

The ReMarker

AUGUST 2023

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"To Know Christ and To Make Him Known"



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Siblings in Christ,

During Lent, we often pray this Psalm...

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. ¹¹Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Psalm 51:10-12

The gift of three Sundays off from preaching and time away from the everyday work of the church has answered this prayer for me.

Being able to focus on the gift of my family and not having a set schedule helped me to be refreshed in the spirit. Because we were able to visit several National Parks and Monuments, I was reminded of the beauty of God's creation. We were able to see the amazing features that only a super volcano can produce at Yellowstone National Park. The natural colors of the minerals God created are center pieces of the hot springs. The amazing power of the geysers give us a glimpse of the power and awe of creation itself. The clear waters of Glacier National Park show signs of how cleansing water can be and brings to mind the waters of baptism that clean our hearts. Fossil Butte National Monument caused me to reflect on the words of God to Job in which God makes it clear that no humans were present when the earth was formed. It is clear that many of God's ways are unknowable to us. The many days without having to answer calls, visit, or prepare for a sermon helped my spirit be renewed. Thank you for this gift of time.

My prayer is that God renews your spirit and leads you to a renewed joy in the creation and in your salvation!

May your spirit be renewed!

Pastor Marleen

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OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES

Outdoor worship continues each Sunday at 8:00 am on the Keller St. side of St. Mark through the last Sunday in August 2023. Please bring your own chair.



Worship

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP TIME

Fellowship time continues every Sunday following the 9:30 am worship service through the end of August. We continue to share coffee, tea, and treats. If you would like to bring something to share, please do. It's never too late to join us!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Everyone needs a reminder of God's presence! We want to share a reminder of God's presence and love by blessing student's backpacks on **Sunday, August 20** during worship service. Students and teachers are encouraged to bring their backpacks to either the 8:00 am outdoor service or the 9:30 am worship service to be blessed. Please keep students, teachers, school staff, and administrators in your prayers throughout the school year!



DAY CAMP AT ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH - AUGUST 8, 9, 10 GROWING CHILDREN'S FAITH

Do you want to help grow a child's faith?
Supporting Day Camp will help grow a child's
faith this summer.



You can support us in a variety of ways:

- Invite a child you know to join us - it is not too late to register someone else!
- Donate items we can use or money toward youth ministry.
- Join us for an hour or a whole day to lend a helping hand.
- Prayer for all the kids involved in our Day Camp that they might grow in faith that week!

Day Camp will be held **August 8 ,9, & 10, 2023 from 8:00 am-5:00 pm!**

For those who cannot join us in person, we have a wish list of items we need donated or would like to borrow:

DONATIONS:

Paper towel tubes

Paper grocery bags

Newspapers

Old sheets (for toga making)

Paper products to serve lunches

Snacks: cookies, freezer pops, fruits, vegetables, pretzels, etc.

ITEMS TO BORROW:

Hula hoops

SEPTEMBER 2023 REMARKER DEADLINE

Please deliver or email your information and articles for the **September 2023 ReMarker** to the church office **no later than August 15, 2023.**

Thank you so much.



JUNE 2023 ATTENDANCE



Service Date	8:00 am Outdoor	9:30 am In-Person	9:30 am Zoom	YouTube Service
June 4	16	44	5	36
June 11	14	43	4	22
June 18	17	28	6	18
June 25	10	32	8	33

CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2023

- General Operating Fund \$ 4,904.06
- Capital Expenditures Fund \$ 710.00
- Designated Gifts
 - Memorial Fund Undesignated \$ 1,702.30
 - Fellowship \$ 100.00
 - Open Door Grant \$ 221.44
 - Altar Guild \$ 1,267.70
 - Social Ministry \$ 130.00
 - Quilting Connection \$ 130.00
 - Banners \$ 107.00
 - Kitchen Freezer \$ 150.00
 - Music Memorial \$ 1,128.00
 - Youth Fund \$ 2,262.90
- Pastor's Discretionary Fund \$ 3,472.04
- Prudential investments \$ 336,543.39

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

The Finance Committee will meet on **August 9, at 1:00 pm.**

NOISY SUNDAY—MAKE SOME NOISE!

