

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH
WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL AND REMINDERS/UPDATES
March 12, 2025

From DAILY GUIDEPOSTS 2018: Logan Eliassen

*These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children.
Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road,
when you lie down and when you get up. – DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7*

I grabbed my wallet off the counter, pulled on my coat, and headed toward the sunporch where my mom was waiting to go shopping.

“Sorry,” I said as I plunked myself into a wicker chair. I fished underneath for my shoes. “I hate making you wait for me.”

“Don't worry about it,” she said. “Ready to go?”

She sat across from me, her hands wrapped around a Bible. She had propped it open on her lap. It was the same one that she had used since I was a baby. She was taking this brief moment to read a few verses.

I knew that her Bible was well loved. It had only half a cover. The margins overflowed with her looping handwriting. The text was highlighted and underlined and highlighted again. She took it almost everywhere with her – to the doctor's office, to my brother's soccer practices, to the swimming pool. She didn't want to waste a second.

I wanted that drive. To read a Psalm between classes instead of checking Facebook. To carry God's word with me until the pages were all dog-eared and the binding was held together by tape. To seek out my heavenly Father every moment I could. Just like this wise woman who tucked her Bible under her arm.

Lord, help me to seek you diligently. – LOGAN ELIASSEN

Prayer: *Let us pray: Loving Lord, I give thanks to You for the walk we journey together in life. You have been with me since before I was born. You know my innermost thoughts and my hopes and disappointments. And through it all You have loved me. Help me to be with You and Your Word in every aspect of my life. Give me the strength of Your Spirit and the joy of Your kingdom found in Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name I pray. Amen.*

Weekly Schedule:

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

Preschool: Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:00pm

Wednesday, March 12 7:00pm – Lenten Evening Prayer in Sanctuary

Thursday, March 13 9:00am to 12noon – Quilting Group

Friday, March 14 *PI Day*

11:00am – Bible Study

Saturday, March 15 5:30pm – Spoken Worship – 2nd Weekend in Lent

Sunday, March 16 9:00am – Traditional Worship – 2nd Weekend in Lent

Sunday School Following Worship

Confirmation Class

DEADLINE TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS

Bells Rehearsal

Monday, March 17 *St. Patrick's Day*

Tuesday, March 18 1:00pm – Garden Club Meeting

Wednesday, March 19 11:00am to 1:00pm – Preschool Sub Sale Pickup in Fellowship Hall

7:00pm – Lenten Evening Prayer in Sanctuary

Thursday, March 20 *1st Day of Spring*

9:00am to 12noon – Quilting Group

1:00pm – Preschool Board Meeting

Friday, March 21 11:00am – Bible Study

Sunday Worship Leaders

CPIC: Martha Lippy **Lector:** Kathy Gates

Communion Assistants: Martha Lippy | Jeff Kindschuh

Greeter: *Need Volunteer* **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 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 week keep in your prayers: *Dora, Grayson, Al Allison, Daniel Ard, Katherine Borsella, Patrick Brady, Susan Bucher-Laughman, Frances Claybaugh, Tom Cowan, Oscar Crow, Pastor David DeLong, Lisa Dickensheets, Diane Duffy, Robin Eline, Tarek Elnaggar, Jean Eshbach, Landon Evans, Carol Fadenrecht & Family, Dennis Fahey, Nancy Fridinger, Nancy Gill, Vickie Gouker, Dane Graham, Tom Greenholt, Bob Groft, John Hagerman, Chase Henry & Family, Carrie Hernden, Peg Hippensteel, Michael Humes, Martha Howells, Donna Jones, Debbie Kellenbenz, Craig King, Shawn Klunk, Kelly Koontz, Norma Kreidler, Allen Kuhns, Jo Kuhns, David Kunkel, Russell Laughman, Jean Lawrence, Tom Lawrence, Bill Leppo, Ronnie Lippy, Naura Luqman, Carol McDermitt-Humes, Carol Miller, Merita Moore, Ed Moran, Emily Moul, Leah Moul, Merle Mummert, Pam Mummert, Wayne Noel, Carolyn Neumyer, Marian Noble, Susan O'Brien, Kelly Perdue, Mary Riley, Wally Rodenhauer, Carl Sandruck, David Sandruck, Lucus Schneider, Jim Schuman, Bob and Cecelia Sell, Bob Shue, Luanne Slusser, Denise Smith, Pr. Jerry Smith, JoAnn Smith, Sarah Smith, Jody Spellman, Amanda Stuckey, Phyllis Tasto, Jennie Tome, George Tracy, Allison Trump, Erin Viozzi, Ed Wagaman, Gloria Wagaman, Jody Walter, Naomi Warren, Barb Watson, Ron Wentz, Kathy Wildasin, Rebecca Wisotzkey.*

