



THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2018 AT ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH



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WORSHIP - TWO OPPORTUNITIES EVERY SUNDAY:
Sunday morning at 8:30 am - Contemporary Service with Communion
Sunday morning at 11 am - Festival Service with Communion

FALL BINGO NIGHT ON NOVEMBER 3

Mark your calendars for Fall Bingo night at St. Mark - **Saturday, November 3**. Doors open at 5:30 for food sales.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS ON NOVEMBER 3

Turn your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday night, **November 3** - be on time for worship on Sunday, **November 4**.

ON NOVEMBER 4, WE REMEMBER THE SAINTS

All Saints Day is Thursday, November 1. On **Sunday, November 4**, we will again remember all of the saints who have gone to their eternal rest. Their names will be read during the prayers of the faithful and we will light candles in their memory.

NOVEMBER 11 IS SIMPLE COMMITMENT/COVENANT SUNDAY AT ST. MARK

NOVEMBER 18, WE SHARE A MEAL TOGETHER

On **Sunday, November 11**, we will make our 2019 financial commitments/covenants to St. Mark. After worship on **Sunday, November 18** (we will have one service only that morning - at **10 am**), we will celebrate St. Mark's ministries, which are possible because of your generous contributions, at a luncheon in our Social Hall. Please sign up in the Narthex to say that you will attend the luncheon.

YOUTH/FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT

Our Youth Ministry is sponsoring a Youth/Family Bowling night on **Friday, November 16** at Playhouse Lanes in Drexel Hill at **6:30 pm**. Please sign up in the Narthex; speak to Stephanie Bruskin or Pastor if you have questions.

THANKSGIVING AT ST. MARK

All "Thanksgiving" events are on our calendar.

FROM PASTOR TIM

LIVING SIMPLY

According to a 2014 study reported by the L.A. Times, the average American household has 300,000 different items, "from paper clips to ironing boards." Think about that. 300,000 separate things that exist in our homes.

I don't know exactly how many separate things are in my house, but I do know a great many of them have remained untouched for many days, months, and even years, in some cases. I can think of things I have that went untouched in the apartment we lived in a few years ago, until we packed them to move to our new house, where they have remained largely untouched ever since.

This month we are thinking a lot at St. Mark about simplicity; simplicity in our ministry as a church as well as in our individual lives. What do we need in both those arenas to live faithfully and live healthfully and abundantly? Could having fewer things in our possession lead to a simpler, more balanced life?

I am pragmatic enough to know that we need certain things to function well in our present-day reality, and sentimental enough to know that certain things, even things that we may not interact with often, have emotional value. However, I think it is very much worth prayerfully considering how many of those things that stay untouched, yet remain in our possession, we really need.

God's peace be with you always.

Pastor Tim