

The ReMarker

MAY 2025

St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mechanicsburg

117 West Keller St.
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,

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!!



We are Easter people—we trust in the resurrection and the power of the resurrection. Yet, we have the same problem often that Mary and other women had on day of the resurrection. According to Luke’s gospel, when the women arrive at the tomb, they find an empty tomb and suddenly two men appear beside them in dazzling clothes. These mysterious men ask, “Why do you seek the living among the dead?”

Of course, the women have forgotten that Jesus told them he would raise again on the third day, but when they remember, they believe. They go to the living to proclaim the story of faith.

But we do not come to church or go anywhere to mourn Jesus’ death. We say that we trust that he is alive. We confess his resurrection gives us hope. Yet we often seek new life among the dead. We dwell in our past when Christ challenges us to look toward the future. We mourn all that we—the whole Church and individual families—have lost. Though we need to mourn, we dwell in our grief and miss that Christ is still among the living, never among the dead. We focus on what the world tells us is important even when it is not what God clearly wants us to do. We look for quick pleasures and fixes to our problems, but we miss God’s lasting work of redemptive love. We focus on the now and forget about the mission to make the future better for all. In short, we live among the dead and trust in things which are not lifegiving.

This Easter season let’s all work together to seek the living. Let’s not focus on anything which takes life but on that which gives true and lasting life. May your whole Easter be filled with the presence of the Risen Christ!

Alleluia!

Pastor Marleen

Pastor Marleen



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study with Pastor Marleen continues **each Wednesday morning at 11:00 am** (unless otherwise noted) in the church Parlor. All are welcome to join us as continue to read 2nd Samuel together.



MARCH 2025 ATTENDANCE

| Service Date | Lent Svc. | 8:30 am Sanct. | Zoom | 11:00 am | YouTube Service |
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| March 2 | | 52 | 6 | 18 | 21 |
| March 5 (Ash Wed.) | 16 28 | | 0 0 | | 18 |
| March 9 | | 51 | 10 | 8 | 13 |
| March 12 | 26 | | | | 15 |
| March 16 | | 52 | 3 | 14 | 23 |
| March 19 | 30 | | 0 | | 17 |
| March 23 | | 55 | 4 | 5 | 16 |
| March 26 | 34 | | 0 | | 17 |
| March 30 | | 59 | 5 | 5 | 14 |



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.



Current Account Balances as of March 31, 2025

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|-------------------------------|--------------|
| • General Operating Fund | \$ 7,649.28 |
| • Capital Expenditures Fund | \$ 7.92 |
| • Designated Gifts | |
| Memorial Fund Undesignated | \$ 4,454.12 |
| Fellowship | \$ 100.00 |
| Altar Guild | \$ 778.30 |
| Social Ministry | \$ 2,559.78 |
| Quilting Connection | \$ 116.23 |
| Youth Fund | \$ 1,178.51 |
| Music Memorial | \$ 1,003.00 |
| Columbarium | \$ 845.09 |
| Noisy Sunday | \$ 381.95 |
| • Pastor's Discretionary Fund | \$ 2,193.29 |
| • Investment Account | \$335,825.50 |
| • WinGS Account | \$ 385.43 |
| • Altar Guild Account | \$ 1,895.69 |

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 **May 14, 2025**
at **1:00 pm** in the Finance Office.

JUNE 2025 REMARKER DEADLINE

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





| March, 2025 | |
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| <u>General Fund - Offering Envelope Information</u> | |
| YTD 2025 Offerings Needed through 3/31/25 to Meet Our Budget | \$ 48,730.65 |
| YTD Offerings Received through 3/31/25 | \$ 42,746.52 |
| Shortage | \$ (5,984.13) |
| | |
| <u>2025 vs 2024 COMPARISON (All Accounts *)</u> | |
| YTD Deposits through 3/31/25 | \$ 67,355.60 |
| YTD Deposits through 3/31/24 | \$ 79,923.90 |
| <i>Difference</i> | \$ (12,568.30) |
| | |
| YTD Expenses through 3/31/25 | \$ 67,295.93 |
| YTD Expenses through 3/31/24 | \$ 62,735.57 |
| <i>Difference</i> | \$ 4,560.36 |
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| <i>* Includes General, Pastor's, Designated Gifts and Capital Appreciation Funds</i> | |
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NOISY SUNDAY

Noisy Sunday will be held on the last Sunday of each month. April Noisy Sunday will be held on April 27.



