

The ReMarker

NOVEMBER 2024

St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church
of Mechanicsburg

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Mechanicsburg, PA 17055



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"To Know Christ and To Make Him Known"



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 3, 2024

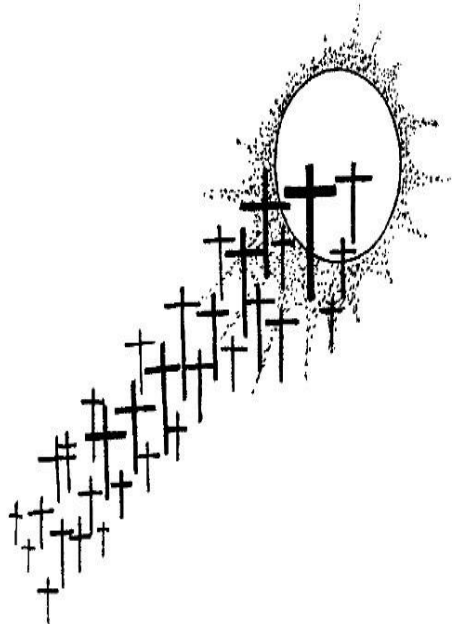
CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE

ST. MARK MEMBERS

John Shumberger
Fran Hoffman
David Boyd
Anna Yenchko
Sandra Quinlan
Lucy Harper
Nancy Kapp

REMEMBERING OTHERS

Betty Lou Hull
Nannette Forney
Lillian Shea
Chris Jonas
Charles Devereaux



Pastor's Message

fall is a gentle
reminder that
change can be
beautiful.



Dear Siblings in Christ,

Recently a friend shared a sign with this quote on it. It reminded me how scary change can be, especially for the Church recently.

The whole Church has witnessed so much change over the last ten years that it has been

overwhelming for most of us. Unfortunately, many of the changes that have just happened have not been beautiful. We at St. Mark have lost many to death and have watched others move into nursing facilities or give up cherished ministries because they simply can no longer do it. The larger Church has seen a decline in attendance and even interest in growing in faith. We compete against more and more things for people's time and commitment.

It is no wonder that doing everything the same old way is no longer working but change means taking a risk and that scares us. However, I have realized that some of the new things we have tried recently have been good. Day Camp helped us reach out to families in our neighborhood and gave a unique learning opportunity to some of our members and their family members who cannot attend many Sundays. Having a team of visitors for our homebound has helped us reach out and spend more time with those who cannot join us for church, and they appreciate it. Just going out to meet our neighbors has helped us get to know who lives near the church. Beginning to get the ladies together for a night out has helped people get to know each other better; knowing someone is the first step to loving them.

I know that there will be more changes coming but I hope that most of them are things that we decide to try and not changes forced upon us. As we watch the leaves change, may fall remind us that change can be beautiful!

If the change is for building up the kingdom of God, it will be beautiful! Let us make positive changes in our life together!!

In Christ's Love and Grace,

Pastor Marleen

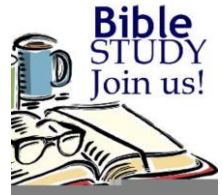
Pastor Marleen



Turn your clocks back before going to bed on November 2.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study continues **Wednesday mornings at 11:00 am in the Parlor.** We are currently studying 1ST Samuel. ALL ARE WELCOME!



SEPTEMBER 2024 ATTENDANCE



Service Date	8:30 am In-Person	8:30 am Zoom	11:00 am In-Person	YouTube Service
September 1	34	15	11	97
September 8	38	3	4	26
September 15	47	4	3	22
September 22	45	6	2	33
September 29	49	7	9	92

THE TREASURER'S REPORT



CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

• General Operating Fund	\$ 6,706.53
• Capital Expenditures Fund (Organ Fund)	\$ 6,015.69
• Designated Gifts	
Memorial Fund Undesignated	\$ 3,375.08
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	\$ 1,173.89
• Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$ 2,629.75
• Prudential investments	\$ 348,860.18

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



*noisy
offerings*

NOISY SUNDAY—MAKE SOME NOISE!

