

The ReMarker

MAY 2026

St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church
of Mechanicsburg

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Mechanicsburg, PA 17055



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St Mark Lutheran Church Mechanicsburg

"To Know Christ and To Make Him Known"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



As we continue to celebrate the season of Easter, there are signs of new life all around us. In Mechanicsburg, many trees are bright white or pink with a few lavender blooms. The tulips and daffodils are no longer in bloom, but several native plants of Pennsylvania are doing well—especially the violets. Those beautiful Easter flowers that were imported from Europe (probably coming on the Mayflower) are in full bloom creating yellow fields. (If you missed Holy Humor Sunday, you may not be sure to which flowers I am referring, but you can always watch the YouTube video of the sermon to find out.) Those are only some of the plants, the squirrels are in full motion along with the robins and other birds. It is impossible to miss new life in the spring.

Hopefully every sign of new life in spring, helps point to the new life which Christ offers us. We—the followers of Jesus—trust that there is life after death; however, we sometimes miss the promise of renewed life during our life on earth. We forget that Jesus gives us Hope for the future of the world even when the news tells us to be fearful. We forget that Jesus provides us new life in all of our relationships because of the power of genuine forgiveness. We sometimes forget that Christ provides purpose and meaning for life by giving us opportunities to serve in his name. All of these and many more experiences of new life are open to us because we are part of the Kingdom of God which Jesus ushered in during his ministry.

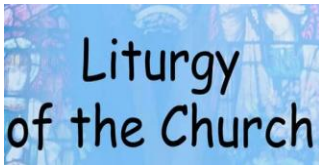
My hope and prayer is that you will not only see but will experience new life from the one who overcame death for you. Come and see Jesus! Leave knowing that you are invited into a new life in Christ!

Christ is Risen Indeed!

ALLELUIA!

Pastor Marleen

Pastor Marleen



WHAT IS LITURGY?

We talk about being part of a liturgical church but sometimes we don't really understand why we have the same structure to worship week after week.

Many do not know why we do certain things when we worship God together. So, during the season of Pentecost, I plan to share a little explanation of the parts of the liturgy. Come to church and learn why we do what we do each week. Hopefully, it will make all of your weeks more meaningful!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT—11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Attendance at our 11:00 AM service has been dwindling. So much so that in June of 2025, Council adjusted the service time from every Sunday to the first Sunday of every month. Our hopes were that this would allow people to be able to attend a later service and receive Holy Communion.

Worship & Music completed a review of the continued declining attendance since September of 2025. In the first four months of 2026, we had zero attendance of our members at the 11:00 AM service. Upon this review, the Worship & Music Committee made a recommendation to Council that we discontinue the 11:00 am service effective with **Sunday, May 3. At Council's April 17 meeting, Council agreed and voted to discontinue the 11:00 am service.**

We will continue to look at opportunities to allow our congregation to get together for worship.

SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Come and enjoy our worship service outside this summer on the first and third Sundays of June, July, and August at 10:00 am. This will be a service of word and will not include communion. The service will be held in the front yard of St. Mark. Please bring your own chair. Our regular worship service with communion will be held at 8:30 am in the sanctuary.



MARCH 2026 ATTENDANCE

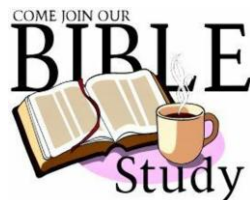


Service Date	8:30 am In-Person	8:30 am Zoom	11:00 am In-Person	Lent Mid-Week In-Peerson	YouTube Service
March 1	47	5	0		44
March 4 (Mid-week)				24	*
March 8	52	7			23
March 11 (Mid-week)				28	14
March 15	37	4			23
March 18 (Mid-week)				26	*
March 22	53	3			30
March 25 (Mid-week)				30	7
March 29	48	5			75

*Mid-Week service not recorded

BIBLE STUDY

Join Pastor Marleen in the Parlor for Bible Study on **Wednesday mornings at 11:00 am.**
All are welcome.



WE NEED YOU!

