

St. Mark Bell

October 2022

St. Mark Lutheran
129 Charles Street
Hanover PA 17331

717-637-8904

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Worship

Saturday 5:30pm Sunday 9:00am Sunday School Classes Following Worship

Church Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9:00am – 12noon **Bible Study**

Fridays 11:00am – 12noon

Bells Rehearsal

Following Sunday Worship

Preschool:

M/W/F (4's) 9:00-11:45am & 12:30-3:15pm

M/W & T/Th (3's) 9:00-11:15am

Meetings & Activities

- Oct 2 Fellowship Time Following Worship
 - World Communion Sunday
 - 10:20am Worship & Music Comm.
- Oct 4 6pm St. Mark Eats @ Hoss's
- Oct 6 3pm Evangelism Comm.
- Oct 8 2pm Pet Blessing Worship
- Oct 9 Confirmation Class
- Oct 10 Columbus Day
- Oct 11 9:30am Property Comm.
 - 5pm Council Mtg.
- Oct 15 9am Hanover Clean Up Day
- Oct 16- CROP Hunger Walk
 - World Food Day
- Oct 17–7pm Finance Meeting
- Oct 18- 1pm Garden Club
 - 6pm Christian Ed Meeting
- Oct 20 5:30pm Fellowship Comm.
- Oct 23 Confirmation Class
 - PAL Team 2
- Oct 30– Reformation Sunday

 (Wear Red in Celebration of the Birthday of the Lutheran Church)
- Oct 31 Happy Halloween!

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9



Dear Members of the Reforming Church:

There once was a copper miner who wanted his young son not to have to follow in his footsteps, working the dirty mines and the hot smelting pots. So, he paid to send him to a special school in the hopes that his son would excel and become a rich, successful professional. But no matter how much the boy did, his father was never happy, always wanting him to do better. This young boy, now growing into a man, formed a phobia, convinced that no matter how much he did he would never be perfect. It drove him so much that eventually he quit the school and ran away to become a monk. But the monastic life was no peaceful retreat. Even there he heard that his heavenly Father was not pleased with him, a fallen pitiful man born into the corruption of sin. Nothing he could do would free his spirit so that he could find rest and peace.

Then one day, this man, now a Biblical professor, rediscovered the words of grace. Paul's words from the letters to Rome, to Galatia, to Ephesus, words that had been forgotten or misunderstood for centuries, suddenly shined a beam of light into his heart, opening him to the mercy of God. For the first time, Martin Luther, a sinner like all humanity, knew that he was truly loved by God. He came to believe that through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, his punishment for his sins had been forgiven. The gift of Jesus assured him that even though he could never be perfect, God loved him and accepted him as a part of his eternal family.

"Justification by Grace through Faith," became one of the foundational teachings of the Reforming Church. It was a teaching to believe in, to accept, to embrace as our only way to salvation. Even while the reformers transitioned and became the Lutheran Church, other emerging religious movements adopted this mantra as their own accepted teaching. Today, most Christian denominations around the world recognize the importance of grace in salvation.

Lutherans still stand boldly on this foundation of our faith, knowing that we are saved by the love of Jesus, by His grace alone. We do not boast on our own good works, our theological prowess, our heritage. While it is important to do good deeds following in the example of Christ, to have strong theological understanding of faith, and to know we follow in a long line of believers, none of that will ever save us. Each one of us is a sinner, born into sin and can never achieve our own perfect right to stand before God. It is only by Jesus' grace that we can come into the eternal kingdom and presence of God.

This is our faith as Lutherans. This is the faith we celebrate this month of October, the month of the Lutheran Reformation. May you cling to that grace and give thanks.

In the peace and grace of God,

Pastor Kirk Griffin

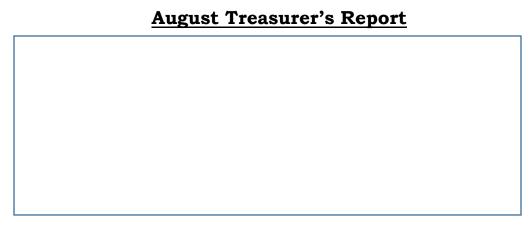
Happenings and News in our Congregation

Council Happenings

Council did not hold their regular meeting in September and, instead, are combining the September and October months into one meeting on **October 11th** at 5:00pm. For previous Council news, please refer to the September "Bell" newsletter.

