



MARK TIMES

June 3, 2018 + Second Sunday after Pentecost



From Your Pastor...

"When I am an old woman I shall wear purple
With a red hat which doesn't go, and doesn't suit
me.
And I shall spend my pension on brandy and
summer gloves
And satin sandals, and say we've no money for
butter.
I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired
And gobble up samples in shops...
And run my stick along the public railings
And make up for the sobriety of my youth.
I shall go out in my slippers in the rain
And pick flowers in other people's gardens
And learn to spit..."

This is part of the first paragraph of Jenny Joseph's poem, "Warning," which is the inspiration for the "Red Hat Society," a nationwide "playgroup" "where there is fun after fifty" (My grandma was a proud member of her local chapter in Idaho). It is rightly called by some "an ode to nonconformity:" going against the "rules" of what is socially "acceptable" for women of a certain age.

In today's Gospel (Mark 2:23-3:6), we have Jesus' going against the "rules" of social acceptability, specifically, the rules of what work can be done on the Sabbath: the disciples plucked heads of grain **because they were hungry**, and Jesus **healed** a man with a withered hand. The Pharisees (the *de facto* guardians of Lawful behavior) threw a fit. Jesus reminded them that just because something isn't "acceptable" according to *them* doesn't mean it's wrong. The Pharisees were guilty of upholding the letter of the Law and **not** the spirit of the Law.

Some rules are important to follow to ensure the health and safety of oneself and others. But rules that *keep* people from being healthy and safe and from living their best life possible... those are rules meant to be broken.

Children's Chapel

Beginning **TODAY** & 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!

New Member Classes & Welcome

Pastor Brian will lead **classes for new members/inquirers TODAY, Sunday, June 3 and next Sunday, June 10** during the Education Hour. The classes are intended as an introduction/reminder about key aspects of Lutheranism and an introduction to St. Mark. **Newer and older members are welcome to attend!**

We will hold a long-overdue **Welcome of New Members rite on Sunday, June 24** for those who have joined our congregation over the past year or so.

Lawn Mowing in June

As in past years St. Mark and St. George's will share in the lawn mowing duties. The months that St. Mark is mowing are June, August & October. If you would like to volunteer contact Rex Rothgangel at 558-8349.

Red Cross Blood Drive NEXT Sunday, June 10, from **9AM-1PM** in the parish hall. Please donate and give a gift that cannot be bought.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 6/4	2:00PM	Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor
Thurs -Saturday		Pr. Brian at Synod Assembly in Champaign/Urbana
Sunday, 6/10	9:00AM	The Divine Liturgy
	10:20AM	Coffee & fellowship
	10:30AM	New Member class

Offerings for May 27, 2018

Sunday worship attendance:	62
General Fund Donations	\$2,259
C. Guenther Parking Lot Mem	\$30
Dave Newton Memorials	\$195

Date	Offerings	Expenses	Difference
5/27-6/2	\$2,259	\$7,043.23	-\$4,784.23
YTD	\$64,598.44	\$74,545.13	-\$9,946.69

Musicians Needed

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.



Synod Assembly This Week

Pastor Brian will be attending the Central/Southern Illinois Synod assembly in Champaign/Urbana this week, Thursday June 7 through Saturday, June 9.



LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, June 10, 2018

LESSONS:

- Genesis 3:8-15
- Psalm 130
- 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
- Mark 3:20-35

WORSHIP SERVERS

- Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Brian M. Robison
- Assisting Minister:** Greg G.
- Acolyte:** Jackie L.
- Crucifer:** Keith K.
- Chalice Bearer:** Barb W.
- Lector:** Jim M.
- Ushers:** Rex R. & Jim M.

For the Food Pantry

Our June spotlight for the food pantry is **toilet paper**. Drop donations in the church Welcome Area or in the office during the day.



Summer Sack Lunch Program

We will meet at Turkey Hill Grange on **Mondays at 9AM** starting tomorrow, June 4 to pack lunches. **Rice Krispy treats makers** are needed. See Peggy A. for info.



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 sheet is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall, or check in with June Benedick.

Recycling Reminder

We have **blue recycling bins** in several rooms around the church, including **large barrels near the Parish Hall kitchen** and in the old kitchen/youth room in the education building. The barrel in the Parish Hall fills rather quickly. **If anyone can take this barrel home on occasion to have it taken out with your home recycling, it would be most helpful!**



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