



The Parishioner

Volume 25, Issue 8

A Publication of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

September 2020

Four Habits Worth Having

"but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" 2 Peter 3:18 NIV

Growth is the goal of the Christian. Maturity is mandatory. If a child ceased to develop, the parent would be concerned, right?

When a Christian stops growing, help is needed. If you are the same Christian you were a few months ago, be careful. You might be wise to get a checkup. Not on your body, but on your heart. Not a physical, but a spiritual checkup.

May I suggest one? Why don't you check your habits? . . . Make these four habits regular activities and see what happens.

First, the habit of **prayer** . . . Second, the habit of **study** . . . Third, the habit of **giving** . . . and last of all, the habit of **fellowship**.

from When God Whispers Your Name by Max Lucado

Here at St. Mark's our specialty is "spiritual" check-ups. To aid / assist you in your "spiritual checkup" your church stand ready to serve. **PRAYER** has always been a vital part of our St. Mark's ministry. Our "Prayer Chain," which can be activated simply by calling the church office, has members praying for others with immediate needs / requests. As part of our weekly worship life, we receive prayer requests and make them an integral part of the Prayer of the Church. Our weekly church bulletin lists prayer requests received for use at home in our private prayer time. And, the Lord's Prayer stands foremost as the model for all our prayers. So, how's your prayer life?

To encourage you in the habit of **STUDY** several disciplines are offered. Our Sunday Church School (which will begin a new fall season starting September 13th at 10 AM) will offer classes for all ages (Nursery through Adult) Our teachers are dedicated to teaching biblical concepts that enhance the development of a stronger faith response. Throughout the year, special interest studies occur via Bible studies and topical discussions. Also, this fall April Quinn is hosting a virtual bible study experience (see the special write-up in this newsletter). So, how's your spiritual studies going?

And yes, the Lord loves a cheerful, joyous, hearty giver. And here at St. Mark's there are many opportunities to **GIVE** of one's time, talent, and resources in service to the Lord and His church. Our ministries are only as strong as the weakest giver. Here we try to practice "Cheerful" giving in thought, word, and deed. We give in genuine gratitude for all the Lord has, and is doing for His people.

To complete a thorough spiritual check-up, St. Mark's offers a host of opportunities that create a strong sense of the **FELLOWSHIP** for all believers . . . from coffee & donuts once a month prior to Sunday School... to special fellowship events: dinners , movie afternoons, concerts, etc.; fellowship is what we do best. As we confess in the creed: ". . . .we believe in the fellowship of believers." So, how's your Christian fellowship quotient?

PRAYER. STUDY, GIVE, and **FELLOWSHIP,** are four Christian habits worth keeping to remain spiritually healthy. So, as we prepare to begin a new fall season, after a unusual summer's respite, I invite you to come and join us as we continue to exercise in growing in our relationship to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Come, do spiritual; check up with us. Come, pray ... study . . . give . . . and fellowship with "the body of Christ" as lived out, in, and through our St. Mark's family.

Yours in Christ's Service

Pastor Neal +



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

September 1, 2020

It is with great joy that I can tell you that on Sunday August 30, 2020 Pastor David Phillips was called to be the new senior pastor of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

I would like to thank you all for your prayers during this process. Also, I want to thank all the members of the Call Committee and Church Council for their dedicated work and support in the calling of our new pastor. And of course, a big thank you to Pastor Neal for filling in for us over the last nineteen months.

Pastor Phillips will be starting with us the later part of October. Please look for more details in next month's Parishioner on Pastor Phillips and his wife Jessie.

Thank you and God Bless,

Reuben Pink

Congregational President



*Not neglecting to meet together,
as is the habit of some,
but encouraging one another,
and all the more
as you see the Day drawing near.*

Hebrews 10:25

We would like to welcome to membership:

- ✦ Dennis & Gertrude Hindman
- ✦ Wallace & Catherine Pakutz
- ✦ Deborah Reott

So glad to have you as part of the family!

*encourage
each other
& build each
other up*

1 THESS. 5:11

**** NEW VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY GROUP ****

Are you interested in deepening your Bible study time?

Journaling might be for you!