We are seeking a Church Council member to complete a term that ends this fall. Please contact any council member for details.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT



CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF MARCH 31, 2026

•	General Operating Fund	\$	14,103.92
•	Capital Expenditures Fund	\$	4,067.92
•	Designated Gifts		
	Memorial Fund-Undesignated	\$	24,223.33
	Fellowship	\$	34.09
	Social Ministry	\$	4,630.69
	Quilting Connection	\$	116.23
	Youth Fund	\$	826.51
	Music Memorial	\$	943.00
	Columbarium	\$	2,669.01
	Noisy Sunday	\$	372.92
•	Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$	2,150.64
•	Investment Account	\$	335,935.00
•	WinGS Account	\$	331.92
•	Altar Guild Account	\$	1,875.99

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled for **May 13 at 1:00 pm** in the Finance Office.

NOISY SUNDAY—MAKE SOME NOISE!

May Noisy Sunday offering will be held on **May 31**.

Income & Expense Report

FINANCIAL INFORMATION	
March, 2026	
<u>GENERAL FUND INFORMATION</u>	
YTD 2026 Income	\$ 68,825.50
YTD 2026 Expenses	\$ 65,682.03
<i>Difference</i>	\$ 3,143.47
<u>2026 vs 2025 COMPARISON (All Accounts *)</u>	
YTD Deposits through 3/31/26	\$ 68,825.50
YTD Deposits through 3/31/25	\$ 67,355.60
<i>Difference</i>	\$ 1,469.90
YTD Expenses through 3/31/26	\$ 65,682.03
YTD Expenses through 3/31/25	\$ 67,295.93
<i>Difference</i>	\$ (1,613.90)
<i>* Includes General, Pastor's, Designated Gifts and Capital Appreciation Funds</i>	

LAWN TRACTOR

Thank you for the generous donations!

Our new lawn tractor is paid for!

ALLELUIA!



ENJOY THE MUSIC

From the Choir Loft—

VOCAL CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS

The Vocal Choir will rehearse on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm over the summer break.

Bell Choir rehearsals will resume in the fall.

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 14 so we can appropriately plan ahead.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

The Worship & Music Committee will meet May 6, 2026, at 2:00 pm in the parlor.



MAY WE COMMIT OUR LIVES ANEW TO A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship in the Easter Season is a joyful response to the countless blessings God pours into our lives. As we celebrate the Resurrection, we are reminded that everything we have—our faith, our families, our time and our resources—are gifts flowing from Christ’s triumph over sin and death.

In the Gospel accounts of the Resurrection, the risen Christ clearly called the first disciples to share their faith. “He said to them, *‘Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature’*” (Mark 16:15).

This is the essence of stewardship: recognizing the incredible blessing God gave us and sharing it generously with others. Easter invites us to reflect on our many blessings and share them to best glorify God.

St. Paul reminds us, “*What do you possess that you have not received?*” (1 Cor 4:7). The Easter Season is a perfect time to reflect deeply on this question. Every breath, every opportunity, every grace is a reminder of God’s providence. Gratitude becomes the foundation of stewardship, transforming obligation into joyful giving.

The early Christian community modeled this beautifully. In the Acts of the Apostles St. Luke shares that in a Christian community, “*There was no needy person among them ...*” (Acts 4:34), because each person shared what they had. Their generosity flowed directly from their encounter with the risen Christ. Likewise, our own encounter with Jesus should move us to live differently, to give more freely, to serve more willingly and to love more deeply.

Easter is not just a single day; it is a season of renewal. It is an invitation to live as disciples of Christ. As faithful stewards, we are called to see our blessings not as possessions to hold tightly, but as gifts wrapped with a bow entrusted to us for the sake of others. Whether through acts of charity, service to our parish, or support of ministries that care for those in need, we are called as disciples to participate in the ongoing work of Christ in the world.

As we count our blessings this Easter Season, may we echo the words “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endures forever” (Psalm 118:1). And in that spirit of thanksgiving, may we commit ourselves anew to a life of faithful and generous stewardship sharing the joy of the Resurrection in all that we do.

– Shannon Roh is the Executive Director of the Office of Development and Stewardship for the Archdiocese of Mobile.



JUNE 2026 REMARKER DEADLINE

Please deliver or email your information and articles for the June 2026 ReMarker to the church office no later than Thursday, May 14.

MONTHLY SUNDAYS TO BENEFIT NEW HOPE MINISTRIES

The Social Ministry Outreach Committee designates one Sunday a month to collect items for New Hope Ministries.



On April 24, St. Mark donated 138 pounds of food to New Hope. Thanks to all who contributed.

Sincere thanks to Gene and Terry Shaner for transporting items to New Hope.

