



St. Mark Bell

November 2023



St. Mark Lutheran

129 Charles Street
Hanover PA 17331

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Worship

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 9:00am

Sunday School Following Worship

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

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

Nov 1 – All Saints' Day

Nov 2 – 1pm St. Mark Eats @ Rosie's
– **NO EVANGELISM MTG**

Nov 3 – 4pm Bazaar Setup

Nov 4 – All Saints' Weekend
– 8am-2pm Fall Bazaar

Nov 5 – All Saints' Sunday
– Fellowship Time after Worship
– **Daylight Savings Time Ends**
– Worship & Music Mtg
– **NO BELLS REHEARSAL**

Nov 6 – Dropoff for Bake Sale

Nov 7 – Election Day Polling at St. Mark
– Preschool Bake Sale

Nov 11 – Veterans Day
– 1pm-3pm Advanced Planning
Community Event

Nov 12 – Confirmation Class

Nov 14 – 9:30am Property Mtg
– 1pm Garden Club Mtg
– 7pm Future Task Force

Nov 16 – **NO FELLOWSHIP MTG**

Nov 19 – Harvest Home Sunday

Nov 23 – Thanksgiving

Nov 23/24 – **OFFICE CLOSED/NO
ACTIVITIES**

Nov 26 – Christ the King Sunday
– Confirmation Class
– PAL Team 3

– **NO BELLS REHEARSAL**

Nov 27 – **POINSETTIA DEADLINE**

Nov 28 – 5pm Council Mtg

Dec 2/3 – Garden Club Green Sale

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord,,,"

Psalms 92:1a

Dear Thankful St. Markians:

In the Fall of 1621, the indigenous Wampanoag people and the recent European English settlers came together for three days of celebration and feasting. They were coming together to mark the end of a successful harvest season. Some believe that this began the day of Thanksgiving in the United States. But it wasn't until 242 years later that President Abraham Lincoln, proclaimed the 4th Thursday of November as a national day of giving thanks. While those two events play an important role in our nation's history, neither of them marked the beginnings of giving thanks to God. That tradition goes back to the very beginning, even to the times of Noah. Genesis chapter 8 describes the first action Noah took upon leaving the ark after the flood subsided: to build an altar and offer sacrifice of thanksgiving to God. What follows in almost every book of the Bible are people, tribes, and nations all remembering to give thanks to God for life, for sustenance, for peace, for comfort, for hope, for salvation. To truly live with a thankful heart to God means more than just celebrating one day out of the year.

Even here in the church, November is marked with more than just one day of thanks. We start off the month with the festival of All Saints' to remember and honor all those who have entered into God's kingdom ahead of us, especially our own members who have died in the last year. They may have been the ones who taught us about God, who loved us and showed us God's love in how they lived their life. Until we join with them, we give thanks for this eternal hope in God.

Then of course we gather in the harvest of blessings as we head towards Harvest Home Sunday on the 19th. We gather up food that we may have in abundance to help those who do not have enough. We gather in the quilts and blankets of warmth to give to those who are cold or need comfort. We gather in the gifts of joy to give to families and children who need joy in their lives. We are blessed with so much; we give thanks by giving of our abundance so that others may also know God's love.

Finally, we will end the month on Christ the King Sunday as the last weekend of the month. We draw the church year to a close on this high festival Sunday, celebrating the one who is our Savior and grants us an everlasting place in his kingdom.

As you can see, November is so much more than just giving thanks one day. Take time to worship and give thanks *every* day. In the peace and grace of God, *Pastor Kirk Griffin*