St. Mark's Monthly Offering for Designated Needs gives us an opportunity as a congregation to support specific domestic and international needs 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 and facilitate healing through grief and loss education. To contribute to this month's designated need, please specify "Olivia's House" or "March Designated Giving" on your check or the *Other* line of your offering envelope. Donations made on the *Other* line with no written designation will automatically go toward that month's ministry fund. Thanks for your support.

2025-2026 Preschool Openings: There are still some spots left in the T/TH 3-year-old class. Please go to stmarkpreschoolhanover.weebly.com or stmarkhanover.org/st-mark-preschool for more information.

Diaper Drive: Just a note that our annual Lenten diaper/wipe collection for Tender Care is ongoing. Please bring donations to the narthex table. We appreciate any and all donations!

First Communion Class: It is the Lenten Season, a time of preparation and repentance as we look toward the celebration of Easter. Part of that tradition is using this time to prepare anyone wishing to take part in first communion. If you are interested, please speak to Pastor soon to schedule a meeting.

St. Mark Easter Egg Hunt: Our hunt is coming up before we know it. If you're able to help out the Easter Bunny by donating *individually-wrapped candy* and/or *plastic eggs*, he will appreciate it! PLEASE NOTE: the candy does need to fit into plastic Easter eggs. Look for the donation box in the narthex. The hunt will be on **April 19th** at 10:30am. All kids are welcome up to age 10, even if they're not associated with St. Mark. Signups for the hunt are posted in the narthex and preschool hallway, or call the office at 717-637-8904.

Last Week for Easter Flowers: This Sunday is the last day to order flowers. Please submit a form (found on the narthex shelf and [March newsletter](#)) via offering envelope/mail/office door basket, call the office to place an order, or email Joni at offcoor129@gmail.com. Tulips, hyacinths, and lilies are \$13.00 each, and World Hunger Doves are \$5.00. The deadline to order flowers is Sunday, **March 16th**, and dove orders are due on **March 30th**.

Grounds Assistance: We give thanks for those who have helped around the church during the time Wally has been out on medical leave. Please continue to help us keep our church grounds clear of debris by picking up larger sticks, trash, and other stray items when you see them and putting them in our dumpster.

Honoring Our Heroes: We hope and pray for another successful event on **May 18th**. Please join us for activities and displays at 5:00pm with a concert at 7:00pm, followed by root beer floats. All St. Mark activities are free of charge, and we hope to have food trucks present to sell food and drinks. Please spread the word to anyone who may want to attend or have a table display. Flyers are available on the office hallway table, so if you know of places to post them, please do so!

Lenten Prayer Worship Evenings: We will gather together each Wednesday through Lent for an **Evening Worship of Prayer and Word** at 7:00pm in the sanctuary for all who wish to attend and seek a Lenten time of devotion.

Host a Fellowship Time: We're always looking for more hosts to keep our 1st Sunday Fellowship Time going. Hosting involves setup and cleanup of church-provided treats. Please sign up to host!

