



MARK TIMES

November 5, 2017 + All Saints Sunday



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

From your Pastor...

On this All Saints Sunday, I commend to you this lovely reflection from one of our supplemental worship books:



"Since there are many more Christian saints than the three hundred and sixty-five days of the year, **this day is set aside to honor all of them.** Many saints have never had their names mentioned beyond a very small circle of friends. Not all saints are alike. Spiritual gifts are as varied as the many interests and abilities that exist in the broad spectrum of people. Some saints have mystical experiences; others do not. Some saints stay busily at work in the world; other saints have neither the energy nor the social skills for that. Many saints have no idea that they are saints. One saint will rediscover the value of tradition, while another saint will open new doors of innovation. **Each life has a purpose and fits into God's grand scheme** the way plants – an oak or a trillium – grow in a forest." – Bernard Bangley

And also from the same reference work:

Many **movies** are **based on the life of a saint**, but few are historically or religiously accurate. Several films worth seeing are: *Molokai*, a 2000 film about **Father Peter Damien**, the "leper priest" (1840–1889); *Entertaining Angels*, a 1996 film about **Dorothy Day** (1897–1980); and *Thérèse*, a 1986 French film about **Thérèse of Lisieux** (1873–97), which leaves the viewer to contemplate what sanctity is.

From *More Days for Praise: Festivals and Commemorations in Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, pp. 256, 257.

St. Mark Table Talk

Join us this **Wednesday, November 8**, at 11:30AM in the conference room as we welcome **Pastor Ron Neustadt** to lead a discussion of "The Importance of Women in the Bible." Bring a lunch and share good fellowship and conversation!

Pumpkin-Palooza!

The St. Mark/St. George's Food Pantry would like folks to **bake something delicious and bring the item(s) to church** for the **Pumpkin-Palooza Bake Sale NEXT SUNDAY, November 12 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM.** Proceeds will benefit the Food Pantry. Your imagination is the limit!



Note: Bake Sale items without pumpkin are also welcome!

Dr. Luther Returns Next Sunday!

It's Martin Luther's **534th birthday** on **Friday, November 10**, and he has agreed to **return to St. Mark NEXT Sunday, November 12** for another interview to discuss his early life leading up to the posting of the 95 Theses. We hope to see you!



FROGS Service Event

Join us **NEXT Sunday, November 12** for our FROGS service project. Meet at 11:45AM in the **Parish Hall**, and **bring \$5 for pizza.** Please RSVP to Melanie.



Star Trek Saturday!

Attention Trekkers! This month's "Star Trek Saturday" will be **NEXT Saturday, November 11** at **5PM** at the Rothgangel's house. Please bring a snack to share!



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday	2:00PM	Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor
Wednesday	11:30AM	St. Mark Table Talk <i>The Importance of Women in the Bible</i> with Pr. Ron Neustadt
Thursday	7:00PM	Bell Choir
	8:00PM	Adult Choir
Friday		Office Closed - Veterans's Day Observed
Saturday	6:00PM	SHINE Worship
Sunday, 11/12	9:00AM	The Divine Liturgy
	10:20AM	Coffee Hour
	10:30AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Adult Forum: <i>Introducing New Hymns with Jill Thompson</i>

Offerings for October 29, 2017

Sunday worship attendance:	61
General Fund Donations	\$2,307
Coffee Fund	\$160.20
Sunday AM Coffee	\$46

Date	Offerings	Expenses	Difference
10/29-11/4	\$2,307	\$6,858.08	-\$4,551.08
YTD	\$130,685.20	\$142,265.40	-\$11,580.20

Boy Scout Food Drive 11/18

This year's Boy Scout Food Drive will take place on **Saturday, November 18.**

We need **volunteers** to help **sort food** in the **Parish Hall** from about **9:00AM to 12:00PM.**



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Sunday, November 12, 2017

LOOKING AHEAD

READINGS:

Amos 5:18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

WORSHIP SERVERS

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison
Assisting Minister: Brian Moeller
Acolyte: Grace Moeller
Crucifer: Keith Kniepkamp
Chalice Bearer: Barb Wurdinger
Lector: Jim Montgomery
Ushers: Rex Rothgangel & Jim Montgomery

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.** Please let Pastor or Randi know if you'd like this form. Again, you should sign it **only if you do NOT want your photos published.** Without this from 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.

Sack Lunches for Franklin School



A sign-up sheet is on the counter in the **Parish Hall** by the coffee stand to **make sandwiches** and **pack lunch bags** for **12 needy Franklin School students.** With **3 weekend lunches** for Franklin School in **November,** we also need **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.

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

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