Here are the items for May, June, and July:

May 24 (Pentecost)

**June 14
July 19**

**Ketchup and Mustard
(Wear red and bring red)
Cleaning Products
Brownie and Cake Mixes
and Icing**

MECHANICSBURG AREA MEALS ON WHEELS (MAMOW)

Our wonderful bakers made and donated 12 cakes in April for MAMOW. Thank you to all the bakers and to Sara Jane Miller and Donna Shur, for coordinating this monthly program. You are AMAZING!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

Please contact Sara Jane Miller at 717-448-4777 or Karen in the church office at 717-766-4482 if you would like to obtain a prayer shawl, blanket, or prayer square to give as a blessing to someone or if you would like to join our wonderful team of crocheters and knitters. We gave 1 prayer square and 2 blankets during April.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

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

kfisher@stmarkmburg.com





Date: Saturday, May 9, 2026

Place: St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran
Church Back Yard

Set Up: Starts at 7:00 AM

Sell: 9:00 AM
Trinkets and Treasures

Tables: Available from church to use. You must carry outside and return. *(We are requesting a \$10.00 donation towards the purchase of a new sign for our back yard.)*

Refreshments:
Free-will donation.

JOIN US AS WE HONOR AND CELEBRATE MOTHERS

Mother's DAY SERVICE

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Please join us on **Mother's Day, May 10**, for a special treat. Several men from St. Mark will be conducting the worship service that morning as a gift to the women of the church.

Leader	Sean Gimbel
Assisting Minister:	Kevin Amos
Message:	Kevin Amos
Acolyte:	Brett Hirn
Lessons Reader:	Scott Kreiger
Gospel Reader:	Dave Harnish
Ushers:	Jonas Gimbel, Keith Hensel
Children's Message:	Shannon Weaver



WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE—WinGS— INVITATION

Please join the Women in God's Service (WinGS) at **Appalachian Brewing Company** in Mechanicsburg on **Tuesday evening, May 12, at 6:30 pm** for their annual *Ladies Night Out*. Please RSVP to Tina Freidhof at tlf866@aol.com if you plan on or let a message on her cell phone at attending.

COMMUNITY AID

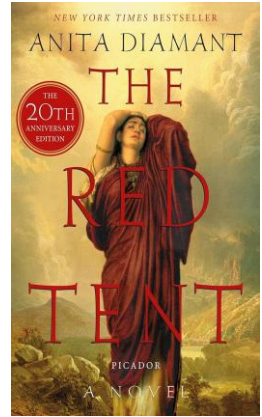
The Women in God's Service (WinGS) benefit from any items of clothing and shoes that are taken to Community Aid. When delivering items to the store directly, **please**

use the number 10053 so that St. Mark (WinGS) receives credit. Labels with the number are available in the church office or in a folder on the bulletin board at the back entrance of the church.



BOOK CLUB

The next book club meeting is **May 12 at 1:00 pm**. The book is "*The Red Tent*," by Anita Diamant. *The Red Tent* (1997) is a compelling retelling of the biblical story from the perspective of Dinah, daughter of Jacob and Leah. The book explores Dinah's experiences as a woman in the biblical era, her time in the red tent, and her ill-fated love affair with Prince Shalem. The novel highlights family dynamics, female empowerment, and the lives of strong, distinct women within Jacob's household. Readers follow Dinah from childhood through her adulthood, including her work as a midwife in Egypt and her struggle to find independence from her family. Anita Diamant's narrative transforms a brief biblical account into a rich, intimate story of love, loss, and resilience.



We look forward to conversation and fellowship with you. We encourage you to share and invite a friend. The book is available through the library, Amazon, or Thrift books.



SPREAD TAN BARK—WE NEED YOU!!!

We will be spreading tan bark on **Saturday, May 16, beginning at 8:00 am, rain or shine**. Shovels, pitchforks, rakes and/or wheelbarrows are helpful to bring, but are not required. Please let Ben Yost know if you plan to be there. The more, the merrier, and the quicker it gets done!

SPAGHETTI DINNER AND HYMN SING

Join your church family on **May 17 at 5:00 pm** for a **Spaghetti Dinner** followed by an **Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing!** The dinner will include Spaghetti (both regular and gluten free); sauce (plain and meat); salad; bread, and dessert!

This is your opportunity to come and sing all the classic hymns that you love! There is no charge for the meal but a free will offering will be accepted. To ensure we have enough food prepared, please use the sign-up sheets located on the bulletin board by the parking lot door, on the table in the Narthex, or contact the church office to sign up.

