

# The ReMarker

JANUARY and FEBRUARY 2024

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



# *A note from the pastor*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We decided after my message was written to combine the January and February newsletters. So, I know it is not Christmas! But, it is Epiphany, and it is the time when we finally begin to understand who Jesus is!

So—Happy Epiphany!!

Enjoy the late Christmas message, too.

*Pastor Marleen*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I know by the time you read this; you will be convinced by the world that Christmas is over but that is probably not true. You may be reading this after January 6—Epiphany—but if not, it is still Christmas. The twelve days begin with December 25. So Merry Christmas to you!

I pray that Christmas brings the assurance that God is truly and fully with you. Neither God nor I can promise you a Hallmark Christmas or a family or individual Christmas miracle. Though these do happen, and we rejoice when they do, we often finish the Christmas season feeling a bit let down because none of those BIG, great things happened for us.

But what did happen when Jesus was born was that God came into the world to be with us. God became flesh to save us who cannot by any of our own actions, save ourselves. We are indeed sinners who cannot reconnect with our Maker on our own. Even the saints among us cannot live good enough lives that they can live without Jesus. At Christmas we do not only focus on the way to salvation for the life to come but we remember that Jesus knows what it means to deal with human emotions—fears, hopes, setbacks, anxieties, joys, and so many others—and to live in this world. Christmas is a time to remember that no matter what challenges we face, we are never alone. There are times when we all feel alone in the world, but we are not. Our Lord and Savior is with us always.

May your entire new year be filled with reminders of Immanuel—God with us!

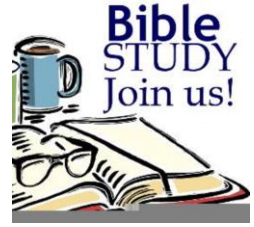
In Christ's Love,

*Pastor Marleen*

Pastor Marleen

## BIBLE STUDY

Start your New Year off by learning a bit more about your faith! Join us for Bible Study this year. We are gathering in person in January and the beginning of February on Wednesdays at 11:00 am in the Church Parlor. You can watch a presentation of the material we are discussing on YouTube at any time—watch your email for YouTube links! In mid-February, we will begin a Lenten study on Wednesday evenings following Bread and Broth.



## LENT AND ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14 with Ash Wednesday worship. We will gather in person at noon and 7:00 pm. If you cannot attend in person, we will Zoom our 7:00 pm service using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81520929712?pwd=KzRPQjZ1bXJlMlVlZDZlZWlrMVY0dz09>

Meeting ID: 815 2092 9712

Passcode: LENT

We will have ashes available for at home use. Please contact the church office if you need a baggie of ashes for home use.



## LENTEN BREAD AND BROTH

Make Lent a time of fellowship and learning. Join us Wednesdays during Lent for Bread and Broth and stay for worship and study. We

plan on a study based on the book, *Kneeling with Giants: Learning to Pray with History's Best Teachers*.

Save the dates so you can join us: **February 21, 28, and March 6, 13, and 20.** Bread and Broth Dinners will begin at 5:30 pm and the study/service will start at 6:45 pm in the sanctuary. The children will have their own study/activity time. Grand-children are encouraged to join you for our Lenten Lessons and friends are always welcome too.

### SOUP SCHEDULE FOR BREAD AND BROTH MEALS

February 21	WinGS
February 28	*Open Donations*
March 6	Church Council
March 13	*Open Donations*
March 20	Worship & Music (including choirs)

**When your group is providing soup, keep in mind that we will need 6 to 7 pots of soup.** Everyone will have a chance to sign up to bring in soup on “Open Donation nights.” Sign-up sheets will be posted at entrances to the church for soup donations and/or to assist with cleanup after the dinner. As a reminder, if you are coming for the meal and are not providing soup that week, please bring a salad, bread, or a dessert to share. To further assist us with cleanup, we do ask that you pack up any of your leftovers at the end of the dinner. Or if you desire, take out containers will be available to share your leftovers with others. If you have any questions about the dinner, please contact Terry Shaner, Fellowship Chair.



### ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING AND LUNCHEON

The Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 25, immediately after the 8:30 am worship service.** We hope you will join us in Fellowship Hall following the meeting for a time of refreshments, conversation, and fellowship.

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# CHURCH COUNCIL

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## CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2024

<b>President:</b>	<b>Amy Gimbel</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Karen Heath</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Terry Shaner</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Barb Yost</b>

Church Council will meet the third Thursday of each month at 6:45 pm. Church Council officers and members will be installed during worship service on Sunday, January 14, 2024. Please plan to attend.

## 2024 Committee Chairpersons:

<b>Evangelism:</b>	<b>JoAnn Novinger</b>
<b>Fellowship:</b>	<b>Terry Shaner</b>
<b>Fellowship Co-Chair:</b>	<b>Phyllis Mihalich*</b>
<b>Finance:</b>	<b>Barb Yost</b>
<b>Property:</b>	<b>Ben Yost</b>
<b>Social Ministry:</b>	<b>Karen Fisher</b>
<b>Stewardship:</b>	<b>Karen Heath</b>
<b>Worship &amp; Music:</b>	<b>Amy Gimbel</b>
<b>Youth &amp; Family Ministry:</b>	<b>Denise Hirn</b>

**\*Non-council member**

If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact Pastor Marleen or the committee chairperson.

