

**ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL AND REMINDERS / UPDATES**  
**September 17, 2025**

From DAILY GUIDEPOSTS 2009: Patricia Lorenz

*“He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much...” – LUKE 16:10*

This is the time of year when baseball gets exciting. The World Series looms and fans switch loyalties to the teams that still have a chance.

Columnist George F. Will once reported that there were 3,180 home runs hit during the 1988 professional baseball season. Seems like a lot, doesn't it? But that same year, 25,838 singles were hit. Eight times more singles than home runs. It makes sense, then, that more games are won by singles than homers.

I know one thing: when it comes to my life, I'm not a homerun hitter; I'm a singles kind of gal. Sometimes I get discouraged because I don't accomplish great things. I won't be invited on *Oprah* because I haven't done anything truly spectacular. But life has taught me that if I accomplish little things here and there, those little things add up to a winning lifestyle.

I work in my home office, pay my bills, cook meals, invite friends over for dinner, clean out my desk, organize the arts-books-crafts fair for the clubhouse across the street, do a lot of swimming and biking for exercise and entertainment, redecorate a room, attend church, watch movies, go to plays, visit art shows, travel, do some volunteering, spend time with my family and friends. Little things day after day after day. Nothing spectacular, but joyful nonetheless.

Hitting singles is what I do best. And somehow, through all those single hits, my game of life is being won with great gusto and pure happiness.

*Heavenly Father, on the days when I wish my life was more exciting, help me appreciate my small daily accomplishments. – PATRICIA LORENZ*

**Prayer:** *Let us pray: Almighty Lord, I pray, giving thanks for all the little things that You have blessed my life with. Help me recognize those small miracles every day of my life and learn to cherish them, instead of always seeking that one grand moment of glory. By Your Word, I know that the great moment of glory is assured and will be fulfilled in Your time. Until that day comes, help me live in this world, fully serving and following in the ways of Your Son, Jesus, my Savior and Lord, 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

**Thursday, September 18** 9:00am to 12noon – Quilting Group

**Friday, September 19** ~~11:00am – Bible Study~~ **NO BIBLE STUDY**

**Saturday, September 20** 5:30pm – Spoken Worship – *Festival of St. Matthew Weekend*

**Sunday, September 21** 9:00am – Non-Communion Worship – *Festival of St. Matthew Weekend*  
Sunday School Following Worship  
Bells Rehearsal

