The Parishioner

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Com' On! Get Into It!

For some time now, the diet craze has been in full force across the country. And diet gurus abound – each touting their diet crusade to help America shed those "P-O-U-N-D-S". One such diet guru that comes to my mind – and he has been around for quite some time – is the flamboyant cheerleader Richard Simmons. He advances his particular diet program with great enthusiasm. Once on a TV talk show where he was a guest … and as he was introduced, the music blared, the people cheered, and he came running down the aisle, clapping his hands briskly, and shouting, ***"Get into it! Get into it!"*** He is actually saying something that all church members, as well as weight watchers – these two groups are not mutually exclusive – need to hear. **IF YOU ARE GOING TO DO SOMETHING EFFECTIVELY, YOU'VE GOT TO COMMIT YOURSELF TO IT AND INVOLVE YOURSELF IN IT WHOLLY, FULLY, TOTALLY**. In other words you got to **"get into it!**

Whatever it may be: the worship life of our congregation, the program life of our church, the financial commitment of our various ministries; it is only as we decide to take off our coats, roll up our sleeves, and really "get into it" that St. Mark's becomes all that it can be. **So, c'mon; "get into it!"**

Now, with the month of June comes the longing to be outdoors … and the excitement of summer sports and vacations. The month of June also reminds the church to prepare itself for possibly three lean months (June/July/August) when attendance and offerings are usually pretty **L**

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Here at St. Mark's we hope and pray your summer will be exciting and refreshing. We also hope and pray that you will not forget us here at St. Mark's as we strive faithfully to provide a ministry in these summer months. Please plan your vacation safely and wisely. But may I suggest you include St. Mark's in your vacation plans:

1. …by inquiring into the times of worship at the church(es) in the particular area you are visiting;
2. …that while you are away, pray for St. Mark's and our ministry;
3. …and, send in your offering as your way of seeing that our ministry here at St. Mark's is kept going especially during these summer months.

And finally, in your travels this summer why not bring back the Worship Service Bulletin from the church you worshipped at. Pastor will post it on the bulletin board here at St. Mark's as a way to see how far and wide our people have traveled …and how God's people worship in many and various ways.

"Com' on! Get into it! Enjoy yourself! You worked hard and you need time to relax and renew your energy; yet, remember your commitment of faith is all your summer doings. +

Pastor Neal

CALL YOUR PASTOR

1. WHEN YOU ARE FACING A SERIOUS PROBLEM

Most Ministers have been trained to help people with their personal, family and other problems. The important judgment of a spiritual leader, together with his prayers for Divine guidance, will enable you to face your problems with confidence. Don't allow your problem to get too big for you.

2. WHEN SOMEONE IS INTERESTED IN THE CHURCH

You constantly meet young people and adults who are in your community, and others who have not united with the local church. Put in a good word for your church and tell your pastor about the prospective members.

3. WHEN THERE IS ILLNESS

Your Minister is as near as your telephone. His presence, counsel and prayer will be helpful. Your pastor will appreciate your phone call when you, your loved one or friend is sick or going to the hospital.

4. WHEN THERE IS DEATH

Your Minister should be notified when there is a death in the family. He can give comfort and counsel at this difficult time.

5. WHEN YOU MUST MAKE AN IMPORTANT DECISION

If you are a young person and face a decision about going to college, arranging your course of study, or choosing your life work, make an appointment to see your minister. The viewpoint of your spiritual advisor should be considered.

6. WHEN THERE IS A WEDDING

Your Pastor should be consulted before the wedding date is set. Since you will undoubtedly desire to have one or more conferences with your Minister, it is advisable to contact him well in advance of the wedding.

7. WHEN SOMEONE DESIRES TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

Happy, indeed is a pastor who is asked to talk with someone desiring to become a Christian. Tell your Minister about friends of yours who are interested in knowing more about the Christian faith.

Your Pastor is as close as your phone:

Rev. James F. Neal: Church Office: 724-287-6741
Cell Phone: 724-991-4942

Sign Up Today!

Don't miss the fun!

Vacation Bible School

Join us Sunday, June 16th - Thursday, June 20th!

Bible School 2019: Mission Transform

Games!

Music!

Games!

Fun!

Crafts!

Friends!

Food!

Join us this summer as we blast off to outer space to have an out of this world experience with Jesus. Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a fun-filled, five-day adventure full of Bible stories, live drama, games, songs, art, small group time and more!

Children spend the week hearing and seeing stories from the Bible, memorizing God's Word and getting hands-on experience learning what it's like to be a disciple of Jesus.

Times: Lite dinner for all at 5:30PM in Fellowship Hall

Parent drop off from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Register by calling St. Marks at (724) 287-6741

St. Mark's Kids stuff

Youth Page June 2019

2019 Confirmands

Confirmation Service takes place on Sunday, June 19th: St. Mark's 2019 Confirmands: Bailey Cypher, Brynne Morton, & Tyler Wiles.

