



# St. Mark Bell

## December 2022



*For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given."  
Isaiah 9:6a*

### St. Mark Lutheran

129 Charles Street  
Hanover PA 17331  
717-637-8904  
[stmarkhanover.org](http://stmarkhanover.org)

#### 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

#### Quilting Group

Thursdays 9:00am-12noon

#### 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

- Dec 2 – **NO BIBLE STUDY**
- 8am-5pm Greens Sale
- Dec 3 – 8am-1pm Greens Sale
- Dec 4 – Fellowship Time After  
Worship
- Dec 5 – Hunger Star Deadline
- Dec 6 – 6pm St. Mark *Eats* @ Railside
- Dec 7 – 7pm Future Task Force
- Dec 11 – Congregational Mtg  
– Confirmation Class
- Dec 13 – 9:30am Property Mtg.
- Dec 17 – 8:30am Tree Decorating  
Followed by Brunch
- Dec 18 – Pageant Sunday  
– Congregational Mtg.  
Make-Up Date if Necessary
- Dec 21 – *1<sup>st</sup> Day of Winter*
- Dec 24 – 3pm Christmas Eve Worship  
– 7pm Christmas Eve Worship
- Dec 25 – *Merry Christmas!*  
– PAL Team 3
- Dec 26 – *Boxing Day*
- Dec 31 – *New Year's Eve*
- Jan 1 – New Year's Worship  
Followed by Cookie Sharing  
Fellowship Time

Dear gift receivers:

For me it was a three-story Hot Wheels garage, with red ramps running from top to bottom and an elevator right in the middle. This magical structure parked countless cars and trucks and could even wash them through rotating brushes that never used water – or actually cleaned anything for that matter. But that didn't bother me, because this toy was my entire world for a short bit back in 1975 when I was seven years old. It was all I wanted. I had seen it in the Montgomery Wards Wish Book and just knew I had to have it, or my Christmas would be ruined.

You probably had some of those memorable toys or gifts back in the day that you longed to receive; something you had seen in a store window, in a catalog, or at a friend's house. At the time they meant so much to you. Perhaps it was because of who gave them to you or what the item meant. For me, Santa's gift of the plastic, assemble-it-yourself, Hot Wheels garage was just all I could think about at that time.

Yet, looking back, I wonder whatever happened to all those toys? Did those gifts break? Did we grow out of them? Did our interest just fade, and we moved on? The excitement of a new gift that, at first, seemed so thrilling, many times is just forgotten. I am sure my longed-for plastic toy garage was quickly relegated to the pile of useless stuff in the basement and was eventually thrown out, never to be seen again.

That doesn't mean that gifts and toys that give us that thrill of receiving and giving are not important – they are. While our gifts, given and received, may be limited by time and worth, they are our small way of giving honor to the greatest gift ever given. Through these gifts we attempt to share in the joy and love expressed in the one gift that was given to all the world, that never can be lost, broken, or forgotten – Jesus, the Christ, our Immanuel.

Even before we knew we needed him or wanted his gift of love and grace, he gave it. Hundreds of years before God became the incarnate child of Bethlehem, Isaiah prophesied that a child would be born for us, a son given for us. Jesus came to give us life everlasting and win for us a place in his kingdom forever. This gift is ours forever. As we celebrate this Christmas, giving and receiving gifts, remember that one everlasting gift, Jesus our Savior. Celebrate that gift this year.