ENJOY THE MUSIC

From the Choir Loft—

BELL AND ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS

The Bell Choir rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm. The Adult Choir rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Please contact Brad Hull, Director of Music, with any questions at 202-738-2795.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

This children's choir year went by so quickly! The last rehearsal for the year is May 11 and the last time to sing during the services is May 18. It's not too late to join in the fun and sing with us in May! Contact Miss Denise with any questions at 717-802-1064 or denisehirn@hotmail.com

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

The Worship and Music Committee will meet
Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 2:00 pm in the Parlor.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT—CLICK ON THIS LINK

[April 20, 2025. Easter Sunday. Resurrection of our Lord.
Pastor Marleen's message at 28:19 mark.](#)



April 20, 2025. Easter
Sunday. Resurrection...

A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP



'BY THE MERCIES OF GOD'

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Rom. 12:1)

These words from Romans 12:1-2 set stewardship in its rightful place. Here, St. Paul shows us stewardship in its proper relationship to the Lord, and what stewardship should look like in our faithful service to Him. These are good words for the faithful steward to consider on a regular basis.

Notice from whence comes the appeal! The mercies of God are the defining factor, shaping both the steward and all subsequent actions. It all begins with the mercies of God. This beginning is not some esoteric, philosophical consideration either. The mercies of God, poured out upon the faithful steward, find one anchor point in human history. The mercies of God are on full display at the cross.

On Calvary, our Lord Himself, bearing human vesture and carrying our sins and griefs, lowered His holy, crown-encircled brow. But Christ's death on the cross should not be taken as a sign of defeat. Rather, by the mercies of God, Christ's death grants fallen sinner/stewards like us new life! We trace this journey each year through the season of Lent and Easter. Amid the bloody sweat of Gethsemane, the injustice of the kangaroo court in Jerusalem, the ruthless and spineless acquiescence of Pilate, and the gore of Golgotha, we see exactly what the mercies of God look like.

Everything Jesus endured should have been ours. When Jesus is forgiving and promising paradise even as He is being forsaken for

us, we see true mercy! This mercy is what redefines who we are, a redefinition which happens when we are baptized. Once dead and deserving of condemnation, in Baptism we are given new life in Christ. This new life in Christ changes how we see ourselves. It also changes how we see the world.

By viewing ourselves and the world in this new way, we can start to live out St. Paul's oxymoronic call to be "living sacrifices." We know from the Old Testament that sacrifice means something dies. The bulls and goats, lambs and rams came at a high price. In the waters of Holy Baptism, something also dies—the old Adam. In our Baptism, we have already died and have been raised. This is how the mercy of God works on us. In the dying and rising, we can be a daily sacrifice that has been made holy and acceptable to God. This is not by our action, but by His!

Paul talks about this as our "spiritual worship." The Greek word here is *leitourgia*, which is where we get the word "liturgy." It is this view of the mercies of God that forms our daily stewardship, and our daily worship. The mercies of God define all you do in the course of a week as a steward of the Gospel worship. It is not limited to the Divine Service. In fact, the mercies you receive in the Divine Service are what you carry out to share with the world as your living sacrifice. After spending time with Jesus, you bear His image and His glow out into the world that is full of darkness and death. You have been made holy and acceptable to Him for the purpose of showing His mercy to others. This is what makes our "daily liturgy" so important. As we live and serve, and as we seek and share forgiveness and life with those around us, we are walking billboards of God's mercy in Christ.

This is what your stewardship puts on display. None of it is about you. It is about Jesus in and through you. You can't get to this by your own efforts. It is only about the mercies of God. These mercies are the treasure that you steward in your daily life of worship!

*The Lutheran Church—
Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship*





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.

WinGS HELPING FAMILIES AT EASTER

The Women in God's Service (WinGS) planned, shopped, and put together food items, including a ham, and Easter baskets for 2 special families. Thank you ladies!



JOIN US AS WE HONOR AND CELEBRATE MOTHERS

Mother's DAY SERVICE

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Please join us on **Mother's Day, May 11, at the 8:30 am service** 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.

