

The ReMarker

NOVEMBER 2023

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"To Know Christ and To Make Him Known"

CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE

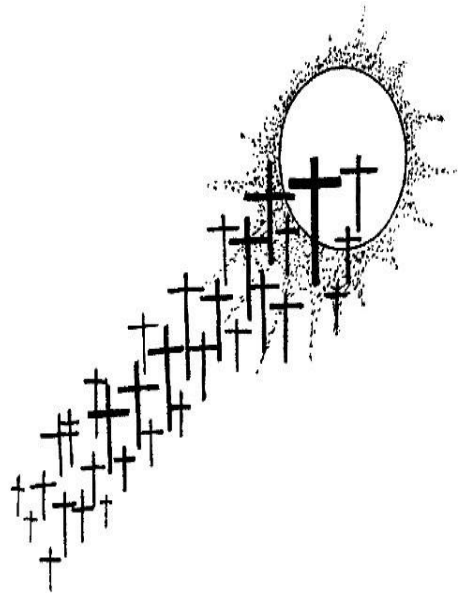
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 5, 2023

ST. MARK MEMBERS

Robert Yentzer
Shelley Heinzig
Ruth Elicker
Deborah Ritrievi
Vic Miller
Fred Sanders

REMEMBERING OTHERS

Donald Harshman
Edwin Pabon
Ben Curll
Rosemary Freidhof
Raymond Freidhof
Donna Wagner Johnson
Kent Johnson
Ken Getz
Verne Shur
Mary Yenchko
Pat Guise Perry
Dale Stiles
Susan V. Will



From Pastor's Desk

Thank you

VETERANS

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

November is a time when we celebrate Thanksgiving, but this also means that another holiday often gets forgotten. America also remembers her veterans on November 11. Since I am often guilty of forgetting to honor those who have served in our military and those who are currently serving, I encourage you to give thanks for our veterans this year.

As we read recent news around the world, I am thankful for those who are willing and able to fight for my freedom and security. I struggle with war and death in any situation. I certainly hope that I am never faced with having to take another human's life, but I also realize that in our sinful world, there are just wars and times when to preserve one's own or other people's lives, one must kill. I am thankful that there are men and women who are willing to take on this hard and terrible call to help create a more peaceful world for the rest of us.

My prayers will continue to be that wars will cease but, in the meantime, I also pray for the lives of those who are fighting for peace and security around the world. I lament the deaths of all humans lost in war: the innocent civilians (especially the children), those defending their families and nations from invaders, and even those who are the aggressors (our enemies) because those are wasted lives, too. And I give thanks that there are people who defend our nation.

Since I do not say it enough, thank you to all the readers who are veterans. Luckily many never faced war directly, but all were willing to go to war to protect us. Happy Veterans Day to all of you.

In God's Love and Grace,

Pastor Marleen

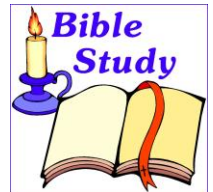
Pastor Marleen



Turn your clocks back before going to bed on November 4.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study continues Wednesday mornings at 11:00 am in the Parlor.



SEPTEMBER 2023 ATTENDANCE



Service Date	9:30 am In-Person	9:30 am Zoom	11:00 am-Quiet	2:00 pm Special Svc.	YouTube Service
September 3	64	8	6	10	25
September 10	57	6	6		17
September 17	50	4	5		18
September 24	54	7	6		21

THE TREASURER'S REPORT



CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

• General Operating Fund	\$	4,448.76
• Capital Expenditures Fund	\$	620.00
• Designated Gifts		
Memorial Fund Undesignated	\$	1,742.30
Fellowship	\$	100.00
Altar Guild	\$	1,267.70
Social Ministry	\$	130.00
Quilting Connection	\$	130.00
Banners	\$	107.00
Music Memorial	\$	1,128.00
Youth Fund	\$	1,181.63
• Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$	3,472.48
• Prudential investments	\$	322,602.24

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 **November 8, at 1:00 pm.**

NOISY SUNDAY—MAKE SOME NOISE!

