



# MARK TIMES

January 20, 2019 + The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany



**Congratulations Halas!** We give thanks to God for Halas Robison, who is joined to the promises of God in Holy Baptism this morning. Many blessings to parents Dennis and Marie and big sister Grace!



**Jr. & Sr. TURTLES Laser Tag on Friday** Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to an evening of Laser Tag at the EDGE in Belleville **THIS Friday, January 25**. Meet at the **EDGE** at **6:30pm** and bring **\$20** for laser tag; pizza will be paid for through the youth group. Please RSVP to Melanie. *\*This event was postponed due to last weekend's weather.*

**Adult Forum: A History of Christian Baptism** Thanks to the weather, **NEXT Sunday** Pastor Brian will begin a new adult education series that explores the history of Christian Baptism, with particular emphasis on some of the theological arguments for & against various baptism practices and beliefs.

**Winterizing Worship** Given that we're having a second snowy weekend, we're running again the article about **winter weather** and the issues related to **canceling worship services**.



While always a **last resort**, it is possible 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 cancelation of church to you.

We will utilize **six different modes of communication** in an attempt to contact you: we will send an "**email blast**;" Pastor will send **text messages** to everyone whose number he has in his phone or in the directory; we will put a cancellation message on the **church voicemail** and on the **church website**; our church will be put 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.** If church is cancelled or you simply decide not to risk travel, 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!

## From Your Office Manager...

Have you noticed the notes about electronic giving in the Mark Times? Have you wondered about it but don't know who to talk to? I am here to try to give you a better understanding about it.

We use the VANCO electronic giving through Thrivent Financial. That in itself doesn't say a lot, but what that means for our new members from Peace is that if you gave electronically before, it is the same system as Peace used.

There are several ways you can start giving offering electronically. You can set up an automatic payment each month through your financial institution, which will then be mailed to us. You can go to VANCO's website ([www.vancopayments.com](http://www.vancopayments.com)) and set it up on there. You can also get and fill out a form for me so I can set it up for you.

There are many options available when it comes to electronic giving through VANCO, including use of an app, paying via debit or credit cards, and even designated giving (ex. Food Pantry, Parking Lot Loan Payment, ELCA World Hunger, etc.). Call or email me in the church office with questions or to get started.

- *Randi Cardoza*



**Be Like Jesus** This spring's "Be Like Jesus" event for grades 3-12 will be held at **Faith Lutheran** (O'Fallon) on **March 29-30**. The cost is \$35 (grades 3-8) and \$10 (grades 9-12, who serve as junior leaders). Forms & money are due to Melanie by February 10. Adults are welcome to volunteer! Please see Melanie for forms and details!



**Lutheran 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.

### Offerings & Attendance

*January 13, 2019*

**Sunday worship attendance:** 61  
**General Fund Donations:** \$1,618  
**Designated Fund Donations:** \$110

### Month to Date

January Offerings: \$6,987

**Avg. Monthly Expenses: \$16,688**

### Next Sunday's Worship Leaders

Sunday, January 27, 2019

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

**Assisting Minister:** TBD

**Acolyte:** Melaina R.      **Crucifer:** Sherri F.

**Chalice Bearer:** Mike M. & Tom P.

**Lector:** Charlie D. **Ushers:** Frank D. & Roland J.

**Basket Holders:** Melaina R. & Madison C.

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10    Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a    Luke 4:14-21

**Weekly Health Tip!** Dress for the cold weather: dress in layers; make sure to cover the head, ears and lower face. Wear mittens rather than gloves.

**Evangelism/Social News** The Evangelism/Social Ministry committee will meet **THIS Thursday, 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.

**Gift Cards!** Check with **Jan D., Evelyn D. or Melanie R.** after church for gift cards available for purchase through the TURTLEs youth group. The TURTLEs get a % of each order!



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

**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.



## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 1/21		<i>Office closed - MLK, Jr. Day</i>
	11:00AM	Health and Wellness Ministry Companion Program Meeting
	2:00PM	Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor
Thursday	5:30PM	Evangelism/Social Ministry meeting - conference room
	7:00PM	Bells Rehearsal
	8:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	6:30PM	Jr./Sr. TURTLEs Laser Tag at the EDGE
<b>Sunday, 1/27</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>The Divine Liturgy</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  
**Ellen** Buehler  
**Gary** Dozier  
**Maxine** Elmore

**Mike** Foppe  
**Lila** Frerichs  
**Gerl** Jolley  
**Roland** Jacquot

**Bruce** Martens  
**Bob** McConnell  
**Don** Muller  
**Tim** Richards

**George** Shafer  
**Richard** Shroat  
**Gary** Weshinskey  
**Bea** Whiteside

### ***Family and Friends***

**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 & Debbie** 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:*

**Julie Valerius** (1/23) and **Laurie Geppert** (1/24)

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

**Terry & Nancy** Tribout (1/25)

*We pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones:*

The family and friends of **Lavone Alvarez** (friend of Randy & Gayle Hinkle)

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