



MARK TIMES

January 28, 2018 + Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



From Your Pastor...

"...[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected... and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." (Mark 8:31-33)



These verses come from this year's Gospel reading for the **second Sunday of Lent**. It's a fairly well-known episode, not only because it appears in three Gospels (John is the exception), but also because it features a stunning rebuke from Jesus in a tone we're not used to hearing from him.

A longstanding theory as to why Peter "rebukes" Jesus to start with holds that Peter had *just* confessed Jesus to be the Messiah, and it was **antithetical to the Jewish understanding that the Messiah would be killed**. Jesus, of course, seemed to be a very different Messiah than his fellow Jews expected.

And so starting with **next Sunday's Adult Forum**, we will engage the **Jewish understanding of the Messiah** with a **four-week course** led by me and appropriately titled, "*The Messiah in the Old Testament, the Apocrypha, and the Dead Sea Scrolls*."

I expect this discussion will give us wider perspective on the views of those around Jesus as we journey with him and his followers on the way to Holy Week.

Pastor at ELCA Extravaganza

Pastor and Melanie are in Houston through **Monday (1/29)** for youth ministry continuing education & preparing for the **ELCA Youth Gathering** in Houston this summer.



In Case of Pastoral Emergency

Please contact Seminarian **Brian Moeller** at **618-792-0835**.



Cards & Calendars!

TODAY is the last day to bring your greeting cards and calendars (new or used) for our friend in St. Charles who creates books and other crafts for children here & abroad. Please place your items in the box near the St. Mark table, and thanks for your donations!



St. George's White Chili

The **Super Bowl Sunday** tradition continues! **White chili** will be sold **NEXT Sunday, February 4**, from noon to 3:00PM in the parish hall. Proceeds will benefit Beacon Ministry.



A lovely **quilt** is being raffled to benefit the youth. **Tickets are \$5 each**, with the drawing at the Valentine's dinner. See Julie V. for tickets!

MSLC Youth Event

A **junior high** event sponsored by the Metro St. Louis Coalition-Youth will be held **Saturday, February 3** at Christ-Webster Groves. Meet at St. Mark at **5pm**. Cost is **FREE!** RSVP to Melanie

Food Pantry Spotlight item for February is **canned meats**. SPAM, ravioli, canned chicken – any type of canned meat product is useful!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE


Thurs. 1/25- Monday, 1/29		<i>Pastor at ELCA Extravaganza</i>
Thursday	7:00P	Bell Choir rehearsal
	8:00P	Choir rehearsal
Saturday	5:00P	Meet for Jr. High event
	6:00P	SHINE worship—chapel
	6:30P	LCM Trivia Night
Sunday, 2/4	9:00A	The Divine Liturgy
	10:20A	Coffee & Fellowship
		Adult Forum: <i>The Messiah in the Old Testament</i> , by Pr. Brian
	10:30A	Sunday School

Offerings for January 21, 2018

Sunday worship attendance:	86
General Fund Donations	\$3,705
Food Pantry	\$5

Date	Offerings	Expenses	Difference
1/1-1/6	N/A	\$517.52	N/A
1/7-1/13	\$2,345	\$809.78	\$1,535.22
1/14-1/20	\$2,151	\$13.36	\$2,137.64
1/21-1/27	\$3,705	\$7,660.52	-\$3,955.52
YTD	\$8,201	\$8,191.40	\$9.60

Valentine's Dinner

The date for the youth-hosted  Valentine's dinner for the congregation has been changed to Saturday evening, **February 17**. Watch for more details soon!

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Sunday, February 4, 2018**LESSONS:****LOOKING
AHEAD**

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

WORSHIP SERVERS

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison
Assisting Minister: Greg Martens
Acolyte: Braden Valerius
Crucifer: Frank Dressel
Chalice Bearer: Braden Valerius
Lector: Andrea Moeller
Ushers: Rick Crosby & Nancy Guenther

Lent is Coming Soon!

It feels like we *just* celebrated Christmas, but Lent is right around the corner.



Tuesday, February 13: Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper, hosted by St. George's (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, February 14: joint Ash Wednesday liturgies with the distribution of ashes at 9:30AM and 7:00PM (church)

Fridays starting February 16: Stations of the Cross at St. Luke's, 12:10PM.

Wednesday, February 21: Mid-week Evening Prayer for Lent begins (church)

*If you have an opinion on whether we should host soup suppers before Wednesday evening prayer, please let Pastor Brian know!

Trivia Night 2018!

Lutheran Campus Ministry in St. Louis hosts its annual trivia



night **NEXT Saturday, February 3, 2018**. The cost is \$20/person (teams of 8). Register in advance at www.lcmstl.org/trivia or by calling (314)863-8140. The doors open at 5:45pm and play begins at 6:30pm. (Bethel Lutheran, 7001 Forsyth Blvd).

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