



# St. Mark Bell

## September 2023

*"...at the present time there is a remnant,  
chosen by grace."  
Romans 11:5*



### 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 Following Worship  
(Fall Classes Resume Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>)

#### Church Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9:00am-12noon

#### Bible Study

Fridays 11:00am-12noon

#### Bells Rehearsal

Most Sundays Following Worship

#### Quilting Group

Thursdays 9:00am-12noon

#### Preschool (Resuming Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>)

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

**Sept 1** – Preschool Orientation (4's)

**Sept 3** – Fellowship Time Following  
Worship

**Sept 4** – Labor Day  
– **OFFICE CLOSED**

**Sept 5** – 5pm St. Mark Eats @ Perkins

**Sept 6** – 4's Class 1<sup>st</sup> Full Day

**Sept 7** – Preschool Orientation (3's)  
– 3pm Evangelism Mtg

**Sept 10** – "God's Work. Our Hands."  
Sunday  
– No Bells Rehearsal

**Sept 11** – Patriot Day  
– 3's Class 1<sup>st</sup> Full Day

**Sept 12** – 9:30am Property Mtg

**Sept 14** – Holy Cross Day  
– 7pm Future Task Force Mtg

**Sept 16** – 5:30pm Non-Communion Laity  
Worship

**Sept 17** – 9:00am Non-Communion Laity  
Worship  
– Sunday School Resumes  
– Finance Mtg

**Sept 19** – 1pm Garden Club Mtg

**Sept 21** – UPMC Blood Drive

**Sept 22** – **NO BIBLE STUDY**

**Sept 23** – 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Fall  
– 5:30pm Non-Communion Laity  
Worship

**Sept 24** – 9:00am Non-Communion Laity  
Worship  
– PAL Team 2

**Sept 29** – **NO BIBLE STUDY**

Dear Church:

While the original meaning of the word "church" is a gathering of people of faith, St. Mark is so much more. Yes, faith brings us together but, because of that faith, we worship and pray, we share in fellowship and commune, we educate and learn, we witness and testify, we seek justice and support others, and we share in the promised assurance of God that is everlasting. This is what makes St. Mark Church more than just a social community club and drives us to fulfill the Lord's purpose that he has for our congregation.

Just this past month, at the end of July, a group of our members invested some time and energy to pray, study, and define exactly what the Lord's purpose is for St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church. Out of that meeting and its follow-up meeting came the theme **GGIW** (Growing in Grace, Impacting the World). As a faith community serving God, we hope that this one line summarizes all that we are as a church and as individual Christians. It summarizes all that we should be all about every day in every way.

This grace is the very cornerstone of our faith and what the Lutheran reformation was built upon. There was a time that Christians forgot the meaning of God's grace. They had reverted back to doing good works, to seeking to appease God by actions and deeds, trying to atone in perfection for sins. But, while we know that we are sinful, we can never do enough to earn our way into the presence of God the Almighty, Creator of the heavens and the earth. No matter how many rules we follow, traditions we develop, or rituals we impose, as humans we would always fall short. But through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we are given the grace of God – the grace that bestows on us the redemption of our souls, that makes us right again with God, that cleanses us and states that we are invited and welcome to the Kingdom of God. So as foundational as this gift of grace is, we are to always be about developing it, learning more about it, living in it; in other words, "Growing in Grace." And through that grace we "Impact the World" by living as ambassadors of God, connecting others to the same grace of our Lord.