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Leader & Assisting Minister: | Sean Gimbel |
| Message: | Werner Jonas |
| Acolyte: | Jonas Gimbel |
| Reader: | Scott Kreiger |
| Gospel: | Matt Yost |
| Ushers: | Ben Yost and Kevin Amos |
| Children's Message: | Marlin Brown |



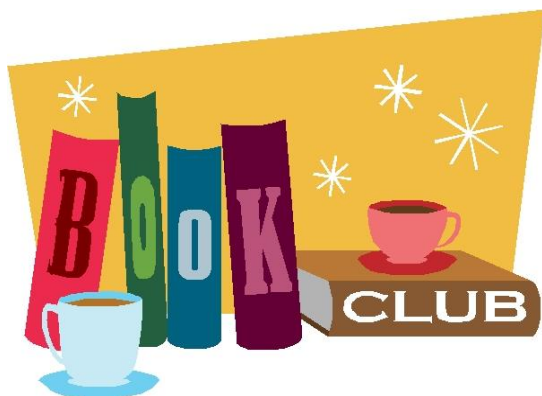
WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE—WinGS— INVITATION

Please join the Women in God's Service (WinGS) at Snappers in Mechanicsburg on **Tuesday evening, May 13, at 5:30 pm** for their annual *Ladies Night Out*. Please RSVP to Sandy Brown at 717-991-1121 if you plan on attending.

SPREAD TAN BARK—WE NEED YOU!!!

We will be spreading tan bark on **Saturday, May 17, beginning at 8:00, rain or shine**. Shovels, pitchforks, rakes and/or wheelbarrows are helpful to bring, but are not required. Please let Ben know if you plan to be there. The more, the merrier, and the quicker it gets done!





The Evangelism Committee will be hosting a book club read on May 15, 2025, at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

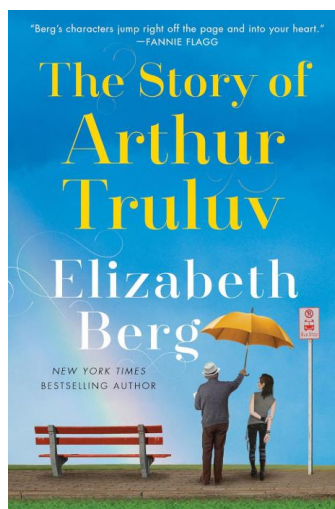
Suggested book is a novel by Elizabeth Berg, *The Story of Arthur Truluv*.

This is a heartwarming novel about two unlikely people who find a connection. Arthur is a kind caring man who visits the cemetery daily to have an imaginary conversation with his late wife. There he meets Maddy, a troubled teen hiding from school. Together they find their way back from loss and loneliness to a different kind of life.

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 or Thrift books.

Thank you,
Jo Ann Novinger, Chair
Evangelism Committee





AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION

We hope you will join us on **Sunday, May 18**, at the 8:30 a.m. service to celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation of Jonas Gimbel. Then,

come early for the 11:00 a.m. service), please join us in Fellowship Hall for light refreshments.
Youth & Family Ministry Committee.



Sharing Christ's love by meeting human needs

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 May, June, and July:

May 27

Feminine Hygiene Products

June 8

(Wear red for Pentecost, bring red) Ketchup and/or Mustard

July 20

Breakfast Cereals, Pancake Mix, Pop Tarts, Instant Oatmeal

IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER CHURCHWIDE "LADIES and FRIENDS NIGHT OUT"

The churchwide Ladies Night Out will be held on **Thursday, June 12, 6:30 pm**, at a place to be announced in the near future.



Join Us for
Food, Fun,
and Frivolity!

BLANKETS, HATS, SOCKS, AND GLOVES FOR THE HOMELESS

The Blankets, Hats, Socks, and Gloves for the Homeless Program continues year-round. Please contact Karen at 717-580-7507 to make arrangements to bring items to the church. Items collected will be delivered to either Bethesda Mission or Operation Wildcat. Thank you for helping those less fortunate.

Helping the Homeless



JOURNEYING THROUGH GRIEF

Did you know that St. Mark has pamphlets entitled, *Journeying through Grief* for you, your family, and friends to give you comfort and hope when you lose a loved one.

Journeying through Grief is a set of four short books that are free to give to people at four crucial times during the first year after the loss of a loved one. The author writes short, easy-to-read chapters sharing helpful insights about grief, Bible verses, and stories that provide comfort, reassurance, and hope.