Also, Congratulations to St. Mark's 2019 High school and College Grads

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
201 West Jefferson St.
Butler PA 16001

Darcie Pomykata, Youth Dir.
(724) 996-9245 cell/text
youth@stmarksbutler.org

VBS (Vacation Bible School)

When: Sunday, June 16th - Thursday, June 20th (there is a family picnic at Alameda on Thurs)

Times: 5:30PM is a Lite dinner

6PM— 8:30PM is parent drop off

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FUN! FOOD! CRAFTS!

FRIENDS! GAMES!

STORIES! MUSIC!

Call the Church to register!

IN"TENTS" Camp 2019

The Youth of St. Mark's are going to camp!

Where: NALC Hooversville, PA
When: Monday, July 15th— Friday, July 19th
Theme: "Fear Not: I Am With You".

Suggested Donation: $40 copay for St. Mark's Youth (includes meals and activities)
***bring $ for the campstore

This year's camp will include a high ropes course with various team building events and zip lining.

The Service project this year is "Baby Care Kits" for NALC Disaster Relief.

Fun includes heading to the lake for swimming, a trip to the Flight 93 Memorial, cooking over the fire, campfire songs, fun, food, and

KIDS CHURCH

Games! Lessons! Studies!

Puppet Skits! Crafts!

Takes place at the 10:15 Sunday Service during the Sermon

The kids start in the Sanctuary, before the Sermon they head downstairs to the room by the elevator with the leader. They will come back up for Communion.

Parent pick up is downstairs

Kids ages 4 to Confirmation age are welcomed to learn in a kid friendly way at Children's Church.—takes place every Sunday in the Month of June.

THE VOICE OF RENEWAL

The Newsletter of Lutheran Lay Renewal of America
Serving all Lutheran churches since 1971
MAY, 2019

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LLRA'S ANNUAL SUMMER RENEWAL CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2019, 8:30 AM TO 4:00 PM
ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, SAXONBURG, PA

Speaker: Bill Oehlschlager, Executive Director, Lutheran Lay Renewal of America, will lead two sessions: 7 Lessons for Living the Spiritual Life and 10 Stops on the Road to Spiritual Transformation

Join us for a spiritually uplifting and fun day of learning, small group discussion and Christian fellowship! St. Luke's Lutheran Church is located about 22 miles North of Pittsburgh at 310 W. Main St., Saxonburg, PA.

Registration fee is $15.00 and includes breakfast and lunch. Continental breakfast is at 8:30, lunch at 12:00.

Please register in advance but walk-ins will be welcome (space permitting). Register by phone, e-mail or mail:

Lutheran Lay Renewal of America
209 Thornwood Drive
Butler, PA 16001
724-287-5151
LLRAJ316@gmail.com

"The renewal conference was just what we needed. I highly recommend it to everyone seeking to help people grow in relationship with God and in discovering God's mission for their church. Bill Oehlschlager provided solid biblical/practical application insights and his own personal witness that engaged all of us in seeing God at work in our own lives. The balance between presentation, questions, answers and sharing in the group was especially rich and helpful. For individuals and congregations who want to grow in their spiritual life and in learning to share and witness Christ, Lutheran Lay Renewal is a 'not to miss opportunity.'"
– The Rev. Dr. Alden W. Towberman, Senior Pastor, St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Butler, PA

The St. Mark's website is a great place to find your church info.

Go to:

stmarksbutler.org

Evangelism Committee

Afternoon At The Movies

"Newton's Grace"

The Incredible Story Of The Prodigal Son

Who Wrote Amazing Grace.

Newton's Grace is the true story of a real "Prodigal Son," the story of miraculous forgiveness and change that lies behind the powerful words of one of the world's most beloved hymns.

Thursday, June 20 @ 2:00pm

Showing in the lounge

Everyone Welcome!

Come celebrate our Confirmands

Service of Confirmation
June 16, 2019 @ 10:15 am Worship Service
Reception in the Chapel

What it means to be confirmed in the Lutheran church?

Confirmation in the Lutheran Church is *a public profession of faith prepared for by long and careful instruction. In English, it is called "affirmation of baptism", and is a mature and public reaffirmation of the faith which "marks the completion of the congregation's program of* ***confirmation*** *ministry"* *.https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Confirmation_(Lutheran Church)*

"Confirmation is not in any way a graduation from, or an end to, anything. It is just the opposite. It is a promise to continue. When properly understood and honestly undertaken, confirmation is a ***wonderful opportunity to publicly thank God and affirm your faith in Him****."*
https://emailmeditations.wordpress.com/2014/05/23/407-a-sermon-for-confirmation-sunday/

WE NEED YOU!

The Music Department is looking for vocalist and/or Instrumentalists to enhance the worship services during the summer months. If you are interested, please telephone Mr. Ralph Christy Jr. @ (724)285-3653 and he will return your phone call.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you like to crochet or knit?

Looking for a reason to make a new project?

Want some fellowship time with other creators?

Come join the Prayer Shawl ministry team

2nd Wednesday of each month @ 1:00

WEAR RED!