Happenings and News in our Congregation

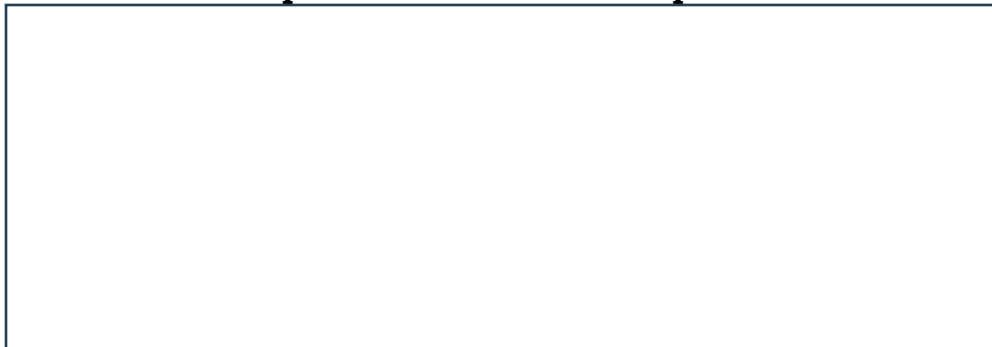
Council Happenings: October 11, 2023

- Council opened with prayer and gave thanks for the blessings of our lay leaders who filled in while Pastor was away and for the wonderful music, especially the involvement of the children in the band, and in the Longs' singing offertory.
- Attendance and membership roll changes were reviewed.
- President Mike Merlo lifted up with optimism the goodness of our congregation as we look to move forward in God's work.
- Pastor gave his statistical report and also gave thanks for the lay support as he took his vacation. Pastor also presented to Council the recommendation from Gary Laabs and himself for the position of housekeeper after they completed the interviews. The council voted and approved that St. Mark hire Danielle Miskimon as our new Housekeeper/Custodian. Lastly, Pastor reminded the council of the nominations needed by December to fill the 4 outgoing council positions, 2 nominating committee members, 1 auditor, and 2 delegates to 2024 synod assembly.
- Christian Ed. verbally acknowledged the wonderful work and donations for this year's "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday. It was also noted that the fall classes have begun for nursery, elementary, and confirmation.
- Evangelism is working hard to get ready for the Fall Bazaar on Nov. 4th in addition to the prayer cards, the devotionals, and other work of sharing the message of God.
- Property Committee noted the ongoing maintenance and work around the church. The heat system has been serviced and cleaned in preparation for the coming winter.
- Worship and Music reviewed the Advent/Christmas schedule. It was decided to have processions for the upcoming Festival Sundays – volunteers will be needed.
- Auxiliary groups noted the ongoing work at HACC, preschool, the sewing ladies, and that the actions of the Future Task Force Group on Tuesday, October 17th will be goal setting for 2024 and beyond, so everyone's input is needed.
- Council reviewed the August and September Treasurer's reports and noted the ongoing deficit as we move into the fall season. The proposed 2024 budget was reviewed and will be voted for final recommendation to the congregation after the next Finance Committee meeting.
- Council discussed Bishop James Dunlop's Finance Integrity letter asking congregations to be attentive to good management of auditing practices in light of several issues throughout the synod recently. It was noted we already diversify the roles of finance, and the Audit Committee will meet to review the year.
- Having no other business, the council adjourned until next month.

Nominations Sought: We are seeking: 4 Members to serve three-year terms on Council; 1 Auditor to serve a three-year term; 2 Nominating Committee Members for a one-year term; and 2 Delegates to the 2024 Synod Assembly. Please talk with a Council member if interested.

Election and Budget Congregational Meeting: Our annual meeting will be held after Sunday services on **December 10th** with inclement weather makeup day of **December 17th**.

September Treasurer's Report



St. Mark's Monthly Offering for Designated Needs gives us an opportunity as a congregation to support specific domestic and international needs. During November, we are given the opportunity to contribute to the **Roots for Boots** veterans aid group. The goal of Roots for Boots of New Oxford is to meet the current needs and future challenges of military families, predominantly in rural areas. This grassroots organization attempts to serve, educate, and inspire. Roots for Boots is a down-to-earth group that offers members of the community opportunities to use their skills, talents, and resources to engage, connect with, and support veterans, active duty military, and military families in more direct and local ways.



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 envelopes in our pew racks or on the *Other* line of any of our weekly offering envelopes, "Roots for Boots." 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!



