Muretta Yentzer, Phyllis Mihalich	
JUNE MONEY DUTY	
Amy Gimbel, Terry Shaner	



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

BIRTHDAYS

3	Ruth Chester	12	Ben Yost
4	Jaylyn Atticks	18	Dustin Steele
5	Karen Fisher	18	Wyatt Yorlets
11	Kyle Steele	21	Jeff Marks
11	Grady Weaver	22	Dave Harnish
12	Karen Heath	29	Misty Hersh

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

12	Scott & Debra Kreiger
17	Gary & Beverly Reihart
23	Tyson & Joan Murphy



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

CARD SHOWER

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



- June 1 In memory of Angela Orndorff by Mary Jane Erby
- June 8 Geraniums by sponsors
- June 15 In memory of Patti Vogelsong by George Vogelsong
- June 22 In memory of Frederick Albert by Charlene Albert
- To the Glory of God by the Altar Guild
- June 29 In memory of Anna Yenchko by the Yenchko family

Red
Geranium



GERANIUM PLANTING DATE SET

Please join us on **Monday, June 9, at 6:30 pm**
as we plant the geraniums at the church.
Please bring your own tools.

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

We need flower sponsors for July and August. 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.





June 1	Mechanicsburg Community Outreach Dinner
June 8	11:00 am Summer Outdoor Worship
June 9	Plant geraniums at church
June 26	Ladies Night Out - Pizza Grille
July 13	11:00 am Summer Outdoor Worship
July 31	Book Club
August 4-7	St. Mark Summer Day Camp
August 10	11:00 am Summer Outdoor Worship
September 7	God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday
October 14	Soup on the Sidewalk at Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade
October 19	CROP Walk at Memorial Park
November 27	Annual Thanksgiving Dinner (pending approval)

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Church council will not meet in June. The next council meeting will be held on **July 10, 6:45 PM**, in the church parlor.

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: _____

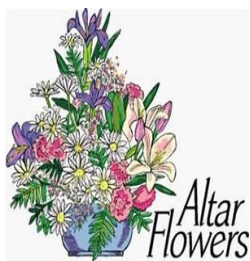
Date Requested: _____

- ☐ 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!



Dear friends and members of St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mechanicsburg,

We stand at a crossroads, facing both exciting opportunities and challenging times.

Our church council plays a vital role in guiding us through these moments, and we need your help to ensure a bright future for our church and our community.

Our current council consists of Terry Shaner, Acting President and Chair of Stewardship; Jo Ann Novinger, Vice President and Chair of Evangelism; Amy Gimbel, Secretary and Chair of Worship & Music; Ben Yost, Property Chair; Karen Fisher, Social Ministry Outreach Chair; and Denise Hirn, Youth & Family Ministry Chair. Phyllis Mihalich (non-council) is Fellowship Chair and Barb Yost (non-council) is Finance Chair, and Treasurer, Karen Heath recently stepped down as chair of Stewardship, and we express our sincere gratitude for her years of service. At this time, we have several vacancies which we need to fill.

We understand that serving on the council may seem daunting, but it's a deeply rewarding experience. We're here to support you every step of the way, offering training, resources, and mentorship. We urge you to consider joining our council and making a real difference in our church and community.

If you have thought about it and would just like to attend a meeting to observe what council is all about, our next meeting will be held July 10 at 6:45 PM in the church parlor. Or you may talk with any council member listed above or Pastor Marleen.

We believe in you and your ability to contribute to the growth and vitality of our church.

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