



# MARK TIMES

July 22, 2018 + Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



## From Your Pastor...

In the course of our summer activities, there are a lot of **sounds**. Summer can be **noisy!** Today I encourage you to listen among those sounds for the **voice of God**.



In last Sunday's Old Testament, the priest Amaziah had a hard time listening to the prophet Amos, in part because Amos was an out-of-towner who didn't look or sound like a "normal" prophet: by his own admission, Amos was "no prophet, nor a prophet's son," but "a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees." This reading can be a reminder to us that sometimes (actually, quite often) **the voice of God comes to us from most unlikely sources**.

It's easy to get caught in the boxed-in perspective that God speaks to us *only* through the Bible and/or through trained religious professionals and theologians. But actually, the voice of God is **everywhere**.

In the many ways your senses experience the summer, "listen" for the "voice" of God in them: the rushing of a waterfall and the spray as it hits your face; the thrill when riding a roller coaster; the juicy sweetness of fresh fruit or the chilled bliss of a frozen treat; children's laughter at the zoo; even the colorful cacophony of a comic convention!

God "speaks" of God's love for us every day. This summer open the "ears" of your hearts to hear that Voice in unexpected ways!

## Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Brian is on vacation through **Tuesday, July 24**. Pastor Candice Wassell will be on call in case of **pastoral emergency**. To reach her, contact the office or June Benedick.



Today we welcome the **Rev. Dr. John Lottes** as our guest preacher and presider.

## Healing Service Next Sunday

We will offer **healing prayer with laying on of hands** **NEXT Sunday, July 29** during worship. All who feel the need for healing are welcome to participate in this ancient ministry.



## It's almost "Back-to-School" Time!

We'll be working with St. George's to collect school supplies for **the Franklin students**. Any supplies are appreciated. You don't need to fill an entire backpack, but can if you like. We have some **lists on the St. Mark table** to use as a guide. Choose as many items as you like to help fill our collection boxes!



## Church Council & PCC Meetings

Due to the unavailability of several members, July's Pastoral Care committee and Church Council meetings will be moved to **Monday, July 30 at 6 and 7pm**, respectively.

## "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday

The ELCA-wide day of service is **Sunday, September 9**. We wanted to give you a chance to order an official "God's Work. Our Hands." t-shirt for that day and other service activities we hold during the year, if you don't have one already, or if you need a replacement.



**T-shirts are \$8 each** (there's an additional charge for sizes above XL), but we have to order a **minimum of 10** to have our church name put on the back.

Sign-up sheets are by the coffee stand and on the upstairs bulletin board.

All orders must be received by **August 12!**

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Through Tuesday, 7/24		<i>Pastor on vacation</i>
<b>Sunday, 7/29</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Liturgy with Healing Rite</b>
	10:20AM	Coffee & fellowship

**Offerings for July 15, 2018**

<b>Sunday worship attendance:</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>General Fund Donations</b>	<b>\$2,821</b>
<b>Coffee Fund</b>	<b>\$18</b>

Date	Offerings	Expenses	Difference
July MTD	\$8,500	\$7,086.95	\$1,413.05
YTD	\$96,601.44	\$115,146.20	-\$18,544.76

**Lawn Mowing in August**

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

**Food Pantry Spotlight for July is**

**Toilet Paper!** Drop donations in the church Welcome Area or the office during the day.

**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 participate in songs, prayers, a children's Creed and a simple lesson from the day's Scripture readings. They will rejoin the adults during the Sharing of Peace.



**Parents are welcome to attend too!**

**Upcoming Children's Chapel Leaders:**

7/22: ??	8/19: Melanie R. or ??
7/29: Kim O.	8/26: Melanie R. or ??
8/5: ??	9/2: Melanie R. or ??
8/12: Youth service	

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, July 29, 2018**

**LESSONS:**

2 Kings 4:42-44  
Psalm 145:10-18  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21

**WORSHIP SERVERS**

**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Brian M. Robison  
**Assisting Minister:** Greg M.  
**Acolyte:** Renee S.  
**Crucifer:** Keith K.  
**Chalice Bearer:** *No Communion*  
**Lector:** Kathy R.  
**Ushers:** Nancy G. & TBD

**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.

**Men's Clothing Drive**

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.

**Youth Gathering Presentation**

The TURTLES will lead worship on **August 12**, as well as host the fellowship hour and give a presentation about their experience at the Youth Gathering in Houston!

**Save the Date—Church Picnic**

We will hold our annual church picnic on **Sunday, August 12 from 12-4pm** at Schranz Memorial Park in Swansea.



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