



MARK TIMES

September 16, 2018 + Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



From Your Pastor...

Next Sunday, September 23, we joyfully celebrate the arrival of so many new members to St. Mark with the **Rite of Welcome for New Members** in worship, and a **reception** in the Parish Hall immediately following.



The **Rite of Welcome** will take place **after the Hymn of the Day**, and we'll invite the assembly to be seated while the new members remain standing in place, as they are able. The rite itself is a public affirmation of baptism to mark their participation in a new community of faith.

We'll have a delightful spread of breakfast food for the **reception**, at which each of our committee and ministry chairpersons will give a brief explanation of their ministry groups and extend invitations to be part of those groups to those who are interested.

Then, on the **first two Sundays in October** during the **fellowship hour**, **Charlie Duncan** will have his camera set up to **take photos of the new members** for the **photo directory** (If you've been wondering why it's taken so long to produce the directory: when it became clear that we might have a large group of new members, we elected to wait and include the new folks as well!).

It very much warms my heart (and makes me a proud pastor!) to have heard from several transfers from Peace how welcome they have been made to feel. THANK YOU again and again to all who have helped in so many ways to make this as smooth a process as it can be!

Pastor at Leaders Conference

Pastor Brian will be away from the office from noon tomorrow (Monday, 9/17) through Wednesday (9/19) for the synod's Professional & Lay Leaders Conference in Carlinville.

Welcome Pastor Wayland!

We welcome back the Rev. Wayland Middendorf as our guest preacher and presider this morning!



Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Brian is on vacation through **this afternoon Sunday, September 16**. **Sem. Brian Moeller** is on call in case of **pastoral emergency**. His number is **618-792-0835**.



Handicapped Parking

One of the challenges of sharing our church facilities is having adequate **handicapped parking**. This has been a concern at various times over the course of this 36-year partnership. The upstairs lot can fill quickly, leaving few if any spaces for those attending St. George's late service.



If you are the primary/only driver and need to use these spaces, or if you require use of a wheelchair or other significant assistance, please use these spaces—**they are for you!**

But if you have a driver who is able to walk well, please *consider* using the **circle driveway** to **drop off the person who needs assistance before parking your vehicle in the main parking lot** or on the street.

We are looking into a few possibilities to help alleviate this situation to the benefit of everyone.

Thank you for your patience and understanding!

Usher Training for new AND current ushers will be on **Saturday, September 22** at **3:00PM** in the church. Contact Frank D. at 567-7188 for more info!

FROG Gathering Sept. 22!

Hop to the Parish Hall on Saturday, **Sept. 22** from 1-3PM for this fall's first get-together of our **Families Relying on God** group (families w/ children in 5th grade & younger). We're going to tie-dye our new FROG t-shirts and have a **SUPRRISE** activity! RSVP to Anita R. at 420-2838.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 9/17	10:30AM	Peace Relocation Committee – CR
	2:00PM	Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor
Monday-Wednesday		<i>Pastor at Professional Leaders conference</i>
Thursday	7:00PM	Bells Rehearsal
	8:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	1-3PM	FROG event – PH
	3:00PM	Usher training – church
Sunday, 9/23	9:00AM	The Divine Liturgy
	10:30AM	Welcome reception for new members

Offerings for September 9, 2018	
Sunday worship attendance:	89
General Fund Donations	\$3,140

Date	Offerings	Expenses	Difference
Sept. MTD	\$6,327	\$2,903.79	\$3,423.21

Mark Your Calendars Now! 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!

“Lunch Bunch” Begins October 7!

Each **first Sunday** of the month following the Education Hour, a group of members will head out for **food, fellowship, and fun** at a local restaurant. All are welcome!

The first outing will be **Sunday, October 7** after Pastor’s class. The restaurant will be **Hokkaido Seafood Buffet & Grill** in Swansea. Please RSVP to **Ken Woodome** in person or at **233–3821**

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, September 23, 2018

LESSONS:

Jeremiah 11:18-20
 Psalm 54
 James 3:3:13-4:3, 78a
 Mark 9:30-37

WORSHIP SERVERS

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison
Assisting Minister: Greg G.
Acolyte: Renee S.
Crucifer: Frank D.
Chalice Bearer: Mike M. & TBD
Lector: Kathy R.
Ushers: Jim J. & Roland J.

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” THANKS!

THANK YOU to everyone who helped pin quilts, tag Fiber Arts items, make cards, and spruce up our neighborhood, the parking lot and the church signs last Sunday! What great things we accomplish together!

LST Class at St. Mark

“The World of Paul: Seeking to Understand the Writings of Apostle Paul by Understanding his Times”, Four Mondays from Oct 1 through Oct 22 from 7:00–9:30 pm. Taught by the **Rev. Blake Duncan** at St. Mark. Tuition: \$60 if *received* by Sep 21, \$65 after Sep 21. For more information or to register, call the Lutheran School of Theology office at: **(314) 918–2556** or email: **registrar@lststl.org**

Weekly Health Tip!

September is **World Suicide Prevention Month**. Know the warning signs and where to seek help. The number for the **Suicide Prevention Hotline** is **1–800–273–8255**.

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