Nominations Sought: The 2022 Nominating Committee (Tom Long, Pat Keefer, Susan Miller, Carol Reese) is seeking:

- Three Members to join the Congregation Council (three-year term of approximately ten meetings per year plus any committee duties)
- One Auditor to join the Audit Committee (three-year term as Auditor, meeting once or twice per year to review the financial books of the preceding year)
- Two Nominating Committee Members (one-year term to nominate candidates in 2023)
- Two Representatives to Synod Assembly (one male and one female to attend the twoday Synod assembly in June of 2023.)



St. Mark's Monthly Offering for Designated Needs: gives us an opportunity as a congregation to support specific domestic and international needs. During October, we are given the opportunity to contribute to **YWCA Safe Home**. Recognizing the fact that domestic violence is a serious issue, the Safe Home Program was developed in 1981 by YWCA Hanover. The foundation of the program is the strong belief that individuals have a right to control their lives and make decisions without fear of assault or degradation.

To contribute to our designated giving, please mail your donations to our office or place them in our weekend collection plates. Specify on the convenience or designated need envelopes in our pew racks or on the "other" line of any of our weekly offering envelopes, "YWCA Safe Home." Whenever a donation is made on the "other" line that does not have a written designation, it will automatically be given to the ministry fund designated for that month. Thank you for your support!



Welcome, Shirley: We want to welcome Shirley Noel as a new member of St. Mark. Shirley has been attending Saturday night worship very regularly and on September 11th she joined the church membership through affirmation of her faith. Shirley lives on Moul Avenue by the Hanover Middle School. If you see her, be sure to give her a big welcome.



Happy Birthday To Our OCTOBER Birthdays!

Oct. 3 Carol Reese Adam Warehime

Oct. 4 Michael Brown Donna Kuhn Gail Merlo

Oct. 5 Donna Bell Nancy Bittinger Hilda Pfaff Kimberly Zinn

Oct. 9 Gary Laabs

Oct. 10 Karen Crawford Sharon Glass

Oct. 11 Ed Gouker, Jr.

Oct. 15 Carol Pado



Oct. 16 Jay Tome

Oct. 17 Patricia Hagarman

Oct. 18 Susan Potter Pr. Jerry Smith

Oct. 20 Lois VandenHeuvel

Oct. 21 Amanda Alvarez

Oct. 22 Joshua Leppo

Oct. 23 Barb Smith

Oct. 26 Rebecca Bingel
Joan Frock
McHenze Wildasin

Oct. 29 Nancy Mummert

Oct. 31 Nancy Fridinger

*If we've missed anyone, please let us know at 717-637-8904.



<u>Prayer List</u>: We ask that you keep all our shut-ins and those needing special help in your daily prayers. We will keep the shut-ins on the list indefinitely, and those needing extra prayers will be removed after one month unless hearing otherwise. To add a name to the prayer list, please write it on the list on the narthex brass stand or call the office. This month keep in your prayers: *Nancy Bittinger, Larry Bolin,*

Katherine Borsella, Allen Bowersox, Wilma Crawford, Jada Crow, Irene DeMart, Gail Dorsey, Diane Duffy, Robin Eline, Tarek Elnaggar, Jean Eshbach, Gwenyeth Eyler, Julia Eyler, Lydia Eyler, Family of Jeff Eyler, Vickie Gouker, Tom Greenholt, Carol Ann Haines, Shirley Hippensteel, Mike Hnatkowicz, Jean Huskin, Don Jamison, Donna Jones, JoAnn Kirkpatrick, Norma Kreidler, Robert Krick, Allen Kuhns, John Kuhns, David Kunkel, Family & Friends of Suzanne McDermitt Kurtz, Ted LeGore, Ricky Mai, Mary Ellen Melhorn, Carol Miller, Merita Moore, Leah Moul, Merle Mummert, Tammy Mummert, Carolyn Neumyer, Wayne Noel, Marian Noble, Sylvia Plank, Stef Reid, Mary Riley, Tony Schuman, Cecelia Sell, Family & Friends of Leroy Shive, Family & Friends of Andy Smith, Pr. Jerry Smith, Beverly Snyder, Ken Sterner, Phyllis Tasto, Jennie Tome, Anna Turvin, Lois VandenHeuvel, Barb Watson, Paul and Naomi Warren, Diana Weaver, Ron Wentz, Rebecca Wisotzkey, Sam Young, Anita Zeigler.

