

**ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL AND REMINDERS / UPDATES**

**May 27, 2026**

From *DAILY GUIDEPOSTS 2011*: Gina Bridgeman

*“He reveals deep and mysterious things; he knows what is in the darkness...”* – DANIEL 2:22

I have a small collection of nesting dolls, little wooden dolls that open up to reveal a smaller doll, one inside the other. One set is painted like angels and another like players from my favorite baseball team, the Arizona Diamondbacks. My favorite is the traditional set my brother brought back from Russia when I was just a little girl. It's actually seventeen dolls, the smallest one only an eighth of an inch tall. I love opening each one and lining them up, discovering what's inside again and again, studying their slightest differences.

Perhaps I like them because they are made exactly as God created us – complex, layered, sometimes not so easy to figure out from the outside. I think of a new co-worker who at first appeared very serious – cordial but distant. Some thought she was even a little unfriendly. We sat together at lunch one day, and as we talked, she told me how she and her husband were raising their grandson – a layer revealed. As we got to know each other better, she told me about her spiritual searching. We talked about God and another layer was revealed. Months have passed now, and we have discovered several layers within each other that show we have enough in common to become good friends. And the discovery continues.

*Lord, make me the kind of friend who takes the time to discover  
the many layers people have to offer.* – GINA BRIDGEMAN

**Prayer:** *Let us pray: Gracious and Loving Lord, I give thanks to You for the gift of friends and companions on this road of life. By their sharing of themselves, I have grown and discovered new things in myself. Help me to be a good friend as a listening ear, a comforting shoulder, a provoker of thoughts. Guide me in walking with others as Jesus walked, inspiring others to deeper faith and knowledge of You. In his name, Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, I pray. Amen.*

**Weekly Schedule:**

**Office Hours:** Mon-Fri 9:00am to 12:00noon

**Preschool:** On Summer Break

<b>Thursday, May 28</b>	9:00am to 12noon – Quilting Group <del>9:30am – Choir Practice</del> <b>NO CHOIR PRACTICE</b>
<b>Friday, May 29</b>	<del>11:00am – Bible Study</del> <b>NO BIBLE STUDY</b>
<b>Saturday, May 30</b>	5:30pm – Spoken Worship – <i>Holy Trinity Weekend</i>
<b>Sunday, May 31</b>	9:00am – Traditional Worship – <i>Holy Trinity Weekend</i> Bells Rehearsal
<b>Monday, June 1</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 2</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> – St. Mark Eats @ C&D Grill in New Oxford
<b>Thursday, June 4</b>	9:00am to 12noon – Quilting Group 3:00pm – Evangelism Committee Meeting
<b>Friday, June 5</b>	<del>11:00am – Bible Study</del> <b>NO BIBLE STUDY</b> Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly in York <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>

**Coming Soon:** New Bible study series on the Acts of the Apostles, the history of the early church. All are welcome to join in, no prior study required. Come for the fellowship and share in the discussion. We can even provide the Bible. We begin this class on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.

## Sunday Worship Leaders

**Assisting Minister:** Karen Feeser

**CPIC:** Martha Lippy    **Acolytes:** Nathan Keefer | Owen Reese

**Communion Assistants:** Martha Lippy | Karen Feeser

**Processional:** Karen Feeser | Nathan Keefer | Owen Reese

**Altar Care:** Sunday Morning Volunteers



**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 we're told 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 week keep in your prayers: *Dora, Bryce Adamson, Shannon Allen, Al Allison, Daniel Ard, Kim Bartell, Donna Bell, Becky Bingel, Robert Bingel, Judy Bolin,*

