

**ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL AND REMINDERS / UPDATES**

**May 13, 2026**

From *DAILY GUIDEPOSTS 2011*: Daniel Schantz

*And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you...  
And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake... – 1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-13*

Some of my college students are from countries where teachers are held in high regard, and it's the custom to show them appreciation and respect.

James, from Burma, would come up after class to shake my hand and say, "Thanks for being my teacher." He invited me to his home for supper.

Thanh, from Vietnam, constantly wrote thank you notes to her teachers, no less wonderful for her broken English.

Thilini, from Sri Lanka, left platters of cookies in professors' offices.

Ricardo, from Haiti, led the senior class in putting on a lavish teacher appreciation banquet in the auditorium. They cooked the meal and served it and then presented each teacher with a gift and a beautiful plaque. Nothing like it had ever been done in the history of the school.

At the end of my last class this year, students began to applaud, loud and long. It was the first time in forty-one years of teaching that I had ever received applause, and I suddenly felt the need to use my hanky.

Giving thanks is a small deed with an enormous payoff. It's like putting a coin in a jukebox. Soon the whole room is singing and dancing.

*Lord, help me to see clearly who really needs my appreciation  
and then to give it generously. – DANIEL SCHANTZ*

**Prayer:** *Let us pray: Dear Heavenly Father, with a thankful heart and grateful spirit, I lift up Your name in praise and thanksgiving. By Your will You placed into my life people who guided me, teachers who educated me, mentors who molded me. Let me show them appreciation by living a gracious life and doing the same for others, all to Your glory. For this great gift I give thanks and praise Your name, walking with You and praying in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, My Savior. Amen.*

**Weekly Schedule:**

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

**Wednesday, May 13** Last Day of School for Preschool 3-Year-Old Class (M/W)

**Thursday, May 14** *Ascension of Our Lord*

Last Day of School for Preschool 3-Year-Old Class (T/Th)

9:00am to 12noon – Quilting Group

9:30am – Choir Practice

**Friday, May 15** ~~11:00am – Bible Study~~ **NO BIBLE STUDY**

10:30am/2:00pm – Preschool Graduation

**Saturday, May 16** 5:30pm – Spoken Non-Communion Worship – 7<sup>th</sup> Weekend of Easter

**Sunday, May 17** 9:00am – Traditional Non-Communion Worship – 7<sup>th</sup> Weekend of Easter

Sunday School Following Worship (Last Regular Class Until Fall)

Bells Rehearsal

5:00pm to 8:00pm – Heroes Event at St. Mark (Bring a Chair if You Can)

**Tuesday, May 19** *Election Day* – Polling at St. Mark

**Wednesday, May 20** 1:00pm – Garden Club Meeting

**Thursday, May 21** 9:00am to 12noon – Quilting Group

9:30am – Choir Practice

**Friday, May 22** 11:00am – Bible Study

### Saturday Worship Leaders

**Guest Minister:** Deacon Jennifer Murphy

**Salutation/Prayer of the Day:** Carol Reese **Prayers/Creed:** Karen Feeser

**Counter/Offering:** Deb Teal

### Sunday Worship Leaders

**Guest Minister:** Deacon Jennifer Murphy

**CPIC:** Martha Lippy **Prayer of the Day:** Hunter Shaw

**Lectors:** Jeff Kindschuh | Dave Gates | Gary Laabs

**Prayers of Intercession:** Pat Keefer **Offering Presenter:** Wayne Lippy

**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, Bryce Adamson, Shannon Allen,*

*Al Allison, Daniel Ard, Kim Bartell, Donna Bell, Becky Bingel, Robert Bingel, Judy Bolin, Katherine Borsella,*

*Nancy Brady, Patrick Brady, Susan Bucher-Laughman, Family & Friends of Michael Carter, Lucas Cherry, Frances*

*Claybaugh, Susan Coleman, Lois & George Cornell, Pastor David DeLong, Lisa Dickensheets, Diane Duffy, Robin Eline,*

*Tarek Elnaggar, Jean Eshbach, Landon Evans, Dennis Fahey, Nancy Fahey, James Farver, Don Feeser, Abigail Fett, Nancy*

