



# St. Mark Bell

## March 2024



### 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

#### 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

**Mar 1** – *World Day of Prayer*

**Mar 3** – Fellowship Time after  
Worship

– Worship & Music Mtg

**Mar 5** – 1pm St. Mark Eats @  
LuHibachi

**Mar 6** – 6pm Lenten Soup Dinner

**Mar 7** – 3pm Evangelism Mtg

**Mar 10** – *Spring Forward!*

– Confirmation Class

**Mar 11** – Deadline to Order Doves

**Mar 13** – 6pm Lenten Soup Dinner

**Mar 14** – UPMC Blood Drive

**Mar 17** – *St. Patrick's Day*

**Mar 19** – 1pm Garden Club Mtg

**Mar 20** – *1st Day of Spring*

– 6pm Lenten Soup Dinner

**Mar 24** – *Palm Sunday*

– Confirmation Class

– PAL Team #1

**Mar 26** – 4pm Council Mtg

**Mar 28** – *Maundy Thursday*

– 7pm Worship Service

**Mar 29** – *Good Friday*

– 7pm Worship Service

**Mar 30** – 10am Easter Egg Hunt

– 5:30pm Easter Vigil Service

**Mar 31** – *Easter Sunday*

– No Activities following  
Worship – Celebrate  
Easter Resurrection!

“...his disciples said to him, ‘Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?’” *Mark 14:12b*

Dear Easter-Anticipating Christians:

Are you ready? Easter is coming! We may still be in Lent, but Easter Sunday is coming! We may still be in the bleakness of winter, but we know the joy of new life is coming. We may still be in the world, but we know the kingdom of the resurrection glory, that promise of Easter is coming. The new day has begun. Are you ready?

The disciples knew the yearly festival of Passover was at hand, and so they asked where Christ wanted to prepare for the festival meal. For over 1300 years, families and friends had gathered yearly to remember the event that had freed them from slavery in Egypt and to give thanks to God. They marked it with a meal that symbolized their struggle, the bitter taste of slavery, the sweetness of freedom, and the hope of a better day that is still to come. Each year as these families and friends gathered, they prepared while looking back with thanks and looking ahead in hope of a great new day.

Those disciples had prepared for the meal just as the people had for over a thousand years. But on this Thursday night at this meal, things were different. Jesus picked up the bread and the final cup of Passover and blessed them, saying that He was giving His body and His blood for all people. He became the sacrificial lamb whose blood marked us as free from death, God's people, redeemed and a part of the new day.

That new day came early on Sunday morning, as an angel in dazzling clothes sat in the place where they had laid the body of the crucified Jesus, and he announced to the world that “He is risen, He is not here.” The new day had begun, the time of salvation was at hand. The day that humanity had been preparing for since the fall from grace had taken place. The new great day had come. Easter had arrived.

Despite the fact that it is still Lent, that the calendar tells us that only on the last day of the month is it Easter; despite us still struggling in the day-to-day worldly business of life, we are already a part of the promised resurrection victory. That day has begun, that day of joy and blessedness is being fulfilled. Be ready, prepare your hearts and minds, and celebrate in all ways the joy of knowing and living in the promise of the Risen Lord. Happy Easter!

