



MARK TIMES

February 25, 2018 + Second Sunday in Lent



From the Presiding Bishop...

A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled because they are no more (Matt. 2:18).



As we live into these first days and weeks of Lent, we do so riveted by the news of another tragic mass shooting, this time at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., on Ash Wednesday. My heart, like yours, is filled with anguish; my spirit, like yours, laments. Rachel weeps for her children, refusing to be consoled because they are no more, and so do we.

We pray for the inconsolable loved ones and for the shooter and his family, for those terrorized by what took place and those who are unmoved. We acknowledge our own failings and ask God to guide us in finding new ways to turn the tide together on both the availability of assault weapons *and* the lack of mental health care.

But we know that those things alone won't solve this epidemic. All of us, including the church, must take a close look at ourselves. How are we cultivating a culture of violence, hatred, anger and fear, and how can we participate in building a counter-culture where people can experience God's intended peace and life abundant for all?

Lent is a time for lamentation, dwelling with our sorrow, and facing the painful reality of death. We take each step certain that God weeps with us, walks with us in our deepest sufferings, and in the end makes the ultimate sacrifice for us – through death on a cross. This is our strength for the journey.

God's peace,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton

Adult Forum

Our session this morning is on “**The Messiah in the Dead Sea Scrolls**,” part 4 in our four-week series about the *Messiah in the Old Testament, Apocrypha and the Dead Sea Scrolls*.

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Brian will be on vacation **Thursday, March 1 through Tuesday, March 6**, and again on **Thursday, March 8 and Friday, March 9**.

The **Reverend Mark Sidney** (retired), a recent addition to our congregation and choir, will be our **guest preacher and presider** next Sunday, and will be **on call in case of pastoral emergency**. His number is **618-530-5142**.



SHINE Worship on Saturday

Join us **NEXT Saturday, March 3** at **6:00PM** for less-formal worship with contemporary Christian music in the **chapel**. **Pastor Jill Seagle** will be our guest presider.



Food Pantry Spotlight item for February is **canned meats**. SPAM, ravioli, canned chicken – any type of canned meat product is useful! Bring items to the Welcome Area on Sundays or to the church office during the day. Thank you!



Save the Date...

On **Saturday, March 23** an event is planned by the Social/Evangelism committee to raise funds for our local **warming/cooling shelter at Trinity Church**. An afternoon of games, snacks, and fellowship is planned. More info to come.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Wednesday	7:00P	Lent Evening Prayer
Thurs., 3/1 – Tuesday, 3/6		<i>Pastor on vacation</i>
Friday	12:10P	Stations of the Cross @St. Luke's
Saturday	6:00PM	SHINE worship-chapel
Sunday, 3/4	9:00A	The Divine Liturgy
	10:20A	Coffee & Fellowship
		No Adult Forum
	10:30A	Sunday School

Offerings for February 18, 2018

Sunday worship attendance:	56
General Fund Donations	\$3,2325
Youth Valentine's Dinner	\$20
Youth	\$500
Food Pantry	\$15

Date	Offerings	Expenses	Difference
2/4-2/10	\$3,093	\$40.58	\$3,052.42
2/11-2/17	\$4,247	\$524.71	\$3,722.29
2/18-2/24	\$3,225	\$4,187.05	\$962.05
YTD	\$20,530.71	\$20,528.24	\$2.47

Schaaf Lecture 2018

The Schaaf Lecture committee is pleased to announce that this year's lecture will be held on **Saturday, March 10** at 7:00PM. The lecturer will be the **Rev. Dr. Ralph Klein**, professor of Old Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology since 1983. We look forward to welcoming Dr. Klein to St. Mark!



Stations of the Cross at 12:10PM each Friday in Lent at St. Luke's Catholic Church.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, March 4, 2018

LESSONS:

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

WORSHIP SERVERS

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

Confirmation Schedule

The Spring session will continue to cover the books of the Old Testament.

Upcoming class dates:

March 11 March 18 March 25

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.



Franklin School Lunch-Makers are in need of **protein items, chips, and fruit in quantities of 12.**

A sign-up sheet for volunteers is on the counter in the coffee area in the Parish Hall and is for all of the holidays until the end of the school year.



Coffee Hour Hosts!

If you're able to help host our coffee/fellowship hour on an occasional Sunday morning, please sign up in the Parish Hall near the coffee stand.



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