



MARK TIMES

September 2, 2018 + Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



From Your Pastor...

As of this past Monday's Church Council meeting, 95 (such a "Lutheran" number!) transfer requests from Peace Lutheran Church to St. Mark have been approved. The process of transferring information between Donna and Randi will continue over the next couple of weeks, and we thank you for your patience as we add our new members to our phone, birthday, anniversary, & email lists.



From your Altar Guild...

While St. Mark is rejoicing at more people in the pews, we are also enjoying a wealth of gifts that come with those people. Pastor mentioned on Sunday the green altar frontal and the matching chasuble robe he wore. We are also using the lectionary book and individual communion cup trays from Peace. A "Good Shepherd" frontal is in place in the chapel. Altar guild members have been working on sorting robes, candles, linens, vestments and other furnishings for the past two weeks. For any items we cannot use, we are finding other churches in the synod that can, and sharing God's blessings far and wide.

Regarding the **hymnals** that came from Peace:

50 are in the chapel to be used for SHINE or other St. Mark services; Some 50+ went to St. Luke's in Campbell Hill; A few were given to our music department to be used by new choir members; we also have a few dozen left as "spares," unless other opportunities arise to pass them on.

We tried to keep as many as possible with dedications in the front, especially those with names we recognized as having transferred to St. Mark—some of those are in the chapel and some were placed in the main church.

We are so grateful to the people of Peace for these many blessings.

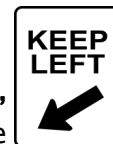
Sunday School Rally Day & Blessing!

We kick off a new season of **Sunday School** this morning with a **procession by the children** in worship, followed by a **blessing of Sunday School students and teachers**. After worship, we will hold a "mini" Rally Day during **fellowship hour**. All school age children are welcome. If you'd like more info or if you'd like to be a teacher, contact Kara M!



St. Mark Table Talk

Bring a lunch and join us **THIS Wednesday, September 5** at 11:30AM in the conference room as Pastor Brian leads class on "*Left-Handed People in the Bible.*"



NOTE: Table Talk is moved up one week because of Pastor's appointments.

"God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday



The ELCA-wide day of service is **NEXT Sunday, September 9**. After worship we'll have a number of activities for service to our community: picking up trash around the neighborhood; "tagging & bagging" fiber arts items; and for the kids, making cards to be delivered to our homebound and nursing home resident members. Please plan to join us!

Randi's Office Hours

Our Office Manager, Randi, is in the office...
Mondays: 8:30AM-1PM; Tuesdays: 8AM-12PM;
Wednesdays: 12:15-2:15PM; Thursdays: 8AM-1PM; Fridays: 12:15-2:15PM; Saturdays: TBD.

*The church office is closed for all Federal Holidays.

**Henry Evans of St. George's is generally in the office from 9AM-3PM, Monday-Friday.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday		Office Closed for Labor Day
Wednesday	11:30AM	St. M Table Talk: "Left-Handed People in the Bible" - conf. room
Thursday	7:00PM	Bells Rehearsal
	8:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday		Pastor's Sabbath
Sunday, 9/9	9:00AM	The Divine Liturgy "God's Work Our Hands Sunday"
	10:30AM	Service Day Activities

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, September 9, 2018

LESSONS:

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalm 146

James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

WORSHIP SERVERS

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison

Assisting Minister: Greg G.

Acolyte: Jackie L.

Crucifer: Keith K.

Chalice Bearer: Barb W.

Lector: Jim M.

Ushers: Jim M. & Rex R.

Offerings for August 26, 2018

Sunday worship attendance:	112
General Fund Donations	\$4,539
Coffee Fund	\$71.75

Date	Offerings	Expenses	Difference
August 2018	\$14,112	\$17,853.42	-\$3,741.42

Monthly Charitable Donation

Each month our Evangelism/Social Ministry committee designates a cause/organization for a budgeted donation. August's designation was for the Franklin School lunches, and **September** is for **Lutheran Campus Ministry of St. Louis.**

Parish Nurse

Our Parish Nurse, **June Benedick**, will be doing blood pressures in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, September 23**. She is available by phone at **618-977-4389**. If you'd like to visit with June in person, she is in the **church office** from **9 to 11:45AM** on **Tuesdays & Thursdays**, as well as one Sunday a month after worship.



Food Pantry Needs

Our food pantry is out of *donated* items, and thus will need to purchase items from money in reserve until the next food drive (Boy Scouts in November). If you can help by buying and donating a can or more of **CANNED FRUIT**, it would be most helpful. Bring donated items to the office or put them on the table in the Welcome Area.



Bell Choir Evaluations

If you served on the **bell choir** last season, the Pastoral Care Committee would like to encourage you to complete an evaluation form for Jill Thompson, our bell choir director. **These blue forms can be picked up from/returned to Jan Richards.** Thank you!



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**

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