

# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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**Reminder:** Masks /  
face shields are required for  
everyone's safety.

**Please Note:** The **second**  
**and last** Sunday of each  
month attendees will be  
required to wear their mask /  
face shield during the **entire**  
worship service.

## **Upcoming Events**

Mon., Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 p.m. – Church  
Council Mtg.

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### **Council Members:**

President – Diane France  
Vice President – Georgia VanDyke  
Secretary - Lori Roney  
Treasurer - Debbie Palmatier  
Members - Jim Brigadier, Lisa  
Bartholomew and Deb Roberts

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Thought for the Day:

I will never be lost when I follow  
God's way.

## **Prayers Concerns**

Family of Charles Quimby  
Family of Howard Porter  
Family of Donna Phelan  
Family of Sandy Fancher  
Family of Daniel Sperbeck  
Helen Ruland  
Carolyn Landry  
Bill Abrams  
Sandi Johnson's Friend  
Dean Roney's Aunt Carol  
Harry Amendola  
Frank Kennedy  
Jeff Kingsbury  
Sandy Johnson  
Jackson Bywater  
De France-Harrison  
Pete Gabrielson  
Phil, Beth & Chris Bartholomew  
Donna and Frank Palmieri  
Anna Clark  
Bill Hillicoss  
Joe Cooper  
Steven Brooks  
Larry Hyatt

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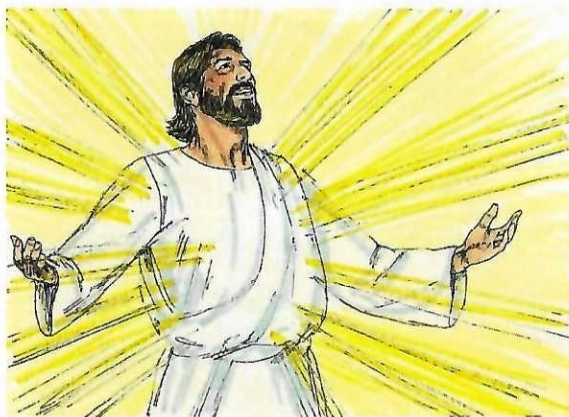
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## October Birthdays:

Beth Cash	Oct. 1
Michelle Amendola	Oct. 5
Katy Kauffmann	Oct. 12
Jim Boyle	Oct. 14
Vern Gordon	Oct. 14
Lori Roney	Oct. 18
Doug Chichester	Oct. 19
John Palmatier	Oct. 20
Pastor Dave	Oct. 25
John Cronin	Oct. 26
Mary Bowman	Oct. 28

## October Anniversaries:

Lisa / Todd Bartholomew	Oct. 4
Jim / AnnMarie Marquit	Oct. 8
Greg / Colleen Davidson	Oct. 21
Denise / Terry Minton	Oct. 25



Meet Angelica 😊

Thank you to Marie Whittaker and all those who contributed in the creation of our newest "member" of St. Mark's. Stop by to say "hi" to Angelica and as you travel around the streets of Middleburgh, enjoy the other fall decorations.





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## Servers for Oct.

### Oct. 4th:

Reader – Lori  
Prayer – Carolyn  
Counter – Carrie

### Oct. 11th:

Reader – Marie  
Prayer – Georgia  
Counter – Deb P.

### Oct. 18th:

Reader – Edna  
Prayer – Ron  
Counter – Diane

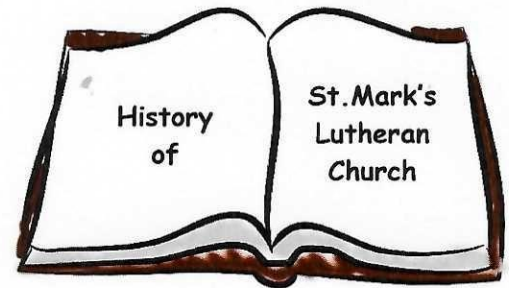
### Oct. 25th:

Reader – Sharon N.  
Prayer – Cheryl  
Counter – Carrie

## *Holy Humor*



"Cool it with the spiritual joy, Brother."