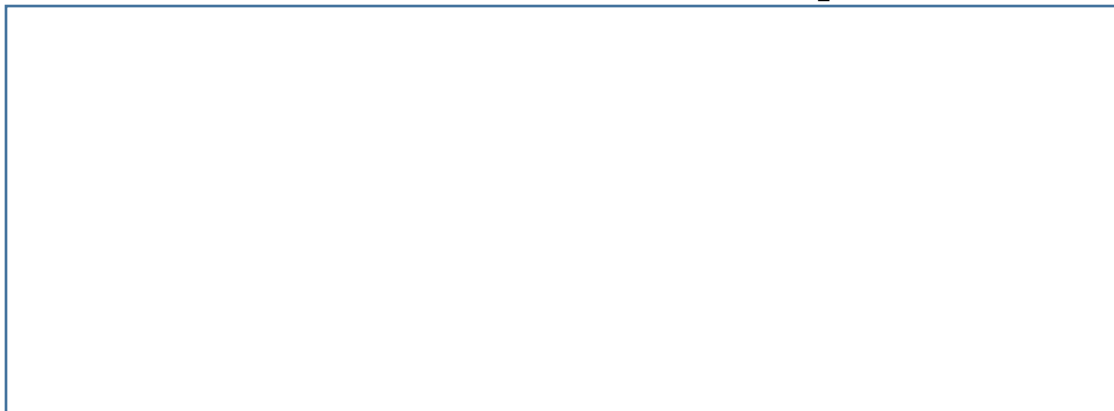
In the peace and grace of God, *Pastor Kirk Griffin*

# Happenings and News in our Congregation

## **Council Happenings From November 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting**

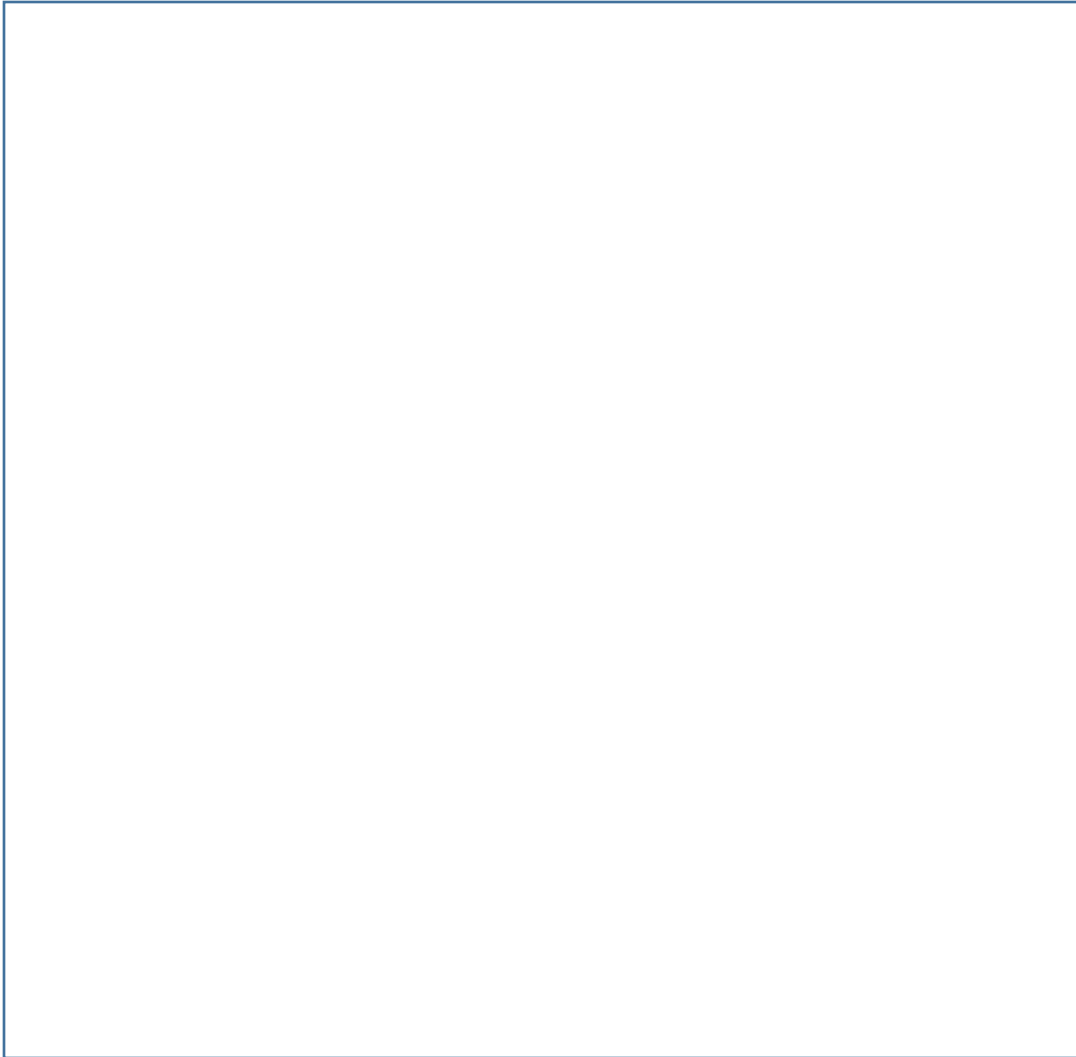
- Meeting opened with prayer and a blessing mentioning the wonderful work the Evangelism Committee did with our first ever Bazaar and the workers who helped get the church ready for Advent and the Christmas Season.
- Thank you notes were received and noted by the Council along with a review of the minutes and the attendance records.
- Christian Education Committee discussed the continuing Sunday school classes and the upcoming decorating and card-making events in December.
- Evangelism Committee shared the info about the Fall Bazaar and the Give Thanks tree.
- Fellowship Committee discussed St. Mark *Eats* transitioning for the winter months to a lunch gathering. This will start in January. Also discussed other future events.
- Property Committee reviewed the ongoing work needed around the church and the holiday season needs.
- Worship and Music have planned the Advent services and Christmas Eve 3pm and 7pm worship. They will meet again in January to discuss the Spring Lenten season.
- Future Task Force presented their minutes and ideas that they are discussing based on the surveys taken. They meet again in December.
- HACC Board met to do business and discussed the psychological implications involved in homelessness.
- Finance Committee presented the end of October expenses vs. income report. Discussed trends toward deficit as we head into the end of the year which is a concern as we look at the 2023 budget. Council did approve presenting the proposed budget to the congregation at the annual election/budget meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>.
- It was also noted that we WILL need to find nominations to keep a functioning Council in the new year. Other nominations are also being sought at this time.
- Council voted to have an office-use debit card for petty cash needs with a limit.
- Council decided to meet in December at a restaurant for an end-of-the-year Christmas dinner. The day and time are yet to be determined.

