



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

ReMarks and ReMindors

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### NEWS FROM YOUTH OUTREACH

The Youth Outreach Group thanks you for your support of their bake sale this past Sunday. Your generosity and their sweet treats raised \$470.80. This will all go to their Walk For ALS goal. There was such an array of baked goods. I heard "best brownies ever" from my grandson (we did cookies - so I'm still processing that statement!) An orange creamsicle pie – a great summery treat! Scones, fruit breads, cakes – St. Mark's has the best bakers!

Recently, they put together 130 snack bags for the women at The Well, which is a homeless shelter in Philadelphia. The shelter provides breakfast and dinner but sometimes you need a little something in between. Youth Outreach thanks the Outreach Committee and members of the congregation for their donations.

### 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Pastor Fluck called today with some special news: Pastor Paul & Ruth Ann Bartlett will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this Saturday. They were married on August 14, 1971. I guess we can safely say they were meant to be! Since a golden anniversary usually only comes around once, if you wish to send them a card, their address is:

731 Cherry Street, PO Box 446, Bally PA 19503-0446

### DON'T FORGET

Your hoagie order is due on Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. There's an order form you can use at the end. This is a fundraiser for the Heavenly Helpers mission team. It helps fund their work and it's an easy, cooks-night-off for you! Pick up for your hoagie order is on Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.

## COVID UPDATE

Because of the revised guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and the current rate of community spread in our area, Church Council has determined that the best course of action is to restore our mask requirement for the time being.

Beginning on Sunday, August 8, to match the CDC recommendations, **masks will be required for all in-person worshipers and worship leaders at St. Mark's, regardless of vaccine status.** We'll have disposable masks available in the church if they're needed.

In the most recent update to congregations from the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, the synod's advice is: "First, do no harm. As Christians we do not want our gatherings to worsen transmission, illness, hospitalization or deaths in our communities." Wearing masks as we gather for worship – and getting vaccinated against COVID-19 – will help to ensure that our gatherings can do just that.

## 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

## 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](http://redcrossblood.org). **A few minutes from you can be worth a lifetime to a recipient.**  
**Thank you!**

## 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

## CALENDAR NOTES

Wed. August 11 Al-Anon (multi-purpose room) 1PM  
Youth Outreach Group – 6:00PM  
Thurs., August 12 Hoagie orders are due

## LOOKING AHEAD

August 16<sup>th</sup>: Church Council Mid-Summer Meeting 7PM  
August 19<sup>th</sup>: 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](http://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](mailto: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



It's almost time for a hoagie dinner! So delicious and so easy! Orders are due August 12<sup>th</sup>. (You can call it in to the church office or drop it in the mail slot on the small front door) Pick up for the hoagies is Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> in our social room between 6-6:30 PM.

HEAVENLY HELPERS HOAGIE ORDER

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Turkey \$8.00 each. #w/onions \_\_\_\_\_ #NO onion \_\_\_\_\_

Italian \$7.00 each #w/onion \_\_\_\_\_ #NO onion \_\_\_\_\_

# pepper sides \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Orders due August 12<sup>th</sup>. Pick-up is Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> 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, 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.