



MARK TIMES

February 17, 2019 + The 6th Sunday after Epiphany



Adult Forum: A History of Christian Baptism This morning Pastor Brian continues his series exploring the history of Christian Baptism, with emphasis on some of the theological arguments for & against various baptism practices and beliefs.

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 A sign-up sheet for Lent soup suppers is on the counter near the coffee stand in the Parish Hall. We need groups of three or more to sponsor one or more of the five Wednesdays in Lent. Soup suppers are on Wednesday evenings at 6:00PM, with evening prayer to follow at 7:00PM.

The **Health and Wellness Ministry** is looking for **volunteers** who can **provide transportation for St. Mark members.**

We need drivers to **deliver meals** to members who have had recent surgeries or health concerns. The meals have already been prepared and frozen for easy re-heating, thanks to St. Mark's FROGs group.

We also need drivers to take members **to and from appointments for treatment sessions.**

If you are able to help out with transportation, please let Pr. Brian, Nurse June, or Kim Ott (kimott58@gmail.com or 618-530-1186) know.

If **you are in need of meals or transportation to/from doctor appointments, please let us know.** We also have a wheelchair available for temporary use.



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@lcfs.org

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 Pastor...

When we gather for our fellowship hour after worship, or for a barbecue in the breezeway, or for games, these aren't like other social gatherings – or, at least they shouldn't be. In a recent article I read, Pastor David Leucke asks the question, ***“What makes a congregation's fellowship different?”***



He said that “the answer gets easy when you recognize a **gathering of believers** as a **‘fellowship of the Holy Spirit.’** This is the distinctive function the Apostle Paul gives the Spirit in his benediction ‘The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.’

“Fellowship too often gets trivialized as shallow social interaction. But a key part of a fellowship of the Holy Spirit is the special motivation the Spirit can provide believers gathered around God's Word. Hearing Scripture proclaimed is basic. But the energy level goes up when participants share what God is doing in their personal lives. Biblical fellowship (*koinonia*) means to share something with someone. Preaching God's word is basic. But believers sharing how the Gospel has changed their personal lives is perhaps more powerful.

“Jesus taught Nicodemus that ‘the Holy Spirit influences human spirit.’ The Spirit changes how believers think and what motivates them. What does that look like in believers' lives? A role of ‘fellows’ in a congregation is to share their experiences of the Spirit's work in their personal lives. That's why Luther called the ‘mutual conversation and encouragement’ a fifth means of grace.”

And perhaps why Lutherans sometimes call coffee the “third sacrament.” ☺ *Pastor Brian*

Offerings & Attendance

February 10, 2019

Sunday worship attendance:	40
General Fund Donations:	\$1,889
George Shafer Memorials:	\$25
Internal Financial Crisis:	\$130
Designated Funds:	\$25
Thrivent Choice Funds:	\$651

Avg. Monthly Expenses: \$16,688

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders

Sunday, February 24, 2019

Presider: The Rev. Brian M. Robison

Assisting Minister: TBD **Acolyte:** Grace M..

Crucifer: Danielle T. **Chalice Bearer:** Mike M.

Lector: Charlie D. **Ushers:** Frank D. & TBD

Basket Holders: Madison C.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Genesis 45:3-11, 15 Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50 Luke 6:27-38

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Weekly Health Tip! If you are sick or not feeling well, avoid crowds. Try to avoid shaking hands with others and practice good handwashing.

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*

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, 2/18		<i>Office closed - President's Day</i>
Tuesday	1:00PM	Worship Planning Meeting — CR
Thursday	5:30PM	Social/Evangelism Committee Meeting
	7:00PM	Bells Rehearsal
	8:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 2/24	9:00AM	The Divine Liturgy
	10:20AM	Coffee & fellowship
	10:30AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Adult Forum: <i>History of Christian Baptism, pt. 4</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>		
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/sister-in-law 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 Wisley sister of John Downing	Jane friend of Julie Valerius	

THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for those who celebrate their birthday this week:

**Lorraine Crannage (2/18), Carol Weshinksey (2/19), Jeanette Simons (2/21),
and Becky Evans (2/22)**

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

Jon Newton & Jay Sullivan (2/21)