All Saints' Weekend: Join us on All Saints' Weekend, November 5th and 6th. We will display the Saint banners and celebrate the lives of those of our members who have gone to their great reward this past year. If you have lost a loved one this past year and would like him/her to be remembered at our All Saints' tribute, please contact the church office. We could also use a few volunteers to carry the banners that Sunday in the processional.





New Bible Study Begins: To God's elect...who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance. This is how Peter starts his first letter to his readers. His words are also for you, the chosen of God. Come and join us starting Friday, **October 7**th at 11:00am for a one hour discussion of

Peter's letters to all Christians. We will learn together, read together, and share in fellowship. Everyone is welcome.



Can You Help with the Bazaar? The Evangelism Committee plans to make a big success of our Fall Bazaar. They plan to rent tables to crafters and anyone who wants to sell their treasures. They'll also have a Granny's Attic table of their own and are looking for donations of saleable treasures. They hope to sell lots of donated pies of all types, including pumpkin pies baked at St. Mark's. In the kitchen, they'll be offering concessions and homemade chicken corn soup.

Application: If you know of anyone who'd like to rent a table, please give them an <u>application</u> or ask them to call the church office (717-637-8904) or Martha Lippy (717-637-8891). They can also download an application at <u>tinyurl.com/Fall2022BazaarApplication</u>.

<u>Volunteers Are Needed</u>: To set up, tear down, and work the day of the sale. **Please help us make our Fall Bazaar a success.** Signup sheets are available in the church hallway across from the office.



-To St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church: On behalf of the VNA, I would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$606.00 that you made in support of the VNA Hospice program... We stand true to our mission to bring professional health care to the home and to teach families how to care for their loved ones in all stages of life. We truly appreciate your support of the Visiting Nurse Association of Hanover & Spring Grove's Hospice program. – Kevin C. Maloney, PT, President & CEO

- **-Dear Family of St. Mark Church:** Thank you for the beautiful flowers while I was in the Hanover Hospital. They brought a cheerful touch to my room for over a week of time. God Bless each of you. Love, Nancy Bittinger
- **-To Our Sunday School Teachers Installed on September 11th:** Thank you for another year of offering your gifts to our youth. We continue to give a big thanks to Judy Laughman who has ministered to the Nursery class for over 50 years. We appreciate all that you do.
- **-To the Congregation of St. Mark:** Lutheran World Relief gives thanks for the donation of 55 personal care kits. These kits help us serve our neighbors in need. Without you, we cannot help them. Thank you for your generosity. Lutheran World Relief
- **-To Everyone Who Supported Our Walkers:** Thank you to everyone who donated and supported Cara Lynn Clabaugh and Pat Keefer in their walks to fight disease and improve people's lives. **Cara Lynn Clabaugh** participated in the York/Adams Heart Walk and raised \$340 to fight heart disease, surpassing her goal. **Pat Keefer** (see note below) walked with Wayne's Walkers to support the fight against Alzheimer's Disease.
- -A Note from Pat: I would like to thank everyone that donated to the Alzheimer's Walk. The Walk was on September 17, and I had a team of 10 walking with me. We were able to raise \$1213.00 thanks to many family and friends' donations. So thank you again for your support to this great cause. Pat Keefer



Host a Fellowship Time: The remaining 2022 fellowship gatherings are October 2nd, November 6th, and December 4th. To make sure we're able to enjoy coffee, donuts, and fellowship, we'll need someone to set out the (church-provided) donuts and make the coffee. Please sign up on the hallway bulletin board to keep this enjoyable gathering going each month – all of the above dates are still open for hosting.

The New Door: Before and After Photos! The Willow Street side of our church is now fully handicap accessible at both the office/sanctuary entrance and the fellowship hall entrance. The installation went smoothly. We give thanks to all who continue to support our replacement door efforts and have made this possible.

As a review we have now completed in:

2017: The basement doorway in outside stairwell.

2018: The Charles Street sanctuary door & fellowship hall parking lot door with inset cross window.

2019: The Willow Street main handicap electric entrance given as a gift in memory of Ruth Willheim.

2020: The bell tower (Allegheny side) door with inset cross window.

2021: We took this year off to complete the roof project.