IMPORTANT - DO NOT RESPOND TO GIFT CARD EMAILS: Pastor has been informed that scam emails are being received in his name asking for gift cards and/or a "discrete favor." Nobody on staff at St. Mark, including Pastor, will ever ask you to provide us with gift cards. **Delete these immediately!**

New Coloring Group Here at St. Mark! Coloring books aren't just for kids – if you're an adult who enjoys coloring, either on paper or on your iPad, grab your supplies and join us each month here at St. Mark for our new coloring group. The group will meet monthly, usually on the second Tuesday, from 10:00am to 11:30am, in one of our classrooms. Call the church office or email offcoor129@gmail.com for the schedule or if you need more information. And if you know of anyone else who'd like to come, please let them know!

Piggy Banks: We are collecting loose change 'til Easter Sunday. The Sunday School will then use the change to purchase farm equipment, animals, and other basic sustainable programs to help those in need.

Preschool R&K Sub Sale Pickup: Thank you to all who ordered subs and supported the preschool. Pickup will be on **March 19th** from 11:00am to 1:00pm in the fellowship hall.

Ruth's Harvest: This HACC program provides children with packages of food to get them through the weekends when they might not otherwise be regularly fed. Individual shelf-stable microwave meals, fruit, veggies, snacks, and tuna/chicken pouches can be placed in the floor bin next to the office.

St. Mark Eats: We invite you to join us on **April 1st** for lunch at Chili's at 1:00pm. Please sign up!

The Apocrypha: What Is It? We recently began a new Bible Study to discuss the times between the Testaments. These books, usually called "the Apocrypha," are generally a mystery to most. But we will take the time to get an overview. Please join us Fridays at 11:00am, and, if you have a Bible with the Apocrypha included, please bring it along and join in our discovery together.

Ugh – Snow & Ice! Hopefully the worst is behind us, but if weather causes services to be canceled, we will get the word out via WGAL and WGAL.com. We'll also get a message on the church website (stmarkhanover.org) and send emails if possible. If you're worried at all about unsafe conditions, please stay home and stay safe!

Slagle Scholarship: The Slagle Scholarship Committee is awarding \$1,000 to a graduating senior of Hanover or SWHS who plans to enter the nursing profession, the ministry or other religious work, or attend a vocational (technical) school. Interested applicants should contact Martha Lippy at 717-637-8891 or pick up an application in the church office on weekdays between 9:00am and 12noon. **Completed applications must be received by the church office on or before noon on Friday, April 4th, 2025.**

Stolte Scholarship: HACC also offers a scholarship for \$1,000 to any Hanoverian pursuing a career in ministry, missions, or humanitarian service. The deadline is **April 25th**. Contact HACC at 717-633-6353 for more information.

Egg Hunt at Grace: Grace Church on Albright Drive is holding an Easter Egg Hunt on **April 12th** from 11:00am to 12:30pm. Call Grace for more info: 717-637-3100

Falls Risks and Prevention Class: St. Davids UCC on Hobart Road is holding a presentation by physical therapists with information on preventing falls on **March 26th** at 6:30pm. Call St. David's for more information: 717-637-2299

Free Community Breakfast & Egg Hunt: St. Jacob's Lutheran Church in Glen Rock is hosting a free breakfast of eggs, ham, sausage gravy, sausages, pancakes, and casseroles on Saturday, **April 12th**, from 8:00am to 9:30am. A magician will perform during breakfast, and an egg hunt will follow. For more information, call 717-235-7313.

Help with Rebates: If you need help filling out the forms to apply for Property Tax/Rent Rebates, contact Kate Klunk's office at 717-630-8942 to make an appointment on **March 20th or 27th**.

Meals-On-Wheels Help Needed: If you can drive or be a food runner, contact HACC at 717-633-6353.

Spring Musical: SWHS presents *Big Fish* **March 13th through March 15th** at 7:00pm in their auditorium. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Contact the high school at 717-633-4804 for more info.

St. Paul's Spring Show: St. Paul's on Broadway will have a spring show with beef noodle and chicken corn soup on **April 5th**, 8:00am to 1:00pm. Call 717-637-0511 to place a soup order or for more information on the event.

Wind Ensemble at EUCC: Emmanuel UCC on Broadway presents the Encore Chamber Winds on Sunday, **April 6th**, at 3:00pm for a free community concert. Contact EUCC at 717-632-8281 for details.