

The ReMarker

OCTOBER 2024

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

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH



Thank you
Pastor Marleen Griffith-Stull!!



Dear Siblings in Christ,

Many of you know our Bible Study group is reading through 1 & 2 Samuel. In the early chapters of 1

Samuel, it is clear that Eli, the priest, is **not** the model of faith that we wish our faith leaders to be. Our first encounter with Eli is when he reprimands Hannah for being drunk. Eli has jumped to the false conclusion that Hannah is drunk because her lips are moving, she is obviously very emotional, but she is not saying anything aloud. Then we learn that Eli's sons have been unfaithful in their duties; he has done nothing to correct them. In contrast, Samuel is a great model of faith. His mother has dedicated him to God's service, and he has taken his role very seriously. It is to Samuel that God's Word comes, not to Eli.

Over the many years I have been in parish ministry, I have often witnessed lay members of the congregation who are better models of faith than myself. I do pray that I am doing a better job than Eli, especially with raising my daughters, but I know that in every congregation, there are many wonderful models of faith. I know that many members have been growing their faith longer than I have been alive and that sometimes younger members have a more genuine faith which is not clouded by life's unholy experiences. As Eli learns from Samuel how to live in faith, I am always humbled by people who teach me how to deeply listen for God's words.

I hope that you, like Samuel, are always ready to hear the voice of God. No, I do not expect many—if any—of you will actually hear God call you by name, but I do trust that God speaks to you in many ways. Unlike Eli, I hope that you recognize the voice of God whether it comes from your daily Bible readings, a sermon, a hymn, or an encounter with someone in daily life. My prayer is that when you do hear the voice of God, that you obey it.

Remember this is sometimes hard. Samuel did not get an affirming message to share with Eli when he is first called by God, but he still faithfully shared what he received from God. Later in his life, he has many other difficult or dangerous things that he is called to do, yet he does them.

As you strive to be more like Samuel than Eli, there are many in our pews and in our community who witness what you do and say. May you be a model of strong faith for someone whose faith needs lifted!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Marleen

Pastor Marleen

BLESSING OUR PETS

Many of us have pets who are part of our families. Once a year we have an opportunity to publicly give thanks for our pets and to bless them. Join us on



Sunday, October 6 (or October 13 if the weather is bad on the 6th) at 12:00 Noon in the church's backyard for our Blessing of the Pets. Bring your pet in a crate/cage or on a leash for a brief service of blessing. Invite friends or family who have pets to join us too. If your pet is too anxious to come out in a group, contact Pastor Marleen for a visit and private blessing.

AUGUST 2024 ATTENDANCE



Service Date	8:30 am In-Person	8:30 am Zoom	11:00 am In-Person	YouTube Service
August 4	47	6	18	21
August 11	41	4	6	29
August 18	51	4	7	48
August 25	55	6	0	26

THE TREASURER'S REPORT



CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF AUGUST 31, 2024

• General Operating Fund	\$	9,903.67
• Capital Expenditures Fund (Organ Fund)	\$	9,815.09
• 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
• Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$	2,629.75
• Prudential investments	\$	358,264.54

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 **October 9, at 1:00 pm.**

NOISY SUNDAY—MAKE SOME NOISE!

The Noisy Sunday collection for August was \$146.96; for September, \$89.70. The next Noisy Sunday will be held on **October 27. THANK YOU!**

INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT AUGUST 31, 2024



40001 - Contributions	\$ 11,394.25
40003 - Benevolence	\$ 486.96
40004 - Social Ministry	\$ 1,185.00
40007 - Administration	\$ 20.00
40009 - Investments	\$ 5,000.00
40010 - Misc. Income (General Account Interest)	\$ 0.55
40011 - Pastor's Discretionary Account	\$ 0.11
40012 - Designated Gifts	\$ 0.29
40013 - Capital Expenditure Account	\$ 6,967.40
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 25,054.56
50200 - Our Ministry to Others	\$ 526.00
50400 - Work Within our Congregation	\$ 7,296.74
50500 - Worship & Music	\$ 2,736.92
50700 - Designated Gifts	\$ 329.29
51000 - Administration	\$ 3,485.62
57000 - Capital Expenditures	\$ 4,032.50
60100 - Building & Property	\$ 4,091.85
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 22,498.92
Net Difference	\$ 2,555.64

