



# The Parishioner

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK    Brothers and Sisters in Christ, grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

Now that we come to the end of October and look forward to November, I want to highlight several important events.

**First**, we have resumed Saturday Worship at 5:00 p.m. At the first service (16 October) we had 48 worshippers! At the service on 23 October there were 56! That is a good sign.

**Second**, Sunday, 7 November is All Saints Sunday. We will remember by name our brothers and sisters in Christ who have died since last All Saints Day.

**Third**, on Sunday, 14 November, we will gather for the Annual Meeting in the sanctuary immediately after worship. Please take time to read the Annual Meeting material included in this Newsletter; they will not be mailed out separately. Printed copies will be available for those who get the Newsletter online (alternatively, you can print it at home). **PLEASE** remember to bring your Newsletter with you to the Annual Meeting so that we don't have to print copies for everyone. Every month Wendy sends out just over 300 copies of the newsletter via USPS. And while we pay the minimum for shipping through our bulk mail account, we also need to consider the cost of paper and the amount we pay for the use of the copier. So, I want to encourage you to read the Newsletter online at our website ([www.stmarksbutler.org](http://www.stmarksbutler.org)). If you choose to do that, please contact Wendy and let her know, so she can remove your name from the Newsletter mailing list. (A nice benefit of reading it online is that it is in color!)

**Fourth**, because of the Annual Meeting, we will not have Saturday evening worship on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Fifth**, on Wednesday, 24 November, we will gather at 7:00 p.m. for a Thanksgiving service. This is a wonderful "family" time, as many college students are home.

**Sixth**, we are wrapping up photo sessions for the new church directory. Since Saturday service has resumed, we will schedule some time in November for people to have their photos taken. If you have not already done so, PLEASE schedule a time to have your photo taken – it takes about 5 minutes.

And, **last**, looking ever farther ahead, we will have two worship services on Christmas Eve (4:30 and 7:30 p.m., with music 30 minutes before the early service). Christmas Day and New Year's Day are on Saturday; there will be no services on those days.

Blessings, *Pastor Phillips*



**3T Meeting**  
Talk - Task - Tea  
**Wednesday,**  
**November 3**  
9:00 am. - Noon

Bring a dish to share for lunch.

We have a use for your extra plastic grocery bags!

Our volunteers cut then weave them into mats for the homeless. Donations of bags can be placed in the large plastic garbage can at the bottom of the stairs coming in from Birch Street.



**Grab your knitting needles and/or crochet hooks!**  
**Prayer Shawl Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 10**  
**1:00 pm in the Church Lounge.**  
**New Knitters/"Crocheters" are welcomed & encouraged to share in the fellowship.**



**EVE Bible Study**  
**Tuesday, November 23 @**  
**3:00 pm**  
Study that day is "A Prisoner for Christ" from study book, "Rejoice in the Lord, Always!"  
Join us in the Good News Sunday School Room

**Church Council Meeting Tuesday, November 9 @ 6:00**

Please have your reports to the office by Thursday, November 4. Envelopes can be picked up Sunday, November 7.



St. Mark's Financial Overview  
September  
Receipts \$23,013.92  
Expenses \$27,568.87  
Deficit (\$4,554.95)

**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**November 14**

The meeting will take place immediately following the Sunday morning 9:00 am. Worship service. Please help us meet our quorum and bring along the annual meeting information included in this newsletter. Full budget information will be available at the meeting.

*"Voting members are confirmed members who have communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding calendar year. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation."*

Source: St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church Constitution

**NO Saturday Worship**  
**November 13**

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship**  
Wednesday Evening  
November 24 at 7:00 pm

"Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever!"  
~Psalm 107:1

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**  
**4F DINNER**

**December 5, 2021**  
**@ 11:00 am.**

Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner.



