



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

ReMarks and ReMindors

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BRIDGE PASTOR

We have a bridge pastor! That's a pretty big step on our transition journey. A bridge pastor will guide and further help us get ready for welcoming a new pastor. So let me introduce you to Pastor David Penman:

Pastor David is a second career pastor. After graduating from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1975 and completing 20 years of service in the U. S. Marine Corps, he graduated from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg in 2004. His first call was in the Virginia Synod to St. Thomas, Bealeton, where he helped the congregation work and worship with the Bealeton Presbyterian Church, PCUSA. In 2008, he was called to St. Timothy, Norfolk, where he served until his retirement on June 30, 2017. Pastor David has a love and desire for youth ministry, teaching bible classes, and taking the Good News of Jesus Christ to ALL persons everywhere.



After retiring, he and his wife relocated to Pennsylvania. They have family here. Recently Pastor David served as a bridge pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Niantic. I wish you could meet him in person. Pastor David attended our Council meeting this week and we all came away feeling that he is a good fit for

St. Mark's. So make sure you tune in to our recorded services. Pastor David will be leading us in worship beginning August 30<sup>th</sup>.

### UPLOAD TIME CHANGE

Just for this week, we are asking that you upload your recordings or photos by Thursday evening. There are some scheduling factors this week that we are trying to work around. Thanks so much!

### ROCKS!

Rocks are very interesting. You really have to look at them. They can be a handy place to sit. You can use them to step across a creek. They can be a backdrop for a plant. They can even be their own garden! You can climb rocks. You can build with rocks. They have different colors, different shapes, some even sparkle! A rock makes a great foundation. So look around for rocks. Take a photo and upload it to: <https://tinyurl.com/StMarksPhotos> Please send your photo by Thursday. We want to be sure it is included in the August 23<sup>rd</sup> service.

### A QUESTION FOR YOU

At our Council meeting yesterday, the topic of re-opening was discussed. There are so many things to think about – the planning, the safety, the guidelines. We thought it would be good to hear from you. What are your thoughts and concerns about re-opening? Just reply to this email. We will be meeting again in September and I will share your responses. Thanks!

### WORSHIP SERVICES

Thank you to all who help with our services. Your participation in reading scripture, greeting, messages, prayers, music and video production is what keeps us all together during this time. We get to 'see' each other, too. As Heather so wonderfully said, YOU are St. Mark's church.

## PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Lillie Bosler, Lisa Clark, Jack Cross, Randy Dotter, Andrew Erb, Renae Fosbenner, Marie Grubb, Dorothy Hagenbuch, David Haines, Paul Hausmann, Doris Hieter, Harold Hieter, Marie Jones, Dennis Laubach, Merle Leh, Kenneth Miller, Deb Mullen, Barbara Opachinski and Lenny Rafalko.

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