



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

ReMarks and ReMindors

November 4, 2021

TIME IS MOVING

At 2:00 AM November 7th (or whatever time works for you!) turn your clocks back one hour – or you will be the first one at church! It's a sure sign that the seasons have changed – along with the frosted lawns this week. Time to put away the lawn mower and get out the leaf rakes. We just celebrated Reformation Sunday. This week is All Saints Day. Before you know it, Thanksgiving Day will be here. Then just a few days later, it's the beginning of Advent. Whew! I think I will enjoy that “extra” hour Saturday night/Sunday morning.

OUTREACH

The November collection will be focused on the PJ Project. Think of how comforting it will be for a child to snuggle into some new, warm pajamas on a cold wintry night. Pajamas in sizes 10/12, 14/16 and all adult sizes for the older children are being requested. We are also using the 1st and 3rd Sunday in November (that's this Sunday, Nov. 7th and also November 21st) as a **Noisy Offering** Sunday. The noisy offering will help buy pajamas. The plan is for these pajamas to go into Elf Bags which will also contain a small game or deck of cards, a packet of hot chocolate mix, a book. The Elf Bags will be distributed to families in need.

A big THANK YOU to Jeff & Donna Ney for hosting the Fall Fest Family Fun Night and the Outreach Team for setting it all up. It sure was a lot of fun – hayrides, pumpkin painting, games, s'mores, and singing – the songs were Fall / Pumpkin themes worded to familiar Christmas caroling tunes. I know amazing is the only word to describe the singing 😊

COUNCIL IS TALKING CHRISTMAS ALREADY!!

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 24th – Family Service will begin at 4:00 PM

December 24th – Candlelight Service will begin at 8:00 PM

December 26th – One service at 10:15 AM. No Sunday School.

POINSETTIAS

We have an early deadline for ordering poinsettias for Christmas. The orders must be in by Sunday, December 5th. 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. You can give your order to Joan Brunner, Diane Mohr or to the church office.

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 5th

REQUEST FROM THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

All Fall flowers need to be removed from the cemetery by December 1st.
Christmas flowers, wreaths and decorations can be placed after December 1st.

REDNER'S SAVE~A~TAPE PROGRAM

Those Redner's register tapes you bring to the church office has just given us \$281.91. A check from Redner's was received this week. Thank You! to all who participate in this program.

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 in order for it to be included.

SANCTUARY VILLAGE – TINY HOUSE

The following was sent to us from our synod (Southeastern Pennsylvania – SEPA) in support of Sanctuary Village:

Sanctuary Village's mission of building tiny houses for people experiencing homelessness is a challenge. The city has never permitted tiny homes before – so we are facing lots of hurdles – but we are slowly but surely plowing through the red tape. Your help is truly needed.

A benefit concert *A SNAZZY JAZZY CHRISTMAS* is being held at Christ Lutheran Church, Kulpville (and as a livestream) on Sunday, November 28 (Thanksgiving Weekend). The artist is an accomplished and professionally trained singer, who experienced homelessness in Philadelphia some years ago.

The address for Christ Lutheran is: 2211 Mainland Road, Harleysville. Masks are required for in-person attendance. Suggested donation is \$15.00 – which can be paid in advance on-line or paid at the door. For more information, please visit www.tinyhousecommunity.org

THE OPEN LINK

The Food Pantry is in need of the following for Thanksgiving:

\$10 or \$20 gift cards from Weis or Redner's for turkey or ham	
Mashed Potatoes	Canned Green Beans
Stuffing	Cranberry Sauce
Canned Sweet Potatoes	Mixed Fruit in Juice
Canned Pumpkin	Muffin or Cake Mix

These items can be brought to The Open Link at 452 Penn Street in Pennsburg during their office hours (Monday – Friday 8AM to 4PM). You can also drop them off here at church – use the shopping cart in the hallway.

CALENDAR NOTES

Sunday, Nov 7	All Saints Sunday Noisy Offering Youth Outreach – 6PM
Tuesday, Nov 9	WELCA – BYO Lunch – 11:30 AM, social room Outreach Committee – 6:30 PM
Wed., Nov 10	AI-Anon 1PM

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, 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.

GREETER & USHER SCHEDULES

The schedules for November & December follow. They are each on a separate page – please scroll down. Thank you to all who help with our worship service

GREETER AND USHER SCHEDULES

8:00 AM GREETERS & USHERS

NOV	7	GREETERS & USHERS: Bonnie Gillespie, Sharon Schultz
	14	GREETERS & USHERS: Wendy Adam, Peg Pennepacker
	21	GREETERS & USHERS: Mike & Julia Slotter
	28	GREETERS: Amy and Bonnie Hagenbuch USHERS: Amy Hagenbuch Reenie Edelman
DEC	5	GREETERS & USHERS: Peg Pennepacker, Sharon Schultz
	12	GREETERS & USHERS: Wendy Adam, Karen Keller
	19	GREETERS & USHERS: Amy Hagenbuch, Bonnie Gillespie
	26	No 8:00 AM service

10:15 AM GREETERS & USHERS

NOV	7	GREETERS: Carol Gressley, Connie Beers USHERS: Church Council
	14	GREETERS: Donald & Dorothea Cooper USHERS: Gail Allen, Joan Brunner, Donald & Dorothea Cooper
	21	GREETERS & USHERS: The Taglieber Family
	28	GREETERS: Mike & Julia Slotter USHERS: Mike & Julia Slotter Barbara Bieler
DEC	5	GREETERS: Joan Brunner, Darlene Reck USHERS: Church Council
	12	GREETERS: Mike & Julia Slotter USHERS: Mike & Julia Slotter Marybeth & Kali Rose Theoret
	19	GREETERS & USHERS: The Schmitt Family
	26	GREETERS: Harriet Rapine, Barbara Scholl USHERS: Harriet Rapine, Barbara Scholl Terry & Kathy Romich