



The Parish Post

SEPTEMBER 2019

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September 8, 2019

8:15 am **Traditional Indoor Service**

9:45am **Rally Day Activities**

11:00 am **Contemporary**

Outside Service



Join us at the

**Church
Picnic!**



Noon - **Picnic**

MISSION STATEMENT: Nourished by Word and Sacrament, the mission of the members of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church is to spread God's Word in Jesus Christ through our thoughts, words, and actions, proclaiming God's good news for all to hear and live.

EXTRAVAGANZA

All items are locally Handmade.



September 5, 6 & 7

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

4200 Londonderry Road, Harrisburg, PA

Proceeds to benefit St. Mark's Ministries & *Vickie's Angel Foundation*



LAST BBQ OF THE SEASON



Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019

Chicken & Ribs BBQ

10:30 am till gone!

\$9.00 Chicken Dinner

\$12.00 Ribs Dinner

Reserve your dinner in advance!

ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH
ST. MARK'S



PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in this outreach to our community. There will be a training session with a rep from the Central PA Food Bank on Wednesday September 18, at 6:00PM in Fellowship Hall. Attendance is not mandatory but it is highly recommended that you attend if at all possible.

SPECIAL DATES

- Labor Day, September 2, 2019
- National Grandparents Day, September 8, 2019
- Patriot Day, September 11, 2019
- Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 – Oct. 15, 2019
- First day of autumn, September 23, 2019

of the
Women ELCA

Tuesday, September 3 - 9 am - Projects Day
Monday, September 9 - 4 pm - W/ELCA Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 10 - 10 am - Esther Circle
Tuesday, September 24 - 6:30 pm - Eve Circle

LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION -
30th Annual Camp Hebron Fall Retreat, Friday, Saturday &
Sunday, November 1-3, 2019. Retreat Theme: "Women of Faith,
Their Story and Ours".

1. Total amount (weekend package) \$195.00
2. Friday night only, & Saturday \$125.00
3. Saturday only \$60.00 (3 meals & speaker)

Saturday breakfast served at 8:00 a.m. - Session 2 begins at 9:00 a.m. Forms will be provided on the W/ELCA Bulletin Board.



All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

I have enjoyed thinking just a little outside the box this summer by preaching on readings other than the lectionary assigned Gospel each week. I hope you have enjoyed it, too. Preaching on the First or Second reading for the week also means that our Wednesday Bible study has been based on those other readings as well. This has given me the opportunity to delve into some of those readings more deeply than I have in the past. As someone once said, "One who teaches learns twice!"

Looking at scriptures other than the Gospels has also reminded me of Paul's words to his young friend Timothy about all of scripture being "God-breathed." The New International Version translation of this verse translates the Greek *theopneustos* more literally than our New Revised Standard Version, which says all of scripture is "inspired" by God. While being inspired by God is a good thing, to be God-breathed seems to me to give God a more active role in making the scriptures what God wants them to be. The Greek word *pneuma* means wind or breath and is the Greek version of the Hebrew word *ruach* used in the opening words of Genesis to describe the breath or wind that moved over the waters at creation.

Paul is telling us that God speaks to us in the words of scripture and also that God breathes life into that Word. We often talk about the "Living Word of God" and God's inspirational breath is what brings God's Word to life. It still amazes me how words written thousands of years ago can so often be applied to situations we find ourselves in today. Not only that, but the same words I read, studied, and preached on a decade ago speak to me in an entirely different way today. Something that is living is never static, and God's Word is no different. The organic nature of the Living Word means that it comes to different people in different ways at different times and also that it comes to the same people in different ways in different situations. The living nature of God's Word makes it not just history, but current event; not just interesting, but useful.

Paul's description of the usefulness of scripture reminds me of my schooldays; teaching, rebuking, and correcting. In my case the training in righteousness was left to my parents and Sunday School. It may have taken some time and patience, but the lessons finally sunk in!

The scriptures teach us about God so that we can teach others. The Word of God rebukes (reprimands) us when we do wrong so we can recognize our misdeeds and (hopefully) avoid repeating them. The Bible can correct us when we begin to stray from God's will and call us back to the "straight and narrow." And training in righteousness is even more important than physical training or training in etiquette, the social graces, or any other kind of training. Training can take time, effort, and patience, like my parents, Sunday School teachers and others invested in me. That all-important training is ongoing here at St. Mark's in Sunday School, Youth Group, Confirmation Class, worship, and the example we set for one another. Biblically guided living is the best way I know of to train ourselves in righteousness so we can train others.

After 19 years of ordained ministry, and a couple years of preaching before that, I could still preach on the Gospel reading suggested every week and find something new in it every time. In fact, I sometimes think we could hear the same Gospel reading each week and never exhaust all the many ways it speaks to us. But remembering Paul's words that *all* scripture is God-breathed and useful, I think it is not only interesting and fun, but important to our growth in faith that we look outside the lectionary as well. The Bible is a whole library of books of faith to be not just read, but studied, perused, and pondered, so that we "may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." And, while we are justified by faith apart from works, good works ain't bad.