Please read bulletins, newsletters, and emails for times of committee meetings. Each committee always welcomes new members

**2024**  
**ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**COUNCIL MEMBERS and COMMITTEE CHAIRS**



Name	Title/Committee	Phone #	Email Address
Amy Gimbel ('24)	Council President Worship & Music Chair	717-249-0844 (H) 717-614-0640 (C)	<a href="mailto:amygimbel@embarqmail.com">amygimbel@embarqmail.com</a>
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Terry Shaner ('25)	Council Secretary Fellowship Chair	717-422-3810 (C)	<a href="mailto:terrysh54@outlook.com">terrysh54@outlook.com</a>
Barb Yost ('24)	Treasurer Finance Chair	717-512-9286 (C)	<a href="mailto:byost@stmarkmburg.com">byost@stmarkmburg.com</a> <a href="mailto:byost@verizon.net">byost@verizon.net</a>
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Ben Yost ('26)	Property Chair	717-512-9287 (C)	<a href="mailto:byost@verizon.net">byost@verizon.net</a>
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\*Not a council member



## NOVEMBER 2023 ATTENDANCE

Service Date	8:30 am In-Person	8:30 am Zoom	11:00 am-Quiet	2:00 pm Special Svc.	YouTube Service
11/5/23	79	3	4	No Svc.	36
11/12/23	51	6	4		31
11/19/23	63	4	6		No YouTube/ No Sound
11/26/23	38	15	5		21

## DECEMBER 2023 ATTENDANCE

Service Date	8:30 am In-Person	8:30 am Zoom	11:00 am-Quiet	2:00 pm Special Svc.	YouTube Service
12/3/23	54	16	6	No Svc.	24
12/10/23	61	10	5		17
12/17/23	56	9	8		14
12/24/23 AM	56	3	3		14
12/24/23 4:45 PM	43				
12/24/23 PM	84	10			87
12/31/23	52	4	13		36

### EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you would like to receive the weekly bulletins, announcements, and monthly newsletter via email, please provide your email address to Karen in the church office at: [kfisher@stmarkmburg.com](mailto:kfisher@stmarkmburg.com)







### **Current Account Balances as of November 30, 2023**



The November "Noisy Sunday" collection totaled \$85.22. Thank you.

### **Current Account Balances as of December 31, 2023**



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

## NOVEMBER 30, 2023 INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT

INCOME		
40000 - Income		\$ 16,950.24
40165 - Misc. Income		\$ 0.20
40600 - Building & Property Income		\$ -
40601 - Each Child Matters Utility Reimbursement		\$ 883.69
40700 - Capital Expenditure Account (Line of Credit)		\$ 1,790.00
40999 - Designated Gifts/Memorial Fund		\$ 1,050.25
41010 - Administration Income		\$ 70.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$ 20,744.38</b>
EXPENSES		
50200 - Our Ministry to Others		\$ 897.62
50400 - Work Within our Congregation		\$ 7,141.66
50492 - Fellowship Activities		\$ 114.72
50500 - Worship & Music		\$ 2,432.39
50600 - Education & YFM		\$ 328.08
50700 - Memorial Fund		\$ 13.77
51000 - Administration		\$ 5,830.10
60100 - Building & Property		\$ 1,746.47
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>\$ 18,504.81</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>\$ 2,239.57</b>
<b>2023 vs 2022 COMPARISON:</b>		
YTD Deposits through 11/30/23 *		\$ 239,673.73
YTD Deposits through 11/30/22		\$ 209,096.37
	<i><b>Difference</b></i>	<b>\$ 30,577.36</b>
YTD Expenses through 11/30/23		\$ 256,449.01
YTD Expenses through 11/30/22		\$ 225,468.68
	<i><b>Difference</b></i>	<b>\$ 30,980.33</b>
<b>Line of Credit Payment:</b>		
	Balance	\$ 6,609.60
	Principal Paid	\$ 1,752.53
	Interest Paid	\$ 52.47
	<b>NEW BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 4,857.07</b>
* Includes \$15,000 deposits to Line of Credit Account for HVAC Project		

## DECEMBER 31, 2023 INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT

INCOME	
40000 - Income	\$ 29,557.33
40300 - Youth Activity Account - Day Camp Income	\$ 443.00
40165 - Misc. Income	\$ 150.36
40600 - Building & Property Income	\$ 913.85
40601 - Each Child Matters Utility Reimbursement	\$ -
40700 - Capital Expenditure Account (Line of Credit)	\$ 2,255.00
40999 - Designated Gifts/Memorial Fund	\$ 45.28
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 33,364.82</b>