So, let's all be about fulfilling that purpose. This month as we return to our fall season, may we all be about **GGIW!**

In the peace and grace of God,  
Pastor Kirk Griffin

# Happenings and News in our Congregation

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

- Council began with prayer and some reflections of God's blessings on our wonderful summer activities of Hero Celebration service, VBS, Future Task Force workshop, and some of our youth participating in the Land and Seasons worship service.
- Thank you notes were received from a few individuals and agencies in response to our congregation's financial or spiritual support and prayers.
- Worship attendance for the summer and roll changes were reviewed by the council.
- President Mike Merlo gave his report asking that we keep on keeping along, building on our future by being positive.
- Pastor Kirk gave his statistical report. It was also noted to give thanks to our lay leaders who will be leading the non-communion worship services during his vacation. Pastor also made note of ongoing air conditioning issues with sanctuary unit and the fuses. Council also voted to receive Nancy Brady as a new member.
- Christian Ed. reported on fall plans for Sunday school and health kits.
- Evangelism will be planning for the Fall Bazaar and ongoing ministries.
- Fellowship noted possible upcoming events such as an Advent Dinner and Pie Sunday.
- Property continues to work on maintaining the building and grounds.
- Worship and Music discussed many aspects of our church life and especially regarding the order of worship and placement of choir singing. Future dates were also reviewed.
- Preschool is getting ready for the fall classes to begin soon and noted the four classes are completely full this year.
- Future Task Force received positive feedback from the council in regard to their possible St. Mark Purpose and Priorities that were developed through the workshop.

*The Purpose of St. Mark Lutheran Hanover is to be about Growing in Grace, Impacting the World.*

*We fulfill this by: Nurturing our relationship with God and others.*

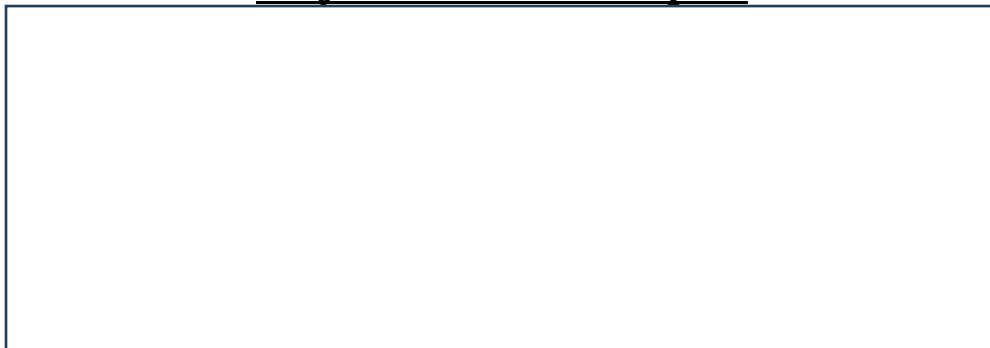
*Spreading God's love by inviting others to experience God through our lives.*

*Praying always in thanksgiving for all God's blessings, help and presence.*

Next steps would be to evaluate possible 2024 goals to fill in these priorities.

- Finance Treasurer's report was reviewed, noting that, despite expenses being down, our contributions are also a bit down from this time last year, placing us in a deficit at the end of July.
- The East Berlin Community Singers were given approval to perform at St. Mark next year on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, for a community event.
- Council voted to move its next meeting date back into October so that Pastor can be present. Then the council adjourned with prayer.

## July's Treasurer's Report



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**In Memorial:** It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of three of our members: Irene DeMart, Earl Barnhart, and Jeffrey Corcoran, who entered the everlasting promise found in the living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Please keep their families in your prayers.



**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:

*Carolyn Anderson, Fred Baber, Nancy Bittinger, Larry Bolin, Katherine Borsella, Allen Bowersox, Pat Brooks, Family & Friends of Jeffrey Corcoran, Wilma Crawford, Jada Crow, Deb Day, Pam DeWitt, Lisa Dickensheets, Gail Dorsey, Diane Duffy, Robin Eline, Tarek Elnaggar, Jean Eshbach, Gwenyeth Eyler, Julia Eyler, Family of Jeff Eyler, Nancy Fridinger, Family & Friends of Brian Gehman, Vickie Gouker, Dane Graham, Tom Greenholt, Carol Ann Haines, Carrie Hernden, Shirley Hippensteel, Jean Huskin, Don Jamison, Donna Jones, Craig King, JoAnn Kirkpatrick, Norma Kreidler, Mary Lou Krummeck, Allen Kuhns, David Kunkel, Amos Laughman, Russ Laughman, Naura Luqman, Ricky Mai, Dave & Denise Martin, Mary Ellen Melhorn, Carol Miller, Sandy Miller, Merita Moore, Leah Moul, Merle Mummert, Pam Mummert, Tammy Mummert, Carolyn Neumyer, Marian Noble, Susan O'Brien, Kelly Perdue, Mindy Repass, Mary Riley, Charles Rupp, Lucas Schneider, Tony Schuman, Bob and Cecelia Sell, Luanne Slusser, Pr. Jerry Smith, JoAnn Smith, Beverly Snyder, Sally Soule, Phyllis Tasto, Jennie Tome, Lois VandenHeuvel, Jody Walter, Naomi Warren, Barb Watson, Diana Weaver, Ron Wentz, Scott Wisner, Rebecca Wisotzkey.*