Please contact Pastor Marleen or Joan Murphee at 717-497-9717 or email tj_murphee@hotmail.com to receive these free books for comfort and reassurance.

St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church
of Mechanicsburg



Community Yard Sale

- What:** Community Yard Sale
- Who:** Anyone who would like to sell their “stuff” or come and buy “stuff”!
- Where:** Back lawn of St. Mark at 117 W. Keller St., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- When:** Saturday, May 24, 2025
- Time:** 7:00 AM—Set Up (We need YOU to help set up tables).
9:00 AM—(Start selling “stuff”)—till ?????
- Refreshments:** Hot dogs and drinks (free will offering)



PURSE PROJECT

Again, this summer, the Social Ministry Outreach Committee will be collecting items for their *Purse Project*. **WE NEED YOUR HELP.** Our Purse Project is aimed at supplying women with some of the little things they need to get back on their feet. According to data from the National Alliance to End Homelessness, roughly 29% of all people experiencing homelessness are women, and the transition out of homelessness can be difficult without support.



Here are some items to consider when donating:

**Large or medium-large purse or tote
(preferably new or gently used)**

Full size bottle of shampoo

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 will be placed at the back entrance of St. Mark for your donations. Please contact Karen Fisher, Chair, Social Ministry Committee with questions.

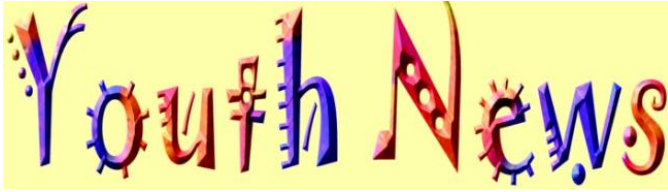
And the King will answer them, truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

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8:30 AM Blended Worship Service; 9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 am-Worship Service

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY |
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| 4 Third Sunday of Easter 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc.-Comm. 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's SS & Choir 11:00 am-Worship Svc.-Comm. 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros | 5 2:45 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group | 6 6:00 pm-Fellowship |
| 11 Fourth Sunday of Easter HAPPY MOTHERS DAY 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc. 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's SS & Choir 11:00 am-Worship Svc. 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros | 12 2:45 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group | 13 5:30 pm-WinGS Ladies Night Out at Snappers |
| 18 Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc. 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's SS & Choir 11:00 am-Worship Svc. 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros 1:00 pm-FUSE mtg. at St. Stephen | 19 2:45 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group | 20 ELECTION DAY 7:00 am-8:00 pm St. Mark-Polling Place |
| 25 Sixth Sunday of Easter NOISY SUNDAY 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc. 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's SS & Choir 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros | 26 2:45 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group  | 27 1:00 pm-Social Ministry Outreach |

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| WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| | 1 6:45 pm-Youth & Family Ministry 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros | 2 3:45 pm-Violin Lessons | 3 |
| 7 11:00 am-Bible Study 12:30 pm-Evangelism 2:00 pm-Worship & Music 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir | 8 9:00 am-Property Committee 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros | 9 3:45 pm-Violin Lessons | 10 |
| 14 (Karen-Vacation) 11:00 am-Bible Study 1:00 pm-Finance Committee 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir | 15 REMARKER DEADLINE (Karen-Vacation) 1:00 pm-Book Club Read 7:00 pm-Church Council 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros | 16 3:45 pm-Violin Lessons | 17 8:00 am-Spread tan bark—rain or shine |
| 21 11:00 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir | 22 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros | 23 3:45 pm-Violin Lessons | 24 7:00 am-Yard Sale Set-Up 9:00 am-Yard Sale |
| 28 11:00 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir | 29 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros | 30 3:45 pm-Violin Lessons | 31 |



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!



EMS GAME NIGHT!

Youth in Grades K-12 are invited the **1st Wednesday of each month**, from **6:00 pm-8:00 pm** to come play boards games with various local **EMS personnel** in the **St. Stephen Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall!** Fill out a short

mixer sheet to get to know a little about them, choose from a large collection of games, and have a night of fun, friends, and socialization! All different games and skill levels for different age groups! Are you up for the challenge? Adult sign in at door required for non-teens during drop off.