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: *Fred Baber, Donald Becker, Larry Bolin, Jessica (Feaser) Boone, Katherine Borsella, Allen Bowersox, Pat Brooks, Wilma Crawford, Jada Crow, Deb Day, Pam DeWitt, Lisa Dickensheets, Gail Dorsey, Diane Duffy, Robin Eline, Tarek Elnaggar, Jean Eshbach, Nancy Fridinger, Scott Gonzales, Vickie Gouker, Dane Graham, Tom Greenholt, Carol Ann Haines, Carrie Hernden, Shirley Hippensteel, Jean Huskin, Don Jamison, Donna Jones, Craig King, Norma Kreidler, Mary Lou Krummeck, Nancy Kuhn, Allen Kuhns, David Kunkel, Amos Laughman, Naura Luqman, Dave & Denise Martin, Mary Ellen Melhorn, Carol Miller, Kathy 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, Bob and Cecelia Sell, Luanne Slusser, Pr. Jerry Smith, JoAnn Smith, Beverly Snyder, Sally Soule, Phyllis Tasto, Jennie Tome, George Tracy, Allison Trump, Lois VandenHeuvel, Jody Walter, Naomi Warren, Barb Watson, Diana Weaver, Ron Wentz, Robin Willis, Ed Wiltrout, Scott Wisner, Rebecca Wisotzkey.*

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Welcome to Our New Housekeeper: We want to welcome Danielle Miskimon to St. Mark. Danielle will be taking over Tammy's role as Church Housekeeper/Custodian. Danielle is excited to begin this position and looks forward to meeting everyone. If you're in the church and see Danielle, be sure to stop and introduce yourself!



Christmas Eve Services: Christmas Eve services this year will be held on **Sunday, December 24th**, at **3:00pm and 7:00pm** (special music begins at 6:30pm). The regular Saturday evening spoken worship will still be held on **December 23rd**, and the regular worship service with our Annual Pageant will be held at **9:00am on Sunday morning, December 24th**. So plan ahead, bring the family and friends, and celebrate Christmas with us.



-To St. Mark: *I want to thank all of the members that reached out to me during my medical situation. So many beautiful cards, food, messages, etc. Also thank you for the scarf and quilt. I hope to return very soon. – Sincerely, Sue O'Brien*

-To All Who Supported the CROP Hunger Walk: *Thank you to all who supported Linda Bolin in the CROP Hunger Walk. With your help, she was able to raise \$170 to aid in the fight against hunger. "It was not a beautiful day, but it was dry. I walked the 2-mile stretch just like last year – and*

with the same folks from St. Bartholomew. I always find it very enjoyable. And the folks – some even carrying babies – were having a great time talking with everyone. I'm looking forward to next year." – Linda Bolin

-To St. Mark: *Thank you so much for the gift card. I will miss all of you. It was such a wonderful place to work!* – Tammy Wiseman

The Bazaar Is Coming – November 4th! We're looking forward to another successful Fall Bazaar. We have craft table vendors setting up on Friday. We have bakers coming to make pies and cooks to make soup. We have donations rolling in (still seeking more) for the baked tables and the Granny's Attic table. **Once again, what we need now is YOU!!!!** Be sure to look for ways to get involved. Sign up to help set up, bake, make, sell, clean up, or just show up to enjoy the day. Everyone needs to be involved to repeat our success from last year. See you at the BAZAAR!!!




ALL SAINTS' WEEKEND: November 4th/5th


Please join us as 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 as soon as possible.*

HARVEST HOME WEEKEND: November 18th/19th

Join us on Thanksgiving Harvest Home Weekend, the weekend before Thanksgiving Day. That's the final weekend for our:

 **Food Collection:** Be sure to bring in canned, bagged, and/or boxed foods to place at our table of hunger. So many people are suffering from lack of good nutrition, even here in a community that has plenty. Please consider bringing in some food to donate. All the food will be given to the food bank and PAL lunch program at the Council of Churches on Carlisle Street.

We'll also be:

 **Counting Our Blessings:** On Harvest Home Weekend we will once again have our "Count Your Blessings" Tree on which to hang prayers of blessings and thanksgiving during the worship service. God has blessed us with so much, we should always give thanks. Look for that tree during our services on Harvest Home Sunday.



CHRIST THE KING WEEKEND: November 25th/26th



The weekend following Thanksgiving is Christ the King Weekend. We've traveled through the church year, from the prophecies of the coming Christ to His birth, to His baptism, and to His ministry. Now, at the end of the year, we celebrate His ultimate reign that lasts forever.



