



MARK TIMES

May 20, 2018 + Pentecost Sunday



From Your Pastor...

Three years ago it was “the dress,” and now it’s “yanny” vs “Laurel.” The recent internet “controversy” has to do with a four second audio recording of a word, which, when hearing it, some people claim to very clearly hear the word “yanny,” while others claim to just as clearly hear the word, “Laurel.” It has stirred up arguments because when a person hears very clearly one word and not the other, they can’t possibly imagine how someone else could hear something different—and the other person feels the same way.



(For the record: when I listened to it I very clearly heard the word “Laurel” and can’t imagine someone hearing something else; but sure enough, I had Melaina listen to the same recording at a different time, and she clearly heard “yanny!”)

The “trick” is that **both words were recorded over each other** but at **different frequencies**. So the **frequency** at which you hear the word (which is affected by one’s hearing, as well as the device through which you hear it, and simply how one’s brain processes sound) **determines which word you hear**.

It reminds me of the **sharply-divided political society** in which we live. Adherents to “liberal” or “conservative” or “Democrat” or Republican” seem to **hear only their respective platforms**, and can’t imagine how someone could possibly believe something different.

As Christians, we have **one frequency** we should be tuned to: **the Holy Spirit**. “...the Spirit of truth... will guide you into all the truth...” (John 16:13, NRSV). And it runs on the **wavelength of love**: “Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” (John 13:34b NRSV). As Christians it should not be the sound of Republicans or Democrats we hear; it should always be first the voice of Jesus.

Pastor Brian

Sunday School Ice Cream Social

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



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!



- **Mary Buehlhorn** graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelors of Science in Psychology from **McKendree University**.
- **Quinton Roberts** graduated Cum Laude in Music Education from Murray State University. He has accepted a full time teaching position as the band director for the Charleston, Missouri school district.
- **Cody Buck** graduated from Belleville West high school and will attend and play football for Illinois College (Jacksonville).

Memorial Weekend BBQ May 26

Join us **NEXT 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 a side dish/dessert to bring!**



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 5/21	2:00PM	Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor
Friday		<i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>
Saturday	5:00PM	Breezeway BBQ
Sunday, 5/27	9:00AM	The Divine Liturgy
		<i>No Education Hour</i>

Offerings for May 13, 2018

Sunday worship attendance:	75
Ascension worship attendance:	40
General Fund Donations	\$2,219
Food Pantry	\$83
David Newton Memorials	\$195

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
5/13-5/19	\$2,219	\$3,582.38	-\$1,363.38
YTD	\$58,384.44	\$64,104.36	-\$5,719.92

Children's Chapel

Beginning **NEXT Sunday** and continuing through the summer, children ages 10 years old and younger will be invited to their own liturgy in the chapel immediately following the Gospel reading. They will rejoin the adults during the Sharing of Peace.

Our Children's Chapel worship leaders (Melanie R. & others) will lead the children through the same parts of the service that the adults will be doing, only done at the children's level to help them engage more actively. They will participate in songs, prayers, a children's Creed and a simple lesson from the day's Scripture readings.

Parents are welcome to attend too!

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Sunday, May 27, 2018

LESSONS:

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

WORSHIP SERVERS

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison

Assisting Minister: Greg G.

Acolyte: Braden V.

Crucifer: Keith K.

Chalice Bearer: Mike M.

Lector: Don M.

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.

**Musicians Needed**

Starting next week, the choirs are on hiatus for the summer. We would love to have guest musicians share your talents during the offering. To sign up, please see Jill Thompson.

**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.

Photos for the Directory

Charlie D. will take photos for our new directory next SUNDAY, May 27 in the Parish Hall. Come downstairs for 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!



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