2022: NOW the Willow Street fellowship hall electric entrance.



We know we have nine sets of decaying and inefficient doors still needing attention, but we have made a great start over the last few years. Thanks once again to all who support the Door Replacement Fund.



NEEDED: Sunday Morning Communion Assistants: Thank you to those who help with Communion each Sunday. We still have a few openings for Communion Assistants on **October 23rd** and in **November/December**. We also still need an Altar Guild for **December**. Please sign up in the narthex.

<u>Join the TrebleBells</u>: St. Mark's TrebleBells rehearse weekly after the Sunday service. We'd love to have you, even if you're new to ringing bells. Contact Melinda at <u>MelindaElnaggar@gmail.com</u> for more information.

<u>Voices Needed</u>: We're always looking for new choir members. Please contact a choir member or Melinda to find out how to join!

Flat Sheets and Helpers Needed: Our sewing group provides much-appreciated quilts to those in palliative care. This ministry is such a wonderful gift. Please consider helping by **donating colored, flat sheets** that are the basis for every quilt. Donations of sheets help the group produce more quilts, which are always being requested by the hospital and other area agencies. Please drop them off on Thursday mornings or during church office hours (9:00am to 12noon). Additionally, **the ladies welcome new helpers** — no sewing experience needed!





St. Mark *Eats***:** Join us on the first Tuesday of each month (typically) for our St. Mark *Eats* gathering at local restaurants. On Tuesday, **October 4th**, we'll have dinner at Hoss's in Hanover. All are welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship and food. Sign up on the narthex bulletin board or call 717-637-8904 so we can ensure sufficient seating. Upcoming *Eats* are planned for Perkins Restaurant on **November 1**st and Railside Restaurant on **December 6**th.

OCTOBER Altar Vases



October 2nd: Altar Vases: Both altar vases are available for dedication
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October 16th: Altar Vases: October 10th: Altar Vases: Both altar vases are available for dedication

October 23rd: Altar Vase: Given by Joan Reigle in Memory of My

Husband, Dave Reigle

Altar Vase: Given by Josephine Kuhns in Memory of My

Husband, Joseph Kuhns

October 30th: Altar Vase: Given by Martha and Wayne Lippy in Memory

of Our Loved Ones

Altar Vase: Given by Nancy and Glenn Mummert &

Family in Honor of Merle and Penny

Please Help Us Keep Our Altar Beautiful: As you can see, we have many open vases in **October**. Much of **November** is also open, as well as **one vase in December**. By covering the \$17.00 cost of a weekly vase, you can honor your loved ones and help us continue our tradition of fresh flowers enhancing the altar each Sunday. Call 717-637-8904 or choose a date in the altar flower book in the narthex.

<u>Sunday Lectors</u>: We're always looking for Lectors to share the readings at our Sunday services. **October 30**th is still open, as well as most of **November** and **December**. Let the Holy Spirit move you to answer the call to serve as a Lector this fall at St. Mark.

OCTOBER Sunday Worship Helpers

October Altar Care: Josephine Kuhns

October 2nd

CPIC: Martha Lippy Lector: Hollis Long

Communion Assts: Kathy Gates

Sue O'Brien

October 9th

CPIC: Pat Keefer Lector: Karen Feeser

Communion Assts: Karen Feeser

Kathy Gates

October 16th

CPIC: Tom Long Lector: Alex Spalding

Communion Assts: Karen Feeser

Hollis Long

October 23rd

CPIC: Need Volunteer Lector: Mike Merlo

Communion Assts: Karen Feeser

Need Volunteer

October 30th

CPIC: Need Volunteer Lector: Need Volunteer

Communion Assts: Gail Merlo

Mike Merlo



We Appreciate Our Worship Helpers: Please consider volunteering to help with altar care in **December**. We need someone to tidy up after worship and take care of the flowers each week. The signup sheet is in the narthex next to the altar flower book, or you can call the church office to volunteer. If you can't commit to the entire month, you can share with someone else. Thanks for taking on this small but important job.

Pet Blessing: We'll be celebrating our pets and everything they add to our lives at the Annual Pet Blessing worship. Bring your dogs, cats, lizards, tarantulas, and hamsters to the outside area of the sanctuary on Saturday, **October 8th at 2:00pm**. Remember to leash dogs (& fish) and bring cats, wombats, chinchillas, and other small animals in carriers/cages for their own safety.





