



# MARK TIMES

August 12, 2018 + Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



## From Your Parish Nurse...

I would like to update you all on the activities in the city of Belleville regarding homelessness.



Beacon and The Salvation Army are in the process of partnering together to form the **Center of Hope**. The Center of Hope has been in the works for nearly 2 years. It will be housed in the basement of the Salvation Army on West Main. The center will be a place that the homeless can come during set hours to take advantage of showers, laundry facilities, a place to nap and grab a bite to eat. There will be assistance in finding agencies that can assist in breaking the chains of homelessness and despair.

An opening date has not been announced as of yet, but I will keep you informed. Of course, none of this can be done without help from the various churches, organizations & businesses; the Intergovernmental Grants Department is working with Beacon and The Salvation Army.

Volunteers will be needed along with various other supplies. I have a list of needed supplies and will pass the list on to the appropriate committee chairs. Beacon is always looking for donations of gently used furniture such as table and chairs, couches and mattress and box springs. Contact Beacon at **618.222.8942** to arrange drop off. Of course, a monetary donation can be made as well. Send your check payable to Beacon, at Beacon PO Box 23468, Belleville, IL 62223, and mark your check Center for Hope. *-June Benedick, RN*

## Youth Gathering Presentation

The **TURTLES** lead worship **TODAY, August 12**, and will host the fellowship hour, providing snacks and giving a presentation about their experiences at the Youth Gathering in Houston! Please stay around after worship!



## Church Picnic Next Sunday!

Join us for our church picnic **TODAY, August 12** from Noon to 4:00PM at **Schranz Memorial Park** (360 Honeysuckle Lane) in Swansea. The event is "picnic style," so **bring only enough food for you & your family. Drinks (lemonade & water) and dessert will be provided!** Picnic tables will be available. In addition to the great playground, the splash-pad should be open, and we'll have a variety of outdoor and table games – bring one to share if you'd like!



## "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 TODAY!!!**



**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Friday		<i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>
Sunday, 8/19	9:00AM	The Divine Liturgy
	10:20AM	Coffee & fellowship

**Offerings for August 5, 2018**

Sunday worship attendance:	64
Shine worship attendance:	15
General Fund Donations	\$3,033
Coffee Fund	\$30

Date	Offerings	Expenses	Difference
August MTD	\$3,033	\$527.78	\$2,505.22
YTD	\$105,265.44	\$124,596.99	-\$19,331.55

**Children's Chapel**

Continuing through the end of August, 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:**

8/12: Youth service 8/26: Melanie R. or ??

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

We're working with St. George's to collect school supplies for the Franklin students. Supplies should be returned **TODAY, Sunday, August 12** so they can be blessed and distributed for the children starting school this week!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL** kicks off its new season on **Sunday, September 2!** All school age children are welcome. We meet in the parish hall at 10:30 and walk over to the chapel together. If you'd like more info or want to be a teacher, contact Kara M!

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, August 19, 2018**

**LESSONS:**

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalm 34:9-14

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

**WORSHIP SERVERS**

**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Brian M. Robison

**Assisting Minister:** Greg G.

**Acolyte:** Renee S.

**Crucifer:** Rex R.

**Chalice Bearer:** Tom P.

**Lector:** Cheryl N.

**Ushers:** Frank D. & Jason M.

**Summer Sack Lunch Program**

We have one more Monday to meet at **Turkey Hill Grange at 9AM** to pack lunches. See Peggy A. for info.



The **FOOD PANTRY** is in serious need of

**PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS:**

toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant (men & women), shampoo & conditioner. Bring what items you can to the office or put them on the table in the Welcome Area.

**Instant Coffee & Tea**

St. Mark member **Lisa Reyes** lives at **Crestwood Health Care** in Florissant. She continues to ask for **donations of tea (instant or tea bags) & instant coffee**. If you're able to provide these items at any point, please **drop them in the basket on the St. Mark table** in the Welcome Area.

**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.



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