### The ReMarker

#### SEPTEMBER 2024

St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church
of Mechanicsburg
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"To Know Christ and To Make Him Known"



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:1

We often quote and use this verse to remind ourselves that every individual is a unique and vital part of the Body of Christ. This is most certainly true. But the verse can also remind us that our individual congregation is simply one small part of the larger church. When St. Mark was founded, our church was intended to be the chapel in town for the Lutheran parish of Trindle Spring and Shiremanstown. Even now, we will still participate in Vacation Bible School with Trindle Spring Lutheran Church. Not too many years ago, our woman's group became WinGs because other Lutheran churches joined us, and we still have a few participants who are not members at St. Mark. We have also joined in confirmation activities and other youth events with nearby congregations. This summer, we participated in several youth events with St. Stephen Lutheran Church.

Being reminded that we—all the Christian Churches—are united as the Body of Christ, we have learned that there is great need for pastoral leadership in our conference. Several other Lutheran pastors are helping congregations part-time in either shared ministry or as interims until new pastors can be called. We have been asked to share some of my ministry time with St. Stephen Lutheran Church as they pursue the call process. I believe that we are called to help our sister congregation during her time of pastoral vacancy. They are planning to share ministry in the future with another congregation but need some administrative and pastoral care work as they prepare to call a pastor. I know that this may mean that I miss some things at St. Mark, but I also know that it will build up the whole body of Christ. We will not only benefit financially but will continue to work together with them on youth events, which is an area of growth for us.

What can you do to support the whole body of Christ? One of the best things you can do is to pray for the other churches. I know that we are much smaller than we used to be and cannot offer all of the ministries that larger churches offer, but I also know how blessed we are with great staff—both paid and the many volunteer leaders who step up and make God's Work happen in our congregation and community. So, keep doing that. Pray for all the churches around us—each one has challenges to face and are in need of God's grace and love.

When one member suffers, we all suffer; but when one member rejoices, we all rejoice. May the Holy Spirit give us more reasons to rejoice together as we watch the Kingdom of God flourish.

In Christ's Love,

Paston Marleen

Pastor Marleen

#### MARRIAGE AND THE BIBLE

When we had our discussion concerning marriage at our church, I offered to lead a study on the Biblical views of marriage. Before I plan times, I need to know who is interested in participating in this study. If you would like



to explore the many Biblical teachings and stories concerning marriage, please contact me. When I know who wants to participate, we will set times and dates to gather. In the meantime, please pray for all who are married or are planning to become married. We are called to support marriages and our prayers are a vital way to support this lifelong commitment. Pastor Marleen



#### **BIBLE STUDY IS RETURNING**

Join Pastor Marleen on Wednesday mornings at **11:00 am** in the parlor beginning **September 4.** We will be studying 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel. All are welcome!

#### **JULY 2024 ATTENDANCE**



Service Date	8:30 am In-Person	8:30 am Zoom	11:00 am	YouTube Service
July 7	59	4	5	18
July 14	41	6	0	34
July 21	54	3	3	39
July 28	50	7	6	32

#### **CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF JULY 31, 2024**

•	General Operating Fund	\$	11,311.07
•	Capital Expenditures Fund (Organ Fund)	\$	5,580.19
•	Designated Gifts		•
	Memorial Fund Undesignated	\$	2,025.08
	Fellowship	\$	100.00
	Altar Guild	\$	778.30
	Social Ministry	\$	130.00
	Quilting Connection	\$	116.23
	Youth Fund	\$	1,088.51
	Music Memorial	\$	1,128.00
	Columbarium	\$	1,518.43
•	Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$	2,629.64
•	Prudential investments	\$ :	347,316.20

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 11, at 1:00** pm.

#### NOISY SUNDAY-MAKE SOME NOISE!

The Noisy Sunday collection for July was \$65.44.

The next Noisy Sunday will be held on September 22.



#### INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT

40000 - Income	\$	22,386.55	
40165 - Misc. Income	\$	0.61	
40600 - Social Ministry	\$	975.00	
40601 - Each Child Matters Utility Reimbursement	\$	2,127.36	
40700 - Capital Expenditure Account (ORGAN FUND)	\$	4,443.63	
40999 - Designated Gifts	\$	604.60	
TOTAL INCOME	\$	30,537.75	
50200 - Our Ministry to Others	\$	526.00	
50400 - Work Within our Congregation	\$	10,494.73	
50500 - Worship & Music	\$	3,484.99	
50600 - Education & YFM	\$	265.00	
50700 - Designated Gifts	\$	1,697.36	
51000 - Administration	\$	4,855.51	
57000 - Capital Expenditures	\$	31,222.50	*
60100 - Building & Property	\$	3,171.72	
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	55,717.81	
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## From the Choir Loft—

#### **VOCAL CHOIR AUTUMN STARTUP**

The St. Mark Vocal Choir will start rehearsals for the 2024-2025 season on **Wednesday**, **September 4**, at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in being a part of this important ministry of the church in leading worship and providing music to facilitate our interaction with God, please come to the first rehearsal. We would love for you to sing with us. Questions should be directed to Brad Hull, Director of Music, (Cell: 202-738-2795) or Email: <a href="mailto:bradleyjhull@gmail.com">bradleyjhull@gmail.com</a>.

#### ALL CALL FOR BELL CHOIR

The Bell Choir enjoyed a very successful season last year and the congregation overtly shared their appreciation for its addition to St. Mark's worship. Bell choir is a unique form of music which is accessible to all levels of musical ability (including <u>no</u> musical ability). To select music for the bell choir, exact numbers of ringers are necessary. So, for this coming season, we are issuing an "all call". If you are interested in being a part of St. Mark's bell choir, whether a former or new member, please email Brad at (<u>bradleyjhull@gmail.com</u>). Based on how many people express interest in being a part of a 2024-2025 bell choir, we will determine how to proceed.

#### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

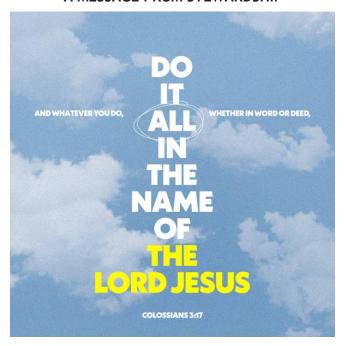
The start of Children's Choir for the fall is right around the corner. Children ages 3 ½ - 12 are invited to join us! Our first rehearsal will be **Sunday, September 8**. We'll meet downstairs in the first classroom on the left immediately after the church service. During each rehearsal, we praise God 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 -Miss Denise

#### WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

Worship & Music Committee will meet on September 18 at 1:00 pm.

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#### -A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP-



Martin Luther's most underappreciated theological insight may have been "the priesthood of all believers." Simply put, Luther observed that God calls all Christians—not just pastors—to lives of holiness. Every one of us accomplishes God's holy work, regardless of our occupation, whether employed on a job or working at home for our family.

It's a simple idea, and one that certainly elevates our "job" to a new status, but it can be hard to live out. Here are some tips:

- Think disciple: You may know to be a disciple in church, but prayerfully imagine how you can be a follower of Jesus at work or home, too!
- Think excellence: There's satisfaction in doing your best. Knowing that your work is holy can provide not only incentive but also a satisfaction boost.

- Think relationship: They're not just your coworkers or family members, they're also the neighbors whom Christ commands us to serve and to love as ourselves.
- Think service: Every workplace holds challenges for your employer, coworkers and customers. Every home has challenges for your family. How can your experience and gifts help?
- Think priest: You are called to be a holy person 24/7. How does this awareness invite you to change your behavior and attitude toward your occupation?

We spend so much of our lives in our occupations. We bring the light of Christ to our work as holy people of God's reign!

#### --Robert Blezard

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#### PEACHES & ICE CREAM

Come and join your Church Family in Fellowship Hall following the 8:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, September 1. Bring your favorite peach dish to share. Ice cream and beverages will be provided. If you forget your dish—no problem! Come anyway—we always have plenty. This is a time for Fellowship as the Summer is winding down.

#### ADULT AND CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Sunday School Class will resume their meetings on Sunday, September 8, at 9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School starts on the same day and time. ALL ARE WELCOME!! HOPE WE SEE YOU THERE!!



# GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SUNDAY AT ST. MARK On Sunday, September 8, the Social Ministry Committee and volunteers are preparing a spaghetti and meatballs dinner to include salad, bread, and dessert to take to our shut-ins and residents of group homes in

## Join us for

"God's work. Our hands."

A dedicated day of service in our community.

the Mechanicsburg area. We are requesting donations of spaghetti sauce, cookies, as well as monetary donations to help defray the cost of the meatballs, 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.

The projects for God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday to date include—but are not limited to—tying knots for The Quilting Connection who are preparing quilts for Lutheran World Relief and Bethesda Mission, assembling school kits for Lutheran World Relief, assembling kits for Caitlin's Smiles, making cards, as well as tying fleece blankets for pets. 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.



#### GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SUNDAY— HELPING THE HARRISBURG AND CUMBERLAND CONFERENCES

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday will be held this year on Sunday, September 8. This is the annual day of service for ELCA congregations across the nation. Congregations or individuals from congregations looking to help are

invited to join those from the Harrisburg and Cumberland Conferences on their primary service project, which will help to support refugees legally resettling in our area through Church World Service (CWS)—Harrisburg. Volunteers are asked to gather at 12:00 (noon) at the CWS - Harrisburg building, located at 2101 North Front St, Building 3, Suite 301,

Harrisburg, PA 17110. Parking is available and a light lunch will be provided. The project will include gathering, sorting, and packaging Welcome Kit donations for refugees resettling legally in our area and setting up housing for incoming refugees. To sign up as a volunteer, go to <a href="https://forms.gle/SinfKXyLnb9RV5Kb9">https://forms.gle/SinfKXyLnb9RV5Kb9</a>. For any questions, please call (717)763-7555.

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

WinGS is having their annual Potluck Dinner and first meeting of the 2024-2025 season. We invite ALL WOMEN to join us on September 10 at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. WinGS officers will be providing meatballs. Everyone is requested to bring a dish to share. If you



are planning to attend, please contact Tina Freidhof at 717-443-6383 (tlf866@aol.com), Sandy Brown at 717-991-1121 (Sbrown8186@verizon.net), or Sara Jane Miller at 717-448-4777 (usersj42@yahoo.com) to RSVP and let them know what you will be bringing. 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 WinGS.



## CHURCHWIDE "LADIES and FRIENDS NIGHT OUT"

We are continuing our churchwide Ladies & Friends Night Out. We will be dining out on Thursday, September 12, 6:00 pm at HOSS'S. in support of the CROP Walk Recruiter's Rally. Please RSVP to Karen Fisher at <a href="mailto:kfisher@stmarkmburg.com">kfisher@stmarkmburg.com</a> or 717-580-7507 if you are interested in attending.

## HOSS'S CROP WALK RECRUITER'S RALLY COMMUNITY DAY FUND RAISER

Please plan to eat at the Mechanicsburg HOSS'S (located on Old Gettysburg Pike) anytime during the day or evening on Thursday, September 12, 2024. The



coupon, which must be presented at HOSS'S when you order your meals, is located in the back of the newsletter, at entrances to the church, and in weekly bulletins. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE CROP WALK!



#### HANDS-ON CPR AND AED TRAINING Hands-on CPR and AED Training will be held at St. Mark on Saturday, September 14, 2024, at 9:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. The training is

being provided by LifeLine.

If you are interested in signing up for this important training program, please provide your name, address, and phone number on the sign-up sheet located at entrances to St. Mark no later than September 7 or you may contact the church office at 717-766-4482.

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

The Blankets, Hats, Socks, and Gloves for the Homeless Program

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



#### THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO JOIN ST. STEPHEN LUTHERAN CHURCH EVENTS

Annual Congregational Day at Cherry Crest Farms is coming up, September 14!

A typical day at Cherry Crest has a lot to offer. There's a corn maze that covers 5 acres (2.5 miles of paths) that can be done through easy, medium, and ultimate challenge levels. In addition to the maze are other activities including many food eatery sites, pedal cars, apple blasters, paintball shooters, rope making, battle zone (think Nerf balls from a pressurized air guns), various strength tests, mat slides, bouncy pillows (child and adult sized), pig races, climbing area/playground areas.

