



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

ReMarks and ReMindørs

September 15, 2021

HOAGIE NIGHT!

If you placed an order for hoagies, then tomorrow – Thursday – is when they will be delivered. Hoagies will arrive between 6-6:30 PM in the social room. This is the last one for Heavenly Helpers until next year. So chew slow and enjoy your hoagie dinner – it's a long way to June!

AND SPEAKING OF FOOD...

This Sunday, September 19th, is Harvest Home Sunday! If you can, please bring non-perishable food items to church with you on Sunday. You can place your items on the window sill as you walk to your seat. Of course, you can ask the greeters, council members for help with this if you wish. Another option is to drop off your food items at church from 9 to 2PM on Thursday or Friday. All of the food donations are going to The Open Link. Even though we are still designated as the “cereal” church, any and all donations are needed and welcome! Our Youth Outreach Group has volunteered to help deliver the food to The Open Link.

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

At their August meeting, Church Council approved a new job position and job description for the Director of Christian Education to become effective October 1, 2021. The old position of Director of Family Ministries will expire as of September 30, 2021.

Congregation members interested in the position should take note of the following:

Director of Christian Education: St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Pennsburg is seeking a Director of Christian Education. The position involves the coordination of all education ministries including Sunday School, Confirmation class and other related education programs. A college degree is not required but experience in the religious education field is desirable. The position is parttime and salaried, with an anticipated average of 15 hours per week. Interested parties can call 215-679-9015 or send a resume to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 81 Main Street, Pennsburg, PA 18073 or email to: stmarks@stmarkspennsburg.com

Installation Service: As you may have seen in the letter that was sent out recently, we will be holding an installation service for Pastor Russ on September 26th at 2:00 PM. This is a special service marking a new chapter in the life of St. Mark's. We will celebrate with music and guests from the Synod. There will be light refreshments following the service. So mark your calendars and help make this day a celebration for St. Mark's and an official welcome for Pastor Russ. Please let us know if you are planning to attend.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

We have returned to two worship services – 8AM and 10:15AM. Both will offer Holy Communion. Please consider signing up to help with worship. Pastor Russ is looking to increase the roster of Assisting Ministers. The September/October dates are filled for Ushers and Greeters are filled. Thanks for helping out! The next greeter/usher time slots to be filled will be for November and December dates – and that brings us to the end of the year! How did that happen so fast??

Sunday School and CAT Class are meeting Sunday mornings at 9AM. It is so good to hear the sounds of kids back together again!

Adult Bible Study will be meeting in the multi-purpose room at 9AM. They do have a Zoom option for those who cannot attend in person. 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

OUTREACH

Outreach Collections – each month you are invited to reach out to our neighbors in need with your gifts and offerings. Among the organizations receiving our gifts will be Open Link, Safe Berks, the PJ Project, Mitzvah Circle, and The Bread. For the next three weeks Sept 19 - Oct 3, we will be collecting **new** socks and **new** underwear of all sizes. You may bring them and place socks on the "sock tree", and the underwear ~ all sizes~ in the blue bin ~ both in the hallway by the offices. Thank you!

YOUTH OUTREACH

Youth Outreach continues to work 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! The name of their team is Team Lenny's Light.

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!

Be sure to stop by the table outside the library when you are here on Sunday. There are Team Lenny's Light tee shirts for sale! The price is \$15. Many sizes are available – one is just right for you!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Nicholas Berger on earning his Eagle Scout Rank! For his Eagle project, Nicholas built a sand volleyball court at the North Campus of New Hanover Methodist Church where his Eagle Court of Honor was held on Sunday, September 12th. Nicholas has earned 46 merit badges, 6 palms and spent 116 nights camping with his troop. Some of his favorite camping trips mentioned were Pinnacle Trail at Hawk Mountain, USS New Jersey Battleship, Cape May Coast Guard base, and this summer's trip to Philmont High Adventure Camp in New Mexico. Nicholas is the son of Angela & Seth Berger and grandson of Howard & Claudia Kulp. Thank you to everyone who has supported Nicholas!

WELCA MEETING SCHEDULE

October 12th: Naronia Gebert presenting: History of our Cemetery
November 9th: Working session
December 14th: Christmas Program & Meeting – cookie swap and filling Cookie cans.

Meetings begin with a BYO brown bag lunch at 11:30AM

First Tuesday Bible Studies (10AM): 10/5, 11/2, 12/7 at Kitty Pell's home in Pottstown.

ST. MARK'S NEED YOU!

Church Council has five members who must leave to be in compliance with term limits set by our By-Laws. Council is a great way to be part of the operation of our church. It's interesting. Issues are discussed, questions are asked, thoughts and ideas are encouraged. Talk to a Council member. You should try this!

Assisting Minister – Pastor Russ believes worship is for ALL. ALL to hear and ALL to participate in. So, if you are interested in helping with the prayers and with Communion, please give him a call. He's waiting to hear from you!

Leading a Children's Sermon – Would you like to share a Bible lesson with the kids? They are always so receptive and have the greatest perspectives. Coming forward during worship to participate is something they love to do. So if you have a story lesson you would like to share, come and speak with Pastor Russ.

Greeters & Ushers: Thank you for always saying "YES" when a call comes through asking if you would help out with greeting people or handling the offering duties. Sign ups for November and December will be coming soon.

Acolytes are scheduled by Connie Taglieber. Usually they are CAT class members, but you can do this even if you are a CAT class grad!

Lay Readers are scheduled by Joan Brunner. If you want to be on a reader list, please contact her.

Committees: We have several committees and they are always welcoming of new members. There's Altar Guild, Communion Set-Up, Outreach, Caring Ministries (which includes many sub-committees like Meals of Caring, Forget Me Not, Happy Lutherans, Prayer Chain), WELCA, Mission Team, Property. Some meet once a month, some only as needed. It's a great way to get involved with church activities.

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 _____ Leading a children's sermon _____

Name _____ Phone _____



Mark your calendars! It's only 10 days away! Help celebrate the installation of Pastor Russ.

Yes! I / We plan to attend the Installation Service on Sept. 26th at 2:00 PM

Name _____ # Attending _____

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Elsie Antonio, Ed Bieler, Lillie Bosler, Lisa Clark, Jack Cross, Barbara Diehl, Carol Diehl, Marilyn Donis, Andrew Erb, Marie Grubb, John Gruver, David Haines, Jill Haldeman, 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.