



# MARK TIMES


November 25, 2018 + Christ the King Sunday



**All Seasons Liturgy** We journey through the liturgical year in our service today, with hymns from each seasons and reflection on how our regular services reflect the flow of the church year.


**No Adult Forum today** Pastor Brian will be teaching Confirmation class.

**Confirmation Class Continues Today** with discussion of **Baptism** through Luther's *Small Catechism*. The last class for this session will be December 2.

 **Annual Reports** from Committee Chairs are due to Randi no later than **3:00PM THIS Wednesday, November 28**. The Annual Meeting is Sunday, December 2 at 10:30AM in the chapel.

**CLEANING DAY** Before Christmas decorations are set up, there will be a CLEANING DAY for both the church and chapel **THIS Saturday, December 1 at 9:00AM**. This is a joint effort by the altar guilds of St Mark and St George, but **ALL** are encouraged to come and help!



 **SHINE Worship on Saturday** Join us **THIS Saturday, December 1** at 6:00PM for less-formal worship with contemporary Christian music in the chapel.

**Annual Meeting Next Sunday** (December 2) after worship we will hold our annual congregational meeting in the chapel. We will hear reports from committee and ministry chairs, vote on the annual budget, and elect new council members. All confirmed members are eligible to vote.

**“Angel Tree”** We’re joining again with St. George’s & **Lutheran Child & Family Services** to provide Christmas gifts for children in need. **Take an info sheet** from the back table in the Welcome Area for a child you want to provide gifts for, and take a **gift card with the info tag on the back**. Return the gifts unwrapped (if you can include wrapping paper for later, it is appreciated!). Print the child’s name and information on a tag and attach to each gift. Place the gifts with tags and paper in one bag (if possible) and leave it on the last two pews on the far left of the church, or bring them to the church office. If you have multiple bags please be sure the required info is attached to each bag. The **loose spending limit is \$50 per child**, and **NO USED GIFTS**. Please **return the gifts by Sunday, December 9**.



## From Your Pastor...

**Christ the King Sunday** was instituted by Pope Pius XI in **1925** (mainline Protestant denominations began observing it when they began following the Common Lectionary). The Pope, and the rest of the Christian world, witnessed the rise of non-Christian dictatorships in Europe, and saw Catholics being taken in by these earthly leaders, who often attempted to assert authority over the Church. The Feast of Christ the King was instituted during a time when respect for Christ and the Church was waning. While the celebration may not be very old, the **truth** that Jesus **Christ is King** of all creation is **ageless**.



Today's feast tells us that the **kingdom of God** is ruled by a desire for **every human being to enjoy life fully and in freedom**. How did Jesus express these Divine designs? He did it through parables like the Prodigal Son, which illustrate the limitless mercy that God has for God's children. He did it through parables like the Good Samaritan, which calls us to love and serve each other. And he did it by teaching us how to pray and how to live a life of holiness.

Jesus knew that the best way to teach the principles and rules of his kingdom was to act them out in person so that he could *show* the way and not just talk about it. His heart was set on seeking and obeying his Father's wishes - just as ours should be. He was determined to love everyone, even those who opposed him - just as he calls us to do. He prioritized mercy and forgiveness over justice and punishment, and he wants us to do the same.

Pope Pius XI initiated Christ the King Sunday because he wanted every person to know that Jesus is superior to all other would-be kings. This feast told the Church then, and reminds us today, that *only Jesus* can fill our **deepest desires** for **love, peace, and happiness**.

May we all gather under the banner of Jesus Christ, our King. May we live today and forward as true citizens of his kingdom.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Brian".

**Jr. & Sr. TURTLES Game Night** at Pastor's house on **Friday, December 7** from **6-9PM** for games, food & fun! Bring a game to share. RSVP to Melanie!