We will be serving in the Fellowship Hall as well as providing take-out meals. Fill out the reservation form or call the church office indicating eat in or take out. Cost is \$10.00 per meal. All money, after expenses, will be donated to our church. Come & enjoy some fellowship with one another as we begin this glorious season of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.  
Reservation form on page 9



Will be received Saturday, Nov. 20 & Sunday, Nov. 21  
You will have the opportunity to help The Women of St. Mark's in their work to help those less fortunate around the world with this special offering collected on this weekend.

## *Notes from Katie's Kitchen for November.....*

As the chilly winds of November begin to blow, our thoughts turn to our warm, cozy homes where we can find comfort & rest from the cares of the world especially during these troubling times. When so much seems to try to divide & separate us from our friends & loved ones, whether it be Covid or philosophy, we find security snuggled in the nests we call home. Now is a good time to remember that not everyone has a "comforting nest" like we do. Many are suffering with illness, drug addiction, domestic violence, mental illness, unemployment, & any number of other things that cause disruption to their daily life. Hopefully, those of us at Katie's Kitchen can be a bright spot in their day to provide a smile & kind word to brighten their spirit & a warm meal to nourish their body! We can be a blessing- that Spirit of Christ- that God wants us to be.

Of late I have been highlighting community members & organizations that are important in keeping Katie's Kitchen running smoothly. This month I would like to mention a couple more that have been a blessing. At the beginning of this pandemic, being really new to this community dinner thing, I wasn't quite sure how we were going to proceed with the growing number of meals we needed to serve. Not only did we need a supply of food, but we also needed \$ for supplies to package the meals we serve our neighbors. Somehow many Angels appeared to help. ♥♥

\*\* Meagan Snyder from the Food Bank, & Sandy Curry from the Community Partnerships made available to us a substantial amount of \$ each month. With these \$ I was able to provide milk from Marburger Dairy & fresh produce & other nutritious food products from Curtze, a food purveyor that delivers to Butler area restaurants. This funding source ended October 31, this year. We are so very grateful for all of their help in securing this bounty during these difficult times.

\*\*All of our wonderful benefactors are the other Angels in this equation! Your generous donations have been a huge help in getting KK through these last months! No words can express how incredibly grateful we are that there are so many generous people who care about this community & the people who live here. We have worked to provide fresh, nutritious meals that are like home-made ones that they may have been used to— good comfort food, every Thursday!!

As in the past we will NOT be serving on Thanksgiving Day, to give our dedicated volunteers some family time. St Peter's Church, part of All Saints Catholic Parish, will be preparing Thanksgiving dinners for take out, while St Michael's Church will be doing the deliveries this year. Last year they served a combined 1700 dinners to those neighbors in need in our area! Volunteers from many of the area churches help in this endeavor, too.

As we come together to celebrate our blessings this Thanksgiving, please remember to pray for all of those who are less fortunate than we are. We are so incredibly blessed in this country, we sometimes forget that all of the little things really are the best things!

Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving! Gratefully, *-Justine*



# St. Mark's Youth Page



November 2021

Every Sunday the kids are invited :

- ♦ up front with Pastor Phillips for a children's message during the 9 O'Clock Service.
- ♦ To Children's Church after the children's message
- ♦ To Sunday School at 10:15 and/or directly after the Service

Second Year Confirmands have completed their studies and will be becoming members of St. Mark's. Congratulations to Emerson Neff & Allen Crispen Jr

Fun and  
Laughter!

Crafts and  
Snacks!

For kids during the Annual Meeting on November 14th

There will be activities, crafts, and snacks available for the kids in Fellowship Hall during the Annual Meeting of the Church.



## Quake/Zone 2022

Quake/Zone is a transformational weekend for grades 6-12 where lives are renewed and Faith becomes real!

Event Date: Feb. 4-6, 2022

ALL WEEKEND! - in a beautiful hotel with lots of kids your age - music, fun, celebrations, devotions, friends - WOW!!! (Call/text Darcie to reserve your spot by November 28th)

Music - 100 White Flags!