You're invited to a
**SPAGHETTI
DINNER**

LADIES AND FRIENDS NIGHT OUT

The next Ladies and Friends night out will be held on **May 28, at 6:30 PM at Angelina's in Mechanicsburg.** Please RSVP to Karen Fisher at 717-580-7507 if you plan on attending.



NEW HOPE SUNSHINE BAGS

The Women in God's Service (WinGS) are collecting **TRAVEL SIZE ITEMS** for New Hope Ministries Sunshine Bags. Please fill a gallon size Ziploc bag with **travel size items**. These bags are provided to individuals when they go to New Hope to take a shower. A container has

been placed at the back entrance of the church. Please contact Tina Freidhof with any questions. THANK YOU!

Items for women: shampoo, conditioner, razor, shaving cream, soap, deodorant, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste.

Items for men: shampoo, razor, shaving cream, soap, comb, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste.



SUMMER DAY CAMP FOR KIDS

Mark your calendars! Day Camp at St. Mark will return this summer for kids from K- 5th grade. Those who are older are encouraged to come and help during camp this summer. On **August 3 through August 7 from 8:30 am–3:30 pm.** This

year we use the ELCA's National Youth Gathering's theme: *Imagine More...Courage, Joy, Love, Welcome, and Grace.* We will learn how the Kingdom of God is a place of **more**. 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.

PURSE PROJECT

Again, this spring and summer, the Social Ministry Outreach Committee will be collecting items for their *Purse Project*. **WE NEED YOUR HELP**. Our Purse Project is aimed at supplying women with some of the little things they need to get back on their feet.



According to data from the National Alliance to End Homelessness, roughly 29% of all people experiencing homelessness are women, and the transition out of homelessness can be difficult without support.

Here are some items to consider when donating:

Large purses or totes (preferably new or gently used)


Full size bottle of shampoo	Mints
Wash cloth	Deodorant
Bar of soap	Comb
Body wash	Razor
Toothpaste	Scarf
Toothbrush	Hat
Any hygiene product	Gloves
Make-up	Small first aid kit
Hand wipes	Thermal socks
Bottled Water	Chapstick
Hand sanitizer	Facial Wipes
Hand lotion	Trail Mix
Beef jerky	Gum
Applesauce	Other appropriate items

Containers have been 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 me of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40

MAY 2026

8:30 AM - Worship Svc.; 9:45 AM Sunday Church School and Children's Choir
June, July, August—10:00 am-Outdoor Worship (1st and 3rd Sundays)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
		
3 5th Sunday of Easter 8:30 am-In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc.-Communion 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's SS & Choir 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	4 7:00 pm-German Club	5
10 6th Sunday of Easter MOTHER'S DAY 8:30 am-In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc.-Communion 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's SS & Choir 10:45 am-Youth & Family Ministry 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	11 2:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Club	12 1:00 pm-Book Club 6:30 pm-WinGS at Appalachian Brewing Company
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24 Day of Pentecost 8:30 am-In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc.-Communion 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's SS & Choir 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	25 MEMORIAL DAY 2:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group	26 1:00 pm-Social Ministry 6:00 pm-Planting geraniums
31 HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY 8:30 am-In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc.-Communion 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's SS & Choir 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros		

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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6 11:00 am-Bible Study 2:00 pm-Worship & Music 3:30 Worship Planning 6:30 pm-Vocal Choir	7 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	8 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons	9 7:00 am-Set up for Yard Sale 9:00 am-Yard Sale 6:30 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros
13 11:00 am-Bible Study 1:00 pm-Finance 6:30 pm-Vocal Choir	14 9:00 am-Property Committee 1:00 pm-Fellowship 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	15 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	16 8:00 am-Spread tanbark 6:30 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros
20 11:00 am-Bible Study 6:30 pm-Vocal Choir	21 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons 6:30 pm-Church Council	22 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	23 6:30 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros
27 11:00 am-Bible Study 6:30 pm-Vocal Choir	28 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons 6:30 pm-Ladies Night Out at Angelinas 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	29 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons	30 6:30 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

The Columbarium

ST. MARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MECHANICSBURG COLUMBARIUM

St. Mark has an on-site Columbarium which has been in use since 2004. The price of a niche is \$600 for congregation members. Family members of congregation members may purchase a niche for \$700, and other non-members may purchase a niche for \$750.