## **October's Treasurer's Report**



**Congregational Budget and Election Meeting**  
**December 11<sup>th</sup> Following Morning Worship – Make-Up Date December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Proposed Budget for 2023:** The following is a synopsis of the proposed budget for 2023 with listings of 2021 & 2022 for comparison. Mission Support is not a part of the overall budget, but rather a goal set for donations received by the congregation to be sent to the Synod.



**Nominations of Elections: As of this writing the nominations given are:**

3 Members to join the Congregation Council (3-year term):

Nominees are: \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_

1 Auditor to join the Audit Committee (3-year term)

Nominees are: \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_

2 Nominating Committee Members at large for 2023 (1-year term)

Nominees are: \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_

2 Delegates to 2023 Synod Assembly day of business in June, 2023 – 1 male, 1 female

Nominees are: \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_

## Happy Birthday To Our **DECEMBER Birthdays!**

**Dec. 3** Susan Miller  
**Dec. 4** Bill Berry  
**Dec. 5** Brenda Funke  
**Dec. 8** Bonnie Marrero  
**Dec. 9** Alex Spalding  
**Dec. 11** Bob Hoster  
**Dec. 12** Linda Bolin  
**Dec. 13** Kaydence Borrer  
**Dec. 14** Jack Warehime  
**Dec. 18** Josephine Kuhns



**Dec. 20** Jennifer Luckabaugh  
**Dec. 21** Judy Bolin  
**Dec. 23** Betty Bolin  
**Dec. 25** Jesus, God Incarnate  
**Dec. 26** Carol Albin  
**Dec. 28** Bonnie Naill  
**Dec. 29** Carver Alvarez  
 Judy Laughman  
**Dec. 31** Donald Keagy, Jr.

