



MARK TIMES

September 24, 2017 + Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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

From your Pastor...

We're happy to welcome **Al Wunderlich** of the **Franklin Neighborhood Community Association (FNCA)** to address our Adult Forum this morning to discuss the continuing work and needs of the FNCA and their relationship with St. Mark and St. George's. FNCA has worked for many years to improve the lives of underprivileged children in the area around Franklin School (just west of St. Mark) by providing after-school programs, computer training, school supplies, and much more.



With *next* Sunday's (**Oct. 1**) Adult Forum, we will begin a 6-week video/discussion series, **"We Must Plant the Church: The Story of Lutherans in America."**

From the product description:

"This series... transports learners through four centuries of the planting of the Lutheran church in this new land. This story is characterized by the tension between honoring the European roots of the church and adapting to the new realities of American life. The Lutheran church, from its earliest days, faced religious pluralism, intolerance, lack of state support, and diversity of languages and traditions. It wasn't easy then, and it isn't easy now. But understanding American Lutheran history can change the way we see ourselves and our future."

I hope you'll join us!

Chili Cook-Off

Belleville's 33rd annual Chili Cook-Off begins Friday, **October 6**. St. George's continues their tradition of making **"Dragon's Breath" white chicken chili**. A sign-up poster is in the Parish Hall if any St. Mark members would like to help in the process! Proceeds benefit the Franklin Neighborhood Community Association.



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.

Pre-Gathering Event

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

FROGs Sunday School Bonfire

Everyone is invited to the Monfre's on **Friday, October 6** at **5pm**, for the FROGs Sunday School bonfire! 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! Please **RSVP to Kara by September 30**, so we can plan for space. Hope to see you all there!



"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** at **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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday	6:00PM	Pastoral Care committee
	7:00PM	Church Council
Thursday	7:00PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	8:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	4:30PM	Richards wedding rehearsal
Saturday	3:30PM	Richards-Currie wedding
Sunday, 10/1	9:00AM	The Divine Liturgy
	10:20AM	Coffee Hour
	10:30AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Adult Forum: <i>We Must Plant the Church, Part 1: On New Soil: The Colonial Lutherans</i>

Offerings for September 17, 2017

Sunday worship attendance:	64
General Fund Donations	\$2,233
Food Pantry	\$5

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
9/17-9/23	\$2,233	\$2,711.59	-\$478.59
YTD	\$114,589.20	\$116,854.17	-\$2,264.97

Pumpkin-Palooza!

The St. Mark/St. George's **Food Pantry** has a large patch of **unclaimed canned pumpkin**. The Pantry would like folks to **take a few cans, bake something delicious with it, and return the baked item(s) to church for a BAKE SALE on Sunday, November 12**. Proceeds will benefit the Pantry. Your imagination is the limit! Cans will soon be available for the taking in the Parish Hall.

**LOOKING AHEAD****Sunday, October 1, 2017****READINGS:**

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalm 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

WORSHIP SERVERS**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Brian M. Robison**Assisting Minister:** Brian Moeller**Acolyte:** Grace Moeller**Crucifer:** Frank Dressel**Chalice Bearer:** TBD**Lector:** Andrea Moeller**Ushers:** Rick Crosby & Cody Buck**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!

St. Mark Table Talk

THANKS to everyone who attended last Wednesday's inaugural session of our new bible class. Mark your calendar for our next meeting on **Wednesday, October 11** at **11:30AM** in the conference room. Topic: *"Throw it to the Dogs:" Canines in the Bible.*

Blessing of the Animals on October 8

Make plans to attend our special SHINE worship on **SUNDAY, October 8** at **5:00PM** for the Blessing of the Animals!

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