



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

ReMarks and ReMindørs

February 23, 2021

.MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

The overall theme for the mid-week Lenten services is Created for Community. These services will be available only on-line and not at the churches. The schedule is as follows:

February 24: **In Community with Creation led by St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Hill**

March 3: In Community with All the Saints led by St. John's Lutheran Church, Sumneytown

March 10: In Community with Our Neighbor led by Palm Schwenkfelder Church, Palm

March 17: In Community with Those On the Margins led by Friedens UCC, Sumneytown

March 24: In Community with Christ led by New Goshenhoppen Church, East Greenville

All of these on-line services are scheduled for 7:30 PM. Please note that there is a time limit for the Zoom link. The first person logging in starts the time clock. So please wait until it is close to 7:30 PM to connect. Thanks!

The actual link is in the email you opened for this issue of Remarks & Reminders.

PHOTOS

Stars! We are looking for stars! And the sun is out – the sky is clear – will there be stars tonight? Do you remember learning when God told Abram/Abraham that his descendants will be as many as the stars? (ok, I may be paraphrasing a bit) Our readings this week take us back in time – to Genesis. So please, if you can, take a photo of stars – one star or many, in the sky or in your house – and upload it to <https://tinyurl.com/StMarksPhotos> Please send those photos by Friday! Thanks!

TULIPS FOR EASTER

We have received sponsors for almost 60 plants so far! We still need 10 more. If you can, please sponsor a potted tulip plant for \$8.00. You can drop off your order (or mail it) to church. These plants will make Easter joyful to some very special St. Mark's members. If you can help deliver some, please call the church office. Delivery will take place on SATURDAY, MARCH 27TH

PASTOR DAVE

Pastor Dave came to St. Mark's back in August. Although we were closed – except for that one brief month – we got to know him through our recorded services, his sermons, his participation and guidance in committees, his always profound “two-cents” on matters that came up ☺ So it is with some sadness that we have to say good-bye this Sunday, February 28th. Thank you, Pastor Dave, for helping us through this last part of our transition journey. Thank you for keeping us on the right course towards this next new chapter in the life of St. Mark's Church. Thank you for leaving us with this prayer:

Prayer

Open unto me—light for my darkness.

Open unto me—courage for my fear.

Open unto me—hope for my despair.

Open unto me—peace for my turmoil.

Open unto me—joy for my sorrow.

Open unto me—strength for my weakness.

Open unto me—wisdom for my confusion.

Open unto me—forgiveness for my sins.

Open unto me—tenderness for my toughness.

Open unto me—love for my hates.

Open unto me—Thy Self for my self.

Lord, Lord, open unto me!

—from “Meditations of the Heart” by Howard Thurman)

CAN YOU HELP?

Caring Ministries is organizing meals for Charlie and his brother Tom. This will be once a week, probably Wednesday, and continue indefinitely. If you would like to contribute a meal, please contact Harriet Rapine at hmrp11@gmail.com or call her at 215-679-8844. We can arrange for “contactless” drop off if you would like.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The adult bible study group meets every Sunday at 9AM via Zoom. They are beginning a new book entitled Call In the New Testament. If you like to listen, like to learn, like to share then this is the group for you. Please contact Deb at Debra.reed588@comcast.net ~ she will send you the zoom link to use.

BEE BANKS

If you have a bee bank filled, you can drop it off in our parking lot this Sunday, February 28th, between 10 AM – 11AM. The next drop off date is March 28th.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Due to yet another snow storm, the Council meeting was cancelled and will be held this Monday, March 1st, at 7PM. It will be in the multi-purpose room with safety guidelines followed. (keep the snow shovels handy, just in case!)

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Dottie sends in the following reminder:

Eligible members of Thrivent Financial who have designated choice dollars: if you haven't already done so, be sure to direct your designated Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31, 2021. After that date, any 2020 undirected Choice Dollars will expire. Don't miss this opportunity to help support St. Mark's. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 and state “Thrivent Choice”.

MANNA'S FOOD SERVICE TRAINING

The following information was sent to St. Mark's from the Upper Perk Ministerium to be shared with those who may be interested:

Manna on Main Street in Lansdale is offering the Common Grounds Food Service Training to Employment Program. This is a FREE 240+ hour, eight-week culinary and work skills program for individuals experiencing economic instability, barriers to employment or looking for a second chance in life through a career in the culinary industry. All trainees graduate with their ServSafe certification. This program follows all CDC guidelines. All participants are eligible for meal and grocery assistance, transportation coverage and emergency financial aid. For more information, please reach out to Sue Jurina, Recruitment and Student Affairs Coordinator at 215-855-5454 ext. 17. Manna on Main Street is located at: 606 E. Main Street, Suite 1001, Lansdale, PA 19446.

CHURCH WEBSITE

You can access the recorded Sunday worship service, the bulletin and the Remarks & Reminders on our website. Our address is: www.stmarkspennsburg.com It's all there for you!

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Lillie Bosler, Lisa Clark, Jack Cross, Marilyn Donis, Randy Dotter, Andrew Erb, Renae Fosbenner, Charlie Greulich, Marie Grubb, David Haines, Harold Hieter, Marie Jones, Dennis Laubach, Steve Law, Barbara Lehmann, Pat Matthews, Kenneth Miller, Deb Mullen, Barbara Opachinski, Lenny Rafalko, and June Reigner.

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