



# MARK TIMES

April 22, 2018 + The Fourth Sunday of Easter



## From Your Pastor...

“When are we getting a **new directory?**”

“Pastor, isn't it about time for a new directory?”

“With all the new faces around, we should make a new photo directory.”

Whether you've voiced one of the above comments or simply thought it, trust me—we've heard you! In the next few weeks, we will have a photo area set up in the Parish Hall. Charlie D has volunteered to take photos to be used in a new directory that we will put together.

We'll also have your contact information for you to verify/update when you get your photo taken.

We are planning to start taking the photos on **Mother's Day Sunday** (perhaps the Sunday prior; watch for updates), and we will continue to do so through the month of May.

We want this to be as complete as possible, so please take just a few minutes to pop down to the Parish Hall for a photo and to check your contact information.

Keep an eye on your *Mark Times* for the official announcement of when we're starting this project. Thank you in advance for your participation!



*Pastor Brian*

## Service Day Next Sunday

Join us next Sunday after worship & fellowship as we engage in a time of service for our community. We will have some fiber arts items to tag, count and stuff, plus another activity related to ministry to the homeless (this activity is in process; more details to come!).

## Adult Forum: LSSI

Appropriately on “Good Shepherd Sunday,” we welcome **Lynn Smith** from Lutheran Social Services of Illinois as our guest speaker to talk about the work of the organization. Join us after worship and coffee hour in the Parish Hall!



Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

## Shell Out for the TURTLES

Grab an envelope with a \$ amount on it and “shell-out” a few bucks to help the three youth going to the Gathering get to Houston this summer! Monies should be returned to Melanie by May 6.

## Blood Pressure Checks

Our Faith Community Nurse, **June Benedick**, will do blood pressure checks during the coffee hour **TODAY, April 22**.



June is also in the church office from **9:00AM to 11:45AM** on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## FROGs Celebrate Moms

FROG families are invited to celebrate Mom in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, April 29** at 11:45AM. Eat a light lunch, make a craft, play a game, & enjoy a devotion – all to show our love to mom. Please RSVP to Melanie by **Wednesday, April 25**.



## Small Detergents for the Food Pantry

Our April spotlight items for the food pantry are **SMALL** bottles of laundry detergent (**10oz. bottles are preferred, as they are easy for our patrons to carry**). Drop them in the church Welcome Area or in the office during the day.



**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Monday	6:00PM	Pastoral Care
	7:00PM	Church Council
Thursday	7:00PM	Bell Choir
	8:00PM	Voice Choir
Friday		<i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>
<b>Sunday, 4/29</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Liturgy w/ Healing Rite</b>
	10:20AM	Coffee & fellowship
	10:30AM	Service Day
	10:30AM	First Communion class—conf. room
	11:45AM	Celebrate Mom event-PH

**Offerings for April 15, 2018**

**Sunday worship attendance:** 57  
**General Fund Donations** \$2,272

Date	Offerings	Expenses	Difference
4/1-4/7	\$3,585	\$75.00	\$3,510
4/8-4/14	\$2,568.25	\$871.62	\$1,696.63
4/15-4/21	\$2,272	\$1,942.44	\$329.56
YTD	\$45,164.44	\$46,793.39	-\$1,628.95

**Mark Your Calendars**

The **Postal Workers Food Drive** will be **Saturday, May 12, 2018**. This is a large donation which supplies our pantry shelves. We'll need: pickup trucks, drivers, runners, sorters, and boxers—all types and ages of helping hands **from 1PM until we're done**. Any amount of time is greatly appreciated. Call Keith Kniepkamp or Ann Martens for info.



**Healing Service Next Sunday**

We will offer the rite of healing **NEXT Sunday, April 29** during worship. All who feel a need for healing are welcome to participate in this ancient ministry.



**Sunday, April 29, 2018**

**LESSONS:**

Acts 8:26-40  
 Psalm 55:25-31  
 1 John 4:7-21  
 John 15:1-8

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**WORSHIP SERVERS**

**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Brian M. Robison  
**Assisting Minister:** Greg Guenther  
**Acolyte:** Braden Valerius  
**Crucifer:** Rex Rothgangel  
**Chalice Bearer:** *No Communion*  
**Lector:** Charlie Duncan  
**Ushers:** Don Muller & Nancy Guenther

**Upcoming Sunday Events**

Sunday, April 22: **Lutheran Social Services of Illinois**  
 Sunday, April 29: Service day  
 Sunday, May 6: First Communion reception

**1st Quarter Giving Statements** were emailed out on Monday, April 16. Please check the table in the Welcome Center if you do not receive yours by email. They will be available in the Welcome Center until Sunday, April 29. Thank you for your continued support.

**This Club is the TOPS!**



If you need some support and accountability, along with nutritional guidance and encouragement, consider joining TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly). TOPS meets at Trinity United Church of Christ (47 N Douglas, Belleville) on Monday nights. Weigh-in begins at 5:30p and the meeting begins at 6:30p. Come visit for free and see what it's all about!

**Coffee Hour Hosts!**

If you can 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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