



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

ReMarks and ReMindors

OCTOBER 6, 2020

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### FIRST STEP BACK

This Sunday we will be taking our first step back to in person worship! It will definitely be different. It's a beginning – and beginnings are always a bit different than what used to be. Who knows? We may discover something new in this process that we may want to keep around. “Process” requires reassessing as we go along. So how this Sunday goes will not be written in stone, so to speak. As we go through this process, Pastor Dave, the Worship Committee and Church Council will be discussing future steps, health and safety measures, and what is best for our St. Mark's family. One step at a time leads us forward! And so, we begin 😊

### PROTOCOLS

Perhaps not your favorite word, but necessary so we all know what to do, what to expect. The protocols were sent out in the letter from Church Council. I will summarize them here for you.

- Reservations are required – please call or email the church office
- If you are not feeling well, please stay home and view the service on the website which will be available later on Sunday.
- Masks are required. There are some disposable ones available if needed.
- Enter through the side door facing gazebo only (office/Sunday School)
- Please plan to arrive around 10AM to allow for seating, picking up bulletins and communion sets.
- Ushers will direct you to your seat. Please remain at your seat during service. Communion will be taken at your seat.
- Congregational responses or singing will not be done at this time.
- Dismissal will be led by ushers to comply with distance guidelines.
- Please wait until you are outside to chat and greet your friends!

I know – so many “rules”. However, if you think about it, not much different than what we all have to do just to go grocery shopping. Enter one door only, masks required. Directional arrows for the aisles (yes, I was the one always going the wrong way!) Distance circles at checkouts. Plexiglass separators. Strange at

first, but after a while, it became just what you did. Eventually, this will all be something we remember “back when”. Life is fluid.

### COMMUNION SUNDAY

This Sunday, October 11, we will be offering Holy Communion during our in-person service. This service will be posted on our web site later on Sunday for you to view at home. Please be sure to have your at-home communion elements at hand when you are viewing the service.

### OUTREACH FOOD DRIVE

Also on October 11<sup>th</sup> between 1 PM and 4 PM, you can drop off items needed by The Open Link. This is a drive-through drop and go donation site just like we did back in May. This will be held at Connie Taglieber’s house – there will be signs directing you in and out. The address is: 1280 Red Hill Road in Pennsburg. It is right off of Knight Road. The items needed are:

Canned tomato products	Canned Soups and stews
Canned fruit	Canned chili
Canned vegetables (green beans/potatoes)	Pasta
Canned beans(dark/light/pork&beans)	Pasta sauce
Canned meats	Cereal
Rice	Pasta/Rice sides
Canned tuna	Pancake Mix
Soups	Pancake syrup
Toothpaste	Body wash
Shampoo & conditioner	Paper towels

### WELCA

There will be a WELCA meeting on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM. The meeting will begin with pizza served for lunch followed by Pastor Paul Bartlett’s “Rome” travelogue. We will then continue with our regular meeting. Lot’s to discuss. Masks are required. We will meet in the Social Room.

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee will be meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. These meetings are now scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month. If you are interested in joining this committee, please come to the meeting. This group engages in ways to highlight all that St. Mark's has to offer: fun family activities, helping those in need, being part of the community. This year requires a different approach – your ideas are needed!

## FORGET ME NOT MINISTRY

This committee has a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 11AM in the social room (masks and distance seating required). If you are interested in joining, please contact Maribeth at 215-679-8563 – or just come to the meeting. Forget-Me-Not ministry is about keeping in touch with those who cannot get out as much. This is done by calling, writing, or in person. You can truly make a difference in someone's day by just saying hello.

## 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!

## YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

- October 19 is the deadline to register to vote in Pennsylvania
- October 27 is the last day for your mail-in/absentee ballots applications to be received in your county office
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> is the General Election. Polls are open from 7AM to 8PM. If you are in line by 8PM, you will be able to vote. Mail-in and absentee ballots must be received by 8PM on Election Day.
- You can visit [VotesPA](https://www.votespa.com) for updates and general information

## 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.

## PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Lillie Bosler, Lisa Clark, Jack Cross, Randy Dotter, Andrew Erb, Renae Fosbenner, Marie Grubb, Catherine Gruber, Dorothy Hagenbuch, David Haines, Paul Hausmann, Harold Hieter, Marie Jones, Dennis Laubach, Merle Leh, Barbara Lehmann, Kenneth Miller, Deb Mullen, 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)