



# MARK TIMES

October 21, 2018 + Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost



**Adult Forum: Heresies and Schisms TODAY** at 10:30AM Pastor Brian continues the 7-week series examining some of the primary heresies & schisms of the first five centuries of the Christian Church. We continue with **Part 3 of the Gnostics**.

**Reformation Dinner & Hymn Festival** Join us **THIS Saturday** evening, **October 27** from **6-8PM** in the Parish Hall for an evening of **Reformation Day fellowship** with **homemade German fare** and an old-fashioned **hymn-sing!** The event is hosted by your Pastoral Care Committee, so **only bring yourselves - food and drink will be provided**. Just **sign up on the bulletin board just so we have an idea of the**



Our **All Saints Sunday worship service** will take place **Sunday, November 4** at 9:00AM. The **names of your deceased loved ones may be entered into our Book of Remembrance**, on the St. Mark table in the Welcome Area. **You are welcome and encouraged to write names of any deceased loved ones you wish to remember.**



All written names will be included in the worship folder, but **only the names** of those **who have died over the past year** will be read during the service, with a single toll of a bell after each name. Please mark a **star** or an **asterisk** next to the names to indicate a loved one who has died in the last year.

**YOU ARE INVITED** – All **women** of St. Mark congregation are invited to a **FALL MIXER / MEXICAN FIESTA** at the Ott House for some **Friday** night FUN on **Nov. 2, 6:30pm** at 1416 Arley Hill Drive, O'Fallon. (The location is closer to Swansea than O'Fallon, but has an O'Fallon address – just off of Frank Scott Parkway). Kim Ott will host and Sherri Foppe will demonstrate fall Pampered Chef recipes and products.

Homemade Sangria, soft drinks, and Mexican snacks will be provided. You do not need to feel obligated to purchase any PC products, although it is a great opportunity to start your holiday shopping or pick up a new recipe for Thanksgiving dinner. Mostly, we want to provide an opportunity for our new women members and our long term women members to meet and socialize outside of the narthex.

Please **RSVP** no later than Wed. Oct 31<sup>st</sup> to Sherri Foppe (618) 791-6148 or Kim Ott (618) 530-1186.

**Confirmation Class Resumes November 4** The fall session for Confirmation begins on **Sunday, November 4** with a viewing of the movie, "Luther" (2003). This year's class will again be led primarily by Seminarian Brian Moeller and will focus on Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*. Class dates for this session are: November 4, 11, 18, 25, and December 2.



**BREAKING NEWS: MARTIN LUTHER himself will make a return appearance** during our 9:00AM service next Sunday for an interview during the sermon time. Don't miss it!!!



**Companion Program** The St. Mark **Health and Wellness Ministry** is launching a **companion program** to assist Pastor Brian and Nurse June in reaching out to our homebound members and others who need assistance. If you are interested in becoming a “**companion**” and you are able to make a phone call, send a greeting card, or make a personal visit on a regular basis, or just occasionally, please let a member of the Health and Wellness Ministry know. We are Janet Jacquot, Anita Robinson, Kim Ott, Nurse June Benedick, and Pr. Brian.

**St. Mark Game Day** will be on Saturday, November 17 from 2-4PM in the Parish Hall. Drinks and popcorn will be provided. Bring board games you want to play.



**Personal Hygiene Donations for Bethany Place** In the month of October, St. George's is collecting personal hygiene items of any kind to be given to the residents at Bethany Place, the largest non-profit, community based AIDS Service Organization in southern Illinois. Donations can be left in the Welcome Area/Narthex.

**Monthly Charitable Donation** Each month our Evangelism/Social Ministry committee designates a cause/organization for a budgeted donation. **October's** designation is for **Lutheran Disaster Response**. You may add to this donation by writing a check to St. Mark with “Lutheran Disaster Response” in the memo line.



**Food Pantry Needs** toilet paper! If you're able to donate any, please bring it to the Welcome Area or to the office. Thank you!

**Offerings**

*October 14, 2018*

<b>Sunday worship attendance:</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>General Fund Donations:</b>	<b>\$3,865</b>
<b>Coffee Fund:</b>	<b>\$178.90</b>
<b>Otto May Memorial:</b>	<b>\$50</b>

**Month to Date**

October Offerings:	\$9,184.00
Expenses:	\$6,162.79
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>\$3,021.21</b>

**Next Sunday's Worship Leaders**

**Sunday, October 28, 2018**

**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Brian M. Robison  
**Assisting Minister:** Sem. Brian Moeller  
**Acolyte:** Jackie L. **Crucifer:** Rex R.  
**Chalice Bearer:** Mike M. **Lector:** Kathy R.  
**Ushers:** Frank D. & Roland J.  
**Basket Holders:** Jackie L. & Anna R.