Join the St. Mark's Bible Journaling group on Facebook and work through books of the Bible while creating meaningful art. No creative experience needed!

Please contact April Quinn, aquinn70@gmail.com, with any questions.

This group will be completely virtual so that we can have fellowship while social distancing.

Bible Study to begin September 1, 2020

Join the group here: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/310745946718929/>

Stay Connected

We are working hard to continue reaching out,
serving and “being witnesses” through a variety of old and new ways.

Find us, “Like us” and Share us! 

- Website – stmarksbutler.org
- Facebook – St. Mark’s Evangelical Lutheran Church (Butler, PA)
- YouTube – St. Marks Butler PA
- Radio Broadcast – WBUT 1050 AM, Sunday mornings @ 10:30 am
- Newsletter – “The Parishioner” - sent monthly to your mailbox, email address,
and/or found on the website
- Email – Parish Administrator, wendy.holt@stmarksbutler.org
- Phone – (724)-287-6741
- Mail – 201 West Jefferson Street, Butler, PA 16001

Help us stay connected to you.

Share and/or update your contact information so that we can keep you informed.



·Contributions·

·Please remember to mark any special designations on your church envelope·

·Consider setting up electronic giving through your bank, add St. Mark’s as a designated payee·

·Or mail them to 201 West Jefferson Street, Butler, PA 16001·

“How while they were undergoing every sort of trouble, and were in the greatest need, they took all the greater joy in being able to give freely to the needs of others. For I give them witness, that as they were able, and even more than they were able, they gave from the impulse of their hearts” ~ 2 Corinthians 8:2-3 ~

2020 Congregational Council Officers

President: Reuben Pink
Vice President: Ron Atkison
Secretary: Judy Minehart
Treasurer: Sherry Young
Financial Secretary: Toni Tassey

July 2020

St. Mark's Financial Overview

\$24,180.65	Receipts
\$40,278.22	Expenses

\$16,097.57	Deficit

Church Council Meeting

-September Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 15 @ 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall
-Council Members please have your reports to the office so that meeting packets can be ready for pick up beginning Friday, September 11

NOTES from KATIE's KITCHEN.....

Hope all of you sun- lovers are enjoying the heat of this summer! It's way too HOT & DRY for me. But we are blessed with beautiful sunshine that brightens each of our days & lifts our mood in this time of such turmoil in the world.

Katie's Kitchen is humming along with lots of food donations. Wes Ambrose has been providing us with great zucchini & cucumbers. Bob Hillberry & several other church members have been sharing their excess produce with us. Holly Schubert has been bringing wonderful produce from her garden at Lutherlyn! As usual, Butler Farm Market, Panera, & Marburger Dairy have been supplying us with wonderful bread, bagels, produce, & drinks. This all adds up to nutritious, mostly locally grown food for our clients! We are so blessed.



In Volunteer news..... We have several great volunteers who will be leaving us.

**Carol Holt— long time cook, has chosen to step down. Hopefully she will continue to be one of our board members who helps to direct Katie's Kitchen. Carol has been very supportive & a great resource to me as I took on the role of manager.

** Currently our pick up driver, Dave Banister, anticipates moving out of the area this fall. He was a great help last winter in the kitchen before taking on the job of Thursday morning pick-up driver. We will miss all of his help. My husband, Bill, will be taking over for Dave & has already had a "shadowing" day with him.

** Serenity & Luke Salsgiver, along with their mother, Lori, from St. Luke's, have been volunteering most Thursday's this summer in the kitchen & with the packing. They have been a great help cutting vegetables & breaking down boxes just ask Luke— he has become an expert!). We enjoyed their smiling faces & appreciate all they have done for us! Hopefully we will see them next summer too!

Looking towards the Fall..... We anticipate getting some \$ from a grant that was written by Sandy Curry at ANR. The moneys will be distributed to all of the community dinners from the CARES Act dollars coming into Butler Co. from September thru March. ANR is working on the details as to how this will happen. Further updates as we find out the process.

I know I have said this before but we have the VERY BEST volunteers in Butler Co. Everyone is always willing to step in where needed. KK couldn't possibly run effectively without their help! That being said we are currently in need of Cooks (from 1:30- 4pm), & Packers (from 2-4:30). If you are able to help out once a month, please call Wendy or Leigh Ann at the church offices.