The Noisy Sunday collection for September was \$85.85 and the Noisy Sunday collection for October was \$102.80. The total received year to date is \$767.74 The next Noisy Sunday will be held on **November 26. THANK YOU!**

**INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**



INCOME		
40000 - Income		\$ 17,972.99
40165 - Misc. Income		\$ 0.24
40601 - Each Child Matters Utility Reimbursemen		\$ 2,819.15
40700 - Capital Expenditure Account (Line of Cre		\$ 2,025.00
40999 - Designated Gifts/Memorial Fund		\$ 0.24
Total Income		\$ 22,817.62
EXPENSES		
50200 - Our Ministry to Others		\$ 725.46
50400 - Work Within our Congregation		\$ 7,191.66
50500 - Worship & Music		\$ 2,227.25
51000 - Administration		\$ 6,652.34
60100 - Building & Property		\$ 4,244.51
Total Expense		\$ 21,041.22
NET INCOME		\$ 1,776.40
2023 vs 2022 COMPARISON:		
YTD Deposits through 9/30/23 *		\$ 204,479.96
YTD Deposits through 9/30/22		\$ 175,837.02
	<i>Difference</i>	<u>\$ 28,642.94</u>
YTD Expenses through 9/30/23		\$ 219,537.75
YTD Expenses through 9/30/22		\$ 187,808.69
	<i>Difference</i>	<u>\$ 31,729.06</u>
Line of Credit Payment:		
	Balance	\$ 11,254.55
	Principal Paid	\$ 2,787.54
	Interest Paid	\$ 82.46
	NEW BALANCE	<u>\$ 8,467.01</u>
* Includes \$15,000 deposits to Line of Credit Account for HVAC Project		



ENJOY THE MUSIC

From the Choir Loft—

VOCAL AND BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS

The bell choir will continue rehearsals at **6:00 pm** on **Wednesdays** in the Parlor. The adult choir will rehearse at **7:00 pm** on the same evening. Questions should be directed to Brad Hull, Director of Music, (Cell Phone: 202-738-2795) or Email: bradleyjhull@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir members are hard at work to present a special song about thankfulness on Sunday, November 19. We hope you enjoy it. We always welcome new members! For questions, please contact Denise Hirn at denisehirn@hotmail.com or by phone at 717-802-1064.

Sincerely, *Miss Denise*

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

The next Worship and Music Committee will be held on **November 15**, at **1:00 pm**.

All God's Creatures Got a Place in the Choir

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_WvOfz1C0t0

MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP



WHAT DO WE REALLY OWN?

‘Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.’—Job: 1:21

There’s the joke about the nosy neighbor attending a rich woman’s funeral. Peering into the coffin with a friend, he asked, “How much money did she leave?” The friend smiled and replied, “All of it, of course!”

As Job laments, we come into the world naked and leave the same way. We may be dressed in our best clothing on our way out, but we take it to the grave, not the afterlife.

The joke and Job reveal a basic concept of stewardship: We don’t really own anything. We may take possession of it for a period of time, but we eventually leave it for others.

Yet we spend so much of our energy and life accumulating more and more—as if we were going to have it forever—as if we were going to live forever. The danger is that absorbed with accumulating wealth, we shortchange the most valuable treasures—loving the Lord our God with all our being and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

That’s why the Bible consistently warns us about wealth. Jesus repeatedly points out the pitfalls. Money and possessions can turn us inward, stunting our growth and preventing us from being the people God created us to be.

Generosity is the preventative cure for this malady. The Bible counsels that tithing—giving away 10 percent of our income—is a good benchmark for faithful giving (although on several occasions, Jesus told his disciples to give away ALL their possessions).

Giving 10 percent, or any amount substantial enough to be sacrificial, is a declaration that you are free from the power that money might have over you. Because however much money you can accumulate in life, you will be like the rich woman in the joke: You will leave it all.

--Rob Blezard

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ANNUAL QUILT AUCTION-NOVEMBER 5, 2023, AT NAWAKWA

Join us for this year's annual Quilt & Craft Auction, November 5, at Nawakwa. This fun-filled day of bidding raises money for the Camping Corporation's Endowment Fund, which helps to financially sustain our fine ministry activities.