Happy Birthday To Our **NOVEMBER Birthdays!**

Nov. 2 Lola Garman
Susan Hardin
Molly Kindschuh
Leslie Miller
Sally Soule

Nov. 3 Barrett Boyers
Robert Potter

Nov. 5 Randy Mummert
Janet Rockafellow

Nov. 7 Stephen Keefer
Mike Merlo
Brittany Miller

Nov. 9 Zachary Carter



Nov. 10 Martin Luther

Nov. 11 Brenna Yingling

Nov. 13 Martha Lobaugh

Nov. 15 Ricci Reber

Nov. 17 Ashton Yeager

Nov. 18 Pamela Garrett

Nov. 21 Jace Wildasin

Nov. 22 Don Feeser

Nov. 24 Robert Bish
Kathy Gates
Andy Warehime

Nov. 28 Jordyn Farley
Ron Wentz

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

Christmas Tree Decorating Brunch: On Saturday, **December 16th**, at 8:30am, we'll be gathering to decorate our Christmas tree, followed by a potluck breakfast brunch. Please join us to enjoy fellowship and get ready for Christmas. Look for a signup in **mid-November**.



Hanover Garden Club Greens Sale: The Hanover Garden Club will be holding their annual Greens Sale in our fellowship hall on Friday, **December 1st**, from 8:00am to 5:00pm, and Saturday, **December 2nd**, from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

Inspiration Packets: November is almost here, which means new inspiration packets are now available. Be sure to pick up a packet of cards, not just for yourself, but also one or more to share! The Evangelism Committee appreciates supplies to keep this project going. Please contact Vivian Cullison for more information.



Daylight Savings Time Ending Soon: Don't forget to turn back your clocks and sleep an extra hour on Sunday, **November 5th**. And change your smoke detector batteries while you're at it!

Ruth's Harvest Donations Sought: Ruth's Harvest is a program that fills a gap left in the school lunch program – many elementary students who are eligible for free lunches are left hungry on weekends and holidays. The program provides bag lunches and is in need of individual packs of fruit, vegetables, snacks, and tuna/chicken pouches. The bin to donate is located on the floor by the church office.



Fellowship Hosts Needed: We are in need of fellowship hosts. Most fall and winter dates are open, including **November 5th** following the All Saints' service. Please sign up to help us keep this 1st Sunday monthly tradition of donuts, coffee, and fellowship going.



St. Mark's Giving Trees

Bringing Warmth to Others: Beginning **December 3rd**, the Advent Knit Tree will welcome donations of warm socks, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, etc. All donations are greatly appreciated and will be put to good use. 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 will also be up soon. To dedicate a beautiful star (handmade by Diana Weaver) in honor or memory of a loved one and to support the ELCA's fight against hunger, please fill out and submit the form found elsewhere in this newsletter and on the narthex shelf. Stars are \$5.00 each and will be listed in the Christmas Eve handout. Deadline for dedications is **December 4th**.



Gift Tag Tree: Once again, St. Mark will support HACC's JJ's Toy Shop this Christmas. We will be covering a tree with gift tags requesting toys, books, games, and necessities for families in need this holiday season. If you'd like to shop for any of these gifts, take a tag and then return the unwrapped purchases. Remember, the tags are just suggestions – feel free to purchase anything you'd like. We'll be delivering gifts to HACC who will distribute them in early December, so please make sure your gifts are under the tree soon.



Testing...Testing...1...2: Our weekly Bible Study is now being recorded. That means that, even if you have to miss a class, you can catch up on the week's topic and listen to the recording online at home. Just contact the church office to receive a digital recording of the current Bible Study.

St. Mark Eats: The Fellowship Committee has planned great outings for fall and winter. The next St. Mark Eats dates, times, and locations are:

November 2nd – *Lunch at Rosie's in New Oxford at **1:00pm**

****(Note:** Due to scheduling conflicts, our lunch at Rosie's will be on the first Thursday of November, rather than Tuesday. It will also kick off our time change to 1:00pm lunches for the duration of winter.)*

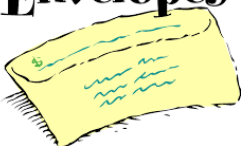
December 5th – Lunch at the Railside Diner at **1:00pm**

January 2nd – Lunch at Hoss's at **1:00pm**

Stay tuned for news of more fun winter lunch plans!



