



St. Mark Bell

May 2024

St. Mark Lutheran

129 Charles Street
Hanover PA 17331
717-637-8904 stmarkhanover.org

Worship

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 9:00am

Sunday School Following Worship

Church Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9:00am-12noon

Bible Study

Fridays 11:00am-12noon

Bells Rehearsal

Most Sundays Following Worship

Quilting Group

Thursdays 9:00am-12noon

Preschool (Summer Break Starts May 18th)

M/W/F (4's) 9:00-11:45am &

12:30-3:15pm

M/W & T/Th (3's) 9:00-11:15am

Meetings & Activities

May 1 – *May Day*

May 2 – 3pm Evangelism Mtg

May 3 – 8am-1pm Perennial Sale

May 5 – Land & Seasons Worship
– Fellowship Time After
Worship

– Worship & Music Mtg

– **Geranium Deadline**

May 6 – **OFFICE CLOSED**

May 7 – 6pm St. Mark Eats @
Starlight Diner

May 9 – *Ascension of Our Lord*

May 10 – Preschool Carnival Day

May 12 – *Mother's Day*

– Music Sunday

– Confirmation Class

– No Bells Rehearsal

May 15 – PS M/W 3's Last Day

May 16 – PS T/Th 3's Last Day

May 17 – 10am/2pm PS Grad

May 17 – 7:30pm EBCS Concert
@ St. Mark

May 19 – *Day of Pentecost (WEAR RED)*

– 10:15am Sunday School End-
of-Year Celebration

– Pie Sunday

– No Bells Rehearsal

May 21 – 4pm Future Task Force Mtg

May 26 – *Trinity Sunday*

– PAL Team 2

– No Bells Rehearsal

May 27 – *Memorial Day*

– **OFFICE CLOSED**

May 28 – 4pm Council Mtg

*“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with all of you”
2 Corinthians 13:13*



Dear *also with you* Christians:

The quote above, taken from the very last line of St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, should sound very familiar to any worshiping members reading this *Pastor's Pondering*. It is the greeting that we use at the beginning of every worship service, adding the response: “also with you.” It is a response of blessing and prayer that we share, reminding us exactly whose we are and what we are about in faith and hope.

It is by “the grace of the Lord Jesus,” our Savior and Christ, that we are redeemed. Since we all are sinners, we have no ability to stand perfectly righteous by our own deeds and thoughts before God and demand a place in the kingdom forever. God so loved the world (that's us). God so loved us, that even while we were corrupt in sin, he came into this world as the Son to take upon his own shoulders our sins and suffer and die in our place. He passed through death and the grave to rise again so that we also know that in him we can find salvation, because he gives us that power, that forgiveness, that grace to follow him and hear him call us into his righteousness.

It is by “the love of God” that we are given this great gift. God, the Father and Creator, breathed life into us and gives us his everlasting promise. He is the one who writes it on our hearts and establishes us a place in his kingdom. All by his love shown in creation and through the Son.

It is by “the Communion of the Holy Spirit” that we can come and dwell with God. It is not just in the kingdom to come, but it starts now through the waters of baptism. We are connected to God through the gift of the Spirit. Just as God and the Son are one, Jesus connects us by pouring his Holy Spirit to dwell within us and guide us in faith and devotion. We are not alone; God has come to us and abides with us now and into the eternal home to come.

This quoted greeting of prayer and blessing that we share is the very core of the Holy Trinity that we celebrate on Trinity Weekend, **May 25th/26th**. It is a constant reminder of our God, who comes to us in three persons, but one God. Let us share that greeting. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all today and throughout this month to come.

