

In Our Prayers
October 25

Our Church Family:

Ron Coyle	Barb Dingle
Bob Haag	Jim Knopp
Kathie Monnat	Marilyn Ryan
Effie Steingasser	

Those Entrusted to Our Prayers:

Carl Reimers (Ralph Reimers' brother)
Bob Shengulet (Mary & Ralph Reimers' friend)
John and Sylvia Bayer
Bev Pollock
Evelyn Pisowicz
Schuyler, Bethany & baby Aurora
Tammy Lotta (Sandy Rizzo's daughter)
John Hamilton (Heiss' grandson)
Ann Brown (Gary Weisensel's sister)
Sherry (friend of Nancy Connorton)
June Van Zandt (Sue Eilinger's sister-in-law)
Tim Poppenberg
Melissa Rizzo (Amanda Bendschneider's sister)
Richard & Shirley Landseadel (Deb Lillie's parents)
Theresa (Jim & Ginnie Knopp's daughter-in-law)
Kathy Wallack (Deb Bolcko's friend)
Donna Werth (Cindy Barben's friend)
Will Dunton (Kay Killenbec's son)
Nancy Dunton (Kay Killenbec's daughter)
Ben and Ella Goehring (Missionaries)
Persecuted Christians around the world
Shane (deployed), Jennifer, and son (Richard's Krause's niece and family)

Send prayer requests/updates to secretary@stmarkmendon.org

What's Happening

New Member Welcome: Today we rejoice in welcoming Matt, Melissa, and Jack Cmelko, Patti Donadio, and Ethan Drew as new members of St. Mark. After worship, please join us for a special fellowship gathering to give thanks for the Lord's blessings upon our church family.

Save the Date: Our climactic 125th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, November 8 with a special 3pm Anniversary Worship at St. Mark; Anniversary Meal afterwards offsite. More information to follow.

Operation Christmas Child: We are collecting toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for children around the world. Items may be for a boy or girl with the age ranges of 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Please place your donated items in the collection box located in the church entryway until Sunday, Nov 15. There are extra boxes and labels if you would like to take a box to fill and then return. The Sunday Schoolchildren will be packing the boxes on Sunday, Nov. 15 during their Sunday School time. If others would like to pack boxes during this time, feel free to join them. The shoe boxes will be delivered to a local collection site during the week of Nov. 16-23. Contact Nancy Connorton (njc1111@yahoo.com) with questions.



Shoebox Gift Ideas: "Wow" Items: Soccer ball/pump, doll, stuffed animal, shoes **Toys:** Toy cars, jump ropes, yo-yos, musical instruments, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries).

Personal Care Items: Toothbrushes, washcloths, hairbrushes, combs.

School Supplies: Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, coloring and picture books, solar calculators.

Accessories: Socks, sunglasses, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries).

Do Not Include: Candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, scary or war-related items, seeds, food, liquids, lotions, medications, vitamins, breakable items, glass containers, aerosols.

LWML: Join us for a Packing Party on Saturday, November 21, 10am-2pm at Pinnacle Lutheran Church to pack 300 backpacks with hygiene items (backpacks, hygiene items and lunch will be provided) for Miss Julie's School of Beauty Community Outreach, recipient of LWML Eastern District 2026-2028 Mission Grant #1. RSVP by Nov. 15 to Barbara McHenry at barbaramchenry86@yahoo.com or [585-260-5913](tel:585-260-5913).

OCTOBER 25 TAKE HOME REFLECTION

ENTRUSTED FREELY GIVEN

Read Romans 3:19–28. The Law exposes our sin and silences our boasting. God gives righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ. Our offerings and service cannot become our standing before Him. Christ's redemption is sufficient; faith receives His promise.

Question for the week: How does knowing that I am justified freely in Christ change the way I hold everything else?

CONSIDER DURING THE WEEK

1. What does Paul say the Law accomplishes in verses 19–20?
2. Where does Paul locate our justification in verses 21–26?
3. When do I use generosity or service to prove my worth, or my failures to question Christ's mercy?
4. How might confidence in Christ free me to care for a relationship or responsibility without seeking credit?
5. What pattern of generosity can I plan according to what God provides, while attending to household needs?

A step to consider. Take the Entrusted Card home. Pray and consider it during the week. Keep the personal portion; return the voluntary giving intention on November 1.

Prayer. Lord Jesus, Your righteousness is my confidence before the Father. Forgive my boasting and my fear. Keep me in Your grace and make my giving and service fruits of faith and love. Amen.