

The ReMarker

SEPTEMBER 2023

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St Mark Lutheran Church Mechanicsburg

"To Know Christ and To Make Him Known"



Dear Siblings in Christ,

After a week of trying to level cabinets in a 50-year-old house whose floors have settled, I am convinced that life is a lot like leveling cabinets. As soon as you get one thing perfect, something else gets out of whack. The front of the cabinet is finally level, but the back corner is off. The cabinet is level with the one beside it but the whole cabinet is not plumb, so it leans forward. Finally, you get it as perfectly as possible and you can't find your drill and screwdriver!

In life, we have things going well at work, but our house is a disaster because it has not been cleaned for a week (or more in our case!) Or our friends and family are finally all doing well but we missed an important meeting because we forgot to write it on the calendar. Unfortunately, the difficult balance of juggling many activities and issues in our lives means that we leave out something important. This is where I find many lapsed or inactive members of the congregation. It is not that they don't see faith and even worship as important, it is simply that they cannot seem to get it all in balance. So, we don't see them for months or sometimes even years.

The heart of the issue is that our lives will never be secure without being bound to Christ. When we allow our faith lives to weaken because we miss regular worship, we stop reading the Bible, our prayers are quick and not often enough, we end up with a life that might look good but has little stability. It is like the cabinets that have shims under and behind them—completely levelled and perfectly plumb but not yet screwed to the wall.

My prayer for you is that as you go through life, worry less about everything looking perfect and more about what you are deeply connected to. May each of you be well connected to Christ.

When you find that you are growing in faith, you will probably also realize that God is making you level and plumb too. Stay

connected! Let us, St. Mark Lutheran Church, help you stay bound to Christ. If you are unable to worship with us, let us know so that I can come and visit. When things are crazy in your life, let us know so that we can keep you in prayer and help you stay steadfast in your faith.

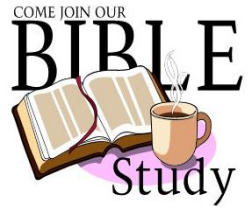
May Christ help you balance your life as you hold fast to what truly matters!

Pastor Marleen

Pastor Marleen

BIBLE STUDY IS RETURNING

Join Pastor Marleen on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 am in the parlor beginning **September 6**. We will continue our study of Exodus. All are welcome.



OCTOBER 2023 REMARKER DEADLINE

Please deliver or email your information and articles for the **October 2023 ReMarker** to the church office **no later than Friday, September 15, 2023**. Thank you so much.

JULY 2023 ATTENDANCE



| Service Date | 8:00 am Outdoor | 9:30 am In-Person | 9:30 am Zoom | YouTube Service |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| July 2 | 11 | 29 | 7 | 24 |
| July 9 | 16 | 41 | 5 | 10 |
| July 16 | 11 | 47 | 9 | 14 |
| July 23 | 21 | 44 | 5 | 27 |
| July 30 | 14 | 48 | 9 | 30 |

THE TREASURER'S REPORT



CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF JULY 31, 2023

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| • General Operating Fund | \$ 8,775.32 |
| • Capital Expenditures Fund | \$ 2,700.00 |
| • 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 |
| Kitchen Freezer | \$ 2,190.00 |
| Music Memorial | \$ 1,128.00 |
| Youth Fund | \$ 1,181.63 |
| • Pastor's Discretionary Fund | \$ 3,472.19 |
| • Prudential investments | \$ 346,331.40 |

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 **September 13, at 1:00 pm.**

NOISY SUNDAY—MAKE SOME NOISE!

The Noisy Sunday collection for July was \$73.20. The total received year to date is \$505.19. The next Noisy Sunday will be held on **September 24. THANK YOU!**



INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT JULY 31, 2023

| | | |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|
| INCOME | | |
| 40000 - Income | | \$ 19,457.29 |
| 40165 - Misc. Income | | \$ 0.30 |
| 40601 - Each Child Matters Utility Reimbursement | | \$ 707.52 |
| 40700 - Capital Expenditure Account (Line of Credit) | | \$ 3,140.00 |
| 40999 - Designated Gifts/Memorial Fund | | \$ 2,080.35 |
| Total Income | | \$ 25,385.46 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| 50200 - Our Ministry to Others | | \$ 601.00 |
| 50400 - Work Within our Congregation | | \$ 7,141.66 |
| 50492 - Fellowship Activities | | \$ 95.38 |
| 50500 - Worship & Music | | \$ 2,542.59 |
| 50600 - Education | | \$ 48.94 |
| 50700 - Designated Gifts/Memorial Fund | | \$ 1,302.71 |
| 51000 - Administration | | \$ 4,656.03 |
| 60100 - Building & Property | | \$ 2,433.10 |
| Total Expense | | \$ 18,821.41 |
| NET INCOME | | \$ 6,564.05 |
| <u>2023 vs 2022 COMPARISON:</u> | | |
| YTD Deposits through 7/31/23 | | \$ 164,092.93 |
| YTD Deposits through 7/31/22 | | \$ 128,437.93 |
| | <i>Difference</i> | \$ 35,655.00 |
| YTD Expenses through 7/31/23 | | \$ 170,553.02 |
| YTD Expenses through 7/31/22 | | \$ 135,311.25 |
| | <i>Difference</i> | \$ 35,241.77 |
| Line of Credit Payment: | | |
| | Balance | \$ 14,903.83 |
| | Principal Paid | \$ 1,047.55 |
| | Interest Paid | \$ 102.45 |
| | NEW BALANCE | \$ 13,856.28 |

Special Church Service for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Why: Regular church services can be hard to get to, hard to sit through, and hard to understand.

What: St. Mark now has a service that is later in the day, short and simple, and interactive.

How: The service (during which participants are welcome to sit, stand, or wander) will consist of inclusive activities such as sing-alongs, a simple interactive message, snacks, and sometimes a craft/activity.

When: 2:00 pm on the 1st Sunday of each month, beginning September 3, 2023

Where: St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mechanicsburg, Fellowship Hall, 117 W. Keller St., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Contact Pastor Marleen or the church office at 717-766-4482 or revmarleen@stmarkmburg.com:

- for details.
- to let us know we can expect you, so we are prepared with plenty of seating, materials, and snacks. *If you don't get a chance to let us know ahead of time, please come anyway!*
- to let us know if you'd like to help out.



ENJOY THE MUSIC

From the Choir Loft—

VOCAL AND BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS

Vocal and bell choirs are meeting for the first time to start their 2023-2024 season! The bell choir will gather at **6:30 pm***, **Wednesday, September 6**, and the vocal choir at **7:00 pm*** on the same evening. If you are interested in joining either choir or both, please come to the first rehearsal. We would love for you to sing and/or ring with us. Questions should be directed to Brad Hull, Director of Music, (Cell Phone: 202-738-2795) or Email: bradleyjhull@gmail.com. (*Time may change.)

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.

A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP

PRESCRIPTION FOR BETTER HEALTH



As America's percentage of overweight and obese people continues to rise, nutritionists and health care professionals tell us we need to eat better, reducing consumption of fatty and sugary processed foods, and increasing our intake of fresh fruits and vegetables. In fact, in Massachusetts and Maine, doctors are "prescribing" vegetables for low-income patients, whose families are most at risk of being overweight. The doctors are giving coupons equal to \$1 per day per family member redeemable at farmers' markets for fresh produce.

It shows just how valuable doctors consider a varied diet that is high in nutrient-rich vegetables.

Stewardship of Life entails taking care of all of the gifts God has given us. Certainly, we all can take better care of our wonderfully designed bodies. Though no one enjoys perfect health, and many diseases and medical conditions are beyond our control, we can nonetheless do the best we can to minimize our risk factors.

A good diet and regular exercise go a long way toward keeping our bodies healthy, and that has many important ramifications. Physical health improves our energy and our attitude. It also keeps our medical costs low and improves longevity.

The folks in Massachusetts and Maine are helping low-income people to make fresh, local produce a part of their daily diet. It's a great idea that can benefit all of us.

For me, I can't get enough fresh, local tomatoes, cucumbers, peaches, and apples. What fresh, local produce is for sale at farm stands or grocery stores near you?

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PEACHES AND ICE CREAM

Everyone is invited for peaches and ice cream in Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, September 3, following the worship service. YUMMY! See you there!**



HOSS'S CROP WALK RECRUITER'S RALLY FUND RAISER

Please plan 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, are available at all entrances of our church, bulletins, and at the back of this newsletter.

