



St. Mark Bell

March 2023



St. Mark Lutheran

129 Charles Street
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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

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

- Mar 1** – 6pm Lenten Dinner Bible Study
- Mar 2** – 3pm Evangelism Mtg
- Mar 3** – *World Day of Prayer*
- Mar 5** – Fellowship Following Worship
- Mar 7** – 1pm St. Mark Eats @ Starlight
- Mar 8** – 6pm Lenten Dinner Bible Study
- Mar 9** – Joe Corbi Pickup
- Mar 12** – *Daylight Savings – Turn Clocks Ahead*
– Confirmation Class
- Mar 14** – 9:30am Property Mtg
- Mar 15** – 6pm Lenten Dinner Bible Study
- Mar 16** – 6pm Fellowship Comm Mtg
- Mar 17** – *St. Patrick's Day*
- Mar 19** – Deadline to Order Easter Flowers/Doves
– Finance Mtg Following Worship
- Mar 20** – *1st Day of Spring*
– ~~7pm Finance Mtg~~
- Mar 21** – 1pm Garden Club Mtg
– 6:30pm Future Task Force
- Mar 22** – 6pm Lenten Dinner Bible Study
- Mar 25** – Annunciation of Our Lord
- Mar 26** – Confirmation Class
– PAL Team 2 at HACC
- Mar 28** – 5pm Council Mtg
- Mar 29** – 6pm Lenten Dinner Bible Study

*Remember then from what you have fallen;
repent, and do the works you did at first.*

Revelation 2:5a

Dear repentant faithful:

Johnny was a curious little boy, always on the lookout for something new or interesting. Often he could be seen walking along, on his way to or from school, picking up little odds and ends right out of the street. These were things that others discarded but he thought of as treasure. It didn't matter what it was: a pinecone, a bottle cap, a crushed water bottle; everything looked interesting to him. By the time he got home each day, his backpack was full of stuff he had collected that day. His mother tried insisting that he didn't need to save it all, but he just kept doing it anyway.

One day, on his way to school, little Johnny came across a construction site. The sidewalk had been jackhammered, and chunks of debris were laying everywhere. Well as you can imagine, Johnny couldn't let that opportunity pass. Emptying his backpack of his lunch and his books, he stuffed it full of the rubble. Big rocks, little rocks, colorful dust, and chunks of concrete went into his bag till it was almost ripping from the weight. Proudly, Johnny continued on to school, hauling his great treasure that he had found that day. But when class time came, he couldn't do any of his schoolwork because he didn't have his books. And without his lunch, he grew ever more hungry with each passing hour. Everyone knows, except for Johnny, even you the reader knows, it is better to have the bookwork to better the mind and the food to nourish the body than to lug around a bag of worthless rocks.

So why do we all hold on to those bags of rocks and carry them throughout our lives? We may not be named Johnny and it may not be a backpack full of concrete, but in many ways we each lug things that weigh us down; painful thoughts, hurt feelings, past mistakes. They could be moments of weakness, actions we have taken or had happen to us by others. We just keep picking stuff up and shoving it into the bag, further and further down into our being, hoping that perhaps it will get lighter or it will be forgotten.

Lent is a time of repentance. It is a time to take the backpack off and seek the freeing life of joy and peace in God. The action of repentance is a way to spiritually turn away from all those things we have collected over the years and seek the cleansing of Christ's love. This lent, think about what you have been collecting in your emotional or spiritual backpack that holds you down. Drop that attribute or characteristic that holds you down. Refrain from continuing to walk that path and seek to repent, being nourished in the Spirit of the Lord.

In the peace and grace of God,
Pastor Kirk Griffin

Happenings and News in our Congregation

February's Council Meeting notes will be included in April's newsletter, as the Council Meeting for February will occur after the printing of this newsletter.

January's Treasurer's Report

We give thanks to all who continue to support the ministry of St. Mark. January begins with the 2022, 4th quarter deposit of our investments, helping us start off the year in a positive way. Let's keep up the good stewardship.