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



**Prayer List:** 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: *Barb Baublitz, Nancy Bittinger, Larry Bolin, Katherine Borsella, Bob Bortner, Allen Bowersox, Alice Button, Wilma Crawford, Jada Crow, Irene DeMart, Gail Dorsey, Diane Duffy, Robin Eline, Tarek Elnaggar, Jean Eshbach, Gwenyeth Eyler, Julia Eyler, Family of Jeff Eyler, Vickie Gouker, Tom Greenholt, Carol Ann Haines, Shirley Hippensteel, Jean Huskin, Don Jamison, Donna Jones, Pat Keefer, JoAnn Kirkpatrick, Norma Kreidler, Robert Krick, Mary Lou Krummeck, Allen Kuhns, John Kuhns, David Kunkel, Gardy Lawrence, Ted LeGore, Ricky Mai, Dave & Denise Martin, Mary Ellen Melhorn, Carol Miller, Merita Moore, Leah Moul, Merle Mummert, Pam Mummert, Tammy Mummert, Carolyn Neumyer, Wayne Noel, Marian Noble, Family and Friends of Dina Pedulla, Sylvia Plank, Stef Reid, Mary Riley, Tony Schuman, Robert Sell, Wayne Slusser, Pr. Jerry Smith, Beverly Snyder, Ken Sterner, Kady Storm, Phyllis Tasto, Jennie Tome, Anna Turvin, Lois VandenHeuvel, Barb Watson, Paul and Naomi Warren, Diana Weaver, Family and Friends of Jean Weikert, Ron Wentz, Rebecca Wisotzkey, Shannon Yoeman, Sam Young, Anita Zeigler.*



**White Rose:** It is with deep regret we have to announce the passing of one of our members, Jean Weikert, who entered the everlasting promise found in the living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers. In her memory, a white rose was placed in our chancel for the weekend of November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

**When the Weather Outside is Frightful:** So, we finally have cold weather – and even a few snow flurries in the last couple of weeks. Did we go directly from summer to winter?? In any case, if weather causes services to be canceled, we will do our best to get the word out via WGAL and WGAL.com. We'll also get a message on the church website ([stmarkhanover.org](http://stmarkhanover.org)) and the phone's voicemail (637-8904), as well as send emails if at all possible. If you're not sure whether we'll be worshipping on our normal schedule, please check before braving the weather. And if you're worried at all about ice or other unsafe conditions, please stay home and stay safe!

**INCLEMENT  
WEATHER  
INFORMATION**







**-Big Thanks:** Thank you to Marilyn Kirschner, Dale Dull, Mike Noble, and Karen Feeser, and the Worship and Music Committee for preparing the sanctuary for Advent. Getting ready for the Christmas season involves a lot of extra work, and we're thankful you helped lighten the load.

**-Gifts:** We give thanks for the gifts from Sandy Bittinger, Marian Noble, Pamela Garrett, and Vicki George, as well as Melanie Brady's and Diana Weaver's special artistic talents to freshen our Christmas greenery and add to our beautiful Christmas decorations. We also thank all of those who dedicated wreaths, poinsettias, and stars – all of which helped usher in the Christmas spirit.

**-To Our Altar Guild Fill-Ins:** We appreciate those who have helped out and taken over last-minute altar guild duties whenever necessary this fall. Thank you!

**-To the Evangelism Committee for a Great Bazaar:** Thank you for all your planned work and volunteering. I was so proud of our congregation and Pastor Kirk with God's help. We had the most wonderful event that I shared with Deb Grove and the quilters. We served all walks of life with treasures and baked goods. God Bless all our happy friends! St. Mark is a force with Pastor Kirk and God's Work. PS Thanks Joni! – Lovingly, Marian Stabley

**-Dear Congregation:** Thanks so much for your prayers. God slowed me down and I must be patient. I am healing and I have been blessed. God bless you all for your support and prayers. – Your Friend, Pam Mummert.

**-To the Congregation of St. Mark:** Thank you for your recent donation. Your generosity will enable us to continue our mission of supporting other non-profit organizations in the greater Hanover area. Thank you! We appreciate your support! – Sweet Charities of Hanover



**Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services:** Please join us and bring family and friends on **Christmas Eve at 3:00pm and/or 7:00pm** (6:30pm to enjoy our Christmas musical prelude). Since **Christmas Eve is a Saturday** this year, we won't be holding our regular Saturday night spoken worship – however, we will still have our **normal 9:00am service on Christmas Day**.

