



St. Mark Lutheran

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Worship

Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 9:00am
Sunday School on Summer Break

Church Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9:00am-12noon

Bible Study

Fridays 11:00am-12noon

Choir Practice

On Summer Break

Bells Rehearsal

To Be Announced

Quilting Group

Thursdays 9:00am-12noon

Preschool

On Summer Break

Meetings & Activities

- June 1** - OFFICE CLOSED
- June 2** - 6pm St Mark Eats @ C&D
- June 4** - 3pm Evangelism Mtg
- June 5** - OFFICE CLOSED
- NO BIBLE STUDY
- Lower Susquehanna
Lutheran Synod Assembly
in York
- June 6** - D-Day
- Lower Susquehanna
Lutheran Synod Assembly
in York
- June 7** - Fellowship Following
Worship
- June 9** - 9:30am Property Mtg
- June 14** - Flag Day
- June 17** - 1pm VBS Planning Mtg
- June 19** - Juneteenth
- June 20** - 1st Day of Summer
- June 21** - Happy Father's Day!
- Council Meeting
- June 25** - 7am-7pm Blood Drive
- June 28** - PAL Team B
- June 29** - OFFICE CLOSED

ST. MARK BELL

Pastor's Ponderings



"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!
And that is what we are! 1 John 3:1

Dear The Father's Children:

Psalm 46 begins with the wonderful reminder that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help

in trouble." Our Heavenly Father is the one stronghold that is constant, the one we can turn to for hope and peace in the face of any crisis or trouble. In 1907, a mine explosion in Monongah, West Virginia killed 362 men. After the tragedy, a worship service was held honoring those men, many of whom were husbands and fathers. Hundreds of children were left fatherless. This was the first unofficial Father's Day remembrance. They gathered as a community to honor their fathers and to turn to the one Father Almighty for comfort and strength.

A year later, on the other side of the country in Spokane Washington, a Ms. Dodd promoted a day to honor fathers. From the tragedy of losing her own mother, she knew the sacrifice her father made to raise her and her five brothers. So, in the summer of 1910, a community-wide service was held with Christians of many denominations coming together, lifting up the qualities of fatherhood and the assurance found in our everlasting Father in Heaven.

It took another 62 years for the day of honoring fatherly devotion to become a national holiday in 1972. Now every June, we set aside the third weekend to lift up fatherhood; to honor the fatherly men who have loved, cared, and provided for us through our lives. This includes, of course, remembering our Heavenly Father, who is our refuge and strength, a present help in all times.

Out of another appreciation for God's ever-comforting love, the hymn we will sing at worship on Father's Day, June 22nd, "Children of the Heavenly Father" was born. A Lutheran pastor's daughter in Sweden had a very sickly childhood. Spending much of her time in bed, she became an avid writer of poetry. One of her poems was written seeking God the Father's protection and saving hand during a time of civil unrest and personal loss when her own father drowned at sea. She sought comfort in knowing that she still had a loving Father Almighty who, in the midst of all troubles, still preserves and holds us "pure and holy" "in his bosom gathered".

This is a great gift of love we have been given – to be called children of God. No matter what may come, we know we are children of the Father. Let us give thanks this month.

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

Happenings and News in Our Congregation

In Memorial

It is with deep regret we must announce the passing of one of our members, **Rebecca “Becky” Wisotzkey**, who entered the everlasting promise found in the living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead on May 11th. Please keep her loved ones in your prayers. In her memory, a white rose was placed in our chancel for the weekend of April 16th & 17th.



St. Mark's Designated Fund for the Month of JUNE



For Us, It's Personal

Each month we focus on a fund that meets a specific need in our community and in the world. In June, that designated fund is:

The **Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) of Hanover and Spring Grove**. The VNA is a hospice program that provides services at home and in nursing homes for people who are at the end of life.

To support June's designated fund, write "**VNA**" or "**June Fund**" on your check or on your offering envelope on the line marked "Other." Amounts written in on the "Other" line with no other fund specified will automatically be attributed to that month's designated fund.

Did You Know...