Offering Envelopes



Offering Booklets: The 2024 offering booklets will be available for pickup on **November 18th**. Contributors were renumbered to lower the number of booklets we'll need to order in the future, so your number for 2024 may be different. If you handwrite your number on an offering after January 1st, please be sure you have the correct number. Thank you!



Poinsettias, Wreaths, and World Hunger Stars

New Poinsettia Provider: Unfortunately, Auchey's is no longer in business. This year, we'll be ordering from Musselman's in Cashtown. The price of each pot is \$16.00 which will help cover the cost and delivery fee (delivery from Auchey's was free).

Dedicating Poinsettias/Wreaths: If you'd like to dedicate **poinsettias** (or our indoor **wreaths**) to the memory of a loved one or to honor a friend or family member, please submit the order

form below to Joni by **Monday, November 27th** or call 637-8904. We thank you for helping to beautify our Christmas Eve altar.

Dedicating World Hunger Stars: We're also again offering beautiful **star ornaments** for dedication to combat world hunger. These are \$5.00 each. The deadline to dedicate a star is **Monday, December 4th**.

*Poinsettias and star ornaments can be taken home
after the later Christmas Eve service or anytime the following week.*



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

POINSETTIA/WREATH DEADLINE: November 27th

HUNGER STAR DEADLINE: December 4th

_____ Poinsettia(s) @ \$16.00 each	= _____
_____ Wreath(s) @ \$25.00 each	= _____
_____ World Hunger Star(s) @ \$5.00 each	= _____
TOTAL:	= _____

In Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

Presented By: _____



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Contact: Joni @ offcoor129@gmail.com | 717-637-8904

Mail: St. Mark, 129 Charles Street, Hanover, PA 17331



NOVEMBER Altar Vases



NOVEMBER 5TH

Altar Vases: *Open for Dedication*

NOVEMBER 12TH

Altar Vases: *Open for Dedication*

NOVEMBER 19TH

Altar Vase: Given by Pat Hagarman
In Memory of Frances Christie

Altar Vase: *Open for Dedication*

NOVEMBER 26TH

Altar Vases: *Open for Dedication*



Would You Like to Honor a Loved One? Say it with flowers! As you can see, **almost all of November's vases are available.** To prevent Joni's heart-wrenching pleas for altar decoration in November's weekly announcement emails, please consider sponsoring a vase (or two!). The cost is \$17.00 per vase. Signups are in the Altar Flower notebook in the narthex or call 637-8904.



NOVEMBER Worship Helpers

November Altar Care: *Need Volunteer(s)*



NOVEMBER 5TH

Assisting Minister: Karen Feeser

CPIC: Pennie Highlands

Lector: Alex Spalding

Comm. Assts: *Need 2 Volunteers*

Crucifer: Gail Merlo

Torch Bearers: *Need 2 Volunteers*

Bible Bearer: *Need Volunteer*

Banner Bearers: Hollis Long | Linda Bolin |
Need 5 Volunteers

Greeters: Bill Leppo | *Need Volunteer*

NOVEMBER 12TH

CPIC: Karen Feeser

Lector: Karen Feeser

Comm. Assts: Kathy Gates | *Need Volunteer*

Greeters: Bill Leppo | *Need Volunteer*

NOVEMBER 19TH

CPIC: Linda Bolin

Lector: Hollis Long

Comm. Assts: *Need 2 Volunteers*

Greeters: Bill Leppo | *Need Volunteer*

NOVEMBER 26TH

Assisting Minister: Penelope Highlands

CPIC: Martha Lippy

Lector: Pat Keefer

Crucifer: Gail Merlo

Comm. Assts: *Need 2 Volunteers*

Torch Bearers: Hollis Long | *Need Volunteer*

Bible Bearer: Karen Feeser

Banner Bearer: *Need Volunteer*

Greeters: Bill Leppo | *Need Volunteer*

Yes, We Need Help: You may have noticed that we can use some help with processionalists on upcoming Festival Sundays! Please sign up in the narthex to assist with worship on those Sundays.