**Christmas Eve Prelude:** The musicians of St. Mark invite you to Christmas Eve 2022 and their prelude offerings. **The prelude begins at 6:30 pm** with Martha Lippy on cello in *O, Come, O, Come, Emmanuel*. **Treble Bells** will regale us with *Carol of the Bells* and other selections. **Trinity Choir** will join the festivities before worship begins, and several of **your favorite soloists** round out the artists for the evening. If you see something that you don't want to miss, you will want to **be in place by 6:30 pm**. Please come and support St. Mark's musicians. If time allows, we may also offer one or two callout hymns not being used in worship. Watch the weekly announcements for more specifics as time draws near.



**Christmas Tree Decorating Brunch:** A signup sheet is up in the office hallway for our Tree-Decorating-Potluck-Brunch on Saturday, **December 17<sup>th</sup>**, at 8:30am. Please join us for fellowship and a good time getting into the Christmas spirit!

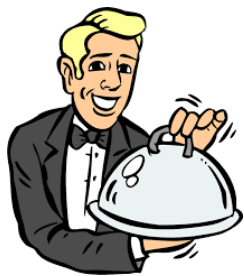


**Host a Fellowship Time:** We're always looking for more hosts to keep our 1<sup>st</sup>-Sunday-Fellowship-Time going. Hosting involves setting out our breakfast treats and coffee and straightening up after. Please sign up in the office hallway to host one of these monthly events in 2023. Also a reminder - this year the **Christmas Cookie Sharing Fellowship Sunday** is **January 1<sup>st</sup>** (the first Sunday of the New Year). So, on New Year's Day bring in your cookies to share and bring in 2023 with a wonderful treat.

**St. Mark's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fall Bazaar:** Was a success! We had people waiting when we opened and sold out of chicken corn soup by 10:30! The Evangelism Committee raised over \$1,400 for Lutheran Disaster Relief and St. Mark's Quilt Mission. It was also a day of fellowship with many volunteers working together. Thank you to all who worked so hard to put this event together!



**Flat Sheets and Helpers Needed:** Interested in camaraderie and fun? The sewing group welcomes new members! Their mission brings comfort to those in palliative care, and they could really use more help meeting those needs. Donations of flat sheets are also welcome.



**St. Mark Eats:** Starting in January, our St. Mark *Eats* will be trying a lunchtime gathering. Because of the earlier winter sunsets, we'll be meeting during the day for fellowship at local restaurants. Join us each month, usually on the first Tuesday, for food and fun. Future *Eats* will take place on:

**December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** at Railside Restaurant

**January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00pm** at El Rodeo

**February 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm** at Olive Garden

**March 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm** at Starlight Diner

**April 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm** at Chili's on Eisenhower

Please sign up in the narthex to join us so we can make sure there are plenty of seats available!

## DECEMBER Altar Vases



### DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

- Chancel Basket:** Given by Robert and Cecelia Sell in Loving Memory of Our Daughter, Christine Ann Sell-Gallagher
- Altar Vase:** Given by the Robert Bish Family in Loving Memory of Evelyn Bish
- Altar Vase:** Given by Gilbert Bishop in Loving Memory of Mary Gwen Siegel

### DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

- Altar Vase:** Given by Kate Klunk and Jared Laird in Honor of Grace Laird's 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- Altar Vase:** Given by the Ruth Family in Loving Memory of Helen Ruth

### DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

- Altar Vase:** Given by Barb Baublitz in Loving Memory of Simpson Baublitz
- Altar Vase:** Given by the Ruth Family in Loving Memory of Helen Ruth

### DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

- Altar Vase:** Given by Sue O'Brien in Loving Memory of Her Parents, George and Dorothy Swartz
- Altar Vase:** Given by Vivian Cullison in Memory of Loved Ones

### Christmas Eve Worship Leaders Needed

**3:00pm and 7:00pm**

**Readers, Greeters, Ushers**

If you can read a lesson or help at Christmas Eve worship at either service, please contact us or look for the sign-up in the narthex of the church.

**Please Help Us Worship on Sundays:** Lectors, Communion Assistants, and the Altar Guild are all necessary to make our Sunday services run smoothly. If you can help by volunteering for one of these Sunday worship positions, please sign up in the narthex.



