

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH
WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL AND REMINDERS/UPDATES
June 10, 2025

From DAILY GUIDEPOSTS 2011: Keith Miller

*As you learn more and more how God works,
you will learn how to do your work... – COLOSSIANS 1:10*

Think back to when you were a child. Imagine you're walking home from school. You see a pair of roller skates in the front yard of someone you don't know. You take the roller skates, bring them home and hide them under your bed. Your father discovers what you've done. What would his reaction be?

My father would have talked to me sternly about stealing, made me take back the skates and confess what I'd done to the neighbors, and grounded me for a few days.

What would *your* father have done? I've asked this question to dozens of people. And almost without exception, they knew with some assurance what their parent would do in the circumstance. "How do you know?" I asked them.

"Because we lived with him for years and saw and heard what he said and did about all kinds of situations and relationships."

I believe that's how we can learn to know God's will in specific situations. We surrender our lives to God, and as members of His family, we listen to Him in prayer every day, read His story in the Bible and see His values being lived out by Jesus. And we share our questions and our confessions with our brothers and sisters. Over time we absorb God's will, seeing and hearing His way of being honest and loving. And we come to know God's will in all kinds of situations, often without realizing it.

*Lord, thank You for Your Word and for the people all around us from
whom we can learn Your will. – KEITH MILLER*

Prayer: *Let us pray: Loving Father, by Your love you have called me to be Your Child. You take care of me and guide me throughout my life. Help me grow in that relationship with you, trusting You and seeking Your wisdom in all my days. Empower me to witness to Your love so that others may share in Your mercy. I pray all this in the name of Your Son, my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Weekly Schedule:

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

Preschool: On Summer Break

Tuesday, June 10	10:00am to 11:30am – Coloring Book Group for Adults
Thursday, June 12	9:00am to 12noon – Quilting Group
Friday, June 13	11:00am – Bible Study
Saturday, June 14	<i>Flag Day</i> 5:30pm – Spoken Worship – <i>Holy Trinity Weekend</i>
Sunday, June 15	<i>Father's Day</i> 9:00am – Traditional Worship – <i>Holy Trinity Weekend</i> Bells Rehearsal
Monday, June 16	OFFICE & BUILDING CLOSED
Thursday, June 19	<i>Juneteenth</i> 7:00am to 7:00pm – Blood Drive 9:00am to 12noon – Quilting Group
Friday, June 20	<i>1st Day of Summer</i> 11:00am – Bible Study

Sunday Worship Leaders

CPIC: Tom Long

Lector: Mike Merlo

Communion Assistants: Tom Long | Hollis Long

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, Grayson, Daniel Ard,*

Katherine Borsella, Patrick Brady, Susan Bucher-Laughman, Kath Campbell, Lucas Cherry, Frances Claybaugh, Tom Cowan, Oscar Crow, Lisa Dickensheets, Diane Duffy, Robin Eline, Tarek Elnaggar, Jean Eshbach, Landon Evans, 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, Winchester Kuhn, Allen Kuhns, Jo Kuhns, David Kunkel, Russell Laughman, Jean Lawrence, Tom Lawrence, Ronnie Lippy, Naura Luqman, Carol McDermitt-Humes, Family & Friend of Carol Miller, Merita Moore, Family & Friends of Ed Moran, Emily Moul, Leah Moul, Merle Mummert, Pam Mummert, Wayne Noel, Carolyn Neumyer, Marian Noble, Susan O'Brien, Kelly Perdue, Mary Riley, Carl Sandruck, David Sandruck, Ethen Schneider, Lucus Schneider, 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, Betty Tyson, Erin Viozzi, Ed Wagaman, Gloria Wagaman, Jody Walter, Naomi Warren, Barb Watson, Ron Wentz, Bill Whelan, Kathy Wildasin, Family & Friends of Edward Wiltrout, 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 June we are given the opportunity to contribute to the **Visiting Nurses Association (VNA)** of Hanover and Spring Grove, a hospice program that provides services at home and in nursing homes for people who are at the end of life. To contribute to this month's designated need, please mail in your donations or place them in our collection plates, specifying "VNA" or "June 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.

Congratulations to Our Newest Confirmand: This past Sunday on the Day of Pentecost, Abby Shermeyer reaffirmed her baptism in the rite of Confirmation and took part in the sacrament of Holy Communion for her first time. We celebrate and rejoice in her commitment of faith.

Altar Vases: Thank you to everyone who responded to our request for altar flower sponsors – June is now full! **We do still have two vases in July on July 27th**, as well as **most of August**. If you can dedicate a vase to a loved one or their memory, please contact the church office or add your dedication to the Altar Flower book.

Blood Drive: The next UPMC blood drive will be here at St. Mark from 7:00am to 7:00pm on Thursday, **June 19th**. To donate, go to 717giveblood.org, click Find a Blood Drive, and choose UPMC Hanover from the dropdown menu. All blood donors will receive a free pint of Bruster's ice cream, as well as a BOGO Papa John's coupon.

