



MARK TIMES

September 17, 2017 + Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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

From your Parish Nurse...

Happy Fall to everyone.

I received an email over the weekend about emergency preparedness. September is **National Preparedness month** with the theme being **"Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. You Can."** With Hurricane Harvey and Irma in the news recently, we are all familiar with the devastation that follows such emergencies. Of course, fires or earthquakes can occur at any time. Other emergencies such as tornados can give us a *little* warning – but only a little.

It is a good idea for each family or household to have an **emergency plan**. Take time to review your plan and adjust the plan as needed. Make sure that all family members are included. If someone in your family has special needs, be sure include those needs in your plan. You also need to plan what to do with your **pets/service animals** if there is a disaster that necessitates leaving your home. Find out if your community has some type of weather or disaster plan. Keep **updated medicine lists** for each family member and **phone numbers** that you may need: we all rely on our cell phones for numbers, but what if we can't use the phone or it is dead.

A good resource for emergency preparedness is the Administration for Community Living or the website <https://www.acl.gov/node/1000>.

Also – As we enter the harvest season, **be on the lookout for slow moving farm vehicles**. As always, watch for those yellow school buses too!

Fall blessings to all, *June Benedick*



Church Picnic Today!

Join us for our church picnic TODAY, from Noon to 4:00PM at Schranz Memorial Park (360 Honeysuckle Lane) in Swansea. The event will again be "picnic style," so bring only enough food for you & your family. Drinks (lemonade & water) and dessert will be provided! Picnic tables will be available, but you might want to bring lawn chairs. In addition to the great playground, a variety of outdoor and table games will be available – feel free to bring one to share if you'd like!



ELCA Youth Gathering parent planning meeting on Friday, September 22 at 6:00PM in the conference room!

Trivia Night on October 21!

St. Mark is hosting a "This is Most Certainly Trivia" Night on Saturday, October 21 at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall as part of our local Reformation celebrations. Tickets are \$15 each. Proceeds will benefit Lutheran Disaster Response. Email stmarktrivianight@gmail.com to make reservations.

FROGs Sunday School Campout

Everyone is invited to the Monfre's on Friday, October 6 at 5pm, for the FROGs Sunday School campout! We plan to have a fire pit to **roast hotdogs and make s'mores**. FROGs will provide meat and drinks. Please bring a side dish to share. We plan to sing, tell "Holy Ghost" stories, play flashlight tag, and enjoy other activities! Don Muller's sister and brother-in-law are coming at 6:30 to set up astronomy equipment and tell us a bit about the stars and planets! Everyone who wants to stay the night, please bring either a tent or camper, flashlights, sleeping bags and pillows! Please **RSVP to Kara by September 30**, so we can plan for space. Hope to see you all there!



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday	2:00PM	Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor
Monday-Wednesday		<i>Pastor at Synod Professional Leaders Retreat in Carlinville</i>
Thursday	7:00PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	8:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday		<i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>
	6:00PM	ELCA Youth Gathering Parent Meeting
Sunday, 9/24	9:00AM	The Divine Liturgy
	10:20AM	Coffee Hour
	10:30AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Adult Forum: Al Wunderlich, <i>Franklin Neighborhood Community Association</i>
	5:00PM	Metro-STL Youth Coalition Pre-Gathering

Offerings for September 10, 2017

Sunday worship attendance:	76
General Fund Donations	\$3,259
D. Wurdinger Food Pantry Mem.	\$25

Date	Offerings	Expenses	Difference
9/3-9/9	\$2,859	\$23.27	\$2,835.73
9/10-9/16	\$3,259	\$810.84	\$2,448.16
YTD	\$112,356.20	\$114,142.58	-\$1,786.38

Pre-Gathering Event

The first Metro-STL Youth Coalition pre-Gathering event is **NEXT Sunday, September 24 at 5:00PM** at Good Shepherd-Manchester. Meet at Pastor's house to carpool. **Bring \$10.** All high schoolers are welcome, even if you're not going to the Gathering next year in Houston. RSVP to Melanie!

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Sunday, September 24, 2017**READINGS:**

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalm 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

LOOKING AHEAD**WORSHIP SERVERS****Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Brian M. Robison**Assisting Minister:** Greg Martens**Acolyte:** Grace Moeller**Crucifer:** Corbin Moeller**Chalice Bearer:** Mike Murakami**Lector:** Don Muller**Ushers:** Jim Jolley & Roland Jacquot**Choirs, Choirs, Choirs**

Yes, it's that time of year to join CHOIRS!

The Bell choir will rehearse on Thursdays

at 7:00PM followed by Adult Choir at 8:00PM. *New singers are always welcome!***Sack Lunches for Franklin School**

The Evangelism/Social Ministry committee needs volunteers to **make sandwiches** and **pack lunch bags** for 12 needy Franklin School students to cover long holiday weekends. All of the food & materials will be ready and waiting in the church kitchen. There is a **sign-up sheet** on the counter in the **Parish Hall** by the coffee stand for the first six holiday weekends through Christmas. Stay tuned to the *Mark Times* for requests for food donations and other ways to contribute. Thank you!

Music of the Reformation Concert

The Lutheran School of Theology presents a concert of Reformation music performed by **The Bach Society of St. Louis** on **Sunday, October 29 at 3:00PM**. The performance is at the **First Presbyterian Church** (100 E. Adams Ave, near the Magic House) in Kirkwood, MO. Tickets are: \$25 (Balcony), \$35 (Rows 13-26), and \$45 (Rows 1-11). **Purchase tickets by October 8.** See Greg Martens to order tickets or for more info call 235-7762.

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