Oct 28 - Nov 2 - Online Bidding - High bids will become starting bids on Nov 5

2:00 - Silent Auction of Handmade Craft Items

3:00 - Live Auction of Quilts

Dinner following Live Auction

Please help us make this year's event a success by attending and bidding on one or more items in November.

Donate an item: Download the [Donation Form](#)

RSVP HERE:

[RSVP to attend the auction on November 5!](#)





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 canned meat and fish and Harvest Home items during our October food drive. We collected 192 pounds of food, fruits, and vegetables. Below are the items for November and December:

November 5 - Thanksgiving Food Items

Turkey, Potatoes, Stuffing, Canned Yams, Canned Corn, Canned Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Gravy, Aluminum Roaster pan, Pumpkin Pie Mix, Boxed Potatoes, Canned Fruit Cocktail, Boxed Stuffing, Dry Beans, or anything you would like to give.

December 3 - Christmas Food Items

Turkey or Ham, Potatoes, Stuffing, Canned Yams, Canned Corn, Canned Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Gravy, Aluminum Roaster pan, Pumpkin Pie Mix, Boxed Potatoes, Canned Fruit Cocktail, Boxed Stuffing, Dry Beans, or anything you would like to give.

WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE - WinGS

The WinGS group will meet on **Tuesday, November 14, at 6:30 pm.** The agenda includes selecting items for Christmas gift bags. All women are invited to attend.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We gave 2 prayer blankets and 1 prayer square during October. Please contact Karen in the church office at 717-766-

4482 or kfisher@stmarkmburg.com if you would like to obtain a prayer shawl, blanket, or prayer square to give as a blessing to someone or if you would like to join our wonderful team of crocheters, knitters, seamstresses, or crafters.

“THE QUILTING CONNECTION”

WANTED: Clean cotton fabric - please place in receptacles at rear entrance of the church.

WANTED: Clean flat sheets (any size). Please place in receptacles at rear entrance of the church.

WANTED: Contributions toward the purchase of cotton fabric, thread, etc.



Please contact Nancy Kapp at 717-796-1862 with any questions or if you are interested in helping.



BLANKETS, HATS, SOCKS, AND GLOVES FOR THE HOMELESS

Bethesda folks advised us that the most needed items, in addition to warm blankets, are **NEW SOCKS** and **SWEATSHIRTS**. So, watch for the sales, and fill the bin at the rear entrance of the church with lots of new socks and sweatshirts.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Parents! Get a jumpstart on Christmas Shopping or simply enjoy a few hours to yourself! Bring your children ages 3-12 to St. Mark to enjoy games and entertainment—all supervised by our older youth and young adults on **Friday, November 17**, from **5:00 pm-till 9:00 pm**. Dinner and a snack will be provided. Bring a blanket for movie time. Advance registration is required. Children must be potty trained. Email: hirndc@gmail.com to reserve your spot.



CONGREGATION MEETING

A congregation meeting will be held **Sunday, November 19, at 10:00 a.m.** The agenda will include approval of the 2024 Budget and election of council members for 2024. Refreshments will be served. Please be sure to attend.



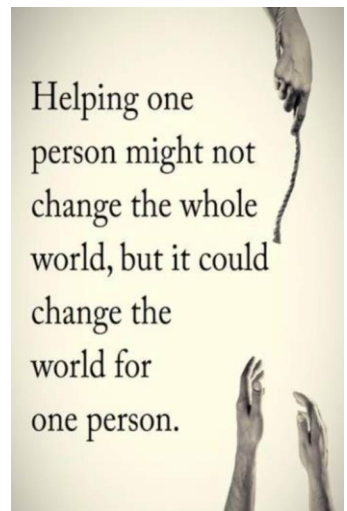
BE A SANTA TO UNDERPRIVILEGED ADULTS—CONTRIBUTIONS AND SHOPPERS NEEDED

Over the past 10 years, we have purchased and delivered Christmas gifts to residents of the American House Apartments and Brethren House Apartments located in the Borough of Mechanicsburg. These facilities are designated for underprivileged individuals who are 62 years of age or older or individuals who are disabled. These residents are on a limited income; many with no or estranged families, and most of the residents do not own or drive a car.