As we all turn our heads to the Fall & a new school year, our prayers go out to ALL of those who go back into the classroom—Daycare thru College, teachers, students & all of the staff that keep the schools operating. May they be blessed with a safe, healthy, productive year ahead!  -Justine



~~~~~  
 "I want to thank everyone who sent cards, called, visited, and most of all, prayed for me during my recovery from my broken hip. It is humbling to know that so many people are concerned about your welfare, and praying for your quick return to normal. Your kind wishes have been instrumental in my recovery." **Bob Niggel**  
 ~~~~~

"Every kindness has a part in bringing joy to someone's heart." It's sometimes easy to forget that there are nice people out there doing nice things for others. ~~~~~ Thanks for being such a special reminder." ~~~~~



"Dear St. Mark's Family,

Thank you for your prayers and cards that were sent to Ed while he was homebound. After his passing, we continued to feel your grace with different cards and prayers that helped us with our profound loss.



We are very appreciative of Pastor Neal's service so we could honor Ed's wish of a funeral

service from his beloved church. In this pandemic time it was a challenge for us. – The rose arrangement was a very beautiful gesture on your part.

~ The Hoehn Family ~

Card Ministry

The card ministry sent in the month of July:

- 12 "Over 80" Birthday
- 3 Thinking of You/Get Well
- 4 Sympathy



and in the month of August

- 10 "Over 80" Birthday
- 9 Thinking of You
- 1 Get Well
- 5 Sympathy

Thank you to Vera Niggel for serving your church family

**Looking for volunteer opportunities?
 Katie's Kitchen is in need of a few
 "good men" & women.
 Contact Justine Brown – 724.355.3178**

Dear Carol and St. Mark's Lutheran Church Women,

Grapevine Center Mental Health Recovery
140 N. Elm St., Suite B, Butler, PA



"Thank you so much for your generous donation. We appreciate your support. As St. Marks has no doubt also experienced, the Covid-19 lockdown has been a challenge, to say the least. For Mental Health however, it presents a special problem; *social isolation* is the particular enemy of mental health, and of course, this is what we have been subjected to since March.

Throughout, our **Warmline** had been available, for anyone feeling lonely, depressed or frustrated, and we saw calls increase dramatically-*fielding almost 1,000 calls per month*. Our **Certified Peer Specialists** continued to work and support their peer-clients; while our **Homeless Outreach** also continued helping the homeless, so sterling work was done during the lockdown, and continues to be done.

Our **Drop-In Center** however, can no-longer accept drop-ins. Instead, people have to call ahead of time to schedule a visit; we have implemented social distancing; and their state of health is monitored before anyone is allowed in; but fortunately, we are able to provide bagged lunches, which is a boon.

Social distancing provides unique challenges to activities and socialization: Rising to the challenge, we now offer online activities where people at home can keep in touch by playing and interacting with each other, and members at the Grapevine. Our people are typically not tech-savvy, so we are working to educate them -*at least we are all learning new tricks!* We will also offer some field trips like picnics, outdoors. Members of St. Mark's parish, who need it, are very welcome to participate.

We are very grateful you have remembered us, especially at this time, and are helping us meet these new challenges, and the ongoing needs of the Butler mental health community. Your friendship is both a privilege and an honor, thank you so much."



Sincerely, Bette Peoples, Executive Director-Grapevine Center, Butler, PA

Dear St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church:

Golden Tornado Scholastic Foundation, INC.

"Thank you for your generous donation for the Kids' Weekend Backpack Program. We appreciate your support. The Golden Tornado Scholastic Foundation, Inc. has joined partners with the Butler AM Rotary Club, Society of Saint Vincent DePaul and the staff, parents, and community of McQuiston, Emily Brittain, Northwest, Center Township Elementary, Summit, Connoquenessing, and Center Ave. Schools to implement the program referred to as the Kids' Weekend Backpack Program to fight hunger.

Many students go home to a house with little or no food supplies. They may receive breakfast and lunch at school during the week, but when the weekends come they may be limited as to how much they have to eat. This program has been designed to assist students in all K-4 elementary schools who may be in need of weekend food supplies.