St. Mark's Monthly Offering for Designated Needs gives us an opportunity as a congregation to support specific domestic and international needs which are pre-determined by our council each year. March's offering benefits **Olivia's House of Hanover**. Olivia's House is an organization of caregiving professionals and volunteers committed to supporting grieving children. Its purpose is to facilitate healing through grief and loss education. As the premier free-standing, independent grief and loss center, they are dedicated to having the capabilities to support the growing needs of the community. In doing so, Olivia's House will become the primary resource for local and national grief and loss education.



To contribute to this month's designated need, please mail your donations to our office or place them in our weekend collection plates by specifying "Olivia's House" or March

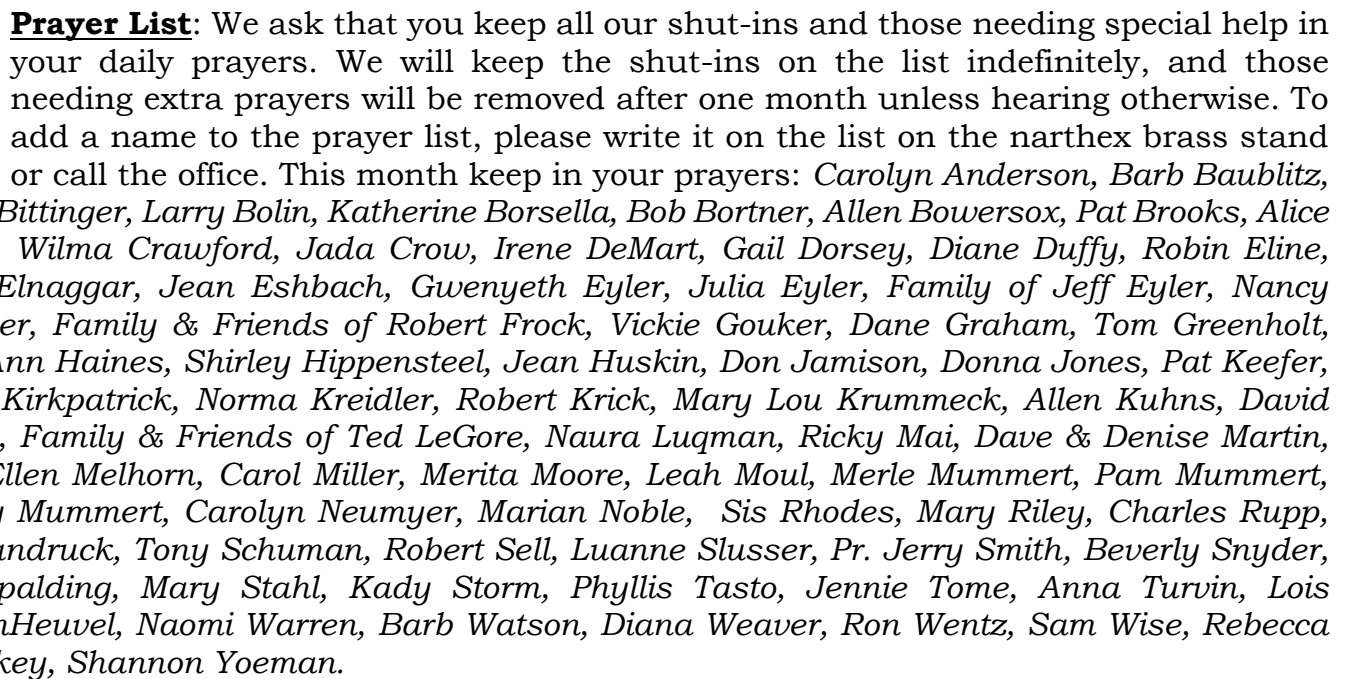
Designated Giving on your check or the other line of any of our weekly offering envelopes. Whenever a donation is made on the other line that does not have a written designation, it will automatically be given to the ministry fund designated for that month. Thank you for your support.