For those that enjoy a slower pace, there is shopping, live shows, you can take a tour on the Stroudsburg Railroad (extra cost) takes you on a ride about 45 minutes, back to Stroudsburg station and then off into town on a guided history tour before bringing you back to where you got on.

There is also a winery and brewery on site, a petting zoo, chick hatchery, discovery barn- that teaches the history of farm equipment, life size board games, and a wagon tour. For the little kiddies, there is also Sproutsville, which is an entire town built in miniature for the little ones to play, sitting areas for resting, hanging air chairs to relax and enjoy the views, as well as other activities. You can see most of the activities at:

#### https://www.cherrycrestfarm.com/attractions

We'll be gathering at the gate as a group, before we go in. We've rented a campfire location again this year, for a cookout meal of hotdogs, sides, and drinks provided. Fireworks will be set off at 8:30 PM for those that want to stay. The cost to participate is only \$20, with the church covering the other half of the ticket price. Monies may be paid to the St. Stephen Church office. Scholarships are available to those in need. Please sign up by August 31, to participate at:

#### https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9DVN7BL



#### OCTOBER 2024 REMARKER DEADLINE

Please deliver or email your information and articles for the October 2024 ReMarker to the church office no later than September 15, 2024. Thank you so much.

#### **REMINDER - YOUTH INVITATION!**

The youth of St. Mark (from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade) have been invited to join the youth of St. Stephen Lutheran Church, New Kingstown, for monthly youth



meetings called Fuse. Fuse meets on the third Sunday of every month at St. Stephen at 1:00 pm. The group shares a lunch together (bring a side dish to share) and always has a lesson and fellowship time. Friends are encouraged to join the group any time! The next gathering will be September 18, at 1:00 pm.

#### 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. Listed below are the items for September, October, and November:

September 15 - Pop tarts and Cereal October 20 - Canned Meat and Fish November - Thanksgiving food items (including turkeys)

Thanks to YOU, we collected 116 pounds of pasta for New Hope in August.



#### GIANT GIFT CARDS FUNDRAISER

If you would like to purchase Giant Gift Cards (\$25, \$50, \$100, or \$250 denominations) please give your order and money to Barb Yost. She will collect orders and money every Sunday and give you your cards the following Sunday. For every \$100 in orders the church will receive \$5 toward our Organ Fund.

If you will not be at church, you can drop off orders with Karen in the Church Office. (Orders made this way may delay the receipt of your cards.) Please let Barb know if you drop off an order (byost@verizon.net).





## NEEDED FOR EVANGELISM COMMITTEE PROJECT

Please save your **empty paper towel rolls and toilet paper rolls** and give them to Jo Ann Novinger. She will be using them for an Evangelism Committee project. Thank you.



# UPDATE—LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF—SCHOOL KITS The Social Ministry Outreach Committee is collecting the following items for Lutheran World Relief to fulfill their urg

following items for Lutheran World Relief to fulfill their urgent need of School Kit requests. We will be collecting items through September 22. Gross's is again donating their truck to take our items to Maryland. We will be holding our in-gathering and blessing of school kits and quilts on Sunday, September 29. St. Mark will serve as the collection point for designated churches on Saturday, October 5.

Please place items in the containers marked "Sch ool Kits." Items needed to reach our goal of 200 are listed below:

- 99—30-centimeter rulers, or a rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 74--pencil sharpeners
- 585—black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink);
- 136—boxes of 16 or 24 crayons

The cost to ship one backpack is \$2.85. We will be sending 200+ backpacks. If you would like to contribute toward the 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, October 5, 2024, between 9:00 am and 10:30 am. We need your help to load Gross's truck. Please contact Karen Fisher if you are available to help. Goodies will be provided.





## SOUP ON THE SIDEWALK MECHANICSBURG HALLOWEEN PARADE

Stop by St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mechanicsburg on Tuesday. October 8, starting at 6:00 pm for our Soup on the Sidewalk event. Please let Phyllis Mihalich know if you are willing to donate a crockpot of soup. We are also looking for individually wrapped baked goods. Drop your soup and baked goods donations by 5:45 pm the night of the parade. Help is needed dishing out the soup at this event. If you are available to assist, please let Terry Shaner know. A free will offering will be collected for the Organ Fund. This is a wonderful outreach event for our neighbors.