In addition, we plan on providing a luncheon. We would like to continue providing Christmas to these individuals. The smiles of joy on the residents' faces when "St. Mark Santa" and his helpers visit and share the love of Christ is priceless.

Again, this year, we are requesting "wish lists" from the residents. The last few years we have been blessed with a wonderful group of shoppers and a wonderful group of individuals who donated and helped with the shopping.

If you are interested in making a financial contribution to help defray the expenses, please mark it "Social Ministry-Christmas" no later than Sunday, November 19. If you would like to help with the shopping, please contact Karen Fisher.



THANKSGIVING DINNER

We are planning on celebrating a free Thanksgiving dinner again this year on **Thursday, November 23, at 1:00 pm**. We need donations of food, cooks, servers, bakers, cleaners, and friendly faces to welcome guests into our church! Look for the list of opportunities on the signup sheet to be part of our community Thanksgiving dinner. For additional information, please contact Werner Jonas at 717-697-8313.



THANKSGIVING DINNER RESERVATIONS AND MENU

Thanksgiving dinner reservations can be made by using the sign-up sheets located at entrances to the church or by contacting the church office **no later than November 17**.

Menu: Turkey, Gravy, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Casserole, Sweet Potato Casserole, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls, Marinated Vegetables and Pies.

We need donations of pies: Please use the sign-up sheets at entrances to the church.

GETTING READY SUNDAY AND COOKIE BAKING FOR CARLISLE TRUCK STOP MINISTRY

Something for everyone!! The Youth & Family Ministry Committee is holding their annual cookie baking day on **Sunday, December 3** for the Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry—an organization that ministers to the physical and spiritual needs of truckers and travelers who visit the truck stops along the Miracle Mile of Route 11 near Carlisle. We will start right after the Getting Ready Sunday activities with a light lunch at **11:00 am** and will start baking at **11:30 am**.



We can use your help in several ways:

- bake cookies at home and bring them to church that day on December 3
- bring cookie dough for us to bake
- join us to bake from scratch after lunch
- donate for the purchase of ready-to-bake cookies
- help to decorate bags and pack and seal the cookies
- make ornaments for church neighbors and for the Wise Men to deliver on December 17

There are plenty of sitting down jobs, and you can join us for as little or as long as you wish.

Please sign up on the bulletin board so we know how you plan to be involved.



If you love order and cleanliness, we invite you to give us a hand cleaning up the kitchen and Fellowship Hall after we bake. If you are not a baker, but a cleaner, come at 3:00 pm and give us a hand! Thank you.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF REPORT

Thanks to everyone for your donations to Lutheran World Relief this year. Following is the report from the In-Gathering at St. Mark.

Church	School Kits	Quilts	Personal Care Kits	Fabric Kits
St. Mark Lutheran	131	49		
Trindle Spring			44	
St. Paul-Enola	202	65		
Mt. Zion-Lewisberry	77	17		
Grace Evan. Lutheran		27		
St. Timothy	97			2
St. Paul-New Cumberland		246		
Mt. Zion-Boiling Springs	25		11	
TOTAL	532	404	55	2





CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS EXPRESS

Our Christmas Blessings Express tree for New Hope Ministries is located at the back entrance of the church. **Please select an ornament from the tree and return your unwrapped gifts no later than Sunday, December 3.** The Social Ministry Committee would like to sincerely thank you for your generosity in helping all of those in need.

