

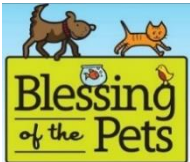
# MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for October 6, 2024

## *This Week at St. Mark:*

Monday, October 7:	2:30PM	Fiber Arts – Westfield Manor
	6:00PM	Evening Prayer for the Nation – Chapel
Wednesday, Oct. 9:	12:00PM	Ladies Lunch Bunch – Spike’s Pub, Millstadt
	2:00PM	Worship Committee meeting
Thursday, October 10:	1:30PM	Evangelism & Social Ministry meeting – conference room
	6:15PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 10/11 & Sat. 10/12		Chili Cook-Off

## Blessing of the Pets TODAY!



We join our partners from St. George’s and our animal friends to celebrate the feast of St. Francis with a special SHINE service and a **Blessing of the Pets!**

Our service is at **4:00PM THIS afternoon, Sunday, October 6** in the **church courtyard**. No RSVP necessary, but we do ask that you **bring your own chair**.

We will again this year have a section of our service dedicated to **remembering our beloved pets who have died**. You are invited to **bring a photo of your departed pet** (framed, if possible) to place on a remembrance table.

## Today’s Adult Forum: *Halloween in the Bible: Vampires, Witches & Warlocks*

It can be argued that Halloween is the most popular holiday behind Christmas in the United States, with Americans spending almost *7 billion* dollars on candy, costumes, decorations and more. The success of *Harry Potter*, along with vampire and zombie movies and their accompanying fanfare (books, tv shows, etc) proves that typical “Halloween” themes are not limited to October; they are imbedded in pop culture and the societal mindset.



We know there are a lot of strange things in the Bible, but you may still be surprised to know that **many of the most familiar Halloween symbols can be found in our sacred Scriptures**.

Join us in the Parish Hall after worship as Pastor Brian explores **familiar Halloween themes that can be found in the Bible** and how we might interpret them, starting today with ***Vampires, Witches and Warlocks***.



**Ladies Lunch Bunch** meets at Spikes Public House, 4 East Washington Street in Millstadt **THIS Wednesday, October 9** at 12 noon. If you have any questions or need a ride, please contact Marva Dowty at 618-363-3060.

## Chili Cook-Off Help Wanted!

Belleville's annual Chili Cook-Off is next weekend, **Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12**. The production and sale of St. George's chili benefits both congregations, and volunteers are needed to make this event a success.



Help is needed with **chicken cooking** from **12:00PM-3:00PM** this **Wednesday October 9**. A signup sheet is in the Parish Hall on the wall opposite the stairs.

On the Chili Cook-off weekend, the **booth** will be open from **10:30AM-10:00PM** on Friday, October 11 and from **10:30PM** until **9:00PM** on Saturday, October 12. The **kitchen** will be in operation from **7:00AM-9:00PM** on Friday and from **7AM-8PM** on Saturday.

The signup sheets for helping in the Booth and Kitchen on Cook-Off weekend are also in the Parish Hall. The needed times are divided into two-hour shifts – and there is no limit to how many shifts you can sign up for! For additional information, please phone **David Buckley** at **618-520-9333**.

## Field Trip to the Concordia Historical Institute Museum

**On Monday, October 14** (Indigenous Peoples Day/Columbus Day) at 1:00PM, St. Mark members are welcome to join the confirmation class on a field trip to the **Concordia Historical Institute museum** at the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod International Center in **Kirkwood, MO**.

Please **meet at the museum** (1333 S Kirkwood Rd, St. Louis, MO 63122) **at 1:00PM**. The tour should last around 90 minutes, after which we will find a fun place to go for sweet treats!

## Joint Safety Volunteer AED/CPR Recertification Opportunity

The Joint Safety Committee of St George & St Mark's will be hosting an AED and CPR certification class. It is scheduled in the parish hall on **Saturday, October 19** from **9am-12noon**. The cost is **\$65 for recertification** or **\$75 for new certifications**.

**We need additional Safety Volunteers**, so if you've thought about joining the Safety Volunteer Team, or even the Joint Safety Committee, this is an ideal time. The AED/CPR certification is all that is required, in addition to a willingness to serve occasionally during church services.

I am available nearly anytime to answer any questions and/or provide greater detail.

Mark Bearth: [mark.bearth@gmail.com](mailto:mark.bearth@gmail.com) or text 618-767-6543.

## Special Prayer Service for a Nation in Turmoil

St. George's hosts a service of **Evening Prayer with special prayers for the nation** on **first Mondays from now until Election Day**. The service will also feature a common recitation of the Great Litany, the church's ancient and traditional prayer of intercession, to beseech Almighty God for blessing and protection over the church and the world in the months leading up to Election Day.

**Evening Prayer for the Nation** will be held at **6:00PM** in the **chapel tomorrow, October 7 and November 4**. St. Mark members are welcome to join and to invite others to take part in this important endeavor in witness to our faith.

## St. Mark Offerings for 9/15:

**General Fund: \$2,475.11 Food Pantry: \$1200; Coffee Fund: \$65**

*See the Mark Times addendum at the end of the bulletin for more news!*