In the peace and grace of God,

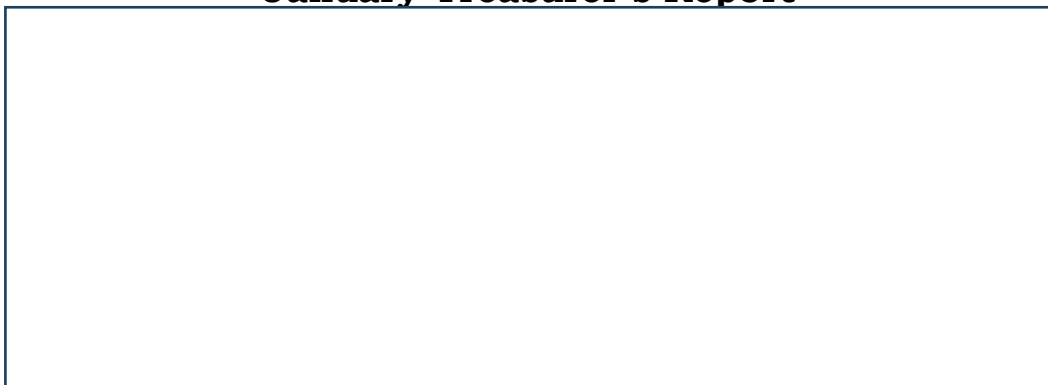
*Pastor Kirk Griffin*

# **Happenings and News in our Congregation**

## **Council Meeting Happenings: February 27, 2024**

- The Council met with prayer and blessings.
- Minutes, attendance, membership changes were noted and reviewed by Council, giving thanks for the recent baptisms and the next one that is planned.
- President Mike Merlo challenged the council to prayer. He reminded them that the world is filled with so much pain and anguish right now that we need the Lord more than ever. Only God has the power to help and renew, so he asked that the council pray for this renewal, this cleaning, and for the congregation of St. Mark to be ready to minister to those in need.
- Pastor gave his statistical report. Pastor noted that we still need a male delegate to Synod Assembly which now has been moved to St. Matthew's Lutheran in York on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. It was also noted that we have an ongoing janitorial supply issue since our last supply company sold. He also submitted the yearly ELCA parochial report reminding the council that one of their duties is yearly review of membership rolls and budget which make up the parochial reports sent to the national church body.
- Evangelism Committee gave its report, stating that five prayer cards were sent in January to individuals on the prayer list. If those who submitted the names to the prayer list were able to communicate contact info, we could probably send more cards of support and prayers. The committee also discussed implementing the "God's Glory" card program. The hope is to have different Godly moments recorded on note cards and displayed for others to see in the hallway by the end of the year 2024.
- Property Committee is dealing with the ongoing upkeep of the building and the necessary needs of our grounds. The major issue this month was getting a new supplier to supply janitorial needs that match our equipment. It is proving to be a difficult endeavor so far.
- Worship and Music Committee reviewed the Advent and Christmas season as they also prepared for the Lent and Easter Season. Topics discussed were the ongoing needs for worship helpers during and following worship. Liturgy settings were determined for Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. Preschool Sunday was set for April 7<sup>th</sup> and Music Sunday was set for May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Future Task Force reviewed the three 2024 priorities that were set: Messy Church event, Hero Event, and Expanding our Online footprint. It was encouraged of leaders to pray and think about the possibilities of online worship, meetings, functions available through the church and what it would mean to our community. Gary Laabs is gathering feedback and thoughts on this topic.
- Finally, Council discussed financial matters and concerns.

## **January Treasurer's Report**





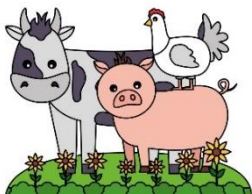
**Prayer List:** We ask that you keep all our shut-ins and those needing special help in your daily prayers. We will keep the shut-ins on the list indefinitely, and those needing extra prayers will be removed after one month unless hearing otherwise. To add a name to the prayer list, please write it on the list on the narthex brass stand or call the office. This month keep in your prayers: *Alvan Allison, Donald Becker, Larry Bolin, Jessica (Feaser) Boone, Katherine Borsella, Allen Bowersox, Family & Friends of Nancy Bowser, Frances Claybaugh, Family & Friends of Wilma Crawford, Lisa Dickensheets, Gail Dorsey, Diane Duffy, Robin Eline, Tarek Elnaggar, Jean Eshbach, Dennis Fahey, Betty Fury, Nancy Fridinger, 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, John Kuhns, David Kunkel, Susie Laughman, Jean Lawrence, Tom Lawrence, Ronnie Lippy, Naura Luqman, Dave & Denise Martin, Clara McBrayer, Carol McDermitt-Humes, Mary Ellen Melhorn, Carol Miller, Kathy Miller, Sandy Miller, Susan Miller, Merita Moore, Leah Moul, Merle Mummert, Pam Mummert, Tammy Mummert, Carolyn Neumyer, Marian Noble, Kelly Perdue, R. Pittinger, Mary Riley, Lucus Schneider, Bob and Cecelia Sell, Bob Shue, Luanne Slusser, Denise Smith, Pr. Jerry Smith, JoAnn Smith, Family & Friends of Wyndell Smith, Beverly Snyder, Family & Friends of the Stranic Family, Family & Friends of Fay Swartz, Phyllis Tasto, Jennie Tome, George Tracy, Allison Trump, Lois VandenHeuvel, Jody Walter, Naomi Warren, Barb Watson, Diana Weaver, Ron Wentz, Kathy Wildasin, Scott Wisner, Rebecca Wisotzkey.*



