



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

ReMarks and ReMindors

October 1, 2021

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

Church Council would like to recognize and thank Dawn Harris for her 21 years of directing the education and activities of our Sunday School and Confirmation classes here at St. Mark's. Having decided to return to school for her Master's Degree, we wish her much success. Thank you, Dawn!

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

LIFE PASSAGES

On September 27th, Dawn Harris' mother, Julia DeGrendele, entered eternal rest. Reading her obituary, you will see Julia lived a life filled with learning, teaching, volunteering and enjoying time with her family. A memorial service will be held at Strunk Funeral Home, 821 W. Broad Street in Quakertown on Saturday, October 16th. Visitation will be at 10:30 AM, memorial service at 11:00 AM. If you wish to send Dawn a card or note, her address is 2150 Weiss Road, Quakertown, PA 18951

On September 29th, Meryl Markley passed on to eternal rest. Meryl has been a very longtime member of our church family. He enjoyed the kids doing noisy

offering. He was a supporter of youth activities, sending cards to Youth Outreach and to Sunday School thanking them for the projects they took on to help others here at St. Mark's and in the community. His kindness will be missed by many. Funeral arrangements are still pending.

UNDERSOCK-TOBER!

Yes, it's another one of those Outreach months! They couldn't decide which was needed more – socks for warm toes, or underwear for basic needs. So, they are doing both! It's the month of Undersock-tober! There's a sock tree in the hallway just waiting for you to hang a **new** pair of socks on it. A blue bin is right there waiting for donations of **new** underwear. All sizes are needed – from small child through adult. These will be distributed to families in need and in shelters. This is the last week for this collection! Thanks to all those who have hung socks on the tree and helped fill the blue bin with underwear ☺

P J PROJECT

There will be a bake sale this Sunday! Sunday dinner dessert already made just for you!! As its name implies, the P J Project collects and distributes pajamas to shelters and through agencies to people in need. A nice, warm pair of pajamas brings warmth and comfort on a chilly night. They are working with Boyertown Multi Service Unit to create Elf Bags which will be distributed to families to be used on Christmas Eve. The bags will contain the pajamas, a book, a game, hot cocoa mix and popcorn. The bake sale will help fund the purchase of the pajamas needed for the Elf Bags. There will also be a **noisy offering** on the 1st and 3rd Sundays during October and November which will be used to purchase pajamas. So, please, bring your change – help the kids help others in need!

YOUTH OUTREACH

Youth Outreach continues to work towards donations and sponsors for their team. The Walk For ALS takes place in October 9th. That's a week from this Sunday! You can use a pew envelope and the form below to place in offering plate Or go to web.alsa.org/goto/SMLCYO (I found it easier to go to ALS Walk Lehigh Valley. Then entered the team and walker) You can even sign up to walk with them! The name of their team is **Team Lenny's Light**. The team raised their goal up from \$3500 to \$5600 – and they are only short of the new goal by \$600! There is still time to donate if you wish – donations all go to research for ALS.

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

Name _____ Env.# _____

Donation Amount \$ _____

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!

Thank you from Youth Outreach!



This is a photo of some members of the Youth Outreach Group with Lenny. He stopped by to spend some time with the group and share some pizza! Lenny will be with the kids on the ALS Walk.

WELCA

October 12th: Naron Gebert presenting: History of our Cemetery

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

LOOKING AHEAD

The Outreach Collection for October 10 – 30th will be Toiletries. Items such as shampoos, shaving cream, body wash, tooth brush and tooth paste, etc. will be distributed to various organizations and shelters including The Open Link, Mitzvah Circle, Safe Berks, P J Project, and The Bread. These items can be regular size or the small sample size. There will be a blue bin in the hallway available for your donations. Thank you!

Mark your calendars! Saturday, October 30th from 6-9PM Donna & Jeff Ney are hosting Fall Fest Family Fun Night. There will be a bonfire, hayrides, pumpkin decorating, games and treats. All ages are welcome but children under 13 will need to be accompanied by an adult. Stay tuned for more information!

ST. MARK'S NEED YOU!

There are so many ways to get involved – as much or as little as your schedule allows. So many ways to share your ideas, your talents, your thoughts. You are St. Mark's! Please use the form below to find out more!

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 _____

Good time or day to call _____ OR instead

Email me at _____

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Elsie Antonio, Ed Bieler, Lillie Bosler, Lisa Clark, Jack Cross, Barbara 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.