*Gill, Vickie Gouker, Dane Graham, Bob Groft, Sandy Hart, Debby Hartlaub, Chase Henry & Family, Carrie Hernden, Peg*

*Hippensteel, Family & Friends of Catherine Hollingsworth, Blaise Humes, Michael Humes, Martha Howells, Donna Jones,*

*Kathy Jones, David Kaufman, Debbie Kellenbenz, Craig King, Keith Klunk, Shawn Klunk, Kelly Koontz, Norma Kreidler,*

*Winchester Kuhn, Allen Kuhns, Jo Kuhns, Russell Laughman, Laurie Leppo, John Lippy, Ronnie Lippy, Naura Luqman, Carol*

*McDermitt-Humes, Merita Moore, Andrew Moul, Leah Moul, Linda Mummert, Merle Mummert, Nancy Mummert, Pam*

*Mummert, James Murphy, Wayne Noel, Susan O'Brien, Kelly Perdue, Jessica "Rose" Pulliano, Bill Reese, Family & Friends*

*of Betty, Danny, & Tina Rich, Mary Riley, Carl Sandruck, David Sandruck, Lucus Schneider, Cecelia Sell, Bob Shue, Luanne*

*Slusser, Denise Smith, Pr. Jerry Smith, JoAnn Smith, Joyce Smith, Family & Friends of Ron Smith, Sarah Smith, Jody*

*Spellman, Jamie Stalb, Dennis Staub, Monica Staub, Stephanie Stauffer, Family & Friends of Phyllis Tasto, Matt Test, Dawn*

*Tice, Jennie Tome, George Tracy, Allison Trump, Ed Wagaman, Gloria Wagaman, Jody Walter, Naomi Warren, Barb Watson,*

*Ron Wentz, Family & Friends of 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 May we are given the opportunity to contribute to **HACC PAL**

**(Provide-a-Lunch) Program** which serves a free hot, nutritious home-cooked lunch seven days a week, prepared

by churches in the Hanover area. To contribute to this month's designated need, please mail in your donations or

place them in our collection plates, specifying "PAL" or "May 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.

**In Memorial:** A white rose will be placed in the chancel this weekend in memory of a beloved church member. It

is with deep regret we must announce the passing of one of our members, Rebecca Wisotzkey, who entered the

everlasting promise found in the living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead on May 11th.

The family is planning a private service at a later date. Please keep Becky's family and friends in your prayers.

**Hero Appreciation Event:** This Sunday afternoon, **May 17<sup>th</sup>**, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm, we will celebrate and give

thanks to our veterans and first responders, the heroes who serve and help our community and nation. Please join

us and invite friends for the fun, music, food, and fellowship experience. **If you have a camp chair or other**

**portable outside chair, please bring it along.**

Additionally, we are honored to have our veterans taking part in Sunday morning worship. They served and finished

their last duties as listed here:

**Hunter Shaw**, Navy: PH2 E5, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Petty Officer, USS Saratoga Aircraft Carrier

**Jeff Kindschuh**, Navy: Lieutenant Commander, Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 74

**Dave Gates**, Army: First Sergeant, US Army Security Agency/Intelligence Security Command

**Gary Laabs**, Army: Lieutenant Colonel, Director of Logistics Services,

U.S. Disciplinary Barracks, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

**Wayne Lippy**, Army: Specialist 5<sup>th</sup> Class, E5, Fort Bragg, North Carolina

**Celebrate Their Success:** Once again, we'll take a Sunday in June to congratulate our graduates from high school, college, graduate school, and trade school. We want to make sure we don't miss anyone, so please contact the church office with names of any and all students we have graduating this year. If your daughter, nephew, grandchild, or anyone else in your family (they don't have to be members) is graduating, please let us know!