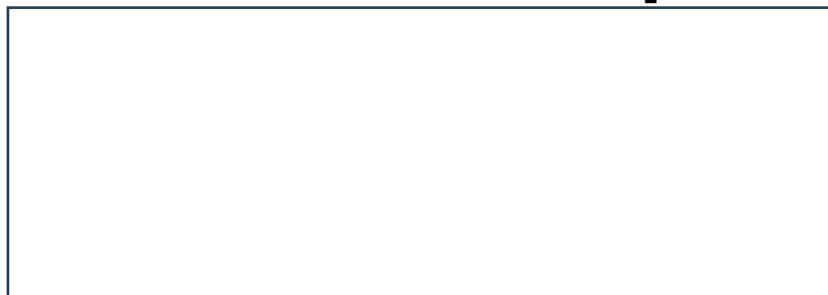
In the peace and grace of God, *Pastor Kirk Griffin*

Happenings and News in Our Congregation

Council Meeting Happenings: April 23rd, 2024

- Council opened in prayer.
- Council received, on behalf of the congregation, thank you's from Tender Care, the ELCA, HACC, and two members of our congregation.
- Council noted a few blessings this past month: 1) The wonderful youth service led by our own children and teenagers of St. Mark and the participation of some of our Preschool Teachers and families. It was a wonderful service; 2) The Giving God Glory project is inspiring. It is wonderful to hear of acts of Godly Glory happening right here with our members and community. We need to encourage everyone to share so that we can reach our goal. 3) It was noted that we were glad to see the quick response and installation of the termite prevention program due to our recent infestation.
- Past minutes, attendance, and addition of four new members were reviewed and accepted by Council.
- In his report, President Mike Merlo mentioned a recent inspiring moment that gave him hope for the next generation. It was an example of those who help others in times of need, without price or returned expectation. Truly inspirational and something we can all work towards.
- Pastor gave his statistical report. Pastor also informed Council of the upcoming baptism of Josie Wildasin on Pentecost Sunday.
- Evangelism Committee gave their written report and noted the upcoming information-sharing day at VNA on April 25th in which they will have a table display.
- Fellowship Committee gave their written report and noted upcoming events like St. Mark Eats, Pie Sunday, and the Paint Party Event on August 4th.
- Property Committee gave their written report noting the ongoing work around the church that has been accomplished or is still in need of maintaining or updating.
- Preschool Board gave their written report noting the great year they are having. A big thanks also was noted for all the support during the year in fundraisers and other activities. Council did discuss their need for new window air conditioners and voted to support the effort by matching half the cost for 4 new units up to \$1,000. Preschool is responsible for the other half and for researching with Wally Rodenhaver the appropriate style and BTU machines needed. We hope to have them by the Fall season.
- Hanover Area Council of Churches' Board minutes for their April 8th regular quarterly meeting were reviewed.
- The Treasurer report for March was presented with noted concerns about trends and rising expenses.
- Council reviewed old business and then, having no new business, adjourned until the May 28th, 4:00 pm meeting.

March's Treasurer's Report





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 month keep in your prayers: *Alvan Allison, Family & Friends of Barry Angel, Donald Becker, Nancy Bender, Larry Bolin, Jessica (Feeser) Boone, Katherine Borsella, Allen Bowersox, Frances Claybaugh, Ann Clingan, Pr. David DeLong, Lisa Dickensheets, Gail Dorsey, Diane Duffy, Robin Eline, Tarek Elnaggar, Jean Eshbach, Dennis Fahey, Betty Fury, Nancy Fridinger, Vickie Gouker, Dane Graham, Tom Greenholt, Carol Ann Haines, Carrie Hernden, Shirley Hippensteel, Jean Huskin, Don Jamison, Donna Jones, Pat Keefer, Craig King, Kelly Koontz, Norma Kreidler, Mary Lou Krummeck, Family & Friends of Nancy Kuhn, Allen Kuhns, David Kunkel, Susie Laughman, Jean Lawrence, Tom Lawrence, Ronnie Lippy, Naura Luqman, Dave & Denise Martin, Carol McDermitt-Humes, Mary Ellen Melhorn, Carol Miller, Sandy Miller, Merita Moore, Leah Moul, Merle Mummert, Pam Mummert, Carolyn Neumyer, Shirley Noel, Marian Noble, Kelly Perdue, R. Pittinger, Mary Riley, Lucus Schneider, Bob and Cecelia Sell, Bob Shue, Luanne Slusser, Denise Smith, Pr. Jerry Smith, JoAnn Smith, Beverly Snyder, Phyllis Tasto, Jennie Tome, George Tracy, Allison Trump, Lois VandenHeuvel, Daniel & Gloria Wagaman, Jody Walter, Naomi Warren, Barb Watson, Diana Weaver, Ron Wentz, Kathy Wildasin, Edward Wiltrout, Scott Wisner, 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.

