



# The Parish Post

OCTOBER 2019

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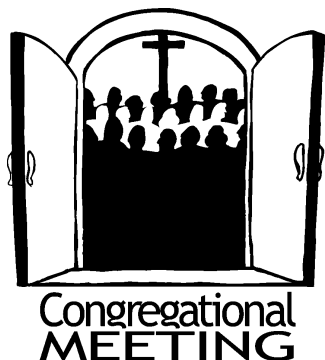
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Our 6th Annual  
Saturday, October 26  
St. Mark's Parking Lot  
5:00 to 8:00 PM

Families are invited to bring children in costume or not, and to trick or treat out of car "trunks." We are looking for 10-12 St. Mark's members willing to bring a "treat" you can share out of your trunk or off your tailgate. You can decorate your vehicle or not, you can dress in costume yourself or not, but help us welcome our young families and neighbors for a fun evening in our parking lot! We welcome all ages for a fun evening of socializing. Dress warmly and tell a friend!



Sunday, November 24, 1:00 pm  
Soup and sandwiches will be  
provided by the youth.



**FREE**  
First Saturday of every month.  
8 to 10 am  
*All are welcome!*

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Nourished by Word and Sacrament, the mission of the members of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church is to spread God's Word in Jesus Christ through our thoughts, words, and actions, proclaiming God's good news for all to hear and live.



After these things, the Lord commissioned seventy-two others and sent them on ahead in pairs to every city and place he was about to go. He said to them, "The harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest. Luke 10:1-2 CEB Copyright © 2011 by Common English Bible

"The harvest is bigger than you can imagine". More and more we are finding those words of Jesus to be true for us here at St. Mark's. You may be more familiar with the traditional translation, "The Harvest is plentiful", but I think a harvest that is **bigger than we can imagine** is more like the truth. Many of the things that are now a part of our ministry were once unimaginable or, at best, imaginable but never thought possible.

We now have an Alternative style worship service every month that is often as well attended as our traditional services. This style of worship with contemporary music, less formal atmosphere and meeting in the Fellowship hall instead of the nave was often talked about, sometimes tried, but now is successful in reaching a new "audience" with the Gospel. The second Sunday of the month, when The Table, our alternative worship, is offered, our attendance is consistently higher than other Sundays. This tells me that we are reaching new people, not just the same crowd at a different time. Thanks to Bennett Williams, our Minister of Contemporary Worship and his team for making "The Table" a success.

There are some things in our traditional worship that are also new or recently revived. One in particular is our Advent Choir. This group of elementary school (and younger) students are doing an amazing job of communicating the Gospel with simple yet meaningful music. While not exactly new, the Bell Choir and Choir Chimes seem to be always improving and finding new ways to enhance our worship, as well as the Chancel Choir, which does an extraordinary job. Thanks to Joyce Van Nieuwkuyk and the musicians and singers who make out traditional worship special.

A new endeavor that hasn't even begun yet as I write this is the St. Mark's Afterschool Program. This is another ministry that has been in the imagination of several of us for some time and is finally coming to fruition. We will serve a hot meal, provided by the Central PA Food Bank, to the children of our neighborhood Monday thru Thursday. Plans also include homework help, a running/fitness program, arts and crafts, and perhaps other activities as we see the need. Paulette Beverly has been the driving force behind this program along with Molly Stanton, the Social Services Ministry, and others. The program kicks off October 7.

In addition to these new and revived ministries, there are many other things happening here, some ongoing, some new, some still in the planning stages, and some still in someone's imagination.

With all this activity, you can see the applicability of the second part of Jesus' saying, "but there are few workers", or "the workers are few." It's not so much that there are only a few people active, but that the active are few in relation to the possibilities of the harvest. There are opportunities for everyone to serve in some way in reaching the unimaginable numbers of people that could be reached with the Gospel message, both in word and deed. Acolytes, band members, choir members, drivers, event planners, food servers, greeters, handicapped, instructors, Junior youth, knitters, lectors, musicians, note-senders, offering counters, pianists, quilters, readers, singers, typists, \_\_\_ vegetable growers, writers, xylophone players, yard workers, and zither players are all possible ways to become one of the much-needed workers in the church.

