



# MARK TIMES

July 8, 2018 + Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



## From Your Pastor...

On July 4th, a woman climbed up part of the Statue of Liberty to protest the separation of migrant children from their parents on our southern border, a practice condemned by the ELCA, the Roman Catholic Church, and numerous other religious and social institutions. No one doubts that immigration reform is a must; it has been an issue for decades. The countries from which people are fleeing are among the most violent in the world, and our legal process is very time-consuming and cumbersome; it's no wonder people will risk everything to come to the U.S. any way they can.



It's appropriate that the protest occurred at the Statue of Liberty, which has stood as a symbol of freedom and democracy for over 130 years. We can always use the reminder of what is on the plaque at its base:

### The New Colossus

*Not like the brazen giant of  
Greek fame,  
With conquering limbs astride  
from land to land;  
Here at our sea-washed, sunset  
gates shall stand*



*A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame  
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name  
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand  
Glow's world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command  
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.  
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she  
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*

- Emma Lazarus, November 2, 1883

*Pastor Brian*

## FROGs Pool Party TODAY

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



## St. Mark Table Talk

Bring a lunch and join us this Wednesday at 11:30AM in the conference room as Pastor Brian leads class on "*Mary Magdalene: From Saint to Sinner.*"

## 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.



## 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 (date changed related to pavilion availability).

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

We'll be collecting supplies for the Franklin students. Any school 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. Collection starts July 15.



**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Wednesday	11:30AM	St. Mark Table Talk: "Mary Magdalene: From Saint to Sinner"
Friday		Pastor's Sabbath
Sunday, 7/15	9:00AM	The Divine Liturgy
	10:20AM	Coffee & fellowship

**Offerings for July 1, 2018**

Sunday worship attendance: **42**  
 General Fund Donations **\$2,150**

Date	Offerings	Expenses	Difference
July MTD	\$2,150	\$395.04	\$1,754.96
YTD	\$88,101.44	\$104,505.34	-\$16,403.90

**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:*

7/8: 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 ??  
 8/5: ??

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, July 15, 2018**

**LESSONS:**

Amos 7:7-15  
 Psalm 85:8-13  
 Ephesians 1:3-14  
 Mark 6:14-29

**WORSHIP SERVERS**

**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Brian M. Robison  
**Assisting Minister:** Greg G.  
**Acolyte:** Jackie L.  
**Crucifer:** Keith K.  
**Chalice Bearer:** Tom P.  
**Lector:** Cheryl N.  
**Ushers:** Frank D. & Jason M.

**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.

**Food Pantry Spotlight for July is**

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



**Coffee Hour Hosts!**

If you can help host our coffee/fellowship hour on an occasional Sunday morning, please sign up in the Parish Hall near the coffee stand!



**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.



**Electronic Giving** is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to St. Mark, **even when you're out of town.** Please contact the church office to learn how you can participate!



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