The Noisy Sunday collection for June was \$37.30.
 The total received for the year to date is \$431.99.
 The next Noisy Sunday will be held on **August 27.**



June 30, 2023

Treasurer's Report

INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT

INCOME	
40000 - Income	\$ 14,023.76
40165 - Misc. Income	\$ 150.57
40601 - Each Child Matters Utility Reimbursement	\$ 1,026.44
40600 - Building & Property Income (LoC Advance	\$ 3,600.00
40700 - Capital Expenditure Account (Line of Cred	\$ 1,560.00
40999 - Designated Gifts/Memorial Fund	\$ 150.32
Total Income	\$ 20,511.09

EXPENSES	
50200 - Our Ministry to Others	\$ 676.00
50400 - Work Within our Congregation	\$ 7,141.66
50492 - Fellowship Activities	\$ 67.81
50500 - Worship & Music	\$ 2,896.33
50600 - Education	\$ 420.00
50700 - Designated Gifts/Memorial Fund	\$ 2,000.00
51000 - Administration	\$ 5,163.54
60100 - Building & Property	\$ 22,287.98
Total Expense	\$ 40,653.32
NET INCOME	\$ (20,142.23)

2023 vs 2022 COMPARISON:

YTD Deposits through 6/30/23	\$ 138,707.47
YTD Deposits through 6/30/22	\$ 110,126.98
<i>Difference</i>	\$ 28,580.49
YTD Expenses through 6/30/23	\$ 151,731.61
YTD Expenses through 6/30/22	\$ 118,609.03
<i>Difference</i>	\$ 33,122.58

Line of Credit Payment:

Balance	\$ 12,696.03
New Amount Added to Line of Credit	\$ 3,600.00
Principal Paid	\$ 1,392.20
Interest Paid	\$ 92.80
NEW BALANCE	\$ 14,903.83



ENJOY THE MUSIC

From the Choir Loft—

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS

To be determined. Please watch for upcoming announcements.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The start of Children's Choir for the fall is right around the corner. Children ages 3 ½ - 12 are invited to join us! Our first rehearsal will be **Sunday, September 10**. We'll meet downstairs in the first classroom on the left immediately after the church service.

During each rehearsal, we praise God through music, practice our songs for the service, and play fun games. We sing or play bells at one service per month and at special events throughout the year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. My email is denisehirn@hotmail.com and my phone number is 717-802-1064. *Miss Denise*

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

The next Worship and Music Committee will be held on September 20.



THE LAW'S TITHING VERSUS THE GOSPEL'S FREE GENEROSITY

Next time you're at a church social function, go up to people who seem to be having fun and start talking about tithing. Most will run for cover faster than vampires at dawn. But the ones who remain may have an interesting story to share.

That's because a wide majority believes that giving a tenth of their gross income is utterly impossible and totally unrealistic. For instance, if a family makes \$52,000, that would be a donation of \$100 a week. If they're typical "2 percenters," they put a \$20 bill in the weekly offering envelope and be satisfied. It's truly a real stretch to ask them to put in the other \$80 for a tithe.

Some churchgoers criticize tithing as too rigid and legalistic — more the province of Pharisees and scribes than of Christians, who, after all, have been freed by Jesus from the law. Yes, it's true, we are free from the law, but as Martin Luther points out, the law does serve God's purpose in the lives of faithful people.

First, the law helps keep order in our world by shaping our outward behavior. If people are giving financially to the work of God because they feel compelled to do so, they are still contributing financially to the work of God.

But the second use of the law is more to the point. The daunting requirements of the law can lead us to despair and guilt and awareness of our selfish, sinful nature. That in turn causes us to turn to the Gospel for its message of freedom and joy. And in response to God's love, we gladly give more, and more and more.

That's the story you may hear from the people still talking to you at the church function. Most people who have taken the plunge of tithing have found it surprisingly rewarding. The

satisfaction they get from giving money away leads many to offer well above the 10 percent level.

It's counter-intuitive to think that giving away more money will actually make you feel richer, happier and more fulfilled, but that's a very common experience of tithers. By walking on the path of the law of tithing, they have found themselves in a place where they can enjoy the Gospel's freedom for generosity. They have learned the truth of Jesus' observation of Matthew 6:21: "Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be also."