Your partner in ministry and mission,

Pr. Jim Person



The Stewardship Committee would like to thank the congregation for all of their support of time, monetary gifts and supplies that helped in large part to make this years Vacation Bible School such a success. None of it would have been possible without your help. We were able to feed dinner each night to the staff, volunteers, all the kids and their families and those of you that wished to join us. It was well received and we are hoping to make this a yearly event.

Again, thanks to you and God’s unending help, it all worked. We hope to see you next year when once again, our own St. Marks Youth and the Spirit and Truth band will play and sing all the music for the curriculum.

To my St. Mark’s family,

Thank You for all the cards and prayers on the passing of my brother, David Lingle.

Laura Young



FREE
First Saturday of every
month.
8 to 10 am

- 1 Brighton Miller
- 2 Jack Kane
- 6 Kathryn Dullen
Julie Eyer
Travis Sultzaberger
- 7 Ella Heckert
- 8 Katlyn Betz
- 10 Betsy Dressler
- 11 Luke Dullen
Sara Shoaff
- 12 Donna Gutshall
Emma Klick
- 14 Mary Elizabeth Howell
Carla Whitaker
- 15 William Graves
William Kroah
Betty Shook
- 17 Barbara Heym
- 21 Jax Phelan
- 24 Dennis Dinger
- 25 Michael Betz
- 26 Nick Bargmann
Michael Hengst
Janet Smith
- 29 Nathaniel Lawrence
Cheryl Long
- 30 Bill Shook

If your birthday is in September and we missed it, please let us know. We hope you have a happy birthday anyway.

SOCIAL SERVICES NEWS: God’s Little Acre is up and running again. If you have a garden and have any extra produce you would like to share with the congregation you may leave it in the narthex. Members who wish to take the produce are asked to leave a monetary donation. The funds raised are given to the Ecumenical Food Pantry. This project will continue through late September.

We are continuing to collect personal care items such as shampoo, soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products, etc. to be distributed at the Ecumenical Food Pantry. You may leave your donations in the cart in the narthex. This is a year round project.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Activity at Saint Marks continues as the new program year begins in September.

Extravaganza will be open for business September 5-7 and will showcase treasures by local artisans. Please come to browse for that unique gift or tell others who may enjoy shopping at events of this type or think about joining the craft artisans to help create some of those special treasures.

Rally Day, September 8 at 9:45, will signify the start of the Sunday school program year. The day's events will begin with a traditional worship service indoors at 8:15. Sunday school will be Rally Day activities including a scavenger hunt. Please plan to come and bring a friend or family member - ALL ARE WELCOME!!! At 11 AM we will have a contemporary outdoor worship service featuring the Spirit And Truth Band. Outdoor worship will be followed by a picnic. Plan to bring your favorite dish to share or just come as you are able.

The final chicken barbecue will be held September 14. The last one was so successful that it was a complete sellout. Please order your dinners in advance from a member of the Fellowship Ministry so that you are sure to be able to enjoy these delicious dinners. Remember that extra hands are always welcome for these events.

Please watch your calendars as St. Mark's youth prepare to have a flea market and other special events.

October 7 will mark the beginning of the After School Program in conjunction with the Central PA Food Bank. St. Mark's will be heating and serving dinners provided by the food bank for local school children. There will be activities and assistance with homework. This is a large collaborative effort with various ministries and we will need many, many volunteers. Whether you can volunteer one night a month or one night a week we could use your help. Be assured there will be a job for you!

Again, St. Mark's is living out our mission as we serve those in our congregation and those in our community. Please take this opportunity to join us in living that mission. The donation of your time and talents are truly appreciated as we work together to serve God and our community. We look forward to seeing you in church!

In Christian love,
Stephanie

SEPTEMBER LECTORS

	8:15 AM	11:00 AM
1	Men in Mission	Men in Mission
8	Janice Alloway	Sandy Sherwood
15	Abigail Zingone	Tracy Ingram
22	Laura Young	Lore-Lee Walak
29	Nick Zingone	David Stanton

SEPTEMBER ALTAR CARE

	8:15 AM	11:00 AM
1	Sue Bennick	Marian Person Donna Woodrow
8	Laura Young	Barb Dudek
15	Laurie Womer	Sandy Dinger
22	Barb Heym	Marian Person Donna Woodrow
29	Sue Bennick	Marian Person Donna Woodrow

SEPTEMBER FLOWER DELIVERY

1	Zara Bennett
8	June Miller
15	Laurie Womer
22	Peggy Davis
29	Tracy Ingram

SEPTEMBER GREETERS

	8:15 AM	11:00 AM
1	Men in Mission	Men in Mission
8	Shirley Johns	Outside Service
15	Don & Jeanne Flickinger	
22	Bob Gill	
29	Jane Shetrone Jill Lehman	

SEPTEMBER COMMUNION ASST.