NOVEMBER 2023

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
		
<p>5 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Thanksgiving Food-New Hope 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc.-Comm. 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's Choir 11:00 am-Quiet Svc.-Comm. 2:00 pm-Special Service 2:00 pm-Camp Nawaka Auction</p>	<p>6 2:00 pm-8:00 pm- Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group</p>	<p>7</p> 
<p>12 24th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc. 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's Choir 11:00 am-Quiet Svc.</p>	<p>13 2:00 pm-8:00 pm- Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group</p>	<p>14 REMARKER DEADLINE</p> <p>6:30 pm-WinGS</p>
<p>19 25th Sunday after Pentecost CONGREGATION MEETING 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc. 10:00 am-Congregation Mtg. with Refreshments 11:00 am-Quiet Svc.</p>	<p>20 2:00 pm-8:00 pm- Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>26 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY NOISY SUNDAY OFFEEERING 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc.-Comm. 11:00 am-Quiet Svc.-Comm.</p>	<p>27 2:00 pm-8:00 pm- Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group</p>	<p>28 1:00 pm-Social Ministry</p> <p>6</p>

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 11:00 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir</p>	<p>2 6:30 pm-Youth & Family Ministry</p>	<p>3 3:30-7:00 pm- Violin Lessons</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>8 11:00 am-Bible Study 1:00 pm-Finance 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir</p>	<p>9 7:00 pm-Property Committee</p>	<p>10 3:30-7:00 pm- Violin Lessons</p>	<p>11</p> 
<p>15 11:00 am-Bible Study 1:00 pm-Worship & Music 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir</p>	<p>16 6:45 pm-Church Council</p>	<p>17 3:30-7:00 pm- Violin Lessons 5:00 pm-Parent's Night Out</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>22 11:00 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir</p>	<p>23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING 1:00 pm-Thanks- giving Dinner at St. Mark</p> 	<p>24 Church Office Closed 3:30 pm-7:00 pm- Violin Lessons</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>29 11:00 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>December 1 3:30 pm-7:00 pm- Violin Lessons</p>	<p>2</p>

DECK THE HALLS

Come join in the fellowship as we hang the wreaths and decorate the trees for Christmas on **Saturday, December 9, at 9:30 am.** Hoping to see you there!



LIGHTING OF THE LUMINARIES

We will start lighting the luminaries at 4:00 pm on Christmas Eve.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

QUIET SERVICE

There will be a quiet service inside at St. Mark Lutheran Church immediately following the lighting of the luminaries.

9:30 PM CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

There will be a Christmas Eve candlelight service starting at 9:30 pm with special music beginning at 9:00 pm.



St. Mark will not hold services on Christmas Day. Please watch the bulletins and December newsletter for a list of churches that will conduct worship on Christmas Day.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT—

TALENT DAY

Sponsored by the Evangelism Committee, the first annual Talent Day was held at St. Mark on October 7. Thank you to the seven individuals who displayed and demonstrated their talents.



HALLOWEEN PARTY

Children and families joined us for a Halloween Party which included lunch, devotions, and games—and of course, costumes on October 15.







MECHANICSBURG COMMUNITY DINNER

Thank you, Team St. Mark (Bev Weaver, Lori Clelan, Terry Shaner, Gene Shaner, and Pastor Marleen) for helping at the Mechanicsburg Community Dinner on October 15. Special thanks to everyone who made chicken corn soup and chili. Job WELL DONE!



THANK YOU!

Hello All,

We want to thank you very much for the beautiful flowers from the altar. It was very thoughtful and brightened our day!

God Bless,

John and Teresa Shumberger

St. Mark Lutheran Church,

A very heartfelt thank you to everyone who had a part in the love and care that went into making the beautiful prayer blanket. When I wrap the blanket around me, it feels like a hug from God. And in this, I will rest and trust in His peace. Thank you all for Your prayers and for thinking of me.

Jill Souder (Jo Ann Novinger's sister)

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$125.00 to Lutheran World Relief through the Lower Susquehanna Synod, ELCA. When you love your neighbors it transforms their lives. Thank you for your generosity.

Warm Regards, Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhart, President & CEO - Lutheran World Relief

Dear Social Ministry Outreach Committee,

Thanks so much for the lovely bag stuffed with goodies. I especially liked the puzzle. I almost always have a jigsaw in progress and the one you gave me looks like a good one to do. I also liked the daily reading book for next year. I'm in the process of reading the entire Bible again. Ruth Elicker got me going on that as she had read it 3 times. All the other goodies were great, and I will share them with John. Thanks so much for your thoughtfulness.