A niche measures 12" wide x 12" high x 16" deep and is designed to normally contain the ashes of one or two people. Pets may also be inurned in a family's niche, but no acknowledgement of the pet's name shall appear on the niche's name plates. The purchase of name plates is the responsibility of the next-of-kin. The price of a name plate will be based on the price of the metals used in the casting at the time of purchase. Name plates for people who purchased niches before April 30, 2006, will be paid for by the church.

If anyone is interested in more information or would like to purchase a niche, please contact Barb Yost (byost@verizon.net or 717-512-9286) or Karen Fisher in the church office (717-766-4482).

HOMEBOUNDED MINISTRIES

At St. Mark Lutheran Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mechanicsburg, 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--

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER WALK



Thank you to everyone who joined Pastor Marleen on Good Friday for the annual Prayer Walk.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Over 800 eggs were hidden. A **BIG “THANK YOU”** to everyone that took eggs home, filled them, and returned to the church.



Easter Egg Hunt





**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT
HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY—APRIL 12, 2026**

We told jokes, dressed in loud colors, wore crazy hats, sang silly songs, and LAUGHED AT THE DEVIL!!!!

**CHRIST IS RISEN
HE IS RISEN INDEED
ALLELUIA!!!!**

Recording from our Holy Humor Worship Service.

Click on this link —> [Holy Humor Sunday April 12, 2026](#)





Dear St. Mark Lutheran Church,
This letter is to thank you for your donation
of \$110.00 on March 23. We sincerely
appreciate your church's continued support
of MAMOW. Your commitment to us is
wonderful and sincerely appreciated.
*Sincerely, Karen Cochran, Secretary on
behalf of Volunteers of MAMOW*



Dear WinGS,
The daisies are a beautiful breath of Spring
and faith. Thank you for thinking of me and
my 97th.
Mary Mumma

St. Mark Lutheran Church Members,
I received a package of goodies from your church. I shared with
my roommate and other friends. Please thank everyone for me.
It was very thoughtful.
Jenna Weist, University of Texas in Austin

St. Mark Lutheran Church Family,
The Jonas & Gimbel families send a very big thank you to our
church family. We all greatly appreciate the outpouring of love
and sympathy we received at the death of our daughter/sister/
sister-in law/aunt, Rachel, over the past couple of weeks. The
special words, hugs, and lovely cards are so meaningful at this
time. Again, thank you!
Werner, Amy, Sean, Alma, and Jonas


Dear Prayer Shawl Group,
You made my day! I am overwhelmed by your generosity, your
giving spirit, and your unending kindness. Thank you so much.
Love, June



WITH SYMPATHY

Heartfelt prayers and sympathy are extended to
Thelma Fissel and family on the death of Thelma's
great nephew, Brian Burd, who passed away on
April 2 and to Werner Jonas and Family on the
death of daughter, Rachel Nickel, who passed
away on April 7.

WORSHIP HELPERS

LAY READER	ASSISTING MINISTER
3 Terri Hopkins	3 Sean Gimbel
10 Dave Harnish Scott Kreiger	10 Leader: Sean Gimbel Assisting Minister: Kevin Amos
17 Bev Reihart	17 Karen Heath
24 Matt Yost	24 Denise Hirn
31 Karen Heath	31 Barb Yost
ACOLYTE	USHERS
3 Audrey Johnston	3 Susan Fissel, Dave Harnish
10 Brett Hirn	10 Jonas Gimbel, Keith Hensel
17 Phyllis Mihalich	17 Cindy Larkin, T.J. Larkin
24 Katie Stull	24 Sara Jane Miller, Dee Bernatos
31 Caroline Stull	31 Ben Yost, Bev Weaver
ALTAR GUILD	
3 Sandy Brown, Sara Jane Miller	
10 Mother's Day Muretta Yentzer, Barbara Lehman	
17 Joan Murphy, Phyllis Mihalich	
24 Pentecost Connie Kuntz, Bev Reihart, Terry Shaner, Sara Jane Millr	
31 Holy Trinity Phyllis Mihalich, Sandy Brown, Cindy Larkin, Barbara Lehman	
MAY COUNCIL OFFERING DUTY Amy Gimbel, Terry Shaner	

IMPORTANT MESSAGE CONCERNING ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

THANK YOU for sponsoring the altar vases that we enjoy seeing each Sunday and that provide a connection to our members who are in the hospital or our home-bound members. You can of course continue to sponsor the vases and pick up the flowers after the church service.