**September Inspiration Packets:** September's inspiration envelopes are available now. Be sure to pick up a packet of cards, not just for yourself, but also one



or more to share! It is a great way to evangelize the faith and support others in love. The Evangelism Committee appreciates supplies to keep this project going. In addition to 3"x5" ruled index cards and 6"x9" clasp envelopes (yellow or white), they are **in need of 120 #10 business envelopes**. Please contact Vivian Cullison for more information.



**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. During September, our designated need will be **Habitat for Humanity**, split between the York and Adams County chapters. Habitat Humanity partners with people in the community and all over the world to help them build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. With your support, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability, and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and for their families.

To contribute to this fund, please mail your donations to our office or place them in our weekend collection plates by specifying "Habitat for Humanity" 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.

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

Sept. 2 Nate Ormond  
 Sept. 7 Michael Lobaugh  
 Sept. 12 Jeff Kindschuh  
           Joan Reigle  
 Sept. 15 Martha Lippy  
 Sept. 16 Debbie Folmer  
 Sept. 17 Pat Brooks  
 Sept. 19 Joanne Reifsnider



Sept. 20 Vicki George  
           Wayne Lippy  
           Abbi-Lynn Washington  
           Jared Laird  
 Sept. 22 Donna Jones  
 Sept. 26 Christopher Greening  
           Barb Wentz  
 Sept. 30 Shellene Griffin  
           Linda Kuhn  
           Jennie Tome

*\*If you ever notice a missing birthday – please contact the office at 637-8904.*

## THANK YOU



**-To St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church:** On behalf of the VNA, I would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$431.00 that you made in support of the VNA Hospice program. As a nonprofit, community-based organization, the VNA Hospice program relies on gifts like yours to assist us in caring for terminally ill patients and their families, regardless of their ability to pay. We truly appreciate your support for the Visiting Nurse Association of Hanover and Spring Grove's Hospice program. – Kevin C. Maloney, PT, President & CEO

**-To All Who Donated to the Preschool:** Thank you to everyone who brought in supplies for the preschool as they prepare for the new school year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**-Thanks to Evangelism for Making the Snack Town Festival Booth a Great Way to Spread the Word:** We want to give a big thanks to **Martha & Wayne Lippy** along with **Linda Bolin**, who represented St. Mark at the Snack Town Festival Event. They spent the entire day sharing God and our church information with our greater community. Our booth had lots of people stopping by – our most popular giveaways were the crocheted prayer squares and, as you can imagine, the cold water! We appreciate all who helped in any way to answer God's call to tell others the Good News. And thank you to **Kate Klunk** for providing us with this great photo of our Snack Town crew!



**-To the Sewing Group:** In honor of my mother, Reba C. Sanders, who passed July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and my family; thank you so much for the beautiful quilt. I used to make quilts with my mom and grandmas. God bless all of you! – Jeannette Howard

**-To the Community Heroes Celebration Volunteers:** Thank you to all those who helped make our July 16<sup>th</sup> tribute to heroes in the community a great success. We had over 150 in attendance and hope to do it again next year. We appreciate all those who participated by helping to park guests, providing and serving refreshments, performing, decorating, setting up, cleaning up, and organizing the event.