**Dedications to Loved Ones:** If you dedicated poinsettias or greenery to a loved one or their memory this Christmas season, your dedications will be listed in a Christmas Eve bulletin insert. **Poinsettias can be taken home after the 7:00pm Christmas Eve service or any time the following week.** If you missed ordering a poinsettia, **it's not too late to dedicate a wreath or a World Hunger star.** Dedications for wreaths and world hunger stars are due by **December 5<sup>th</sup>**.



**Did You Know:** That used postage stamps are valuable? Lutheran Home in Gettysburg uses these stamps for their fundraisers. To help us help them, as you receive Christmas cards in the mail, cut those stamps off the envelopes and place them in the box in the bell chamber room.





## DECEMBER Sunday Worship Helpers

December Altar Care: Shellene Griffin

### December 4<sup>th</sup>

**CPIC:** Tom Long

**Lector:** Kathy Gates

**Communion Assts:** Sue O'Brien  
Kathy Gates

**Advent Wreath** – The Lobaugh Family

### December 11<sup>th</sup>

**CPIC:** Martha Lippy

**Lector:** Pat Keefer

**Communion Assts:** Alex Spalding  
Pennie Highlands

**Advent Wreath** – The Reese-Stuckey  
Family

### December 18<sup>th</sup>

**CPIC:** Pat Keefer

**Lector:** Alex Spalding

**Communion Assts:** Hollis Long  
Jeff Kindschuh

**Advent Wreath** – The Keefer Family

### December 24<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm

**CPIC:** *To Be Determined*

**Lectors:** *Looking for 5 Volunteers*

**Communion Assts:** Mike Merlo  
Gail Merlo

**Advent Wreath** – The Shermeyer  
Family

### December 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

**CPIC:** *To Be Determined*

**Lectors:** *Looking for 6 Volunteers*

**Communion Assts:** Jeff Kindschuh  
*Need Volunteer*

**Advent Wreath** – The Wildasin  
Family

### December 25<sup>th</sup>

**CPIC:** Karen Feeser

**Lector:** Karen Feeser

**Communion Assts:** Sue O'Brien  
*Need Volunteer*



**St. Mark's Monthly Offering for Designated Needs** gives us an opportunity as a congregation to support specific domestic and international needs. During December, we are given the opportunity to contribute to the ***Alzheimer's Association of PA***. This chapter serves 59 counties in western, central, and northeast PA. Their vision is to see a world without Alzheimer's and all dementia by accelerating

global research, driving risk reduction/early detection, and maximizing quality care and support.

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, "Alzheimer's Association." 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!



# **Advent – Our Timeline of Preparations for the Coming Incarnation of Our Lord at Christmas**

## **Advent One November 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>**

Time for preparation has come – time to prepare for the coming of Christ. The advent wreath and outside door wreaths go up to remind us of the growth of God's love that is without beginning or end – everlasting



## **Advent Two December 3rd/4th**

Awaiting the coming of Christ. Wreaths and greenery are hung throughout the inside of the church and in windowsills to continue to remind us of the ever-growing love of God and Spirit that fills us with the light of God.

## **Advent Three December 10th/11th**

Anticipation is building for the coming of Christ. An evergreen tree stands in the sanctuary as a symbol that even in the dark and cold of winter, life continues.



## **Tree Decorating**

### **Saturday, December 17th at 8:30am**

Join the group decorating the tree and enjoying a tasty brunch together. Look for the sign-up in the church hallway.



## **Advent Four December 17th/18th**

We are on the edge of the fulfillment of Christ's coming 9:00am Worship will be the Impromptu Christmas Pageant.

## **Christmas: Nativity of Our Lord**

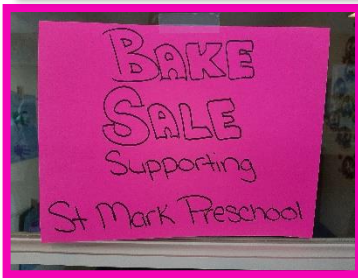
**Christmas Eve Worship, Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>:  
3:00pm and 7:00pm with Prelude Starting at 6:30pm  
Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>: 9:00am Worship**

## News and Happenings in Our Community

**South Western School District Invites You:** To their 2022 Hanover Community Partnership Holiday Program on **December 9<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00pm at Emory H. Markle Intermediate School. Call the school district for more information.