News and Happenings in Our Community

Provide-A-Lunch Team #3 will be serving at HACC on November 26th:

Our primary team members include: Nancy Beimler, Linda Bolin, Dale Dull, and Shirley Hippensteel



As mentioned above, PAL is an important program hosted by HACC to make sure local people in need get at least one hot meal per day, 365 days a year. 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: Cans of mixed vegetables, corn, green beans, potatoes, butter, sugar, milk, snacks, scalloped potatoes, fruit cups.

Ruth's Harvest: Single-serve entrees, single-serve fruit cups, single-serve cereals.

Clothing Bank: In need of lots of fall warm clothing, especially socks, men's jeans waist sizes 30-34, and coats for all ages.

Shelter: Bathroom cleaner, disinfectant spray, men's boxer underwear, travel size shampoo, conditioner, body wash.

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

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



Advanced Planning Event at St. Mark: On **November 11th** from 1:00pm to 3:00pm, St. Mark is hosting a UPMC Advanced Planning Event with information on advanced directives, emotional support for caregivers and families, insurance options, and end-of-life planning, including POAs, wills, and other legalities. There will be vendors, a kid zone, and free screenings. Please spread the word to anyone you know who may need these services!

String Concert at Emmanuel: Emmanuel UCC on Broadway is hosting the Elma Strings at 3:00pm on **November 12th**. For more information or tickets, contact EUCC at 632-8281.



Christmas Show Bus Trip: Clearview Terrace Travel Club is offering a trip to Lancaster's American Music Theatre to see a performance of *The First Noel* on Wednesday, **December 13th**. The cost is \$110 and includes transportation, reserved seats, and lunch, and all gratuities. Registration and payment are due **November 3rd**. For more information call 717-632-8081 or email kelittle@clearviewterrace.com.

HACC ADOPT-A-FRIEND: HACC has added a new program this year and is asking for sponsors to adopt a child (or family) in need this Christmas. Gift wish tags will be available at HACC from **October 30th through November 10th**, (**NOTE:** The date range changed slightly since last month's newsletter). Wrapped gifts should be dropped off by **November 27th**. Please contact HACC at 633-6353 for more information. **NOTE:** This program is in *addition to* JJ's Toy Shop, which St. Mark will once again collect presents for this Christmas (*see St. Mark Giving Tree section above*).



Hanover Against Hunger Event: Hanover Against Hunger is looking for volunteers on the weekend of **November 4th and 5th** to pack meals for local people in need. Shifts are 2-1/2 hours, and there's plenty to do for any age or ability. They hope to pack 200,000 meals, so they can use all the help they can get. The event will be at St. Matthew on Chestnut. For more information, go to hanoveragainsthunger.org or email info@hanoveragainsthunter.org.



Christmas Tree Tours at the Mansion: Christmas Tree tours at the Warehime/Myers Mansion begin on **November 25th** – Wednesdays from 10:00am to 2:00pm and Saturdays from noon to 2:00pm. Contact the Hanover Historical Society or see Mike Noble for more information.

Disaster and Humanitarian Relief Fund: The world has experienced many disasters lately, from wildfires to flooding, earthquakes, and hurricanes, to areas disrupted by wars and violence. To contribute to relief for the people affected, mark your special offerings to go towards Lutheran Disaster Response of the ELCA. If there's a specific tragedy you'd like to have your donation support, please mark that on the envelope. Additionally, in response to the escalating violence in and around Gaza, Presiding Bishop Eaton has issued a call to action for food, supplies, medical help, and emotional/spiritual support. To help Lutheran Disaster Response provide aid to those suffering in this difficult time, please mark your *Other* line donations to go to "Middle East Crisis."



Nawakwa Events: There are a couple of Lutheran Camping Corporation (717-677-8211, LutheranCamping.org) **November** events at Nawakwa in Arendtsville:

Annual Quilt Auction – **November 5th**

Women's Craft Retreat – **November 10th through 12th**

For more information, including registration info and deadlines, check out LutheranCamping.org/upcoming-events/.