### Offerings

*November 18, 2018*

**Sunday worship attendance:** 103  
**General Fund Donations:** \$3,169.65  
**Food Pantry:** \$5

### Month to Date

November Offerings: \$12,711.65  
Expenses: \$11,775.12  
**Difference: \$936.53**

### ***Next Sunday's Worship Leaders***

**Sunday, December 2, 2018**

**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Brian M. Robison

**Assisting Minister:** Brian M.

**Acolyte:** Braden V.      **Crucifer:** Rex R.

**Chalice Bearer:** Braden V.      **Lector:** Sherri F.

**Ushers:** Rick C. & Curt G.

**Basket Holders:** Madison C. & TBD

### **SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 25:1-10

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

**Weekly Health Tip!** November is **Caregiver Month**. If you are providing care for a family member, seek support of others. Accept offers of help. Allow for periods of rest for yourself. Most importantly, give yourself credit for the great job you are doing.

**There's a chill in the air!** The Evangelism/Social Ministry committee will be collecting children's **gloves, hats, and socks** for those less fortunate this winter. Collection continues until **December 16**. Put your donation in the **blue tub** in the **Welcome Area**.



### Monthly Charitable Donation

November's Evangelism/Social Ministry charity designation is for the **Campaign for the ELCA**. You may add to this donation by writing a check to St. Mark with "Campaign for the ELCA" in the memo line.

### Boy Scout Food Drive

THANK YOU to everyone who helped sort food for last week's Boy Scout Food Drive!



### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DECEMBER 2, 10:30AM

#### COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

(\*denotes incumbent)

President: **Greg Guenther**  
 Vice-President: **Keith Kniepkamp**  
 Financial Secretary: **Charlie Duncan\***  
 TBD  
 Pastoral Care (male): **Ken Woodrome**  
 Pastoral Care (female): **Jan Richards\***  
 Evangelism/Social Min.: **Ann Martens**  
 Christian Education: **Anita Robinson**  
 Youth: **Jan Dressel**

#### Synod Assembly Voting Members:

Adult Male: **John Andersen**  
 Adult Female: **Danielle Tribut**  
 Youth: **TBD**



**Food Pantry Needs** canned fruit, bar soap and dish soap! If you're able to donate any, please bring it to the Welcome Area or to the office. Thank you!

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Wednesday,		Annual reports due!
Thursday	7:00PM	Bells rehearsal
	8:00PM	Choir rehearsal
Saturday	9:00AM	Cleaning Day!
	<b>6:00PM</b>	<b>SHINE worship—chapel</b>
<b>Sunday, 12/2</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>The Divine Liturgy for Advent 1</b>
	10:20AM	Coffee & fellowship
	10:30AM	Annual congregational meeting
	10:30AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Confirmation class

## WE PRAY FOR THE ILL AND CONFINED

### **St. Mark Parishioners**

**Ken** Augustine  
**Kathryn** Bjornstad  
**Gary** Dozier  
**Mike** Foppe

**Lila** Frerichs  
**Geri** Jolley  
**Bob** McConnell

**Don** Muller  
**Tim** Richards  
**George** Shafer

**Bea** Whiteside

### **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 (stepmother of Carolyn Simard)  
**Cheryl** Ellison (mother of Julie Valerius)  
**Katrina** Fenner (friend of Art Engelage)  
**Joni** Giordano (friend of Barb Wurdinger)  
**Asia** Graham (friend of the Kilzers)  
**Margy** Groennert (aunt of the Martens')  
**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)  
Pr. **Ron** Neustadt (friend of St. Mark)  
**Jim** Outland (family of Anita Robinson)  
**Tim & Missy** Partelow & family (brother of Tom)  
**Jeff** Pence (brother of Pam Clark)  
**Darnell** Rideout (stepfather of Mike Cardoza)  
**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)  
**Jane** (friend of Julie Valerius)

### THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS

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

**Kathy Bamvakais** (11/25), **Michael Guenther** (11/25), **Kathy Casey** (11/26),  
**Matthew Bjornstad** (11/26), **Corbin Moeller** (11/26), **Garrett Stone** (11/26),  
**Jessica Anthony** (11/27), **Abigail Stone** (11/27), **Missy Kimbrell** (11/30),  
and **Brooke Schaefer** (12/1)

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

**Anita & Darrell** Robinson (11/26)

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