LESSONS AND LEGOS!

Youth of all ages are invited to come between 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm the **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 Evangelical 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. **If you would like to join our visitation team, let Pastor know.** 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.



DO YOU LIKE TO SEW?

We have quite a few quilt squares that need assembled and sewn together. Squares are pre-cut, and instructions are provided. Please contact Sandy Brown or Karen Fisher to arrange to pick up at St. Mark.

THANK YOU—MAMOW BAKERS

Thank you to the individuals who provided 11 cakes for Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels in April. 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.



Dear St Mark Family,

Thank you to everyone for the cards, prayers, love, and support for Doris Berger's funeral services and luncheon. It meant so much to us for all your kindness.

Dave and Terri Hopkins

SPECIAL THANKS to Thelma Fissel and Daniel Hagenbuch for their beautiful piano duet on Palm Sunday.



A NOTE FOR OUR EGG-CEPTIONAL EASTER EGG FILLERS

A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who took eggs home and filled them for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt! The children look forward to this special day each year, and it wouldn't be possible without your help!"

Denise Hirn, Chair, Youth & Family Ministry Committee

St. Mark Church Family,

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who was involved in planning, contacting shut-ins/homebound, preparing food, making soup, salads, and desserts, packing bags, and delivering meals to our homebound and shut-ins. In 5 weeks time, we prepared and delivered over 160 meals. We couldn't do it without you.

Karen Fisher, Chair

Social Ministry Outreach Committee



Women In God's Service,

Easter is a good time for reaching out to people we care about...a time to just naturally think of all of you. Happy Easter.

Mary Mumma

CONGRATULATIONS ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH



LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF

"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."
2 Corinthians 9:8

THE LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILT & KIT MINISTRY

Certificate of Recognition

St. Mark's Lutheran Church



Your brick has been engraved and now forms part of the Good Samaritan Quilt Plaza at the Lutheran Center in Baltimore, Md., headquarters of Lutheran World Relief.

Thank you for reaching out as God's hands through this ministry.
Through your gift, you bring comfort and hope to God's people.

Daniel Speckhard
Daniel Speckhard
President and CEO
Lutheran World Relief

January, 2025

PLACED IN QUILT PLAZA



▲ Along with other brick sponsors that help form the "Many Trips Around the World" quilt pattern, your compassion wraps our neighbors around the world with God's love.



Dear Friends at St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

I am pleased to share that your brick has been installed in the Good Samaritan Quilt Plaza at the Lutheran Center in Baltimore, MD, headquarters of Lutheran World Relief! Thank you again for your participation in this ministry. We are honored to send you the enclosed certificate. We hope you will display your certificate, which includes a photograph of your brick in the plaza, with pride!

Each brick on the Good Samaritan Quilt Plaza tells a story of compassion and commitment — and is an extension of God's love to neighbors in need around the world. You are now part of this story of hope.

The sponsorship of your Quilt Plaza brick enables LWR to ship more than **175 Mission Quilts**, almost **175 School Kits or Baby Care Kits** or nearly **335 Personal Care Kits**. That's in addition to the legacy your engraved brick will leave for generations to come.

Along with bricks sponsored by other individuals, groups and congregations, your brick helps form the "Many Trips Around the World" quilt pattern, reminding staff and visitors of the more than 675,000 quilts & kits LWR sends around the world each year to people in need. That number would not be possible without you!

If you have any questions regarding your brick or would like to learn more about the mission and ministry of LWR, please do not hesitate to call (800 597 5972) or email (quiltandkit@lwr.org).

With peace and gratitude,

Martha Piedrasanta

Martha Piedrasanta
Quilt & Kit Ministry Manager



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

800 597 5972 | LWR.ORG/QUILTS | LWR.ORG/KITS



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**.

COMMUNITY DINNER

The next Community Dinner will be held
Sunday, June 1, 5:00 p.m., at Mechanicsburg
Church of God. If you would like to join the
team of volunteers that help prepare and/or
serve meals to our community, please contact
Karen Fisher at 717-580-7507 or
kfisher@stmarkmburg.com.