Free In-Home Covid Tests: The federal government is once again sending four COVID tests to every household that applies. Go to covid.gov/tests to order your free tests.





Farm Visit, Fire Safety, and Festivals! October has been full of fun learning about the season of fall, leaves, parts of a pumpkin, and more.

We thank Hanover Area Fire & Rescue for visiting our preschool to teach us all about fire safety. The students enjoyed learning from the firefighters, seeing Helmet (the fire dog), and touring the fire truck.

The 4's classes got to take a field trip to Smysers Farm to enjoy lots of wonderful fall activities.

Oh, and we can't forget our Fall Parties packed full of laughter and joy with songs, games, and trick-or-treating! We had so much fun and are super excited for all the activities and plans scheduled for November.



BAKE SALE



The preschool is having a **bake sale** during the election on Tuesday, **November 7th** to take advantage of foot traffic as people come to St. Mark to vote. If you'd like to donate baked goods (cookies, Rice Krispie treats, cupcakes, fudge, etc.) to help support the preschool, please drop off your items in the church office (by noon) or the big kitchen (by 3:30pm) on Monday, **November 6th**. It would be much appreciated if you have your items packaged for sale (i.e., 2-4 cookies in a bag, cupcakes individually wrapped).

Thank you for all your help and support! – IDONIA KLUNK AND ALLISON WENTZ, PRESCHOOL CO-DIRECTORS



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<div>November</div> <div></div>				1 <div></div>	2 <div>9:00am-12noon Office Open 9:00am-12noon Quilting Group 1pm St. Mark Eats @ Rosie's</div>	3 <div>9:00am-12noon Office Open 11:00am Bible Study 4pm Bazaar Setup</div>	4 <div>5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word ALL SAINTS' WEEKEND</div>
23 rd Sunday after Pentecost 5 <div>9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School Fellowship Time after Worship Daylight Savings Time Ends Worship & Music Mtg No Bells Rehearsal</div>	6 <div>9:00am-12noon Office Open</div>	7 <div>9:00am-12noon Office Open Preschool Bake Sale</div>	8 <div>9:00am-12noon Office Open</div>	9 <div>9:00am-12noon Office Open 9:00am-12noon Quilting Group NATIONAL SCRAPPLE DAY</div>	10 <div>9:00am-12noon Office Open 11:00am Bible Study</div>	11 <div>5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word 1pm-3pm UPMC Advanced Planning Community Event at St. Mark VETERANS DAY</div>	
24 th Sunday after Pentecost 12 <div>9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School Confirmation Class Bells Rehearsal</div>	13 <div>9:00am-12noon Office Open Day</div>	14 <div>9:00am-12noon Office Open 9:30am Property Mtg 1pm Garden Club Mtg 7pm Future Task Force</div>	15 <div>9:00am-12noon Office Open NATIONAL BUNDT DAY</div>	16 <div>9:00am-12noon Office Open 9:00am-12noon Quilting Group</div>	17 <div>9:00am-12noon Office Open 11:00am Bible Study TAKE A HIKE DAY</div>	18 <div>5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word</div>	
25 th Sunday after Pentecost 19 <div>9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School Harvest Home Sunday Bells Rehearsal</div>	20 <div>9:00am-12noon Office Open</div>	21 <div>9:00am-12noon Office Open WORLD HELLO DAY</div>	22 <div>9:00am-12noon Office Open</div>	23 <div>9:00am-12noon Quilting Group – OFFICE CLOSED – – NO ACTIVITIES – </div>	24 <div>11:00am Bible Study</div>	25 <div>5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY</div>	
26 th Sunday after Pentecost 26 <div>9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School Christ the King Sunday Confirmation Class PAL Team 3 No Bells Rehearsal</div>	27 <div>9:00am-12noon Office Open POINSETTIA DEADLINE</div>	28 <div>9:00am-12noon Office Open 5pm Council Mtg</div>	29 <div>9:00am-12noon Office Open SQUARE DANCING DAY</div>	30 <div>9:00am-12noon Office Open 9:00am-12noon Quilting Group</div>			

*NOTE: 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.

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