



MARK TIMES

March 11, 2018 + Fourth Sunday in Lent



From Your Pastor...

“When Lynn and Dave Schaaf along with their daughters, Jen and Kate, became members of St. Mark almost 40 years ago, they expressed a strong interest in Christian Education and communicating the Good News of Jesus Christ in a way that would be a real, practical help to ordinary Christians living in the real world.



“So when Lynn passed from this life thirteen years ago, Dave, Jen and Kate made a memorial gift in Lynn’s memory that would continue this commitment of hers and theirs – the result was and continues to be this lecture series.

“The ‘Schaaf Memorial Lecture Series’ offers presentations to enrich the ministry of ordinary Christians in their living in the world. The lectures are both intellectually challenging and practical, always rooted and centered in the scriptural and confessional Word of God as it speaks to our times.”

These or very similar words of introduction have been spoken at each of the heretofore 10 Schaaf lectures, which began in 2007. Tomorrow evening (or last night, depending on when you read this), these words will be/were spoken for the final time. In consideration of scheduling and travel challenges, the Schaaf family has decided that this year’s lecture,

featuring the Rev. Dr. Ralph Klein, will be the concluding presentation in the series.

The series has brought a variety of outstanding speakers to our little church:

Bob Sitze (2007); The Rev. Dr. Fred Niedner (‘08); Dr. Valerie Yancey (‘09); The Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kleinhans (‘10); The Rev. Dr. Walt Wangerin (‘11); The Rev. Dr. Barbara Rossing (‘13); The Rev. Dr. Mark Wegener (‘14); Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton (‘15); Marva Dawn (‘16); The Rev. Dr. Gerald Mansholt (‘17), and now Dr. Klein.

We give thanks to the Schaaf family for this tremendous gift that has given so much in Lynn’s memory over the years. On behalf of the lecture committee and its present and past members, it has truly been an honor to host each and every one of these speakers. We have all been blessed by God through the Schaaf family. I’m certain Lynn would have had it no other way.

Pastor Brian

Welcome Dr. Klein!

We are honored to welcome this year’s Schaaf Lecturer, the **Rev. Dr. Ralph Klein** and his wife **Marilyn** to St. Mark. Dr. Klein is professor *emeritus* of Old Testament at LSTC and curator of the seminary’s rare books collection. His lecture was on “*Reformation Roots: Rare Books, Reformation Medallions and Luther.*” He will deliver our sermon during this morning’s liturgy, and will join us in the Parish Hall during our fellowship time for questions, discussion, and mingling.



About that New Year’s Promise

If you had a resolution to lose weight in 2018, how is that going for you? If you need some support and accountability, along with some nutritional guidance and encouragement, consider joining TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly). TOPS meets at Trinity United Church of Christ, 47 N Douglas in Belleville on Monday nights. Weigh-in begins at 5:30 and the meeting begins at 6:30. Come visit for free and see what it’s all about! What have you got to lose?



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.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Wednesday	11:30A	St. Mark Table Talk: <i>Was Jesus a Subversive?</i>
	7:00P	Lent Evening Prayer
Thursday	7:00PM	Bell choir rehearsal
	8:00PM	Adult choir rehearsal
Friday		<i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>
	12:10P	Stations of the Cross @ St. Luke's
Sunday, 3/18	9:00A	The Divine Liturgy
	10:20A	Coffee & Fellowship
	10:30A	Sunday School
	10:30A	Adult Forum: <i>Middle-Aged Hearing Loss</i> , by Kim Ott

Offerings for March 4, 2018

Sunday worship attendance:	66
Shine worship attendance:	14
General Fund Donations	\$3,881

Date	Offerings	Expenses	Difference
3/4-3/10	\$3,881	\$383.66	\$3,497.34
YTD	\$27,401.71	\$29,805.49	-\$2,403.78

Midweek Evening Prayer

Join us on Wednesday evenings in Lent at 7:00PM in the church for our evening prayer series, "A Lenten Journey to the Easter Vigil."

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

Confirmation Schedule

The Spring session will continue to cover the books of the Old Testament. Upcoming class dates:

March 11 March 18 March 25

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Sunday, March 18, 2018

LESSONS:

Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Psalm 51:1-12
 Hebrews 5:5-10
 John 12:20-33

LOOKING AHEAD

WORSHIP SERVERS

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison
Assisting Minister: Greg Martens
Acolyte: Renee Southers
Crucifer: Rex Rothgangel
Chalice Bearer: Tom Partelow
Lector: Cheryl Newsome
Ushers: Frank Dressel & Jason Martens

St. Mark Table Talk Bring a lunch and join us around the conference table at **11:30AM THIS Wednesday** in the office building for this month's Table Talk as we tackle the question, "*Was Jesus a Subversive?*" Pr. Brian leads this appropriately-timed discussion only a couple of weeks before Holy Week.

Church Cleaning Please set aside a little time to help out **cleaning the church and the chapel on March 24 at 9AM** for Easter. The pews, woodwork, brass and communion vessels all get polished. Windows need sprucing up and cobwebs knocked down. Palm branches need splitting and counted. We start at 9am and **hope to see many of you then!**

Easter Flower Donations are  appreciated for decorating the altar area with lovely flowers on Easter Sunday. Donation envelopes are in the hymnal racks. **Donate any amount & take the flowers with you after worship.** Thanks for making our church especially beautiful for its biggest day of the year.

Save the Date...



On **Saturday, March 24** 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.

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