St. Mark Eats: Now that it stays light enough for us all to drive home safely, our gatherings will soon be moving to 6:00pm. Please plan to join us for fellowship and good food at these upcoming St. Mark Eats events!

TUESDAY, May 7th – Dinner at the Starlight Diner at **6:00pm**

TUESDAY, June 4th – Dinner at C&D Bar & Grill at **6:00pm**

THURSDAY, July 11th – Dinner at Dutch Country at **6:00pm**



Fellowship Hosts Needed: We do **STILL NEED** a host for **Sunday, May 5th**. If you're willing and able to set up church-provided donuts and coffee following worship that Sunday, please sign up! The rest of the summer is open as well. Please help us continue this "First Sunday" tradition of sweet treats, coffee, and social time!

Perennial Sale: Just a reminder – the Hanover Garden Club is holding their annual sale in our Fellowship Hall and parking lot on **May 4th** from 8:00am to 1:00pm.





-St. Mark: Thank you so much for your annual Lent collection of diapers and wipes for our clients. Our clients will be blessed by your generosity and thoughtfulness. – *Tender Care*

-Diaper Drive Update: Thank you to all who donated baby care items to benefit Tender Care Pregnancy Center. Due to your generosity, we were able to take over **723 diapers and 546 wipes** to help expectant mothers in the care of the center.

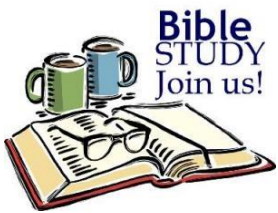
-St. Mark Sewing Group: Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated. Thank you for the beautiful quilts. – *Norma Kreidler and Nancy Fridinger*

-St. Mark Lutheran Church: Thank you for your gifts given to your synod, received by Lutheran Disaster Response in January 2024...Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future. Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you. – *In Christ, Amanda White, Director, Congregational Generosity*

-Thanks to All: For our special Preschool/Youth Sunday service on **April 7th**, we had ten Preschool families and our Co-Directors/Teachers (Allison and Idonia), along with their husbands, join us in attendance. We appreciate all our church youth and families who participated in leading this special service. St. Mark's youth did so well leading worship and doing their parts that we invite them to serve as worship helpers every Sunday. Thank you to all!

Calling All Artists, Wannabe Artists, and Anyone Else Who Enjoys Fellowship and Fun!

The Fellowship Committee invites you to our first ever **Paint Event**. On Sunday, **August 4th**, we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for an afternoon of fellowship and instructor-led painting. If you've never painted before, don't worry – we'll all do it together, step-by-step. All supplies will be provided to create your own special 16x20 version of "A Beach Day in August." Refreshments will be served at noon, followed by a two-hour painting session beginning at 12:30pm. The cost is \$35.00 and pre-registration/pre-payment is required. Please see the link below for registration, more information, or contact a member of the Fellowship Committee for help. <https://www.thecolormixer.com/product-page/stmarks>



An Invitation to Learn and Discuss: A new Bible Study session begins in May each Friday from 11:00am to 12noon. Pastor Kirk invites you to join the group as we begin the book of **JUDGES**. We'll all be starting at the same place, so don't worry if you've never attended a formal study of the Bible before. We also have plenty of Bibles available. **No Experience, No Bible, No Problem!**

Charity Concert at St. Mark: Just a reminder that on Friday, **May 17th**, at 7:30pm, St. Mark welcomes the **East Berlin Community Singers** to our very own sanctuary for "A Tapestry of Music." The cost of admission is the donation of a non-perishable food item. So come out, bring a friend, and enjoy this concert while helping to feed the hungry!