#### HONORING OUR PASTOR

The bench to honor Pastor Marleen on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her ordination finally arrived. Please use it for meditation or just come, sit, and enjoy the beautiful grounds at St. Mark. Thanks to Ben, Barb, and Matt for assembling the bench. And special thanks to everyone who contributed. We will announce when the bench will be blessed and dedicated.



#### SEPTEMBER 2024 8:30 AM Worship Svc; 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Simple Svc.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
1 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc. (Communion) 9:45 am-Peach Festival 11:00 am-Worship Svc Communion	2 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  LABOR DAY	3 6:00 pm-Fellowship
8 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS SUNDAY 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc. 9:45 am-Adult Sunday School 9:45 am-Children's SS/Choir 11:00 am-Worship Svc.	9 1:45 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group	10 6:00 pm-WinGS Potluck Dinner & Mtg.
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29 Michael and All Angels BLESSING OF SCHOOL KITS & QUILTS 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship SvcCommunion 9:45 am-Adult Sunday School 9:45 am-Children's SS/Choir 11:00 am-Worship Svc. Communion	30 1:45 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group	1 OCTOBER 6:30 pm-Fellowship

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 11:00 am-Bible Study 1:00 pm-Evangelism 7:00 pm-Adult Choir	5 6:45 pm-Youth & Family Ministry	6 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons	7
11 11:00 am-Bible Study 1:00 pm-Finance Committee 7:00 pm-Adult Choir	All Day Recruiter's Rally-Eat at Hoss's 6:00 pm-Ladies Night Out at Hoss's 6:45 pm-Property Committee	13 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons	14 9:00 am-AED and CPR training
18 11:00 am-Bible Study 1:00 pm-Worship & Music 7:00 pm-Adult Choir	19 6:45 pm-Church Council	20 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons	21
25 11:00 am-Bible Study	26	27 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons	28
2 11:00 am-Bible Study 7:00 pm-Adult Choir	3	4 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons	5

#### IN CASE YOU MISSED IT-ST. MARK DAY CAMP

A HUGE thank you to all who supported and helped out with our Day Camp! We had 20 campers participate. Over the three days of camp, the children took an in depth look at God's creation through stories, art and craft projects, and even through an escape room. *Denise Hirn* 



Thanks to all who gave a hand at Day Camp on July 30, 31, and August 1, 2024! Your time, gifts, and prayers helped young children grow in faith.

Pastor Marleen



#### IN CASE YOU MISSED IT—ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

St. Mark held their Annual church picnic at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park in Mechanicsburg on August 11. Fellowship provided hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls, and beverages. We enjoyed an assortment of sides and desserts which were brought to the picnic. Thank you to Karen Heath for coordinating crafts, to Bill Hirn for bringing his grill and cooking the hot dogs, to Werner Jonas for giving grace, to Amy Gimbel for bringing and setting up outdoor games, to Susan Fissel and everyone who helped with the setup and cleanup, and to Karen Heath and JoAnn Novinger for coordinating the Bingo game finale! It capped the picnic off with a lot of fun. Thanks also to the 30 folks who came. It was a beautiful day to be outside.





Pastor Marleen and St. Mark's Members, Your special ways and generous hearts make a beautiful difference. Thank you so much for your prayers during my recent surgery. Prayers were answered and I am feeling so much better. Karen Murphy

Dear Siblings in Christ at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Greetings in this Pentecost Season—a time of growth and renewal. I hope that you will be able to visit at least one of our camps this summer. Thank you for your recent gift of \$125.00 given via Synod Benevolence on July 31, 2024. Thank you for your generosity.

Yours in Christ, Michael Youse Executive Director Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Dear St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church, This letter is to thank you for your donation of \$100.00 on July 29, 2024. We sincerely appreciate your church's continued support of MAMOW. Your commitment to us is wonderful and sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,

Karen Cochran, Secretary on behalf of Volunteers of MAMOW

Dear Brad Hull and James Martin, Thank you for a wonderful afternoon of music and songs performed at Dickinson College on August 25. You delighted all of us who attended your performance.