**STRONG  
& COURAGEOUS**

## Save The Date



### Annual Youth and Family Christmas Pageant

When: Sunday  
December 12th at 3PM  
Where: Schramm Hall

St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
NALC  
201 West Jefferson St.  
Butler PA 16001

Darcie (724) 996-9245 cell  
Director of Youth  
Darcie.Pomykata@stmarksbutler.org



“Trunk OR Treat” was a tremendous success!

The fun, the love and the laughter in the parking lot were contagious!

Thank you to all who helped with this event.



# GIVE THANKS

Words cannot adequately express my thanks and appreciation to all the people who were part of the wonderful Celebration of Service for Pastor Neal and I on Sunday, September 26. The number of people who willingly gave of their time in the planning and implementing of the service, and the reception following, was overwhelming. Your expressions of love and kindness in all that you did are humbling and appreciated more than I can say. God has blessed us all in so many ways, with years of life and service, and with amazing friends who make it all worthwhile.

May God continue to bless your lives as He has blessed mine through fifty years of serving Him.

~ Bob Niggel

Dear Family & Friends of St. Mark's,

I want to thank you for your thoughts and prayers during this time of sadness of losing my daughter, Sherry. Thank you Pastor Phillips for seeing Sherry at the hospital and having a prayer for her, and Jessie for your calls and prayers. Also a special thanks to the Good News bible class for the beautiful yellow rose. It all meant so much to me.

In Christ's Love, Shirley Walowen

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued support of the Back to School event by collecting bags of school supplies. With more than 300 children attending St. Stephen's Lutheran Academy and hundreds more being served in community and educational care programs, providing the necessary school materials is a major undertaking, especially during these unusual times. I can't begin to tell you how much your gift is appreciated! Thank you for your kind support of those we serve, ~Cheryl Martin,

Glade Run Foundation

Dear Pastor David, Jessie & Staff, Thank you so much for taking time to visit with me about Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch' Mission of treating boys, girls & families in the Name of Christ! I enjoyed fellowship & a meal with you both & hope to see you again & to share with your congregation.

May the Lord bless you & your Ministry!

~Laurie Dannewitz, Senior Development Officer  
Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch

**Church Music Notes** Now that fall is her, CHOIR REHEARSALS have begun for busy church year schedule ahead! Chapel Choir practice are held Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm. & also on Sunday mornings at 8:00 am. to accommodate those with work and other schedule conflicts during the week. We need singers for all sections, especially men. Can you please help???

We always need new ringers to join the Bell Choir and the group is open to all age groups. Rehearsals are at 5:00 pm Tuesday evenings in the sanctuary balcony. So, if you have any experience or simply want to learn to ring, come check us out on Tuesdays.

### CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

If you play an instrument, we would LOVE to have you share your musical talents during worship. We are currently looking for musicians to play Christmas Eve. Please see me for more information.

Thank you, Rebecca Veith, Director of Music

### Stewardship Committee



John D. Rockefeller, Sr. once said, "I never would have been able to tithe the first million dollars I ever made if I had not tithed my first salary, which was \$1.50 per week."

This makes us wonder, how God can trust me to be the steward of a million dollars if he can't trust me to be the steward of \$1.50? Rockefeller's story reminds us that Jesus said, "He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much. He who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much." ~B. Oehlschlager

### JOKE OF THE MONTH

Q. Why did the cranberries turn red?



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A. Because they saw the turkey dressing!

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Q. What's the difference between a pirate and a cranberry farmer?

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HA!  
HA!  
HA!

A. A pirate buries his treasure, but a cranberry farmer treasures his berries.

### Funny Church Sign Postings

<https://www.stewartsigns.com/blog/101-funniest-church-sign-sayings>

*Don't give up!*

*Moses was once a basket case!*

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*The best vitamin for a believer is B1.*

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*I was going to waste,  
but Jesus recycled me.*



### November Facts

<https://www.thefactsite.com/november-facts/>

\*The Full moon in November is traditionally called the Beaver Moon in the US. The tradition goes back to North America's early colonial years, as it was during this time of year that hunters would set their beaver traps for the last time before the lakes and water sources they lived in froze over.

