



MARK TIMES

August 6, 2017 + Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



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

From your Pastor...

You will recall that the big **Convoy of Hope** event took place in East St. Louis a couple of Saturdays ago. Several members of St. Mark participated. I thought you might like to see some "quick stats" from the event, from the event coordinator, Pastor Don Andreason (O'Fallon Church of God):



- 1,500 attended the Volunteer Rally on Friday night
- 3,420 attended as our "guests of honor" on Saturday
- 1,750 served as volunteers at the event
- 103 churches worked together for the glory of God
- 2,799 were prayed for in the "Connections" tent
- 36,000 pounds of food was given away
- 6,000 hot dogs were cooked on the grill
- 8,500 bottles of cold water was distributed
- 1,000 filled school backpacks were given away
- 3,700 New Testaments were distributed through the Gideons

This amazing display of kindness in helping others was done in the **record-setting heat index of 111 degrees!**

Special appreciation to the following:

- + The Jackie Joyner-Kersey Foundation and Jackie Joyner-Kersey
- + Mayor Emeka Jackson-Hicks and the City of East St. Louis
- + Convoy of Hope National Office from Springfield, Missouri
- + 32 Team Leaders & Assistant Leaders for serving with distinction!
- + Our 103 partner churches for praying, giving and serving!
- + Our business sponsors for their donations

Watch for more service opportunities coming soon!

Pastor Andreason

School Supplies Donations



It's time again to collect supplies for the Franklin Neighborhood Community Association! If you didn't get a backpack, feel free to bring supplies to put in the box in the Welcome Area. **Please return backpacks and supplies by NEXT Sunday, August 13,** so that they can be blessed.

Thank you for supporting the children and schools in our community!

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| crayons | rulers |
| book covers | 3-ring binders |
| pencils | school glue |
| note cards | notebooks |
| colored pencils | glue sticks |
| tissue | compasses |
| pencil sharpeners | colored markers |
| hand sanitizer | protractors |
| erasers | highlighters |
| E-Z writing tablets | calculators |
| scissors | pencil boxes |
| folders | backpacks |
| alphabet and math flashcards | |
| wide-ruled loose-leaf paper | |

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 for your support!

Belleville Summer Sack Lunch Program

TOMORROW (Monday, August 7) is the last opportunity to join us at **9:00AM** at Turkey Hill Grange to help pack lunches for hungry children in our area. **THANK YOU** to everyone who has helped out with this project this summer!



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 8/7	9:00AM	Packing Lunches @ Turkey Hill Grange
	2:00PM	Fiber Arts @Westfield Manor
Tuesday	11:00AM	Funeral liturgy for Darrell Wurdinger
Friday		<i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>
Saturday	5:00PM	Star Trek Saturday at Pastor's
Sunday, 8/13	9:00AM	The Divine Liturgy with Blessing of Backpacks
	10:20AM	Coffee & Fellowship

Offerings for July 30, 2017

Sunday worship attendance: 57
General Fund Donations \$2,031

Date	Offerings	Expenses	Difference
7/30-8/5	\$2,031	\$8,468.86	-\$6,437.86
YTD	\$93,670.20	\$98,316.47	-\$4,646.27

“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.

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!



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Sunday, August 13, 2017

LOOKING AHEAD

READINGS:

1 Kings 19:9-18
 Psalm 85:8-13
 Romans 10:5-15
 Matthew 14:22-33

WORSHIP SERVERS

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

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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