



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

ReMarks and ReMindørs

May 5, 2021

MAY BRINGS.....

So many things – Cinco De Mayo (did I spell that right?), Mother's Day (that's this Sunday!), Pentecost and Confirmation, Memorial Day (the "official" unofficial start of the summer season), flower gardens, vegetable gardens, mowing, and then mowing again and again until July heat slows it down, graduations, barbeques. It's amazing how much one month can hold!

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

We will be holding worship services every Sunday at 10:15 AM in the courtyard. In case of rain, or if you wish to remain in your car, these services will also be transmitted through your car radio. Just tune in to 99.3 FM. If you plan to be in the courtyard, please bring your own chair. Masks are required and we ask that you follow safety distance guidelines. Holy Communion will be offered both in the courtyard and to those remaining in their car. Please sign and date the insert in the bulletin so we can keep communion records current. Thanks!

If you are planning to view our services over the internet, you can access the link from our website.

COURTYARD OFFICE HOURS

Monday morning from 9AM to 11AM and Tuesday afternoon from 1PM to 3PM are the courtyard office hours. No appointments are necessary – just come and say hello, chat for awhile and get to know Pastor Russ. He would like to meet you! If you would like, this can also be a time to pray, discuss scripture, and take Holy Communion.

Pastor Russ plans to hold these courtyard office hours through the summer and into fall. So stop by. Say hello!

PROJECT LIVE UPPER PERK

Project Live Upper Perk is hosting a FREE, in-person Q.P.R. Gatekeeper Training session on May 17th at the Upper Perkiomen Valley YMCA. It runs from 7PM to 9PM. This training is geared for adults. Q.P.R. stands for **Q**uestion, **P**ersuade, **R**efer. 3 steps that anyone can learn to help save someone from suicide. It helps you recognize the warning signs. It teaches you how to offer help.

Please Register through Event Brite at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/upper-perkiomen-valley-community-qpr-tickets-149888960917>

You can contact Ty Williams at: twilliams@accessservices.org if you have any questions.

The session will be held in Gym “B”, please use the side entrance directly into the gym. Masks are required. Social distance guidelines will be followed.

CEMETERY NEWS

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.

The Cemetery Committee would like to remind you that planting is not allowed in the cemetery. If you have planted flowers, please arrange to remove them. Plantings make it difficult for cemetery upkeep. Thanks for your help with this.

THE BELL

Every week the mail brings in a few more pledges and donations designated for The Bell. Church Council thanks you for your response to our capital campaign. We understand that this is quite an undertaking. Every donation helps. You will be helping make St. Mark’s Bell ring once again!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible Study group meets every Sunday at 8:30AM via Zoom. Please note the new time. 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.

CALLING ALL COOKS

Caring Ministries continues to organize meals for Charlie and his brother Tom. They are enjoying the delicious dinners you are providing! If you would like to contribute a meal, please contact Harriet Rapine at hmrap11@gmail.com or call her at 215-679-8844. From what I hear, the menu is wide open! They like all kinds of food!

IN OTHER NEWS

Charlene Wilson is currently at the Lehigh Valley Hospital in Muhlenberg for continued recuperation and therapy. A friend of hers came to church to tell us that Charlene is making progress every day. She still has a long way to go, but it was good news. If you wish to send her a note or a card, her current address is:

Charlene Wilson
LVH – Muhlenberg, Room 3010
2545 Schoenersville Road
Bethlehem, PA 18017

Did you notice? The new signs along the road behind the church? Some of the people who drive through will be taking it a bit slower now! It will be so much safer going from the parking lot to the courtyard.

If you want to order red geraniums to help decorate the courtyard for Pentecost, there's an order form at the end of this issue. The deadline for ordering is coming up quickly – May 10th. You can drop your order off at church or if you are attending Sunday service, place it in the offering plate. You will be able to retrieve your geraniums right after the May 23rd service.

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

RED GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

We will be decorating the courtyard with red geraniums to celebrate Pentecost. If you wish to order geraniums to help celebrate this day, please fill in this order form and drop it off at church. The geraniums are \$4.50 each and the deadline for ordering is May 10th. You may take your geraniums home after the worship service on May 23rd – the day of Pentecost.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Of Plants _____ @ \$4.50 each TOTAL DUE WITH ORDER \$_____