\*The beginning of the end of the War of Independence began on [November 30](#), 1782, when a provisional treaty was signed between the newly-formed United States of America and the Kingdom of Great Britain. The final treaty wasn't completed and signed until nearly a year later in Paris on [September 3](#), 1783.

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A rather hairy spectacle occurs in various parts of the world including [Australia](#), the US, and England every year in November. It's called Movember, and the idea is to raise money for charity by growing a mustache. Participants must shave on the first morning of November and grow their mustache throughout the month, with the ensuing amusement as an incentive for others to donate to a good cause.

### Trivia

<https://conversationstartersworld.com/thanksgiving-trivia-questions/>

1. Which president was the first to give a turkey a presidential pardon?
2. What are turkey chicks called?
3. What is the wobbly red piece of flesh on top of the beak of a turkey?
4. What are most turkey feathers used for after the turkey is plucked?
5. What state raises the most turkeys?

Answers on page 8

### November Weather Folklore

<https://www.almanac.com/content/november-holidays-fun-facts-folklore>

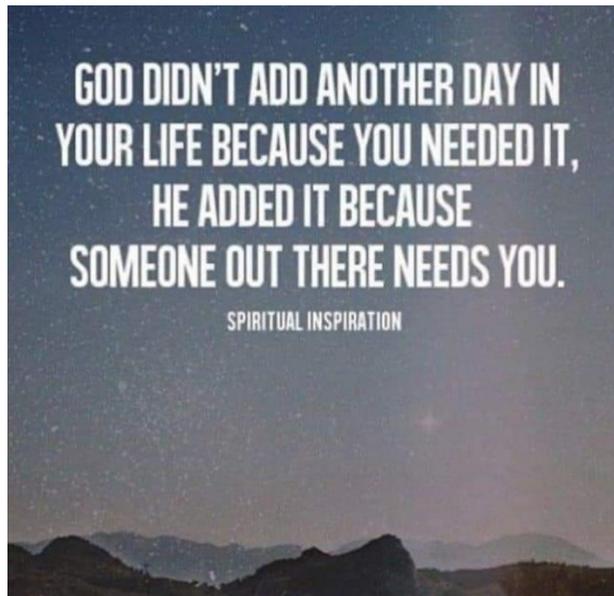
- If there's ice in November that will bear a duck, There'll be nothing after but sludge and muck.
- November take flail; let ships no more sail.
- If trees show buds in November, the winter will last until May.
- There is no better month in the year to cut wood than November.
- Ice in November brings mud in December.
- A heavy November snow will last until April.



*And the dead leaves lie huddled and still,  
No longer blown hither and thither;  
The last lone aster is gone;  
The flowers of the witch-hazel wither ...*  
—Robert Frost (1874-1963)

## Miss Jessie's Corner

~Sharing little snippets of inspiration~



The pastor's wife agreed to give him a subtle signal whenever he started to "chase rabbits."

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## Soft Pumpkin Cookies [www.prettysimplesweet.com](http://www.prettysimplesweet.com)

### Cookies

2 1/4 (310g) Flour  
1 tsp baking soda  
1 tsp baking powder  
1/2 tsp salt  
1 tsp cinnamon  
1/2 tsp nutmeg  
1/2 tsp ginger  
1/8 ground cloves  
1/2 cup (115g/1 stick) unsalted butter, room temp.  
3/4 cup (150g) sugar  
1/2 cup (100g) light or dark brown sugar  
1 cup (230g) pumpkin puree  
1 egg  
1 tsp vanilla extract

### Maple Glaze (Optional)

1 cup powdered sugar  
1 TBSP (15g) unsalted butter room temp.  
1/4 cup (60g) pure maple syrup  
1/4 tsp cinnamon  
1/2 tsp vanilla extract