Coloring Group Here at St. Mark! 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 here in a St. Mark classroom. The group meets monthly, usually on the second Tuesday, from 10:00am to 11:30am. July's meeting will be **July 8th**. 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.

Card Shower: Carl Sandruck's 90th birthday is coming up on **June 15th**. If anyone would like to send him a card to commemorate this very special birthday, his address is: Carl Sandruck c/o Columbia Cottage, 2288 Grandview Road, Room 20, Hanover, PA 17331

Inspirations: June inspiration packets are now available in the narthex. Be sure to pick up one for yourself and one or more to share.

Office Closed: The church office and building will be closed next Monday, **June 16th**.

2026 Heroes Chair Needed: After three successful years, I am stepping away from the role of “Honoring Our Heroes” Chairperson. **Do you want to see this event continue next year?** If this event is to continue, we need you to step up and do a part of the work needed to put this together. Melinda will continue to help with the concert, and I will share my resources, information, and ideas. Tell Pastor Kirk or myself what you are willing to do to keep “Honoring Our Heroes” at St. Mark. Thank you! – Gary Laabs

Help Us Buy Ingredients: HACC’s Provide-A-Lunch program makes sure there is a hot meal for anyone in the Hanover area who needs one. St. Mark’s two 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!

Next St. Mark Eats: We invite you to join us Tuesday, **July 1st**, for dinner at the Starlight Diner at 6:00pm.

Please Check Your Info: The latest Church Directory will be published in July. Please be sure to check your information before then, **even if it hasn’t changed lately**. Occasionally, we find that a phone number or address has been incorrect for years, and it doesn’t come up until someone contacts the church office to try to find the information. Please look at a printed copy (found in the bell tower room) or contact Joni for an emailed copy to verify your info.

Preschool: All preschool classes are **now full**. Thank you to everyone who spread the word about our openings!

St. Mark Representative Needed: Are you able to attend HACC’s board meetings four times each year? We need a church member to represent St. Mark at meetings of the Hanover Area Council of Churches once per quarter, usually a Monday night from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Our former representative is no longer able to attend. If you’re a member and able to take on this duty, please contact Pastor Kirk or the church office. Thank you for your help!

Synod Assembly News: We give thanks to Mike Noble and Shellene Griffin for being our delegates to the Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly last weekend. During the assembly, the 500 church members from across the seven counties of the Synod voted on the 2026-2027 budget, elected Synod Council and Discipline Committee members, passed a few resolutions (affecting our synod) and memorials (to send to the national church body). And, finally, the synod elected a new Synod Bishop, Rev. Stephen Herr (Pastor of Christ Church, Gettysburg) on the 5th ballot.

VBS ALMOST FULL! VBS will take place **July 28th through August 1st**. To register, go to stpaulsyorkst.org/vbs-registration or click on the VBS flyer on our home page (stmarkhanover.org). **We still really need 1 more volunteer to escort the children to activities and 1 to help with games** – please sign up!

Volunteers Needed: And speaking of volunteers: St. Mark will once again participate in Hanover’s Snack Town Street Fair to spread the Word and invite fairgoers to St. Mark. We can use some help making this happen. This year’s fair is on Saturday, **July 12th**. Please sign up in the narthex – we appreciate anyone who can help out so we can continue this evangelizing effort!

Summer Concert Series: The Historical Society is hosting free lawn concerts this summer on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. On **July 2nd**, HSO Brass will perform a patriotic concert: *A Salute to America*. The rest of the schedule can be found at hanoverpahistory.org.

Other Hanover Historical Society Events: HAHS present a talk on the *Hanover Motor Car: 1921 Roadster* on **June 17th** at 7:00pm in the HAHS Museum. Seating is limited – call 717-632-3207 for reservations. Then on **June 21st**, there will be Early American demonstrations, including rug hooking, hearth cooking, and tinsmithing on the Neas House lawn from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. For more info: office@hanoverpahistory.org or hanoverpahistory.org.

Yard Sale! All Saints Episcopal, 890 McCosh Street, is holding a yard sale on Saturday, **June 14th**. The event is 8:00am to 2:00pm, rain or shine. Vendors spaces are \$15. Call 717-637-5772 for more information.

Free Weekly Outdoor Story Time: The Guthrie Memorial Library offers free story time with Miss Kelly in Penn Township Community Park (Kids' Kingdom) this summer on Tuesdays from 10:00am to 10:45am. The program runs from **June 10th through August 12th** and includes crafts, activities, and games. The park is located at 4601 Grandview Road in Hanover. Call the library at 717-632-5183 for more information.

Free Car Show: Friends of Glatfelter Memorial Library presents Rides 4 Reads, a car show benefiting the library. There will be food, trucks, vendors, family activities, and displays. To enter your car or have a vendor table, the cost is \$15. Contact Tiffany at 410-900-7603 or qtiffany@gmail.com for more info.

RC’s Summer Movie Series: \$1 Movies from **June 17th through August 6th** every Tuesday & Wednesday at 10:00am, including Sensory-Friendly Showings. For details visit: rctheatres.com/summermovies2025.