EXPENSES	
50200 - Our Ministry to Others	\$ 8,475.34
50400 - Work Within our Congregation	\$ 7,141.66
50492 - Fellowship Activities	\$ 144.15
50500 - Worship & Music	\$ 2,212.16
50600 - Education & YFM	\$ 104.75
50700 - Memorial Fund	\$ 203.12
51000 - Administration	\$ 5,434.84
60100 - Building & Property	\$ 4,348.11
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 28,064.13</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 5,300.69</b>

<u>2023 vs 2022 COMPARISON:</u>	
YTD Deposits through 12/31/23 *	\$ 273,038.55
YTD Deposits through 12/31/22	\$ 237,146.47
<b><i>Difference</i></b>	<b><u>\$ 35,892.08</u></b>

YTD Expenses through 12/31/23	\$ 284,513.14
YTD Expenses through 12/31/22	\$ 249,527.61
<b><i>Difference</i></b>	<b><u>\$ 34,985.53</u></b>

Line of Credit Payment:	
Balance	\$ 4,857.07
Principal Paid	\$ 1,942.81
Interest Paid	\$ 37.19
<b>NEW BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,914.26</u></b>

\* Includes \$15,000 deposits to Line of Credit Account for HVAC Project



The Finance Committee will meet on January 10 and on February 7.



# ENJOY THE MUSIC

## *From the Choir Loft—*

### **NEW YEAR—NEW VOICES—NEW RINGERS**

Would you like to sing in the Adult Choir or play bells? Do you have a friend or relative (does not need to be a member of St. Mark) that has a good voice or would like to play bells? Invite them to one of our rehearsals. For questions, please contact Brad Hull, Director of Music at:

**Cell Phone: 202-738-2795**

**Email: [bradleyjhull@gmail.com](mailto:bradleyjhull@gmail.com)**

### **CHOIR REHEARSALS**

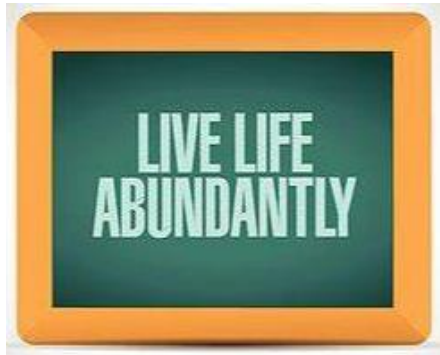
Bell Choir rehearsals continue every Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm. Adult choir rehearsals continue every Wednesday at 7:00 pm. The exception will be during Lent. Please check the calendar and watch for updates/changes in the bulletins.

### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Happy New Year! The children's choir will resume rehearsals on Sunday, January 14, and will be singing at the service on January 21. All children ages 3.5 and up are welcome to join us! Please contact Miss Denise if you have any questions! [denisehirn@hotmail.com](mailto:denisehirn@hotmail.com) or 717-802-1064.

### **WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE**

The Worship & Music Committee will meet at 1:00 pm on January 17, 2024, and February 21, 2024 in the parlor.



## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

### 2024: YOUR YEAR FOR ABUNDANT LIVING

Many Christians think of “stewardship” only in financial terms, but money is only one of the gifts God entrusts us with—and it’s usually the one we value less than our gifts of time, relationships, faith, and health.

Make 2024 your year for holistic stewardship—and abundant living—by taking steps to care better for ALL the gifts God entrusts to us, including our finances. Here are tips:

- **Health:** Get a physical and ask your doctor to help you to form a strategy for better living. For most of us, the plan would include eating better, exercising more, and practicing wellness.
- **Relationships:** We not only share love and joy with family and friends, but also turn to and rely on them in times of trouble. Care for your relationships with honest and frequent communication, get-togethers, and sharing. Renew and repair relationships that need it.
- **Time:** Are you just mindlessly counting the hours and days? Take charge of your time by planning events and activities that enrich your life. Plan for health and relationships.
- **Faith:** No matter where you are on your discipleship journey, all of us can draw closer to God and open

ourselves more fully to the Holy Spirit. For 2024, commit to regular worship, prayer, scripture reading, devotions, service, and other faith practices.

- **Money:** Get your finances in order. Consider the 10-10-80 plan, budgeting your income to save 10 percent, give away 10 percent, and living on 80 percent.

God has given us so much. Stewarding the most important aspects of our lives can bring us into the life of abundance that Jesus promises us in John 10:10.

--Rob Blezard

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## 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. If you would like 10053 stickers to place on your bags or boxes, please see Karen in the church office.



## WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE-(WinGS)

All are welcome to join the WinGS group on **Tuesday, January 16, at 6:30 pm** (Rescheduled from January 9) in Fellowship Hall. They will be holding their annual Chinese Auction gift swap game. Each individual is asked to bring 2 wrapped gifts. These items can be something you no longer want, something you received but would like to regift, or if you prefer—but not necessary—something new. Come and join in the fun with this wonderful group of faithful women.



