



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

ReMarks and ReMindors

October 28, 2021

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### OUTREACH

The October Outreach Collection for toiletries such as shampoo, shaving cream, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc., goes until Sunday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. The items collected will go to The Open Link and The Well.

PJ Project ~ Youth Outreach and Outreach provided tasty treats for people watching the Halloween Parade last Sunday. The donations received totaled \$290. This will all go to the PJ Project. The November collection will also focus on the PJ Project – more on that in next week's issue.

Youth Outreach ~ Our Youth Outreach group received a letter from Senator Bob Mensch congratulating them for their outstanding work for ALS. They raised \$7,500 for ALS research. It was quite an accomplishment.

The following is a note received from Lenny Rafalko:

*As noted in last week's Remarks and Reminders, participation by Team Lenny's Light in the Walk to Defeat ALS was a smashing success. The Team, sponsored by St. Mark's Youth Outreach Group, was the largest presence at the Walk, featuring more than 40 walkers and five canine companions. The Team raised more than \$7,500, which was the third highest among 63 participating teams.*

*I wish to thank everyone involved with the Walk, fundraising, and awareness. I am fortunate to be part of the St. Mark's community. In particular, I am humbled by my experience with the Youth Outreach Group. I admire the Group's leadership, enthusiasm and encouragement. I believe that each of us has the gift to make someone else feel special. Youth Outreach realized that gift, as I truly felt special being part of Team Lenny's Light.*

*Thank you, Lenny Rafalko.*

### REFORMATION SUNDAY

This Sunday is Reformation Sunday. We will also be celebrating the confirmation of Jessica Henry and Brianna Mowrer. This special day will begin with a breakfast for Brianna and Jessica and their families. Confirmation will be during the 10:15AM service with special music by Ethan Harris and Joan Brunner.

**COUNCIL IS TALKING CHRISTMAS ALREADY!!**

Church Council approved a new job position and job description for the Director of Christian Education. If interested, please contact the church office.

**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](mailto:stmarks@stmarkspennsburg.com)

**Did you notice?** There’s been a change in a couple of our pews. Church Council has contracted with Carl Stofflet to shorten a few of the pews to accommodate wheelchairs. Now someone in a wheelchair can sit alongside family or friend.

Church Council approved the change in our Christmas Eve and Sunday after Christmas worship services as recommended by our Worship Committee. The new schedule is as follows:

- December 24<sup>th</sup> – Family Service will begin at 4:00 PM
- December 24<sup>th</sup> – Candelight Service will begin at 8:00 PM
- December 26<sup>th</sup> – One service at 10:15 AM.  
No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study

**POINSETTIAS**

We have an early deadline for ordering poinsettias for Christmas. The orders must be in by Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. The cost for each of those beautiful plants is only \$13.00. Please use the form below and include the amount. The plants can be taken home after the Christmas Eve services.

**POINSETTA ORDER**

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

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$13.00 each Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include payment with order.**

**Orders are due December 5<sup>th</sup>**

**REQUEST FROM THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Please note: SUMMER flowers are to be removed from the cemetery by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>,  
All FALL flowers are to be removed from the cemetery by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Christmas flowers, wreaths and decorations can be placed after December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**REDNER’S SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM**

Kathy was in totaling up the register tapes from Redner’s you brought in over the last few months. The total came to over \$28,000 – that’s a lot of shopping! One thing she pointed out was that at the end of the tape receipt, there is a line “Today’s 1% Save-A-Tape total is \$\_\_\_\_\_” That number is needed when submitting the register tapes. We must submit the entire receipt. Thanks to all who are part of this program!

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## **GREETERS & USHERS**

The list of greeters and ushers for November and December will be posted on the board in the narthex. These will also be included in the Remarks & Reminders next week

### **CALENDAR NOTES**

Monday, Nov 1          Courtyard Hours 9 – 11AM

Tuesday, Nov 2        Courtyard Hours 1 – 3PM

Wed., Nov 3            Al-Anon 1PM

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

Sunday, Nov 7        All Saints Sunday  
Noisy Offering (P J Project)

Tuesday Nov 9        WELCA – BYO Lunch at 11:30AM, social room

## **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, Peggy Haines, Harold Hieter, Lucy Kern, Lisa Krause, Marie Jones, Dennis Laubach, Barbara Lehmann, Pat Matthews, Kenneth Miller, Kenny Mohr, 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.