**Preschool Bake Sale:** Between donations and sales to voters and hungry St. Mark employees and members, the preschool raised \$840.01. Thank you to all who donated baked goods and supported the school – these funds will be put to good use!



**Preschool Christmas Happenings:** It's that time of year when the preschool is busy, busy, busy. Both classes are preparing for Christmas. The **3-year-old classes** will have their Christmas Programs/Parties on Wednesday, **December 21<sup>st</sup>** and Thursday, **December 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 10:45am. The **4-year-old classes** will have their Christmas Program/Party on Friday, **December 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 10:30am and 2:00pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**Preschool Holiday Fundraiser:** The preschool is currently holding a **Santa Letter Fundraiser**. How would your son, daughter, niece, nephew, neighbor, or grandchild like a letter from **Santa** himself??? A **\$5.00 donation will get a personalized letter mailed from Santa to your child**. The **DEADLINE FOR SANTA LETTER ORDER FORMS, IN ORDER FOR "SANTA" TO GET THEM THERE BEFORE CHRISTMAS, IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022**. To order, just pick up a form from the table outside the Church Office. Please be sure to **make checks out to St. Mark Preschool** (not St. Mark Church).



**2023-2024 Registration:** Registration for the 2023-2024 school year will begin in January for current students and their families, as well as members of St. Mark Church. We will open registration to the public beginning **February 1<sup>st</sup>**. If you know any families that might be interested, please tell them to check us out.

**Everyone involved in the preschool wants to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

– Idonia Klunk and Allison Wentz, Preschool Co-Directors





**Community Concert Series:** Emmanuel UCC at 124 Broadway in Hanover is holding their 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Carol Sing on **December 18<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm, accompanied by a 30-piece community orchestra. For more information contact Emmanuel UCC at 717-632-8281.

**Ruth's Harvest:** HACC's Ruth's Harvest program feeds kids who otherwise may not eat on weekends. To keep this program going and make sure kids don't go hungry when schools are closed, they need single-serve packages of nutritious food to hand out to kids on Fridays. Please place donations in the HACC shelter bin near the Church Office.



### **St. Mark's Holiday Giving**

**Bringing Warmth to Others:** The Advent Knit Tree is up in the narthex. Let's decorate it with donations of warm socks, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, etc. We'll be collecting these items through Advent and then taking them to HACC. Work gloves and socks are welcome, as well.

**Stars to Benefit World Hunger:** Our World Hunger Star tree is also up. Diana Weaver has handmade beautiful star ornaments that you can dedicate in honor memory of a loved one. Donations will support the ELCA's fight against hunger. Order forms were in the November *Bell* (which can still be found on our website) and on the narthex shelf. Or you can fill out a pew envelope or contact the office at 717-637-8904 or [offcoor129@gmail.com](mailto:offcoor129@gmail.com). Stars are \$5.00 each, and will be listed in the Christmas Eve handout. Deadline for dedications is **December 5<sup>th</sup>**.



**Gift Tag Tree & Harvest Weekend:** Thank you to all who lovingly offered food to feed local people in need, as well as pet supplies that will be donated to the SPCA. Also thank you to those who donated toys, pajamas, books, games, etc. to allow parents to shop for their children at JJ's Toy Shop. We'll soon be delivering the food and gifts to HACC and the pet supplies to the Adams County SPCA. We've included a couple of photos below to show St. Mark's generosity.



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

**Team #3 will be serving at HACC on December 25<sup>th</sup>:** Our team members include: Barb Baublitz, Linda Bolin, Dale Dull, Shirley Hippensteel, and Nancy Beimler. 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:** Single-serve fruit cups, cans of mixed vegetables, sugar, egg noodles, scalloped potatoes, and plastic cutlery sets with knives, spoons, napkins, salt and pepper.

**Shelter:** Disposable gloves M/L, Comet, bathroom cleaner, Clorox wipes, and disinfectant spray.

**Clothing Bank:** Gently used clothes, men's and women's sweatpants, and men's and women's sweatshirts.

**Meals on Wheels:** Adult coloring books, pencils, pencil sharpeners, and word search books.

**Ruth's Harvest:** Single-serve fruit cups, single-serve entrées, and 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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**Hanover Garden Club Greens Sale:** Be sure to stop by the Garden Club Greens Sale in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**, from 8:00am to 5:00pm, and Saturday, **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, from 8:00am to 1:00pm to check out all the fresh Christmas greenery for sale!