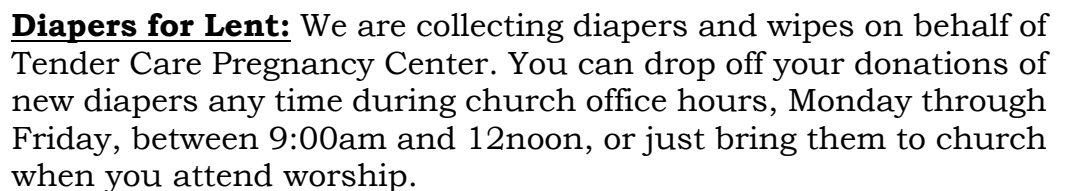
In Memorial: It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of two of our members who entered the everlasting promise found in the living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead: **Ted Legore** on February 6th and **Robert L. Frock** on February 11th. Please keep their families in your prayers.



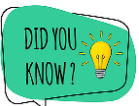
Welcome New Members: We want to welcome **Amos and Susan Laughman** as new members of St. Mark. The Laughmans have been actively involved in our worship life, ministry, and service at New Hope on York Street. Additionally, Susan has become an active participant in our St. Mark sewing group and Friday morning Bible Study. Please be sure to make them feel welcomed.



INCLEMENT
WEATHER
INFORMATION



A cartoon illustration of three farm animals: a grey and white cow, a pink pig, and a white chicken with a red comb. They are standing on a green patch of grass with several yellow flowers. The cow is on the left, the pig is in the center, and the chicken is on the right, standing on the pig's back.



If you missed a service or lost your copy of the newsletter, feel free to take one! They're also a great way to share the worship life and news of St. Mark Ministry with friends or neighbors. It's an easy way to share your faith.



Happy Birthday To Our MARCH Birthdays!

March 1 Natalie Ormond
Julie Sell-Smith
March 3 William Nail III
Michele Smeach
Phyllis Tasto
Deborah Wilson
March 4 Melissa Wise
March 6 Matthew Smith
March 7 Bill VandenHeuvel
March 10 Alison Peterson
March 13 Madlyn Farley
Bill Sterner
March 14 Jackie Brown
March 15 Barb Watson
March 17 Marian Stabley



March 19 Ruth Noble
March 20 Norma Leshner
Julie Ruth
March 21 Emma Hagarman
Susan Zamudio
March 22 Christopher Hoke
Marcus Lobaugh
March 24 Derek Eline
Justin Eline
Jeffrey Little
Faith Warehime
March 28 Toni Garman
Breita Stahl
Shane Stambaugh
March 31 Ashley Yelton

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

Host a Fellowship Time: We need hosts for our monthly fellowship time from May forward so we can keep this sweet social opportunity going! The church provides the donuts and coffee, and the host sets up and cleans up after. If you enjoy this nice gathering time after church on the first Sunday of each month, please sign up to help so we can continue it.



Speaking of Fellowship: Don't forget to mark your calendars for our monthly post-worship Fellowship time. **March 5th** we will have coffee and goodies for all. On **April 2nd**, there will be a special Palm Sunday (Easter Week) celebration time with festive treats and fun times. Make sure to be here for the excitement.



Special Valentine's Fellowship: Our February Fellowship gathering was a special one also. We enjoyed homemade treats, crafted Valentine's cards, played fun games, and even took home bags filled with Valentine's goodies. Thank you to Shellene for providing this extra special time!





Souper Bowl of Caring:

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Souper Bowl Sunday Weekend canned food drive. The photos here don't do justice to the amount of food that was donated. Thanks to your generosity, we collected **281 food items and \$40 in cash**, all taken to the food pantry at the Hanover Council of Churches.



Proud of Our Kids! We thought it would be fun to share updates on our youth's activities:



Marcus and Morgana Lobaugh recently competed in the regional Technology Student Association event, representing South Western. Both did well – **Marcus** placed 3rd in CAD Engineering, while **Morgana** qualified for the state competition at Seven Springs with a 3rd place win in Children's Stories and 2nd in Promotional Marketing. She's thankful for St. Mark's Sunday School students who helped her field test her story! **Noah Shermeyer and Morgana** both have parts in the upcoming EHMIS play, *The Alibis*, a murder mystery. If you'd like to see their performances, the play runs **March 10th** at 7:00pm and **11th** at 2:00pm at the middle school. **Marcus** will be performing in the high school musical, *The Addams Family*, **March 16th-18th** at 7:00pm, with a special matinee performance for senior citizens on **March 15th**. Please call the school district for tickets.

