



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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November 19, 2021

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### CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE IN TIME FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>:**

**The congregational meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup> will be held following the 10:15AM service only.** This is a change in time previously stated. We will be approving the budget for the upcoming year and approving the revised constitution. Nominees for Church Council will be announced as well.

Beginning November 28<sup>th</sup>, masking will be optional. We do hope that you will keep the safety and well-being of others in mind and in practice!

The next Council meeting is Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

### OUTREACH

The Outreach Collection for November centers on the P J Project. A new warm pair of pajamas is comforting on a cold winter night! Needed are pajamas in larger sizes – 10/12 and 14/16 as well as adult sizes (SM to XL) for the older children. Along with the pajamas, family games for ages 8 and up will go into Elf Bags ( i.e.: card games, medium size board games, etc.) and be distributed to families in need. The cash collected during our Noisy Offering today will go towards the purchase of pajamas as well.

Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> is Advent Family Night. It's from 6 to 8PM so pizza and drinks will be offered! Crafts are being planned by Jill, Amy and Reenie. Come one or come many – it is sure to be a good time!

**NEEDED: FRUIT BASKET SPONSORS!** Once again St Marks will bless some very special people with a Holiday Fruit Basket. Some are seniors, some are grieving, others are sick, but all could use a gift of God's love. We will be ordering more than 60 pre-made baskets from Redner's to be distributed at the beginning of December.

The approximate average cost of the two sizes is \$12.50. If you'd like to assist with the project, place your donation of any amount in the Sunday offering, or mail it to church, and mark it "Fruit Baskets." Thank you for sharing God's grace!

**SCHEDULE FOR 12 DAYS OF HOLIDAY DONATIONS:**

**12 DAYS of Christmas**

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St Mark's Lutheran Church in Pennsburg is sponsoring Twelve Days of Holiday Donations. On the time listed for each date, you can drop off the corresponding donation (or all donations on one date if you prefer). The drop-off location is St Marks's parking lot - contact-free and covid safe. All items will be donated to the Open Link, The Welcome Church (homeless shelter), the PJ Project (women/children's shelters), and the clothing closet at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Allentown.

- Dec.1 (9am-11am)** Gift Cards (Walmart, Target, Kohl's, local eateries)
- Dec.2 (6pm-8pm)** Baby items – Diapers of all sizes, Baby Wipes, Formula
- Dec.3 (2pm-4pm)** Scarves, Hats, Gloves, and Socks (new)
- Dec.4 (9am-11am)** Toiletries (travel size and regular size)
- Dec.5 (10am-12pm)** Laundry Items (Regular sizes)
- Dec.6 (6pm-8pm)** Coats/Jackets (new and gently used, please no other clothing)
- Dec.7 (2pm-4pm)** Feminine products
- Dec.8 (9am-11am)** Coffee, Creamer, Sugar
- Dec.9 (6pm-8pm)** Sanitizer, Sanitizing Wipes, Tissues, Cough Drops
- Dec.10 (2pm-4pm)** \$5 gifts cards from Target, Dunkin Donuts, CVS
- Dec.11 (9am-11am)** Cereal (hot/cold cereals, nonperishable breakfast items)
- Dec.12 (10am-12pm)** Pajamas (all sizes, new and gently used)

*There are many people/families in need this year. Please help if you can.*

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The Twelve Days of Holiday Donations was such a great success last year, We decided to do this again! We received such a great giving response. The organizations we donated these items to were delighted!

If you can find time in your schedule to jump in to one of the above collection times, please go to the link below (or call the church office)

Sign Up Genius link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0845acac28a4f85-twelve>

Your help will be greatly appreciated!

### **YOUTH OUTREACH**

Youth Outreach will be writing Christmas cards to go along with the fruit baskets. They are also organizing Christmas caroling for December 12<sup>th</sup>. We did this last year and it was a great experience. The warm thanks we received just shook off the chilly air. Everyone meets in the social room at 6PM. So bring a flashlight, put on a warm hat and go singing through the streets! Mark your calendar – December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. Hope to see you!

### **CEMETERY REQUEST**

Please remove all Fall flowers from the cemetery by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. After that, your Christmas flowers / decorations can be placed. Thanks!

### **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.

**THINGS TO KNOW**

Autumn Taglieber, daughter of Mike & Connie Taglieber, has been accepted into the National Honor Society! Congratulations, Autumn!

Bell rehearsals are beginning Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:15PM.

The Thrift Shop on 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Pennsburg is in need of volunteers. Stop in or call Fred at 215-679-6555 if you can help with moving items, pricing, etc.

Dottie came in and displayed books for Thanksgiving in the main library. There are also many puzzles just waiting for you to try. Whether a book or a puzzle, come in and take one home – when you are done, just bring it back and choose another.

A Snazzy Jazzy Christmas at Christ Lutheran Church, 2211 Mainland Road in Harleysville. The concert is on Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM. It's a benefit for Sanctuary Village. For more information: [www.tinyhousecommunity.org](http://www.tinyhousecommunity.org)

**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. 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 5<sup>th</sup>**

**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 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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**PRAYER LIST**

Kenny Mohr came home from the hospital under hospice care. Please keep the Mohr family in your prayers.

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, Mitchell Kulp, Marie Jones, Dennis Laubach, Barbara Lehmann, Pat Matthews, Kenneth Miller, Kenny Mohr, Thomas Mohr, Sylvie Moll-Peugh, 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.