The program is funded by donations. Its volunteers include current and retired teachers, parents, and community members. The Butler AM Rotary Club has agreed to make this program one of their spotlight projects for area youth during the 2019-2020 school year.

Please be assured that all of the contributions received are 501(c)(3) eligible and are greatly appreciated by the student participants in the kids' Weekend Backpack Program."



Sincerely,
The Kids' Weekend Backpack Program Committee
and The Golden Tornado Scholastic Foundation, Inc.

Dear Women of St Mark's Lutheran Church,

North American Lutheran Church

"On behalf of the NALC, thank you for your recent gift, given in support of the work we are doing in the name of our Lord Jesus in this area. Your gift helps to support a church body that is passionate about proclaiming the Lordship of Christ, committed to the authority of the Scriptures, and driven by a mission to go into the world and make disciples.

Now in its tenth year as a denomination, the NALC is fully aware of the ways in which God has blessed our efforts through the generous gifts of donors like you. Your gift supports a ministry that is literally touching the lives of millions of people throughout North America and around the world. We are now a church body of more than 440 congregations. We have 40-50 seminarians studying each year in our North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS) system. We have missionaries in ten different countries and are actively working to plant new churches throughout North America. These and many other tangible blessings would not be possible without the grace of God and your generosity.

If you have not considered supporting our seminary, we hope you will as you consider future gifts to the NALC. All gifts to the Theological Education Fund and NALS go to the training of future pastors in the Church and to reducing the costs for our seminary students.

Once again, thank you for your partnership in the gospel and in the work entrusted to us by Jesus. We consider it an honor and a privilege to share with you in a work that is drawing people to Jesus and changing lives for eternity."

In Christ Jesus,
Bishop Daniel W. Selbo

St. Mark's Kids stuff

Sr. Youth Group = Grades 7 - 12
Jr. Youth Group = Grades 4 - 6

Youth Page SEPTEMBER 2020



Youth Group kick off

When: Sunday, Sept. 20th

Time: 5 PM

A.M.P.E.D.(grades 4 to 6)

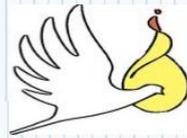
A.M.P.E.D. UP (gr. 7 to 12)

Ignition in Kittanning.
Games, Music, Speakers,
fun and friends!

Register with Darcie

SEE YOU AT THE POLE
IGNITION 2020 Sunday Sept 20th

REVIVE



Confirmation classes are
starting up Soon!
Anyone (7th grade and up)
that is interested in taking
classes, please contact the
office to register.



Rallying Back to Sunday School

Sunday, Sept. 13th at 10:00.
Come make some new friends and
see some that you've missed over
the summer.

Lots of activities planned for
the year ahead!

Children's Hour



The 48th year of
Children's Hour is starting
up SOON! First Day of
Class is Wednesday,
Oct. 7th at 9:30AM.

All preschoolers age 2 and
up are welcomed.

Children's Hour provides a
safe environment where
the kids gather in small
groups to hear amazing
Bible Stories, to create
fun crafts, to develop
their small and large
motor skills with games
and activities, and to learn
social skills necessary to
thrive in today's world.

If you have any questions
or need a registration
form, please check out the
Children's Hour tab on the
web at

www.stmarksbutler.org.

Classes take place from
9:30AM to 11:30AM on
Wednesday mornings.

Preregistration required
as we are doing our best
at keeping our kids safe.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
201 West Jefferson Street
Butler, PA 16001
(724) 287-6741

Darcie Pomykata, Director of Youth
Cell/Text (724) 996-9245
Darcie.Pomykata@stmarksbutler.org