**-To Mike Noble:** Thank you for contributing and putting in the time to display parts of your flag collection to enhance our salute to veterans in July. We enjoyed seeing all the historical flags!

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**Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Bazaar Is Coming!** Once again, the Evangelism Committee is planning a Fall Bazaar on **November 4<sup>th</sup>** in the Fellowship Hall from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Watch for signup sheets for cooks, bakers, crafters, and anyone else willing to lend a hand. Come to our next planning meeting during the Evangelism Committee meeting on **September 7<sup>th</sup>** at 3pm. Be sure to mark your calendars now and spread the word – we'll have food, crafts, and more!

**Two Laity Weekends in September:** On **September 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>** and **23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>**, we will enjoy NON-COMMUNION worship services by lay leaders of St. Mark. They will lead the confessions, readings, prayers, and homilies. Please be sure to mark your calendars to attend these special services and support the members who are stepping up to lead our worship.



### **Save the Date:**

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The Annual Pet Blessing worship will be outside in front of the sanctuary on Saturday, **October 7<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00pm. Be sure to bring your dog, cat, hamster, hippopotamus, capybara, and/or tarantula. Other pets are more than welcome, as well. We celebrate all creation and all animals that our Lord has blessed us with as part of this life. Join us for a pleasant afternoon.



**Greeters Needed:** Thank you to those who volunteered this past month to greet people on Sunday mornings as they arrive to worship. If you'd like to take a turn welcoming fellow St. Markians, friends, and newcomers one week, please sign up in the narthex! We have most of the fall still available.

**Altar Care:** Please consider volunteering as an altar helper. We are in great need of someone to clean up after the service. Please help! It does not take long, and we have others who can help show you the ropes. If you're called to do this, please contact the office or sign up on the bulletin board by the flower book.

**Honoring Our Heroes:** Thanks to Gary Laabs and all the helpers who brought his idea of a Community Hero Celebration to fruition on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. It was a wonderfully successful time of music and giving thanks, with over 150 people from the Hanover community in attendance. We were happy to recognize our heroes while also showing up as an active and welcoming church in the greater Hanover area.



**Help Us Stay Current:** As mentioned in previous announcements, the semi-annual Directory update is available in the bell tower room. We only publish the update twice a year, but please let us know as soon as possible

whenever you have a change in address, email, or phone number so that our church records are always up to date. Thank you!

**“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday: On September 10<sup>th</sup>,** please join us after worship to assemble personal care kits for disaster relief. Thank you to all who have donated to this project. We are still in great need of dark-colored towels, no larger than 52”x27” to wrap the other toiletries in. We can also use **soap bars** (bath size, in package), **toothbrushes** (adult-size, in package), **combs** (sturdy, wide-toothed), and **metal nail clippers** (with or without attached nail file). Please place donations in the narthex bins. Thank you for helping us help others!



**Vacation Bible School:** Vacation Bible School students and teachers alike had a wonderful week of learning about stories from the Bible, specifically those that involved water (the flood, Jonah, etc). Forty children aged 4 to 11 attended and played games, made crafts, and participated in musical activities. They also raised \$240.31 toward providing water filter systems to those in need of clean drinking water by contributing coins each time they turned on their faucets at home or flushed a toilet – in an effort to help them understand how fortunate we are as we take clean water for granted. They also brought in lots of donations for the LWR Personal Care Kit project. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a success, including Karen Feeser, Martha Lippy, Linda Bolin, Linda Kuhn, Pennie Highlands, Alex Spalding, Hollis Long, Kate Klunk, and everyone from St. Paul on York Street, our co-hosts. We’ve included a few photos here but be sure to stop by the church office hallway to see many, many more.

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**Did You Know:** The Hanover Community Aid will send HACC (Hanover Area Council of Churches) a small contribution when they receive specially designated donations? To help HACC earn money this way, **clearly** mark boxes and bags of clothing donations with the number “**20011**.” Stickers with this number are also available in the church office hallway.

