



MARK TIMES

June 24, 2018 + Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



From Your Pastor...

Thanks to your generosity, Melanie and I will be leaving Tuesday to accompany three of our teenagers to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. Below is a summary of what kind of a hoedown is happening this week:



Theme: **"This Changes Everything"**

Total people registered: **30,171, representing 3,000 ELCA congregations**

Participants from Central/Southern IL synod: **409**

C/SIS congregations represented: **40**

The ELCA Youth Gathering is an opportunity for young people to...

- + Experience the greater Church with 30,000+ other Lutheran youth & adults whose faith matters to them
- + Learn about & serve the people of Houston
- + Be challenged in living out faith in daily life
- + Engage in faith & life questions & action
- + Be inspired by dynamic worship, speakers & activities
- + Learn about & be a part of ELCA social justice efforts
- + Have a BLAST together growing in Christ to love and serve!

What happens at a Youth Gathering?

Service Learning Day – an opportunity to serve in various ministries throughout Houston

Synod Day – a time to gather with our synod for Bible study & worship

Interactive Learning Day – a variety of experiences to engage youth & adults in a massive arena

Mass Gatherings – each evening in the NRG Center with inspiring speakers & musicians

Community Life – activities every day through the week to tie it all together

About Houston...

*Houston is Big. Diverse. Young. It is the largest city to host an ELCA Youth Gathering.

*Area of 655 sq. miles – can fit 7 major US cities inside its borders

*There is no racial majority; over 145 languages spoken

*One quarter of the population is under the age of 19

More information about the Youth Gathering can be found at www.ELCA.org/gathering

New Member Welcome & Gathering

Sending TODAY, June 24 We will hold a long-overdue **Welcome of New Members** for those who have recently joined our congregation.

We will also offer a special prayer of sending for the teenagers and adults traveling to Houston the next week for the **ELCA Youth Gathering**.

"Star Trek" Group goes to 1st Friday!

In place of our August meeting, our St. Mark Trekkers will travel over to the Science Center on Friday evening, **July 6**, for the monthly "First Friday" event, which in July will focus on Star Trek! RSVP to Pastor Brian if you're able to go. <https://www.slsc.org/first-fridays/>

In Case of Pastoral Emergency...

Pastor Brian is at the Youth Gathering through **Monday, July 2**. Parish nurse June Benedick (**618-977-4389**) is on call in case of pastoral emergency. She will have the number of a pastor in case the situation calls for additional intervention.



Men's Clothing Drive

From now through the end of July, we will be collecting **men's suits, blazers, dress shirts & pants, and ties** for LSSI's "Returning Citizen" program. Hang your donations on the rack just inside the church door, or place non-hanging items in the tote below the rack.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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| Monday | 6:00PM | Pastoral Care |
| | 7:00PM | Council Meeting |
| Tuesday-Sunday 6/26 - 7/1 | | Youth Gathering in Houston, TX |
| Sunday, 7/1 | 9:00AM | The Divine Liturgy |
| | 10:20AM | Coffee & fellowship |

Offerings for June 17, 2018

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| Sunday worship attendance: | 42 |
| General Fund Donations | \$2,543 |
| Coffee Fund | \$20.75 |
| Food Pantry | \$5 |

| Date | Offerings | Expenses | Difference |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| June MTD | \$8,619 | \$4,624.67 | \$3,994.33 |
| YTD | \$82,284.44 | \$82,085.56 | \$198.88 |

We are trying a new format for reporting the financial information to the congregation. If you have any questions, please see Greg Martens.

Children's Chapel

Continuing through the summer, children ages 10 years old & younger are 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 will lead the children through the same parts of the service that the adults are doing, but 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!

Upcoming Children's Chapel Leaders:

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| 7/1: Kara M. | 8/5: |
| 7/8: Melanie R. | 8/12: Youth service |
| 7/15: Kim O. | 8/19: Melanie R. or ?? |
| 7/22: Frank D. | 8/26: Melanie R. or ?? |
| 7/29: Kim O. | 9/2: Melanie R. or ?? |

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Sunday, July 1, 2018

LESSONS:

Lamentations 3:22-33
Psalm 30
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

WORSHIP SERVERS

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. John K. Allen
Assisting Minister: Greg M.
Acolyte: Braden V.
Crucifer: Frank D.
Chalice Bearer: Braden V.
Lector: Andrea M.
Ushers: Rick C. & Nancy G.

Summer Sack Lunch Program

We meet at Turkey Hill Grange on Mondays at 9AM to pack lunches. Rice Krispy treats makers are needed. See Peggy A. for info.

**Musicians Wanted!**

There are plenty of summer Sundays left! We would love to have guest musicians share your talents during the offering! See Jill Thompson to sign up.

**Lawn Mowing in June**

St. Mark lawn mowing duties are in June, August & October. If you would like to volunteer contact Rex R. at 558-8349.

**FROGs Pool Party July 8**

The FROGs (Families Relying on God) will host a pool party on Sunday, July 8 from noon-4:00PM at the Monfre's home (2465 Falcon Lane). Meat and drinks will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. RSVP to Melanie!



Food Pantry Spotlight for July is Toilet Paper Drop donations in the church Welcome Area or the office during the day.

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