



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

ReMarks and ReMinders

December 1, 2021

DID YOU NOTICE THE DATE?

Did you see that it is already the month of December? We have already celebrated the first Sunday of Advent. Today begins the Twelve Days of Christmas Donations. Friday is Advent Family Night. I think we are on a fast road to Christmas! Be sure to check the section about caroling and Church Council news. There's new information for you.

OUTREACH

Today is the first of the Twelve Days of Christmas Donations. Our very first donation came right at 9AM this morning. The first item 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.

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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Please take a minute and check out all the other days of the Twelve and the collection times. (Of course, all items are gratefully accepted no matter the day) Items donated will go 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>

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!

FRUIT BASKETS

Thank you for supporting this Outreach event. Your donations have enabled Outreach to purchase 62 baskets of fruit! These baskets will be delivered this Saturday. Thank you for all your help.

YOUTH OUTREACH CAROLING

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. There is a change to the evening: Youth Outreach has decided to do the caroling at Red Hill Estates this year. Kids will meet at 6:00 PM in the church parking lot to carpool to Red Hill Estates with the Youth Outreach leaders. They would love to have you join them. Just meet at the clubhouse at Red Hill Estates. Caroling will begin at 6:30 PM. Wear a warm hat, bring a flashlight; come and enjoy sharing Christmas cheer!

ANGEL TREE

There are still some ornaments left on the Angel Tree. 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, The Open Link is asking that all gifts be dropped off **no later than December 13th**.

WELCA

On December 7th there will be a bible study in Kitty Pell's home in Pottstown at 10AM. This will be followed by a lunch at Sunnybrook. This is the last bible study of 2021. Please let Elaine or Dottie know if you are interested in attending so they can have an accurate count for the lunch. Masks will be required.

On December 14th there will be a WELCA meeting here in our social room. The meeting begins at 11:30AM with a BYO Lunch followed by a short Christmas program and a cookie swap.

THINGS TO KNOW

The calling time for Kenny Mohr at Falk Funeral Home is Thursday from 5 to 8PM. On Friday, December 3rd, there will be a calling time at church at 10AM with a memorial service following at 11:00 AM.

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.

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

CALENDAR NOTES

- 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
- Tuesday, Dec 14 WELCA – 11:30 AM

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.