...that St. Mark has several donation collection spots by the office? There is a box on the table at the end of the hall for all food and shelter items to be sent to the Hanover Council of Churches. A bin is also located on the floor by the table for individual food packets to be donated to Ruth's Harvest's weekend meal packs for children. Across the hall, there is a round basket to collect used ink cartridges that we take to Staples for recycling, earning points towards office supplies. Around the corner from there, in the bell tower room, is a wooden box on the floor that is a dropoff for used envelope stamps used by Cross Keys Village. Next to that is another cardboard box for used eyeglasses that we give to the Lion's Club to help low income people receive the gift of sight. Please feel free to drop off donations at any of these collection spots before worship or during the weekday church office hours.

Sharing Glory Moments

Glory moments are times that you experience the presence of God through your own actions or by witnessing it in others. Share your experience by putting it down on an index card in the pews and putting it in the offering plate.



Perhaps it will inspire others, as we hope this Glory Moment will inspire you!

While driving down the road I came upon a lady who hit an ice spot and skidded into a snow bank. I used my towing strap and 4-wheel-drive to pull her out.

Try it out yourself – Be the love of God.



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 informed 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

~ In Appreciation ~

-Linda Bolin and Loretta Race: Thank you for doing a beautiful job planting 51 Pentecost geraniums! Thanks to all who dedicated the flowers in memory and honor of loved ones. We appreciate the beauty they add to the church grounds. – *The Church Office*



-Honoring Our Heroes: This year's Community Heroes Celebration was beautiful and a wonderful afternoon of celebrating and honoring our heroes. We want to thank everyone who came out to join in the festivities and those who helped plan, set up, serve, and clean up during our community event. A big thank you goes to our leaders, Amy and Abby Shermeyer, and all the leaders and evangelists of St. Mark who helped out!

-St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church: Olivia's House holds tight to one promise: every grieving child and family deserves care without the burden of cost. Gifts like yours are the reason we've been able to keep that promise year after year. Your incredibly generous donation of \$1,010 touches every corner of our mission. We are so grateful to have you in our corner. – *Olivia's House, K.C. Delp Executive Director.*

-St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church: On behalf of our entire team, thank you for your generous donations of \$140 and \$1,650. Your contributions have been allocated to our Ruth's Harvest fund and Changing Lives Shelter fund, respectively, enabling us to address the most pressing needs within our community. With God's blessings and your generosity, countless lives have been positively impacted and transformed. – *With heartfelt gratitude, Hanover Area Council of Churches*

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School, co-hosted with St. Paul York Street, is scheduled for **July 27th through 31st**. This year's theme will be "Camping with God." **We are looking for volunteers** to serve as leaders and helpers, as well as guides to escort the children. If you don't have a child protection clearance, forms are available in the church office or online.



Without volunteers, we won't be able to hold VBS, so please, if you can help in any way, talk with **Karen Feeser**.

Our next planning meeting is **June 17th** at 1:00pm. Please join us!

Registration is open. To register, go to: stpaulsyorkst.org/vbs-registration



Sharing God's Word

A signup sheet is now in the narthex for Hanover's Snack Town Street Fair. St. Mark will again have a booth at the fair to spread the Word and invite fairgoers to St. Mark. This year's fair is on Saturday, **July 11th**. Please sign up if you can help. We appreciate anyone who can staff the booth at some point during the day so we can continue this evangelizing effort!

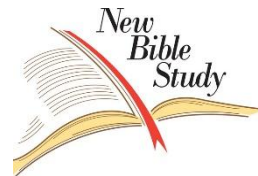
Bible Study Starts Soon

Who wrote the book of Acts? *St. Luke*

When did Luke become a part of the scripture story? *Acts chapter 16*

Who are Felix, Festus and Agrippa? *People that questioned Paul.*

These are just some of the things we will learn as we begin a new study of the book of Acts of the Apostles. Come and learn about the beginning of the early church. Join us Friday, June 12th at 11:00am, all are welcome!



Save Lives!

Our next blood drive will be on **June 25th**. April's blood drive collected enough units to impact 171 lives! To register to donate (not necessary but will save waiting time), go to 717giveblood.org and look for "UPMC" in the Donate Now dropdown menu.

Heads Up!

The Church Office and building will be **CLOSED** on these

dates in June: Monday, **June 1st**

Friday, **June 5th**

Monday, **June 29th**.

Please plan accordingly. Thank you for your understanding.



Time to Double-Check!

In July we'll publish an updated directory. **Please check the current directory** (found in the bell tower room) and confirm your contact information is correct. Or contact the church office at 717-637-8904 or offcoor129@gmail.com, and we'll email one to you.

Slagle Scholarship Award Winner!