The next Noisy Sunday will be held on **November 24. THANK YOU!**

INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT SEPTEMBER 30, 2024



40001 - Contributions (Offering Envelopes)	\$ 11,285.00
40003 - Benevolence	\$ 564.70
40004 - Social Ministry	\$ 1,480.00
40008 - Property	\$ 1,929.24
40009 - Investments	\$ 8,800.00
40010 - Misc. Income (General Account Interest)	\$ 0.53
40011 - Pastor's Discretionary Account	\$ 0.11
40012 - Designated Gifts	\$ 1,350.30
40013 - Capital Expenditure Account	\$ 6,210.60
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 31,620.48
50002 - Our Ministry to Others	\$ 671.00
50004 - Work Within our Congregation	\$ 7,596.74
50005 - Worship & Music	\$ 2,336.18
50006 - Youth & Family Ministry	\$ 237.25
50007 - Administration	\$ 3,535.01
50009 - Property	\$ 5,028.46
50012 - Designated Gifts	\$ 15.25
50013 - Capital Expenditures	\$ 18,810.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 38,229.89
Net Difference	\$ (6,609.41)
2024 vs 2023 COMPARISON:	
YTD Deposits through 9/30/24	\$244,811.41
YTD Deposits through 9/30/23	\$204,479.96
<i>Difference</i>	\$ 40,331.45
YTD Expenses through 9/30/24	\$ 238,620.00
YTD Expenses through 9/30/23	\$ 219,537.75
<i>Difference</i>	\$ 19,082.25
Loan from Investment Account	\$ 8,800.00
Amount Repaid through 9/30/24	\$ -
NEW BALANCE	\$ 8,800.00



ENJOY THE MUSIC

From the Choir Loft—

VOCAL AND BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS

The bell choir rehearses 6:00 pm on Wednesdays in the Parlor. The adult choir rehearses at 7:00 pm on the same evening in Brad's office. 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 17. 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 20 at 1:00 pm.



DECEMBER 2024 REMARKER DEADLINE

Please deliver or email your information and articles for the **December 2024 ReMarker** to the church office **no later than Monday, November 14, 2024**. Thank you so much.

A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP

FOCUS ON OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES



The eleventh month is now upon us, drawing us closer to the end of the calendar year. It is a transition month, a month between autumn and winter, when the leaves get raked, and the crops have been harvested. We “fall back” from Daylight Savings Time and revert to Standard Time. Most of us prepare for rain, snow and winter storms. It is also a month that reminds us to be grateful which is so fundamental to Christian stewardship.

During the month of November, we express our gratitude for the saints, witnesses to the Gospel who challenge us to find our own path to holiness. We are grateful for the lives of all who have gone before us to meet the Lord, especially those we know and hold dear. We thank our veterans who have offered their lives on our behalf. And of course, in the United States, there is Thanksgiving Day, a holiday that is all about gratitude.

The month of November is an ideal time of the year to focus our spiritual lives more intently on being grateful for the blessings of the Lord. Sacred scripture is a good place to start because it is filled with the themes of thanksgiving and gratitude. The psalmist sings: “*Give thanks to God, bless his name*” (Psalm 100:4). We can become more aware, too, of gratitude as it is expressed in the rhythm of the Eucharistic celebration. Other spiritual exercises, too, may help us to grow to be more grateful stewards of God’s love.

Pray with gratitude. Set aside some time for prayer each day. If you are new to the habit of daily prayer, find 10 minutes in your daily schedule. Pray as a family as well. And begin with a prayer of gratitude.

Put gratitude into action. Do something in your parish or neighborhood to share your material blessings with those who

might otherwise go hungry. Contribute to a food bank or help deliver food baskets.

Make gratitude a habit. Find ways to thank others for their generosity and kindness toward you every day. The late spiritual writer, Thomas Merton, once wrote that to be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything. Let us use the month of November as an opportunity to grow in stewardship which, simply put, means living a life of gratitude. And as the psalmist encourages us to do: *“O give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love endures forever”* (Psalm 107:1).