**St. Mark's Monthly Offering for Designated Needs** gives us an opportunity as a congregation to support specific domestic and international needs which are pre-determined by our council each year. March's offering benefits **Olivia's House of Hanover**. Olivia's House is an organization of caregiving professionals and volunteers committed to supporting grieving

children. Its purpose is to facilitate healing through grief and loss education. To contribute to this month's designated need, please mail in your donations or place them in our collection plates, specifying "Olivia's House" or March 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.

**Emergency or Weather Closure Notes:** If any type of weather or event causes services to be canceled, we will do our best to get the word out via WGAL radio and WGAL.com. We'll also get a message on the church website ([stmarkhanover.org](http://stmarkhanover.org)), as well as send emails if at all possible. If you're not sure whether we'll be worshipping on our normal schedule, please check before braving the weather.



**God's Global Barnyard Project:** Don't forget to keep collecting loose change from now until Easter Sunday. The Sunday School will put your coins to good use, helping international communities purchase animals and other necessities to build new lives and escape the cycle of poverty and hunger. Watch for the glass collection box soon. THANK YOU!



**Spring Forward:** The groundhog saw his shadow, so fingers crossed for an early spring! However, spring also means giving up an hour of sleep. Don't forget to "spring" your clocks forward/set them ahead so you're not late for church on **March 10<sup>th</sup>!**







**Help a Bunny Out!** Can you help him fill his eggs?? We are requesting candy donations for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. All items need to be individually wrapped and small enough to fit into a plastic egg. You can find a box for donations in the narthex to help the Easter Bunny do his job!

**Candy Candy Candy!**



This year's Easter Egg Hunt is **March 30<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30am. All children, nursery age to 10 years old, are welcome, even those who don't attend St. Mark. If you know of anyone whose children, grandchildren, etc. would enjoy looking for sweet treasures, please let them know about the hunt. They can sign up in the narthex or call the church office at 717-637-8904.



**St. Mark Eats:** We'll soon be switching back to dinners once it stays light out later. In the meantime, please plan to join us for lunchtime fellowship in March and April. The next St. Mark Eats dates, times, and locations are:

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

**TUESDAY April 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Lunch at Chili's at 1:00pm

**TUESDAY May 7<sup>th</sup>** – **Dinner** at the Starlight Diner at **6:00pm**

**-To St. Mark Congregation:** *Thank you to those who've contributed so far to the Glory Project. We plan to share contributions on a hallway bulletin board soon, so please continue to share all the ways you glorify God in everyday life.*

**-To St. Mark Evangelical Church:** *Thank you for blessing us with your donation of \$100 and food items for our community pantry...Our work is endless and thanks to your support, we will be able to ensure that we can continue to provide assistance to our Hanover community.*  
– Mirna Wildasin, Executive Director, HACC

**-To Everyone Who Helped with Messy Church:** *Thank you to everyone who supported our first ever Messy Church event by planning it, setting it up, donating to it, spreading the word, helping out on the actual day, and attending the event. We were able to share the night with several families from the community. Thank you!*

**-To St. Mark's Congregation:** *I just wanted to say how much I appreciated the unexpected well wishes on my birthday. I enjoyed all the emails, texts, phone calls, visits, cards, cake, songs, dancing, and even a singing cupcake. I'm so grateful to feel cared for by the family of St. Mark. Thank you!* 🙏 – Joni Gonzales



**Souper Bowl Update:** Thanks to the generosity of St. Markians, we were able to take 188 food items and a check for \$100 to HACC's food pantry. Thank you to all who donated to this very good cause!