## MARCH 2024 REMARKER DEADLINE

Please deliver or email your information and articles for the **March 2024 ReMarker** to the church office **no later than Friday, February 16, 2024**. Thank you so much.



## BRUNCH AND A MOVIE!

Come to Fellowship Hall after church for some "edutainment" once a month this winter. Bring a brunch dish to share and get cozy for a movie that will get discussion flowing on current topics of interest.

**January 14-**"*Bowling for Columbine*" with a discussion of the ELCA draft statement on Gun Violence and Trauma; **February 11-**"*Sound of Freedom*" with a discussion about human trafficking; and **March 10-**"*The Mission*" by *National Geographic*" with a discussion on missionary work and cultural sensitivity. Brunch will start at about 9:45 a.m. and movies at about 10:00 a.m.



There will be a concurrent child-friendly movie each time in another room. Movies are subject to change based on availability.

## KEN SHUR RUNNING IN THE BOSTON MARATHON

Ken Shur has been training to run again for his 10<sup>th</sup> (and as he says) "*and final time*" on behalf of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in the Boston Marathon on **Monday, April 15, 2024**. As he has done in previous years, Ken would like to honor cancer survivors, those fighting cancer, and those who lost the battle by wearing the names of those individuals on his t-shirt. Let's provide Ken with as many names as possible to adorn his shirt on his final Boston Marathon run. It means so much to him and Donna. Please submit the names of cancer survivors, those fighting cancer, or those who lost the battle to Karen Fisher in the church office **no later than Sunday, March 24**. If you would like to sponsor Ken in his 10<sup>th</sup> Boston Marathon, please contact Ken at 717-462-1549.



## COLLEGE AND MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

The Youth and Family Ministry Committee would like to assemble and send care packages to our military personnel and college students. If you have a military person or student that you would like to receive a care package, please provide their name and mailing address to Michele Connor (via email to [crashdog68@aol.com](mailto:crashdog68@aol.com) or text to 717-579-4640) no later than February 4.



## COLLEGE AND MILITARY CARE PACKAGE DONATIONS

If you would like to donate items to be sent in the care packages, a list of suggested items to donate will be posted in the church and in our Facebook group. To provide you with a head start, ideas include:

- Hot chocolate packets, tea, or coffee
- Snack-sized candy bars, granola/cereal bars, gum
- Instant oatmeal, microwave popcorn, fruit snacks
- Pop-Tarts, pudding, applesauce, crackers, cookies, pretzels
- Post-It Notes, pencils, pens, highlighters
- Gift cards
- Kleenex, lip gloss
- Fun things—deck of cards, card games

Please feel free to donate any other items you would like—as long as it fits in a shoe box—and keep in mind that the cost of mailing is by weight. Donations can be placed in the Upper Room or given to Michele Connor before February 4.







Dear WinGS,

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness with all the gifts you gave me for Christmas. It was such a joy to receive a visit and open all the lovely and useful and tasty things in the bag. There was so much that I was able to share with friends. What a huge blessing! The handmade card and ornament were just beautiful, too. Thanks again.

*Sincerely, Charlotte Miller*

WinGS

Thank you for the great gift bag. I will enjoy everything you have put into the bag. It will sure keep me busy for a while. It was very thoughtful of all of you and much appreciated!

*Thanks, Ez Sassaman*

Dear St. Mark Lutheran Church,

You did it again. Sunday morning, I almost forgot to go out for my Sunday newspaper. When I did, to my surprise, there was a beautiful bouquet of flowers. See what you did—once again you made my day brighter.

*Thank you so much, Diann L. Foltz*

Dear Social Ministry Outreach,

Thank you for your donation in December of \$232.10 for the purchase of Christmas hams. Your annual gift to MAMOW is sincerely appreciated. We appreciate your ongoing support.

*Sincerely, Karen Cochran, Secretary, on behalf of The Volunteers of MAMOW*

Dear St. Mark Lutheran Church Altar Guild,

This letter is to thank you for your donation of \$323.00 on December 18. Your faithful support of our program will help ensure meal security for our clients. We are most grateful for your support.

*Sincerely, Karen Cochran, Secretary, on behalf of The Volunteers of MAMOW*

Dear St. Mark Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for your contribution of \$300.00 to our 2023 Fund Drive. Your commitment toward ensuring the availability and quality of emergency service in Mechanicsburg is greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping us.  
*Sincerely, The Officers & Members of the Mechanicsburg Volunteer Fire Department*

St. Mark Lutheran Church:  
Thank you for the **156 pounds of food and 354 pounds of Christmas gifts** received for our Christmas Blessings Express program. You make a difference!  
*Sincerely, Eric Saunders, Exec. Director, New Hope Ministries*

To All the WinGS Friends at St. Mark,  
Thank you for the nice big gift bag for Christmas. There were so many good things that I can use.  
*God Bless, Charlene Albert*

Dear St. Mark Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for your generous gift of \$878.00 to ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts. Your Good Gift is a very good gift indeed. Through resources such as seedlings and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bibles and blankets, you equip God's people—around the world and around the corner—with what they need to live abundant lives. Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.  
*With gratitude, Rachel Wind, Executive for Development*

A THANK YOU—CHRISTMAS FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED ADULTS  
Thanks to everyonewho contributed in any way to make a special Merry Christmas for 20 grateful adults at American and Brethren House Apartments. As we do each year, we sent letters to the residents asking them to identify 5 items on a wish list for Christmas indicating that we would grant 3 wishes. We asked their favorite color, favorite snack, as well as selecting where they would like a gift card. We were able to provide everyone with most everything that was requested plus many extra things.

