



MARK TIMES

August 13, 2017 + Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



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

From your Pastor...

You may recall that a few months ago we ended our long-running weekday Bible class, with the idea of searching for a new venture that would appeal more to the lifestyles of today's potential attendees. I'm happy to announce that beginning next month we will launch that new venture as "St. Mark Table Talk."



Taking our name from Martin Luther's informal theological discussions around a table in his home or a local *bier haus*, St. Mark Table Talk is the next generation of weekday Bible study. Instead of meeting weekly, we will meet **once per month** on the **second Wednesday** at 11:30AM. And rather than having extended classes in which we spend months to go through books of the Bible, the Table Talk sessions are intended to be **single-topic lectures** contained to **one class period** lasting **60-90 minutes**. Folks can bring a lunch and gather around the **conference room** table in the education building to enjoy thought-provoking presentations and discussions on a variety of topics for learning and enrichment.

My hope is to lead some of the sessions myself, and to invite other active and retired leaders to speak on Biblical topics that they enjoy.

Our first session is **Wednesday, September 13**. The topic will be announced in the coming weeks, but **I hope you'll make St. Mark Table Talk a part of your regular monthly schedule of events!**



Pastor Brian

Back to School Blessings!

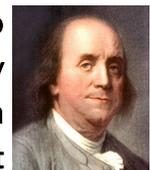
Thanks to everyone who collected school supplies for the Franklin Neighborhood Community Association!



TODAY during worship we will **ble**ss the **backpacks** and **supplies**, along with all **students** returning to school and **everyone who works in education**.

THANK YOU for supporting the children and schools in our community!

"If a [person] empties his purse into his head, no one can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."
- Benjamin Franklin



"You parents cannot prepare a more dependable treasure for your children than an education in the liberal arts. House and home burn down, but an education is easy to carry off."
- Martin Luther, 1538



Food Pantry Needs...

The food pantry continues to need your donations of canned meats, as well as canned fruit, and rice/pasta side dishes (i.e., stroganoff, Suddenly Salads). You can bring donated items to the church Welcome Area on Sundays or the office during the day. Thank you!



Change for Change!

Start filling a (non-stinky) shoe with loose change to help our contribution to our "Sole Hope" project for "God's Work. Our Hands." Day on September 10!



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Friday		<i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>
Sunday, 8/20	9:00AM	The Divine Liturgy
	10:20AM	Coffee & Fellowship

Offerings for August 6, 2017

Sunday worship attendance:	52
Shine worship attendance:	16
General Fund Donations	\$2,646

Date	Offerings	Expenses	Difference
7/30-8/5	\$2,031	\$8,468.86	-\$6,437.86
8/6-8/12	\$2,646	\$559.78	\$2,086.22
YTD	\$102,316.20	\$98,876.25	-\$3,439.95

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Caps!

The ELCA national day of service (“God’s Work. Our Hands” Sunday) is **September 10**. Many of us have the yellow shirts; now they are offering



caps with the same logo (not personalized by congregation, however). They cost \$26 each, but drop to \$24.50 if we order 13 or more.

Please sign up for one or more on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall or the Welcome Area.

Prayer Requests

If you have friends/loved ones that you’d like to be remembered in the Prayers of Intercession during worship, or if someone’s name can be removed from the list, please notify Pastor or Randi.



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Sunday, August 20, 2017

READINGS:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Psalms 67

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:[10-10], 21-28

WORSHIP SERVERS

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison

Assisting Minister: Greg Guenther

Acolyte: Grace Moeller

Crucifer: Rex Rothgangel

Chalice Bearer: Tom Partelow

Lector: Charlie Duncan

Ushers: Frank Dressel & Jason Martens

LOOKING AHEAD

Church Picnic

Because a good number of St. Mark members are attending the “Church Basement Ladies” on August 27, our church picnic will be **Sunday, September 17** from **Noon until 4:00PM** at **Schranz Memorial Park** (360 Honeysuckle Lane) in Swansea.



Rally Day & “GWOH” Day!

Contrary to what is printed on the August calendar (Pastor says to blame him), we will again hold our **Rally Day** education kickoff on the same day as “God’s Work. Our Hand’s.” service day on **Sunday, September 10**. We hope you’ll join us for a wonderful day!

Instant Coffee & Tea

St. Mark member **Lisa Reyes** lives at **Crestwood Health Care** in Florissant. She continues to ask for **donations of tea (instant or tea bags) & instant coffee**. If you’re able to provide these items at any point, please **drop them in the basket on the St. Mark table** in the Welcome Area.



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