St. Mark Recital Attendees





#### 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 <a href="mailto:kfisher@stmarkmburg.com">kfisher@stmarkmburg.com</a> 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
4	Cindy Larkin	25	Casen Sisolak
7	Nina McElwain	29	Benjamin Connor
11	Carolyn Irvin	29	De'Andre-Oliver
14	Tom Mumper		

#### **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.

## SEPTEMBER 2024 VOLUNTEERS 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

LAY READER	ASSISTING MINISTER
1 Karen Heath	1 Phyllis Mihalich
8 Dave Harnish	8 Denise Hirn
15 Sean Gimbel	15 Karen Heath
22 Bev Reihart	22 Barb Yost
29 Karen Fisher	29 Tina Freidhof
ACOLYTE	USHERS
1 Alma Gimbel	1 Gene Shaner, Terry Shaner
8 Brett Hirn	8 Tyson Murphy, Joan Murphy
15 Caroline Stull	15 Keith Hensel, Frankie Hensel
22 Katie Stull	22 Marlin Brown, Sandy Brown
29 Joan Murphy	29 Shannon Weaver
ALTAR GUILD	
1 Beverly Reihart, Terry Shaner	Church Volunteers
8 Sandy Brown, Joan Murphy	
15 Phyllis Mihalich, Cindy Larkin	
22 Michele Connor, Bev Reihart	
29 Connie Kuntz, Sara Jane Miller	



#### LOOKING AHEAD TO ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 3, 2024, we will remember the Saints who have died in faith since last All Saints' Sunday (November 5, 2023). If you have a loved one whom you would like remembered this year, please contact the church office no later than Monday, October 21.

#### YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS A THING

September 1	Peach Desserts and Ice Cream Fellowship
September 4	Bible Study Resumes Choir Rehearsal Begins
September 8	God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday
September 12 September 12	Hoss's Community Day for CROP Ladies Night Out at Hoss's
September 14 September 14	CPR/AED Training Annual Congregation Day at Cherry Crest with St. Stephen Lutheran Church
September 29	Blessing of School Kits and Quilts
October 5	In-Gathering for Lutheran World Relief
October 6	Fall Community Dinner at Trinity
October 8 October 8	Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade Soup on the Sidewalk Event
October 20	Annual CROP Walk-Mechanicsburg Memorial Park

December 8 Christmas Caroling - Silent Auction of Gift Baskets

December 24 Christmas Eve Luminaries Christmas Eve Services

**Thanksgiving Dinner** 

November 28



September 1	In memory of Betty Sheffer and Bertha Logan by Beverly Weaver
September 8	In memory of Ash Clatterbuck by Dave Harnish
September 15	In memory of Scott Flesher by Kristi Sassaman
September 22	In honor of the wedding of Kira McElwain and Josh Lustick. Kira is the daughter of Andy and Wendy McElwain and the granddaughter of Nina McElwain.
September 29	In loving memory of Ken and Agnes Getz by Tyson and Joan Murphy

#### In loving memory of Elsworth and Dorothy Murphy by Tyson and Joan Murphy

#### ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED

Altar flowers are needed for September 15 (one vase). Flowers needed for October include October 13 (one vase), October 20 (both vases), October 27 (both vases). The form is in bulletins, the newsletter, and at entrances to St. Mark.

#### ROSE ON THE ALTAR

If you would like to sponsor a rose to be placed on the altar with baby's breath, the cost is \$9.50. Please contact Karen in the church office and she will place the order.

# UPDATED AUGUST 23, 2024 SAY A PRAYER, GIVE A CALL, SEND A CARD TO OUR HOMEBOUND AND SHUT-IN'S

## Sick & Shut-in

#### ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH - August 23, 2024

#### BETHANY VILLAGE

Mary Jane Erby (# changed-does not want visitors)
5225 Wilson Lane
Bethany - Apt. 1138
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Betty Kearney 717-591-8761 Bethany Village The Oakes - Room 37A Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

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

Mary Mumma 717-591-8415 MapleWood at Bethany 5225 Wilson Lane-Ste. 212 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

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

#### B'NAI B'RITH APARTMENTS

Charlotte Miller 717-210-2650 (C) 130 South 3<sup>RD</sup> St. Apt. L-5 Harrisburg, PA 17101

#### MESSIAH VILLAGE

#### VISITATION ONLY address

Velma Mumper 717-766-3014 Messiah Village-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Room 326-Nittany Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