We provided a luncheon as well consisting of wraps, sandwiches, macaroni salad, potato salad, chips, pretzles, pizza, fruit, drinks, cupcakes, and cookies. Each resident received a delicious

homemade pumpkin roll made by Natalie Thomas, Karen's daughter-in-law. Cinda Roteman made and filled 20 Christmas booties with lots of goodies.

Thank you to the wonderful group of shoppers: Alice Park, Phyllis Mihalich, Nancy Kapp, Michele Connor, Tina Freidhof, Sara Jane Miller, Cindy Hoover, Terry and Gene Shaner, and Karen Fisher. And extra special thanks to St. Mark Santa, Tim Thomas; Natalie Thomas; and Cody Moyer for bringing joy and lots of smiles to deserving adults.

Social Ministry Outreach Committee and The Quilting Connection,

My heartfelt thanks for your hard work and dedication during 2023. I appreciate each and every one of you. Can't wait for 2024. **We do and will continue to make a difference.**

*Sincerely, Karen Fisher, Chair, Social Ministry*



**We need your help!** If you are willing to knit or crochet prayer squares, blankets, or tie fleece blankets, please contact Karen Fisher in the church office or at 717-580-7507. 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

Please contact Karen Fisher in the church office 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.

**JANUARY 2024**

**8:30 am-Blended Worship Svc., 11:00 AM-Quiet Svc.**

**9:45 AM Sunday Church School and Children's Choir**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
	<p><b>1 HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> New Year's Holiday Observed - Church Office Closed</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>
<p><b>7 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD</b> 8:30 am-Blended In-Person &amp; Zoom Worship Svc.-Comm. 9:45 am-Adult SS 9:45 Children's SS/Choir 11:00 am-Worship Svc. 2:00 pm-Special Svc.</p>	<p><b>8</b> 1:45 pm Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>
<p><b>14 2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> <b>INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS</b> 8:30 am-Blended In-Person &amp; Zoom Worship Svc. 9:45 am-Brunch and a Movie 11:00 am-Worship Svc.</p>	<p><b>15 Martin Luther King, Jr., Day</b> 1:45 pm Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group</p>	<p><b>16</b> 6:30 pm-WinGS</p>
<p><b>21 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 8:30 am-Blended In-Person &amp; Zoom Worship Svc. 9:45 am-SS 9:45 am-Children's SS/Choir 11:00 am-Worship Svc.</p>	<p><b>22</b> 1:45 pm Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group</p>	<p><b>23</b> 1:00 pm-Social Ministry</p>
<p><b>28 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 8:30 am-Blended In-Person &amp; Zoom Worship Svc. 9:45 am-SS 9:45 am-Children's SS/Choir 11:00 am-Worship Svc.</p>	<p><b>29</b> 1:45 pm Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>



**JANUARY 2024**  
**8:30 am-Blended Worship Svc., 11:00 AM-Quiet Svc.**  
**9:45 AM Sunday Church School and Children's Choir**

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>3</b> 11:00 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 3:00 pm-Violin Lessons	<b>6</b>
<b>10</b> 11:00 am-Bible Study 1:00 pm-Finance 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir	<b>11</b> 7:00 pm-Property Committee	<b>12</b> 3:00 pm-Violin Lessons	<b>13</b>
<b>17</b> 11:00 am-Bible Study 1:00 pm-Worship & Music 7:00 pm-Adult Choir	<b>18</b> 7:00 pm-Church Council	<b>19</b> 3:00 pm-Violin Lessons	<b>20</b> 2:00 pm-Celebration of life event for Fran Hoffman
<b>24</b> 11:00 am-Bible Study 7:00 pm-Adult Choir	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 3:00 pm-Violin Lessons	<b>27</b>
<b>31</b> 11:00 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir	<b>February 1</b>	<b>2</b> 3:00 pm-Violin Lessons	<b>3</b>