LADIES NIGHT OUT - SEPTEMBER 7

The Ladies Night Out was such a big hit. We would like to continue this event on **Thursday, September 7, 6:00 pm**, at HOSS'S to help with the CROP Walk fundraiser. Many of you will be dining with your families; however, if you would like to join the Ladies Night Out table, please let Karen know in the church office ASAP. Another Ladies Night Out will be scheduled in October.



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.



GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SUNDAY

On **Sunday, September 10**, the Social Ministry Committee and volunteers are 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, meat sauce, cookies, as well as monetary donations to help defray the cost of the meat, salad, and bread. In addition, we will need volunteers to help and to deliver the meals. Please use the sign-up sheets at entrances to the church to volunteer.

Projects for God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday include tying knots for The Quilting Connection who are preparing quilts for Lutheran World Relief and Bethesda Mission, assembling school kits for Lutheran World Relief, distributing flyers to the community, as well as tying fleece blankets. **Volunteers from previous years should plan on wearing their "God's Work. Our Hands." bright yellow t-shirts.** All volunteers who sign up will be provided with a spaghetti meal. Please contact Karen Fisher with any questions at 717-580-7507.

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 August. We collected 112 pounds of laundry soap and cleaning supplies. Listed below are the items for September, October, and November:



- September 10 - Baby Items (diapers, wipes, food)
- October 8 - Canned Meat and Fish
- November 5 - Thanksgiving Food Items

WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE (WinGS)

WinGS is having their annual Potluck Dinner. We invite ALL WOMEN to join us on **September 12 at 6:00 pm**. The meat will be chicken and provided by WinGS officers. Everyone is requested to bring a dish to share. If you would like to join us, please contact Sandy Quinlan at 717-697-2102. Our regular meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. You do not have to be a member of St. Mark to join the Women in God's Service.



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

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.

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

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.

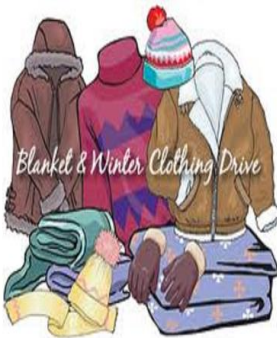


THE QUILTING CONNECTION

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.

COMMUNITY AID DONATIONS TO BENEFIT WinGS

The Women in God's Service continue to benefit from your donations of clothing, shoes, etc. to Community Aid. Just a reminder that when you **take your items directly to Community Aid,** please remember to use our partnership number: **10053** when making your donations. Please do not bring items to St. Mark. Thank you.




BLANKETS, COATS, HATS, SOCKS, AND GLOVES FOR THE HOMELESS

Winter will be upon us before you know it. The Blankets, Coats, Hats, Socks, and Gloves for the Homeless Program continues year-round. **New or gently used blankets, new or gently used coats, 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!!

SEPTEMBER 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 |
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| <p>3 14th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc.-Comm. Following worship-Peaches & Ice Cream 2:00 pm-Special Service-Individuals w/Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities</p> | <p>4 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p> | <p>5 11:00 am-Social Ministry LWR Prep. 6:30 pm-Fellowship</p> |
| <p>10 15th Sunday after Pentecost BABY ITEMS FOR NEW HOPE 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. 1:00 pm-God's Work. Our Hands.</p> | <p>11 1:00 pm-Evangelism 1:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group</p> | <p>12 6:00 pm-WinGS Potluck Dinner</p> |
| <p>17 16th 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>18 8:30 am-Garden Club 1:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group</p> | <p>19</p> |
| <p>24 17th Sunday after Pentecost NOISY SUNDAY OFFEERING In-Gathering Sunday-Blessing of LWR Items 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>25 2:00 pm-8:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group</p> | <p>26 1:00 pm-Social Ministry</p> |

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| WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|--|---|
| | | <p>1 3:30-7:00 pm- Violin Lessons</p> | <p>2</p> |
| <p>6 11:00 am-Bible Study 6:30 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir</p> | <p>7 ALL DAY CROP WALK RECRUITER'S RALLY AT HOSS'S (Take coupon) 6:00 pm-Ladies Night Out-HOSS'S</p> | <p>8 3:30-7:00 pm- Violin Lessons</p> | <p>9 9:30 am-Altar Guild Training</p> |
| <p>13 11:00 am-Bible Study 1:00 pm-Finance 6:30 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir</p> | <p>14 7:00 pm-Property Committee</p> | <p>15 REMARKER DEADLINE 3:30-7:00 pm- Violin Lessons</p> | <p>16</p> |
| <p>20 11:00 am-Bible Study 1:00 pm-Worship & Music 6:30 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir</p> | <p>21 6:45 pm-Church Council</p> | <p>22 3:30 pm-7:00 pm- Violin Lessons</p> | <p>23</p>  |
| <p>27 11:00 am-Bible Study 6:30 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29 3:30 pm-7:00 pm- Violin Lessons</p> | <p>30 9:00 am-10:30 am-Load truck for Lutheran World Relief</p> |