**Monday, September 22** *1<sup>st</sup> Day of Fall*

**Thursday, September 25** 9:00am to 12noon – Quilting Group

**Friday, September 26** ~~11:00am – Bible Study~~ **NO BIBLE STUDY**

**Saturday Worship Leaders**

**Worship Service Leaders:** Kathy Gates | David Gates | Kathy Gates

**Opening/Candles/Locking Up:** Kathy Gates

**Offering Collection/Attendance:** Deb Teal

## Sunday Worship Leaders (Non-Communion Worship)

CPIC: Kathy Gates

### **Worship Service Leaders:**

Pastor David DeLong | Stacey DeLong | Mike Noble | Hollis Long

David Gates | Karen Feeser | Gary Laabs

**Opening/Candles/Locking Up:** Jeff Kindschuh

**Altar Care:** Janet Rockafellow | Sandy Haymaker | David Gates



**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, Becky Bingel, Katherine Borsella, Nancy Brady, Patrick Brady, Susan Bucher-Laughman, Lucas Cherry, Frances Claybaugh, Oscar Crow, Pastor David DeLong, 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, Family & Friends of John Hagerman, Sandy Hart, Debby Hartlaub, Carol Heiser, Chase Henry & Family, Carrie Hernden, Peg Hippensteel, Michael Humes, Martha Howells, Donna Jones, Kathy Jones, Pat Keefer, 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, Merita Moore, Leah Moul, Merle Mummert, Pam Mummert, Wayne Noel, Family & Friends of Carolyn Neumyer, Marian Noble, Susan O'Brien, Kelly Perdue, Bill Reese, Mary Riley, Carl Sandruck, David Sandruck, Lucus Schneider, Family & Friends of Bob Sell, Cecelia Sell, Julie Sell-Smith, Bob Shue, Randy Shultz, Luanne Slusser, Denise Smith, Pr. Jerry Smith, JoAnn Smith, Sarah Smith, Jody Spellman, Phyllis Tasto, Family & Friends of Francis Thrift, Sr., Jennie Tome, George Tracy, Allison Trump, Ed Wagaman, Gloria Wagaman, Jody Walter, Naomi Warren, Barb Watson, Ron Wentz, Bill Whelan, Family & Friends of 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, which are pre-determined by our council each year. During September our designated need will be **Habitat for Humanity**. Habitat Humanity partners with people in the community and all over the world to help them build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. To contribute to this month's designated need, please mail in your donations or place them in our collection plates, specifying "Habitat" or "September 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.

**Pastoral Need:** Pastor Kirk returns to the office on September 30<sup>th</sup>. While he is away, Pr. Dan Yeiser at St. Paul's will be covering urgent pastoral needs. If there is a pastoral emergency or you know of someone in the hospital who needs a visit, please contact our church office at 717-637-8904 or contact Pr. Dan at St. Paul's on York Street at 717-637-5941. Joni is making an effort to check the voicemail regularly outside of office hours and will contact Pr. Dan on his cell phone in the event of an emergencies.

**Altar Vases:** Thank you to all of those who continue to help us keep fresh flowers on our altar. We currently have two vases open for **October 12<sup>th</sup>**. If you'd like your dedication to appear in October's newsletter, please fill out the altar flower book or contact 717-637-8904 / [offcoor129@gmail.com](mailto:offcoor129@gmail.com) before **September 24<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you!

**Christmas Star Project:** As many of you know, Diana Weaver used to make our wax star Christmas ornaments each year. We dedicate them to loved ones, and the proceeds go to fight world hunger. Homewood recently contacted us to ask if anyone here would like to take the materials left by Diana and continue this project in her memory. The materials will be provided, as well as instructions. If you're interested in making Christmas stars for us to hang each year, please contact the office soon so that we can let Homewood know what to do with the materials.

**Grannie's Attic Items Needed:** Time to clean out your attic, basement, closets – everywhere! We're looking for transportable items to sell in our Fall Bazaar rummage area. Bring them over to the church on a weekday between 9:00am and 12:00pm, and we'll make sure they find a good home. While we appreciate all donations, furniture and very heavy or bulky sale items make it hard on our cleanup volunteers to take unsold items to Community Aid after the sale ends, so **please limit donations to things that can be transported easily.**

**Next St. Mark Eats:** As we move into fall, our gatherings will now be at lunchtime to avoid nighttime driving. We invite you to have **LUNCH** with us Tuesday, **October 7<sup>th</sup>**, at **1:00pm** at Hoss's in Hanover. Please join us!

**Preschool Fundraiser:** The preschool's fall fundraiser offers a great selection of gifts, gift wrap, and delicious treats from the *Magical Holidays Fall and Winter Gift Guide*. Order forms and catalogues are available on the hallway table by the office. Orders and payments will be due **September 29<sup>th</sup>** with pickup the first week of November. This is your chance to get some early shopping done while helping out the preschool!

**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.

**Serving Lunch: Help Us Buy Ingredients:** Each month, one of our St. Mark PAL (Provide-A-Lunch) teams cooks and serves a hot lunch to about 100 people at HACC. Please consider donating to our "PAL Supplies" fund to help us buy the food we need to continue this. To contribute **directly to St. Mark's PAL efforts**, please note "PAL **SUPPLIES**" (specify "supplies" so your donation is directed to the right place) on your offering envelope. Thank you!

