



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

ReMarks and ReMindors

April 8, 2021

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RUSS

A Word about Worship

It has been a while since we've been able to gather physically together for worship, because of the precautions we've put in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Although we've still been able to gather as a community online, around the worship videos, we're all eagerly waiting for it to be safe for us to gather in-person in the sanctuary again. We're not quite there yet, but as the weather has gotten warmer, we've been getting things ready to gather outside for worship in the courtyard at St. Mark's. We had our first outdoor service this past Easter Sunday, and despite some technological hiccups, it seemed to go pretty well. At the same time, we know that there are still many people who are going to be gathering for worship online, and at home, for some time to come yet. In light of that, as we go forward we're going to continue offering worship in the following ways:

**We'll gather for worship In Person in the courtyard, every Sunday at 10:15.** In order to help prevent the possible spread of COVID-19, masks are required, and everyone is asked to keep at least 6' of physical distance from anyone not a member of their immediate household. Additionally, because of the increased risk associated with congregational singing, we have to ask that singing in the courtyard services be done only by the song leader(s). If the weather is unpleasant, we'll continue outdoors as long as we can, but if the weather is too bad, we'll have to move to the radio broadcast. (See below).

In addition, **we'll be broadcasting the Sunday 10:15 service over the radio, at 99.3 FM.** The radio broadcast is being done on a low-power transmitter, so we can't guarantee that it can be heard beyond our parking lot, but members who wish to can gather in their cars, in the parking lot and be able to hear and participate in the worship service and to receive Holy Communion.

Finally, **we'll continue to broadcast worship online, but in a slightly different fashion.** Instead of having the pre-recorded services, we're going to begin broadcasting the courtyard services live on the internet. The address for the church's YouTube channel, where the worship streams will be, is

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfjYEcpisDNAL4rOvNhy8Uw> and the link to reach the first stream on April 11 is: [https://youtu.be/20\\_QcbuCy08](https://youtu.be/20_QcbuCy08). If we have any difficulties with the live broadcast, we'll upload the video on our video channel on the website after the service ends.

We'll be continuing to work things out with worship, both online and in person, as we go ahead, but this updated worship schedule should allow for us to continue to gather for worship in a variety of ways. As the pandemic situation progresses, and if we need to make any revisions to this worship schedule, we'll be sure to let you know.

Thank you!  
-Pastor Russ

### COURTYARD OFFICE HOURS

Beginning this week, Pastor Russ will be keeping some of his office time outside in the courtyard. He'll be there, rain or shine, on Mondays from 9-11 AM and on Tuesdays from 1-3 PM. (If it's going to be raining really badly, he'll make sure there's a tent set up.) Come visit, pray together, share Holy Communion with him, or just say hello! Pastor Russ will keep those courtyard office hours at least throughout the summer, and as far into the fall as is possible before it gets too cold. If you'd like to meet with Pastor Russ at another time (whether indoors or outside), send him an email at [pastor@stmarkspennsburg.com](mailto:pastor@stmarkspennsburg.com).

### 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](mailto:hmrapp11@gmail.com) or call her at 215-679-8844. We can arrange for "contactless" drop off if you would like.

### HELP WANTED

St. Mark's Cemetery has an open position for part-time help. They need someone to help with weeding and able to use a weed-whacker. If you are interested, please contact Charlie Schultz – our cemetery caretaker – for more information. His phone number is: 610-462-8284.

## PIZZA NIGHT!

The Outreach Committee is planning to hold a virtual pizza baking night on April 16<sup>th</sup>. The master chefs are Donna & Jeff Ney. There will be games to play while the pizza is baking. The fun all starts at 6PM. Here is what you will need:

### Options for pizza crust:

- Pizza kits are available at **Tosco's in Pennsburg or Italian Delite in Red Hill**. You would get a ball of dough, sauce and cheese. A personal size costs \$6, medium size is \$8, and large size is \$10.
- **Weis** has many options ranging from Betty Crocker pizza dough mix for \$1 to Pillsbury pizza dough in a tube for \$2.79 to a Stefano's pizza dough ball for \$2.69. Of course, ready-made crusts are always available!
- Donna and Jeff will be starting with a ball of dough and demonstrating how they form it into a pizza crust. So, if you start with a mix, have your ball of dough ready to go! If you buy a ready-made crust, you will just skip the forming of the crust step.
- If you do not purchase a kit from Toscos, you will need to buy a jar of pizza sauce and mozzarella cheese. Additional cheese to mix with the mozzarella is optional.
- If you prefer toppings on your pizza, you will need to purchase them as well. Tosco's will even sell you those!

Note: Have some flour available.

### Baking supplies:

A pizza stone or round pan

A cookie sheet would also work but then it might be best to make a rectangular pizza.

## 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 - she will send you the zoom link to use.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 11<sup>th</sup>: Adult Bible Study via zoom – 8:30 AM  
April 11<sup>th</sup>: Worship Service – Courtyard or parking lot – 10:15 AM  
April 11<sup>th</sup>: CAT Class – Courtyard (social room if rain) – 9 AM  
April 12<sup>th</sup>: Courtyard Office Hours – 9 to 11 AM  
April 13<sup>th</sup>: Courtyard Office Hours – 1 to 3 PM  
April 13<sup>th</sup>: Outreach Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM  
April 16<sup>th</sup>: Outreach Virtual Pizza Night! - 6:00 PM  
April 20<sup>th</sup>: Worship Committee Meeting – 6:30 PM

## PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Buddy Allen, 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.

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