You may have noticed that the list above has a job for every letter of the alphabet. "The only thing missing", as the saying goes, "is U"! If you are not currently involved in some ministry of the church in some way, please take a little time to prayerfully consider how you might become one of the workers so desperately needed to help bring in the unimaginable harvest. You may have something in mind that we have not even thought of yet. You may want to do, or already be doing, something behind the scenes to help us be the church God is calling us to be. We have, and greatly appreciate, the many workers we already have, but still we are pleading with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest. Imagine the possibilities!

*Pastor Jim*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>8:15 am Worship</b> 9:15 am Coffee Hour 9:45 am Sunday Church School <b>11:00 am Worship</b> 7:30 pm AA</p>	<p><b>N.S. R&amp;K Sub Sale</b> <b>September 23-October 11</b> <b>N.S. Butter Braid Fundraiser</b> <b>October 24—November 8</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> 8:30 am Men in Mission Breakfast 9:00 am Projects Day 6:30 pm ALANON 7:00 pm Social Ministry</p>	<p><b>2</b> 10:00 am Bible Study 11:45 am Soccer Shots 6:30 pm Advent Choir 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Christian Education 7:30 pm ACA</p>	<p><b>3</b> 1:00 pm The Craft Artisans 6:00 pm CODA 6:15 pm Mission Bells 6:30 pm NA 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>4</b> 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous</p>	<p><b>5</b> 8:00 am Community Breakfast</p>
<p><b>6</b> <b>8:15 am Worship</b> 9:15 am Coffee Hour 9:45 am Sunday Church School <b>11:00 am Worship</b> 7:30 pm AA</p>	<p><b>7</b> 6:00 pm CODA 6:00 pm Fellowship Ministry 6:30 pm Worship/Music/Arts 6:30 pm NA</p>	<p><b>8</b> 10:00 am Esther Circle 6:30 pm ALANON 6:30 pm Nursery School Board 6:30 pm Property Committee 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry 6:30 pm Nursery School Board Mtg</p>	<p><b>9</b> 10:00 am Bible Study 11:45 am Soccer Shots 6:00 pm ACA Study Group 6:30 pm Advent Choir 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm ACA</p>	<p><b>10</b> 1:00 pm The Craft Artisans 6:00 pm CODA 6:15 pm Mission Bells 6:30 pm Evangelism Ministry 6:30 pm NA 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>11</b> 6:00 pm FH &amp; Kitchen Reserved 7:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous</p>	<p><b>12</b> 8:00 pm FH &amp; Kitchen Reserved</p>
<p><b>13</b> <b>8:15 am Worship</b> 9:15 am Coffee Hour 9:45 am Sunday Church School <b>9:45 am Alternative Worship/“The Table”</b> <b>11:00 am Worship</b> 4:00 pm ACA Study Group 7:30 pm AA</p>	<p><b>14</b> N.S. CLOSED 4:00 pm W/ELCA Board Meeting 6:00 pm CODA 6:30 pm Stewardship Ministry 6:30 pm NA 7:00 pm Lioness Meeting</p>	<p><b>15</b> 6:30 pm ALANON 7:00 pm Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>16</b> 10:00 am Bible Study 11:45 am Soccer Shots 6:30 pm Advent Choir 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm ACA</p>	<p><b>17</b> <b>Food Pantry</b> 1:00 pm The Craft Artisans 6:00 pm CODA 6:15 pm Mission Bells 6:30 pm NA 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>18</b> 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous</p>	<p><b>19</b> 7:00 am Flea Market</p>
<p><b>20</b> <b>Parish Post Deadline</b> <b>8:15 am Worship</b> 9:15 am Coffee Hour 9:45 am Sunday Church School <b>11:00 am Worship</b> 7:30 pm AA</p>	<p><b>21</b> 6:30 pm CODA 6:30 pm NA 7:00 pm Pax Christi</p>	<p><b>22</b> 6:30 pm ALANON 6:30 pm Eye Circle 7:00 pm Mutual Ministry</p>	<p><b>23</b> 10:00 am Bible Study 11:45 am Soccer Shots 5:00 pm NS R&amp;K SUB 6:00 pm ACA Study Group 6:30 pm Advent Choir 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm ACA</p>	<p><b>24</b> 1:00 pm The Craft Artisans 6:00 pm CODA 6:15 pm Mission Bells 6:30 pm NA 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>25</b> 7:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous</p>	<p><b>26</b> Sandy McClain-Kitchen Reserved 5:00— 8:00 pm Trunk &amp; Treat</p>
<p><b>27</b> 8:15 am Worship 9:15 am Coffee Hour 9:45 am Sunday Church School <b>11:00 am Worship</b> 12:30 pm LYF Jr. Meeting 5:00 pm LYF Meeting 4:00 pm ACA Study Group 7:30 pm AA</p>	<p><b>28</b> 6:00 pm CODA 6:30 pm NA</p>	<p><b>29</b> 6:30 pm ALANON</p>	<p><b>30</b> 9:00 am NS Halloween Party (4's) 10:00 am Bible Study 11:45 am Soccer Shots 6:00 pm ACA Study Group 6:30 pm Advent Choir 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm ACA</p>	<p><b>31</b> 9:00 am NS Halloween Party (2's &amp; 3's) 1:00 pm The Craft Artisans 6:00 pm CODA 6:15 pm Mission Bells 6:30 pm NA 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p>		



