



# MARK TIMES

February 24, 2019 + The 7th 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* resume **NEXT Sunday, March 3**, and continue on the following Sundays: **March 10, 17, 24 & 31**. We will celebrate the rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 26.

## Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Brian will take some time off from this Saturday, March 2 through Tuesday, March 4. In case of pastoral emergency, please contact the **Reverend Mark Sidney at 618-530-5142**.



**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 beginning March 13, with evening prayer to follow at 7:00PM.

**SHINE Worship THIS Saturday, March 2 at 6:00PM.** Join us for less-formal worship with contemporary Christian music in the **chapel**. Pastor **Jill Seagle** will preside and preach.



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 or Kim Ott ([kimott58@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## From Your Parish Nurse...

Usually when you leave a job, it is to move onto something bigger and better. Or to leave a place you have grown tired of. Neither of those examples apply to my decision to retire at this time.



I have come to enjoy this congregation, more than I thought I would. When I started this job a little more than 5 years ago, I really didn't know much about Lutherans, having been a member of a UCC congregation my entire life. Guess what I found? We are all really the same, just a few differences here and there. Pr. Brian and I have often talked about how welcome I feel in this congregation, but just can't make the membership jump (yet!). I've found the members here warm and welcoming. I feel very at home in this congregation.

My retirement at this time has very little to do with you and more to do with me. My daughter Laura and I were talking recently, and she said, "Mom, you have taken care of people almost your entire life." I started as an RN at age 20 after graduating with a diploma in nursing from Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing. I'll be 63 this summer, so yes - all of my adult life. I have reached the point that I want to be able to do what I want, when I want.

Thanks to all of you for allowing me to have a great run with you for the past 5 years. Working in the food pantry has opened my eyes to the plight of the working poor and the homeless. There may not always be enough food and very little money, but we do provide hope and compassion.

The Lord's blessing to all of you!

*- June Benedick*

**We will have a retirement reception for June during coffee hour on March 17**

### Offerings & Attendance

*February 17, 2019*

<b>Sunday worship attendance:</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>General Fund Donations:</b>	<b>\$4,840</b>
<b>George Shafer Memorials:</b>	<b>\$965</b>
<b>Designated Funds:</b>	<b>\$19</b>
<b>Food Pantry:</b>	<b>\$5</b>

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

### Next Sunday's Worship Leaders

**Sunday, March 3, 2019**

**Presider:** Seminarian Brian Moeller

**Assisting Minister:** Greg G. **Acolyte:** Braden V.

**Crucifer:** Danielle T. **Chalice Bearer:** Braden V.

**Lector:** Sherri F. **Ushers:** Rick C. & Curt G.

**Basket Holders:** Logan D. & Tucker D.

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

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**Weekly Health Tip!** Blood clots are caused when you are sedentary or sitting for long periods. If traveling, get up and move around at least every 2 to 3 hours. Same thing if you spend long periods seated. Consider wearing compression hose while travelling.

**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!

**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.



**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!

**Help needed:** The furniture in the youth room is in dire need of replacement. A nearly new couch has been donated; however, it needs to be picked up and delivered. Anyone young, strong people with a truck available? Let Pr. Brian or Kim Ott know! (618) 530-1186.

**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, 2/25	7:00PM	Church Council - conference room
Thursday	7:00PM	Bells Rehearsal
	8:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 3/1	<b>6:00PM</b>	<b>SHINE worship - chapel</b>
Sat.—Tues.		<i>Pastor on vacation through Tuesday, 3/5</i>
<b>Sunday, 3/3</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>The Divine Liturgy</b>
	10:20AM	Coffee & fellowship
	10:30AM	Sunday School (No Adult Forum)
	10:30AM	Confirmation class - conference room

**WE PRAY FOR THE ILL AND CONFINED**

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

<i>Family &amp; Friends</i>		
<b>Marilyn</b> Billings aunt of the Martens'	<b>Christine</b> Private prayer request	<b>Cheryl</b> Ellison stepmother of Julie Valerius
<b>Katrina</b> Fenner friend of Art Engelage	<b>Sandra</b> Gibson mother of Nikki Reed	<b>Joni</b> Giordano friend of Barb Wurdinger
<b>Margy</b> Groennert aunt of the Martens'	<b>Stephanie</b> Groennert cousin of the Martens'	<b>Imogene</b> Kuykendell friend of Lucy Montgomery
<b>Kyle</b> Langrehr friend of Curt Gansmann	<b>Pat</b> Likness mother of Jan Dressel	<b>Allen &amp; Mary Jane</b> Martens uncle/aunt of the Martens'
<b>John</b> Martfeld friend of Ruth Carnaghi	<b>Dorothy</b> May mother of Jan Richards	<b>Jim</b> Outland family of Anita Robinson
<b>Pr. Ron &amp; Debbie</b> Neustadt friend of St. Mark	<b>Wyatt</b> Parker grandson of June Benedick	<b>Tim &amp; Missy</b> Partelow Brother/sister-in-law of Tom
<b>Darnell</b> Rideout stepfather of Mike Cardoza	<b>Eileen</b> Robertson cousin of Kathy Casey	<b>Darrell</b> Robinson husband of Anita Robinson
<b>Dave</b> Schaaf former parishioner	<b>Stefanie</b> Schroeder friend of St. Mark	<b>Jill</b> Thompson friend of St. Mark
<b>Kris</b> Whitley sister to Kim O. & Kathy R	<b>David</b> Wilkey son of June Isselhardt	<b>Linda</b> Wrisley sister of John Downing
<b>Jane</b> friend of Julie Valerius		

**THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS**

*We pray for those who celebrate their birthday this week:*

**Elizabeth Crosby (2/24), Anna Andersen (2/25), Sandra Purdy (2/25),  
Toni Brendel (2/26), Bruce Martens (2/26), and Lilly Renner-Brown (2/27)**

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

**Pete & Mary Wittenstrom (2/28)**