Love, Connie Kuntz

To everyone who participated on September 30 loading Gross's truck for Lutheran World Relief, helping in the kitchen, setting up, and cleaning up—a huge heartfelt thank you. You are the heart of St. Mark.

Sincerely, Karen Fisher, Chairman, Social Ministry

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Thank you for the many thoughtful prayers, cards, and gifts for Pastor's Appreciation Month. Continue to pray for our ministry together.

In Christ's Love, Pastor Marleen



Click here for Thanksgiving music



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tAkrcin0S6o>

ELCA SOCIAL STATEMENTS

In the past, St. Mark has been surprised by ELCA social statements, and we don't want that to continue. Pastor and council will make every effort to keep the congregation informed about statement in the pipeline. The Sunday School class is currently working through lessons to learn about the upcoming statement on **Faith and Civic Life** before that draft is created. Please join us!

The following is already in draft form and looks for your input. We will plan a discussion session on this draft for January.

DRAFT SOCIAL MESSAGE ON GUN VIOLENCE

What is a faithful Lutheran response when considering U.S. gun culture? The draft of a social message on gun-related violence and trauma probes that question, and your feedback is requested. The draft focuses on trauma, public health and an ethic of shared responsibility for peacemaking, seeking to move beyond the strict polarization of gun rights versus gun control. This is an issue that affects everyone in the United States – let your voice in this process be heard! To participate in the public feedback period. Read the draft [Microsoft Word - SMGVT PostedDraftText-final.docx \(elca.org\)](#) and additional information and ways to respond by selecting this link [Current Social Writing Projects - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America \(elca.org\)](#). Responses are due by January 31, 2024.

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. If you would like to add a name to the

prayer list, please contact Karen in the church office at **717-766-4482** or email at kfisher@stmarkmburg.com. Thank you.



Charlene Albert, Gabriel Albert, Ed Aldridge, Alissa Atticks, Jim Atticks, Eleanora Beam, Doris Berger, Pat Berkheimer, Fred Bottini, Sue, Jere Brandt, Marlin Brown, Bob Curll, Susan Ditmer, James Dobbs, Carol Fencil, Ed Fencil, Diann Foltz, George Fromm, Steve Gardner, Rosie Guarino, June Harding, Mike Hatz, Brett Hirn, Jen Homoki, Doug Hopkins, Rick Hopkins, Duryea Hummer, Chris Jonas, Jones Family, Micki Kautz, Georgia Kirkpatrick, Jim Lake, Pearl Lehmer, Bartok Lewczuk, Mae, Mandi, Marta, Nina McElwain, Charlotte Miller, Mary Mumma, Steve Nelson, Alice Park, Angel Poboy, Mollie Randolph, Nancy Rambo, Misty Rice, Dolores Ruth, Ez Sassaman, Edie Sheibley, John Shumberger, Brian Smee, Al Smeriglio, Peggy Smeriglio, Marian Smith, Carol Stolz, Lisa Tavernia, Donald Thomas, Jim Thurber, Sheri Thurber, Don Trott, Ruth Trott, Cheryl Ward, Michael Ward, Courtney Welk, Bryan Williams, Garry Zeigler, Kelly Zimmerman, Brayleigh

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**.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY



Our thoughts and prayers go with Joan and Tyson Murphy and the Getz Family on the death of Joan's dad, Ken Getz, who passed away on September 29, 2023.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