#### All of Velma's MAIL should be sent to daughter's address:

c/o Deborah Murray 48 Rocky Ridge Rd. Dillsburg, PA 17019

#### CARLISLE, PA 17015

Pearl Lehmer 717-240-2503 1 Longsdorf Way - Room 33 Cumberland Crossings Carlisle, PA 17015

#### <u>VIBRA LIFE</u>

Sandy Quinlan 717-802-5161 707 Shepherdstown Rd. Vibra Life - Room 505 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

#### DILLSBURG, PA

Doris Berger 717-319-0934 c/o Jill Hefflefinger 50 Old Sawmill Drive Bluffton, SC 29910

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

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

#### MECHANICSBURG, PA 17050

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

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

Ez Sassaman 717-691-4704 41 Creek Bank Dr. Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

#### MECHANICSBURG, PA 17055

Diann Foltz 717-766-2406 507 Broad Circle Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

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

#### **OUT OF TOWN/OUT OF STATE**

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

#### -SEPTEMBER WORD SEARCH-



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COFFEE DAY



Dear Friends,

You are invited to join 400 enthusiastic followers of Jesus at the 2024 Mechanicsburg/ West Shore CROP Hunger 5K Walk to feed the poor. The walk will take place rain or shine on **Sunday afternoon**, **October 20**, **2024**, at Memorial Park in Mechanicsburg

EVERY dollar donated will benefit these local and global organizations who aid the most vulnerable:

New Hope Ministries Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels Church World Service

Walkers can join our team (ST MARK KELLER STREET WALKERS) or walk individually. All walkers are encouraged to donate generously on-line or they can present checks, payable to CWS/CROP, on the day of the walk. Walkers who register ON-LINE by September 27<sup>th</sup> will earn a CROP Walk T-Shirt. Use the link below or Google: Crop Walk and Search for Mechanicsburg.

#### Mechanicsburg/West Shore CROP Hunger Walk

And don't forget about HOSS Community Day on Thursday, September 12 at Hoss's, 61 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg. Details on the flyer ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.

These shoes are made for walkin'

Karen Fisher, Team Captain
St Mark Keller Street Walkers

Hoss's Community Day to benefit the Mechanicsburg/West Shore CROP Hunger Walk



Thurs., Sept. 12, 2024

61 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg PA 17055
Present a copy of this flyer when ordering lunch, dinner or a take-out on Sept. 12, 2024 and Hoss's Mechanicsburg will donate up to 25% of your total check to feed the hungry.

Group #130516. Complete the CROP Walk Activity Page and spin to win a prize!



## Mechanicsburg/West Shore CROP Hunger Walk Sun., Oct. 20, 2024

5K/1.5-mi. Fun Run/Walk Rain or Shine

Memorial Park, 1 Memorial Park Dr, Mechanicsburg, PA

1:00PM Check-In & New Registrations 1:30PM Team Pictures 1:50PM Kick-Off 2:00PM Walk Begins

T-Shirts to walkers who register on-line by Sept. 27, 2024

Strollers & Leashed Dogs Welcome Live DJ Refreshments
This is a 100% volunteer-led effort!

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

## https://crophungerwalk.org/mechanicsburgpa

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

Facebook: CROP Hunger Walk - Mechanicsburg/West Shore

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

For more info, contact Ulli Klemm, Coordinator ulliklemm@yahoo.com 724.464.8748

## Altar Flower Sponsorship Form

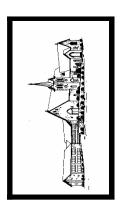
Please check the one that applies to your sponsorship and complete the following statements:

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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	Circle Payment Enclosed:					
	\$25.00 One Vase of Flowers					
SAM	\$50.00 Both Vases of Flowers					
Altar Flowers	Checks should be made payable to St. Mark Lutheran Church and note "Altar Guild" on the memo line. Place in the offering plate or mail directly to the church office					
<i>సాసాసాసాసాసా</i>	అంకానా అండా apply!					
□ Flowers	will be picked up by sponsor.					
Deliver one vase of flowers to shut-in or hospital						
□ Deliver I	ooth vases of flowers to shut-in or hospital					
Please contact Connie Kuntz at 717-697-0436 with any questions						

Thank you!

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



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