



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

ReMarks and ReMindors

AUGUST 26, 2021

TIME IS JUST FLYING BY

How did we get to the end of August so quickly? The next issue of Remarks & Reminders will have a September date! I realize that the summer continues until September 21st but school begins here in the Upper Perk Valley on Monday, August 30th. That's like the unofficial end of summer just like Memorial Day is the unofficial start of summer.

September brings changes to schedules. No more lazy, hazy summer days – it's up early and running for the school bus. Even Sundays will have schedule changes here at St. Mark's – are you going to the 8:00 AM service or the 10:15 AM service? That schedule change happens on September 12th. Sunday School and CAT class all will be back in full swing. Adult Bible Study, too, will begin again. September 12th will be a very busy day here at St. Mark's!

CALENDAR NOTES

Monday, August 30	Courtyard Hours 9 to 11AM
Tuesday, August 31	Courtyard Hours 1 to 3PM
	CAT Class Orientation 6:30PM
Wed., Sept 1	Al-Anon 1PM

LOOKING AHEAD:

September 6	Labor Day – Church Office is closed
September 8	Altar Guild Meeting – 7:00 PM
September 10	Friday Fun Night – Bingo 6 to 8PM
September 11	East Greenville Community Day
September 12	Rally Day – Sunday School 9AM Returning to 2 worship services

September 14 **WELCA – lunch at PC Pub 11:30 AM
Red Cross Blood Drive – 2 to 7PM
Outreach Meeting – 6:30 PM

September 15 Red Cross Blood Drive – 2 to 7PM

GOOD TO KNOW:

If you go to our website (www.stmarkspennsburg.com), you will be able to access our on-line bulletin, this weekly newsletter, our calendar and information about our family activities.

If you are planning to attend the WELCA luncheon meeting, please call Elaine (215-913-2265) or Lucy (215-679-6724). The Pub needs a headcount to prepare tables. Thanks!

The September 8th Altar Guild meeting will be held in the multi-purpose room. It will be the first meeting in a long time b/c of Covid. Bonnie is hoping everyone can attend because they will be planning for the upcoming holiday season.

The Red Cross Blood Drive will take place in our social room on both days – September 14 & 15 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Call Maribeth Reigner with any questions. Her number is 215-679-8563.

We will return to two worship services on September 12th – 8AM and 10:15AM. Both will offer Holy Communion. Please consider signing up for Assisting Minister for the service time you prefer. The September/October dates are filled for Ushers and Greeters. Thanks for helping out!

Also beginning on September 12th will be Adult Bible Study. This group usually met in the library lounge and offered a zoom connection for those who could not attend in person. They are deciding whether to continue with that format or go to an only Zoom meeting format. Once Deb hears back from current class members, she will advise. If you wish to join this class, please contact Deb! New members are always welcome! For Zoom link information, please contact Deb Long at Debra.reed588@comcast.net

September 12th is also Rally Day for Sunday School. Rally Day will start at 9:00 AM in the Sanctuary.

If you like Bingo, mark your calendar for Friday, Sept 10th and join Outreach in

the social room for a family friendly (all ages) fun night! The game and the snacks will all be done with safety precautions! Come and enjoy a fun night out!

Monday August 30th, is the first day back in school for Upper Perk students. Please be mindful of school buses and excited kids at bus stops!

Our Youth Outreach Group will be having a table set up in front of our church on Community Day from noon to 4PM. They will be offering baked goods, hot dogs, popcorn and water. Donations received will go to the ALS Walk. They are still working towards donations and sponsors for their team. The Walk For ALS takes place in October. You can use a pew envelope and the form below to place in offering plate Or go to web.alsa.org/goto/SMLCYO You can even sign up to walk with them!

Yes! I want to donate to Team Lenny's Light for ALS!

Name _____ Env.# _____

Donation Amount \$ _____

Place in offering plate or drop off at church. Donations are due October 3rd. The Walk For ALS is October 9th in Allentown.

Thank you from Youth Outreach

DON'T MISS THIS - OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARK'S!

Church Council: We have 5 members who must go off Council at the end of this year to be in compliance with term limits in our by-laws. The Council is a great way to understand all that goes into the operation of our church. Issues are discussed. Opinions are heard. It is a friendly group whose common goal is to do what is best for the congregation of St. Mark's! Leave your name & phone number with the church office (215-679-9015) and a council member will call you with more information.

Committees: Being on a committee is a great way to get involved with life and activities at St. Mark's. It is here that ideas are explored, activities are energized,

and expertise is welcomed. The committees include Outreach, Worship, Caring Ministries (which has many sub-committees such as Happy Lutherans, Meals of Caring, Forget-Me-Not), Fellowship, Property, Altar Guild and more – some meet once a month; others as needed. Whatever your interest is, there’s a committee who is waiting for you!

Greeters & Ushers: We will be returning to two services beginning September 12th. There will be an 8:00 AM service and a 10:15AM service. It is always so welcoming to have people greet and provide a bulletin to those coming in for worship. Ushers are needed to do the offering collection and to guide people during Communion. If you are planning to be at church, please consider signing up as a Greeter and/or Usher. A sign-up sheet is on the board in the narthex – or just use the form at the end of this bulletin. Thank you!

Assisting Ministers: Pastor Russ would like to get more people involved with our worship service. One way to do this is to sign-up to be an Assisting Minister. You will be reading prayers and helping him with Communion. If you are interested, please call the church office. He would love to speak with you!

Acolytes: Our CAT Class youth all participate as acolytes. However, you do not need to be in CAT Class to help. If you would like to light the candles and help with Communion and receive the offering, please consider signing up to be an acolyte.

Everyone has schedules to be kept. That is understood. How often you wish to participate as an Usher, Greeter, Assisting Minister, or Acolyte is determined by you. Your willingness to be part of our worship service is greatly appreciated.

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Yes! I would like to find out more about:

Joining Church Council _____ Joining the _____ Committee

Being an Assisting Minister _____ Being an Acolyte _____ Being an Usher _____

Being a Greeter _____

Name _____ Phone _____

The pastor, a council member or a committee member will call you to give you more information. Thank you for your interest!

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Elsie Antonio, Lillie Bosler, Lisa Clark, Jack Cross, Barbara Diehl, Carol Diehl, 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.