



# MARK TIMES

August 5, 2018 + Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



## From Your Pastor...

I mentioned in last Sunday's newsletter that our sister ELCA congregation at **Peace Lutheran Church** in Belleville will celebrate their **final worship service next Sunday, August 12**. A representative of Bishop Roth will preside, and a luncheon will follow the service.



Peace Lutheran would like to extend an invitation to any members of St. Mark, but **especially to any who are former members of Peace**, to attend the luncheon, which is expected to begin around **11:30**. If you would like to attend the luncheon, please RSVP the church office at Peace at **618-234-3165**.

Contrary to what I've reported previously, the dissolution of Peace as a congregation is not attached to their vacating of their building. So the process of settling their finances and processing transfers will continue after next Sunday. To that end, we are temporarily housing their financial and membership files and offering space to their office manager Donna so that they can complete the business of the congregation.

We will likely see a number of Peace members among us in worship and fellowship after the 12th. A formal "welcome" celebration will occur probably in September as the transfer process is more complete.

Thank you in advance for your help and hospitality in this process!

## Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Brian will be on vacation through **Friday, August 10**. The **Rev. Mark Sidney** will be on call in case of pastoral emergency. His number is **618-530-5142**.



## Youth Gathering Presentation

The **TURTLES** will lead worship **NEXT Sunday, August 12**, as well as host the fellowship hour to give a presentation about their experiences at the Youth Gathering in Houston!



## Church Picnic Next Sunday!

Join us for our church picnic **NEXT Sunday, August 12** from Noon to **4:00PM** at **Schranz Memorial Park** (360 Honeysuckle Lane) in Swansea. The event will again be "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, we'll have a variety of outdoor and table games - feel free to 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 by **NEXT SUNDAY August 12!**

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Monday, 8/6	2:00PM	Fiber Arts @Westfield
Sunday, 8/12	9:00AM	<b>The Divine Liturgy w/ Youth Leading</b>
	10:20AM	Coffee & fellowship
	10:30AM	Youth Gathering Presentation
	12:00PM	Church Picnic @ Schranz Park-Swansea

**Offerings for July 29, 2018**

**Sunday worship attendance:** 56  
**General Fund Donations** \$3,383

Date	Offerings	Expenses	Difference
July MTD	\$14,131	\$16,009.96	-\$1,878.96
August MTD	NA	\$192.55	NA
YTD	\$102,232.44	\$124,261.76	-\$21,029.32

**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:**

8/5: Patty Bearth      8/19: Melanie R. or ??  
 8/12: Youth service    8/26: Melanie R. or ??

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

We're working with St. George's to collect school supplies for the Franklin students.

Any supplies are appreciated. 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, and bring items back by **NEXT Sunday, August 12** so they can be blessed and distributed!

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, August 12, 2018**

**LESSONS:**

1 Kings 19:4-8  
 Psalm 34:1-8  
 Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
 John 6:34, 41-51

**WORSHIP SERVERS**

**President:** The Rev. Brian M. Robison  
**Assisting Minister:** Youth  
**Acolyte:** Youth.  
**Crucifer:** Youth  
**Chalice Bearer:** Youth  
**Lector:** Youth  
**Ushers:** Rex R. & Jim M.

**Summer Sack Lunch Program**

We have two more Mondays 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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