**Did You Miss Your Chance to Dedicate Easter Flowers?** Although the deadline has passed for tulips, hyacinths, and lilies, it's not too late to dedicate an Easter Dove while helping to eradicate world hunger. Contact Joni at 637-8904 or [offcoor129@gmail.com](mailto:offcoor129@gmail.com) by **March 11<sup>th</sup>**, or fill out a form on the narthex shelf or in February's newsletter to honor or memorialize a loved one this Easter with a World Hunger Easter Dove.

**Easter Flowers Pickup:** If you've dedicated Easter tulips, hyacinths, lilies, and/or doves to loved ones, your honorariums and memorials will be printed in a handout on Easter Weekend. Once services are over that day, your flowers and/or doves will be available to take home. You're also welcome to come in the following Monday or Tuesday during office hours (9:00am to 12noon) to pick them up instead. Thank you for helping to make our chancel beautiful for the Easter service.



# GLORY TO GOD

**Glory Project:** In addition to inspiring us with daily devotions each month, the Evangelism Committee hopes to inspire good works and kindness with their new Glory Project. Brightly-colored index cards can now be found in the pews to allow everyone to share "Acts of Glory" in their everyday lives. Each time you commit an Act of Glory such as helping a friend or neighbor, donating time or money to charity, offering a kind word, praying, etc., please share it with the congregation by writing it on a card and dropping it in the bucket found in the narthex. If you prefer,

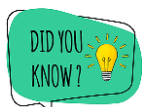
you can also email it to [offcoor129@gmail.com](mailto:offcoor129@gmail.com) or mail it to the church office. We hope to reach a goal of 2024 Acts of Glory this year with a colorful display coming soon to the office hallway to share these acts of kindness, service, generosity, or praise to the Lord!



## ART SHOW

**Seasons of the Church:** St. Mark member, Matt Funke, has shared some of his artwork to help us reflect on the seasons of the church. Please be sure to stop by the lighted glass case in the church office hallway to enjoy his inspiring work!

**Diapers for Lent:** Now and throughout the Lenten Season, St. Mark is collecting diapers and wipes on behalf of Tender Care Pregnancy Center. You can drop off your donations of new diapers any time during church office hours, Monday through Friday, between 9:00am and 12noon, or just bring them to church when you attend worship.



**Did You Know:** That St. Mark has been an instrument of God's work on behalf of the early childhood development of Hanover for over 80 years? Beginning back in the 1940's, St. Mark hosted a community kindergarten, later replaced by a nursery school and, eventually, a preschool. In 2003 St. Mark stepped up to open its own church-owned preschool program after that outside preschool group closed. For over 20 years, St. Mark Preschool has helped the formation of learning for hundreds of community children. Thanks for your ongoing support of this wonderful ministry.



**Holy Week Schedule:** This year, Holy Week is **March 24<sup>th</sup>** through **March 31<sup>st</sup>**. Please plan to join us and invite your neighbors and friends to join you as we walk with Jesus through the week that leads up to the Resurrection Celebration. We've prepared a special bulletin for the week – please take one as you enter and keep your bulletin to use throughout the week.

**Palm Sunday 9:00am – March 24<sup>th</sup>**

We will enter into worship rejoicing and singing our “Hosannas” and lifting our palms and prayers to our coming King of Glory.

**Maundy Thursday 7:00pm – March 28<sup>th</sup>**

We will come to the table of the Lord and join in prayer of the Passover.

**Good Friday 7:00pm – March 29<sup>th</sup>**

We will travel with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the cross, hearing his prayers of sacrifice.

**Easter Vigil 5:30pm – March 30<sup>th</sup>**

From creation and the fall to the restoration of new life, in Christ we give thanks in prayer and scripture readings.

**The Resurrection of our Lord Sunday 9:00am – March 31<sup>st</sup>**

Easter has arrived. Our Prayer is answered as we see the empty grave and celebrate salvation!