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**Ruth’s Harvest Donations Sought:** As the school year begins, Hanover Council of Churches is getting ready for another year of Ruth’s Harvest. Individual packs of fruit, vegetables, snacks, and tuna/chicken pouches make great donations to support the children’s program. These bags are made up each week and given to qualifying children in local elementary schools. The bin to donate is located on the floor by the church office.

**St. Mark Eats:** The Fellowship Committee has planned many great outings for fall and winter.

**Definite** future Mark *Eats* dates, times, and locations are:

**September 5<sup>th</sup>** – Dinner at Perkins at **5:00pm**

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Dinner at C&D Restaurant at **5:00pm**

We are also considering these **tentative** future outings, as yet unconfirmed:

**November 7<sup>th</sup>** – Lunch at Rosie’s in New Oxford at **1:00pm**

**December 5<sup>th</sup>** – Lunch at the Railside at **1:00pm**

**January 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Lunch at Hoss’s at **1:00pm**

**February 6<sup>th</sup>** – Lunch at Divino’s at **1:00pm**

**March 5<sup>th</sup>** – Lunch at Lu Hibachi at **1:00pm**



**SEPTEMBER Altar Vases**



**SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**Altar Vase:** Given by Sue O’Brien in Memory of My Mother, Dorothy Swartz

**Altar Vase:** Given by Julie Ruth in Memory of Nancy Cox

**SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**Altar Vases:** *Both Vases Are Open for Dedication*

**Chancel Basket:** Given by Al Allison and Family in Memory of Jennifer Allison

**SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**Altar Vases:** *Both Vases Are Open for Dedication*

**SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**Altar Vases:** *Both Vases Are Open for Dedication*

**Would You Like to Honor a Loved One?** Say it with flowers! As you can see, **most of September is still available** for sponsoring altar flowers. The cost is \$17.00 per vase. Signups are in the Altar Flower notebook in the narthex, or call 637-8904.



## SEPTEMBER Worship Helpers

### September Altar Care: *Need Volunteer*



#### September 3<sup>rd</sup>

**CPIC:** Karen Feeser

**Lector:** Karen Feeser

**Comm. Assts:** *Need 2 Volunteers*

**Greeters:** *Need Volunteer* | Bill Leppo

#### September 10<sup>th</sup>

**CPIC:** Martha Lippy

**Lector:** Hollis Long

**Comm. Assts:** Hollis Long | *Need Volunteer*

**Greeters:** *Need 2 Volunteers*

#### September 17<sup>th</sup>

**CPIC:** Kathy Gates

**Lector:** Linda Bolin

**Other Lay Leaders:** David Gates, Karen Feeser, Hollis Long, Gary Laabs

**Greeters:** Linda Bolin | *Need Volunteer*

#### September 24<sup>th</sup>

**CPIC:** Alex Spalding

**Lector:** Pennie Highlands

**Other Lay Leaders:** Mike Merlo, Mike Noble, Martha Lippy, Jeff Kindschuh

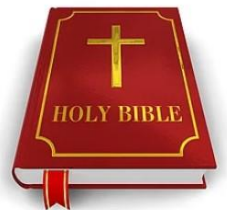
**Greeters:** *Need 2 Volunteers*



**Veterans Display:** Thank you to all who contributed to our Veterans photo display! And thanks to Pennie Highlands for the lovely way they were showcased. Don't forget to send in photos related to school for our September display. They can be first day pics of your kids or grandkids (or yourself), graduation photos you'd like to share of anyone in your family, or anything else related to school. Drop them off at the church office or scan them in and email them to [offcoor129@gmail.com](mailto:offcoor129@gmail.com). Thank you for sharing your memories!

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**Do You Have a Family Bible:** We are looking to display family Bibles in the hallway glass cabinet this fall. We invite all members to share your favorite bible and any information (age, who/where it came from, was it a gift, etc), thoughts, and memories about your special book. The faith of our church is grounded on the Word of God, let's take time to display that meaningful Word. Contact the office if you have a Bible we can share and display.