2024 vs 2023 COMPARISON:

YTD Deposits through 8/31/24	\$ 211,738.62
YTD Deposits through 8/31/23	\$ 181,662.34
<i>Difference</i>	\$ 30,076.28



NOVEMBER 2024 REMARKER DEADLINE

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



ENJOY THE MUSIC

From the Choir Loft—

VOCAL AND BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS

The bell choir will gather at **6:00 pm** on **Wednesdays** for rehearsal in the Parlor. The adult choir will rehearse at **7:00 pm** on the same evening. There is still time to join either choir. 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.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir resumed last month, and we are excited to share some special music. We're always accepting new members. Please call or email me if you have any questions. My email is denisehirm@hotmail.com and my phone number is 717-802-1064. Sincerely, *Miss Denise*

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

The next Worship and Music Committee will be held on **October 16**, at **1:00 pm**.

Thank you ...

We Appreciate You !!!

RECOGNIZING OUR CHURCH FAMILY

St. Mark wants to say “*Thank You*” to all of our 85 plus members for all they have done and continue to do for our congregation! If you are 85 or older, please contact Shannon Weaver at 717-691-1618 (leave a message) to share all the ways you have actively participated in our ministry over the years. We are planning to recognize all of you at the conclusion of our November Congregational meeting and at future worship services.

If you know someone who should be recognized, please contact Shannon to put them on our list! We don’t want to miss any of this valued group.

Pastor Marleen and Shannon Weaver



A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP

CELEBRATE THE MIRACLE OF THE HARVEST

October is the traditional harvest month for the Northern Hemisphere. We delight that summer produce is still available even as the fall crops are arriving fresh from the farms. It's truly a miracle - one that we too often take for granted, just as we take our food supply for granted.

This fall, spend some time pondering and celebrating the wonder of the harvest and the creative forces that God put in place to make our abundant food supply possible. While celebrating harvest, learn about threats and concerns facing farmers in our age of climate change. Celebrating and learning are appropriate tasks we take on as stewards of our earth and humanity's food supply.

We rightly honor the farmers who diligently plant, cultivate and harvest our fruits and vegetables, but we remember that they don't create the plant life that bears produce. No, it's God who creates all life. Farmers do the important work of optimizing their growth by ensuring the good soil, water and nutrients that plants need, but God is the miracle maker.

We can also think of the miracle of seasons that provide the rhythm for spring's seedtime, summer's flourishing, fall's harvest and winter's rest. Seasons, of course, were created by God, who tilted the earth 23.5 degrees in its orbit around the sun.

This fall, as you enjoy fresh produce from your local farm stand or supermarket, meditate on the miracle of plants, seasons, harvest, and abundant food. Work to help ensure the supply of delicious, nutritious food for generations to come.

--*Robert Blezard*

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ADULT BOOK STUDY RETREAT AT NAWAKWA

October 1-3

All meals (7) are included in the price and served at the Dining Hall. This mid-week retreat begins Tuesday morning and ends with lunch on Thursday. Lodging in Zinn-Tozer Lodge. Retreat led by Sister Marianne Brock. Books for 2024: *The Country of the Blind: A Memoir at the End of Sight* - Andrew Leland & *The World I Live In and Optimism: A Collection of Essays* - Helen Keller



[More Information -](#)

<https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/adult-study-retreat-2024/>

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.



HALLOWEEN PARADE



**SOUP ON THE SIDEWALK—
MECHANICSBURG HALLOWEEN PARADE**
Plan to visit St. Mark Lutheran Church the night of the Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade on **Tuesday, October 8, beginning at 6:00 pm.** St. Mark is on the parade route, so bring a lawn chair to reserve your spot. The Fellowship Committee and volunteers will be serving delicious homemade soup, treats, and bottled water outside on Keller St.

RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Please join us on **Sunday, October 13**, as we recognize and thank all individuals involved in Youth & Family Ministry.



WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE - WinGS

Due to the Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade being held on October 8, the WinGS group will meet on **Tuesday, October 15, at 6:30 pm.**

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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.



CROP WALK FOR THE HUNGRY

Please join our team of St. Mark Keller Street Walkers 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. Use the link below or Google: Crop Walk and Search for Mechanicsburg.