	8:15 AM	11:00 AM
1	Men in Mission	Men in Mission
8	Jeanne Flickinger Lauren Zaccarelli-Hengst	St. Mark's Youth
15	Randy Whitaker Carla Whitaker	Dennis DeFrank Sara Jane DeFrank
22	Laurie Womer Paul Deibler	Lore-Lee Walak Elliott Walak
29	Randy Whitaker Carla Whitaker	Tracy Ingram Sandy Sherwood



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LUTHERAN CAMPING DAY AT THE YORK REVOLUTION, Saturday September 21, 2019 York Revolution vs. Lancaster Barnstormers PeoplesBank Park Gates open at 5:30, Game begins at 6:30pm Come out and enjoy a night out with Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA on September 21st as the Revs takes on the Lancaster Barnstormers during another war of the roses! All orders are due Friday, September 6th This offer is not available on the night of the game, only in advance!

An **ADULT STUDY RETREAT** on the book *We Never Asked for Wings* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh Supplemental books can be found on the website. October 1-3, 2019 At Nawakwa Registration fee: \$150 Lodging and meals provided Please call 717-677-8211 or visit LutheranCamping.org to register by September 20.

CAPTURE THE FLAG SPECTACULAR Review your camp map, paint your face, and practice your cone zone celebration dance. Invite your friends and family (parents, too) to join you in this CTF summer reunion event. Play alongside familiar faces from your week at camp, plus campers from every other week of the summer. Campfire worship to follow. Sunday, October 6, 3-5:30 pm This is a free event, but please RSVP by September 27 to 717-677-8211 or online at LutheranCamping.org

Sunday, October 20, 2019 **FALL FOLIAGE DAY** at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa Bring your family and friends to camp for a fall afternoon! Both events will run from 1-6pm. An evening meal will be provided. Registration is \$10/person. Please call 717-677-8211 or visit LutheranCamping.org by October 11 to register.

Back-to-school humor

What kind of school do you go to if you're ...
... an ice cream man? Sundae school
... a giant? High school
... a surfer? Boarding school
... King Arthur? Knight school

Teacher: What's the chemical formula for water?

Student: H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Student: Yesterday you said it was H to O.

Math teacher: A person from LA drove toward New York at 250 miles per hour as a person from New York drove toward LA at 150 miles per hour. Where did they meet?

Student: In jail!



MUSIC NOTES from Joyce

Dear friends at St. Mark's,

This article begins with an experience I had attending a music clinic in Lititz this past July. Choir directors and singers spent the day singing new anthems selected by the guest composer, Mary McDonald, and Lōser's Music Store in Lebanon. Joining two hundred voices in four-part harmony was exhilarating.

During lunch, I took special notice of the attractive banners hung in the fellowship area. The banners highlighted words beginning with the letters "re", such as Renew, Restore, Rejoice, and Review. I would add Recharge, Revitalize, and Refresh! These words can motivate, inspire, and invigorate anyone in any Ministry, including St. Mark's Music Ministry.

Here we are at the start of another church year, in September, when ensembles begin rehearsals for Sunday Worship Services. I welcome new voices, bell ringers, and children as members into our ensembles. Please feel free to talk with me at church about your interest or call me at 717-939-1235.

Please take Note

September rehearsals will begin as follows:

Mission Bells - Thursday, 6:15 pm, Sept. 5

Advent Choir - Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Sept. 11

Adult Chancel Choir - Thursday, 7:30 pm, Sept. 12

The September Sunday schedule is as follows:

Sept. 1 - 8:15 and 11:00 (no ensembles)

Sept. 8 - (no ensembles), 11:00 SATB Band Outside

Sept. 15 - 8:15 Chancel Choir, 11:00 Mission Bells

Sept. 22 - 8:15 Mission Bells, 11:00 Chancel Choir

Sept. 29 - 8:15 Chancel Choir, 11:00 Advent Choir



I am looking forward to making music with everyone and certainly welcome new people to our ministry.

In God's service,
Joyce

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO ELECTED POSITIONS

In advance of the annual Congregation Meeting in November, we are seeking nominations of members in good standing to various elected positions of leadership within the church. Available positions include: Congregation Council (3 years), Nursery School Board (2 years), Endowment Committee (3 years), Audit Committee (3 years), Voting Members to Synod Assembly (tentatively June 4-6, 2020), and Nominating Committee for 2021 (1 year). Please contact any member of the current Nominating Committee or Pastor Person with interest, questions, or recommendations by September 30, 2019. The Nominating Committee consists of Nick Zingone, Lore Lee Walak, Carla Whitaker, and Lucy Weaver.

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