*Katherine Borsella, Nancy Brady, Patrick Brady, Susan Bucher-Laughman, Family & Friends of Michael Carter, Lucas Cherry, Family & Friends of Frances Claybaugh, Susan Coleman, Lois & George Cornell, Pastor David DeLong, Lisa Dickensheets, Diane Duffy, Robin Eline, Tarek Elnaggar, Jean Eshbach, Landon Evans, Dennis Fahey, Nancy Fahey, James Farver, Don Feeser, Abigail Fett, Nancy Gill, Vickie Gouker, Dane Graham, Bob Groft, Sandy Hart, Debby Hartlaub, Chase Henry & Family, Carrie Hernden, Peg Hippensteel, Family & Friends of Catherine Hollingsworth, Blaise Humes, Michael Humes, Martha Howells, Donna Jones, Kathy Jones, David Kaufman, Debbie Kellenbenz, Craig King, Keith Klunk, Shawn Klunk, Kelly Koontz, Norma Kreidler, Winchester Kuhn, Allen Kuhns, Jo Kuhns, Russell Laughman, Laurie Leppo, John Lippy, Ronnie Lippy, Naura Luqman, Carol McDermitt-Humes, Merita Moore, Andrew Moul, Leah Moul, Linda Mummert, Merle Mummert, Nancy Mummert, Pam Mummert, James Murphy, Wayne Noel, Susan O'Brien, Kelly Perdue, Jessica "Rose" Pulliano, Bill Reese, Mary Riley, Carl Sandruck, David Sandruck, Lucus Schneider, Cecelia Sell, Bob Shue, Luanne Slusser, Denise Smith, Pr. Jerry Smith, JoAnn Smith, Joyce Smith, Family & Friends of Ron Smith, Sarah Smith, Jody Spellman, Jamie Stalb, Dennis Staub, Monica Staub, Stephanie Stauffer, Matt Test, Dawn Tice, Jennie Tome, George Tracy, Allison Trump, Ed Wagaman, Gloria Wagaman, Jody Walter, Naomi Warren, Barb Watson, Ron Wentz, Family & Friends of Rebecca Wisotzkey*

**St. Mark's Monthly Offering for Designated Needs** gives us an opportunity as a congregation to support specific domestic and international needs. During May we are given the opportunity to contribute to **HACC PAL (Provide-a-Lunch) Program** which serves a free hot, nutritious home-cooked lunch seven days a week, prepared by churches in the Hanover area.

To contribute to this month's designated need, please mail in your donations or place them in our collection plates, specifying "PAL" or "May Designated Giving" on your check or the *Other* line of your offering envelope. Donations made on the *Other* line that have no written designation will automatically be given to that month's ministry fund. Thanks for your support.

**Thanks for the Pies:** Plenty of People Perused and did Partake in the Plethora of Phenomenal Pies on Pentecost Sunday. We thank all those who Participated and Prepared these Pastries of goodness for this Pleasant Party to celebrate the end of the Sunday school year and the Birthday of Christian Church on Pentecost. We Praise all those Present!

**Notice of Graduations:** we'll take a Sunday in June to congratulate our graduates from high school, college, graduate school, and trade school. We want to make sure we don't miss anyone, so please contact the church office with names of any and all students we have graduating this year. If your daughter, nephew, grandchild, or anyone else in your family (they don't have to be members) is graduating, please let us know!

**Dedicate the Altar Flowers:** We have some Sundays coming up this summer where we have one or two vases available to be dedicated in honor or memory of a loved one. If you can dedicate one or both of these (or any future vases), please fill out the flower book in the narthex or contact Joni (717-637-8904 or [offcoor129@gmail.com](mailto:offcoor129@gmail.com)). Thank you for helping us keep fresh flowers on the altar!

**Share Some Inspiration:** June inspiration packets are available in the narthex. These are great for your own spiritual meditation. Additionally, you can pick up an extra one to give to someone else and share your faith!

**Heroes Celebration 2026 was Great:** We thank all those who lead and participated in this year's event. As we look ahead to next year, we will need to have a fresh vision and some new leadership to keep us rolling. If you are willing to take part in continuing this wonderful event, please contact the church office.

**\$5 Jewelry Sale:** Many members enjoyed the Hospital Auxiliary's \$5 Jewelry Sale here at St. Mark last year, so we've agreed to host it again. And just so you know it is so much more than just Jewelry, there is scarfs, knick knacks, electronics, toys, gifts of all kinds to look through. All proceeds go to help the Hospital Auxiliary so save the dates: **September 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>!**

**2026-2027 Preschool Registration:** The preschool has a few openings left in the **T/TH 3-year-old class** and in the **4-year-old afternoon class. The M/W 3-year-old class and 4-year-old AM class are both full.** Registration is first-come-first-serve. Go to [stmarkpreschoolhanover.weebly.com](http://stmarkpreschoolhanover.weebly.com)

**Eating Together is Fun Fellowship:** Our next St. Mark's Eat Out event is in the evening at C&D Bar & Grill on Tuesday, **June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm.** Come join us for dinner and fun conversation. Sign up. Hope to see you there!