Reminder: Pentecost Geraniums: The deadline to dedicate Pentecost geraniums is coming up very soon. Please contact Joni (637-8904, offcoor129@gmail.com) or send in an order form (found on the narthex shelf and in April's newsletter [here](#)) by **May 5th**. Geraniums are \$6.50 and will be planted in the church garden the week after May 19th. We're also appreciative of anyone who would like to come in and do the planting.



THANKS TO ALL – Piggy Bank Update: We collected **\$786** this year! The ELCA God's Global Barnyard is designed to help third-world farmers and families grow their community's sustainability using resources and educational programs. The Sunday School decided to designate those funds toward the following: 2 piglets, 10 chicks, 1 rooster, 1 honeybee hive, 2 goats, 1 water filter, 2 fruit tree seedlings, 1 vegetable garden, 1 set of farming tools, schooling for 1 child, sets of school supplies for 2 children, 1 solar-powered lantern, 1 blanket, vaccines for 1 child, 4 mosquito nets, 2 clinic visits for a child, 3 Bibles, 3 filled backpacks, and 10 meals at a soup kitchen. Wow! Thanks to you all we are able to give such gifts to help others. To find out more about the program go to www.goodgifts.elca.org

Happy Birthday To Our **MAY** Birthdays!

May 5 Tiffany Zeyn
 May 7 Laurie Leppo
 Lauren Seidenstricker
 Steph Stonesifer
 May 8 Alexis Hoke
 May 9 Robert Sell
 May 10 Helen Hagarman
 Evelyn Reese
 May 11 Mike Noble
 May 14 Emma Kindschuh



May 15 Ryan Hardin
 Dustin Mummert
 May 18 Levi Brown
 May 20 Zachary Clabaugh
 May 22 Amy Shermeyer
 May 24 Linda Sanders
 May 25 Mary Riley
 May 26 Jonah Warehime
 May 30 Sue Buck
 Sue Sell
 May 31 Patricia Ormond

If we've missed anyone, please let us know at 717-637-8904.

Special Worship in May

On **May 5th**, we'll enjoy worship from ***Of the Land and Seasons*** and welcome all to come out for this non-traditional service.

May 12th is **Mother's Day** and **Music Sunday**. We'll be celebrating our mothers and those who mother us now and in the past. We'll also recognize St. Mark's musicians and enjoy music by the St. Mark TrebleBells.

On **May 19th**, the **Day of Pentecost**, be sure to **WEAR RED** and join us as we welcome our newest member, Josie Wildasin, through **baptism**. We're also thanking our Sunday School teachers with an **end-of-year celebration** before the Sunday School ends for summer break. And don't forget to bring a pie, homemade or storebought, to share for **Pie Sunday!**

May 26th is **Trinity Sunday**, on which we commemorate and celebrate God who is three in one: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

End of School Year: As we mentioned, in May we conclude another wonderful year of Sunday School. We give thanks for our regular teachers, Judy Laughman and Amanda Stuckey, our substitute teacher, Hollis Long, and our chairperson, Karen Feeser. It was a wonderful year of learning and fun. Classes will conclude on Mother's Day, **May 12th**, and we'll celebrate the end of the year on Pentecost Sunday, **May 19th**, following morning worship. Be here for the fun!