Our Church Family,

Thanks for all the cards & well wishes for my "70th " Birthday.

*Don Young*

Dear Fellow Gleaners,

Thank you so much for your recent donation to ship my winter clothing and supplies to Romania. Your love and support mean so much to me. I am truly blessed to have crossed paths with you in this journey. I look forward to doing His work abroad, and you all are a part of making this all possible in His name.

Peace,  
*Ruth Cheng*

Dear Saint Mark's Family,

Many thanks for the cards, calls, and concern during my recent surgery and recovery. Special thanks to Pastor Jim for his comforting hospital visit and to Tracy Ingram for delivering Altar flowers. Everyone's kindness was greatly appreciated.

*Ed Shadle*

Dear Esther Circle Friends,

How thoughtful of you to remember me when I had my "trip" to the hospital a few weeks ago. The flowers were just beautiful! As a matter of fact, they lasted almost three weeks. I, also appreciated the many get well wishes as well. The important thing is to know you're not alone—that there are many caring thoughts of those who love you and care about you, That is very "healing", too.

*Betty Briner*

Dear Church Family,

We've had a very busy summer full of fun and adventure! I want to thank you for your contributions to send Midori to Camp Kirchenwald. She loves it each year and had a wonderful time. My youth church experiences we're so meaningful to me in faith journey ... thank you for helping me give her the same.

*Susan*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for helping pay for my church camps. It was my fourth year at Kirchenwald and my first year at Nawakwa. They were both so fun, I loved playing *Get the Flag* at my first camp and my other one I loved playing in the pool. Thank you so much.

Thanks again,  
*Midori*

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3	Margie Stouffer Susan Tremblay
4	Hannah Leigh DeFrank
5	Emma Mink
6	Dorothy Sutch Teresa Lawyer Chad Lawyer Phoenix Lewis
7	Marsha Nicodemus
8	Kathryn McClain Jackson Klick
10	Wayne Metz Kendall Beverly
11	Reuel Deppen Zara Waters Sara Lawrence
13	Mason Brown Samuel Howie
15	Tina Smith
16	Nathan Cleaver Bennett Fleegel
17	Jean Miller Brooke DiSerio
19	Albert Magaro
21	Richard Deppen
24	Kristian Beverly Alexis Neidig
26	Jared Fleegal
28	John Herigan, Jr. Laura Young
30	Brian Dinger Thomas Botts Nolan Dulovich

If your birthday is in October and we missed it, please let us know. We hope you have a happy birthday anyway.

## COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The autumn weather is invigorating to most of us and we are feeling the same energy and enthusiasm through programs hosted at St. Mark's. On behalf of the Congregational Council, I would encourage all of you to choose something and become involved.

October 7 marks the start of our After School Program. We will be hosting dinners for school children from kindergarten through middle school on Monday through Thursday evenings. The food is provided to us from Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and we volunteer to run the outreach program to local school children. This is an exciting, new opportunity and we can use as many volunteers as possible. There are opportunities to serve in the kitchen or volunteer with meal distribution or even some activities. You can volunteer every night or just occasionally. For more information or to see how you can volunteer, please contact Paulette Beverly or Molly Stanton or the church office.

The youth group is holding their outdoor flea market/yard sale on October 19. If you have items to donate, please contact Kellen or Lisa Hand. Please plan to attend to look for "treasures" and encourage your friends and neighbors who enjoy yard sales to attend. This event will benefit St. Mark's youth program.

Another great opportunity awaits at the annual trunk or treat event on October 26. You can choose to participate by decorating the trunk of your car and giving candy to children who come to trick-or-treat in our parking lot. If you can't attend, please tell other people about the event and have them mark their calendars. Donations of candy are also welcome.

Please reserve the date for our annual congregational meeting which will be held on November 24, 2019. The meeting will begin at 1:00 PM. The luncheon will be hosted by St. Mark's youth group, and free will offerings will be gratefully accepted. At this meeting we will adopt the 2020 budget and vote for elected positions including church council members. Please plan to attend this important meeting!

On behalf of the St. Mark's Congregational Council, I look forward to seeing you at these important events in the life of St. Mark's. We look forward to seeing you in church!

In Christian Love,  
Stephanie

## OCTOBER LECTORS

8:15 AM	11:00 AM
6 Men in Mission	Men in Mission
13 Janice Alloway	Judy Horton
20 Mary Edna Leedy	Bob Gill
27 Michael Hengst	Dennis DeFrank

## OCTOBER ALTAR CARE

8:15 AM	11:00 AM
6 Laurie Womer	Sandy Dinger
13 Laura Young	Barb Dudek
20 Sue Bennick	Sandy Dinger
27 Barb Heym	Marian Person
	Donna Woodrow

## OCTOBER FLOWER DELIVERY

6	Sandy Dinger
13	Barb Heym
20	Peggy Davis
27	Sue Dillahey

## OCTOBER GREETERS

8:15 AM	11:00 AM
6 Men in Mission	Men in Mission

## OCTOBER COMMUNION ASST.

8:15 AM	11:00 AM
6 Men in Mission	Men in Mission
13 Jeannie Flickinger	St. Mark's Youth
	Lauren Zaccarelli-Hengst
20 Carla Whitaker	Dennis DeFrank
	Sara Jane DeFrank
27 Laurie Womer	Lore-Lee Walak
	Elliott Walak
	Paul Deibler

## Highway Clean-up

The next Highway Clean-up of Oakgrove Road is scheduled for Saturday October 26. (Meet at the entrance to Resurrection Cemetery at 9:00.) Those interested may meet for breakfast before the clean-up at Skyline Family Restaurant at 8:00 AM. Anyone planning to help please contact Calvin Smith (717-652-3808.)



**The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania**  
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Sunday, October 20, 2019 **FALL FOLIAGE DAY** at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa Bring your family and friends to camp for a fall afternoon! Both events will run from 1-6pm. An evening meal will be provided. Registration is \$10/person. Please call 717-677-8211 or visit [LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org) by October 11 to register.

**Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald at Kirchenwald - October 20, 2019**

Return to camp for the afternoon to enjoy fall activities, worship, and a picnic supper. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet up with old friends or introduce new folks to camp. An evening meal is included. Event runs from 1-6pm. At Kirchenwald, enjoy Pumpkin Painting, Canoeing / Kayaking, Mountain Biking, Hayrides, Hiking, and More! Registration Fee: \$10 per person covers activities and an evening meal.