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

PENTECOST

Why is Pentecost important?

Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is **celebrated** on the Sunday 50 days after Easter.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The youth are collecting items for "baby care kits they are making for NALC Disaster Relief. You may put your donated items in the box by the office (items are needed by July 1st).

THANK YOU!

Items "YOU" can donate:

- Receiving blankets
- Diapers any size
- Baby wipes
- Gift cards to Target to get supplies for "baby care kits"

Thank You!

"rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."
Colossians 2:7

"On behalf of the Jean B. Purvis Community Health Center, **we would like to thank you** and your members for your generous gift that was collected during the Community Lenten Services, Your commitment to helping the Center is greatly appreciated."

"It has been said that what distinguishes philanthropists is that they are visionaries who invest in ideas and people in whom they believe. Your gift is a testimony to your strong support of our mission. Each year the Community Health Center continues to advance its mission of providing primary health care, dental care, behavioral health care and health and wellness services to eligible residents of Butler County. Through our programs we have seen many lives changed for the better."
Sincerely,
John Righetti, Director of Development

3T Ministry,

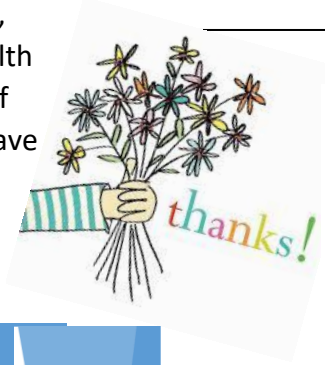
Thank you for your kindness. The blanket is appreciated and will be well used.

M. Dean Geer.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for the beautiful Blanket. I love the colors in it, and it will come in handy when I have chemotherapy. Thanks again,

Mrs. Judith Convery



Your kindness is special-

And so are you!

Thank you for your lovely quilt. It was greatly appreciated. God Bless,

Joyce & Ray Collins

"I will sing of your love and justice;
to you, LORD, I will sing praise."
Psalms 101:1

THANK YOU,

MUSIC DEPARTMENT!

Your music fills our hearts and touches our soul.

Gratitude turns what we have into enough.

~Aesop~

Thank you to all the volunteers that made the senior luncheon a success. Your gifts of service blessed all in attendance.

Our hearts, (and stomachs) are filled!

June Trivia

1. As per the beliefs of people in Iceland, what has to be done on 24th June? And, why?
2. June is regarded as the luckiest month for what?
3. The world's first one opened in Coney Island, New York on June 13th, 1884. The world's first what?

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St.Marks Evangelical Lutheran Church

(Butler, PA)

TIME CHANGE!

Saturday Service of Word & Sacrament

>>>5:00 pm<<<

Youth Sunday School

The youth will be on Summer break from

June 1- September 1

Don't forget to join us in Children's Church @ 10:15

Father

"A father is neither an Anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way."

Trivia answers: (1.) As per the folklore, if you bathe in the morning dew on June 24, you will age late in life. (2.) It is the luckiest month for marriage. (3.) Roller Coaster

Thank you, St. Mark's family, for giving me the opportunity to serve you and the church in a new capacity as the Administrative Assistant. Stop by the church office anytime Tuesday – Friday and say "Hello!" It is my honor to serve you in this new role.

Joyfully thanking God for each of you,
Wendy Holt

Serving Christ Together

St. Mark's Staff & Officers

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Financial Secretary:	Toni Tassey

Name: Date:
Class: Teacher:

Flag Day Word Search

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JUN 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						01 5:00pm Church
02 8:00am Church 9:00am Adult SS 10:15am Church 4:30-6pm Confirmation 5:30 Youth Group Picnic	03 9:00am 3T Meeting	04	05 6:30 Choir practice	06 5:00pm Katie's Kitchen	07	08 2:00pm Alter Guild 5:00pm Church
09 PENTECOST 8:00am Church 10:15am Church 9:00am Adult SS 4:30-6pm Confirmation	10	11 5:45pm Communication 6:30pm Council meeting-Confirmands to attend	12 1:00pm Prayer Shawl	13 5:00pm Katie's Kitchen	14	15 5:00pm Church
16 Confirmation 8:00am Church 9:00am Adult SS 10:15am Church	17 VBS>**Sunday----------Thursday** 5:30> Light Meal Served 6:00-8:00>Music/Crafts/Games	18	19	20 movies 2:00 Afternoon @ The Movies! 5:00pm Katie's Kitchen	21	22 8:30-4:00 Lutheran Lay Renewal @ St. John's, Saxonburg 5:00pm Church
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Parish Hours:

8:00 AM -- 5: 00 PM

Monday - Friday

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:15 AM

Sunday School: 9:00 AM

- **June 2, 2019~Youth Group End of Year Picnic**
- **June 9, 2019~Pentecost Celebration-Wear Red!**
- **June 16, 2019~Father's Day Service/Confirmation**
- **June 16-20, 2019~VBS To Mars and Beyond**
- **June 20, 2019~Afternoon @ the Movies**

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