

# MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for May 26, 2024

## THE WEEK AHEAD:

**Monday 5/27:** Memorial Day—Office Closed  
**Saturday, 6/1:** 6:00PM SHINE Worship—Chapel

### Joint Worship THIS Sunday at 10:00AM!

We celebrate the feast of the Holy Trinity in a special service with our friends from St. George's **THIS Sunday, May 26 at 10:00AM**. Note the next article about our special fellowship hour to follow!

### Tea and Fellowship Hour Sunday

In place of the Ladies' Tea gathering offered last year, the congregations of St George's and St Mark are invited to a special Tea/Coffee Hour **following our joint service** this Sunday, **May 26**. We hope to see you there to enjoy time together in fellowship. This gathering is open to **all members of St Mark and St George's**: ladies, gentlemen, and children!



### Ladies' Lunch Bunch

All St. Mark ladies are invited to join the new "Lunch Bunch" at Papa Vito's (318 E. Washington, Belleville, IL) on **Wednesday, June 12** from **11:30A-1:00P**. Reservations are not necessary. Contact **June Benedick** with questions at 618-977-4389.

### Youth Gathering Collection

A goal for this summer's ELCA Youth Gathering is to create 3,000 disaster relief kits filled with the eight most-requested items to help residents as they wait for the power grid to be restored after a storm or other natural disaster. Each ELCA region is asked to bring a different item to build relief kits. Our region, Region 5, is tasked with bringing **cooling towels**. These specially designed microfiber towels hold water without being heavy or bulky. We will accept donations of the towels themselves, or financial donations towards the purchase of such towels. Please talk to Melanie or Melaina and Anna if you have questions!



### In Case of Pastoral Emergency...

Pastor Brian returns this Sunday evening, **May 26**, from his trip to officiate his goddaughter's wedding in Colorado. Fr. Mark Ohlemeier from St. George's will both preach and preside for the joint service this Sunday. **In case of pastoral emergency**, please contact **Fr. Mark** at **785-220-5528**.

### Upcoming Adult Forums

**June 9:** *The Order of St. Luke the Physician*

**June 16:** *Sabbatical Reflections – One Year Later*

## Seminex Hymn Festival on June 14

On **Friday, June 14 at 7:00PM** at **Lutheran Church of the Atonement** in **Florissant** (1285 N. New Florissant Rd., Florissant, MO), the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago will hold a **hymn festival** celebrating the **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of the formation of **Christ Seminary-Seminex** (aka "Seminary-in-Exile"). This will be in the tradition of the hymn festivals that occurred across the country during the existence of Seminex. The congregation of St. Mark formed as a direct result of the issues that led to the formation of Seminex, and many current and former members lived through that challenging time. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this commemoration!

## Belleville Summer Sack Lunch Program is Back!

The Evangelism/Social Ministry Committee is excited to continue our partnership with Westview Baptist Church to provide free lunches for low-income children this summer!



**This year's project begins the first week of June and continue for 10 weeks.** *Our commitment this year is 9 weeks due to no lunch delivery on Thursday, July 4.*

Hough Park will again be a distribution stop which allows Franklin School students to receive free lunches! Last year 40-45 lunches were given out at this stop each day!

Sherri Foppe will serve as the project coordinator again this year. A co-coordinator would be helpful if anyone would like to volunteer.

Beginning May 19, we will be collecting individual size bags of Cheez-its, potato chips, nacho chips, individually wrapped store-bought cookies (*no nuts or peanut butter please!*), and fruit juice pouches (i.e. Capri Sun), for the lunches. No peanut butter please! Donations may be brought to church on Sundays or contact Sherri to drop off at her house or arrange pick up.

Monetary donations are always welcome for those who would rather not shop. Monetary donations can be made to Sherri Foppe or Ann Martens or electronically to

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-14EWR>

We will continue to be food safety conscious:

1. Everyone handling unwrapped food items while packaging lunches must wear gloves.
2. Drivers and co-pilots in a vehicle may wear a mask if preferred. Contact Sherri if you have any questions.
3. These guidelines may be adjusted by the coordinators based on community health.

**Minimum of 4 volunteers** are needed to help pack **150-200 lunches at Westview Baptist** on the following **Wednesday evenings** from **5:00-5:45PM**:

**June 5, 12, 19 and 26; July 10, 17, 24 and 31; Aug 7**

**One volunteer driver and one co-pilot** are needed to help **deliver the lunches** from 10:35AM to approximately 12:45PM on the following Thursdays:

**June 6, 13, 20 and 27; July 11, 18, and 25; Aug 1 and 8**

*Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Sherri Foppe (618-791-6148 or [cookinsherri2@gmail.com](mailto:cookinsherri2@gmail.com)) or Ann Martens 618-235-7762 or [ga72mart@charter.net](mailto:ga72mart@charter.net)*

## St. Mark Offerings for 5/19:

Operating Fund: **\$4,444.36** (online giving received by 5/24); Food Pantry: \$130; Coffee Fund: \$36  
Sunday Morning Coffee: \$38; Barb Wurdinger Memorials (Food Pantry): \$250;  
Jill Wegener Memorials: \$30; Jill Wegener Memorials to Food Pantry: \$230