

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Upcoming Events

Fri., Nov. 4th – 6:00 p.m. - Movie Night at
St. Mark's. Showing Sight 'n Sounds
production of "David"

Wed., Nov. 9th – 5:00 p.m. – Net Dinner
at OLV Catholic Church

Sun., Nov. 20th – 12:00 p.m. – Church Council
Meeting

Wed., Nov. 23rd – 7:00 p.m. -Thanksgiving Eve
worship service at Our Lady of the Valley
Catholic Church.

Wed., Nov. 30th – 5:00 p.m. – Net Dinner
at St. Mark's.

Please Note:

**NET dinner at St. Mark's is rescheduled
to Nov. 30th since there will be an
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service
on Nov. 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in Our Lady of
the Valley Catholic Church.**



**REMINDER – turn your clocks back at
2:00 a.m. on November 6th**

Prayer Chain Requests In Oct.

Family of Cathy Karsch
Family of Val Manchester
Family of Tony DiPace
Family of Harry Amendola
Family of Kenneth "Pops" Hulbert

Georgia VanDyke
Patty Wainwright
Andreana Blesser
Jim Brigadier
Martin
Richard Kessler

Thought for the Day:

When the world around you is
crumbling, God is the Rock on
which you can stand.



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Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Update

For the past month, our enthusiastic OCC coordinator, Ruth Palmer, has been sharing information and suggestions for how to fill a shoebox. We are now collecting the boxes and will be having a special **dedication** of them during the worship service on **Sunday, November 13th**.

Please note, that if you have not already done so, please bring your boxes with you to church or drop them off in the office prior to the 13th.

If you have any questions, please contact Ruth at 910-849-5252.



Wings As Eagles Ministry Request

For a number of years, St. Mark's has been a supporter of Wings as Eagles ministry. This year, as Christmas approaches, let's remember the WAEM's Native American children and senior citizens by prayerfully making a donation of a Walmart and/or Target gift card in any amount to be used by Pastors Lori and Gary to provide Christmas gifts for them. **Please place your gift in a collection box in St. Mark's sanctuary no later than Sunday, November 27th**. Thank you for your generosity in making their Christmas more joyful.



Reminder – we are still collecting tabs from cans to benefit Ronald McDonald House. Please drop them off into the container located in the narthex.

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Neighbors Eating Together (NET) Dinners

Sounds of laughter and conversation filled our fellowship hall on Wednesday, October 26th, when more than 70 friends and neighbors gathered for a delicious chili dinner. Please note our next NET dinner will be held on Wednesday, November 30th at 5:00 p.m.



Joshua Project Thanksgiving Basket Program

Joshua Project's Thanksgiving Basket Program is a blessing for so many people who need a little extra assistance. Once again they are asking for help from St. Mark's congregation through donations of the following non-perishable items:

- Instant potatoes
- Cranberry sauce
- Can gravy
- Can vegetables
- Box stuffing
- Can yams

Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation and bring your gifts to St. Mark's no later than Sunday, November 13th. Thank you!

A Prayer for Thanksgiving

Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day
We bow our hearts to You and pray.
We give You thanks for all You've done
Especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son.
For beauty in nature, Your glory we see
For joy and health, friends and family,
For daily provision, Your mercy and care
These are the blessings You graciously share.
So today we offer this response of praise
With a promise to follow You all of our days.



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THANK YOU FROM THE PHOEBES!

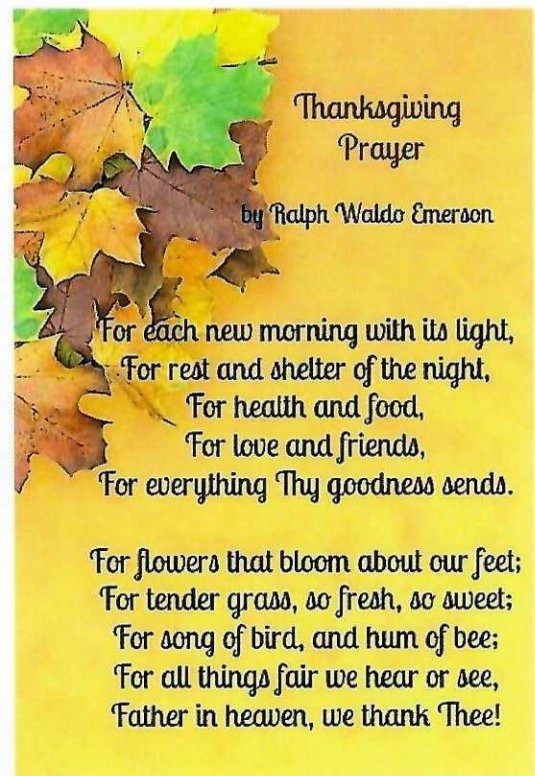
Once again, a huge thank you to our very generous congregation who answered our request to help us with our pie sale fundraiser at the Middleburgh Fall Festival / Oktoberfest. God blessed us with a response that netted \$900 in our fund to purchase a new kitchen stove.



Our own Alyssa Coons as a salesperson

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

We have so much to be thankful for and what better way to express our gratitude to our Lord than through worship. Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church is hosting an ecumenical Thanksgiving eve worship service at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23rd. Please consider joining your brothers and sisters in Christ as we praise, honor and glorify our God.



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Servers for November

Nov. 6th:

Reader – Nannette
Prayer – Cheryl
Ushers – Dean / Lorrie
Counter – Deb P.

Nov. 13th:

Reader – Edna
Prayer – Carolyn
Ushers – Dennis / Diane
Counter – Sharon N.

