



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

ReMarks and ReMindørs

March 5, 2021

IT'S A BRAND NEW DAY

That's what this Sunday will be. For us, for St. Mark's. Pastor Russ and his family have completed their move here. He will be leading worship from now on. He will be leading St. Mark's – with your help and with your prayers. Eventually we will be able to give Pastor Russ, and his wife Pastor Sarah, a proper St. Mark's welcome (I am thinking a feast in the social room!) In the meantime, please be sure to join our services. Send a note or an email of welcome. It has been a long road for us; in faith we kept together. Now we are in a brand new year. Sunday will be a brand new day. Let's celebrate, rejoice and say **“Welcome Pastor Russ”** as we take this great step forward together!

CHURCH WEBSITE

Until we can safely re-open, our services are recorded. We are so thankful for these – everything is being done to make you feel as though you are actually in church! You can access the recorded Sunday worship service, the bulletin and these newsletters on our website. Our address is: www.stmarkspennsburg.com It's all there for you! Please check it out.

CALENDAR NOTES

Sunday, March 7 th	8:30 AM CAT Class via Zoom 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study via Zoom
Wednesday, March 10	6:30 PM Outreach Committee, Multi-purpose Room (please note meeting is Wednesday this week)
Thursday, March 11 th	6:00 PM Worship Committee, Multi-purpose Room

All in-person meetings will be held according to safety guidelines regarding distance and mask wearing.

LOOKING FOR A KEYBOARD

Does anyone have a keyboard that we can use for an outdoor service? Nothing definite yet – the Worship Committee is tossing around ideas. If you do, please call or email the church office. Thanks!

AZALEAS

If you want to order azaleas to decorate the altar, there is still time to do so. Azaleas orders must be in the office – or given directly to Joan Brunner - NO LATER THAN MARCH 14TH. You will be notified when the plants can be picked up. We plan to have the recordings done early. The azaleas come in either red or pink – unfortunately there is no option to choose the color, but they are always beautiful. The plants cost \$14.00 each. Spring planting is right around the corner!

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 hmrap11@gmail.com or call her at 215-679-8844. We can arrange for “contactless” drop off if you would like.

.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:

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.

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.

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 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.

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 June Reigner and Mary Jane Schaeffer.

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