



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

ReMarks and ReMindørs

December 12, 2019

IMPORTANT

Water damage discovered in the bell tower has caused significant structural problems. We cannot use the bell or the cloak room until further notice. These problems are being addressed by the Property Committee and Church Council. Photos of the damage are displayed on the table in the library/lounge.

TODAY'S DATE

Did you notice the date on this Reminder? December 12th. And coincidentally, or mathematically, it's just 12 days til Christmas Eve. Are you ready? Have you been taking the Advent journey? This Sunday will be the 3rd Sunday in Advent. Following Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol theme, we will be experiencing The Spirit of Christmas Present. Hope to see you Sunday!

REHEARSAL

Instrument ensemble rehearsals will be held on December 15th and 22nd at noon in the sanctuary.

POINSETTAS

This Sunday is the last day to order poinsettas to adorn the sanctuary. There will be an insert in Sunday's bulletin you can fill in and give to Diane Mohr or Joan Brunner. You can also place it in the offering plate.

SAVE THE DATE

The Outreach Committee is planning to do caroling on December 22nd. We will be meeting at 6PM and will end back here in the social room for some hot chocolate and cookies! Please be sure to dress warmly. All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The first Red Cross Blood Drive of 2020 will be held on Tuesday, January 7th from 2 PM to 7PM right here at St. Mark's. It's never too early or late to schedule

your donation time. New donors are welcome and needed! Please contact Maribeth Reigner at 215-679-8563. A few minutes from you can be worth a lifetime to a recipient.

OPEN LINK

Open Link listed the “top needs” for this winter. They are: soups and stews, juice, canned carrots and corn, canned tomato products, canned fruit, canned beans, pasta, personal care products, cleaning products. You can drop them off at the Food Pantry on Penn Street in Pennsburg. If that is not possible, you can leave them in our shopping cart (presently located in the multi-purpose room)

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Committee is working hard to select the best candidate to present to Church Council and the congregation. We recently completed in-person interviews with three different candidates and in the past several weeks, we visited churches to hear the candidates lead worship and preach. In the coming weeks we expect to conduct another round of interviews before reaching a conclusion on these candidates. We are not alone. We just learned this week that there are 24 churches in our Synod looking for their next pastor! We all sincerely appreciate your thoughts, prayers and patience as we work through this process and make a decision on our path forward.

DID YOU KNOW?

That Relay For Life meets here at St. Mark’s on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM. They are welcoming new members to join their group. If you are interested, the next meeting will be Tuesday, January 7th in the multi-purpose room.