Oct. 20th:

Reader – Bob
Prayer – Ron
Ushers – Bill / Bonnie
Counter – Diane

Oct. 27th:

Reader – Deb P.
Prayer – Cheryl
Ushers – Ron / Denise
Counter – Carrie



November Birthdays:

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| Karen Berkheimer | Nov. 2 |
| Deb Roberts | Nov. 11 |
| Karen VanDyke | Nov. 12 |
| Bonnie Morton | Nov. 13 |
| Ron Lower | Nov. 28 |

November Anniversaries:

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| Ted / Ellen Langenbahn | Nov. 10 |
| Russ / Barb Elder | Nov. 23 |

St. Mark's Income vs Expenses

Several members of St. Mark's congregation have expressed an interest in the church's finances. In an effort to keep all informed, our newsletter will include a section showing monthly income versus expenses. Here is the summary for the month of **September 2022:**

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| Income | \$4,016 |
| Expenses | 4,217 |
| Balance | (201) |



What Is a Veteran?

"Mommy, what is a Veteran?" my child asked in an innocent way. "and could you please explain to me why we have a Veteran's Day?"

My mind searched for the adjectives that might help me clarify those people, who for their country, have looked death in the eye.

I quickly grabbed the dictionary to see what Webster may have used, but "one who served in the armed forces" were not the words that I would choose.

But, how do you describe a veteran - heroes you have never met, those you'll never know the names of and yet never will forget?

How do you describe a veteran? How do you convey a definition for those who brought this country's dreams to their ultimate fruition?

How do you describe a veteran - Strangers who fought for you, men and women who risked their lives for people they never knew?

How do you describe a veteran - And the sacrifices they made so that you and your children's children could live free and unafraid?

How do you describe a veteran - For a child's sake? You say "a veteran is a person to whom we owe every breath we take."

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'Til we meet in heaven, Harry...

On October 23, 2022, family and friends said farewell to our brother in Christ, Harry Amendola. Harry loved his church and supported St. Mark's through his attendance as well as in his service to our Lord. Pastor Dave's message of encouragement to us included sharing about Harry's life and his love of his "toys", namely, excavation equipment. One special memory for St. Mark's congregation occurred after the flood when we discovered that the parsonage was not salvageable. Harry generously gave of his time and the use of his "toys" to help us tear down the building and fill in the basement. (Thank you, Harry.) May we find comfort in knowing that one day we will be re-united with him when we too pass into God's kingdom. We love and miss you, Harry!



Harry proudly served his country
in the U.S. Army



Flowers adorned the sanctuary



Annapolis ELC, Edgewater, MD

October 21 & 22, 2022

Seventy-four disciples of the Atlantic Mission Region gathered over two days at Annapolis Evangelical Lutheran Church, Edgewater, MD on October 21 & 22, 2022 for the annual regional Convocation. The theme for this year was "Trust the LORD in Anxious Times." Sixty-six gathered in person and eight attended virtually.

Presentations were made by the **Rev. Dan Schaefer** and **Rebecca Johnson** on *A Christian Response to Anxiety and Fear*. **Officer Dan Schaefer** led the assembly in understanding emergency preparedness on a congregational level (briefly covering natural disasters, medical emergencies, active shooter, etc.) A copy his book *The Church Emergency Handbook: All Hazards Emergency Management for Houses of Worship* was gifted to each congregation by the AMR. Assistant to the Bishop of the Eastern Area the **Rev. Dr. Bill White** spoke to the assembly about the new restructuring of the NALC and what it means for us as a Region.

The 2023 Ministry Spending Plan was approved. The assembly approved the \$58,950 Ministry Plan as presented.

Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries was the spotlight Ministry Partner this year. The Rev. Leslie Haines (Major) spoke to the assembly about LMVFM and the work they do with veterans both past and present and how vital their work is. Service dog Patrick Dooley was also present and was enjoyed by all who visited him.

Financial gifts were given to the Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries (\$1,210), Disaster Response (\$1,040), Annapolis ELC (\$100), and the NALS (\$50). The NALC also received \$500 from the AMR as an honorarium for the work done at this Convocation by our assistant to the Bishop for the Eastern Area the Rev. Dr. Bill White.

We heard a presentation from the Renewal & Discipleship Ministry Team re: **Having a Discipleship Conversation**. A follow up conversation on GoToMeeting is being planned for November 5.

Stuff the Truck for NALC Disaster Response! The truck was filled with health kits, school kits, flood buckets, blankets, Bibles, rakes, shovels, and gift cards. **THANK YOU!** All donations were taken to the warehouses in Middle River, MD and Elmer, NJ.

Worship: We opened the Convocation with a contemporary Eucharist led by the Worship Team from Trinity ELC, Joppa, MD with AMR dean the Rev. Steve Shipman preaching. Northeast Mission District dean the Rev. Gregory Davidson led us in Compline on Friday evening. We opened Saturday with a traditional Eucharist with the Rev. Mark Metze presiding and the Rev. Dr. Bill White preaching.

Mission District Meetings: The assembly broke into Mission Districts on Friday night and enjoyed fellowship with each other.

Fellowship! There were plenty of opportunities for fellowship at this year's Convocation. There was scheduled free time for networking and to visit the Ministry Partner and vendor displays. We also enjoyed an ice cream social on Friday evening. Yum!

Informal Bible Study: Assistant to the Bishop the Rev. Dr. Bill White led an informal Bible study for anyone interested in attending on Friday morning before the Convocation began.

Women's Conference: The Women of Atlantic Mission Region held their fourth Women's Conference on Friday morning in which they worked together to assemble 123 school kits for NALC Disaster Response. They also had sharing time, a Bible study, worship, and a visit from NALC Disaster Response coordinator Mary Bates.

The 2023 AMR Convocation will be held on October 20-21 at St. Paul Lutheran Church (250 Trinity Rd.), York, PA. **A Women's Conference** is also being planned for October 20 prior to the Convocation. Mark your calendars!