Did You Know: That when Hanover’s Guthrie Memorial Library was dedicated in 1911, “the original library consisted of 5,000 volumes dedicated by St. Mark Lutheran Church, the public school library, and members of various groups.” (*Discover Hanover*, issue 3, 2011) Yes, that’s right, St. Mark was an integral part of the beginnings of our community’s library. What a way to Impact the World! **GGIW**

Glory Project Update: The Evangelism Committee thanks everyone who has helped us work toward our goal of sharing 2024 cards noting acts of glory. In February we received **33 cards**, and in March we received **69 cards**. Please check out the new “Acts of Glory” bulletin board in the church hallway to see evidence of all of our good works and kindness, as well as get ideas for how you can glorify God and spread love in the world. Remember, “Acts of Glory” include anytime you pray, donate time or money to a good cause, help a friend or neighbor, share a kind word, or otherwise spread kindness, devotion, or inspiration. Just look for the brightly colored cards in the pews or on the narthex shelf and place completed notes in the bucket under the Inspirations envelopes, mail your notes into the church office, or email your notes to offcoor129@gmail.com.



We’re Proud of Our Grads! Parents and grandparents, this is your time to share the wonderful news of upcoming graduates in your family. As you know, we have a Sunday in June to congratulate our graduates from high school, college, graduate school, and trade school, so we want to make sure we don’t miss anyone! Please contact the church office with names of any and all students we have graduating this year.

Member Address Changes: We’ve recently been informed of address changes for several of our members. We’ll be publishing a new Church Directory in July, as usual. In the meantime, if you’re sending a card or other correspondence to a fellow St. Markian, contact Joni at 637-8904 or offcoor129@gmail.com to be sure you have the correct address.



Save the Date: Vacation Bible School is scheduled for **July 29th through August 2nd**. This year’s theme will be “The Bible Olympics.” We might not be in Paris, but we can still perform feats of Bible and Faith fitness right here at St. Mark. If you can help in any way, please talk with Karen Feeser. We hope to have more details coming soon in our weekly announcements!

Snack Town Street Fair: The annual fair in downtown Hanover will be held on **July 13th** this year. If you’re interested in being a part of St. Mark’s booth, be sure to attend our Evangelism group’s next meeting on **May 2nd** at 3:00pm. You can also have your own booth by going to snacktownstreetfair.com for more information.





Easter Egg Hunt Success! *From Karen Feeser* – We were blessed with a beautiful sunny morning for our Easter Egg hunt. Thank you to all those who donated candy and snacks and filled and scattered eggs for the 45-50 children who attended. It was a wonderful morning!



MAY Altar Vases

May 5th



Altar Vases: Given in Honor of Our 55th Anniversary – by David & Kathy Gates

May 12th

Altar Vases: Given in Memory of Charles Bittinger – by His Family

May 19th

Altar Vase: Given in Honor of Kate Klunk & Jared Laird's Anniversary – by Grace & Claire Laird

Altar Vase: Given in Memory of Irvin Wentz, Who Gave His Life for His Country, and in Memory of Clyde, Ray, and Soad, Who Served Their Country – by Their Sister

May 26th

Altar Vase: Given in Loving Memory of Charles M. Noble – by Marian Noble and Children, Michael, Ruth, and Pamela

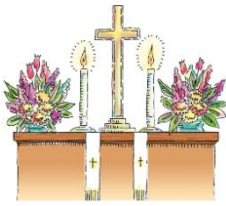
Altar Vase: Given in Loving Memory of My Husband, Tony, on His Birthday Today – by Melanie Brady

April 21st

(Corrected from April's Newsletter)

Altar Vase: Given in Memory of James P. Kunkel – by Kate Klunk & Jared, Grace, and Claire Laird

Altar Flower Dedications: Thank you to all those who responded to the request for sponsoring vases. As you can see, May is now fully dedicated; however, most of June is still open, as well as the remainder of the summer. If you'd like to honor someone or their memory this spring and/or summer, please fill out the altar flower book or contact Joni in the church office. Thank you for helping us keep fresh flowers on the altar!