**From Heroes Committee:** "Need people to assist in setting up the performance areas. We have chairs and tents to put up. Melinda will be grateful for any assistance and she will supervise. See Melinda if you can assist in any way for the performances. It is a great musical program." – *Melinda*

**I Like Pie!!** Calling all pie lovers. Please join us for "Pentecost Pie Sunday" where we'll share slices of pie we bring in (homemade or storebought) on **May 24<sup>th</sup>** following worship. And don't forget to **WEAR RED!**

**2026-2027 Preschool Registration:** The preschool has a few openings left in the **T/TH 3-year-old class** and in the **4-year-old afternoon class. The M/W 3-year-old class and 4-year-old AM class are both full.** Registration is first-come-first-serve. Go to [stmarkpreschoolhanover.weebly.com](http://stmarkpreschoolhanover.weebly.com)

**Vacation Bible School:** Our VBS theme this year will be *Camping with God* and is scheduled for **July 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>** from 9:30am to 12noon each day. Please save the dates and help us spread the word. We have room for 40 kids, ages 4-10, and will have crafts, games, snacks, stories, and music. Registration via St. Paul's website ([stpaulsyorkst.org](http://stpaulsyorkst.org)) will open **before May 26<sup>th</sup>** – watch our announcements for the exact date. If you'd like to help us plan, our next meeting to plan VBS will be Wednesday, **June 17<sup>th</sup>**, at 1:00pm. We'll also be looking for guides and helpers during the week of the events. If you can help, please talk to Karen Feeser or Pastor Kirk, or call the church office.

**Altar Flowers:** We have many vases available this spring and summer. If you can dedicate an open vase, please fill out the flower book in the narthex or contact Joni (717-637-8904 or [offcoor129@gmail.com](mailto:offcoor129@gmail.com)).

**Eat Out and Enjoy Some Fellowship:** As the days get longer, we will be moving back to evening meals out during the summer. We invite you to join us at C&D Bar & Grill on Tuesday, **June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm** for dinner and fun conversation. Sign up in the narthex. Hope to see you there!

**Fellowship Hosts Needed:** We need more volunteers to continue our monthly fellowship times on the first Sunday of each month. Treats and coffee are provided by the church – we just need someone to set it all out and clean up after.

**Flat Sheets Needed:** The Sewing Group is in need of full-size new/like-new flat cotton sheets. They would like to thank those who've donated flat sheets in response to their need.

**PAL at St. Mark:** In April, our church's Provide-A-Lunch team served approximately 85 people a hot lunch at HACC. But it all starts with buying food. Please consider donating to our "PAL Supplies" fund to help us purchase the ingredients we need to serve lunch at HACC. 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. If you'd like to help out with serving, contact Shellene Griffin.

**\$5 Jewelry Sale:** Many members enjoyed the Hospital Auxiliary's \$5 Jewelry Sale here at St. Mark last year, so we've agreed to host it again. Save the dates: **September 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>!**

**Share Some Inspiration:** May inspiration packets are available in the narthex. These are great for your own spiritual meditation. Additionally, you can pick up an extra one to give to someone else and share your faith!

**Free Hanover Playground Program:** From **June 1<sup>st</sup> to July 24<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00am to 12:00pm, Hanover Borough and the YMCA invite you to bring your K-8 children for supervised play at Baer Avenue Park, DeGuy Park, Elm Avenue Park, Moul Field, and Union Park. Watch the Borough's Facebook page closer to the dates for more information, or contact Hanover Borough. Children under age 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Free Weekly Outdoor Story Time:** Library Along Lake Marburg will be held every Wednesday this summer (**June 10<sup>th</sup> through August 12<sup>th</sup>**) in the Codorus State Park Classroom Building. Miss Kelly & Miss Renae will share stories, crafts, activities, and games with the kids. Parents must attend with children (no drop-offs). Bring a blanket or camp chair! Call Guthrie Memorial Library at 717-632-5183 for more information.

**Kids' Carnival & Food Truck Event:** New Hope on Sunday Drive is holding a carnival on Friday, **May 22<sup>nd</sup>**, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Contact the New Hope Faith Community Church for more information.

**Memorial Day Parade:** Don't forget about the parade! On Memorial Day, **May 25<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 8:30am, Hanover will gather to remember and honor fallen heroes.

**Save the Date:** All day Saturday, **July 25<sup>th</sup>**, Hoss's on Carlisle is holding an American Cancer Society fundraiser. If you bring in a card or piece of paper (can be handwritten) with the number **133532** written on it, 20%-25% of the proceeds from your meal will be donated to the American Cancer Society. For more information, contact Hoss's.