**FEBRUARY 2024**

**8:30 am-Blended Worship Svc., 11:00 AM-Quiet Svc.**

**9:45 AM Sunday Church School and Children's Choir**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
		
<p><b>4 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b>            8:30 am-Blended In-Person &amp; Zoom Worship Svc.            9:45 am-SS            9:45 am-Children's SS/Choir            11:00 am-Worship Svc.</p>	<p><b>5</b>            1:45 pm Violin Lessons            7:00 pm-German Group</p>	<p><b>6</b>            6:00 pm-Fellowship</p>
<p><b>11 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD            SUPER BOWL SUNDAY</b>            8:30 am-Blended In-Person &amp; Zoom Worship Svc.            9:45 am-SS            9:45 am-Children's SS/Choir            11:00 am-Worship Svc.</p>	<p><b>12</b>            1:45 pm Violin Lessons            7:00 pm-German Group</p>	<p><b>13</b>            6:30 pm-WinGS</p>
<p><b>18 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT</b>            8:30 am-Blended In-Person &amp; Zoom Worship Svc.            9:45 am-SS            9:45 am-Children's SS/Choir            11:00 am-Worship Svc.            5:00 pm-Community Dinner at Buhrig's Gathering Place</p>	<p><b>19 PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>            1:45 pm-Violin Lessons            7:00 pm-German Group</p> 	<p><b>20</b></p>
<p><b>25 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>            8:30 am-Blended In-Person &amp; Zoom Worship Svc.            9:45 am- Annual Cong. Meeting &amp; Refreshments            11:00 am-Worship Svc.</p>	<p><b>26</b>            1:45 pm Violin Lessons            7:00 pm-German Group</p>	<p><b>27</b>            1:00 pm-Social Ministry</p>

**FEBRUARY 2024**  
**8:30 am-Blended Worship Svc., 11:00 AM-Quiet Svc.**  
**9:45 AM Sunday Church School and Children's Choir**

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 6:45 pm-Youth & Family Ministry	<b>2</b> 3:00 pm-Violin Lessons 	<b>3</b>
<b>7</b> 11:00 am-Bible Study 1:00 pm-Finance Committee 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Choir	<b>8</b> 7:00 pm-Property Committee	<b>9</b> 3:00 pm-Violin Lessons	<b>10</b>
<b>14 ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 12:00 Noon-Ash Wednesday Svc. TBA-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Ash Wednesday Svc. Adult Choir Rehearsal following 6:45 Svc	<b>15</b> 7:00 pm-Church Council	<b>16</b> 3:00 pm-Violin Lessons	<b>17</b>
<b>21 1<sup>st</sup> Bread &amp; Broth</b> 1:00 pm-Worship & Music TBA-Bell Choir 5:30 pm-Bread & Broth 6:45 pm-Lenten Svc. Adult Choir Rehearsal following 6:45 Svc.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 3:00 pm-Violin Lessons	<b>24</b>
<b>28</b> TBA-Bell Choir 5:30 pm-Bread & Broth 6:45 pm-Lenten Svc Adult Choir Rehearsal following 6:45 Svc.	<b>29</b> 6:45 pm-Youth & Family Ministry	<b>March 1</b> 3:00 pm-Violin Lessons	<b>2</b>

## FOOD ITEMS FOR NEW HOPE MINISTRIES



### ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL

St. Mark has participated in the *Souper Bowl* project which benefits clients of New Hope Ministries for a number of years. Throughout January and up until the “Soup-er Bowl” on February 11, we are collecting cans of chicken noodle soup and tomato soup. **STOCK UP ON SOUP TO SUPPORT YOUR FAVORITE TEAM. TOGETHER, we WILL** make a difference and help those in need. Can Team Shannon’s Super Duper Tomato Soupers beat Karen’s CHICNS (Creating Hope In Chicken Noodle Soup)? We shall see!!



### HELP WANTED—BAKERS

As the number of individuals receiving meals at MAMOW keeps continuing to grow each week, **WE NEED ADDITIONAL BAKERS**. Please contact either Sandy Quinlan at 717-697-2102 or Sara Jane Miller at 717-448-4777 to volunteer. **THANK YOU!** *Our bakers made 30 dozen cookies in January and are scheduled to make cakes in February.*

### THE QUILTING CONNECTION

We are in need of **INDIVIDUALS TO SEW QUILT SQUARES TOGETHER, SHEETS, AND CLEAN COTTON FABRIC** for our next round of quilt making. Anyone who is interested in sewing, tying knots, or contributing, please contact Nancy Kapp at 717-796-1862. Sincere thanks to Alice Park and Nancy Kapp for their leadership of this wonderful outreach project and a big thanks to all of you for your support of The Quilting Connection.





**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT—**

**INTERGENERATIONAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, THE 3 WISE MEN WITH THEIR GIFTS, AND COOKIE EXCHANGE**



## COOKIE BAKING FOR THE TRUCKSTOP MINISTRIES

Youth and Family Ministry Committee sends a big thank you to the 24 people who joined us to serve the Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry by decorating cookie bags and baking and packaging cookies on December 3rd! A huge thanks also to those who helped out at other times by shopping for the day and mountains of prep work (yea Werner!), baking (and packaging, go Murphys!), cookies to share ahead of time (hooray for the anonymous donors!), and delivering the cookies to the ministry (woohoo Browns!). A shout out also to the Shaners for the delicious lunch we got to enjoy while we worked! And many thanks to Pastor for prepping and leading the crafts the kids got to make and take for Advent! We packaged and donated 170 bags of cookies to help TRUCKERS AND TRAVELERS passing through our area to feel the joy of Christmas even when they cannot be home with their families.