MAY

Sunday Worship Helpers

May Altar Care: *Need Volunteer(s)*



May 5th

CPIC: Hollis Long
Lector: Mike Merlo
Comm. Assts: Hollis Long | Pennie Highlands
Acolyte: Noah Shermeyer
Greeter: Bill Leppo

May 12th

CPIC: Pennie Highlands
Lector: Kathy Gates
Comm. Assts: Pennie Highlands | Alex Spalding
Acolyte: Abby Shermeyer
Greeter: Bill Leppo

May 19th

CPIC: Alex Spalding
Assisting Minister: Hollis Long
Comm. Assts: Alex Spalding | Hollis Long
Acolytes: Marcus Lobaugh | Morgana Lobaugh
Greeter: Bill Leppo

May 26th

CPIC: Tom Long
Lector: Alex Spalding
Comm. Assts: Tom Long | Jeff Kindschuh
Greeter: Bill Leppo



News and Happenings in Our Community

Provide-A-Lunch Team #2 will be serving at HACC on May 26th: Our primary team members include: Joann Berwager, Dale Dull, Shellene Griffin, Lynn Gross, and Liz Robinson.

PAL is an important program hosted by HACC to make sure local people in need get at least one hot meal per day, 365 days a year. To maintain our three teams, we can use more PAL volunteers. Each team only serves **once every three months**, so it's not a huge time commitment. Any help is appreciated. Call or just come to one of our serving events at HACC on Carlisle Street.



HACC NEWS & SPECIAL NEEDS THIS MONTH:

PAL (Provide-a-Lunch) Program: Cans of Mixed Vegetables, Corn, Green Beans, Peas, Carrots, Bags of Potatoes and Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetable Oil, Olive Oil, Spray Oil, Butter, Sugar, Salt, Milk, Snacks, Fruit Cups, Tea Bags, Iced Tea Bags, Grocery Bags, Shopping Bags

Clothing Bank: Children and Teen Clothing (All Sizes), Men's Jeans Waist Sizes 30-34, Shoes/Sneakers (All Sizes), Grocery Bags, Shopping Bags, Reusable Bags, White Garbage Bags (13-Gallon Size)

Ruth's Harvest: Single-Serve Fruit Cups, Single-Serve Cereals, Single-Serve Granola Bars

Shelter: Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap, Body Wash, Clorox Wipes, Kitchen Trash Bags, Ziploc Bags (Sandwich and Gallon Sizes)

Meals On Wheels: Handkerchiefs, No-Rinse Bathing Wipes, Bath Gloves, No-Slip Socks, Journal Books, Puzzles (No Mini Pieces, 300-500 Pieces at Most)

Please place donations in the bins by the office on the corner table at end of hall.



Free Seminar for Caregivers: The Church of the Open Door in West York is hosting a free seminar for family caregivers of dementia patients on **June 20th** from 8:00am to 1:30pm. Meet local resources and learn practical tips for supporting loved ones living with dementia. For more information, call 717-843-1504 or email makingadifferenceindementia@gmail.com. Questions are welcome.



Fresh Produce Vouchers for Seniors: Did you know that eligible seniors can receive FREE \$50 vouchers for the purchase of fresh fruit and vegetables grown in PA? The program runs **June 1st through September 30th**. Contact the York County Area Agency on Aging at 717-852-4902, extension 1062 for more information (**after May 15th**).

“This Is My Country” Concert: First Church of Hanover on Frederick Street is hosting a concert to honor America featuring “The Gettysburg Address” and “Taps,” joined by legendary bugler Jari Villanueva. The concert is presented by the Gettysburg Choral Society on **May 24th** at 7:00pm. For more information, go to gettysburgchoralsociety.org.



Car Show: Grace UCC on Fourth Street is holding a car show on **May 4th** (rain date **May 11th**) from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Please contact Grace UCC at 632-5606 for more details.

Free Grocery Kits: If you or someone you know is in need of some help with groceries, St. Paul’s Lutheran on York Street offers fruit, potatoes, and pantry items **every Saturday** from 10:00am to 11:00am. Contact St. Paul’s at 637-5941 for more information. And, as always, HACC has food every day from 11:30am-12:30pm.