Congratulations to Corabeth Peck!

The St. Mark Scholarship Committee would like to congratulate Corabeth Peck on being the 2026 recipient of the Robert Slagle and Ann Sell Slagle Scholarship.



Corabeth will graduate from Hanover High School. She will study nursing at the Duquesne University. This year's award is \$1,000.

Serving on the committee from St. Mark to make the selection this year were Bill Sterner, Pastor Kirk Griffin, and Martha Lippy. Thank you to these committee members.

– Martha Lippy, Chairman, Scholarship Committee

Altar Flower Dedications

We still have lots of vases open this summer –

1 vase on June 14th, June 21st, July 12th, Aug. 2nd or Aug. 30th

2 vases on July 26th, Aug. 16th or Aug. 23rd,

If the birthday of a loved one or perhaps an anniversary is coming up, this is a great time to honor a loved one or their memory. Just fill out the altar flower book (now found on a stand next to the narthex shelf) or contact Joni in the church office. Thank you for helping us keep fresh flowers on the altar!



St. Mark Eats

Now that it stays light enough for us all to drive home safely, our gatherings will soon be moving to the evenings. Please plan to join us for fellowship and good food at these upcoming St. Mark Eats events!

TUESDAY, June 2nd – Dinner at C&D Bar & Grill at **6:00pm**

THURSDAY, July 2nd – Dinner at Dutch Country at **6:00pm**

TUESDAY, August 4th – Dinner at New Era in Abbottstown at **6:00pm**



Congratulations to Our Grads and Their Proud St. Mark Families!

Kaydence Borrer, grandson of Laurie Leppo, graduated May 28th from New Oxford High School.

Braden Leppo, grandson of Laurie Leppo, graduated May 29th from South Western High School.



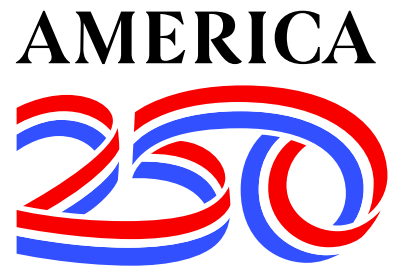
CONGRATULATIONS to our graduates! Our prayers for your future as you continue your education or join the working world.

St. Mark Celebrates “America250!”

America celebrates its 250th birthday on **July 4th, 2026** (“America250”). “America250” is a bipartisan initiative working to engage every American in the 250th anniversary of the United States.” (America250.org)

All churches around the nation are invited to ring their church bells to celebrate. St. Mark will participate by ringing its bell at 2:00pm.

If you’re in the area go outside at 2:00pm, pause, listen, and take a moment to enjoy the bells and reflect on what America’s 250th birthday means to you.



JUNE Altar Vases

June 7th

Altar Vases: Given in Honor of all the Graduates Everywhere
– by Robert and Grace Groft

June 14th

Altar Vase: Given in Honor of Carl Sandruck’s 91st Birthday
– by His Children, Melanie, Sally, and David & Romi

Altar Vase: *Open for Dedication. Please contact Joni to sponsor a vase at \$17.00 each*

June 21st

Altar Vase: Given in Memory of my late husband, Bill, a truly great father
– by Laurie Leppo

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June 28th

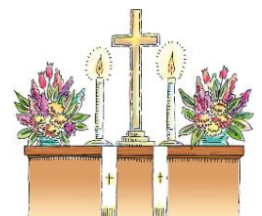
Altar Vase: Given in Honor of Elsie Mae Wildasin’s 11th Birthday
– by Tom & Hollis Long

Altar Vase: Given in Honor of Linda Sterner’s 80th Birthday on July 2nd
– by Bill Sterner

Dedicate an Altar Vase: there is a monthly listing Flower dedication binder located on the side stand by the narthex shelf. Simply flip through and pick the open vases or vase that you would like to dedicate in Honor or Memory of your choice. Each vase is \$17.00. Please sign up or contact the office if interested 637-8904.

Sunday Worship Helpers

Sunday Worship Helpers Needed: Acolytes, Lectors, Assisting Ministers, or Communion Assistants, are always needed throughout the year. There are sign-ups sheets on the bulletin boards in the narthex for anyone that would like to volunteer.



News and Happenings in Our Community

Provide-A-Lunch Team A will be serving at HACC on June 28th. Our primary team members in May include: **Nancy Beimler, Pastor David DeLong, Stacey DeLong, Shellene Griffin, Lynn Gross, and Liz Robinson.**



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.