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/st-mark-keller-street-walkers>

Karen Fisher, Team Captain



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



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. We collected 116 pounds of pasta in August and 141 pounds of pop tarts and cereal in September. Following are the items for October, November, and December:

October 20 - Harvest Home including canned Meat and Fish.

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.

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 to remember this year, please contact the church office no later than Monday, October 21.



LADIES NIGHT OUT

Our next Ladies Night Out will be held, Thursday, October 24, 6:00 pm, at Pizza Grille on Old Gettysburg Road, Camp Hill. Please RSVP to Karen via email at kfisher@stmarkmburg.com or by phone at 717-580-7507. Hoping to see all of you there.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE NEWS

The Evangelism Committee was resurrected in January 2023. One of the ways we try to reach out to our neighbors is distribution of a quarterly Newsletter identifying Saint Mark items and events of interest. This Newsletter was first distributed in the Spring of 2023, with the most recent distributed the first week of September 2024, to approximately 120

neighbors in the area surrounding St Mark. We always try and include something along with the Newsletter. This quarter it was a small Halloween Pumpkin decoration made with the toilet paper and paper towel rolls donated by the members of Saint Mark. If anyone is interested in joining this committee, please contact JoAnn Novinger at JANovinger@comcast.net or call 717-877-8178.



UPDATE - AED/CPR TRAINING

The AED/CPR training has been rescheduled for **Saturday, October 26, at 9:00 am** in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Shannon Weaver or Karen Fisher to confirm you will be attending.



REFORMATION SUNDAY EVENT

Join us in Fellowship Hall during Sunday School time on Reformation Sunday, **October 27, for Reformation BINGO and Jeopardy**. Everyone is invited. Please bring a German-themed snack to share.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Children, ages preschool through 5th grade, and families are invited to join us for a Halloween Party on Sunday, **October 27**, from **2:00 pm-3:30 pm**. We'll have games, devotions, and snacks!! Come in costume ready for some fun!



**PUT ON YOUR COSTUME AND JOIN US FOR SOME FUN
AT THE**

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH
Halloween Party

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024
2:00-3:30 P.M.





117 W. KELLER STREET
MECHANICSBURG, PA 17050

GAMES, DEVOTIONS, AND SNACKS
AGES PRESCHOOL-5TH GRADE


R.S.V.P. to revmarleen@stmarkmburg.com by October 20



OCTOBER 2024 - PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH
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>1 6:00 pm-Fellowship</p>
<p>6 20th 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>7 2:00 pm-8:00 pm- Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group</p>	<p>8 6:00 pm-Soup on the Sidewalk 7:00-Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade</p>
<p>13 21st Sunday after Pentecost RECOGNITION SUNDAY 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>14 REMARKER DEADLINE COLUMBUS DAY 8:30 am-Garden Club 2:00 pm-8:00 pm- Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group</p>	<p>15 6:30 pm-WinGS</p>
<p>20 22nd Sunday after Pentecost HARVEST HOME CROP WALK 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-CROP Walk Registration</p>	<p>21 2:00 pm-8:00 pm- Violin Lessons 6:30 pm-Youth & Family Ministry 7:00 pm-German Group</p>	<p>22 1:00 pm-Social Ministry 6:30 pm-Fellowship</p>
<p>27 REFORMATION SUNDAY NOISY SUNDAY OFFEERING 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc.-Comm. 9:45 am-Intergenerational SS Reformation Bingo & Jeopardy 11:00 am-Quiet Svc.-Comm. 2:00 pm-Halloween Party</p>	<p>28 2:00 pm-8:00 pm- Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group</p>	<p>29</p>