--Rob Blezard

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ANNUAL CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC—MECHANICSBURG MEMORIAL PARK



St. Mark members, families, and friends are invited to St. Mark's Annual Church Potluck Picnic on **Sunday, August 20, 2023**, at Mechanicsburg Memorial Park, 1 Memorial Park Drive, Mechanicsburg, Pa. We will be at the **pavilion located on the right entering the park**. This is a wonderful place for kids to play, so make sure to bring the kids and grandkids. We will have fun playing games in addition to eating all of the great picnic food. **The fun begins at 1:00 pm with games and fellowship. The picnic lunch will start at 3:00 pm.**

Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided, and we look for everyone to bring a covered dish, salad, dessert, or an appetizer to share. In order that we have an accurate count for the hot dogs and hamburgers, please use the sign-up sheets available at entrances to the church or contact the church office no later than August 13. **HOPING TO SEE ALL OF YOU THERE FOR PICNIC FUN!**

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES—HELPING THOSE IN NEED

The Social Ministry Committee designates one Sunday per month to bring items in support of New Hope Ministries. Thanks to everyone who donated in July. We collected 49 containers of mayonnaise and mustard for a total of 73 pounds. Listed below are the items for August, September, and October:



August 13 - Laundry Soap, Dish Detergent, Cleaning Products

September 10 - Baby Diapers, Food, and Wipes

October 8 - Canned Meat and Fish

New Hope is very appreciative of summer donations as this is a slow time for donations. If at any time you would like to provide any of the items on the following list, we will be happy to make sure the items are delivered to New Hope. The number of people needing help never slows down.



Sharing Christ's love by meeting human needs

Food Pantry Grocery List

- Applesauce
 - Boxed meal mixes (chicken helpers; home style bakes)
 - Breakfast cereals and pancake mix, instant oatmeal
 - Canned chicken, tuna or beef stew**
 - Canned fruit and fruit cups**
 - Canned milk
 - Canned ravioli or other canned pasta
 - Canned vegetables**
 - Cookies or cookie mix
 - Dry milk, flour; sugar; brown sugar
 - Ground coffee; tea bags; iced tea mix
 - Infant formula
 - Instant potatoes; rice mixes
 - Juice and juice boxes**
 - Ketchup and mustard**
 - Mayonnaise, Miracle Whip
 - Muffin, cake, bread mixes
 - Pancake syrup
 - Peanut Butter**
 - Powdered drink mixes
 - Pudding or Jell-O
 - Raisins
 - Vegetable oil, including spray
 - Pasta
 - Macaroni and cheese
 - Jelly or jam
 - Canned gravy
 - Saltine crackers; snack crackers
 - Salt, pepper
 - Popcorn
- Cleaning and Hygiene items***
- Bar soap
 - Deodorant (men's and women's)
 - Diapers, wipes, diaper cream**
 - Dish soap
 - Disposable razors (men's and women's)
 - Feminine hygiene products**
 - Laundry detergent**
 - Shampoo**
 - Shaving cream
 - Toilet paper; paper towels**
 - Toothpaste
 - Toothbrushes

We also welcome donations of fresh or frozen meats, fresh fruits and vegetables, and milk and dairy products. **Most-needed items are in boldface font.**



BAKERS NEEDED—MECHANICSBURG AREA MEALS ON WHEELS

If you have a “white thumb” we need you!! We are in need of bakers for the Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels Program. If you would be willing to bake a cake or other items requested, please contact Sandy Quinlan at 717-697-2102 or Sara Jane Miller at 717-448-4777. You will be asked to make an item approximately every 3 months. Thank you so much.

BLANKETS, HATS, SOCKS, AND GLOVES FOR THE HOMELESS

The Blankets, Hats, Socks, and Gloves for the Homeless Program continues year round. New or gently used blankets, new hats, new socks, and new gloves should be placed in the container at the rear church entrance. We will deliver items to either Bethesda Mission or Operation Wildcat. Thanks so much!!