**Fall Foliage Day at Nawakwa at Nawakwa - October 20, 2019**

Return to camp for the afternoon to enjoy fall activities, worship, and a picnic supper. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet up with old friends or introduce new folks to camp. An evening meal is included. Event runs from 1-6pm. At Nawakwa, enjoy Pumpkin Painting, Apple Butter Boil, Hayrides, Hiking, and More! Registration Fee: \$10 per person includes activities and an evening meal.

**Annual Quilt Auction at Nawakwa - November 3, 2019**

- Join us for this year's Live Quilt Auction and Silent Auction of hand-crafted items Sunday, November 3, at Nawakwa. This fun-filled afternoon of bidding raises money for the LCC Endowment Fund, which helps to financially sustain our fine ministry activities. In addition to the actions, the afternoon is a great time to renew camp friendships, walk around camp, and eat dinner.

**Women's Craft Retreat at Nawakwa-November 8—10, 2019**

- Try new techniques, share your latest creations, work on UFO's, and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of camp in the fall. Worship led by Rev. Cindy Brommer. All meals provided. Please register by November 1.

**SOCIAL SERVICES NEWS:** God's Little Acre is up and running again. If you have a garden and have any extra produce you would like to share with the congregation you may leave it in the narthex. Members who wish to take the produce are asked to leave a monetary donation. The funds raised are given to the Ecumenical Food Pantry. This project will continue through late October.

We are continuing to collect personal care items such as shampoo, soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products, etc. to be distributed at the Ecumenical Food Pantry. You may leave your donations in the cart in the narthex. This is a year round project.

**NEEDED:** Large tall juice or tall metal coffee cans for altar flower delivery. If you have any, please place in Parlor Kitchen. Thank You!!!!



## FALL FLEA MARKET!

Our annual St. Mark's Flea Market is coming up! Saturday, October 19th, from 8am to 2pm, we will be selling many great donated goods, to support youth ministry projects here at St. Marks! Clothes, trinkets, CDs, toys, everything under the sun can be found at the Fall Flea Market! We'll also have snacks and drinks available for a goodwill donation. If you would like to set up your own table to sell your own things, we can make that happen for a donation as well! Please contact Kellen Michalowski at [lyfstmarks@gmail.com](mailto:lyfstmarks@gmail.com) or Lisa Hand with any questions you may have! This fundraiser helps the youth group go on retreats, mission trips, attend events like confirmation camp, and so much more! We would like to thank you all for your support!

The Lutheran Youth Of Faith at St. Mark's Annual Italian Night - Nov. 9th

From the hills of Tuscany to the shores of Sicily, experience the sights, smell, and tastes of Italian cuisine, Spaghetti at it's finest! See the Fellowship Hall transformed into an Italian Restaurant! Saturday, November 9th from 5PM to 8PM, all proceeds benefit Youth Ministry Programs here at St. Mark's. \$8 for adults, \$5 for children, you'll get all you can eat spaghetti, salad, & beverages, and don't forget an extra dollar or two for the dessert table! Walk-ins and reservations accepted, reserve now so we don't run out of space! There will also be a raffle for many great prizes! Take-out dinners available, we accommodate food restrictions. Bring friends, family, all are welcome!

If you are able, we are in need of donations for the event! We are looking for desserts, prize baskets for the raffle, and other food supplies.

The **ST. MARK'S BOOK CLUB** has some interesting books to talk about in the next few months. If you enjoy reading, perhaps you would like to read one of the books and join us in the parlor at 10 am for a discussion of the following books:

Date	Book	Author
Oct 24	The Light Over London	Julia Kelly
Dec 5	Dead Winter	Sherry Knowlton
Jan 23	Long Road to Mercy	David Baldacci

## Women of the ELCA

Tuesday, October 1 - 9:00 am— Projects Day  
 Tuesday, October 8 - 10:00 am— Esther Circle  
 Monday, October 14 - 4:00 am— W/ELCA Board  
 Tuesday, October 22 - 6:30 pm— Eve Circle  
 Sunday, October 27— Unified Thank offering after late service

## SPECIAL DATES

- World Communion Sunday, October 6, 2019
- Reformation Sunday, October 27, 2019
- Reformation Day, October 31, 2019

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