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2 11:00 am-Bible Study 12:30 pm-Evangelism 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir</p>	<p>3 6:30 pm- Mechanicsburg Area Lutheran Churches (MALC)</p>	<p>4 2:30-8:00 pm- Violin Lessons</p>	<p>5 9:00 am-Load Gross's Truck for LWR</p>
<p>9 11:00 am-Bible Study 1:00 pm-Finance 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir</p>	<p>10 6:45 pm-Property</p>	<p>11 2:30-8:00 pm- Violin Lessons</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>16 11:00 am-Bible Study 1:00 pm-Worship & Music 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir</p>	<p>17 6:45 pm-Church Council</p>	<p>18 2:30-8:00 pm- Violin Lessons</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>23 11:00 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir</p>	<p>24 6:00 pm-Ladies Night Out at Pizza Grille</p>	<p>25 2:30-8:00 pm- Violin Lessons</p>	<p>26 9:00 am-AED & CPR Training</p>
<p>30 11:00 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir</p>	<p>31 GHOSTS & GOBLINS 6:00 pm-Borough of Mechanicsburg Trick or Treat</p>	<p>November 1 2:30-8:00 pm- Violin Lessons 5:30 pm-Youth Campfire 7:00 pm-Movie Under the Stars</p>	<p>2</p> 

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!



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. Stay tuned for additional details and the name of the movie.



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

2:00 - Silent Auction of Handmade Craft Items

3:00 - Live Auction of Quilts
Dinner following Live Auction

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

Donate an item: Download the [Donation Form](#) . *All donated items are required to be at Nawakwa by **October 18***

[RSVP to attend the auction on November 31, click here!](#)

For additional information, please check out Camp Nawakwa's web page.

<http://hosted.verticalresponse.com/809775/8dd7eeab20/1470825025/3e2375c847/>

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting will be held **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.



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.

Social Ministry



SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

The Social Ministry Committee meets the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Social Ministry Office at 1:00 pm. We welcome new members. Come, join in the fellowship as we explore and plan ways to “reach out” and serve the church and the community.

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



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 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 **8** **DECEMBER**

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

www.stmarkmburg.com

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT—

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

The Social Ministry Committee along with lots of help from St. Mark church members participated in God's Work. Our Hands Sunday. We prepared and assembled dinners which included spaghetti and meatballs, salad, fruit cup, roll, and cookies for homebound individuals, group homes, and individuals who participated in our service projects. **A sincere thank you to all the volunteers who came to help prepare, assemble, and deliver the meals and to everyone who participated in any of the service projects. St. Mark ROCKS!**

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SERVICE PROJECTS:

- YOU made and delivered 75 spaghetti dinners.
- YOU completed a total of 200 School Kits.
- YOU tied 49 quilts for LWR and 1 quilt for Bethesda Mission.
- YOU tied 14 fleece blankets for dogs/pets.
- YOU completed kits for Caitlin's Smiles.
- YOU made all occasion cards for our shut-ins.
- YOU are amazing!



To Friends at St. Mark Lutheran Church, The Fellowship Committee would like to thank all who participated in the peach and ice cream event on Sunday, September 1 following our 8:30 worship. Twenty-seven of us enjoyed a variety of peach goodies that were brought in that included: Strudel, Pie, Bread, Cakes, Ice Cream, Fresh sliced peaches, warm out of the oven peach crisp and even Peach Soup (yes Peach Soup and it was delicious!) Our thanks go out to all who came, to those who brought their favorite peach goodie to share, and those who helped setup, serve, and clean up afterwards. It was a yummy time of Fellowship together.
Terry Shaner, Chairperson



Dear Friends of St. Mark Lutheran Church,
Thank you for the beautiful cards, visits, phone calls, messages, transportation, food, and flowers during my recent surgery and recuperation. You will never know how much everything meant to me. I love you dearly.
Karen Fisher

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

Dear St. Mark Volunteers and Workers,
To everyone who participated in any way on September 8 with the God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday projects----

THANK YOU!

Karen Fisher, Chair, Social Ministry Outreach Committee



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

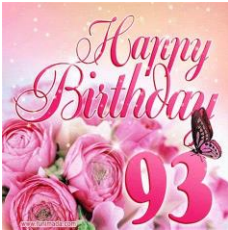
If you would like your birthday and/or anniversary to be printed in the ReMarker, please call the church office (766-4482) or email the office at kfisher@stmarkmburg.com with your name and birthday/anniversary. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS

3	Mark Fake	24	Charlotte Miller
7	Ian Clelan	25	Beverly Weaver
14	Pearl Lehmer	25	Heather Weed
24	Willow Yorlets		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1 Scott & Lori Clelan



SURPRISE BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER

A surprise BIRTHDAY card shower has been requested for Pearl Lehmer by her daughter, Jill Kerstetter. Pearl will be **93 years young** on October 14. Let's shower Pearl with lots of birthday wishes!