**Visit the Model Railroad:** Cross Keys Village is hosting an open house to visit their Model Railroad room. Enter the main building, and they will direct you to the location of the room. Open house hours are 1:00pm to 4:00pm on **December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, and the 26<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Cross Keys Village for more information.



**2022 South Western High School Holiday Concert:** On Saturday, **December 17<sup>th</sup>** at 2:30pm and Sunday, **December 18<sup>th</sup>** at 2:30pm, all of South Western High School's music performing groups will be staging a collective Christmas concert. **Tickets are free**, and everyone is welcome. To make sure they have enough room, SWHS is asking everyone to order tickets online at <https://southwesternmusic.yapsody.com/>. Then print your tickets or be prepared to show your phone at the door.

**St. Mark's own Marcus Lobaugh** will be performing vocally and on his saxophone. Please contact Martha Lobaugh with questions or if you need help getting your tickets. With all of the groups performing, the concert will include hours of Christmas Cheer for your enjoyment! If you'd like to view the concert but can't attend in person, there's a possibility of live-streaming. More information about that will be included in upcoming weekly announcements.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00am-12noon Office Open  9:00am-12noon Quilting Group	2 9:00am-12noon Office Open  <del>11:00am Bible Study</del> <b>NO BIBLE STUDY</b>  8am-5pm Greens Sale	3 5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word    8am-1pm Greens Sale
4 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00am Worship 10:20am Sunday School  <b>Fellowship Time After Worship</b>  <i>Bells Rehearsal</i>	5 9:00am-12noon Office Open  <b>Hunger Star Deadline</b>	6 9:00am-12noon Office Open  <b>6pm St. Mark Eats @ Railside</b>	7 9:00am-12noon Office Open  <b>7pm Future Task Force</b>	8 9:00am-12noon Office Open  9:00am-12noon Quilting Group	9 9:00am-12noon Office Open  11:00am Bible Study	10 5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word
11 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00am Worship 10:20am Sunday School  <b>Congregational Council Election/Budget Meeting</b>  <b>Confirmation Class</b> <i>Bells Rehearsal</i>	12 9:00am-12noon Office Open	13 9:00am-12noon Office Open  <b>9:30am Property Mtg.</b>	14 9:00am-12noon Office Open	15 9:00am-12noon Office Open  9:00am-12noon Quilting Group	16 9:00am-12noon Office Open  11:00am Bible Study	17 5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word   <b>8:30am Tree Decorating Brunch</b>
18 <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00am Worship 10:20am Sunday School <b>Christmas Pageant</b>  <b>Election/Budget Mtg. Make-Up</b> <i>Bells Rehearsal</i>	19 9:00am-12noon Office Open	20 9:00am-12noon Office Open	21 9:00am-12noon Office Open   1 <sup>ST</sup> DAY OF WINTER	22 9:00am-12noon Office Open  9:00am-12noon Quilting Group	23 9:00am-12noon Office Open  11:00am Bible Study	24  <b>3:00pm Christmas Eve Worship</b>  <b>7:00pm Christmas Eve Worship (6:30pm Prelude)</b>
25 <b>Christmas Day</b> 9:00am Worship  <b>PAL Team 3</b> <i>Bells Rehearsal</i>	26 9:00am-12noon Office Open  <b>BOXING DAY</b>	27 9:00am-12noon Office Open	28 9:00am-12noon Office Open	29 9:00am-12noon Office Open  9:00am-12noon Quilting Group	30 9:00am-12noon Office Open  11:00am Bible Study	31 5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word    <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>

St. Mark Preschool classes are usually in session MONDAY through FRIDAY each week between the hours of 8:30am and 4:00pm

# St. Mark Lutheran Church

129 Charles Street  
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*Christmas Worship  
Christmas Eve 3:00pm and 7:00pm  
(with prelude at 6:30pm)  
Christmas Day 9:00am*

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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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