



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

ReMarks and ReMindørs

March 16, 2021

PHOTO REQUEST

In the 12th chapter of John, there's a verse where Jesus tells us that a grain of wheat remains just a single grain unless it falls to the earth and dies. If it does fall and die, that single grain will bear much fruit. Now, Jesus is not speaking about gardening. However, I thought that this would stir the gardener in you as you visualize that single grain bringing forth so much. Do you have a photo of seeds, or a photo of your garden (from last season!) You always come up with such terrific photos! Please upload your photo to: <https://tinyurl.com/StMarksPhotos> Can you do this by Thursday? Thanks!

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday is just two weeks away! March 28th. We will record the service for viewing on our website. We will also have a LIVE, IN-PERSON worship service! That is not a typo! We are planning to hold worship in the courtyard. It will be at 10:15AM. We are planning to have it all outside - with music from the organ coming through open windows. We will have singing, Holy Communion, prayers, readings, preaching. It was just a little over a year ago that we entered the "covid era". It will be so good to gather again! Even though we will be outside, we still need to keep safety guidelines in mind. Masks are required. Please practice safe distancing. Oh, and please bring your own chair!

Hopefully, Palm Sunday will just be the beginning!

BELL TOWER LETTER

Thank you to all who have responded to the email/letter regarding the return of The Bell. If you haven't yet done so, there's still time. Just call or email the church office and let Council know your thoughts on The Bell update.

AND SPEAKING OF THE BELL TOWER

Another round of stimulus checks will soon be appearing in our bank accounts. For many of us, this gift from the federal government is a much needed life-line during these unprecedented times. For others of us, blessed with steady income, the check arrives unneeded for financial health. If you are one of those fortunate people who find yourself not really needing this unsolicited gift, why not consider donating some or all of it to St. Mark's? A gift to the operating budget or a special gift to The Bell Tower project would be one of many ways of sharing your blessings.

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 hmrapp11@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 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

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 16th: Outreach is planning a virtual cooking night! Sounds like fun. Sounds like delicious! More information on this will be available soon.

March 20th: Dock Academy is holding an in-person Open House for grades 9-12 at 12:30 – 3:00 PM. You can meet the faculty, tour classrooms and learn about curriculum and financial aid.

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](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-847-4836 and state "Thrivent Choice".

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