Space dependent, we'd like to start adding regular newsletter updates like these. If you have anything to share about St. Mark's youth, let us know and we'll try to include it!

Spring Forward: The good news? Spring is coming. The bad news? You'll soon be losing an hour of sleep. 😞 zzz 😞

So don't forget to "spring" your clocks forward/set them ahead so you're not late for church on **March 12th**!



Get Inspired: The Evangelism Committee is introducing a new "Inspirations" project. Beginning Ash Wednesday, look for FREE monthly "Inspirations" envelopes in a file tote near the narthex shelf. Each envelope contains one month's worth of daily inspirational cards. The first issue will be daily cards for March. Pick one up for yourself, and take one to give to a family member, friend, or neighbor. You can clip the envelope to your refrigerator if you have a magnet; put it in your desk, nightstand, or kitchen drawer (draw a random card to read with your daily morning coffee); put it in your glove box, briefcase, or tote bag.

The committee welcomes the following donations so we may continue to provide monthly envelopes (bring to church office):

- 3"x5" ruled index cards ● 6"x9" clasp envelopes (yellow or white). – **Thank you!**

Give A Cross: Please feel free to share The Holy Land Olive Wood Crosses found in the basket in the bell tower room. They're a gesture of support to those in your life who need prayer or some extra kindness.



Flat Sheets and Helpers Needed: Are you looking for a way to give back to the Hanover community while socializing with others from St. Mark? Consider the St. Mark sewing group – they are looking for volunteers, no sewing experience required. They have a mission to provide quilts for all of those in palliative care at the hospital and local nursing homes. Their work is in demand, as the hospital calls frequently asking for more, so they can really use help keeping up with the need. They also need clean flat sheets in new condition to serve as the basis for the quilts. Volunteers and donations are greatly appreciated!



St. Mark Eats: We've been enjoying our lunchtime outings to local restaurants and hope you'll join us! This month, we'll be dining at the Starlight, and next month is Chili's. Please sign up so we can include you in our reservations. Future *Eats* will take place on:

March 7th 1:00pm Starlight Diner | **April 4th 1:00pm** Chili's

In May, when sunset is later, we'll go back to our 6:00pm dinners. Watch for new St. Mark *Eats* locations, coming soon!

You Can Help with Altar Care: There is still a need for altar helpers to help with tidying up after Communion and the worship service. We know many of you have helped in years past and have done a wonderful job. The new signup is ready for you to pick a month and put your name down as helper; most of 2023 is still available. Please consider helping with this important job! Signup is next to the altar flower book in the narthex.

Earthquake Response: LDR needs your help responding with emergency supplies to the need in Turkey and Syria created by the recent, powerful earthquakes. Nearly 50,000 people have lost their lives, and hundreds of thousands are left injured, homeless and struggling to just survive. Donations should be marked "Middle East Crisis" and can be sent to: Lutheran Disaster Response | PO Box 1809 | Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 or call 800-638-3522 or donate online at ELCA.org.



Hippity-Hoppity, the Easter Bunny's on His Way! But he needs your help. We are requesting candy donations for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. All items need to be individually wrapped and small enough to fit into a plastic egg. There will be a box in the narthex for donations during Lent. Thank you to all those who help out.

And Speaking of Candy!



St. Mark's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **April 8th** at 10:30am. All children, nursery to 10 years of age, are welcome, even those who don't attend St. Mark. If you know of anyone whose children, grandchildren, etc. would enjoy looking for sweet treasures, please let them know about the hunt. They can sign up in the narthex or call the church office at 637-8904.



Easter Flowers: Help beautify the Easter Sunday altar and then enjoy these spring flowers in your home once Easter services are over. To dedicate tulips, hyacinths, and lilies to a loved one, please use the form below or contact the church office. World Hunger origami doves are also available to dedicate and take home. The deadline to order is **March 19th**.



EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM
DEADLINE: March 19th

_____ Lilies @ \$11.50 each	=	_____
_____ Hyacinths @ \$11.50 each	=	_____
_____ Tulips @ \$11.50 each	=	_____
_____ World Hunger Doves @ \$5.00 each	=	_____
TOTAL:	=	_____

In Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

Presented By: _____

Office Use Only: ☐ L ☐ H ☐ T ☐ D

Contact: Joni @ offcoor129@gmail.com | 717-637-8904 | **Mail:** St. Mark, 129 Charles Street, Hanover, PA 17331



March 5th

CPIC: Linda Bolin

Lector: Karen Feeser

Comm. Assts: Sue O'Brien / Hollis Long

March 12th

CPIC: Hollis Long

Lector: Kathy Gates

Comm. Assts: Kathy Gates / Martha Lippy



March 19th

CPIC: Martha Lippy

Lector: Sami Slusser

Comm. Assts: *Need Volunteers*

March 26th

CPIC: Karen Feeser

Lector: Pennie Highlands

Comm. Assts: *Need Volunteers*

Please Help Us Worship on Sundays: We are always in need of helpers to make our Sundays and special services run smoothly. Please help by volunteering as Lector, Communion Assistant, Acolyte, and/or Altar Guild. See the various narthex signups. Thank you!



Bread, Soup, and God's Word: Our first Lenten Soup Dinner is Wednesday, **March 1st** at **6:00pm**. Please join us for dinner and Bible study each Wednesday evening through **March 29th** as we travel the Biblical hills. Donations of bread and soup are appreciated. If you'd like to join us and/or provide soup or bread, please sign up in the narthex.

Lenten Prayer Discussions:

March 1st – *2nd Wednesday of Lent* (1st Lenten Soup Dinner)
Mt. Moriah – The Test of Faith

March 8th – *3rd Wednesday of Lent* (2nd Lenten Soup Dinner)
Mt. Sinai – The Gift of Law

March 15th – *4th Wednesday of Lent* (3rd Lenten Soup Dinner)
Mt. Carmel – 1 vs 850

March 22nd – *5th Wednesday of Lent* (4th Lenten Soup Dinner)
Mt. of Beatitudes – Blessed Are the Happy

March 29th – *6th Wednesday of Lent* (Final Lenten Soup Dinner)
Mt. Zion – God's Holy Temple

Holy Week Worship Schedule:

April 2nd – *Palm Sunday*
Celebration to Receive the King of Glory

April 6th – *Maundy Thursday (7:00pm Service)*
Mt. Olivet – Prayer and Betrayal

April 7th – *Good Friday (7:00pm Service)*
Mt. Calvary – Sacrifice and Death

April 8th – **Easter Vigil (5:30pm Service)**

April 9th – *Easter Sunday/Resurrection of our Lord*
Celebration of the Risen Lord, the Grave Is Empty!



News and Happenings in Our Community



Slagle Scholarship: The deadline to turn in applications for the Slagle Scholarship is coming sooner than you think! If you know of a graduating senior of Hanover or SWHS who plans to enter the nursing profession, the ministry or other religious work, or attend a vocational school, tell them to contact Martha Lippy at 717-637-8891. Completed applications must be **received by the church office on or before March 31st, 2023.**

Provide-A-Lunch Team #2 will be serving at HACC on March 26th: Our team members include: Joann Berwager, Dale Dull, Lynn Gross, Shellene Griffin, and Liz Robinson. 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, butter, tomato sauce, eggs, coffee, creamer, sugar, milk, snacks, scalloped potatoes.

Clothing Bank: Gently used clothes, adult sweatshirts & sweatpants, kids' clothes, adult gloves, hats, & underwear, household items, new underwear & socks, men's 32/34 pants.

Shelter: Razors, deodorant, shampoo, body wash, Comet, bathroom cleaner, Clorox wipes, disinfectant spray, men's boxer underwear.

Meals on Wheels: Adult coloring books, pencils, pencil sharpeners, word search books, fuzzy socks.

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

Please place donations in the bins by the office on the corner table at end of hall.



Recipes Requested! Because rice is so versatile and eaten in so many cultures, Hanover Against Hunger is creating a cookbook that will be sold to raise funds for this year's meal-packing event. The book will be called *Rice in Every Bowl* and will be a compilation of tried-and-true recipes. If you'd like to share your favorite recipe that includes rice, email riceineverybowl@hanoveragainsthunger.org before **March 25th**.