National Night Out in Hanover: The Hanover Area Night Out is Tuesday, **August 6th**, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Emory H. Markle Middle School. Bring the family out for free hot dogs and giveaways, and children can register for a bike raffle. Contact Officer Bryan Wheeler at bwheeler@pennpolice.com if you’re interested in participating as a vendor or sponsor.

Help Feed Kids on the Weekends: HACC’s Ruth’s Harvest program was established to make sure kids on the free-lunch program at school are also fed on weekends and holidays. To keep this program going and make sure kids don’t go hungry when schools are closed, they need single-serve packages of nutritious food to hand out to kids on Fridays. Please place donations in the HACC shelter bin near the Church Office.



Emmanuel UCC Presents: On Sunday, **May 12th**, at 3:00pm, the Organist, Grace EunHye Oh will perform Mendelssohn, Widor, Rameau, and more. For information about this free concert, please contact EUCC at 632-8281.

May Preschool News



Spring Happenings: In April we have been having a lot of fun and even got to enjoy some outside play with warmer weather coming our way. All classes got to enjoy learning about spring, the rain, how plants grow, and what is happening with some animals and insects this time of year.

Now May is here, and we can't believe the preschool year is coming to an end. This year has flown by so quickly! The 3-year-old's classes' last days will be on **May 15th and 16th**, and the 4-year-old's classes have graduation coming up on **May 17th**. It has been a pleasure helping and watching each and every preschooler grow this year and we're excited to see what the next school year holds for them. If you know anyone interested in our program, please refer them to Idonia Klunk at 717-451-4803 or visit:

stmarkpreschoolhanover.weebly.com (St. Mark Preschool's website)

stmarkhanover.org (St. Mark Church's website)

All preschool classes are now tentatively full. Thank you to everyone who spread the word about our openings.

- Idonia Klunk and Allison Wentz, Preschool Co-Directors



Fundraiser Update:

Thank you to all who ordered Joe Corbi's to help support the preschool. We raised **\$1,373.75!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			 MAY DAY			 
6th Sunday of Easter 5 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School Land & Seasons Worship Fellowship Time after Worship Worship & Music Mtg GERANIUM DEADLINE <i>Bells Rehearsal</i> CINCO DE MAYO	6 -OFFICE CLOSED-	7 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> 6pm St. Mark Eats @ Starlight Diner	8 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i>  IRIS DAY	9 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> 9:00am-12noon <i>Quilting Group</i> † ASCENSION OF OUR LORD	10 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> 11:00am Bible Study Preschool Carnival Day 	11 5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word
7th Sunday of Easter 12 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School  Mother's Day Music Sunday Confirmation Class <i>No Bells Rehearsal</i>	13 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i>  WORLD COCKTAIL DAY	14 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i>	15 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> Preschool M/W 3-Year-Olds Last Day	16 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> 9:00am-12noon <i>Quilting Group</i> Preschool T/TH 3-Year-Olds Last Day	17 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> 11:00am Bible Study 10am/2pm Preschool Graduation 7:30pm EBCS Concert 	18 5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word  ARMED FORCES DAY
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The Holy Trinity 26 9:00am Worship <i>Sunday School on Summer Break</i>  Trinity Sunday PAL Team 2 <i>No Bells Rehearsal</i>	27 -OFFICE CLOSED-  MEMORIAL DAY	28 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> 4pm Council Mtg	29 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i>	30 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> 9:00am-12noon <i>Quilting Group</i>	31 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> 11:00am Bible Study 	

*NOTE: St. Mark Preschool classes are in regular session MONDAY through FRIDAY each week between the hours of 8:30am and 4:00pm. May 18th begins summer hiatus. Please see the preschool calendar for more information.

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Visit us online at stmarkhanover.org

By the grace of God in and through Jesus Christ, the mission of the people of St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hanover, Pennsylvania, is to hear and share the Good News of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament ministry. Since our founding in 1864 it has been the mission of the people of St. Mark to testify in word and deed that no one is outside God's mercy in Jesus Christ.

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ST. MARK BELL NEWSLETTER

St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church
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