Some of you have wondered if your request has been received and I want to explain that there are some timing issues. The money counters receive the requests with the regular offerings. It is helpful if altar flower sponsorships are separate from your regular offerings. You have been doing a great job of marking "Altar Guild" on the memo line to separate the money from the regular offering.

Money counters meet every other week. In addition, Karen completes the next Sunday bulletin usually on Monday so that bulletins sent in the mail are received before the next service. When we do not have a sponsor in time, the Altar Guild will sponsor the vases for the service. If you could plan ahead when you want to sponsor flowers and get your requests in early (**6 weeks prior would be great**), we could be sure to have the information in the ReMarker and in the bulletins. Please contact Connie Kuntz at 717-503-5244 with any questions.



- May 3 To the Glory of God by the Altar Guild
- May 10 In loving memory of Dean Fisher by Karen Fisher and Family
- In honor of granddaughter Julia's 22nd birthday (May 25) and her college graduation from the University of Texas by her Grammy, Karen Fisher
- May 17 In honor of great granddaughter Molly's 2nd birthday by Connie Kuntz
- In honor of granddaughter Rachel's college graduation by Connie Kuntz
- May 24 THANK YOU GERANIUM SPONSORS
- May 31 In honor of Heath and Venn families by Karen Heath

GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

If you would like to sponsor a geranium to be placed in the Chancel for Pentecost, please complete the form located in the back of the newsletter or in the bulletins. **The deadline to order geraniums is Sunday, May 3.**



GERANIUM PLANTING DATE SET—HELP NEEDED

Join us on **Tuesday, May 26, at 6:00 pm, to plant the geraniums at our church.** Please bring your own tools.

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED

Sponsors are needed for June 7, 14, and all Sundays in July.



K P N Q P C D H M Z N E M X J	May
L H M A Q I G I S O L G O X K	May Day
A D L E B N S M C R D R T P G	Mother's Day
D F M V M C Q P M E Q J H L J	Flowers
Y Q A N T O M M R Z O B E A D	Spring
B U Y R J D R A R I T B R N G	Cinco de Mayo
U V A Y G E B I Y S N Y S T A	Garden
G V C N M M G U A D H G D S R	Memorial Day
G Q Z Q A A X I T L A T A S D	Butterfly
X K Q E Q Y Y G X T D Y Y N E	Ladybug
H M I F L O W E R S E A R W N	Plants
G B E F J F E W C F M R Y Z K	Grass
W W L I L G R A S S T K F F J	
H H U F K Z L I O E Z G T L F	
F U D F N I I U U M V Z H V Y	



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 9	Community Yard Sale
May 12	Book Club
May 16	Spreading of tan bark
May 17	Spaghetti Dinner & Hymn Sing—5:00 pm
May 26	Plant geraniums
June 7	Strawberry Festival
June 7 & 21	Outdoor Worship-10:00-am
June 7	Mechanicsburg Community Dinner
July 5 & 19	Outdoor Worship—10:00 am
August 2 & 16	Outdoor Worship—10:00 am
August 3-7	St. Mark Day Camp
August 9	Annual Church Picnic-Memorial Park
September 13	God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday
September 20	Peaches & Ice Cream following worship
October (TBA)	In-Gathering for LWR
October (TBA)	Soup on the Sidewalk at Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade
October 18	55 th Annual CROP Walk-Memorial Park
November (TBA)	Annual Meeting
December 24	Lighting of the Luminaries Christmas Eve Services



Geraniums for

Geraniums for Pentecost

If you would like to sponsor a geranium for Pentecost on **May 24**, please complete the form below.

The cost is **\$8.00 per plant**. Please place the form with your payment in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

The deadline for ordering is Sunday, May 3.

Please make your check payable to **St. Mark Lutheran Church** and put **“Altar Guild”** on the memo line.

The geraniums will be planted in the flower beds of the church on **May 26**.

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

To the Glory of God

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Presented by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Total number of geraniums ordered

Amount of Check: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

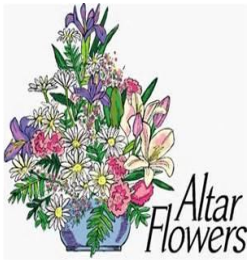
Willing to Share

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!



# 7 PRAYERS FOR MAY

1. May your health improve.
2. May your family be loved.
3. May your friends be blessed.
4. May your pains be less.
5. May your finances multiply.
6. May your worries disappear.
7. May **GOD** bless you.

Amen.

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