**Lenten Soup & Study Suppers:** It's not too late to join us for our Wednesday evening meals where we share soup and bread and study together. The remaining suppers are at 6:00pm every Wednesday night up to and including **March 20<sup>th</sup>**. Signups are on the bulletin board across from the office. We hope to see you there!



**Happy Birthday  
To Our MARCH Birthdays!**

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



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

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





## MARCH Altar Vases



### March 24<sup>th</sup>

**Altar Vase:** Given in Memory of Paul I. and Marie C. Wentz by Their Daughter

**Altar Vase:** Given in Memory of Dave's Mother, Emily, in Honor of Her Birthday by David & Kathy Gates

### March 31<sup>st</sup>

**Altar Vase:** Given in Memory of My Father and Mother, George and Dorothy Swartz, by Sue O'Brien

**Altar Vase:** Given in Memory of Vance Stabley by Marian, Carla, and Vance Stabley, II

## MARCH

### Sunday Worship Helpers

March Altar Care: *Need Volunteer(s)*

#### March 3<sup>rd</sup>

**CPIC:** Hollis Long

**Lector:** Hollis Long

**Comm. Assts:** Hollis Long | Jeff Kindschuh

**Greeter:** Bill Leppo

#### March 10<sup>th</sup>

**CPIC:** Gail Merlo

**Lector:** *Need Volunteer*

**Comm. Assts:** Gail Merlo | Jeff Kindschuh

**Greeter:** Bill Leppo

#### March 17<sup>th</sup>

**CPIC:** Kathy Gates

**Lector:** Kathy Gates

**Comm. Assts:** Kathy Gates | *Need Volunteer*

**Greeter:** Bill Leppo

#### March 24<sup>th</sup>

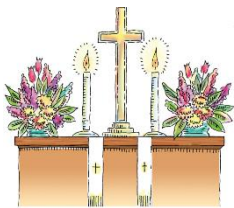
(Palm Sunday)

**CPIC:** Martha Lippy

**Lector:** Pat Keefer

**Comm. Assts:** Martha Lippy | *Need Volunteer*

**Greeter:** Bill Leppo



*Worship Helpers*

#### March 28<sup>th</sup>

(Maundy Thursday)

**CPIC:** Tom Long

**Readers:** Martha Lippy, Pennie Highlands, Carol Reese, *Need 5 Volunteers*

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

**Greeter:** *Need Volunteer*

**Altar Helpers:** *Need 3 Volunteers*

#### March 29<sup>th</sup>

(Good Friday)

**CPIC:** Alex Spalding

**Readers:** Martha Lippy, *Need 9 Volunteers*

**Comm. Assts:** Alex Spalding | *Need Volunteer*

**Acolyte:** Shellene Griffin

**Greeter:** *Need Volunteer*

#### March 30<sup>th</sup>

(Easter Vigil)

**CPIC:** *Need Volunteer*

**Readers:** *Need 7 Volunteers*

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

**Acolyte:** Shellene Griffin

**Greeter:** *Need Volunteer*

#### March 31<sup>st</sup>

(Easter Sunday)

**CPIC:** Hollis Long

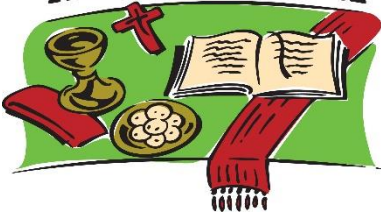
**Lector:** *Need Volunteer*

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

**Acolyte:** Abby Shermeyer

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

# Altar Guild



**You Can Help with Altar Care:** There is still a need for altar helpers to help with tidying up after Communion and the worship service. We know many of you have helped in years past and have done a wonderful job. The new signup is ready for you to pick a month and put your name down as helper; **ALL OF 2024** is still available. Please consider helping with this important job! It no longer entails delivering flowers. The signup sheet is next to the altar flower book in the narthex.

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



## News and Happenings in Our Community

**Provide-A-Lunch Team #1 will be serving at HACC on March 24<sup>th</sup>:** Our primary team members include: Melanie Brady, Dale Dull, and Nancy Sandruck.

