



# MARK TIMES

November 26, 2017 + Christ the King Sunday



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

## From Your Pastor...

This weekend we give thanks for many things in our lives, but as Lutherans, over the past year we have been "giving thanks" through our Reformation commemorations. For us at St. Mark, it was nearly a year ago that we celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and gave thanks for the gift of this church and the members, present and past, who have made it a faithful and loving community.



Our "Lutherans in America" video series on Sunday mornings introduced us to some of our **ancestors in the faith**, and this weekend we find occasion to give thanks for them as well. Friday, **November 24**, is the commemoration day for **three "trailblazing" pastors**, all of whom were mentioned in that series:

**Justus Falckner** (1672-1723) was the **first Lutheran ordained outside of Europe**, and was one of the pastors who ministered in Colonial America's multiethnic situation. **Working in Dutch, German, Swedish, and English**, he served Lutherans of various nationalities, including free and enslaved Africans.

**Jehu Jones** (1786-1852) was the **first African American Lutheran pastor**, but who found his ministry compromised by racial prejudice. He wasn't allowed to serve as a missionary to Liberia (and was encouraged to join a different church body), and as a pastor in Philadelphia, he was not supported by the local Lutheran judicatory. He eventually left the ministry in frustration.

**William Passavant** (1821-1894) was the **first Lutheran pastor to bring the deaconess movement to the United States**. He was passionate about the call for Christians to care for all in need, and he established many institutions of care. While he was ecumenically active in social concerns, he was adamant about maintaining a particularly Lutheran emphasis in theology.

*Pastor Brian*

## Pastor Out of the Office

Pastor Brian will be out of the office from **Monday, November 27 through Saturday, December 2** (he will be back to lead the SHINE service in the evening). In case of emergency, notify Seminarian **Brian Moeller** (618-792-0835).

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

**COME ONE, COME ALL!** Many are needed to help prepare both the church and the chapel for Christmas.



**CLEANING DAY, THIS Saturday, December 2**, 9am, will include polishing and dusting, and some glass cleaning.

**DECORATING** days will be Saturdays, **December 16 and 23**, 9am. Lighten your busy schedule by including an hour of work at church on Saturday. Let it be a part of your anticipation during this Advent season. *-Kathy R.*

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**DECEMBER 3, 10:30AM**

**COUNCIL NOMINATIONS** (\* denotes incumbent)

Secretary: **Janet Jacquot**

Treasurer: **Greg Martens**

Financial Secretary: **Frank Dressel\***

**TBD**

Pastoral Care (male): **Gary Weshinsky**

Pastoral Care (female): **Bonnie Schaefer\***

Property: **Tom Partelow\***

Synod Assembly Voting Members:

Adult Male: **Brian Moeller**

Adult Female: **Andrea Moeller** Youth: **Grace Moeller**

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Wednesday		Annual Reports due
Thursday	7:00PM	Bell choir
	8:00PM	Voice choir
Saturday	9:00AM	Church Cleaning Day
	6:00PM	<b>SHINE</b> worship – chapel
Sunday, 12/3	9:00AM	The Divine Liturgy
	10:20AM	Coffee Hour
	10:30AM	Annual Congregational Meeting

**Offerings for November 19, 2017**

<b>Sunday worship attendance:</b>	<b>61</b>
General Fund Donations	\$3,118.50
Al Patrick Memorial	\$635
Parking Lot Loan Donation	\$500
Food Pantry	\$155
Coffee Fund	\$29.50

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
11/12–11/18	\$5,013	\$2,880.27	\$2,132.73
11/19–11/25	\$3,118.50	\$4,497.42	-\$1,378.92
YTD	\$142,741.70	\$149,643.09	-\$6,901.39

**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.

**Sunday, December 3, 2017**

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**READINGS:**  
Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37

**WORSHIP SERVERS**  
**President:** The Rev. Brian M. Robison  
**Preacher & Assisting Minister:** Sem. Brian Moeller  
**Acolyte:** Braden Valerius  
**Crucifer:** Frank Dressel  
**Chalice Bearer:** Braden Valerius  
**Lector:** Andrea Moeller  
**Ushers:** Rick Crosby & Cody Buck

Advent Evening Prayer returns next Wednesday (December 6). We will enjoy the lovely Holden Evening Prayer service on December 6 and 13, followed by the Blue Christmas service on December 20. All services are at 7:00PM in the church.

NOTE: due to declining attendance, we will **not** host the traditional soup suppers before evening prayer this year. If this is something you miss, please let us know so that we can reassess for the next time.

**SHINE Worship on Saturday**

Join us **NEXT Saturday, December 2** at **6:00PM** for less-formal worship with contemporary Christian music in the chapel.

**A Word of "Welcome"**

You may have noticed over the last few months that we've been blessed by the presence of new faces around our worship and fellowship hours. If you've been at St. Mark for a while, please be sure to meet and talk with our new guests, introduce them to others, and help them to feel welcome!

*\*Information in Pastor's article adapted from More Days for Praise: Festivals and Commemorations in Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

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