



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

ReMarks and ReMindørs

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### IT'S FALL

Seems like just yesterday, it was summer! Do you have any Fall decorations up yet? Any Fall blooming plants? Are there any leaves changing colors in your yard? If you have anything that says Fall has arrived, please take a photo and then upload it to <https://tinyurl.com/StMarksPhotos> Can you do this by Friday?

### A SEASON OF CHANGE

I think this is the first full day of Fall. Summer is over, a new season has begun. 'This season will bring us to our first step in re-opening the church. A letter is being mailed to all members of our church family. It will have information about how worship will happen. Another change is our CAT Class – they just had their first meeting via Zoom! Adult Bible Class has been zooming all summer and is continuing this Fall. A virtual program for Sunday School is being worked on. In the meantime, aren't those children's messages on our recorded service so great!

### CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council wants you to know that there will be open positions to be filled for the upcoming year 2021. We have members whose terms are up. If you are interested in serving our church, please contact a current Council member or call the church office (215-679-9015). Serving on Church Council is a truly rewarding experience.

### WELCA

A message from Elaine: "God has blessed us richly with being able to hold our next WELCA Meeting on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM. We will begin with pizza served for lunch, followed by Pastor Paul Bartlett's "Rome" Travelogue. Then we shall end with our meeting. SO much to discuss. Please be sure to wear your mask (NO/not for trick-or-treating!!) and please be aware that we will need to self-distance at our meeting to remain safe. Hope all WELCA members and hopefully a few new members, will join us!!"

## REQUEST FROM ST.MARK'S CEMETERY

Our Cemetery Committee is asking that all summer flowers be removed from the cemetery by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks for your help here.

## THANK YOU

Helen Kershner sends her thanks to the many St. Mark's members who sent cards and best wishes for her birthday and for her recovery from knee replacement surgery. She was both overwhelmed and comforted by your wishes and friendship. Thank you!

From Ethan Harris: Thank you very much for the generous contribution with the scholarship. It is very appreciated and helpful. I am immensely grateful for your support in furthering my education at Ursinus College.

From Adam Schultz: I am writing this in thanks of your generous support by means of a scholarship. By supporting me and my future aspirations, you – the congregation – have affirmed the importance of having a local community that fosters creativity and higher education. This semester, my junior year, I've continued on my dual major track of Computer Science and Philosophy. Although this is a virtual semester, I have fostered campus engagement as President of our Esports Club. I believe my education will give me an opportunity to give back to my community. Thank you for your support and generosity.

## YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Voting is one of the most important things U.S. citizens can do. We all benefit when everyone makes their voice heard.

- October 19 is the deadline to register to vote in Pennsylvania
- October 27 at 5PM is the last day for your county office to receive mail-in and absentee ballot applications
- November 3 is the day of the General Election. Polls will be open from 7AM to 8PM. As long as you are in line by 8PM, you will be able to vote
- Voted mail-in and absentee ballots must also be received by 8PM on Election Day.

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible Study class invites you to join us for a Zoom discussion on Sundays at 9:00 AM. We are starting a new 13 week unit called “The Many Faces of Wisdom”. No Bible knowledge needed, just a willingness to listen, learn and share. No long term commitment – each week’s lesson is separate. If you are interested, please contact Deb Long at [debra.reed588@comcast.net](mailto:debra.reed588@comcast.net) A Zoom link will be sent to you for the class. Added bonus: you get to see and talk with other members of St. Mark’s!

## MASKS

Masks are going to be a must-have accessory for attending church.. It keeps us all a bit safer! So if you need a mask – or just want to add to your collection – you should contact Gail Allen. Gail makes masks! I have some, they are great, trendy and washable! Many different patterns are available from florals, to plaids, to prints to solid colors. The masks are only \$5.00. Contact Gail on her cell: 215-771-7858. She will be glad to help you!

## YOUR WAY HOME

The Open Link sent over information on Your Way Home – an emergency rent and utility coalition. If you or anyone you know needs more information about the assistance offered by this group, please call Your Way Home at 2-1-1 or by visiting [www.yourwayhome.org](http://www.yourwayhome.org). The Open Link is also available to help. They can be reached at 215-679-4112

## 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, Harold Hieter, Marie Jones, Dennis Laubach, Merle Leh, Barbara Lehmann, Kenneth Miller, Deb Mullen, Vona Olson, Barbara Opachinski and Lenny Rafalko.

Please call or email me with any changes or additions. The church office phone is 215-679-9015. Email address is: [stmarks@stmarkspennsburg.com](mailto:stmarks@stmarkspennsburg.com)