COMMUNITY DINNER

-MAY 2025-

8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

| LAY READER | ASSISTING MINISTER |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 4 Amy Gimbel | 4 Karen Heath |
| 11 Scott Kreiger | 11 Sean Gimbel |
| 18 Matt Yost | 18 Alma Gimbel |
| 25 Sean Gimbel | 25 Phyllis Mihalich |
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| ACOLYTE | USHERS |
| 4 Joan Murphy | 4 Scott Kreiger, Deb Kreiger |
| 11 Jonas Gimbel | 11 Kevin Amos, Ben Yost |
| 18 Alma Gimbel | 18 Shannon Weaver |
| 25 Audrey Johnston | 25 Charles Rusnak, Karen Rusnak |
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| ALTAR GUILD | |
| 4 Michele Connor, Sara Jane Miller | |
| 11 Terry Shaner, Bev Reihart | |
| 18 Phyllis Mihalich, Joan Murphy | |
| 25 Connie Kuntz, Andrea Sassaman | |
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| Jo Ann Novinger, ???? | |



If you would like your birthday and/or anniversary to be printed in the ReMarker, please contact Karen at 717-580-7507 or email the office at kfisher@stmarkmburg.com with your name and birthday/anniversary. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS

1 Brett Hirn
15 Kyle Fake
21 Denise Bernatos
22 Shannon Weaver
22 Beth Yorlets

25 Alissa Atticks
25 Julia Weist
30 Lori Clelan
30 Dolores Ruth
31 Beth Mumper

ANNIVERSARIES

13 Denise and Bob Bernatos
17 Amy & Sean Gimbel
17 Dolores & Ed Ruth
20 Karen & Mark Fake
26 Barb & Ben Yost



*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.



- May 4 In memory of loved ones by Darlene Kreiser.
To the Glory of God by the Altar Guild.
- May 11 In loving memory of Dean Fisher by Karen Fisher and Family.
In honor of Julia Weist's 21st birthday on May 25 by her Grammy, Karen Fisher.
- May 18 In honor of Dee Bernatos' birthday by Bev Reihart.
- May 25 In memory of Tom and Jean Yost by Ben and Barb Yost.
In memory of Ruth and Raymond Elicker by Ben and Barb Yost.

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

We need flower sponsors for June 1 and June 22. 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.

Red
Geranium



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 18.**

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.



-WORD SEARCH-

Name: _____ Date: _____

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

MERRY MONTH OF MAY

Word Search



BASEBALL

BLOSSOM

BUMBLEBEE

BUTTERFLY

CINCO DE MAYO

FLOWERS



GARDEN

GEMINI

GREEN

LADYBUG

LAWNMOWER

MAYPOLE

MEMORIAL DAY

MOM

MOTHER'S DAY

PIÑATA

PLANT

SEEDS

SPRING

SUNSHINE

TAURUS

TEACHER

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: _____

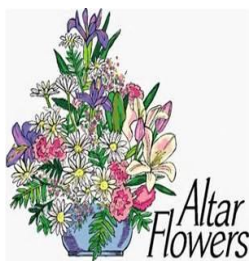
Date Requested: _____

- ☐ 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!



Geraniums for **Geraniums for** **Pentecost**

If you would like to sponsor a geranium for Pentecost on **June 8**, 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 18.

Please make checks 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 Monday, June 9.

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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| May 11      | Mother's Day Service - 8:30 am                            |
| May 13      | WinGS Ladies Night Out at Snappers                        |
| May 15      | Book Club Read of <i>Arthur Truluv</i>                    |
| May 17      | Spread Tan Bark at St. Mark                               |
| May 18      | Geranium Order Deadline                                   |
| May 20      | Election Day                                              |
| May 24      | Community Yard Sale                                       |
| June 1      | Mechanicsburg Community Dinner                            |
| June 8      | 11:00 am Summer Outdoor Worship                           |
| June 9      | Plant geraniums at church                                 |
| June 12     | Ladies Night Out (TBA)                                    |
| July 13     | 11:00 am Summer Outdoor Worship                           |
| August 4-7  | St. Mark Summer Day Camp                                  |
| August 10   | 11:00 am Summer Outdoor Worship                           |
| September 8 | God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday                             |
| October 14  | Soup on the Sidewalk at Mechanicsburg<br>Halloween Parade |
| October 19  | CROP Walk at Memorial Park                                |
| November 27 | Annual Thanksgiving Dinner                                |
| December 24 | Christmas Eve Services & Lighting of the<br>Luminaries    |

