



# MARK TIMES

November 12, 2017 + Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost



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

From your Pastor...

Our friend **Martin Luther** celebrated his **534th birthday** on November 10 (and we are thrilled to welcome him back to visit with us this morning again!), but **November 11** happens to be the commemoration for *another* Martin: **Martin of Tours**. Even though our sister ELCA congregation in Mascoutah is named for **St. Martin of Tours**, he isn't one we typically think of in Lutheran circles; however, he is certainly a "hero of the faith" that Dr. Luther might suggest we look up to as an example of faithful living.



He was born in 316 in Hungary and at the age of 15(!) was forcibly inducted into the military. Six years into his service, during a very cold time he met an unclothed beggar. Martin removed his cloak and cut it in half with his sword. He gave this half to the beggar and dressed himself in the remnant. That night, Martin had a vision in which Christ appeared to him. The vision spoke to him, "Martin, a mere catechumen, has clothed me" (a catechumen is one who is being instructed in the Christian faith).

About the age of 20, Martin made clear to his superiors that he would no longer fight, following his Christian conscience. He became the first recognized conscientious objector in recorded history.

Out of the military, he dedicated himself fully to the service of Jesus and the Church, combating heresies, performing miracles, and bringing many to the Christian faith.

In 361 he established a monastery in France, and in 371 was made bishop (against his will!) of Tours, in France. He died in the year 397.



Martin is the patron of the poor, soldiers, conscientious objectors, tailors, and winemakers. He commonly appears on horseback and is shown cutting his cloak in half with a sword.

*Pastor Brian*

**Pumpkin-Palooza TODAY!**

The **Pumpkin-Palooza Bake Sale** is **TODAY, Sunday, November 12 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM**. Proceeds benefit the St. Mark/St. George's Food Pantry. Come enjoy the deliciousness!



**Adult Forum**

Today's Adult Forum will be led by our Music Director, **Jill Thompson**, who will help **introduce** us to some **new hymns** that will be singing in upcoming Sunday worship services.

**FROGs Service Event**

Join us **TODAY Sunday, November 12** for our FROGs service project. Meet at **11:45AM** in the **Parish Hall**, and **bring \$10 per family for pizza**. Please RSVP to Melanie.



**Carlinville Youth Event**

Several of our youth will attend our Synod's youth gathering at Lake Williamson Christian Center in Carlinville this **Friday through Sunday, November 17-19**. We will leave from Pastor's house at **4:30PM on Friday**. Please bring money for dinner on the way



**Boy Scout Food Drive 11/18**

This year's Boy Scout Food Drive is **NEXT Saturday, November 18**. We need **volunteers** to help sort food in the **Parish Hall** from about **9:00AM to 12:00PM**.



**ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ A Community CENTER ~ A CENTERED Community**

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Thursday	7:00PM	Bell Choir
	8:00PM	Adult Choir
Friday	4:30PM	Youth leave for Carlinville
Friday-Sunday		C/SIS Youth Gathering in Carlinville
<b>Sunday, 11/19</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>The Divine Liturgy</b>
	10:20AM	Coffee Hour
	10:30AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Adult Forum: <i>Rick Steves' Luther and the Reformation</i>

**Offerings for November 5, 2017**

<b>SHINE worship attendance:</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Sunday worship attendance:</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>General Fund Donations</b>	<b>\$3,925</b>
<b>Santanello Memorial</b>	<b>\$5</b>

Date	Offerings	Expenses	Difference
10/29-11/4	\$2,307	\$6,858.08	-\$4,551.08
11/5-11/11	\$3,925	\$685.17	\$3,239.83
YTD	\$134,610.20	\$142,950.57	-\$8,340.37

**Photo Consent Form**

In the interest of Internet privacy, we have created a form to sign if you do **NOT** wish to have **your photo** or **your child(ren)'s photo** published on St. Mark's **Facebook page or website**. Without this form signed, we will assume that it is okay to post photos of you from the various events and so forth we have at St. Mark. The form is available on the St. Mark table in the Welcome Area.

Sunday, November 19, 2017

**READINGS:**  
 Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18  
 Psalm 90: 1-8, 12  
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
 Matthew 25:14-30

**WORSHIP SERVERS**

**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Brian M. Robison  
**Assisting Minister:** Greg Guenther  
**Acolyte:** Jackie Lynch  
**Crucifer:** Rex Rothgangel  
**Chalice Bearer:** Tom Partelow  
**Lector:** Charlie Duncan  
**Ushers:** Frank Dressel & Jason Martens

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sack Lunches for Franklin School**

 **NEXT Wednesday (November 22),** we will meet in the Parish Hall to **make sandwiches and pack lunches** for 12 **needy Franklin School students** to cover the Thanksgiving holiday. A **sign-up sheet** is on the counter in the **Parish Hall** by the coffee stand. We can still use **donations of protein items** such as individual servings of mac 'n cheese; chicken salad and crackers; cheese and crackers; peanut butter and crackers; Slim Jims, etc. **There are 12 children, so 12 of anything helps us greatly.** All of the food & materials will be ready and waiting in the church kitchen. **THANK YOU!**

**Food Pantry Needs...**

The food pantry spotlight item for November is **canned meat**. Canned  **chicken, meat ravioli, Spam** – anything that is a good **source of protein** is welcome! You can bring donated items to the church Welcome Area on Sundays or the office during the day. Thank you!

**Annual Reports** from Committee Chairs are due to Randi no later than 3:00PM on **Wednesday, November 29.**