To St. Mark Volunteers,

A very special thank you to Bev Weaver, Sara Jane Miller, Phyllis Mihalich, Lori Clelan, Terry Shaner, Gene Shaner, and Karen Heath for volunteering at the summer Mechanicsburg Community Dinner held at Trinity Lutheran Church on July 23. We had a great team.

Karen Fisher

Chairperson, Social Ministry Outreach Committee

Dear Friends of St. Mark Lutheran Church,

What a lovely surprise—altar flowers—and all in yellow to brighten the day. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and my pleasure. A special thank you to the deliverer.

Mary A. Mumma

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gifts of clothing and personal care items to Bethesda Mission. Your donation is being used to meet the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of those who are struggling throughout the Harrisburg region. We truly appreciate your willingness to join in the effort to see positive, life-long change in every man, woman, and child that God sends our way. We look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely, Scott Dunwoody, Executive Director

Dear St. Mark Lutheran Church,

This letter is to thank you for your donation of \$150.00 received in August. We sincerely appreciate your continued support of Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels.

Sincerely, Karen Cochran, Secretary on behalf of Volunteers

MAMOW

Dear St. Mark Church Family and Friends,

Thank you for the beautiful sympathy cards, the phone calls, texts, and personal messages that you sent to me and my family during the recent loss of my brother, Fred Sanders. Sincere thanks to Pastor Marleen for her hospital visits and the Celebration of Life Service. It meant the world to all of us.

Karen Fisher

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT—

Pastor Marleen and volunteers held a Day Camp at St. Mark on August 8, 9, 10. A great time was had by everyone as we learned about Paul and his missionary trips!



MAKING RAIN STICKS.



VISITING THE FIREHOUSE. Special thanks to Andy Sherman for giving us a tour.



THE FIRE STATION. We stopped at the fire station on a field trip.



LUNCH AT THE TAVERN - We traveled back in time but long after Paul's time to learn about life when Mechanicsburg was young! Thanks, Frankie!





VISITING THE MECHANICSBURG MUSEUM

We only walked around Mechanicsburg, but it seemed like miles in the heat! Glad we were not traveling with Paul—he walked a lot more than we did!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

| | | | |
|----|------------------|----|-----------------|
| 2 | Lydia Clelan | 15 | Dana Murphy |
| 3 | Sara Jane Miller | 18 | Denise Hirn |
| 4 | Doug Irvin | 25 | Casey Marks |
| 7 | Nina McElwain | 25 | Casen Sisolak |
| 11 | Carolyn Irvin | 29 | Benjamin Connor |
| 14 | Tom Mumper | 29 | De'Andre-Oliver |

ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|----|------------------------|
| 7 | Arnold & Carol Watkins |
| 15 | Tom & Beth Mumper |



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. 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, Eleanora Beam, Doris Berger, Pat Berkheimer, Fred Bottini, Bob Curll, Ann Shaffer Davis, Susan Ditmer, James Dobbs, Carol Fencil, Ed Fencil, Linda Fenicle, Diann Foltz, Steve Gardner, Rosie Guarino, Doug Hopkins, Rick Hopkins, Duryea Hummer, Chris Jonas, Micki Kautz, Pearl Lehmer, Bartok Lewczuk, Mandi, Braydon Mattern, Nina McElwain, Charlotte Miller, Steve Nelson, Angel Poboy, Mollie Randolph, Nancy Runkle-Rambo, Dolores Ruth, Ez Sassaman, John Shumberger, Al Smeriglio, Peggy Smeriglio, Carol Stolz, Donald Thomas, Cheryl Ward, Michael Ward, Garry Zeigler, Brayleigh

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 Darlene Sanders and her family on the passing of her husband, Fred, who died August 7, 2023. Fred was the brother of Karen Fisher and Susan Ditmer.

Prayers and sympathy are extended to Ken and Donna Shur and family on the passing of Ken's father, Verne Shur, on August 21.