**Instructions** – Preheat oven to 350. Line baking sheet with parchment paper. In medium bowl whisk together flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt and spices. Set aside. In mixer bowl fitted with the paddle attachment, beat together butter, brown sugar, and granulated sugar on medium speed for 3 minutes. Add pumpkin puree, egg and vanilla, and beat until combined. Add flour mixture and beat on low speed just until combined. Shape dough into balls, the size of 1.5 TBSP (30g) each, place on prepared baking sheet, spacing them 2-inches apart. The cookies won't spread much during baking. Bake for 15-18 minutes, until the edges appear set. Allow cookies to cool for 10-15 minutes on the cookie sheet, then transfer them to wire rack to cool completely. To make optional glaze: Whisk all the ingredients in a small bowl until smooth. Add more maple syrup as necessary until you get a thick yet pourable consistency. Drizzle over cookies using a soon or a piping bag. Allow glaze to set, 15-30 minutes.

## 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!

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- [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.

Answers from page 7: (1) Ronald Reagan, (2) Pults or Turkeylings, (3) Snood, (4) Animal Feed, (5) Minnesota



# 4F Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner

(Food, Fun, Family, Friends)

Sunday, December 5, 2021 @ 11:00 am

Serving in Fellowship Hall

or

Take Outs Available



\$10 - Adult Dinner                      \$3 - Child's Dinner

\$2 - Child's Peanut Butter & Jelly or Hot Dog

*All proceeds go to St. Mark's General Fund, for the Good of the Church*

Reservations due by Thursday, December 2.

Call the church Office (724)287-6741 or place the coupon in the Offering Plate.

Payment accepted with your reservation or at the door.

*Come...bring your friends and family!!*

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

#Adult Dinners \_\_\_\_\_ (x \$10)                      #Child Dinners \_\_\_\_\_ (x \$3)

#Child PB&J \_\_\_\_\_ (x \$2)                      #Child Hot Dog \_\_\_\_\_ (x \$2)

# OF DINNERS: EAT IN \_\_\_\_\_ TAKE OUT \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ due \_\_\_\_\_

# Christmas Floral Memorials

**ORDERS DUE  
WEDNESDAY, December 1**



## Poinsettias

Each poinsettias arrangement 8" three plants, in foiled pots.  
Plants are "grade A" nursery quality.  
Cost \$18.00



## Outdoor Wreaths

Members are invited to donate a Christmas Wreath.  
They will be hung outdoors to adorn the Church for the  
community to share in love of God's Son.  
(18 wreaths are needed)  
Cost \$20.00



## Floral Gifts

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Please make check payable to St. Mark's Lutheran Church with "Floral Gift" in the memo.  
Order forms and checks/cash may be placed in the Offering Plate or given to the Church Office  
**by Wednesday, December 1, 2021**

Please indicate whom you wish to remember with your gift:

Given In Memory Of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Given In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_ (x \$18) Cost \_\_\_\_\_ / # of Wreaths \_\_\_\_\_ (x \$20) Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Use the back of this form to record additional information. Total Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Office use: CASH \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_ RECEIPT # \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_