BLANKET COLLECTION

BETHESDA MISSION - VOICES OF HOPE: WOMEN'S TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

To support this new women's initiative, Social Ministry is collecting paper towels, toilet paper, 13 and 33 gallon trash bags, clothing hampers, journals, slippers, Recovery Bibles, bathroom size area rugs, deodorant, gift cards to Walmart, Target, etc., for underwear. Containers have been placed in the Narthex and back entrance.

DONATIONS TO COMMUNITY AID

The Women in God's Service (WinGS) benefit from your donations of clean clothing and shoes to Community Aid. When taking your



items to Community Aid, please put the number **10053** on your bags/boxes so that WinGS receives the credit. You may pick up stickers in the church office if needed.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING ITEMS FOR COMMUNITY AID INTO THE CHURCH BUILDING as we do not have individuals to transport your items to Community Aid. Thank you for your understanding.

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.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The gift of a prayer shawl or a prayer square is a reminder of God's ever-present love, as near to you as your own skin is to your body.

It is a gift...

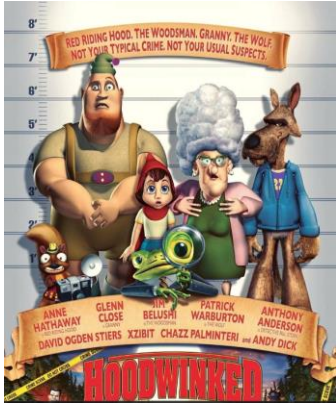
For all times—joyful or sorrowful

For all seasons and circumstances—chosen or not chosen

For every occasion—grieving or celebrating

Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles..."

Please contact Karen in the church office at 717-766-4482 or kfisher@stmarkmburg.com if you would like to obtain one of these items to give as a blessing to someone, or if you would like to join our wonderful team of crocheters, knitters, seamstresses, or crafters. God has richly blessed us with wonderful individuals who participate in this ministry.



OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

On **Saturday, August 19 at 7:30**

p.m., we will show *Hoodwinked* (a hilarious Red Riding Hood mystery for the whole family) in the back lawn. Little Red Riding Hood, the Wolf, the Woodsman, and Granny all tell the police the events that led up to their encounter.

Bring your chairs or blanket and join the fun!

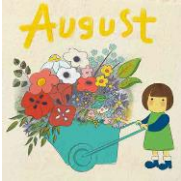
“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.” SUNDAY

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



In addition to the spaghetti dinner, we will be tying knots for The Quilting Connection who are preparing quilts for Lutheran World Relief and Bethesda Mission. We will be assembling school kits as well as tying fleece blankets. Additional service projects will be added when identified. **Volunteers from previous years should plan on wearing their “God’s Work. Our Hands” bright yellow t-shirts.**

AUGUST 2023
8:00 AM-Outdoor Svc.; 9:30 AM Blended Worship Svc;
10:45 AM Fellowship Time

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
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6 10th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am-Outdoor Service-Comm. 9:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc.-Comm. 10:45 am-Fellowship Time	7 1:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group	8 8:00 am-Day Camp
13 11th Sunday after Pentecost Laundry Soap, Dish Detergent, & Cleaning Products for New Hope 8:00 am-Outdoor Service 9:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc. 10:45 am-Fellowship Time	14 Pastor Vacation 1:00 pm-Evangelism 1:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group	15 Pastor Vacation REMARKER DEADLINE
20 12th Sunday after Pentecost Blessing of the Backpacks 8:00 am-Outdoor Service 9:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc. 10:45 am-Fellowship Time 1:00-Annual Church Picnic	21 8:30 am-Garden Club 1:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group	22 1:00 pm-Social Ministry
27 13th Sunday after Pentecost NOISY SUNDAY OFFEERING 8:00 am-LAST Outdoor Service for the season 9:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc. 10:45 am-Fellowship Time	28 2:00 pm-8:00 pm- Violin Lessons 6:45 pm-Church Council 7:00 pm-German Group	29

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10:45 AM Fellowship Time

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3 6:45 pm-Youth & Family Ministry	4	5
9 8:00 am-Day Camp 1:00 pm-Finance Committee	10 8:00 am-Day Camp 6:30 pm-Fellowship 7:00 pm-Property Committee	11	12
16 Pastor Vacation	17 Pastor Vacation	18	19 11:00 am- Mellott Inurnment 7:30 pm- Outdoor Movie Night
23	24 6:45 pm-Stewardship	25	26
30	31	September 1 3:30 pm-7:00 pm- Violin Lessons	2

THE QUILTING CONNECTION

We are in need of **INDIVIDUALS TO SEW QUILT SQUARES TOGETHER**. We are also in need of **SHEETS, AND CLEAN COTTON FABRIC**. Anyone who is interested in sewing, tying knots, or contributing, please contact Nancy Kapp at 717-796-1862.