## News and Happenings in Our Community

### **Provide-A-Lunch Team #2 will be serving at HACC on September 24<sup>th</sup>:**

Our primary team members include: Joann Berwager, Lynn Gross, Dale Dull, 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.



**Interested in Joining a Women's Group?** St. Bartholomew's Lutheran has plans for a women's group to meet monthly at member churches for Bible Study and activities. To find out more, please contact Marlene Shilling at 637-0185.





**Upcoming Hanover Area Historical Society Talks:** The HAHS sponsors regular, free talks at the Warehime/Myers Mansion. Upcoming topics are: “Spotted Lantern Fly’s Threat to PA” on **September 7<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm and “From Vietnam to Hanover – Moon’s Story” on **September 19<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm. These informative and entertaining presentations are open to all.

### **HACC NEWS & SPECIAL NEEDS THIS MONTH:**

**PAL (Provide-a-Lunch) Program:** Single serve fruit cups, cans of mixed vegetables, corn, green beans, canned potatoes, butter, tomato sauce, eggs, sugar, milk, snacks, scalloped potatoes.

**Ruth’s Harvest:** Recommencing in August – single-serve entrees, single-serve fruit cups, single-serve cereals.

**Shelter:** Comet, bathroom cleaner, Clorox wipes, disinfectant spray, women’s deodorant, men’s boxer underwear.

**Meals on Wheels:** Adult coloring books, colored pencils, word search books, compression socks, fans, fly swatters.

**Clothing Bank:** In great need of shorts and summer tops.

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



**Alzheimer’s Walk:** Pat Keefer is once again walking to help end Alzheimer’s on **September 16<sup>th</sup>** and would appreciate your support. To join her team or donate on behalf of her team, go to [alz.org/walk](http://alz.org/walk) and search for Wayne’s Walkers.

**Hanover Against Hunger Event:** On **November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**, St. Matthew on Chestnut will host a Hanover initiative to fight hunger with a huge meal-packing event. They need volunteers for 2-1/2-hour shifts of packing – there will be plenty to do for any age or ability. The goal is to pack 200,000 meals at a cost of \$76,200, so donations toward the meal costs are welcome, as well. For a PDF with more information, contact our own church office at 637-8904, go to [hanoveragainsthunger.org](http://hanoveragainsthunger.org), or email [info@hanoveragainsthunger.org](mailto:info@hanoveragainsthunger.org).



**Hawaii Fire Relief Fund:** As you know, several wildfires have greatly impacted the Hawaiian Islands, with well over 100 people dead and 1,000 still missing. Many more have lost their homes. To contribute to their relief, mark your special offerings to go towards Lutheran Disaster Relief of the ELCA and especially the Pacifica Lutheran Synod as they help people recover in Hawaii.

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**Thank You to All Who Supported the Blood Drive:** The UPMC community blood drive held in our fellowship hall on July 6<sup>th</sup> collected enough blood to positively impact 189 lives. Thanks to all who donated! We have scheduled another blood drive at St. Mark on **September 21<sup>st</sup>** from 7:00am to 7:00pm so mark your calendars. Register by going online to Central Penn Blood Bank ([cpbb.org](http://cpbb.org)) or call 1-800-771-0059.



**Help Clean Up Hanover:** Mark your calendars for Hanover Clean Up Day – **October 7<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00am to 12noon. For more information, contact HACC. All are welcome to help keep Hanover clean and enjoy lunch after!



## **Important Informational Events for Seniors**

**Advanced Planning Event at St. Mark:** On **November 11<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00pm to 3:00pm, St. Mark is hosting a UPMC Advanced Planning Event with lots of helpful information on advanced directives and end-of-life planning. More details to come soon!

**Community Senior Fair:** For free screenings and valuable information / resources, Hanover's senior citizens are invited to a fair presented by Hanover Adams Senior Resources and hosted at Darrell Sipes Opticians, 600 Carlisle Street. The fair is from 10:00am to 12:00pm on Wednesday, **September 20<sup>th</sup>**, at Darrell Sipe Opticians, 600 Carlisle Street in Hanover.