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*Sharing Christ with Truckers and Travelers Since 1985*

Dear Ministry Supporter:

One thing the drivers, employees, homeless and travelers in the greater Carlisle area look forward to each year is our annual cookie distribution project. Each year many churches and other groups come together to bring a little bit of home baking and holiday cheer to those on the road. All through the summer and fall, individuals have been asking, "Are you going to be doing the cookies this year?" The answer is "YES".

The cookies you provide are distributed to approximately 40 locations throughout the Carlisle area touching thousands of individuals with your generosity and God's love. Last year's distribution total was over 13,000 bags of cookies. The average bag contained eight cookies for a total of over 100,000 cookies! That's a lot of cookies and a wonderful demonstration of love and tenderness from the many individuals who bake them!

Please accept our thanks for your generous support of our cookie distribution ministry - and for making it a great success!

May God bless you and keep you all safe!

Chaplain Mike  
Chaplain Dave

The Board of Directors - Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry, Inc.










**OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH ADORNED BY  
123 SPONSORED LUMINARIES ON CHRISTMAS EVE!**




**A check was presented to Mechanicsburg Area Meals on  
Wheels in the amount of \$626.00. THANK YOU EVERYONE!**

## JANUARY -- 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

LAY READER	ASSISTING MINISTER
7 Alma Gimbel	7 Phyllis Mihalich
14 Terry Hopkins	14 Sean Gimbel
21 Joan Murphy	21 Tina Freidhof
28 Matt Yost	28 Karen Heath
ACOLYTE	USHERS
7 Joan Murphy	7 Sean Gimbel, Jonas Gimbel
14 Caroline Stull	14 Phyllis Mihalich, Karen Heath
21 Tina Freidhof	21 Tyson Murphy, Joan Murphy
28 Katie Stull	28 Cindy Hoover, Greg Hoover
ALTAR GUILD	
7 Phyllis Mihalich, JoAnn Novinger	
14 Michele Connor, Sandy Brown	
21 Andrea Sassaman, Cindy Larkin	
28 Joan Murphy, Bev Reihart	

## FEBRUARY -- 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

LAY READER	ASSISTING MINISTER
4 Scott Kreiger	4 Denise Hirn
11 Werner Jonas	11 Sean Gimbel
14 Noon-Frankie Hensel	14 Noon-Phyllis Mihalich
14 7:00 pm-Connie Kuntz	14 7:00 pm-Karen Heath
18 Bev Reihart	18 Tina Freidhof
25 Sara Jane Miller	25 Barb Yost
ACOLYTE	USHERS
4 Alma Gimbel	4 Shannon Weaver, Barb Weaver
11 Caroline Stull	11 Gene Shaner, Terry Shaner
14 Noon—Joan Murphy	14 Noon—Gene & Terry Shaner
7:00 pm—Karen Heath	7:00 pm—Shannon Weaver
18 Brett Hirn	18 Keith Hensel, Frankie Hensel
25 Katie Stull	25 Marlin Brown, Sandy Brown
ALTAR GUILD	
4 Connie Kuntz, Terry Shaner	
11 Muretta Yentzer, Sandy Brown	
14 Phyllis Mihalich, Cindy Larkin, Connie Kuntz, Bev Reihart	
18 Sara Jane Miller, Michele Connor	
25 Muretta Yentzer, Andrea Sassaman	



## ST. MARK'S PRAYER LIST

Below are those we pray for during worship. The list is kept up to date and cleared at the end of each quarter unless advised to keep names on list. If you would like to add someone or re move a person when they no longer need to be in our prayers, *please contact Karen either by phone at 717-766-4482 or by email at [kfisher@stmarkmburg.com](mailto:kfisher@stmarkmburg.com).*

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**.



Charlene Albert, Alissa Atticks, Jim Atticks, Larry Balthaser, Eleanora Beam, Doris Berger, Steve Bitner, Fred Bottini, Sue Bottini, Jere Brandt, Bob Curll, John Dimaggio, Linda Diehl, Susan Ditmer, James Dobbs, Brayleigh, Alice Dunbar, Derwood Dunbar, Carol Fencil, Ed Fencil, Karen Fisher, Diann Foltz, Daniell

Freeburn, George Fromm, Rosie Guarino, Elam Herr, Joan Harding, Doug Hopkins, Rick Hopkins, Duryea Hummer, Chris Jonas, Calvin Kern, Georgia Kirkpatrick, Jim Lake, Pearl Lehmer, Bartok Lewczuk, Mae, Marta, Martin, Nina McElwain, Charlotte Miller, Mary Mumma, Steve Nelson, Mollie Randolph, Gary Reihart, Dolores Ruth, Ez Sassaman, Owen Shensky, Debbie Shirk, Brian Smee, Al Smeriglio, Peggy Smeriglio, Marian Smith, Carol Stolz, Darla Sturms, Sydney, Donald Thomas, Carol Ward, Cheryl Ward, Michael Ward, Courtney Welk, Garry Zeigler, Kelly Zimmerman



Prayers and sympathy are extended to Vic and Wendy Hoffman, Steve and Debbie Hoffman, and Michael and Terry Hoffman and their families on the death of their mother, Frances Hoffman, on December 4, 2023.

