

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH
WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL AND REMINDERS/UPDATES
March 26, 2025

From *DAILY GUIDEPOSTS 1999: Mary Brown*

*When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider:
God has made the one as well as the other... – ECCLESIASTES 7:14*

My husband, Alex, introduced a little tool to help our family dinner conversations get past “How was your day?” “Okay,” Alex said, “let's each tell the best and worst thing that happened today.”

Eight-year-old Elizabeth exclaimed, “The best thing was that we had cupcakes for David's birthday!” After thinking a few minutes, she said the worst was having to sit at their desks the first 5 minutes of recess because some kids in the class had misbehaved.

Each night this “best and worst” focus has given us new glimpses into each other's days. But tonight I sat down to dinner exhausted. My son, Mark, had jumped off his changing table last night, screaming in pain when he crash- landed on the floor. “Well, of course, the worst was that Mark broke his arm.” I sighed, thinking of him crying during our trips to the doctor, the X-ray lab and finally an orthopedic specialist. “The best? Gee, I don't think anything good happened today... Well, the best is that Mark wasn't hurt worse, and the doctor said he will heal quickly.”

As I cleaned up the kitchen, my back ached from carrying Mark. I thought grimly, *No, this was mainly a day of “worsts.”* But then I smiled, remembering how Mark had dozed in my arms this morning, something this active 3-year-old hasn't done in many months. Yes, we had to wait until late afternoon and drive an hour to the specialist, but thankfully Alex could take us. Mark fell asleep during the long car ride, enabling Alex and me to talk all the way – about the accident, the children, our parenting – the kind of a long, uninterrupted, thoughtful conversation parents of young children rarely get.

Why, the unpleasant challenges of the day had yielded unexpected gifts.

Dear God, help me to see Your goodness and find blessings in the burdens of this day. – MARY BROWN

Prayer: *Let us pray: Loving Lord, in You is rest and renewal. Many days, when I feel down or forsaken, You carry me in Your arms and grant me that hope that is everlasting. Help me see that gift of strength and peace that comes to me by Your love. Build it up within me and fill me with Your Spirit so that I may turn from the sorrow of my day and see the greater glory that You provide always. Give me the joy of knowing Your Son, who shares His love with me now and always, as my Savior, 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 26 2:00pm to 4:00pm | 6:00pm to 8:00pm – Family Visitation for Herb Bartell at Kenworthy Funeral Home

7:00pm – Lenten Evening Prayer in Sanctuary

Thursday, March 27 9:00am to 12noon – Quilting Group

11:00am – Funeral Service for Herb Bartell at Kenworthy Funeral Home with Family Visitation from 10:00am to 11:00am

Friday, March 28 11:00am – Bible Study

Saturday, March 29 5:30pm – Spoken Worship – 4th Weekend in Lent

Sunday, March 30 9:00am – Traditional Worship – 3rd Weekend in Lent

Sunday School Following Worship

Confirmation Class

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Bells Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 1 *April Fool's Day*

1:00pm – St. Mark Eats @ Chili's

Wednesday, April 2 7:00pm – Lenten Evening Prayer in Sanctuary

Thursday, April 3 9:00am to 12noon – Quilting Group

3:00pm – Evangelism Committee Meeting

Friday, April 4 11:00am – Bible Study

Sunday Worship Leaders

CPIC: Kate Klunk **Lector:** Kate Klunk

Communion Assistants: Kate Klunk | Kathy Gates

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, Daniel Ard, Family & Friends of Herbert Bartell, Katherine Borsella, Patrick Brady, Susan Bucher-Laughman, Kath Campbell, Frances Claybaugh, Tom Cowan, Oscar Crow, Pastor David DeLong, Lisa Dickensheets, Diane Duffy, Robin Eline, Tarek Elnaggar, Jean Eshbach, Landon Evans, Family & Friends of Carol Fadenrecht, 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 Rodenhaver, 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, Bill Whelan, 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.

In Memorial: It is with deep regret we have recently learned of the passing, last summer, of one of our beloved members, Robert Rhoten, who entered the everlasting promise found in the living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead on July 22nd. Please keep Bob's family in your prayers.

In Memorial: It is with deep regret we also must announce the passing of our friend and former member, Herbert Bartell, who entered the everlasting promise found in the living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead on Sunday, March 23rd. A funeral service will be held at **Kenworthy Funeral Home** on **Thursday, March 27th**, at **11:00am**. Family visitation is planned for Thursday from 10:00am to 11:00am, as well as today, Wednesday, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm and 6:00pm and 8:00pm. Please keep Herb's family in your prayers.

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.

\$5 Jewelry/Accessory Sale: The Hanover Hospital Auxiliary is holding a sale in our fellowship hall **April 10th and 11th** from 8:00am to 7:00pm and **April 12th** from 8:00am to 2:00pm. There will be jewelry, scarves, flashlights, leggings, Croc charms, and other small items – all marked \$5. The sale benefits Hanover Hospital, so please be sure to come out! Please take a flyer from the hallway table and share the information with your neighbors.

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!

Easter Message: "It's Easter time, and time to remember the homebound or hospital-bound on the sick list. These folks are members too and need to be remembered by us. So, let's make them feel like part of the church. We can all send a card to someone. If you are close to someone on the sick list, you may want to call them, or, even, give them a visit. I believe it will give them reason for a smile. Happy Easter to You!!" – *Linda Bolin*

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.

Shhh, It's a Surprise! Nancy Sandruck's 90th birthday is coming up on **April 14th**. Her daughter, Melanie Brady, asked us to advertise a card shower to celebrate. If you'd like to make Nancy feel loved on her special day, you can send a birthday card to: 759 McCosh Street | Hanover, PA 17331. Remember, **it's a secret so don't mention it to Nancy!**

World Hunger Doves: Thank you to all who are helping decorate our Easter Sunday altar with flowers this year. If you missed your chance to order Easter flowers, you can still dedicate a dove in the Easter handout. Please submit an order 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 by this Sunday, **March 30th**.

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 for our new coloring group each month starting **April 8th** here in a St. Mark classroom. The group will meet monthly, usually on the second Tuesday, from 10:00am to 11:30am. 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 – flyers are on the office hallway table.

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 food trucks will be present to sell refreshments. 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!

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.

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 Easter Egg Hunt: Our Easter Egg 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.

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

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 tonight, **March 26th**, at 6:30pm. Call St. David's for more info: 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.

Have You Celebrated Your Golden Anniversary? Rep. Kate Klunk is hosting a Spring Fling at Bay City on **April 10th** from 11:00am to 1:00pm for all couples who've been married 50 years or more. York County District Attorney, Timothy J. Barker, will provide tips on fraud prevention to help protect you from scams. A free buffet lunch will be provided. RSVP by 717-630-8942 by **April 1st**.

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.