# November 2021

| Sun.                                                                                                                        | Mon. | Tue.                                                  | Wed.                                                | Thu.                                                                                       | Fri.                | Sat.                            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                             | 1    | 2<br>5:00pm Bell Choir<br>6:00pm Choir                | 3<br>9:00am 3T<br>9:30am Children's Hour            | 4<br>5:00pm Katie's Kitchen                                                                | 5                   | 6<br>5:00pm Worship             |
| 7<br>9:00am Worship<br>10:15am S.S.                                                                                         | 8    | 9<br>5:00pm Bell Choir<br>6:00pm Choir                | 10<br>9:30am Children's Hour<br>1:00pm Prayer Shawl | 11<br>5:00pm Katie's Kitchen                                                               | 12                  | 13<br>NO Worship<br>Annual Mtg. |
| 14<br>9:00am Worship<br>10:15 ANNUAL Meeting.                                                                               | 15   | 16<br>5:00pm Bell Choir<br>6:00pm Choir               | 17<br>9:30am Children's Hour                        | 18<br>5:00pm Katie's Kitchen                                                               | 19                  | 20<br>5:00pm Worship            |
| 21<br>9:00am Worship<br>10:15am S.S.<br> | 22   | 23<br>3:00pm EVE<br>5:00pm Bell Choir<br>6:00pm Choir | 24<br>9:30am Children's Hour<br>7:00pm Worship      | 25<br> | 26<br>OFFICE CLOSED | 27<br>5:00pm Worship            |
| 28<br>9:00am Worship<br>10:15am S.S.                                                                                        | 29   | 30<br>5:00pm Bell Choir<br>6:00pm Choir               |                                                     |                                                                                            |                     |                                 |

November's birth flower, the chrysanthemum; A red chrysanthemum means "I love you." A white chrysanthemum means innocence, purity, and pure love. A yellow chrysanthemum means slighted love.



## Scripture

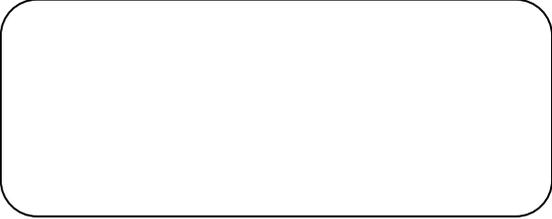
*Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little. ~Luke 7:47*

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Tuesday – Friday  
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Saturday – 5:00 pm.  
Sunday: 9:00 am.  
Sunday School: 10:15 am.

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Sherry Young, Treasurer  
Toni Tassey, Financial Secretary

## November Scriptures and Prayers

November 7, 2021 – Revelation 7:2-17, Psalm 149, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12

O God, You show forth Your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace, strengthen our trust in Your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

November 14, 2021 – Daniel 12:1-3, Psalm 16, Hebrews 10:11-25, Mark 13:1-13

Almighty God, Your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that Your kingdom comes and Your will is done, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

November 21, 2021 – Isaiah 51:4-6, Psalm 93, Revelation 1:4b-8, Mark 13:24-37

Almighty and ever-living God, You anointed Your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

November 25, 2021 (Thanksgiving Day) – Deuteronomy 8:1-10, Psalm 67, Philippians 4:6-20, Luke 17:11-19