Having Trouble Paying Rising Heat Costs? Pennsylvanians with low incomes who are struggling to stay warm this winter can apply for LIHEAP, which is a program to assist those who need help paying their heating bills. Contact 877-395-8930 for more information.



FREE Tax Service: Do you need help finding your way through all that tax paperwork? The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program is again offering FREE tax service for York County taxpayers, especially adults 50 and older with low or moderate income. To make an appointment, contact the Hanover Area Council of Churches at 717-633-6353.

Hershey Handbell Ensemble Concert: On Sunday, **April 30th** at 3:00pm, Emmanuel UCC will present the Hershey Handbell Ensemble. Tickets are FREE. Contact Emmanuel UCC at 717-632-8281 for details.



The Lutheran Camping Corporation

Spring Events: The Lutheran Camping Corporation is offering several events this spring:

A Spring Quilting Retreat at Kirchenwald: Weekend of **March 17th**, \$65-\$180, **please register by March 10th**.

Kirchenwald Earth Day Celebration: **April 23rd**, \$15 (includes dinner), please **register by April 14th**.

Nawakwa Open House: On **March 19th** and **April 16th**, camp will be open to all to take tours, hike the grounds, and see the facilities. Come out and learn about camping at Nawakwa.

For more information on any of these, call 717-677-8211 or go to LutheranCamping.org.



Registration Updates: St. Mark Preschool is still accepting applications to register for the 2023/2024 school year. For more information about our preschool program and to download a registration form please visit:

stmarkpreschoolhanover.weebly.com (Preschool Website)

stmarkhanover.org (Church Website)

You may mail in your child's registration form along with the \$35 fee to St. Mark Preschool (129 Charles Street) or drop it off at the church office (Willow Street entrance) any weekday between 9:00am and 12noon. Registrations will be processed in the order they arrive. You will be notified that we received the form and whether your child will be in the class you requested. If you are interested in signing your child up or know of someone who may be interested in the upcoming preschool year please register ASAP, as **spots fill up quickly!**

At this time we have openings in the following classes:

4-Year-Old PM Class (Monday, Wednesday & Friday) from 12:30pm-3:15pm – 2 spots open















3-Year-Old Tuesday/Thursday Class from 9:00am-11:15am – 6 spots open

3-Year-Old Monday/Wednesday Class is FULL.

4-Year-Old AM Class is FULL.

Any questions about 2023-2024 Registration or if you'd like to set up a tour of our preschool, please contact Idonia Klunk at 717-451-4803.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2nd Sunday in Lent 5 9:00am Worship 10:20am Sunday School Fellowship Following Worship  Bells Rehearsal	6 9:00am-12noon Office Open  NATIONAL OREO COOKIE DAY	7 9:00am-12noon Office Open 1pm St. Mark Eats @ Starlight Diner	8 9:00am-12noon Office Open 6pm Lenten Dinner & Bible Study 	9 9:00am-12noon Office Open 9:00am-12noon Quilting Group Joe Corbi's Preschool Fundraiser Pickup	10 9:00am-12noon Office Open 11:00am Bible Study	11 5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word
3rd Sunday in Lent 12 9:00am Land & Seasons Worship 10:20am Sunday School Confirmation Class Daylight Savings Begins Spring Forward!  Bells Rehearsal	13 9:00am-12noon Office Open	14 9:00am-12noon Office Open 9:30am Property Mtg  NATIONAL PI DAY - MARCH 14TH -	15 9:00am-12noon Office Open 6pm Lenten Dinner & Bible Study 	16 9:00am-12noon Office Open 9:00am-12noon Quilting Group 6pm Fellowship Mtg	17 9:00am-12noon Office Open 11:00am Bible Study  ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18 5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word
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5th Sunday in Lent 26 9:00am Worship 10:20am Sunday School Confirmation Class PAL Team #2 Bells Rehearsal	27 9:00am-12noon Office Open	28 9:00am-12noon Office Open 5pm Council Mtg	29 9:00am-12noon Office Open 6pm Lenten Dinner & Bible Study 	30 9:00am-12noon Office Open	31 9:00am-12noon Office Open 11:00am Bible Study	

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

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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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