



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

ReMarks and ReMinders

OCTOBER 13, 2020

WE DID IT!

We had our first day back in church! It definitely was different, wasn't it? We did it pretty well, although we (Church Council) discussed a few ways to make it all go smoother next time. As I said last week, we will be reassessing things as we go along. So stick with us, folks. That first step is teaching us how to walk!

COMMUNION SUNDAY

This Sunday, October 18th, is a Communion Sunday. In fact, due to the limited amount of people who can be in church b/c of Covid, we are going to offer Holy Communion every Sunday. That gives more people the opportunity to receive communion. We have communion sets – they are sealed, pre-filled wafer and juice sets. There's a table in the narthex which will hold the communion sets and bulletins. You can pick them up on your way into the sanctuary.

RESERVATIONS

People have already begun calling to sign up for this Sunday. If you want to attend church, please call the church office (215-679-9015) or email me at: stmarks@stmarkspennsburg.com We really look forward to seeing you!

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.

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 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 3rd 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 your 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