



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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JULY 30, 2021

NEWS FROM YOUTH OUTREACH

At our August 4th meeting, we will be assembling snack bags for The Well which is a women's shelter. They are provided with breakfast and dinner, but sometimes you need a little something in between. The snack bags will consist of fruit snacks, raisins, mini chocolates, granola bars, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, mini Slim Jims. If you wish to donate one of these items, please bring it to church this Sunday – there will be a blue bin in the hallway. Thanks!

On August 8th, Youth Outreach will be holding a bake sale. It will be both before and after worship service that day. The proceeds from the sale will go to the Walk For ALS that we are participating in this fall. If you would like to donate a baked treat, please email us at youthoutreach@stmarkspennsburg.com or call Heather Schmitt at 215-541-4423.

We hope to have lots of delicious, sweet treats for you to purchase. Please mark your calendars - Sunday, August 8th.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The annual fall Red Cross Blood Drive will return to St. Mark's on Tuesday, **September 14th and Wednesday, September 15th**. Hours will be 2:00-7:00 pm on both days. The drive will span two days to allow for continued social distancing protocols. At this time, Red Cross protocol is that masks will be optional. Red Cross will send notification if there are masking protocol changes as we approach the blood drive days. It's never too early to schedule your donation time. New donors are welcome and needed! To schedule an appointment please contact Maribeth Reigner at 215-679-8563 or log on to redcrossblood.org. **A few minutes from you can be worth a lifetime to a recipient.**
Thank you!

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flower Chart is posted in on the board in the narthex. Please check the chart to see if you are scheduled. There are some open dates in October and

November if you wish to sponsor flowers. You can write in your name and message on the chart; or call Bonnie at 215-280-4861; or call the church office.

HOMETOWN HEROS

The list of St. Mark's heroes is growing!

Leroy Heffentrager's banner can be found at 627 Main Street in Pennsburg. He is Carole Nester's Dad.

Gerald Harpel is on a banner in front of The Grand Theater in East Greenville. He was Sue Harpel's husband.

Arthur Bartman, Sue Harpel's father, can be found right before the Owl's Home in East Greenville.

Roy Stevens is on a banner on the 600 block of Main Street in Pennsburg. Marian Stevens sent me this information today. Roy is Connie Taglieber's Dad.

Thomas W. Hallman, Sr. is on a banner at 820 Main Street in Red Hill. You can find Thomas W. Hallman, Jr. on his banner at 808 Main Street, Red Hill.

Meryl Markley is on a banner on Main Street in Pennsburg. It's across the street from where the old Pennsburg Hotel used to be. Be sure to look for it!

Did you see the banner right across the road from church? It's Harold Schultz back when he was in the Navy.

The banner for Harriett Rapine's husband, Ellsworth, is at 135 Main Street, East Greenville. The banner for her brother, Harold Moffett, is in the 800 block in Red Hill.

So far we have located 10 banners! Do we have any more St. Mark's members hanging around Main Street? Let me know so I can add to this list. . We want to see all of them!

WE NEED YOUR HELP

One of Pastor Russ' ongoing projects is to expand our presence on social media in order to reach out to people who are online. We're going to be posting on our social media with videos from Sunday worship; highlights about our ministries at St. Mark's; notes about the work that our neighbor congregations, the SEPA

synod, and the ELCA are doing; and much more. Here's where we need your help. When you see those items on facebook (and hopefully other social media sites coming soon), please like *and share* them (sharing them to your news feed helps to spread them further than liking them does) to help spread the word about what God is doing with us, and what we're doing here at St. Mark's!

WELCA

WELCA has scheduled their Fall meetings as follows:

September 14: Meeting will be at the PC Pub
October 12: Lunch at 11:30, meeting begins at 12Noon
November 9: Lunch at 11:30, meeting begins at 12Noon
December 14: Lunch at 11:30, meeting begins at 12Noon

Please mark your calendars. Information on meeting topics will be posted each month

IN OTHER NEWS

The July/August/September Word In Season is available. You can pick up a copy in the narthex or call the church office to have one sent to you.

Charlene Wilson has been moved to Lehigh Commons, Room#109, 1680 Spring Creek Road, Macungie, PA 18062.

The Thursday evening Al-Anon group is continuing to meet at 80 Main Street (right across the street from St. Mark's). The meetings begin at 7PM. There is an AA meeting at 7PM Sunday also held at this location..

The Open Link hours are Monday – Friday, 9AM to 4PM. Donations can be brought directly to them or placed in the shopping cart in hallway.

CALENDAR NOTES

Monday, Aug.2 Courtyard Office Hours 9-11AM

Wednesday, Aug 4 Al-Anon (multi-purpose room) 1PM
Youth Outreach Group – 6:30PM

LOOKING AHEAD

August 9th Worship Committee Meeting 6:30 PM
August 10th Outreach Committee Meeting via Zoom
August 12th: August Hoagie orders due
August 16th: Church Council Mid-Summer Meeting 7PM
August 19th: Hoagie pick-up day

HELP US RAISE MONEY TO FIND A CURE FOR ALS!

Hey St. Marks Congregation!

The Youth Outreach Committee at our church has a new project, and we need your help! A member of our congregation, named Lenny, has been diagnosed with ALS, sometimes called Lou Gehrig's Disease.

“ALS is an always fatal neuro-degenerative disease in which a person’s brain loses connection with the muscles. People with ALS lose their ability to walk, talk, eat, and eventually breathe.” In honor of Lenny, the youth decided to participate in an ALS walk to raise money to find treatments for ALS. This walk will take place on October 9 in Allentown. Our team has registered under the name Team Lenny’s Light. We will have various upcoming events to raise money for the walk, such as a bake sale on August 8. **If you would like to sponsor our team** you can visit: web.alsa.org/goto/SMLCYO or complete the form at the bottom, put it in a pew envelope with your donation and place it in the offering plate. **Want to walk with us? Use the same link!**

If you have any questions email: youthoutreach@stmarkspennsburg.com **Thank you** for your time and consideration!

St. Mark’s Youth Outreach

Yes! I would like to donate to Team Lenny’s Light for ALS!

Name: _____ . Env No _____

Donation Amount: (Include in pew envelope) \$ _____

Donations are due by October 3, 2021

WELCOME TO ANOTHER NEW MEMBER!

Below is a photo of Arthur Werst and his family. Arthur was baptized on April 18th. He is the son of Ryan & Sirena Werst. Welcome Arthur!



HEAVENLY HELPERS HOAGIE ORDER

Name _____ Phone _____

Turkey \$8.00 # _____ #w/onions _____ #NO onion _____

Italian \$7.00 # _____ #w/onion _____ #NO onion _____

pepper sides _____ TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: _____

If paying by check, please make check payable to Heavenly Helpers

Orders due August 12th. Pick-up is Thursday, August 19th 6-6:30PM in the social room.

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Elsie Antonio, Lillie Bosler, Lisa Clark, Jack Cross, Marilyn Donis, Andrew Erb, Marie Grubb, John Gruver, David Haines, Barbara Hentz, Harold Hieter, Lisa Krause, Marie Jones, Dennis Laubach, Barbara Lehmann, Pat Matthews, Kenneth Miller, Deb Mullen, Barbara Opachinski, Lenny Rafalko June Reigner, Mary Jane Schaeffer, Patsy Wampole and Charlene Wilson.

Please call the church office (215-679-9015) with any changes/additions.