



MARK TIMES

May 13, 2018 + The Seventh Sunday of Easter



From Your Pastor...

We celebrated the **Ascension** of Jesus on Thursday, and as usual I wanted to share the lovely **reflection on the Ascension** that my friend and classmate, **Pastor Rick Fry**, posted on his blog a few years ago. This helps make the Ascension more meaningful for me, as I hope it does for you:



Sideways is the New Up

You lifted your nail pierced hands over the disciples,
and blessed them.

And as you blessed them you went up,
way up.

The crucified one was exulted
and glorified in heaven.

Yet heaven is where God is,
and God is where our neighbor is,
and our neighbor is behind us and in front.
to the left, right, diagonal, and sideways.

So **sideways is the new up.**

We discover your glorified presence
in the thickness of life around us.

And you trust us to carry on the mission that
you began,

with a promise that we will be
clothed with power from on high.


It's a power that we possess only by giving it
away

for the sake of our sister and brother—
a power strong enough to stand with them,
deep in hurt and sorrow, in grief and longing,
in pain and sickness and doubt.

You trust us enough

to bless us for such work.

Photos for the Directory

Charlie D. will be taking **photos** for  our new directory **TODAY, May 13** in the **Parish Hall** and on May 27. Come downstairs for just a couple of minutes so we can keep our directory up to date, especially for all of the new folks we've had coming to St. Mark!

Our Sunday School children are **singing during children's message time** **NEXT Sunday, May 20**, so if possible please have your children at the chapel at 8:45AM to practice that morning. Thank you!

Synod Assembly Voting Members

The Moellers told me some time ago that they couldn't attend the **Central/Southern Illinois Synod assembly in Champaign**, but the time slipped away from me. I apologize heartily for this late announcement, but we are looking for one adult male and female willing to serve as voting members to the assembly on **June 7-9**. The registration and banquet are paid for by the church; hotel is on your own. Please let me know ASAP if you are interested in attending. – *Pr Brian*



Congratulations Graduates!



– **Brooke Schaefer** graduated from the University of Nebraska with a bachelor of science degree in criminology and criminal justice.

– **Natalie Ott** graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Master of Arts in Education from McKendree University. She will be teaching full-time in the science department at Highland High School.

*We'll be honoring our graduates each Sunday. Let us know if you have one we can mention!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Thursday, 5/17	7:00PM	Handbell Rehearsal
	8:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday		<i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>
Saturday	5:00PM	Star Trek Saturday at Pastor's house
Sunday, 5/20	9:00AM	The Divine Liturgy
	10:20AM	Ice Cream Social
		<i>No Education Hour</i>

Offerings for May 6, 2018

Sunday worship attendance:	80
Shine worship attendance:	22
General Fund Donations	\$4,928
Coffee Fund	\$117.40
Food Pantry	\$20

Date	Offerings	Expenses	Difference
4/29-5/5	\$2,572	\$10,134.60	-\$7,562.60
5/6-5/12	\$4,928	\$122.08	\$4,805.92
YTD	\$56,165.44	\$60,521.98	-\$4,356.54

CPR Class Held on June 23

A new CPR certification class will be held on **Saturday, June 23 in the Parish Hall**. There is a **limit of 12 people**. Cost is **\$15 per person**. A sign up is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall, or check in with June Benedick.

Memorial Weekend BBQ May 26

Make plans to join us **Saturday, May 26 at 5:00PM** for **barbecue & fellowship** in the **upper church courtyard**. Meat, drinks, & paper goods will be provided; **please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall with what side dish/ dessert you can bring.**



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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, May 20, 2018

LESSONS:

Acts 2:1-21
 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
 Romans 8:22-27
 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

WORSHIP SERVERS

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison
Assisting Minister: Greg M.
Acolyte: Jackie L.
Crucifer: Rex R.
Chalice Bearer: Tom P.
Lector: Cheryl N.
Ushers: Jim J. & Roland J.

For the Food Pantry

Our May spotlight for the food pantry is **personal hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, female hygiene, etc)**. Drop donations in the church Welcome Area or in the office during the day.



THANKS from the TURTLES!

Many, many thanks to everyone who contributed to our "SHELL OUT" fundraiser to get us to the youth gathering in Houston this summer. Between what we raised and a very generous donation, **WE HAVE MET OUR GOAL!!!** We give thanks to God for all of you and your continued support of our youth at St. Mark!



Sunday School Ice Cream Social

Please join the Sunday school class **NEXT Sunday, May 20**, in the parish hall following worship for an ice cream social as we celebrate the Education year coming to a close.



Star Trek Saturday

Attention Trekkers! This month's event will be **NEXT Saturday, May 19 at 5:00PM** at Pastor's house. Please bring a snack to share!



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