



MARK TIMES

October 8, 2017 + Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Celebrating 40 Years in God's Grace + Honoring the Past, Embracing the Future

From your Pastor...

Last Sunday we began our Adult Forum series about Lutherans in America with a session on Colonial Lutherans. **Henry Melchior Muhlenberg**, the "father of American Lutheranism," played a major part in that story. The day we commemorate his memory is **October 7**, the day he died in 1787. Below is an entry from his journal, which makes me wonder what in the world I'm doing with my time...



"**June 12, 1763.** Second Sunday after Trinity. Violent, steady rain. Pastor Rothenbühler requested me to announce in church that on next Wednesday he would lay and consecrate the cornerstone of a new Protestant Reformed church on Fourth Street. This embarrassed me because matters are very critical between the two factions... We sang, as chief hymn, "Komt her zu mir, spricht Gottes Sohn." I baptized a child. Preached on the Gospel text: "And yet here is room." Afterwards I made another announcement concerning the outstanding pews. At noon I went with my wife to neighbor Matthias Landeberger's and baptized his little daughter. About 2 p.m. I waded with the funeral inviter to Peter Bluhm's and to Philip Sensfelder's and escorted their two children's funerals to the church. After the burial I stopped in at the home of Peter Draess, the sick elder, whose wife was just then in labor pains. From there I went to Mr. John Graef's, where I married William Davis, widower, and Jane Müller, widow. I was summoned to Mr. Georg Bluhm, a Reformed man, and his wife, to baptize their little son. When I got home I had to marry John Closs and Susanna McLean. In the evening I went with my wife to Mr. John Graef's, where a group of their friends had assembled. We dined with them and had edifying conversation. **During the night I was much afflicted with a headache.**"

Pastor Brian

Congratulations Taylor & Garrett!



We celebrate with **Taylor Richards** of our parish family and **Garrett Currie** who were married at St. Mark this past Saturday (September 30). May God's richest blessings be upon them as they begin their new life together!

Blessing of the Animals Tonight!

Join us **TONIGHT, October 8** at 5:00PM in the upstairs courtyard for a special **SHINE**



worship service with a **"Blessing of the Animals"** in gratitude to God and in respect and affection for the Creation. **Bring your animal friends to be blessed:** dogs & cats, birds & reptiles, fish & hamsters, even stuffed animals – any creatures who share their lives with you are welcome!

Trivia Night on October 21!



St. Mark hosts a **"This is Most Certainly Trivia Night"** on **Saturday, October 21** at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall as part of our local Reformation celebrations. Tickets are **\$15 each**. Proceeds will benefit Lutheran Disaster Response. Email stmarktrivianight@gmail.com to make reservations.

Table Talk goes "to the Dogs"



Join us for the next session of St. Mark Table Talk **THIS Wednesday, October 11** at **11:30AM** in the conference room. Bring a lunch! Topic: **"Throw it to the Dogs:" Canines in the Bible.**

Registration & Deposits Due Oct. 15

Jr/Sr **TURTLES: Carlinville** event (pink paper) & **\$75**
Sr **TURTLES: Gathering** (yellow paper) & **\$50**

Make checks payable to **St. Mark Youth** and give to Melanie **NO LATER** than **Sunday, October 15**. If you lost your registration forms, let Melanie know ASAP!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday		<i>Columbus Day – office closed</i>
Wednesday	11:30AM	St. Mark Table Talk: <i>“Throw it to the Dogs: Canines in the Bible”</i>
Thursday	7:00PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	8:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday		<i>Pastor’s Sabbath</i>
Sunday, 10/15	9:00AM	The Divine Liturgy
	10:20AM	Coffee Hour
	10:30AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Adult Forum: <i>We Must Plant the Church, Part 3: To Meet Human Needs: Building Institutions</i>

Offerings for October 1, 2017

Sunday worship attendance:	69
General Fund Donations	\$2,044
Food Pantry/Darrell W. Memorial	\$40
Coffee Fund	\$35

Date	Offerings	Expenses	Difference
10/1-10/7	\$2,044	\$112.95	\$1,931.05
YTD	\$120,257.20	\$124,911.08	-\$4,653.88

FMSC Lock-in for Jr./Sr. TURTLES

Vitamins! Veggies! Soy! Rice! If you like to shout these words while packing food, then join us on **Friday, October 20**. We are leaving at 6:00PM from Pastor's house (please eat dinner beforehand). Bring money to donate. If you like staying up all night, then come to the **lock-in** at Christ Lutheran (Webster Groves) afterwards. It only costs \$10! **Let Melanie know by Wednesday, October 18 if you can make it.**



It's not too late to join **CHOIRS!** The Bell choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7PM followed by Adult Choir at 8PM. *New singers are welcome!*



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Sunday, October 15, 2017

READINGS:

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

LOOKING AHEAD

WORSHIP SERVERS

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison
Assisting Minister: Sem. Brian Moeller
Acolyte: Renee Southers
Crucifer: Rex Rothgangel
Chalice Bearer: Tom Partelow
Lector: Cheryl Newsome
Ushers: Frank Dressel & Jason Martens

Pumpkin-Palooza!

The St. Mark/St. George’s Food Pantry has a large patch of **unclaimed canned pumpkin**. The Pantry would like folks to take a few cans, bake something delicious with it, and return the baked item(s) to church for a **BAKE SALE** on **Sunday, November 12**. Proceeds will benefit the Pantry. Your imagination is the limit! Cans are available for the taking in the Welcome Area/Narthex.



All Saints Sunday

Our All Saints worship service will take place **Sunday, November 5** at 9:00AM.



Names of deceased loved ones may be entered into our Book of Remembrance, on the St. Mark table in the Welcome Area. **You are welcome and encouraged to write names of any deceased loved ones you wish to remember.**

All written names will be included in the worship folder, but **only the names of those who have died over the past year** will be read during the service, with a single toll of a bell after each name. Please mark a **star** or an **asterisk** next to the names to indicate a loved one who has died in the last year.

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