



MARK TIMES

September 23, 2018 + Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



From Your Pastor...

As we celebrate the welcome of new members this morning in worship and in fellowship afterwards, we recognize that the influx of over 90 new folks necessarily requires changes in a number of things: we rejoice to have so many folks interested in joining various aspects of our church community, from worship leadership to choirs to Sunday School and other ministries. We've made some modifications to our communion distribution to serve everyone while being respectful of our time constraints. And we're in discussions of how to utilize our new resources to help keep up with the increased pastoral care needs, real and potential.



We will also be experimenting with a new format for this *Mark Times* newsletter, and trying a new way of offering our Prayers of Intercession, again with the goal of meeting as many needs as possible while being respectful of our time.

This remains an ongoing process of transition that will continue for some time. I appreciate, as always, your patience and insight as with God's help and guidance we strive to fashion a spiritually-nourishing environment for all.

Pastor Brian

Photos for New Members

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 an updated photo directory. When it became clear that we might have a large group of new members, we elected to wait and include the new folks in the directory as well.

If you missed the chance to have your photos taken before, these are your make-up dates!

Healing Service Next Sunday

We will offer **healing prayer with laying on of hands** **NEXT Sunday, September 30** during worship. All who feel the need for healing are welcome to participate in this ancient ministry.



Food Pantry Needs

Our food pantry is in need of **CANNED FRUIT**. Donations in any amount will be helpful. Please bring donated items to the office or put them on the table in the Welcome Area.



Youth Square Dance!

Senior high youth are invited to Good Shepherd -Manchester **NEXT Sunday, September 30** for a rip-roarin' square dance! Meet at pastor's house at **5:30PM**. Cost is **\$5**. Only snacks are provided at the event, so **eat dinner beforehand!** RSVP to Melanie.

Chili Cook-Off Help Wanted!

Belleville's 34th annual Chili  Cook-Off begins Friday, **October 5**. St. George's continues their tradition of making "Dragon's Breath" white chicken chili. A sign-up poster is in the Parish Hall if any St. Mark members would like to help in the process; booth and kitchen help is needed! Even ONE shift is helpful. Proceeds benefit the Franklin Neighborhood Community Association.

Blessing of the Animals on October 7

Make plans to attend our special SHINE worship on **SUNDAY, October 7** at **5:00PM** for the Blessing of the Animals!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 9/24	6:00PM	Pastoral Care Committee –CR
	7:00PM	Church Council
Thursday	7:00PM	Bells Rehearsal
	8:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 9/30	9:00AM	Liturgy with Healing Rite
	10:20AM	Coffee & fellowship
	10:30AM	Sunday School
	6-8PM	Youth Square Dance at Good Shepherd-Manchester

Offerings for September 16, 2018

Sunday worship attendance:	89
General Fund Donations	\$3,783
Betty Dumstorff Memorial	\$100

Date	Offerings	Expenses	Difference
Sept. MTD	\$10,110	\$5,656.66	\$4,453.34

“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 Woodrome** in person or at **233-3821**

Weekly Health Tip!

Fall Prevention Awareness Day was September 22. Do a quick check around your house for **trip and fall hazards** (cords, loose rugs, clutter, etc.)

LOOKING AHEAD**Sunday, September 30, 2018****LESSONS:**

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalm 19:7-14

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

WORSHIP SERVERS**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Brian M. Robison**Assisting Minister:** Greg M.**Acolyte:** Braden V.**Crucifer:** Keith K.**Chalice Bearer:** *No Communion***Lector:** Charlie Duncan**Ushers:** Nancy Guenther & TBD**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!

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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