**Nawakwa Events:** Mark your calendars for the following Lutheran Camping Corporation (717-677-8211, [LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org)) **October** events at Nawakwa in Arendtsville:

**Adult Bible Study Retreat** on **October 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>**.

**Fall Foliage Day** on **October 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

For more information, including registration info and deadlines, check out [LutheranCamping.org/upcoming-events/](http://LutheranCamping.org/upcoming-events/).

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**CROP Hunger Walk:** The CROP Walk is scheduled for Sunday, **October 15<sup>th</sup>**. Walkers can choose between a 3-mile or 1-mile walk. If you'd like to walk or sponsor a walker, contact the church office at 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.



## **Getting Ready for the 2023-2024 School Year**






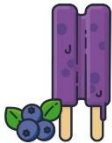










Where did the summer go? It seems like it was only a week ago that we were celebrating the preschool's Class of 2023. Now, we are ready to open our doors once again to a new group of students.

This year the 4-year-old classes will continue to be taught by Idonia Klunk, and Mandy Wasserman and Lauren Hammersla will be assisting. Allison Wentz will continue to teach the 3-year-old classes, and Heather Gorczynski and Karen Amoss will be assisting. All our classes are full, and we are excited to get things started.

The Preschool Committee would like to thank the congregation for their generous donations to our preschool over the summer. The supplies you provided will help keep our preschool running smoothly. Thanks again for all your support. – IDONIA KLUNK AND ALLISON WENTZ, PRESCHOOL CO-DIRECTORS



Preschool teachers and Wally making sure all the toys are clean and ready for the incoming students

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 3 9:00am Worship  <b>Fellowship Time</b> Following Worship  <i>Bells Rehearsal</i>	4  <b>HAPPY LABOR DAY!</b> <b>-OFFICE CLOSED-</b>	5 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i>  5pm St. Mark Eats @ Perkins	6 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i>  <b>4's Class 1<sup>st</sup> Full Day</b> 	7 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> 9:00am-12noon <i>Quilting Group</i> 3pm Evangelism Mtg <b>Preschool Orientation (3's Class)</b>	8 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> 11:00am Bible Study  <i>IGUANA AWARENESS DAY</i>	9 5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word  <b>BLUEBERRY POPSICLE DAY</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10 9:00am Worship <b>God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday</b>  <i>No Bells Rehearsal</i>	11 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> <b>3's Class 1<sup>st</sup> Full Day</b>  <b>PATRIOT DAY</b>	12 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> 9:30am Property Mtg	13 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i>	14 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> 9:00am-12noon <i>Quilting Group</i> <b>7pm Future Task Force</b>  <b>HOLY CROSS DAY</b>	15 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> 11:00am Bible Study	16 5:30pm Non-Communion Laity Worship  <b>BATMAN DAY</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 17 9:00am Non-Communion Laity Worship Sunday School Resumes <b>Finance Meeting</b>  <b>CONSTITUTION DAY</b> SEPTEMBER 17 <sup>TH</sup> <i>Bells Rehearsal</i>	18 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i>	19 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> 1pm Garden Club Mtg 	20 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i>	21 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> 9:00am-12noon <i>Quilting Group</i>  <b>UPMC Blood Drive</b>	22 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> <b>-NO BIBLE STUDY-</b>	23 5:30pm Non-Communion Laity Worship  <b>1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF FALL</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 24 9:00am Non-Communion Laity Worship  Sunday School  <b>PAL Team 2</b>  <i>Bells Rehearsal</i>	25 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> 	26 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i>	27 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i>  <b>CHOCOLATE MILK DAY</b>	28 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i>  9:00am-12noon <i>Quilting Group</i>	29 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> <b>-NO BIBLE STUDY-</b>	30 5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word 

\*NOTE: Beginning September 6<sup>th</sup>, St. Mark Preschool classes are in regular session MONDAY through FRIDAY each week between the hours of 8:30am and 4:00pm.  
Please see the preschool calendar for more information.



# St. Mark Lutheran Church

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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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