CAMPFIRE IN OUR BACK YARD

The Youth & Family Ministry Committee invites youth in 6th through 12th grades to their first campfire. The event will be held on **Friday, November 1, at 5:30 pm** in the field behind St. Mark. Hot dogs and S'mores are on the menu.

Then....

MOVIE UNDER THE STARS-NOVEMBER 1

After the youth have finished eating, family and friends are invited for an **outdoor movie starting at 7:00 pm**. Popcorn and hot chocolate will be served. Please bring chairs and blankets.



ANNUAL QUILT AUCTION

NOVEMBER 3, 2024, AT CAMP NAWAKWA

Join us for this year's annual Quilt & Craft Auction, November 3, at Camp Nawakwa. This fun-filled day of bidding raises money for the Camping Corporation's Endowment Fund, which helps to financially sustain fine ministry activities.



Oct 26 - Oct 31 - [Online Bidding](#) - High bids will become starting bids on Nov 3

November 3 - 2:00 - Silent Auction of Handmade Craft Items

November 3 - 3:00 - Live Auction of Quilts

Dinner following Live Auction

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. Here are the items for November and December:

November 3 - 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 1 - 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.



EMS GAME NIGHT AT ST. STEPHEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Youth in Grades K-12 are invited to the 1st Wednesday of each month starting **November 6, from 6-8pm**, to come play board games with various local EMS personnel in the Fellowship Hall. Fill out a mixer sheet to learn more about them, choose from a large collection of games, and have a night of fun, friends, and socializing! **All different games for different age groups! Are you up for the challenge? Adult sign in required for non-teens.**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 10, at 9:30 am following worship service.** The agenda includes approval of the 2025 Budget and election of council members for 2025. Refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall following the meeting. Please be sure to attend.



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING



WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE - WinGS

The next meeting of WinGS will be held **Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30 pm** In Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to attend.

DINNER WITH FRIENDS AT ST. STEPHEN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

St. Stephen has invited St. Mark members and friends to have "Dinner with Friends." The event will take place on **Saturday, November 16, 5:00 pm** at the church located at 30 W. Main St., New Kingston. This is another opportunity to get to know our neighbors.



YOUTH SLEEP OUT FOR THE HOMELESS

Youth from 6th thru 12th grade are invited to join First United Methodist Church (and some other youth groups) to raise money and an awareness about homelessness during a sleep out in a cardboard home. The event begins on **Friday evening, November 22, and continues through Saturday, November 23.** Contact Pastor Marleen for more information.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

The Mechanicsburg Area Lutheran Churches are joining together for a joint Thanksgiving Worship. The worship service will take place at Trindle Spring Lutheran Church on **Sunday, November 24, at 6:30 pm.** To enrich our worship, there will be the opportunity for anyone who wishes to join in a joint pick up choir. **The choir will rehearse at 5:30 pm that evening before worship.** All are invited to stay following the service for a time of fellowship, tasty pies, and other refreshments.



Aaron M. Erdley, Lead Pastor, Trindle Spring Lutheran Church Mechanicsburg PA

THE QUILTING CONNECTION

Would you be interested in learning more about The Quilting Connection? If so, please contact Alice Park at 717-919-3628.

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

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

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

NEEDED: YOU!



THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Dear God,

We thank You for this special meal,

For all the love and joy we feel.

Bless our family, bless our friends,

With your love that never ends.

All our blessings, big and small,

We give thanks for one and all.

Amen



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

We are planning on celebrating Thanksgiving this year on **Thursday, November 28, at 1:00 pm** with our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. *Helpers* are needed for this event: cooks, servers, bakers, set up, dishwashers, and friendly faces to welcome guests into our church! In addition, we need volunteers to deliver meals to our homebound. Please sign up on the sheets by the entrances to our Church to be part of our community Thanks-giving dinner. For additional information, please contact Werner Jonas at 717-697-8313. To volunteer to deliver meals, please contact Karen Fisher at 717-580-7507.