**June Fellowship Host Needed:** We give thanks to all who oversee the fellowship hosting, making sure the coffee is set up and cleaned up. We do need someone to host on June 7<sup>th</sup> and the times first Sunday of each month this summer. Treats and coffee are provided by the church. Please sign up on the narthex bulletin board.

**Quilts need Flat Sheets:** The Sewing Group is in need of full-size new/like-new flat cotton sheets. They would like to thank those who've donated flat sheets in response to their need.

**PAL at St. Mark:** Last Sunday, our church's Provide-A-Lunch team served around 60 people a hot lunch at HACC. But it all starts with buying food. Please consider donating to our "PAL Supplies" fund to help us purchase the ingredients we need to serve lunch at HACC. To contribute **directly to St. Mark's PAL efforts**, please note "**PAL SUPPLIES**" (specify "supplies" so your donation is directed to the right place) on your offering envelope. If you'd like to help out with serving, contact Shellene Griffin.

**Vacation Bible School Refistration NOW OPEN:** Our VBS theme this year will be *Camping with God* and is scheduled for **July 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>** from 9:30am to 12noon each day. Please save the dates and help us spread the word. We have room for 40 kids, ages 4-10, and will have crafts, games, snacks, stories, and music. Registration via St. Paul's website ([stpaulsyorkst.org](http://stpaulsyorkst.org)) is open and spots are filling up. If you'd like to help us plan, our next meeting to plan VBS will be Wednesday, **June 17<sup>th</sup>**, at 1:00pm. We'll also be looking for guides and helpers during the week of the events. If you can help, please talk to Karen Feeser or Pastor Kirk, or call the church office.

**Hanover Library Is Reopening!** Guthrie Memorial Library plans to reopen on **June 1<sup>st</sup>**. After being closed for over 100 days due to water damage, they plan to resume all normal programs and services.

**Free Hanover Playground Program:** From **June 1<sup>st</sup> to July 24<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00am to 12:00pm, Hanover Borough and the YMCA invite you to bring your K-8 children for supervised play at Baer Avenue Park, DeGuy Park, Elm Avenue Park, Moul Field, and Union Park. Watch the Borough's Facebook page closer to the dates for more information, or contact Hanover Borough. Children under age 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Free Weekly Outdoor Story Time:** Library Along Lake Marburg will be held every Wednesday this summer (**June 10<sup>th</sup> through August 12<sup>th</sup>**) in the Codorus State Park Classroom Building. Miss Kelly & Miss Renae will share stories, crafts, activities, and games with the kids. Parents must attend with children (no drop-offs). Bring a blanket or camp chair! Call Guthrie Memorial Library at 717-632-5183 for more information.

**Free Lawn Concert:** The Hanover Area Historical Society is hosting the first summer outdoor concert at the Warehime-Myers Mansion. This first concert is performed by the Lyric Band on **June 3<sup>rd</sup>** starting at **6:30pm.**

**Snacktown Car Show:** Hanover Borough is sponsoring an antique and historic car show at the Hanover Market House on Saturday, **June 13<sup>th</sup>**, from 11:00am to 3:00pm. If you'd like to enter your car, contact [ParksAndRecDept@HanoverBoroughPA.gov](mailto:ParksAndRecDept@HanoverBoroughPA.gov). Everyone else, just come out and enjoy the cool cars!

**Save the Date:** All day Saturday, **July 25<sup>th</sup>**, Hoss's on Carlisle is holding an American Cancer Society fundraiser. If you bring in a card or piece of paper (can be handwritten) with the number **133532** written on it, 20%-25% of the proceeds from your meal will be donated to the American Cancer Society. For more information, contact Hoss's.

**Strawberry Festival:** St. Paul Lutheran on Broadway is hosting their Strawberry festival on **Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>** from **11:00am to 2:00pm.** There will be strawberry goodies, bbq, hotdogs and other goodies for sale.