**OVERCOMING
OBSTACLES
STARTS WITH A
POSITIVE
ATTITUDE AND
FAITH THAT GOD
WILL SEE YOU
THROUGH**

TOBY MAC

FOLKLORE FOR THE SEASON

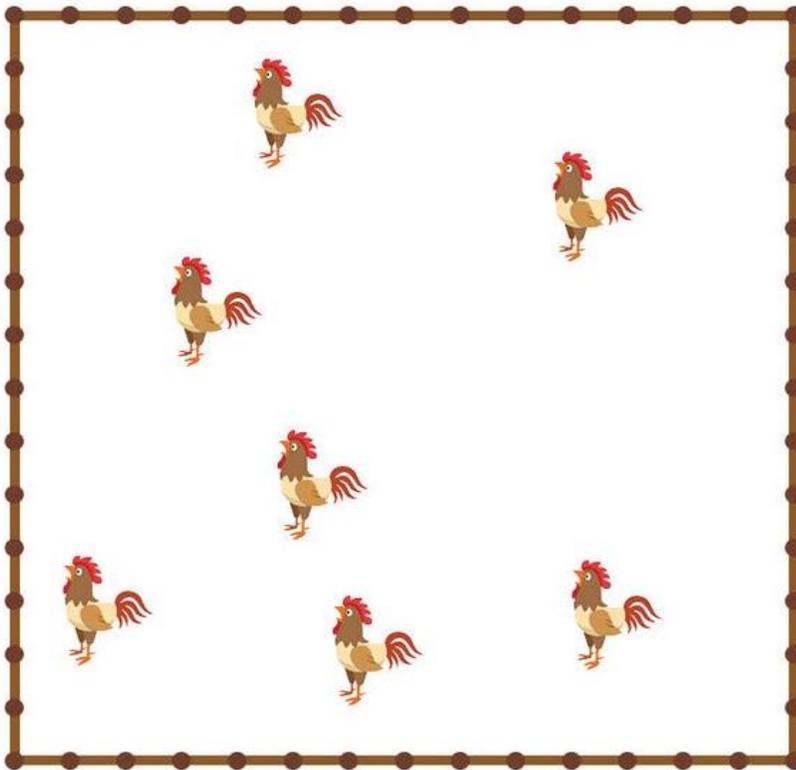
source - <https://www.almanac.com/content/month-september-holidays-fun-facts-folklore>

- Heavy September rains bring drought.
- September dries up ditches or breaks down bridges.
- September blow soft, till the fruit's in the loft.
- Married in September's golden glow,
smooth and serene your life will go.
- If the storms of September clear off warm,
the storms of the following winter will be warm.
- Fair on September 1st, fair for the month.



Farmer Brown's Brain Bender #1

Use three straight lines to separate each of the roosters into their own area.



Something to make you smile:

~"My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, 'Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?' I mentally polished my halo and I said, 'No, how are we alike?' 'You are both **old**,' he replied."

~"When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, 'I'm not sure.' 'Look in your underwear, Grandpa' he advised 'Mine says I'm 4 to 6.' (WOW! I really like this one - it says I'm only '38!')

~"Told my wife she should embrace her mistakes. Then she hugged me!"

~"How do you make holy water? Boil the hell out of it."



Sharing some inspiration for all: **How to Keep Going When It All Is Too Much Right Now (or: How Light Can Overcome the Dark)** SOURCE - <https://annvoskamp.com/2020/08/how-to-keep-going-when-it-all-is-too-much-right-now-or-how-light-can-overcome-the-dark/>

"The old cahoot ran in his boots. Weren't too many of anybody all who believed the old guy could. The kids and I read about the old guy one night after supper and the dishwasher's moaning away, crumbs still across the counter. How the old guy ran for 544 miles. His name was Cliff Young and he wasn't so much. He was 61 years old. He was a farmer. Levi grins big. "Sometimes the best training for the really big things is just the everyday things." Mr. Young showed up for the race in his Osh Kosh overalls and with his work boots on, with galoshes over top. In case it rained. He had no Nike sponsorship. He had no wife - hadn't had one ever. Lived with his mother. Never ran in any kind of race before. Never ran a 5 mile race, or a half-marathon, not even a marathon. But there he was standing in his work boots at the starting line of an ultra-marathon, the most grueling marathon in the world, a 544 mile marathon. Try wrapping your head around pounding the concrete with one foot after another for 544 endless, stretching miles. They don't measure races like that