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Happenings and Ministry to Our Community

Help Clean Up Hanover: To participate in this year's Hanover Clean Up Day presented by JustServe on **October 15**th from 9:00am to 12:00pm, sign up online at JustServe.org. Help clean up our town and enjoy a crisp autumn day outside with friends and family – lunch provided at Wirt Park.

Community Concert Series: Emmanuel UCC at 124 Broadway in Hanover is once again hosting a series of concerts. On October 22nd at 7:00pm Michael Britt will accompany the classic silent film, *Phantom of the Opera*, on the organ. Then on **December 18th** at 7:00pm will be the 112th Annual Carol Sing, accompanied by a 30-piece community orchestra. For more information contact Emmanuel UCC at 717-632-8281.



<u>Nawakwa Events</u>: The Lutheran Camping Corporation (717-677-8211, Lutheran Camping.org) is hosting three events in **October** & **November** at Nawakwa in Arendtsville.

First up is **Fall Foliage Day** – a family event from 1:00 – 6:00pm on **October 23rd**. Admission is \$15/person (register by **October 14th**).

Then on **November 6th**, the **Annual Quilt Auction**, beginning at 2:00pm (register by **November 1st**).

And, finally, a **Women's Craft Retreat November 11th – 13th** (register by **November 1st**). Registration is \$160 which covers meals, lodging, and project supplies.

Feed Hungry Kids: Ruth's Harvest sends home bags of food with children who otherwise may only eat at school. To keep this program going, the Hanover Area Council of Churches requests single-serve packages of nutritious food to fill these bags, such as non-refrigerated fruit, veggies, tuna/chicken packets, and snacks. To donate, look for the HACC shelter bin by the church office.





<u>Did You Know:</u> You can bring in your old prescription eyeglasses and donate them in the collection box next to the table in the bell tower room? The Lions Club of Hanover will repurpose those glasses and give them to people in need.

<u>Save Lives While Eating Ice Cream</u>: We're hosting another UPMC Blood Drive on **November 10**th from 8:00am to 7:00pm. This time, all donors get a voucher for a **FREE Pint of Ice Cream** from Bruster's! Walk-ins welcome, but pre-registered donors will get preference. Sign up at 717GiveBlood.org or 800-771-0059.

Recognizing Good Deeds: The Exchange Club of Hanover is seeking nominations for the Robert J. Smith 70th Annual Golden Deeds Award. If you know someone who has gone out of their way to significantly contribute to the quality of life in our area, contact Martha H. Channell at 717-637-8790 to nominate him/her for this award. Nominations are due **November 5th** for the **November 22nd** dinner to honor the winner.



So Exciting! The start of 2022-2023 preschool is underway and the students are enjoying and adjusting to their classrooms, classmates, and teachers. We have a lot of fun filled things planned for the students and are looking forward to an amazing school year ahead!

The Ben & Scooters Sweet Treat Fundraiser and Meet the Teacher Night was a huge success! Thank you to everyone that supported this

wonderful event. – Idonia Klunk and Allison Wentz (Preschool Co-Directors)

CROP Hunger Walk: The CROP Walk is scheduled for Sunday, **October 16th**. Walkers can choose between a 3-mile or 1-mile walk. Registration is at 1:00pm at St. Paul's (Dubs) Union Church, followed by a prayer for those



in need of our funds. If you'd like to walk or sponsor a walker, contact the church office at 717-637-8904 or talk to Linda Bolin, Team Captain. Cash or checks made payable to *Church World Service* may be forwarded to St. Mark's office or given directly to the walkers.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS!



Way to Go!!! St. Mark's "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday was a big success this year. We give thanks to all who donated the needed items or gave financial support. With your help, we were able to put together 55 kits. They have been Lutheran World delivered to the distribution warehouse in New Windsor, Maryland (left). From there, these kits will join other care packages to people in this country and around the world who find themselves in need.





Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed: The Salvation

Army needs volunteers to work in 2-hour shifts around Hanover this Christmas season. For more information, please contact Kathi Thomas at 717-637-2105 or Kathleen. Thomas@USE.salvationarmy.org.

