



# MARK TIMES

July 29, 2018 + Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



## From Your Pastor...

Some of you know Mike Foppe, a Synodically Authorized Minister who has participated over the years in most of the joint services we've shared with Peace Lutheran, where he is a member and council president. Mike is also the director of the Interfaith Food Pantry on West Main. You may have heard by now that Mike was brutally attacked at the pantry on Thursday the 19th by a man who had been refused service the day before. Mike was hospitalized, required surgery, and will lose most of the use of one eye. We continue to pray for Mike as he recovers from the trauma of this event.

Thankfully, incidents like this are rare, but many interactions carry the potential. *Anyone—regardless of appearance or financial status—anyone who has reached a point of desperation, and whose judgment may be impaired by mental illness or substances may not always act rationally.* We must do our best to assure our own safety while continuing to be as hospitable and helpful as possible.

Conversations about this topic have already occurred regarding our own food pantry, and will continue. Also, when people come to the church seeking money or help with other matters, please do not engage them without someone else present. If you feel threatened, withdraw to a place of safety and call the police. It will ultimately be as much for their good as it will be for yours.

## Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Brian will be on vacation from **Thursday, August 2 through Thursday, August 9.** The Rev. Mark Sidney will be on call in case of **pastoral emergency.** His number is **618-530-5142.**



\*Pastor Brian will return to officiate the SHINE and Sunday morning services on 8/4 & 8/5.

## Healing Service TODAY

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



## Church Council & PCC Meetings

July's Pastoral Care committee and Church Council meetings meet tomorrow, **Monday, July 30 at 6 and 7pm**, respectively.

## 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!



## "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**

Thursday, 8/2- Thursday, 8/9		<i>Pastor on vacation</i>
Saturday	6:00PM	<b>SHINE worship— chapel</b>
Sunday, 8/5	9:00AM	<b>The Divine Liturgy</b>
	10:20AM	Coffee & fellowship

**Offerings for July 22, 2018**

<b>Sunday worship attendance:</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>General Fund Donations</b>	<b>\$2,248</b>
<b>Food Pantry</b>	<b>\$5</b>

Date	Offerings	Expenses	Difference
July MTD	\$10,748	\$7,912.55	\$2,835.045
YTD	\$98,849.44	\$115,971.80	-\$17,122.36

**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.

**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:**

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

**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.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, August 5, 2018**

**LESSONS:**

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15  
Psalm 78:23-29  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35

**WORSHIP SERVERS**

**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Brian M. Robison  
**Assisting Minister:** Greg G.  
**Acolyte:** Grace M.  
**Crucifer:** Frank D.  
**Chalice Bearer:** Barb W.  
**Lector:** Andrea M.  
**Ushers:** Rick C. & Nancy G.

**SHINE Worship on Saturday**

Join us **NEXT Saturday, August 5** at 6:00PM for less-formal worship with contemporary Christian music in the chapel.

**Update on Peace Lutheran**

The sale of Peace Lutheran Church became final this past Tuesday, July 24. The last service in their building as a congregation will be **August 12**. We continue to keep them in prayer as they grieve the loss of their church home and give thanks to God for the many years of ministry to the people of this community.

**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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