**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, grocery/shopping bags.

**Ruth's Harvest:** Single-serve fruit cups, single-serve cereals, single-serve granola bars.

**Clothing Bank:** Children/teen clothing (all sizes), men's jeans waist sizes 30-34, shoes/sneakers, grocery/shopping bags.

**Shelter:** Hygiene products and toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash), Clorox wipes, kitchen trash bags, and Ziploc bags (sandwich and gallon).

**Meals on Wheels:** Throw blankets, adult coloring books, colored pencils, word search books, compression socks, handkerchiefs, box tissues.

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



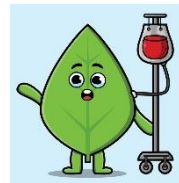
**Volunteers Needed!**



**Meals-on-Wheels Drivers Needed:** HACC is looking for regular and/or substitute drivers for Meals-on-Wheels. For more information, contact HACC at 717-633-6353.



**Upcoming Blood Drives:** St. Mark will be hosting the following Central Penn Blood Bank drives in 2024, including one coming up on **March 14<sup>th</sup>**. To donate, go to [717giveblood.org](http://717giveblood.org) and look for “UPMC” in the Donate Now dropdown menu.



**March 14<sup>th</sup> | June 13<sup>th</sup> | August 15<sup>th</sup> | October 17<sup>th</sup> | December 12<sup>th</sup>**



**Rent-a-Kid:** The York County Area on Aging is sponsoring a program that matches seniors to middle school and high school students who are interested in helping with household chores, tech assistance, and yard work. Contact 717-771-9103 for more information.

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**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Slagle Scholarship:** The deadline to turn in applications for the Slagle Scholarship is coming sooner than you think! If you know of a graduating senior of Hanover or SWHS who plans to enter the nursing profession, the ministry or other religious work, or attend a vocational school, tell them to contact Martha Lippy at 717-637-8891. Completed applications must be **received by the church office on or before April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

**HACC's Stolte Scholarship:** This is a scholarship that awards \$1,000 for a Hanoverian pursuing a career in ministry, missions, or humanitarian service. The deadline is **April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Please contact HACC at 717-633-6353 for more information.

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



**Help Feed Kids on the Weekends!** HACC's Ruth's Harvest program was established to make sure kids on the free-lunch program at school are also fed on weekends and holidays. To keep this program going and make sure kids don't go hungry when schools are closed, they need single-serve packages of nutritious food to hand out to kids on Fridays. Please place donations in the HACC shelter bin near the Church Office.

**Medication Take-Back:** The Hanover Police Department offers a take-back box available from 8:00am to 4:30pm each day. Be sure to remove all your personal information before disposing of your meds in the box. Contact the Borough of Hanover for more information on what types of medications are accepted.



**Handbell Concert:** The Westminster Ringers present their Spring Handbell Concert on Sunday, **March 10<sup>th</sup>**, at 4:00pm. The free concert will be at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on York Street. Contact St. Paul's for more information.



## March Preschool News

**Registration Updates:** St. Mark Preschool is still accepting applications to register for the 2024/2025 school year. For more information about our preschool program and to download a registration form please visit:

[stmarkpreschoolhanover.weebly.com](http://stmarkpreschoolhanover.weebly.com) (St. Mark Preschool's website)

[stmarkhanover.org](http://stmarkhanover.org) (St. Mark Church's website)

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

At this time, we have openings in the following classes:

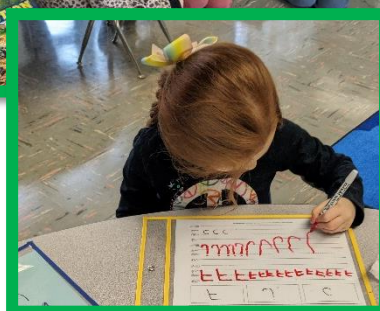
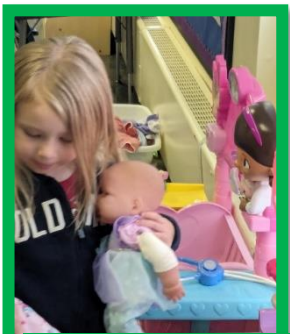
4-Year-Old PM Class (Mon, Wed, and Fri) from 12:30pm to 3:15pm (**7 spots open**)

3-Year-Old Class (Tues and Thurs) from 9:00am to 11:15am (**3 spots open**)

**~ BOTH THE 4-YEAR-OLD AM CLASS  
AND THE 3-YEAR-OLD MON/WED CLASSES ARE FULL ~**

Any questions about 2024-2025 Registration or if you'd like to set up a tour of our preschool, please contact Idonia Klunk at 717-451-4803.