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
 Psalm 46  
 Romans 3:19-28  
 John 8:31-36

**Weekly Health Tip!** October is **Dental Hygiene** month. Brush your teeth for 2 minutes at least twice per day. The American Dental Association suggests changing your toothbrush every 3-4 months, or if you have been sick.



**Pumpkin-Palooza!** Our second **Pumpkin-Palooza Bake Sale** will be all Sunday morning, **November 11**. Proceeds benefit the St. Mark/St. George Food Pantry. The bake sale is a combined effort of members from both St. Mark and St. George. Last year's bake sale raised over \$800!

**Prayer Requests** If you have friends/loved ones that you'd like to be remembered in the Prayers of Intercession during worship, **or** if a name can be removed from the list, please notify Pastor or Randi.



**"God's Work. Our Hands." shirts** Pastor has **two** of the **yellow** **"God's Work. Our Hands."** t-shirts available in **YOUTH SMALL only**. If you have a child that wears size 6-8 and you'd like him/her to have a shirt, please let pastor know and we'll give it to you for **FREE**.



**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!

**Can Openers for the Food Pantry** The Food Pantry requests donations of simple, hand-operated can openers that can be given to the homeless. Not every can has a "pop-top," and having a can opener will expand what can be offered.



## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 10/22	6:00PM	Pastoral Care committee - conference room
	7:00PM	Church Council - conference room
	7:00PM	LST Course " <i>The World of Paul</i> " - Parish Hall
Thursday	6:30PM	Bells Rehearsal
	8:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	6:00PM	Reformation Dinner and Hymn Sing
<b>Sunday, 10/28</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>The Divine Liturgy for Reformation Sunday</b>
	10:20AM	Coffee & fellowship
	10:30AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Adult Forum: <i>Heresies &amp; Schisms in the Early Church: 2nd Century Gnosticism, Simon Magus, Valentinus</i>

## WE PRAY FOR THE ILL AND CONFINED

### ***St. Mark Parishioners***

**Ken** Augustine  
**Kathryn** Bjornstad  
**Gary** Dozier

**Jan** Dressel  
**Mike** Foppe  
**Lila** Frerichs

**Geri** Jolley  
**Don** Muller  
**Tim** Richards

**George** Shafer

### ***Family and Friends***

**Lavone** Alvarez (friend of the Hinkles)  
**Judy** Betz (friend of Mary Skifton)  
**Marilyn** Billings (aunt of the Martens' family)  
**Joe** Bohnenstiehl (nephew of Amanda Kilzer)  
**Christine** (Private prayer request)  
**Hudson** Combs (family of Robinsons)  
**Johnell** Cook (mother of Carolyn Simard)  
**Joe** Donahay & family (step-brother of Angela Bjornstad)  
**Katrina** Fenner (friend of Art Engelage)  
**Craig** Gentsch (son of Lois Gentsch)  
**Joni** Giordano (friend of Barb Wurdinger)  
**Asia** Graham (friend of the Kilzers)  
**Margy** Groennert (aunt of the Martens' family)  
**Stephanie** Groennert (cousin of the Martens' family)  
**Arlene** Hunt (friend of the Robisons)  
**Imogene** Kuykendell  
(friend of Lucy Montgomery)

**Pat** Likness (mother of Jan Dressel)  
**Allen & Mary Jane** Martens (uncle/aunt of the Martens' family)  
**John** Martfeld (friend of Ruth Carnaghi)  
**Dorothy** May (mother of Jan Richards)  
**David** Moehle (friend of Don Muller)  
Pr. **Ron** Neustadt (friend of St. Mark)  
**Tim** Partelow & family (brother of Tom)  
**Jeff** Pence (brother of Pam Clark)  
**Eileen** Robertson (niece of the Shafers)  
**Darrell** Robinson (husband of Anita Robinson)  
**Dave** Schaaf (former parishioner)  
**Stefanie** Schroeder (friend of St. Mark)  
**Jo** Smith (friend of the Moellers)  
**Kris** Whitley (sister to Kim O. & Kathy R)  
**Cody** Willard (friend of the Duncans)  
**David** Wilkey (son of June Isselhardt)  
**Linda** Wrisley (sister of John Downing)

### **THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS**

*We pray for those who celebrate their birthday this week:*

**Jack Geppert** (10/23), **Lucy Montgomery** (10/24), **Wally Kleist** (10/24),  
**Ellie Geppert** (10/25), **Barb Newton** (10/26), and **Jason Martens** (10/26)

*We pray for those who celebrate their wedding anniversary this week:*

**Jason & Cheryl** Martens (10/25) and **Charlie & Evelyn** Duncan (10/26)

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