THANKSGIVING DINNER RESERVATIONS AND MENU

Thanksgiving dinner reservations can be made by using the sign-up sheets or by contacting the church office no later than November 21. Menu: Turkey, Gravy, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Sweet Potato Casserole, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls, Marinated Vegetables, Fruit Salad and Pies. We need donations of pies. Please use the sign-up sheets at the entrances to the Church to indicate if you can donate pies.

All Are Welcome

Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

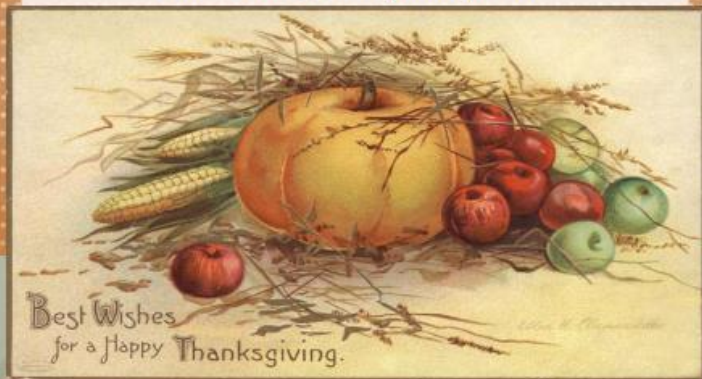
Thursday, November 28, 2024

1:00 PM - Fellowship Hall

St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church
of Mechanicsburg
117 West Keller St.
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Please call (717) 766-4482 for reservations
no later than November 21, 2024
or sign up at entrances to the church.

Freewill offering accepted.





BE A SANTA TO UNDERPRIVILEGED ADULTS—CONTRIBUTIONS AND SHOPPERS NEEDED

Over the past 11 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.

As has been our tradition, we plan on providing a luncheon for the residents. 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.

We will be requesting "wish lists" from each of the residents. 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" no later than Sunday, November 17. If you would like to help with the shopping, please contact Karen Fisher at 717-580-7507 or email at kfisher@stmarkmburg.com.



SAVE THE DATE—GETTING READY SUNDAY

Please mark **Sunday, December 1**, on your calendars for *Getting Ready Sunday*. All activities will be held during the Sunday School hour in Fellowship Hall. We will be making Christmas ornaments. Watch the November newsletter and bulletins for further information

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS EXPRESS

It is hard to believe that it is the time of the year when we are starting to plan for the upcoming holiday season. **New Hope Ministries** has advised us that they will accept unwrapped gifts anytime through their deadline of December 5. **So—our Christmas Blessings Express tree will be placed at the back entrance of St. Mark toward the end of October, and we will be collecting unwrapped gifts through Sunday, December 1.** In the meantime, copies of the New Hope Ministries Wish List will be made available at entrances to the church in order that you can take advantage of early sales, online shopping, Amazon Prime Days, etc. The Social Ministry Committee would like to sincerely thank you for your generosity in helping all of those in need.
Karen Fisher, Chairman, Social Ministry



DECK THE HALLS

Come join in the fellowship as we hang the wreaths and decorate the trees for Christmas on **Saturday, December 7, at 9:00 am.** Hoping to see you there!



LADIES AND FRIENDS NIGHT OUT

The next Ladies and Friends Night Out will be held in December. The date and place will be announced in the December newsletter.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY




We gave one prayer square and one prayer blanket during the month of October. Please contact Sara Jane Miller at 717-448-4777 or 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.