BIRTHDAYS

2 Michele Connor
8 John Stoner
10 Doris Berger
11 Beverly Reihart
13 Ada Thumma
14 Shirley Vogelsong
14 Dawn Kreiger

15 Diann Foltz
15 Jason Kreiger
18 Ed Fencil
21 Christine Warner
21 Carol Watkins



ANNIVERSARIES


14 Gary & Beth Yorlets
19 John & Connie Kuntz
19 Shannon & Barb Weaver

28 Ed & Carol Fencil
30 Tom & Deb Murray



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

WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS

USHERS	
5 Keith Hensel, Frankie Hensel	
12 Marlin Brown, Sandy Brown	
19 Scott Kreiger, Deb Kreiger	
26 Jack Kapp, Nancy Kapp	
LAY READER	ASSISTING MINISTER
5 Karen Fisher	5 Karen Heath
12 Barb Yost	12 Denise Hirn
19 Alma Gimbel	19 Sean Gimbel
26 Scott Kreiger	26 Barb Yost
ACOLYTE	ALTAR GUILD
5 Joan Murphy	5 Connie Kuntz, Michele Connor
12 Caroline Stull	12 Muretta Yentzer, Andrea Sassaman
19 Sean Gimbel	19 Joan Murphy, Sara Jane Miller
26 Katie Stull	26 Bev Reihart, Cindy Larkin



DECEMBER 2023 REMARKER DEADLINE

Please deliver or email your information and articles for the **December 2023 ReMarker** to the church office **no later than Tuesday, November 14, 2023**. Thank you so much.



NOVEMBER ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

- November 5 In loving memory of Nada Navratil by Terry and Gene Shaner
- November 12 In memory of Donald Adams by John and Connie Kuntz
- November 19 In memory of Joseph Mihalich by Phyllis Mihalich
- In memory of Victor Reda and Robert Yentzer by Muretta Yentzer
- November 26 In loving memory of Charles Ditmer, Jr. by Susan Ditmer

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS A THING

- November 5 Quilt Auction at Nawakwa
- November 17 Parents' Night Out
- November 19 Congregation Meeting
- November 23 Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
- December 3 Getting Ready Sunday and Cookie Baking for Truck Stop Ministries
- December 17 Cookie Swap/Christmas Program
- December 24 Lighting the Luminaries
Christmas Eve Services
- January 2024 Soup-er Bowl Begins

-THANKSGIVING WORD SEARCH-

Name: _____ Date: _____

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

Thanksgiving Day Word Search



AMERICA
CANOE
COLONY
CORNUCOPIA
ENGLAND
FALL
FAMILY
FEAST
FREEDOM
GRATITUDE
HARVEST
HOLIDAY
INDIANS
MAIZE
MAYFLOWER
MILES STANDISH
NEW WORLD
NOVEMBER
PILGRIMS
PLYMOUTH
PUMPKIN PIE
PURITANS
SQUASH
STUFFING
THANKSGIVING
TURKEY
YAMS



SPONSOR A LUMINARY FOR CHRISTMAS EVE



We are offering you the opportunity to sponsor a luminary for \$5.00. Every dollar collected will be donated to Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels.

We will write your name on the luminary bag(s) along with the information you provide below.

We will start lighting the luminaries at 4:00 pm on Christmas Eve. You are welcome to join us and light the luminaries that you sponsor, or we will light them for you. **There will be a quiet service inside of St. Mark Lutheran Church immediately following the lighting of the luminaries.**

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOXES

Total number of luminaries sponsored _____

- I will come and help light luminaries at 4:00 pm.
- In honor of _____
- In memory of _____
- To the Glory of God

Sponsored by _____

Check amount _____

Please make check payable to *St. Mark Lutheran Church* and note "*luminary sponsor*" on the memo line no later than December 10.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia(s) to be placed in the chancel for Christmas or donate money to Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels, please complete the form below. The cost of each poinsettia is \$11.00 for a red poinsettia in a 6" pot that will have at least four blooms. **The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 3.** Checks should be made to St. Mark Lutheran Church and be sure to put Altar Guild on the memo line." Please place your check with your order in the offering plate.



PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX

- POINSETTIA** **MEALS ON WHEELS**

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

To the Glory of God

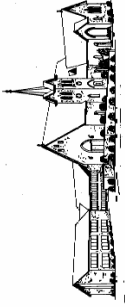
Presented by _____

- Deliver to Shut-in
 Will pick up after worship service on Christmas.

_____ Total number of Poinsettias ordered

Amount of Check _____

St. Mark Lutheran Church
117 W. Keller St.
Mechanicsburg, Pa 17055-6340



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