## New Historian for St. Mark's

If the walls of St. Mark's could talk, one may wonder what stories would be told. Would they be stories about the people who worshiped there? The children who went to Sunday School? The events that took place? The gifts selflessly donated? The construction and maintenance of both the sanctuary and the addition? These stories and more are a part of St. Mark's history... history that should be preserved, not only for us, but for future generations as well.

We are pleased to announce that Peggi Meunier has volunteered to be Historian for St. Mark's. She has begun to organize and compile the historical information we currently have that is located in our choir room. However, if anyone has any historical documents they would like to share with St. Mark's, please place it in Peggi's church mailbox or...better yet, bring it to church with you on Sunday to hand it to her directly. She will then make a copy for the files and return the original to the owner.

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## Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

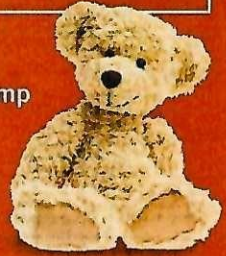
Fall is here and we begin thinking about our upcoming outreach programs. One program we at St. Mark's supports is Operation Christmas Child through their shoebox gifts. With the current world situation as it is, we would like to share the following from their recent newsletter:

- *We are continuing ministry overseas. Operation Christmas Child is working directly with our international volunteer leadership teams in over 100 countries to assess ongoing ministry activity with some modifications according to local government guidelines.*
- *The health and safety of our staff, local partners, and beneficiaries is of utmost importance to us. Samaritan's Purse is constantly monitoring COVID-19 trends around the world.*
- *Samaritan's Purse and the Operation Christmas Child team encourages everyone to follow local guidelines and use personal discernment to shop for shoebox items. Many stores are opening around the country and online shopping is a popular method for participants.*
- *Shoebox gifts are needed! Now more than ever, children need to have the reassurance that they are loved by God. We believe in the urgency of reaching communities with the eternal hope of the Gospel, especially in these uncertain times. Shoebox gifts—and our follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey—are powerful tools to share this Good News with millions of people around the world.*

## SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS

### "WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes



### TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)



### NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Bar soap
- Washcloths
- Combs



### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators



### ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



### DO NOT INCLUDE

candy; toothpaste; gum;  
used or damaged items;  
war-related items; seeds;  
food; liquids or lotions;  
medications or vitamins;  
breakable items or glass  
containers; aerosol cans

Please see the following pages for more detailed information about the ways in which we can bless the children. The options are: packing a shoebox(es) that can be left at St. Marks and/or "Building a Shoebox Online".





## **Build A Shoebox Online**

### **Bless Children Around the World Without Leaving Home**

Now more than ever, children need great joy! You can give boys and girls in need a tangible expression of God's love through a gift-filled shoebox packed from your computer or handheld device. In just a few clicks, you can select toys and other fun items to include as well as a letter and photo to delight the heart of a child. After we pack and ship shoeboxes like yours overseas, local believers share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with children as they distribute them. As a result, families are reached, new churches are started, and communities are transformed. It all begins with you. Pack a shoebox online today!

[www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/)

## How to Pack a Shoebox

### Find a Shoebox

Start with an average-size cardboard or plastic shoebox or stop in at the St. Mark's sanctuary to pick up box(es).

### Girl or Boy?

Decide whether you will pack a box for a girl or a boy, and the age category: 2–4, 5–9, or 10–14.

### Fill with Gifts

Select a medium to large “wow” item such as a soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal, then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.

### Pray

Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note and photo.

### Label

Place an appropriate label indicating whether for a girl or a boy and the age category. Please include a donation of \$9.00 per box to cover shipping and other project costs.

Mark the correct age category:			<b>BOY</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2-4 Years Old			
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-9 Years Old			
<input type="checkbox"/>	10-14 Years Old			

Mark the correct age category:			<b>GIRL</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2-4 Years Old			
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-9 Years Old			
<input type="checkbox"/>	10-14 Years Old			

### Drop-off

Bring your shoebox gift to St. Mark's no later than November 8<sup>th</sup>.