Heartfelt thanks to Alice Park and Nancy Kapp for their commitment and dedication to this project and a big thanks to all of you for your support of The Quilting Connection.



SAVE THE DATE - HOSS'S CROP WALK RECRUITER'S RALLY FUND RAISER

Please save the date and plan ahead to eat at the Mechanicsburg HOSS'S (located on Old Gettysburg Pike)

anytime during the day on **Thursday,**

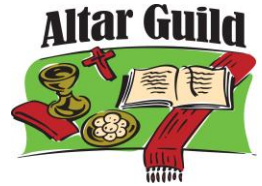
September 7, 2023. Coupons, which must be presented at HOSS'S when you order your meals, will be available at all entrances of our church as soon as they are received.

ALTAR GUILD TRAINING

Invitation to all Altar Guild Members and anyone interested in learning how to be a member of the Altar Guild!!

There will be a training/refresher class for altar guild members and interested people on

September 9 at 9:30 am in the sanctuary. We hope to cover all recent changes and answer any questions on how to set up the altar for worship and for communion. Prospective members should be aware that you will usually only be assigned to work one weekend a month. Setup normally takes place on Saturday morning at 9:30 and the altar guild is responsible for cleaning up after Sunday service and flower delivery to shut-ins when the sponsor isn't taking the altar flowers. We would welcome new members. Thanks for your consideration.





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

Attention all ladies: The first meeting for the 2022-23 season will be held on

September 12 and will be a potluck dinner. We had 18 ladies attend last year and we are hoping you will come out and join us. Please watch the bulletins and newsletter for time and additional details. Please direct any questions to WinGS President, Sandy Quinlan, at 717-697-2102.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF - SCHOOL KITS



The Social Ministry Outreach Committee is collecting items listed below for Lutheran World Relief to fulfill their urgent need of School Kit requests. We will be collecting items through September 15. Gross's is again donating their truck to take our items to Maryland. We will be holding our in-gathering and blessing of quilts and school kits on Sunday, September 24. St. Mark will serve as the collection point on Saturday, September 30. 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
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If you would like to contribute toward the purchase of the backpacks, supplies, or shipping fund, please mark your contributions accordingly.



HELP WANTED - LOAD TRUCK FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

St. Mark is the collection point for Lutheran World Relief items. Lutheran churches from the Cumberland Conference drop their items off at the back of the church on **Saturday, September 30, 2023, between 9:00 am and 10:30 am.** We need your help to load Gross's truck. Please contact Karen ASAP if you are available to help. Goodies will be provided.

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



Mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 22, 2023.** That afternoon, caring folks like you will let their feet do the talking as they raise funds to feed the poor at the 2023 Mechanicsburg/ West Shore CROP Walk!

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



Thank you

Dear St. Mark Lutheran Church,
This letter is to thank you for your donations totaling \$300.00 received in June and July. We sincerely appreciate your continued support of Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels.
Sincerely, Karen Cochran, Secretary on behalf of Volunteers MAMOW

Dear Friends of St. Mark Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your recent gift of \$50.00 to Lutheran World Relief given through the Lower Susquehanna Synod, ELCA. When you love your neighbors, it transforms their lives. We are proud to be your hands and feet out in the world... until your love reaches every neighbor.
Warm Regards, Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard, President and CEO

Dear Social Ministry Friends,
Thank you for the “Butterfly” bushes donated and planted at the office entrance of St. Mark in memory of Vic. Most of you know how much butterflies mean to me—and meant to Vic. Thanks to Barb and Ben for planting them. They are beautiful!
Sincerely, Sara Jane Miller





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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

7	Bill & Denise Hirn
11	Jack & Nancy Kapp
11	Don Stull & Pastor Marleen
18	Jim & Diane Atticks
26	Fred & Darlene Sanders



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 just a simple way of reaching out and sharing God's love. Thanks so much.

