



MARK TIMES

February 10, 2019 + The 5th Sunday after Epiphany



Welcome Bishop Roth!

Our Central/Southern Illinois bishop, John Roth, joins us for worship and serves as guest preacher **TODAY, February 10**. During fellowship time, Bishop Roth will lead reflection on his recent three-month sabbatical.



Chili Sale Results St. George's would like to thank everyone who purchased chili last Sunday. Approx. \$1000 was raised for Beacon Ministry!

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 **TODAY, February 10**. Adults are welcome to volunteer! Please see Melanie for forms and details!



LCFS Volunteer Program Help **Lutheran Children & Family Services** advance its mission with children and families in need. Volunteer as a receptionist or as an office worker at the LCFS Program Office in Belleville at 317 West Main Street. We want to involve our supporters more directly in our mission. For more information, contact Matt McDermott: 708-488-5558, matt_mcdermott@lcfcs.org

St. Mark Table Talk Bring a lunch and join us **THIS Wednesday, February 13** at 11:30AM in the office conference room (enter off of D Street) for our monthly Bible class. This month Pastor Brian leads discussion about *The Prophetess Anna as a Biblical Model of Aging Well*.

Confirmation Classes for the spring session on Luther's *Small Catechism* will be on the following Sundays: **March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31**.

We will celebrate the rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 26.

Lent Soup Suppers We have a little over a month yet, but with the addition of so many new members last year we are going to try restarting our Lent soup suppers on Wednesday evenings at 6:00PM, with evening prayer to follow at 7:00PM. A sign-up sheet for groups to provide soup and accoutrements will be out in a couple of weeks.

Coffee Hour Hosts! If you're able to help host coffee/fellowship hour on a Sunday morning, please sign up in the Parish Hall near the coffee stand.



From Your Bishop... *The following is an excerpt from the concluding comments of Bishop Roth's sabbatical report to the synod council. The full text can be found at <http://www.csis-elca.org>*



I have used this sabbatical time also to read, reflect, and have conversation about the role of bishop of the C/SIS. This did not become the structured study that I originally envisioned of constitutional expectations and responsibilities of a bishop, on the one hand, and constitutional authorities and resources for a bishop, on the other hand. Nevertheless, I found the sabbatical reading, reflecting, and conversing to be valuable as it was. In short, it appears that in these anxious times for the Church – congregations, synods, and church bodies – there is a greater and greater need for **resilience***: a need for congregations to be resilient, for pastors and deacons to be resilient, for synods to be resilient, and yes, for bishops to be resilient. Among the many characteristics that a synod looks for as it chooses its bishop, the synod would be wise to choose someone who has a track record of handling frustration in a healthy manner, of ability to meet criticism rationally, and of seasoned faith in the grace and justice of God.

It is a distinct privilege and responsibility to serve as a bishop in the ELCA. While you leave the remarkable vocational realm of bearing witness to Christ and accompanying individuals and families in a deeply personal way, in their most pivotal, impactful seasons of life, if you come to the bishop's office from congregational ministry, as a bishop you are brought to a new arena of intellectual, existential, and spiritual broadening and challenge. Most people genuinely want their bishop's ministry to be fruitful and they are supportive of their bishop. Yes, bishops encounter plenty of unrealistic expectations. But I find it uplifting, encouraging, and at the same time most humbling, going from church to church around the synod, to meet so many people of depth of Christian faith and desire to follow Christ. *- Bishop S. John Roth*

**Resilience as the desire & ability to recover from or to adapt to difficulties and misfortune, that is, to spring back into shape after having been twisted, bent, pressed, or pulled out of shape.*

Offerings & Attendance

February 3, 2019

Sunday worship attendance: 103
Shine worship attendance: 19
General Fund Donations: \$4,576
Coffee Fund \$54
Food Pantry \$20
Designated Fund Donations: \$37

Avg. Monthly Expenses: \$16,688

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders

Sunday, February 17, 2019

Presider: The Rev. Brian M. Robison

Assisting Minister: TBD **Acolyte:** Ash R.

Crucifer: Keith K. **Chalice Bearer:** Tom P.

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

Basket Holders: Jaxson R.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20 Luke 6:17-26

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Weekly Health Tip! February is **heart month**. Know your blood pressure and pulse rate. Try to make small changes to make your diet more heart healthy. Decrease your salt intake by using spices. Eat more fruits and vegetables.

Monthly Charitable Donation February's Evangelism/Social Ministry charity designation is the **Trinity UCC Warming/Cooling Shelter**. You may add to this donation by writing a check to St. Mark with "**Trinity Warming/Cooling Shelter**" in the memo line.

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.



Electronic Giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to St. Mark, **even when you're out of town**. Please contact the church office to learn how you can participate!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday	11:00AM	Companion Group/Health & Wellness Meeting
Wednesday	11:30AM	Table Talk: <i>Anna the Prophetess</i> — CR
Thursday	7:00PM	Bells Rehearsal
	8:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 2/17	9:00AM	The Divine Liturgy
	10:20AM	Coffee & fellowship
	10:30AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Adult Forum: <i>History of Christian Baptism, pt. 3</i>

WE PRAY FOR THE ILL AND CONFINED

<i>St. Mark Parishioners</i>			
Ken Augustine	Kathryn Bjornstadt	Ellen Buehler	Gary Dozier
Maxine Elmore	Mike Foppe	Lila Frerichs	Roland Jacquot
Geri Jolley	Bruce Martens	Bob McConnell	Don Muller
Tim Richards	Richard Shroat	Gary Weshinsky	

<i>Family & Friends</i>		
Judy Betz friend of Mary Skifton	Marilyn Billings aunt of the Martens'	Christine Private prayer request
Cheryl Ellison stepmother of Julie Valerius	Katrina Fenner friend of Art Engelage	Joni Giordano friend of Barb Wurdinger
Margy Groennert aunt of the Martens'	Stephanie Groennert cousin of the Martens'	Dennis Herbert friend of the Robinsons
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'	John Martfeld friend of Ruth Carnaghi	Dorothy May mother of Jan Richards
Jim Outland family of Anita Robinson	Pr. Ron & Debbie Neustadt friend of St. Mark	Wyatt Parker grandson of June Benedick
Tim & Missy Partelow brother of Tom	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
Jill Thompson 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:
Nancy Tribout (2/10) and Dennis Robison (2/10)