# Shoebox Gift Suggestions

Visit [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ) to learn how to pack a shoebox, get the latest resources, and receive Follow Your Box labels.



## Girls Age 2-4

### A "Wow" Item

- Doll
- Soccer ball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument (*such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder*)

### Personal Care Items

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap (*packaged and/or in a container*)
- Adhesive bandages (*Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.*)
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (*Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.*)
- Blanket

### Clothing and Accessories

- Shirts and pants
- Pillowcase dress (*loose-fitting sundress*)
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Sunglasses
- Tote bag/purse
- Hair bows
- Friendship bracelets (*woven with yarn or embroidery thread*)

### Crafts and Activities

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Crayons
- Markers
- Pens
- Coloring pads
- Coloring books
- Picture book
- Notebooks
- Glue stick (*Do not include liquid glue.*)
- Small adhesive tape
- Watercolor set [*Finger paint palette/crayons/markers (non-liquid containers), paint brushes, canvas or paper*]
- Make-it-yourself craft items or kit
- Playdough (*Consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough.*)
- Stickers
- Skipping rope/Jump rope

### Toys

- Foam ball
- Kickball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Finger puppets
- Slinky
- Etch A Sketch
- Interactive toys that include push buttons, lights, noise (*include extra batteries*)



## Boys Age 2-4

### A "Wow" Item

- Soccer ball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument (*such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder*)

### Personal Care Items

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap (*packaged and/or in a container*)
- Adhesive bandages (*Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.*)
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (*Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as combs, markers, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.*)
- Blanket

### Clothing and Accessories

- Shirts and pants
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Sunglasses

### Crafts and Activities

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Coloring pads
- Coloring books
- Picture book
- Notebooks
- Glue stick (*Do not include liquid glue.*)
- Small adhesive tape
- Watercolor set [*Finger paint palette/crayons/markers (non-liquid containers), paint brushes, canvas or paper*]
- Make-it-yourself craft items or kit
- Building blocks
- Playdough (*Consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough.*)
- Stickers

### Toys

- Foam ball
- Kickball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Tennis ball
- Finger puppets
- Slinky
- Etch A Sketch
- Play cars/trucks/boats
- Plastic tools
- Plastic dinosaurs
- Interactive toys that include push buttons, lights, noise (*include extra batteries*)







## Girls Age 5-9

### A "Wow" Item

- Doll (*Consider including accessories such as doll clothes or a small doll bed.*)
- Soccer ball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument (*such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder*)
- Backpack

### Personal Care Items

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap (*packaged and/or in a container*)
- Adhesive bandages (*Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.*)
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (*Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.*)
- Blanket
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Flashlight (*solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries of the type needed*)

### School Supplies

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Blank index cards
- Solar-powered calculator
- Safety (blunt tip) scissors
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Glue stick (*Do not include liquid glue.*)
- Small adhesive tape

### Clothing and Accessories

- Shirts and pants
- Pillowcase dress (*loose-fitting sundress*)
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Sunglasses
- Tote bag/purse
- Hair bows
- Friendship bracelets (*woven with yarn or embroidery thread*)

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## Boys Age 5-9

### A "Wow" Item

- Soccer ball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Toy truck or boat
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument (*such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder*)
- Backpack

### Personal Care Items

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap (*packaged and/or in a container*)
- Adhesive bandages (*Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.*)
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (*Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as combs, markers, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.*)
- Blanket
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Flashlight (*solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries of the type needed*)

### School Supplies

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Erasers
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Blank index cards
- Solar-powered calculator
- Safety (blunt tip) scissors
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Glue stick (*Do not include liquid glue.*)
- Small adhesive tape

### Clothing and Accessories

- Shirts and pants
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Wrist watch
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Sunglasses