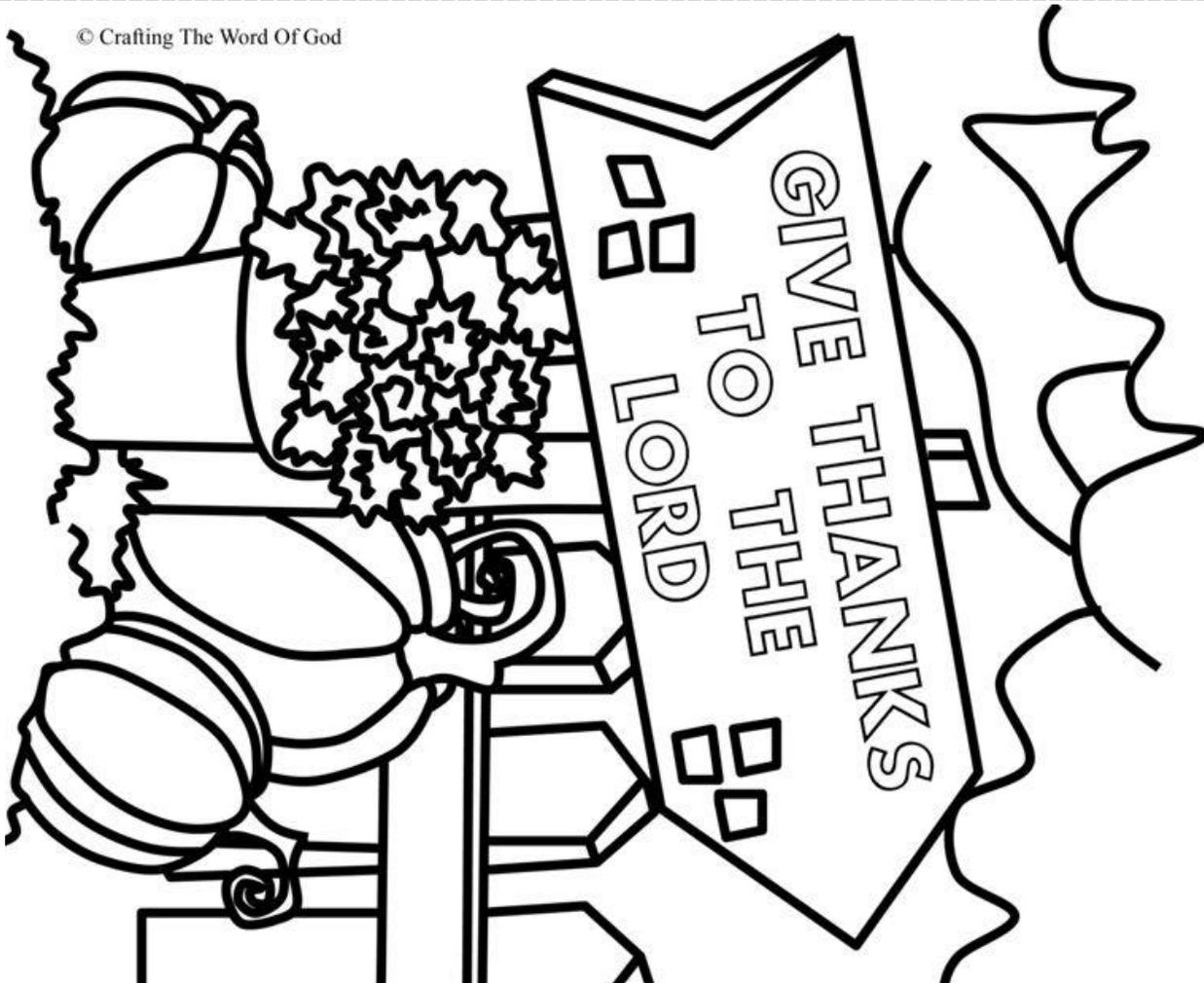
Almighty God, our Father, Your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of Your Spirit lead us to acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

November 28, 2021 – Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36

Sir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

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## ALL SAINTS' DAY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2020

The Festival of All Saints' celebrates the mystery of God's presence and the power of God's Grace in ordinary people. In the waters of baptism, we enter into the Communion of Saints. In the bread and wine of Holy Communion, we are nourished by Christ and united with all the Saints.

On All Saints' Day, we especially give thanks for loved ones who are part of the Great Cloud of Witnesses with God in Heaven. This morning, we remember in prayer those from St. Marks' Church and friends & family who have entered the Church Triumphant this past year. All Saint's Day reminds us that there comes a time for each of us to give our loved ones back to God. Just as He first gave them to us and did not lose them in the giving, so we have not lost them in returning them to Him - for life is eternal, love is immortal, and death, the entrance to the Joy of Heaven for those who have faith in Jesus Christ.



›This year, we remember, with thanksgiving & gratitude‹  
to Jesus Christ Our Savior:

-St. Mark's Members-

Jean A. Bachman  
Marianne Shearer  
Judith A. Campbell  
Sandra K. Henricks  
Kay Joan "Jo" Filges

Gladys A. Gross  
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Carl T. Hilderbrand  
Sean M. Kramer  
Edith Irene Oesterling  
Sherry Marie Koegler

*The Lord redeems the life of  
his servants;  
none of those who take refuge  
in him will be condemned.*  
Psalm 34:22