ST. MARK'S PRAYER LIST

DURING WORSHIP SERVICES, due to security issues, we will pray out loud the first names only of individuals who have been placed on the Prayer List. The full name of the individual will be printed in our newsletter, The ReMarker, (see below) and in the Announcements section of the weekly bulletin. As the prayer list will be cleared at the end of August, please notify Karen in the church office no later than August 14. at **717-766-4482** or by email at kfisher@stmarkmburg.com if you would like a name to remain on the list. Thank you.

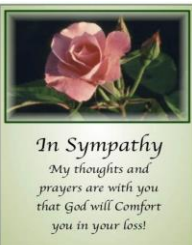


PRAYER LIST

Charlene Albert, Alissa Atticks, Eleanora Beam, Doris Berger, Jere Brandt, Marlin Brown, Kathy Cable, Nancy Creek, Ben Curll, Bob Curll, Ann Shaffer Davis, Susan Ditmer, Craig Donahue, James Dobbs, Nicole Dudak, Carol Fencil, Ed Fencil, Thelma Fissel, Diann Foltz, Steve Gardner, Ken Getz, Linda Griffith, Rosie Guarino, Charles Harper, Mike Hatz, Greg Hoover, Doug Hopkins, Rick Hopkins, Duryea Hummer, Chris Jonas, Jones Family: Michele, Emma, Cooper, Olivia, Clairene; Karen Kapp, Barb Lehman, Pearl Lehmer, Bartok Lewczuk, Jim Loy, Keith Loy, Sue Loy, Marburger Family, Marta, Nina McElwain, Charlotte Miller, Steve Nelson, Catherine Nguyen, Alice Park, William Reynolds, Mollie Randolph, Carol Roteman, Cinda Roteman, Dolores Ruth, Fred Sanders, Ez Sassaman, Nicole Shields, Phoebe Sholly, John Shumberger, Brianne Slane, Brian Smee, Al Smeriglio, Peggy Smeriglio, Stephanie Stackfield, Amanda Stolz, Carol Stolz, Lisa Tavernia, Donald Thomas, Cheryl Ward, Michael Ward, Courtney Welk, Bryan Williams, Garry Zeigler

PRAYER CIRCLE

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



PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY


We extend our prayers and deepest sympathy to Lenny and Tina Freidhof and their family on the passing of Lenny's dad, Raymond F. "Goob" Freidhof, Jr., 90, of Munster who died July 5, 2023, at Just Like Home Personal Care, Cresson, PA.

AUGUST 2023

8:00 AM OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

LAY READER	ASSISTING MINISTER
6 Frankie Hensel	6 Frankie Hensel
13 Chuck Rusnak	13 Chuck Rusnak
20 Dave Harnish	20 Dave Harnish
27 Joan Murphy	27 Joan Murphy

9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

LAY READER	ASSISTING MINISTER
6 Terri Hopkins	6 Sean Gimbel
13 Bev Reihart	13 Phyllis Mihalich
20 Scott Kreiger	20 Karen Heath
27 Karen Fisher	27 Denise Hirn
ACOLYTE	USHERS
6 Alma Gimbel	6 Jack Kapp, Nancy Kapp
13 Phyllis Mihalich	13 Dave Harnish, Susan Fissel
20 Karen Heath	20 T.J. Larkin, Cindy Larkin
27 Denise Hirn	27 Ben Yost, Bev Weaver
ALTAR GUILD	 <p>The logo for Church Volunteers features the text "Church Volunteers" in a cursive font above a stylized illustration of five people of different colors (blue, green, orange, red, dark blue) with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or joy.</p>
6 Michele Connor, Connie Kuntz	
13 Sara Jane Miller, Muretta Yentzer	
20 Joan Murphy, Cindy Larkin	
27 Connie Kuntz, Andrea Sassaman	