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## Girls Age 5-9

### Crafts and Activities

- Coloring Books
- Watercolor Set [*Finger paint palette/crayons/markers (non-liquid containers), paint brushes, canvas or paper*]
- Make-it-yourself craft items or kit
- Puzzles
- Playdough (*Consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough.*)
- Stickers
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Binoculars
- Skipping rope/Jump rope

### Toys

- Foam ball
- Kickball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Costume items to play dress-up, such as crowns and costume jewelry
- Plastic toys and toy figures
- Yo-yo
- Small Frisbee
- Small kite
- Etch A Sketch



## Boys Age 5-9

### Crafts and Activities

- Coloring Books
- Watercolor Set [*Finger paint palette/crayons/markers (non-liquid containers), paint brushes, canvas or paper*]
- Make-it-yourself craft items or kit
- Puzzles
- Playdough (*Consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough.*)
- Stickers
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Binoculars
- Building blocks
- Tool set

### Toys

- Foam ball
- Kickball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Baseball and mitt
- Tennis ball
- Plastic dinosaurs, animals, action figures (*nothing war-related*)
- Toy cars
- Yo-yo
- Small Frisbee
- Small kite
- Etch A Sketch
- Hacky sack





## Girls Age 10-14

### A "Wow" Item

- Doll (*Consider including accessories such as doll clothes or a small doll bed.*)
- Soccer ball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument (*such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder*)
- Backpack

### Personal Care Items

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap (*packaged and/or in a container*)
- Adhesive bandages (*Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.*)
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (*Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.*)
- Blanket
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Flashlight (*solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries of the type needed*)
- Compact mirror
- Nail clipper and file
- Stick deodorant
- Washable/reusable cloth menstrual pads

### School Supplies

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Blank index cards
- Solar-powered calculator
- Safety (blunt tip) scissors
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Glue stick (*Do not include liquid glue.*)
- Small adhesive tape

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## Boys Age 10-14

### A "Wow" Item

- Soccer ball/football (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Toy truck or boat
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument (*such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder*)
- Backpack

### Personal Care Items

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap (*packaged and/or in a container*)
- Adhesive bandages (*Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.*)
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (*Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as combs, markers, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.*)
- Blanket
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Flashlight (*solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries of the type needed*)
- Nail clipper and file
- Stick deodorant

### School Supplies

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Erasers
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Blank index cards
- Solar-powered calculator
- Safety (blunt tip) scissors
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Glue stick (*Do not include liquid glue.*)
- Small adhesive tape

### Clothing and Accessories

- Shirts and pants
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Wrist watch
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Sunglasses
- Bandana

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## Girls Age 10-14

### Clothing and Accessories

- Shirts and pants
- Pillowcase dress (*loose-fitting sundress*)
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Decorative hat
- Wrist watch
- Sunglasses
- Tote bag/purse
- Bead jewelry/bead kit
- Hair accessories  
(*hair clips, hair ribbons, elastic hair bands, etc.*)

### Crafts and Activities

- Puzzles
- Binoculars
- Compass
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Sewing kit, fabric (*1-2 yards*), and ribbon
- Laminated decorative pictures with looped ribbon attached as a picture hanger
- Gardening kit with gloves and trowel hand tool  
(*Do not include gardening seeds.*)
- Playing cards
- Skipping rope/Jump rope

### Toys

- Foam ball
- Kickball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Yo-yo
- Small Frisbee
- Small kite
- Etch A Sketch
- Kaleidoscope
- Marbles



## Boys Age 10-14

### Crafts and Activities

- Puzzles
- Binoculars
- Compass
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Tool set with work gloves
- Fishing kit
- Brightly colored rope or twine
- Gardening kit with gloves and trowel (*no seeds*)
- Magnets
- Kaleidoscope
- Skipping rope/Jump rope
- Playing cards
- Marbles

### Toys

- Foam ball
- Kickball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Baseball and mitt
- Tennis ball
- Yo-yo
- Small Frisbee
- Small kite
- Hacky sack
- Toy cars

