



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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March 23, 2021

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### PALM SUNDAY

This Sunday is Palm Sunday! We will be celebrating this day with worship in our courtyard – or if you choose, in your car! We will be holding a live service and at the same time, transmit the service to your car radio. If you choose to be in your car, just tune in to 99.3 FM. If you choose to be in the courtyard, please bring your own chair.

I have been tracking delivery of the palm leaves – they are due to arrive on Wednesday. We will have our processional into the courtyard. Yes, you will be able to sing – I will have the verses printed in the bulletin. Yes, we will be receiving Holy Communion. Yes, even though we are outside, masks are required. Keeping safety guidelines followed is important for you and for others.

Our services will be in the courtyard and/or parking lot going forward. It will be so good to be back together (safely spaced) again! I hope to see you this Sunday! This service will also be available on our website for those who cannot get to church.

### MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RUSS

It is a joy to be able to be here! I'm starting to get settled in as the pastor here, and I'm excited for our time together. I'm looking forward to continuing to worship with you all (especially as we start moving toward in-person worship), and I'm very excited to start becoming more of a part of this community, and to get to know everyone at St. Mark's! Thank you for all of your greetings, well-wishes, and for your prayers and support as I've gotten moved in and set up. I'm looking forward to being here!

### CAT CLASS DONATIONS

The CAT Class together with Outreach put together 158 snack bags for The Well. They were delivered this past weekend.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSES

Thank you for responding to The Bell letter! Speaking of The Bell, 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 [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 available only on-line and not at the churches. The schedule is as follows:

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

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The adult bible study group meets every Sunday at 8:30AM via Zoom. Please note the new time. 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.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 28<sup>th</sup>: 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study  
8:30 AM CAT Class  
10:15 AM Outdoor worship  
11:15 AM Mini-Easter egg hunt (weather permitting)

March 29<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 PM Church Council

April 1<sup>st</sup>: Maundy Thursday service, available on our website  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Good Friday 1PM Brief prayer & meditation on our front steps  
Good Friday 7:30 PM Tennebrae Service 7:30 PM Courtyard  
April 4<sup>th</sup>: Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 6:30 – ish (will advise)  
Easter Sunday Worship 10:15AM Courtyard / parking lot

April 13<sup>th</sup>: Outreach Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM

April 16<sup>th</sup>: Outreach is planning a virtual cooking night! Sounds like fun!

April 20<sup>th</sup>: Worship Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM

## 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, Mary Jane Schaeffer and Charlene Wilson.

Charlene was just involved in an accident on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. She is severely injured and is in the hospital.

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