St. Mark's three teams serve lunch each month and provide the ingredients for each meal. To help us continue this mission, please consider donating to our PAL Supply fund. **To contribute directly to St. Mark's PAL efforts, please note "PAL SUPPLIES"** (be sure to specify "supplies" so that your donation is directed to the right place) on the *Other* line of your offering envelope. Thank you!



HACC NEWS AND SPECIAL NEEDS THIS MONTH

PAL (Provide-A-Lunch) Program: White or Wheat Bread Loaves, Coffee Creamer, Artificial Sweeteners

Ruth's Harvest: Small Canned Vegetables, Single-Serve Fruit Cups, Single-Serve Cereal, Single-Serve Mac & Cheese, Individual Nonperishable Food Items

Meals on Wheels: Adult Wet Wipes, Dried Fruit Snacks (No Nuts Due to Allergies), Pudding Cups, Fruit Cups or Applesauce, Snack-Size Crackers, Granola Bars, Soft Chew Snack Items

Clothing Bank: NEW Bras, NEW Underwear (Men's & Women's), Dryer Sheets, Plastic Hangers, Men's Clothing (All Sizes), Children's Clothing (5T and Up), Bedding

Shelter: Men's Boxer Underwear (M/L/XL), Men's Colored T-Shirts (M/L/XL), Women's Underwear (S/M/L), Deodorant, Personal Hygiene Items, Feminine Hygiene Products, Shampoo, Conditioner, Hairbrushes, Body Wash, Toilet Paper

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

Learn About Our History

The Hanover Area Historical Society has the following events planned for June:

On **June 18th**, HAHS Museum Co-Chair and local historian, Ken Weiler, brings back the popular presentation of the Sporty 1921 "Roadster" Spoke Wheel Model at the HAHS Museum. Free, but call for reservations. Please contact the HAHS at office@hanoverpahistory.org or see Mike Noble for more information.



Summer Concerts at the Mansion

The Hanover Area Historical Society once again presents a series of lawn concerts at the Warehime-Myers Mansion on the **first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm**. On **June 3rd**, they will host the Lyric Band. Then on **July 1st**, enjoy music by the Hanover Symphony Brass Band. On **August 5th**, they present the Jazzberries, followed by the Generations Big Band on **September 2nd**.

Strawberry Social

St. Paul's on Broadway is hosting a strawberry social on Saturday, **June 13th**, from 11:00am to 2:00pm. They invite you to enjoy a full lunch menu with soup and sandwiches, followed by fresh strawberries over ice cream or shortcake. There will also be a baked goods table with lots of other treats. For more information, contact St. Paul's at 717-637-0511 or stpaulsbroadway@outlook.com



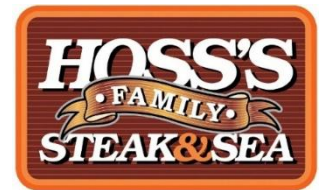
Free Weekly Outdoor Story Time



Join Miss Kelly & Miss Renae for stories, crafts, activities and games at Library Along Lake Marburg on summer Wednesdays, **June 10th through August 12th**, from 10:00am to 10:45am. The program is hosted by the Hanover Library and held in the Codorus State Park Classroom Building on Marina Drive in Codorus. Parents must accompany their children. Bring a blanket and/or camp chair. Call Guthrie Memorial Library at 717-632-5183 for more info.

Fundraiser to Fight Cancer

All day Saturday, **July 25th**, 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.



Free Hanover Playground Program



From **June 1st to July 24th**, 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.

JUNE Preschool News



A Fond Farewell to Another Awesome Year:

The preschoolers ended an amazing year with fun-filled carnivals and the 4/5-year-old Graduation Celebration! We were blessed with a wonderful year, and we look forward to the upcoming school year ahead.

We currently have 5 openings in our 3-year-old Tuesday/Thursday class (9:00am to 11:15am) and 2 openings in our 4-year-old afternoon class (Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 12:30pm to 3:15pm). All other classes are full at this time. If you're interested in our program or know anyone who is, please contact:

Idonia Klunk at 717-451-4803.

Or visit the preschool website: stmarkpreschoolhanover.weebly.com

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer!

- *Idonia Klunk and Allison Wentz, Preschool Co-Directors*

Another Great Preschool Year