in yards – but in zip codes. First thing Cliff did was take out his teeth. Said his false teeth rattled when he ran. Said he grew up on a farm with sheep and no four wheelers, no horses, so the only way to round up sheep was on the run. Sometimes the best training for the really big things is just the everyday things. That's what Cliff said: "Whenever the storms would roll in, I'd have to go run and round up the sheep." 2,000 head of sheep. 2,000 acres of land. "Sometimes I'd have to run those sheep for two or three days. I can run this race; it's only two more days. Five days. I've run sheep for three." "What you believe is what is backing you." "Got any backers?" Reporters shoved their microphones around old Cliff like a spike belt. "No..." Cliff slipped his hands into his overall pockets. "Then you can't run." Cliff looked down at his boots. Does man need backers or does a man need to believe? What you believe is what is backing you. The other runners, all under a buffed 30 years of age, they take off like pumped shots from that starting line. And scruffy old Cliff staggers forward. He doesn't run. Shuffles, more like it. Straight back. Arms dangling. Feet awkwardly shuffling along. Cliff eats dust. For 18 hours, the racers blow down the road, far down the road, and old Cliff shuffles on behind. Come the pitch black of night, the runners in their \$400 ergonomic Nikes and Adidas, lay down by the roadside, because that's the plan to win an ultra-marathon, to run 544 straight miles: 18 hours of running, 6 hours of sleeping, rinse and repeat for 5 days, 6 days, 7 days. The dark falls in. Runners sleep. Cameras get turned off. Reporters go to bed. And through the black night, one 61-year-old man far behind keeps shuffling on. And all I can think is: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. The light shineth in the darkness, but the darkness comprehendeth it not.

καταλαμβάνω Katalambanō – Comprehend. Understand. Master. "Darkness doesn't have anything on light, on hope, on faith." Cliff Young runs on through the night and there is a Light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not master it. The darkness doesn't understand the light, doesn't comprehend the light, doesn't get the light, doesn't overcome the light, doesn't master the light. Darkness doesn't have anything on light, on hope, on faith. The pitch black road of a pandemic and economic hardships and all the things that seem to go on and on right now, it's all no master over the light of Master who is rising within us. The darkness that sucks at the prodigal kid doesn't have anything on the light of his mother's prayers. The night of discouragement that threatens at the edges doesn't master the blazing light of Jesus at the center. The pit of depression that plunges deep doesn't go deeper than the love of your Jesus and there is no place His light won't go to find you, to save you, to hold you. That low lying storm cloud that hangs over you can't master the light of Christ that raises you. "Darkness can't drive out darkness. Only light can do that," Martin Luther King had said it, had lived it. Only words of Light can drive out worlds of dark. Only deeds of Light can drive out depths of dark. Only lives of Light can drive out lies of dark. "That low lying storm cloud that hangs over you can't master the light of Christ that raises you." Darkness can never travel as fast as Light. No matter how bad things get, no matter how black the dark seeps in, no matter the depths of the night — the dark can never travel as fast as Light. The Light is always there first, waiting to shatter the dark. You can always hold His Word like a ball of light right there your hand, right up there next to your warming heart. You can always count on it: Jesus is bendable Light, warmth around every unexpected corner. Cliff Young runs on through the dark — because he didn't know you were supposed to stop. He had no idea that the accepted way professional runners approached an ultra-marathon race was to run 18 hours, sleep 6, for 7 days straight. But Cliff Young didn't know that. He didn't know the accepted way. He only knew what he did regularly back home, the way he had always done it: You run through the dark. Turns out when Cliff Young said he gathered sheep around his farm for three days, he meant he'd run across 2,000 acres of farmland for three days straight without stopping or sleeping, without the dark ever stopping him. You gathered sheep by running through the dark. So along the endless stretches of highway, a tiny shadow of an old man shuffled along, one foot after another, right through the heat, right through the night. Cliff gained ground. You've got to keep running through the dark — because the Light is rising within you." Cliff gained ground because he didn't lose ground to the dark. Cliff gained ground because he ran through the dark. And somewhere at the outset of the night, Cliff Young in his overalls, he shuffled passed the toned runners half his age. And by the morning light, toothless Cliff Young who wasn't young at all, he was a tiny shadow — far, far ahead of the professional athletes. For five days and fifteen hours, and four minutes straight, Cliff Young ran, never once stopping for the dark — never stopping until the old sheep farmer crossed the finish line — First. He crossed the finish line first. Beating a world record. By two. whole. days. The second place runner crossed the finish line 9 hours after old Cliff. And when they handed old Cliff Young his \$10,000 prize, he said he hadn't known there was a prize. Said he'd run for the wonder of it. Said that all the other runners had worked hard too. So Cliff Young waited at the finish line and handed each of the runners an equal share of the 10K. And then the old cahoot in boots walked a way without a penny for the race but with all the hearts of whole world. "While others run fast, you can just shuffle with perseverance. While others impress, you can simply press on. While others stop for the dark, you can run through the dark. The race is won by those who keep running through the dark." While others run fast, you can just shuffle with perseverance. While others impress, you can simply press on. While others stop for the dark, you can run through the dark. The race is won by those who keep running through the dark. Could be the season to pull a Cliff Young. When those reporters asked Old Cliff that afterward, what had kept him running through the nights, Cliff had said, "I imagined I was outrunning a storm to gather up my sheep." And I sit there in the thickening dark. With the One who mastered the dark and overcame the storm to gather His sheep and now there is a Light Who shines in the darkness and the darkness can never overcome it. And you can see them out the front window, far away to the west, out on there the highway — the lights all going on through the dark, chasing the sunrise that they know beyond all the shadows is surely coming."