**Share Your Pets:** St. Francis was known for his love of animals and stressing the importance of caring for all God's creation. His commemoration day will fall on a weekend this year, so we're holding a special 9:00am worship service on Sunday, **October 5<sup>th</sup>**, to commemorate and give thanks for all creation, animals, and especially our pets. **Throughout September**, we invite members to **bring in labeled pictures of your past or present pets** to display on a narthex table as we lift them up in our worship on that special Sunday. We will have our usual Pet Blessing Service at 2:00pm on Saturday, **October 4<sup>th</sup>**, as well.

**St. Mark Adult Coloring Group:** Grab your supplies and join us for our coloring group here in a St. Mark classroom. The group meets monthly, usually on the second Tuesday, from 10:00am to 11:30am. The next meeting is **October 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please spread the word! Fliers are on the office hallway table.

**Bazaar Signups Are Now Available:** Our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Bazaar will be on Saturday, **November 1<sup>st</sup>**, from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Be sure to mark your calendars and spread the word – we'll have food, crafts, and more! If you'd like to be a vendor, applications can now be found at [stmarkhanover.org](http://stmarkhanover.org) – just click on the Fall Bazaar flier to download one, or you can pick up one from the church office. Applications and payment are due by **October 15<sup>th</sup>**. If you're able to post physical fliers or share a graphic on your social media, contact Joni at 637-8904 or [offcoor129@gmail.com](mailto:offcoor129@gmail.com). The Evangelism Committee appreciates food donations, help with prepping ahead, help with setup on **October 31<sup>st</sup>**, and workers the day of. **Sign up in the church hallway** if you can lend a hand!

**POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony:** On **September 21<sup>st</sup>** at 2:00pm, the Hanover Area Allied Veterans Council will hold a ceremony to acknowledge the 83,000 military personnel unaccounted for, dating back to WWII. The **Lyric Band** will play, and **Kristin Phillips-Hill of the State Senate** will speak. This one-hour ceremony will be held at the Veterans Memorial in Codorus State Park – all are welcome and encouraged to attend and honor our lost and imprisoned military heroes. Please be sure to bring a chair!

**Awesome Fall Festival!** On Saturday, **September 20<sup>th</sup>**, from 10:00am to 3:00pm, Lehigh's Nursery on Grandview Road is hosting a family festival with tons of stuff to do with your kids and grandkids – hayrides, a bounce house, face painting, pumpkin painting, a balloon artist, petting zoo, etc. etc. etc. In addition to all of these free activities, there will also be food trucks and other vendors. For more info, call Amy Lehigh at 717-465-4450.

**Document Shredding and Damaged License Plate Replacement:** On Saturday, **September 27<sup>th</sup>**, from 9:00am to 12noon at Kate Klunk's office, 118 Carlisle Street. RSVPs are required for the license plate replacement. Call 717-630-8942 or go to [RepKlunk.com/Events](http://RepKlunk.com/Events).

**Food Drive:** Help Rhea, a Hanover youth, fight hunger by dropping off non-expired, non-perishable food items at the South Hanover Bowling Lanes, 1767 Baltimore Pike, this Saturday, **September 20<sup>th</sup>**, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. She will be donating all proceeds to HACC to benefit PAL and Ruth's Harvest. Donors receive a free game of bowling!

**Free Community Concert:** Emmanuel UCC presents Ronn McFarlane, Grammy-nominated lutenist, to perform Renaissance music from England and Scotland on his lute, along with his own compositions. The concert will be Sunday, **October 5<sup>th</sup>**, at 3:00pm. Contact EUCC at 717-632-8281 for more information.

**Indoor Yard Sale:** Emmanuel UCC on Broadway will be holding an indoor sale tomorrow and Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am until 4:00pm.

**Free Diapers:** Families in Bloom Diaper Bank at St. John's Lutheran on 100 E. Water Street in Abbottstown distributes diapers to those in need. Next date: **September 20<sup>th</sup>**, 9:30am to 11:30am.