Pearl's address is:

Pearl Lehmer
1 Longsdorf Way
Cumberland Crossings
Carlisle, PA 17013

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**.



IN OUR HEART, THOUGHTS, AND PRAYERS

Our thoughts and prayers go with Jeff, Quinlan, Keith Quinlan, and Kim Laurer and their families on the death of their mother and our friend, Sandy Quinlan, on September 10.

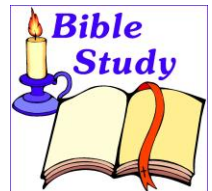
<https://www.buhrig.com/obituaries/sandra-quinlan>

Our thoughts and prayers go with Shirley Vogelsong and family on the death of Shirley's daughter, Lucy Harper, on September 17.

<https://obits.pennlive.com/us/obituaries/pennlive/name/lucy-harper-obituary?id=56350051>

BIBLE STUDY

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



WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS

USHERS	
6 Scott Kreiger, Deb Kreiger	
13 Charles Rusnak, Karen Rusnak	
20 TBA	
27 Susan Fissel, Dave Harnish	
LAY READER	ASSISTING MINISTER
6 Terri Hopkins	6 Sean Gimbel
13 Karen Heath	13 Tina Freidhof
20 Alma Gimbel	20 Barb Yost
27 Sara Jane Miller	27 Karen Heath
ACOLYTE	ALTAR GUILD
6 Phyllis Mihalich	6 Joan Murphy, Andrea Sassaman
13 Caroline Stull	13 Michele Connor, Cindy Larkin
20 Katie Stull	20 Phyllis Mihalich, Connie Kuntz
27 Joan Murphy	27 Terry Shaner, Sandy Brown

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

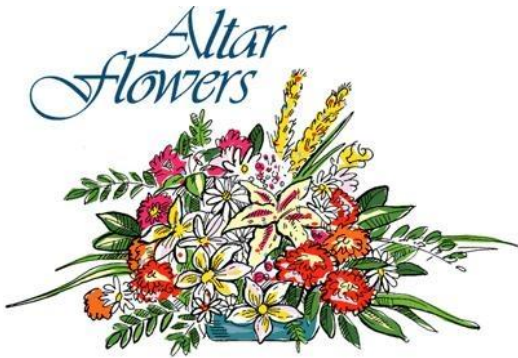
Volunteers are needed for ushers, lay readers, acolytes, assisting ministers, and altar guild.

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

October 5	In-Gathering for Lutheran World Relief
October 6	Blessing of the Pets
October 6	Fall Community Dinner at Trinity
October 8	Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade
October 8	Soup on the Sidewalk Event
October 20	Annual CROP Walk-Mechanicsburg Memorial Park
October 24	Ladies & Friends Night Out - Pizza Grille
October 27	Halloween Party (Preschool-5 th Grade)
November 1	Campfire - Grades 6-12
November 1	Movie Under the Stars
November 3	Silent Auction and Quilt Auction at Camp Nawakwa
November 10	Congregation Meeting
November 28	Thanksgiving Dinner
December 1	Getting Ready Sunday & Cookie Baking
December 8	Christmas Carol Singalong
December 8	Silent Auction of Gift Baskets
December 24	Christmas Eve Luminaries Christmas Eve Services



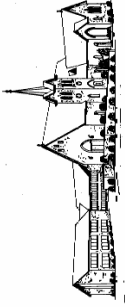
OCTOBER ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

- October 6 In honor of the October wedding anniversaries of my daughter and son-in-law (Kelley and Tom Weist); my son and daughter-in-law (Tim and Natalie Thomas); my grandson (Cody and his wife, Tessa); my grandson (Timothy and his wife, Megan); and my granddaughter (Shania and her hubby, Cody) by Karen Fisher.
- October 13 In memory of Mitzi Imbo by Ez and Andi Sassaman.
- October 20 In honor of Jennifer Hopkins Snitzer on her 40th birthday. Jennifer is the daughter of Terri and Dave Hopkins.
- October 27 As we celebrate Pastor Appreciation Month, the flowers are presented in honor of Rev. Marleen Griffith-Stull.

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED

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

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