September 2020

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3 5:00pm Katie's Kitchen	4	5
6 9:00am Worship	7 Office Closed	8	9	10 5:00pm Katie's Kitchen	11	12
13 9:00am Worship 10:00am Sunday School	14	15 6:00pm Council Meeting	16	17 5:00pm Katie's Kitchen	18	19
20 9:00am Worship 10:00am Sunday School	21	22 Autumn begins	23	24 5:00pm Katie's Kitchen	25	26
27 9:00am Worship 10:00am Sunday School	28	29	30			

* Flower – Aster, associated with Wisdom, Valor, and Faith
 * Birthstone – Sapphire, in the Middle Ages the gem was believed to protect those close to you from harm and also represented loyalty and trust.
 * Tree – Apple, associated with Gentleness, Strength, Attractiveness, and a Giving Heart.

Verse

“Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace – in peace because they trust in you.” Isaiah 26:17

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church
201 West Jefferson Street
Butler, Pennsylvania 16001
Phone: 724-287-6741
Fax: 724-287-6747
Website: www.stmarksbutler.org

NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U. S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT 92
BUTLER, PA

Parish Office Hours:

9:00 AM -- 1:00 PM

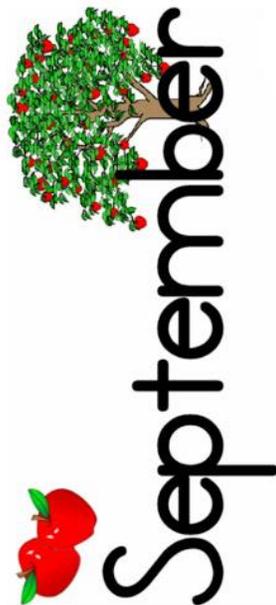
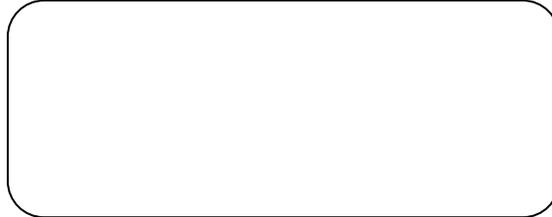
Tuesday – Friday

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday: 9:00 AM

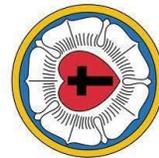
Sunday School: 10:00 AM

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



- September 7, 2020 – Labor Day, Church Office Closed
- September 13, 2020 - Sunday School begins
- September 15, 2020 - Council Meeting

**A Congregation of the
North American Lutheran Church**



September Lessons and Prayers

*September 6, 2020 – Ezekiel 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20

“O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.”

*September 13, 2020 – Genesis 50:15-21, Psalm 103:1-13, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35

“O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.”

September 20, 2020 – Jonah 3:10-4:11, Psalm 145:1-8, Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16

“Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.”

September 27, 2020 – Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32, Psalm 25:1-9, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32

“God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.”