NOVEMBER 2024

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>3 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc.-Communion 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's Choir 11:00 am-Quiet Svc.-Comm.</p>	<p>4 2:00 pm-8:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group</p>	<p>5 ELECTION DAY</p> 
<p>10 25TH Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc. 9:30 am-Congregation Meeting Fellowship Committee meeting after congregation mtg. 11:00 am-Quiet Svc.</p>	<p>11 VETERANS DAY 2:00 pm-8:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group</p> <p align="center">THANK YOU VETERANS</p> 	<p>12 6:30 pm-WinGS</p>
<p>17 26TH 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. 1:00 pm-FUSE meeting at St. Stephen for youth</p>	<p>18 2:00 pm-8:00 pm-Violin Lessons 6:30 pm-Youth & Family Ministry 7:00 pm-German Group</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>24 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 27TH Sunday after Pentecost 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. 6:30 pm-Community Thanksgiving 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>

NOVEMBER 2024

8:30 AM - Blended Worship Svc; 11:00 AM- Quiet Service

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

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<p>1 2:30-8:00 pm- Violin Lessons 5:30 pm-Youth Campfire 7:00 pm-Movie Under the Stars</p>	<p>2 Turn clocks back</p> 
<p>6 11:00 am-Bible Study 12:30 pm-Evangelism 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 6:00 pm-EMS Game Night at St. Stephen 7:00 pm-Adult Choir</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 2:30-8:00 pm- Violin Lessons</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>13 11:00 am-Bible Study 1:00 pm-Finance 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir</p>	<p>14 6:45 pm-Property</p>	<p>15 2:30-8:00 pm- Violin Lessons</p>	<p>16 5:00 pm-Dinner w/Friends at St. Stephen</p>
<p>20 11:00 am-Bible Study 1:00 pm-Worship & Music 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir</p>	<p>21 6:45 pm-Church Council</p>	<p>22 2:30-8:00 pm- Violin Lessons</p> <p>Friday PM-First United Methodist Church- Youth Sleep Out for the Homeless</p>	<p>23</p> <p>(cont'd.)</p> <p>First United Methodist Church- Youth Sleep Out for the Homeless</p>
<p>27 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir</p>	<p>28 THANKSGIVING DAY</p> <p>1:00 pm-Community Thanksgiving Dinner</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>



CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGALONG

Gather with family and friends for a Christmas Carol Singalong on Sunday, December 8, at 2:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

and...

SILENT AUCTION BASKET ITEMS

Over the next month or so, your church council and numerous church committees are making themed baskets and/or obtaining items for a Silent Auction. The Silent Auction will be held on **December 8** to benefit the Organ Fund; however, you may preview a basket or item any time before December 8.

The baskets will be on display at various times and places throughout St. Mark where you will have an opportunity to look them over and read descriptions of each item. The first time you will see most of them will be at the Congregation meeting on November 10. All proceeds from the Silent Auction will be directed to the Organ Fund.

Refreshments will be served.

MORE CHRISTMAS CAROLING

After the Silent Auction, individuals who would like to go Christmas caroling throughout downtown Mechanicsburg should accompany choir members who are attending.



St Mark Lutheran Church



Christmas Carol Singalong

**AND BASKET SILENT AUCTION
TO BENEFIT THE ORGAN FUND**

Celebrate the spirit of Christmas with our Christmas Carol Singalong. Gather with family and friends to enjoy the timeless melodies that echo the joy, warmth, and love of the season.

Cookies and cocoa will be served.

AT 02:00 PM

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DECEMBER

117 West Keller Street, Mechanicsburg, PA
parking and entry in rear alley

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LIGHTING OF THE LUMINARIES

The lighting of the luminaries will begin at 3:15 pm on Christmas Eve, December 24. The sponsorship form is located near the back of the newsletter.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:

4:00 PM CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

There will be an early Christmas Eve service inside at 4:00 pm following the lighting of the luminaries (special music at 3:45 pm. This service will include candle lighting but will be a shorter service for children and others who may not be able to attend a longer worship service.



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.



GIANT GIFT CARDS

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, which we will use toward repaying our investment account "loan" of \$8,800. 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).

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT—AND THANK YOU!



RECOGNITION SUNDAY

On Sunday, October 13, the Stewardship Committee organized the recognition of everyone who participates with Youth and Family Ministry. Thank you Karen Heath, Alma Gimbel, and Tina Freidhof.

