



MARK TIMES



November 4, 2018 + All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday We remember today all of the saints who have died with the hope of everlasting life with Christ. The names of our loved ones who have died since last All Saints and were written in the remembrance book will be read aloud, followed by a single toll of a bell.

Confirmation Class Resumes Today The fall session for Confirmation begins **TODAY**, with a viewing of the movie, "Luther" (2003) and pizza for lunch. 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.



St. Mark/St. George Work Day In preparation for colder weather, we will join St. George's for a property work day **NEXT Saturday, November 10 at 9:00AM**. See Tom Partelow for info.

Star Trek Saturday!

Attention Trekkers! This month's "Star Trek Saturday" will be **NEXT Saturday, November 10 at 5PM** at the Rothgangel's house. Please bring a snack to share!



Pumpkin-Palooza! Our second **Pumpkin-Palooza Bake Sale** will be **NEXT 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!

FROGs Service Project

Join us **Sunday, November 18** for our FROGs service project in the Parish Hall from **11:30AM-2:30PM**. We will be making meals to hand out. Food item sign-up with Natalie H. or Melanie R. We will have pizza for lunch before we "get cooking." RSVP to Natalie H. or to Melanie!



Handicapped Parking

St. George's has asked us to remind everyone of the challenges related to sharing the **handicapped parking lot** on the circle drive.

If you are the primary/only driver and need to use these spaces in the circle drive, 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.

Thank you for your patience and understanding!

From Your Pastor...

On this All Saints Sunday, I commend to you this lovely reflection from one of our supplemental worship books:



“Since there are many more Christian saints than the three hundred and sixty-five days of the year, **this day is set aside to honor all of them.** Many saints have never had their names mentioned beyond a very small circle of friends. Not all saints are alike. Spiritual gifts are as varied as the many interests and abilities that exist in the broad spectrum of people. Some saints have mystical experiences; others do not. Some saints stay busily at work in the world; other saints have neither the energy nor the social skills for that. Many saints have no idea that they are saints. One saint will rediscover the value of tradition, while another saint will open new doors of innovation. **Each life has a purpose and fits into God’s grand scheme** the way plants - an oak or a trillium - grow in a forest.”
- Bernard Bangley

Adult Forum: Heresies and Schisms TODAY at 10:30AM Pastor Brian continues his series examining some of the primary heresies & schisms of the first five centuries of the Christian Church. Due to last week’s class being preempted by a late start to our fellowship time, we will today explore the **2nd century Gnosticism of Simon Magus, Valentinus, & Marcion.**

Health & Wellness Needs Assessment With this newsletter you should have been handed or emailed a “needs assessment” survey put together by our Health & Wellness Ministry team. The committee is surveying the congregation regarding health concerns and needs over the first two weeks of November. We ask that each adult (18 and older) complete a questionnaire. You may fill out the survey online and email it to the church office, return it via “snail mail,” or place it in the offering basket on Sunday mornings. Outcomes of the survey will be reported at the annual meeting on Dec. 2. **Your participation will help determine the future direction of the H & W ministry, and how we can best support the congregation, Pr. Brian, and Nurse June.**

Offerings

October 28, 2018

Sunday worship attendance: 123
General Fund Donations: \$3,730
Lutheran Disaster Relief: \$100

Month to Date

October Offerings: \$16,597.00
Expenses: \$16,556.31
Difference: \$40.69

November Offerings: NA
Expenses: \$163.69

Next Sunday’s Worship Leaders

Sunday, November 11, 2018

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison

Assisting Minister: Danielle T.

Acolyte: Renee S. **Crucifer:** Sherri F.

Chalice Bearer: Barb W. & TBD **Lector:** Jim M.

Ushers: TBD & Jim M.

Basket Holders: Corbin M.. & Renee S.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

Weekly Health Tip! November is American Diabetes month. If you need Diabetic education call the American Diabetes Association at 1-800-342-2383 or visit the web site at www.diabetes.org.

Boy Scout Food Drive 11/17

This year's Boy Scout Food Drive will take place on **Saturday, November 17**. We need **volunteers** to help **sort food** in the **Parish Hall** from about **9:30AM to 12:00PM**.



Monthly Charitable Donation Each month our Evangelism/Social Ministry committee designates a cause/organization for a budgeted donation. **November's** 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.

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.

WARNING DUE DATES ARE CLOSER THAN THEY APPEAR

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

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday	2:00PM	Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor
Thursday	6:30PM	Bells Rehearsal
	8:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday-Saturday		C/SIS Youth Retreat in Carlinville
Saturday	9:00AM	Joint Properties Work Day
	5:00PM	Star Trek Saturday at the Rothgangel's
Sunday, 11/11	9:00AM	The Divine Liturgy
	9:00AM - 12:00PM	"Pumpkin Palooza" Joint Bake Sale
	10:20AM	Coffee & fellowship
	10:30AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Adult Forum: <i>Heresies & Schisms in the Early Church: Donatists & Arianism</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

Bob & Irma
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 (mother of Carolyn Simard)
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'
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:

Deb Monfre (11/5), **Zach Thompson** (11/5), **Jeni Dressel** (11/6),
Katelyn Kilzer (11/6), and **Kathryn Bjornstadt** (11/8)

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

Dennis & Marie Robison (11/5)

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