**Joe Corbi's Fundraiser:** Order forms for pizza, subs, and desserts are on the office hallway table. The order deadline is **March 11<sup>th</sup>** with pickup on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Checks should be made out to **St. Mark Preschool**. For questions, please contact Idonia Klunk at 717-451-4803.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<div>1</div> 9:00am-12noon Office Open  11:00am Bible Study   WORLD DAY OF PRAYER	<div>2</div> 5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word
<div>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</div> <div>3</div> 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School  <b>Fellowship Time</b> after Worship  <b>Worship &amp; Music Meeting</b> Bells Rehearsal	<div>4</div> 9:00am-12noon Office Open	<div>5</div> 9:00am-12noon Office Open  <b>1pm St. Mark Eats @ LuHibachi</b>	<div>6</div> 9:00am-12noon Office Open  <b>6pm Lenten Soup Dinner</b> 	<div>7</div> 9:00am-12noon Office Open  9:00am-12noon Quilting Group  <b>3:00pm Evangelism Mtg</b>	<div>8</div> 9:00am-12noon Office Open  11:00am Bible Study	<div>9</div> 5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word   NATIONAL BARBIE DAY
<div>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</div> <div>10</div> 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School  <b>Confirmation Class</b> <b>Spring Forward!</b>  Bells Rehearsal	<div>11</div> 9:00am-12noon Office Open  <b>Deadline</b> to Dedicate Doves 	<div>12</div> 9:00am-12noon Office Open	<div>13</div> 9:00am-12noon Office Open  <b>6pm Lenten Soup Dinner</b> 	<div>14</div> 9:00am-12noon Office Open  9:00am-12noon Quilting Group  <b>UPMC Blood Drive</b>  PI DAY	<div>15</div> 9:00am-12noon Office Open  11:00am Bible Study   BEWARE THE IDES OF MARCH	<div>16</div> 5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word
<div>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</div> <div>17</div> 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School  Bells Rehearsal  ST PATRICK'S DAY	<div>18</div> 9:00am-12noon Office Open	<div>19</div> 9:00am-12noon Office Open  <b>1pm Garden Club Mtg</b>	<div>20</div> 9:00am-12noon Office Open   <b>6pm Lenten Soup Dinner</b> 1ST DAY OF SPRING	<div>21</div> 9:00am-12noon Office Open  9:00am-12noon Quilting Group	<div>22</div> 9:00am-12noon Office Open  11:00am Bible Study	<div>23</div> 5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word
<div>Palm Sunday</div> <div>24</div> 9:00am Worship 10:20am Sunday School  <b>Confirmation Class</b> <b>PAL Team #1</b> Bells Rehearsal	<div>25</div> 9:00am-12noon	<div>26</div> 9:00am-12noon Office Open  <b>4pm Council Mtg</b>   Will make you <b>Stronger</b> NATIONAL SPINACH DAY	<div>27</div> 9:00am-12noon Office Open	<div>28</div> 9:00am-12noon Office Open  9:00am-12noon Quilting Group  <b>7pm Worship Service</b> 	<div>29</div> 9:00am-12noon Office Open  11:00am Bible Study  <b>7pm Worship Service</b>  GOOD FRIDAY	<div>30</div> <b>10:30am Easter Egg Hunt</b>  <b>5:30pm Easter Vigil</b> 
<div>Easter Sunday</div> <div>31</div> 9:00am Easter Service   <b>NO ACTIVITIES</b> <b>FOLLOWING WORSHIP</b>						

\*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.



# 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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