Karen Heath, Stewardship Chair

SOUP ON THE SIDEWALK

Thanks to everyone who donated soup & baked goods, served the soup, set up tables, and cleaned up for the Soup on the Sidewalk event, Tuesday night, October 8, prior to and during the Mechanicsburg Halloween parade. We served 165 cups of soup along with baked goods and water!! 🍲 This was a wonderful outreach for our Neighbors.

Terry Shaner, Fellowship Chair



We received \$369.00 in Free Will Offerings toward the organ fund.



COMMUNITY DINNER

On behalf of the Community Dinner Team, **THANK YOU** for serving with us at our Fall Community Dinner on Sunday evening, October 6. The Community Dinner was held at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church on Main St. Over 120 Mechanicsburg area residents were served. There were volunteers from 7 area churches giving their time and

effort. It was such a joy working together and being with our downtown neighbors! People were well fed, and many were able to get seconds/take food home with them, which is always one of our goals.

Thank you to those volunteers from St Mark: Pastor Marleen, Lori Clelan, Karen Fisher, Sara Jane Miller, Karen Heath, Bev Weaver, Terry Shaner and Gene Shaner. Also, a BIG thanks to Karen Fisher, Sara Jane Miller, Sue Wright, Bev Weaver, Phyllis Mihalich, Sandy Brown, and Terry Shaner for making 60 quarts of soup (36 quarts of Chili and 24 quarts of Chicken Corn soup.)

The next Downtown Community Dinner will be in the February 2025 timeframe. Please let Karen Fisher know if you'd like to help. (Note: St Mark will also be providing cookies and fruit for the Broad St School Community Dinner on Nov 7th, 2024.)

Karen Fisher, Social Ministry Outreach Chair

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$25.00 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



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

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



REQUESTS
— FOR —
PRAYER

Charlene Albert	James Dobbs	Pearl Lehmer	Dolores Ruth	Kathy Vogelsong
Alissa Atticks	Alice Dunbar	Bartok Lewczuk	Ed Ruth	Cheryl Ward
Diane Atticks	Derwood Dunbar	Linda Long	Ez Sassaman	Michael Ward
Jim Atticks	Mish Fetterolf	Jim Loy	Edie Sheibley	Kelley Weist
Eleanora Beam	Diann Foltz	Sue Loy	Dennis Sheriff	Courtney Welk
Doris Berger	Ellen Freeny	Steve Macri	Brian Smee	Muretta Yentzer
Jere Brandt	Rosie Guarino	Marta	Adam Spector	
Bobby Breen	Elam Herr	Nina McElwain	Elizabeth Summers	
Campbell Family	Doug Hopkins	Charlotte Miller	Lisa Tavernia	
Bob Campbell	Rick Hopkins	Steve Nelson	Donald Thomas	
Virginia Campbell	Clairene Jones	June O'Donnell	Justin Tolbert	
Bob Curll	Betty Kearney	Mollie Randolph	Rita Towner	
Susan Ditmer	John Kuntz	Brad Reynolds	Cindy Van Gorder	

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**.




Our thoughts and prayers go with Jack Kapp, Kirk Kapp, and Barb Lehman on the death of beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and our dear friend, Nancy Kapp, on October 10, 2024.

<https://www.malpezzifuneralhome.com/obituaries/Nancy-C-Kapp?obId=33346992>



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	
3 Cindy Larkin, T.J. Larkin	
10 Sara Jane Miller, Dee Bernatos	
17 Ben Yost, Bev Weaver	
24 Ken Shur, Donna Shur	
LAY READER	ASSISTING MINISTER
3 Scott Kreiger	3 Sean Gimbel
10 Dave Harnish	10 Denise Hirn
17 Connie Kuntz	17 Karen Heath
24 Tina Freidhof	24 Barb Yost
ACOLYTE	ALTAR GUILD
3 Alma Gimbel	3 Phyllis Mihalich, Jo Ann Novinger
10 Brett Hirn	10 Sara Jane Miller, Bev Reihart
17 Katie Stull	17 Terry Shaner, Andrea Sassaman
24 Joan Murphy	24 Michele Connor, Phyllis Mihalich

