

St. Mark's Lutheran Church News Notes

January-February 2022

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.
2 Corinthians 5:17

January Birthdays

2 – Brad Burtner
6 – Nicholas Coblentz
7 – David Axline
 Jessica Kline
8 – Janet Kline
10 – Vanessa Routzahn
14 – Marie Njiomouo
16 – Caroline Reed
17 – Joel Njiomouo
18 – Rebecca Reed
19 – Arin (Axline) Brown
20 – Zene S. Wolfe
21 – Darren Wolf
22 – Kaylee Minnick
23 – Brian Cline
26 – Kevin Spade
30 – Philip Buhrman

Come out for some old-fashioned,
just for fun

BINGO

for all ages

(No daubers or money required)

Sat., Jan. 29, 2022

2:00 p.m.

*Please bring a snack to share and, if
you wish, something appropriate for
a prize.*

February Birthdays

1 – Laverne Bosley
2 – Chad Routzahn
3 – Ann Frushour
 Cynthia (Fromm) Eckstein
4 – Ruby Dillon
5 – Diana Leatherman
6 – Emily Warrenfeltz
8 – Kiefer Chen
9 – Virginia Frushour
11 – Gavin Bush
12 – Leslie Spade
13 – Gerald Frushour
 Debbie (Hammer) Durham
14 – Alton Frushour
 Dorothy Loughlin
15 – Marion Spade
16 – Irene Palmer
18 – Caymen Mason
19 – Betty Frushour
 Cole Rudy
20 – Patsy Moser
21 – Doris Gaver
 Sawyer Routzahn
22 – Sable Frushour
23 – Merle Gaver
26 – Kelly Bush
27 – Leah Spade (#100!)
 Jim Thomas

February Anniversaries

16 – Scott and Dawn Reed



BIBLE STUDY

St. Mark's Bible Study will be taking a break this winter. We will resume on **Thurs., Feb. 24.**

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. (in person only)
The morning class also goes out for lunch the first class of each month.

or

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. (in person and Zoom)
If interested in Zoom, please make sure Pastor Eric has your e-mail address.

This semester we will be studying the book of **Genesis**. Everyone is welcome. Please join us.

SOUPER BOWL Sun., Feb. 13

(Yes, you read that correctly.)

Please bring **tomato soup** if you are supporting the AFC team and **chicken noodle soup** if you are supporting the NFC team. If you don't really care who wins the Super Bowl, please bring cans of **any other kind** of soup. All soup will be donated to the Middletown Valley Food Bank.



Date for your calendar

Ash Wednesday

**Wed., Mar. 2, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. A traditional Ash Wednesday service will be held, including the imposition of ashes for all who desire ashes, along with Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome.



Two Views

A lot of people like snow. I find it to be an unnecessary freezing of water.

Carl Reiner

To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake, it is necessary to stand out in the cold.

Aristotle

Did You Know?

Leah Spade is the oldest living member of St. Mark's and she still attends church regularly. She will be **100 years old** on **Feb. 27, 2022**.

Leah's parents were Charles and Page (Morgan) Leatherman. She was the fourth of six children: Carroll, Esther, Miriam, (Leah), Martha, and Paul. Leah grew up in the house where Carroll and wife Rebecca would eventually live.

Leah has fond childhood memories of picking wildflowers, including ladyslippers and trailing arbutus, of hunting for mushrooms, and of picking wineberries, huckleberries, and elderberries. She also learned the varied calls of whippoorwills, mockingbirds, meadowlarks and bobwhites.

At age 5, Leah began her schooling at Sensenbaugh School and graduated at age 16 from Middletown H.S., class of 1938. Of the twenty-five graduates, she is the last surviving class member. Her favorite subjects were English (she loved studying grammar) and French. To practice her French, Leah corresponded with a young lady in Belgium for many years.

In 1942, as World War II was raging across the globe, Leah started working at Fairchild in Hagerstown. Her jobs included making pulley brackets for airplane wing ailerons and operating a drill press. Wings were delivered to Glenn L. Martin Aviation in Baltimore, where PBM Mariner aircraft were assembled. During the war, Leah wrote letters to several soldiers overseas, as many folks did. One of her letters was read by Floyd Spade, stationed in England, serving with the Army. Other letters ensued, and Floyd fell in love with the Wolfsville writer. Leah and Floyd were married Oct. 15, 1949 at St. Mark's. From 1951-57, five boys were born to the happy couple: Alan, Kevin, Lonnie, Marion, and

Leslie. Leah remembers making nineteen shirts one Christmas, three for each of the boys and four for Floyd.

She and Floyd lived at Ft. Bragg, NC for a while before eventually settling into the house next door to St. Mark's, where Leah still lives. Her family now also includes six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

One of Leah's earliest memories of St. Mark's is standing on the organ bench and singing "The Ninety and Nine" with her Grandpa Morgan. She was only three years old. During warm months, Leah walked barefooted to church. In the winter, she sought out a seat close to the stove. Men sat on one side of the church while the women and children sat on the other side.

Jennie Hays was one of the first Sunday School teachers she remembers. Students received Bible story picture cards as they studied important Bible characters and stories. In later years, Leah sang in the church choir, rang handbells, and was very involved with the Children's Sunday School.

Leah has traveled extensively in the U. S. and abroad, including trips to Canada and Europe. She has seen the Rockettes in New York City and marionettes in Austria, and she has waded in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

Many years ago, Leah began her extensive research into genealogy in our region. From families to schools to churches, Leah has compiled numerous volumes of information and photos that people all over the U.S. find of great interest. Her house overflows with history and she continues to update her notebooks regularly. Perhaps this is why Leah's mind is still sharp, and her energy amazing for someone nearing the centenarian mark.

What is the secret to Leah's longevity? Perhaps it is her love of learning or her strong faith or her relationships with family and friends, or all of the above. Leah

Spade is a true gem in our church and our community and we are honored to acknowledge and celebrate this special milestone in her life. Happy Birthday, Leah!

Today, I will live today.
Yesterday has passed.
Tomorrow is not yet.
I'm left with today.
So, today, I will live today.
Relive yesterday? No.
I will learn from it.
I will seek mercy for it.
I will take joy in it.
But I won't live in it.
The sun has set on yesterday.
The sun has yet to rise on tomorrow.
Worry about the future? To what gain?
It deserves a glance, nothing more.
I can't change tomorrow until tomorrow.
Today, I will live today.
I will face today's challenges with today's strength.
I will dance today's waltz with today's music.
I will celebrate today's opportunities with today's hope.
Today may I laugh, listen, learn, and love.
And tomorrow, if it comes, may I do so again.

Max Lucado

A Little Church Humor

A four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

A little boy opened the big family Bible with fascination, looking at the old pages as he turned them. Then something fell out of the Bible. He picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages. "Mama, look what I found! The boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy's voice he answered, "I think it's Adam's suit!"

This Valentines Day,



Accept the valentine God sent to you - Jesus Christ.

