



# MARK TIMES

January 13, 2019 + The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany



**Congratulations Vivienne!** We give thanks to God for Vivienne Bearth, who is joined to the promises of God in Holy Baptism this morning. Many blessings to parents Abram and Rachel, and grandparents Mark and Patty.



## Sunday School Teachers Appreciation Lunch

We invite all of our Sunday School teachers and helpers for a special lunch celebration TODAY at 12 noon in the Parish Hall as a THANK YOU for all you do for our children at St. Mark.

## Winterizing Worship

We've had a fairly mild winter thus far (knock on wood), but it's a good time to talk about **winter weather** and the issues related to **canceling worship services**.



While it should be a **last resort**, there is the possibility that severe conditions plus insufficient time for road treatments would lead to the canceling of a Sunday morning service. If this happens, we will make every effort to communicate the cancellation of church to you.

We will utilize **six different modes of communication** in an attempt to contact you: we will send an **"email blast;"** I will send **text messages** to everyone whose number I have in my phone or in the directory; we will put a cancellation message on the **church voicemail** and on the **church website;** I will put our church on the **KMOV (Channel 4), KSDK (Channel 5) & KTVI (Channel 2) church cancellation lists;** the notice will be on our **Facebook** page a couple of times; and we will send out an automated **"RoboCall"** with the cancellation announcement. **If we can't reach you in one of these ways, then your contact information with the church probably needs to be updated.** Please contact the office to do so.

Communication may be the greatest challenge in canceling worship, but there is another challenge that is right behind it. **The loss of a Sunday worship also means the loss of a Sunday's income.** Please consider making your next Sunday offering "a double," or give a little more over subsequent weeks to offset that loss. Electronic giving is also an option.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding. Blessings for continued warmth!



Lutheran  
Campus  
Ministry  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

**Trivia Night 2019!** Shake off the holiday fog at Lutheran Campus Ministry's annual trivia night on **Saturday, February 2** at 6:30PM! Register at <http://lcmstl.org/trivia/> \$20 per person or \$160/table of 8.

## From Jill Thompson...

Dear St. Mark:

Thank you for the lovely send-off and gift cards! I will cherish my years at St. Mark. You are such caring people. I have been inspired by the way you take care of each other and live out the faith.

I also want to thank both choirs for the great music over the years especially this Christmas. Well done good and faithful servants. You have and continue to bless us all with your gifts of music. Special thanks to Evelyn for her tireless service.

I'd like to give a special shout-out to Randi who does so much to support staff and the congregation. So much of her work is behind the scenes. Thank you!

And thank you Pastor Brian for your leadership, direction and collaboration. You are a gift to the people of faith.

Many blessings to you all and many, many thanks! *- Jill Thompson*



**Gift Cards are Back!** Check with **Jan D., Evelyn D. or Melanie R.** after church for gift cards available for purchase through the TURTLES youth group.



### Social/Evangelism News:

We are meeting on Thurs., **January 24 at 5:30PM** in the conference room. **Anyone** interested in joining us is welcome. We will be making plans for the new year. Our normal meetings will be the third Thursday of each month starting in February.

We will pack lunches for needy students from Franklin School on Friday, Jan. 18. Your help would be appreciated. Sign up sheet is on the St. Mark board in the Parish Hall. Donations of individual chips, pretzels, crackers, and fruit cups are needed for 18 children.

**Music Program Update** With Jill's retirement, our music program will be handled on an interim basis by Charlie Duncan directing the choir and John Andersen directing the bell choir. The worship planning committee will also expand to include more members.

#### Offerings

*January 6, 2019*

**Sunday worship attendance:** 94  
**Shine worship attendance:** 16  
**General Fund Donations:** \$5,250  
**Designated Fund Donations:** \$9

#### Month to Date

January Offerings: \$5,259  
Expenses: \$20.91  
**Difference: \$5,238.09**

#### Next Sunday's Worship Leaders

Sunday, January 20, 2019

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

**Assisting Minister:** TBD

**Acolyte:** Jackie L.      **Crucifer:** Danielle T.

**Chalice Bearer:** Barb W. & Tom P.

**Lector:** Cheryl N.    **Ushers:** Sherri F. & Jason M.

**Basket Holders:** Jackie L. & Anna R.

#### SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Isaiah 62:1-5    Psalm 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11    John 2:1-11

**Weekly Health Tip!** January is **Glaucoma Awareness Month**. Glaucoma has no noticeable signs or symptoms, so it is important to have a **yearly eye exam**.

**THANK YOU TO PEACE!** On behalf of the entire St. Mark congregation & Council, we would like to extend a most sincere THANK YOU to the former members of Peace Lutheran Church for their significant and generous financial gift to St. Mark. After the sale of their facility, Peace gave substantial monetary gifts to several nonprofit agencies (our joint food pantry was also a recipient). The Church Council will continue to ponder how to put this gift to good and faithful use. Once again thank you, and may the Lord guide us in applying the use of this gift to further the work of God's kingdom.

**Prayer Requests** If you have friends/loved ones that you'd like to be remembered in the Prayers of Intercession during worship, **or** if a name can be removed from the list, please notify Pastor or Randi.



Fiber Arts is holding a **Quilt Blitz** on Monday, **January 14 starting at 11:30AM** in the Parish Hall. We will cut and assemble quilts to be tied by our Westfield team. Many jobs are available from ironing fabric to cutting to pinning to sewing. Come for lunch and stay to work or visit. All help is appreciated.

**Did You Know....** any issues related to the work of the paid staff (**office manager, choir director, organist, Parish Nurse**) should be brought to **Pastor Brian** (their supervisor) or a member of the Pastoral Care committee. Issues with the **pastor** should be brought to the pastor's attention or to the **Pastoral Care committee**. The **sexton/custodian** is an employee of St. George's Episcopal Church, and issues related to his work should be brought to Henry Evans (St. George's office manager).

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday	11:00AM	Health & Wellness meeting—office
	11:30AM	Fiber Arts Quilt Blitz —Parish Hall
Tuesday	1:00PM	Worship Planning meeting— conference room
Thursday	7:00PM	Bells Rehearsal
	8:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday		<i>Pastor's sabbath</i>
<b>Sunday, 1/20</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>The Divine Liturgy w/Baptism of Halas Robison</b>
	10:20AM	Coffee & fellowship
	10:30AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Adult Forum: <i>A History of Christian Baptism, Pt. 1</i>

**WE PRAY FOR THE ILL AND CONFINED**

***St. Mark Parishioners***

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

**Lila** Frerichs  
**Geri** Jolley  
**Bruce** Martens

**Bob** McConnell  
**Don** Muller  
**Tim** Richards

**George** Shafer  
**Richard** Shroat  
**Gary** Weshinskey  
**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)  
**Dennis** Herbert (friend of the Robinsons)  
**Arlene** Hunt (friend of the Robisons)  
**Imogene** Kuykendell  
(friend of Lucy Montgomery)  
**Kyle** Langrehr (friend of Curt Gansmann)  
**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)  
**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:*

**Brandi Foppe** (1/13), **Samantha Thompson** (1/13), **Jerry Southers** (1/17),  
**Rex Rothgangel** (1/18), and **Ricky Lynch** (1/18)

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