



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

ReMarks and ReMindørs

March 9, 2021

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### IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR

We spring forward this Saturday! Yes, it is Daylight Savings Time. Yes, it means that we all lose an hour's sleep. I won't mind at all. After hibernating this pandemic winter, it will feel good to have the sun's light last a bit longer and feel a bit warmer each day. So be sure to turn your clocks ahead Saturday night (or you will be late – for everything!)

### CALENDAR NOTES

Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>      8:30 AM CAT Class via Zoom  
                                 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study via Zoom  
                                 10-11 AM CAT Class snack bag drop off

### BELL TOWER LETTER

A letter will be sent out tomorrow via email and, to those without email, via regular mail. It is an important update on the St. Mark's Bell. Church Council needs your input. Please be sure to look for it!

### PHOTO REQUEST

The cross is real and the cross is a sign – a sign that brings us to Jesus, a sign we look to for faith, for hope and for salvation. This week can you send in a photo of a cross? Please send it in by Thursday. Once you decide on the photo, please upload it to: <https://tinyurl.com/StMarksPhotos> Thanks! All the welcome signs sent in for last week's service were terrific!

### 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 14<sup>TH</sup>. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-847-4836 and state "Thrivent Choice".

### 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](http://www.stmarkspennsburg.com) It's all there for you! Please check it out.

### 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.

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