Prayers and sympathy are extended to Karen Heath and family on the death of Karen's cousin, Linda Yost, on December 20.

Prayers and sympathy are extended to Barbara Boyd and family on the death of Barbara's husband, David (Dave) Boyd, who passed away on December 30.



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](mailto:kfisher@stmarkmburg.com) with your name and birthday/anniversary. Thank you.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

5	Barbara Weaver	18	Connie Stoner
9	Joshua Foulds	19	Addyson Tennis
11	Linda Dennis	21	Ezra Sassaman
11	Quinn Hirn	21	Nicole Tennis
12	Bob Curll	23	Jared Warner
15	Charlene Albert	28	Matt Barley
15	Don Stull	28	Caroline Stull
18	Connie Stoner		

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

12	Bob & Betty Curll
15	John & Connie Stoner



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



# February

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### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- |                   |                         |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 3 Clara Foulds    | 14 Griffin Scott Clelan |
| 7 Andrea Sassaman | 17 Amber Troutman       |
| 8 Muretta Yentzer | 27 Brittany Boyer       |
| 9 Pastor Marleen  | 28 Diane Atticks        |
| 12 John Kuntz     |                         |
| 12 Kelley Weist   |                         |

### **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 Brian and Michele Connor
- 4 Lenny and Tina Freidhof
- 16 Dave and Terri Hopkins





## Altar Flowers

- January 7                      In memory of Faye Drawbaugh by her sister, Phyllis Mihalich
- January 14                     In honor of Charlene Albert's 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday with love from her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren
- January 21                     In loving memory of Dan Reihart by Dee Bernatos
- In memory of Donald Foltz by Diann Foltz
- January 28                     In memory of the Heath and Venn families by Karen Heath
- February 4                     In memory of Viola Adams by John and Connie Kuntz
- February 11                    In loving memory of Robert Deck by Jacquelin Deck and family
- In memory of Ruth and Raymond Elicker by Ben and Barb Yost
- February 18                    In honor of Kelley Weist's birthday by her mom, Karen Fisher
- February 25                    Sponsors needed

## Upcoming Events

January 2024	Souper Bowl Collection Continues
January 14	Brunch and a Movie <i>Bowling for Columbine</i>
February 11	Brunch and a Movie <i>Sound of Freedom</i>
February 14	Lent begins - Ash Wednesday Services
February 21	Bread and Broth Begins
February 25	Annual Congregation Meeting
March 10	Brunch and a Movie <i>The Mission by National Geographic</i>
March 24	Palm Sunday
March 28	Maundy Thursday
March 31	Easter Sunday
April 28	Annual Family Dinner (tentative)

### ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIP PROCEDURES FOR 2024

The cost is \$25 for one vase and \$50 for two vases. Altar Flower Sponsorship Forms are available at the church entrances or by contacting Connie Kuntz at 717-697-0436. If you wish to sponsor flowers, please complete the form and place it in the offering plate with your check/cash or mail to the church office. ***Checks should be made payable to St. Mark Lutheran Church and note "Altar Guild" in the memo line.*** If you desire to sponsor on a special date, then please complete your requests for 2024 as soon as possible and provide the appropriate amount. Others may desire the same date so if you are willing to share the date, please indicate that on the form. You can also sponsor one vase and allow someone else to sponsor the other. The following 2024 Sundays will not require altar flower sponsorships: March 31, Easter lilies; May 19, Pentecost geraniums; December 1, 8, 15, 22, Advent greens. **Sponsors are needed for February 25.**

# 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

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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!



If you would like to sponsor a lily to be placed in the chancel for Easter or donate money to Mechanicsburg Meals on Wheels, please complete the form below. **The cost is \$11.00 for each lily.** Place the form with your payment in the offering plate.

**The deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 10.  
Please be prompt with your orders.**

**Make checks payable to “St. Mark” and note  
“Altar Guild” on the memo line.**

**PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX**

**LILIES**

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

- In honor of \_\_\_\_\_
- In memory of \_\_\_\_\_
- To the Glory of God

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

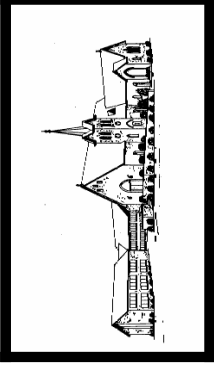
- Deliver to Shut-in
- Pick up after the 8:30 am Easter Worship service

\_\_\_\_\_ Total number of lilies ordered

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

**THANK YOU!**

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