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS A THING*



August 8, 9, 10	Day Camp at St. Mark
August 19	Outdoor Movie Night
August 20	Blessing of the Backpacks
August 20	Annual Church Picnic
September 3	Peaches & Ice Cream
September 7	CROP Community Day at HOSS'S
September 9	Altar Guild Training
September 10	God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday
September 12	WinGS Potluck Dinner
September 24	In-Gathering Sunday/Blessing for Lutheran World Relief
September 30	LWR Collection at St. Mark
October (TBA)	Blessing of the Animals
October 8	Family Dinner
October 10	Soup on the Sidewalk Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade
October 14 <u>or</u> October 28	Dinner, Movie, & Bandit Bingo (Final date to be announced.)
October 22	Annual CROP Walk at Memorial Park
November 23	Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
December 24	Christmas Eve Services

*Events will be added/updated when identified.



Altar Flowers

- August 6 In memory of Tom and Jean Yost by Ben and Barb Yost.
- In memory of James Dobbs, Sr., by Frankie Hensel.
- August 13 In honor of Fred Sanders' 75th birthday by his sister, Karen Fisher.
- In loving memory of Joseph Yenchko by Anna, Anne, Sue, and Beth Yenchko.
- August 20 In honor of daughter Holley Schwieterman's birthday by Darlene Kreiser.
- In honor of our 60th wedding anniversary by Pastor Gale and Kitty Gregor. God has blessed us and our family.
- August 27 In honor of Gary Reihart's 84th birthday by the Reihart family.
- In honor of the 56th wedding anniversary (August 26) of Fred and Darlene Sanders by their family.

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED

One altar flower sponsor is needed for **October 8**. Please complete the Altar Flower Sponsorship form located at entrances to the church, newsletters, and bulletins. If you have questions, please contact Connie Kuntz at 717-697-0436.

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.

**SAY A PRAYER, GIVE A CALL, SEND A CARD
TO OUR HOMEBOUND AND SHUT-IN'S**

BETHANY VILLAGE

Mary Jane Erby
5225 Wilson Lane
Bethany - Apt. 1138
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Betty Kearney 717-591-8761
5225 Wilson Lane
Bethany - 215 Assisted Living
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Nina McElwain 717-766-6624
325 Wesley Dr.
Bethany Village, Asbury - Apt. 123
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Mary Mumma 717-591-8415
5225 Wilson Lane
Bethany - Apt. 2114
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Mollie Randolph 717-766-7150
5225 Wilson Lane
Bethany - Skilled Nursing 22
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

B'NAI B'RITH APARTMENTS

Charlotte Miller 856-301-7211 (C)
717-412-4725 (H)
130 South 3RD St.
Apt. L-5
Harrisburg, PA 17101

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872 Oak Oval
Messian Village
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

CARLISLE, PA 17015

Pearl Lehmer 717-240-2503
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Cumberland Crossings
Carlisle, PA 17015

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128 Tuckahoe Road
Dillsburg, PA 17019

Carol Fencil 717-795-1997
61 Audubon Park
Dillsburg, PA 17019

Dolores Ruth 223-797-3307
142 Blair Mountain Rd.
Dillsburg, PA 17019

MECHANICSBURG, PA 17050

Charlene Albert 717-691-8174
145 Easterly Dr.
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Joan Crimmins 717-766-2881
1201 Mitchell Dr.
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Ez Sassaman 717-691-4704
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507 Broad Circle
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Carol Stolz 717-893-6681
1069 Allendale Rd.
Apt. G
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

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Clairene Jones 717-453-4229
Union House Apts. #101
600 Main St.
Lykens, PA 17048

Marlene Lichliter 386-615-3645
Brookdale - Apt. 114
550 Wilmette Ave.
Ormond Beach, Florida 32174

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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: _____

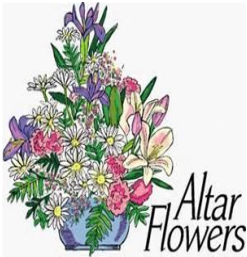
Date Requested: _____

- 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" on the memo line. Place in the offering plate or mail directly to the church office

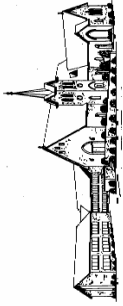


Please check any that apply!

- 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 717-697-0436 with any questions.
Thank you!

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