***9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE - September 3**

8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE - September 10, 17, 24

| LAY READER | ASSISTING MINISTER |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| *3 Connie Kuntz | * 3 Karen Heath |
| 10 Matt Yost | 10 Phyllis Mihalich |
| 17 Barb Yost | 17 Tina Freidhof |
| 24 Amy Gimbel | 24 Sean Gimbel |
| | |
| ACOLYTE | USHERS |
| *3 Joan Murphy | *3 Sara Jane Miller, Dee Bernatos |
| 10 Phyllis Mihalich | 10 Ken Shur, Donna Shur |
| 17 Caroline Stull | 17 Sean Gimbel, Jonas Gimbel |
| 24 Sean Gimbel | 24 Phyllis Mihalich, Karen Heath |
| | |
| 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> |
| *3 Sandy Brown, Joan Murphy | |
| 10 Phyllis Mihalich, Cindy Larkin | |
| 17 Muretta Yentzer, Bev Reihart | |
| 24 Michele Connor, Bev Reihart | |

REMINDER: 11:00 AM - QUIET SERVICE

A quiet service will be held at 11:00 am beginning September 10 for any who are unable to attend the 8:30 am worship service.

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS A THING

| | |
|--------------|--|
| September 3 | Peaches & Ice Cream |
| September 6 | Bible Study resumes |
| September 6 | Bell Choir |
| September 6 | Adult Choir |
| September 7 | CROP Community Day at HOSS'S |
| September 7 | Ladies Night Out at HOSS'S |
| September 9 | Altar Guild Training |
| September 10 | Children's Choir |
| 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 1 | Blessing of the Animals |
| October 8 | Rain Date for Blessing of the Animals |
| October 7 | Talent Day |
| October 14 | Rain Date for Talent Day |
| October 8 | Family Dinner |
| October 10 | Soup on the Sidewalk Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade |
| October 22 | Annual CROP Walk at Memorial Park |
| October 28 | Dinner, Movie, & Bandit Bingo |
| November 5 | Quilt Auction at Nawakwa |
| November 23 | Annual Thanksgiving Dinner |
| December 24 | Christmas Eve Services |



SEPTEMBER SPONSORS

- September 3 In memory of Shorty Buchanan by Bev Weaver.
- In honor of our daughter, Carolyn Merrill, by John and Connie Kuntz.
- September 10 In honor of all the individuals who volunteered their time and contributed in any way to God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday. Thank You!
- September 17 In memory of Scott Flesher (Happy Birthday) by Kristi Sassaman.
- In honor of our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren by Ez and Andi Sassaman
- September 24 In honor of children and grandchildren by Gene and Terry Shaner



PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP FOR THE CROP WALK

This year's walk will be held on **Sunday, October 22, 2023**, in Mechanicsburg Memorial Park. 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 contact Karen Fisher if you are planning on walking this year or if you need help registering. We hope to have a large team of walkers from St. Mark. Please see the information on the following page.

Thurs., Sept. 7, 2023
Hoss's Community Day



61 Gettysburg Pike Mechanicsburg PA 17055

Present this coupon when ordering lunch, dinner or a take-out on **Sept. 7, 2023** and **Hoss's Mechanicsburg** will donate up to **25% of your total check** to the CROP Walk to feed the hungry.
Group #127838
Complete the **CROP Walk Activity Page** and spin to win a prize!



Sun., Oct. 22, 2023, 2PM
Mechanicsburg/West Shore
CROP Walk

5K or 1.5-mile Fun Run/Walk
Rain/Shine!

Memorial Park, 1 Memorial Park Dr
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Park in the Gravel Lot at the end of N. Washington St.

1:00PM Check-In and New Registrations
1:30PM Team Pictures
2:00PM Walk Begins

Fanny Packs to all Walkers ☒ Leashed dogs welcome ☒ Live DJ

Walkers are invited to generously sponsor themselves and to solicit sponsors. Make checks payable to **CWS/CROP**.

Use the link or QR code to register as an individual and/or form a team or register on walk day.

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/mechanicsburgpa>

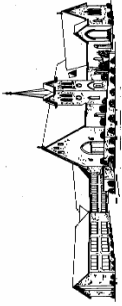
100% of proceeds benefit **New Hope Ministries, Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels** and the global relief efforts of **Church World Service**.

Find us on **Facebook**: CROP Hunger Walk – Mechanicsburg/West Shore



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