Our Teams Serve at Provide-A-Lunch (PAL):

Team #2 will be serving at HACC on October 23rd: Our team members include: Joann Berwager, Pat Brooks, Lynn Gross, Dale Dull, and Shellene Griffin. To maintain our three teams, we can use more PAL volunteers. Each team only serves once every three months, so it's not a huge time commitment. Any help is appreciated. Call or just come to one of our serving events at HACC on Carlisle Street.



HACC NEWS & SPECIAL NEEDS THIS MONTH:

PAL (Provide-a-Lunch) Program: Canned whole potatoes, single-serve fruit cups, cans of mixed vegetables, sugar, bottled water, 9x9 compartment clamshells, plastic cutlery sets with knives, spoons, napkins, salt, and pepper.

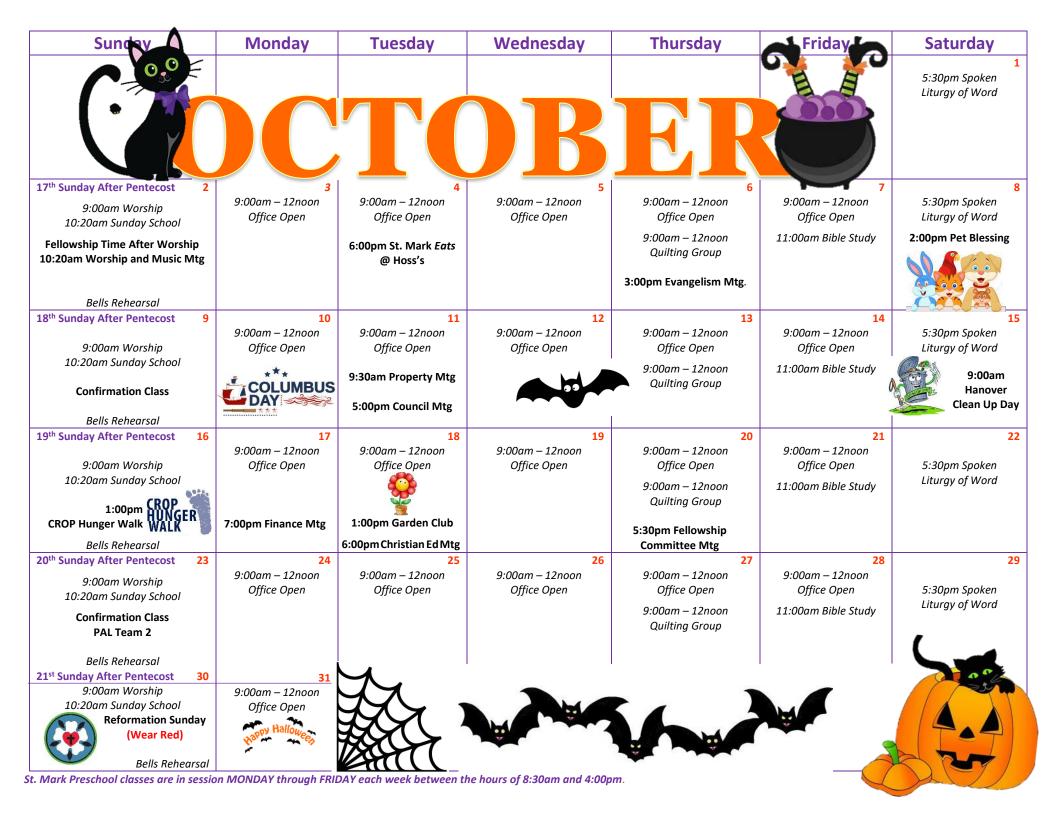
Shelter: Women's underwear 1X/2X/3X, disposable gloves M/L, cleaning supplies, women's sweatpants S/M/XL, men's colored T-shirts L/XL/2X/3X, men's boxers M/L/XL/2X/3X, men's sweatpants M/L/XL.

Clothing Bank: Gently used clothes, shoes, household items, toys, and toiletries.

Meals on Wheels: Adult coloring books, pencils, word search books.

Ruth's Harvest: Single-serve fruit cups, single-serve entrées, single-serve cereal.

All Donations can be placed in the bins by the office on the corner table at end of hall.



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By the grace of God in and through Jesus Christ, the mission of the people of St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hanover, Pennsylvania, is to hear and share the Good News of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament ministry. Since our founding in 1864 it has been the mission of the people of St. Mark to testify in word and deed that no one is outside God's mercy in Jesus Christ.

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