



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

ReMarks and ReMindors

November 24, 2021

OUTREACH

Next Wednesday, one week from today, we begin the Twelve Days of Holiday Donations! The first one on the list is for gift cards. These will be given to The Open Link and will be one of the gifts a parent can choose when they shop at The Open Link's Christmas Room.

Please take a minute and check out all the other days of the Twelve and the collection times. All items will be donated to The Open Link, The Welcome Church (a homeless shelter), the PJ Project (women/children's shelters, and the Clothing Closet at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Allentown.

If you can help with collecting, please go to the Sign-Up Genius Link below or call the church office. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

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

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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ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT

Friday, December 3rd, is Advent Family Night. It's from 6PM to 8PM so pizza and drinks will be offered! (Pizza and Fridays just go together!) Crafts are being planned for all levels of "craft-ability". So come one or come many – it is sure to be a good time!

NEEDED: FRUIT BASKET SPONSORS! Once again our Outreach Committee 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 love from St Marks. We will be ordering more than 60 pre-made baskets from Redner's to be distributed December 4th & 5th. They will cost no more than \$10 each. If you would like to assist with this 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 love!

YOUTH OUTREACH

Youth Outreach has been writing Christmas cards to go along with the fruit baskets. They are also organizing Christmas caroling for December 12th. 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 12th at 6PM. Hope to see you!

ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree is up and decorated with Christmas wish ornaments! Please consider taking one of the ornaments to fulfill the Christmas wish listed. Then attach the ornament tag to the **unwrapped** gift and place it under the Angel Tree. Or if you prefer, it can be dropped off at The Open Link, 452 Penn St., Pennsburg

CEMETERY REQUEST

Charlie Schultz has asked that you remove all Fall flowers from the cemetery by Dec. 1st. After that, your Christmas flowers / decorations can be placed. Thanks!

THINGS TO KNOW

By now, many of you have heard that Kenny Mohr has passed away. This happened last Sunday, November 21st. There will be a viewing at Falk Funeral Home on Thursday, December 2nd from 5 to 8PM. On Friday, December 3rd, there will be a 10AM calling time here at St. Mark's followed by a memorial service at 11AM.

The Handbell rehearsal has been postponed to December 9th at 6:30 PM.

The Thrift Shop on 4th 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.

There still may be time to fit this into your weekend plans. This concert is being offered in person and virtual. More information can be found on the link included here. A Snazzy Jazzy Christmas at Christ Lutheran Church, 2211 Mainland Road in Harleysville. The concert is on Sunday, November 28th at 3 PM. It's a benefit for Sanctuary Village. For more information, please go to: www.tinyhousecommunity.org

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.

NOTES OF THANKS

In keeping with this week of Thanksgiving, St. Mark's has received notes of thanks from our scholarship recipients. Jessica Pyne writes that, in addition to her ongoing studies this year, she has been accepted into Moravian University's Graduate Program for a Master's in Athletic Training. Jacob Bardsley thanks you for helping make it possible for him to pursue a career in Economics at James Madison University. Keegan Fonder writes that he is continuing studies in International Business at Shippensburg University and has added minors in German Studies and Communication Studies. Adam Schultz is completing his senior year in Computer Science and Philosophy at Slippery Rock University. He has been given the opportunity to work as an apprentice studying high performance computing systems. Connor Mack sends thanks for helping him get started at Lehigh Carbon Community College. This is his first semester of college. Jenna Folk is thankful for your support as she earns her degree in Architecture at Penn State University.

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

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 – Candelight Service will begin at 8:00 PM

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

A congregational meeting has been scheduled for December 12th and will be held **FOLLOWING THE 10:15AM SERVICE**. 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 on November 28th, masking will be optional. We do hope that you will keep the safety and well being of others in mind and in practice!

POINSETTIAS

There's still time even though we have an early deadline this year 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 drop your order off at 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

FRUIT BASKET DONATIONS

If you would like to help us bring some holiday cheer to some of our very special church family members, please consider donating any amount towards the purchase of these baskets.

Your Name _____

Your Envelope Number _____ Amount \$ _____

CALENDAR NOTES

Monday, Nov 29	Church Council – 7PM
Wed., Dec. 1	Al-Anon 1PM
	Begins 12 Days of Holiday Donations
Friday, Dec.3	Memorial Service – 11AM
	Advent Family Night – 6PM
Saturday Dec 4	Delivery of fruit baskets
Sunday, Dec 5	Poinsettia orders due
	Youth Outreach – 6PM
Thurs, Dec 9	Handbell Rehearsal – 6:30 PM
Sunday, Dec 12	Congregational Meeting – following 10:15AM service
	Caroling – 6PM

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 _____

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, Mitchell Kulp, Marie Jones, Dennis Laubach, Barbara Lehmann, Pat Matthews, Kenneth Miller, 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.