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

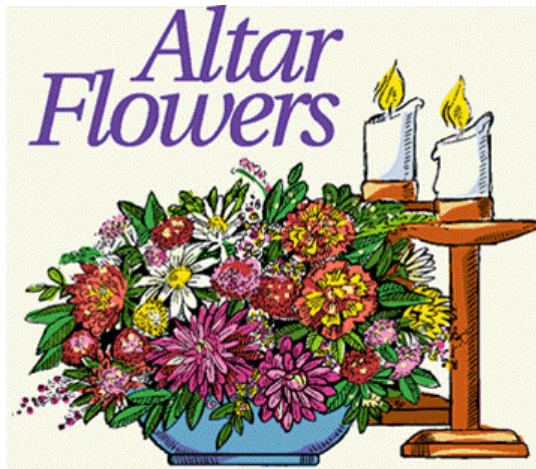
Volunteers are needed for ushers, lay readers, acolytes, assisting ministers, and altar guild.

Please contact the following to volunteer for:

Ushers:	Shannon Weaver 717-691-1618
Lay Readers:	Karen Fisher 717-580-7507
Assisting Ministers:	Phyllis Mihalich 717-697-0227
Acolytes:	Joan Murphy 717-737-5214
Altar Guild:	Phyllis Mihalich 717-697-0227

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS A THING

November 1	Campfire - Grades 6-12
November 1	Movie Under the Stars
November 3	Silent Auction and Quilt Auction at Camp Nawakwa
November 6	EMS Game Night at St. Stephen
November 10	Congregational Meeting
November 12	WinGS
November 16	Dinner With Friends at St. Stephen
November 22	Youth Sleep Out for the Homeless at First United Methodist Church through November 23
November 28	Thanksgiving Dinner
December 1	Getting Ready Sunday & Cookie Baking
December 7	Hang Wreaths and Decorate Trees
December 8	Christmas Carol Singalong
December 8	Silent Auction of Gift Baskets
December 24	Christmas Eve Luminaries Christmas Eve Services
January 2025	Soup-er Bowl
January 11, 2025	Un-Deck the Halls



NOVEMBER ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

- November 3** In honor of St. Mark's Congregation by Karen Heath.
- November 10** In memory of loved ones by Muretta Yentzer.
In memory of Charles Ditmer, Jr. by Susan Ditmer.
- November 17** In memory of Donald F. Adams by John and Connie Kuntz.
- November 24** In memory of Joseph Mihalich by Phyllis Mihalich.

-WORD SEARCH-

THANKSGIVING WORD SEARCH



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E B N S R X P U F X I Y E K R U T I P H R L F
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Blessings
Corn
Cornucopia
Cranberry

Family
Feast
Gather
Gratitude

Harvest
Leaves
November
Pilgrims

Pumpkin Pie
Stuffing
Sweet Potatoes
Thanksgiving

Tradition
Turkey

SPONSOR A LUMINARY FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2024



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

We will begin lighting the luminaries at 3:15 pm on Christmas Eve. You are welcome to join us and light the luminaries that you sponsor, or we will light them for you. Worship services will be held at 4:00 pm (special music starting at 3:45 pm) and 9:30 pm (special music starting at 9:00 pm).

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOXES

Total number of luminaries sponsored _____

- I will come and help light luminaries at 3:15 pm.
- In honor of _____
- In memory of _____
- To the Glory of God

Sponsored by _____

Check amount _____

Please make checks payable to *St. Mark Lutheran Church* and note "*luminary sponsor*" on the memo line no later than December 13.

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 **\$12.00** for a red poinsettia in a 6" pot that will have at least four blooms. **The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 1.** 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

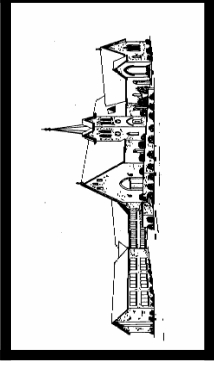
Presented by _____

- 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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