

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for November 24, 2024

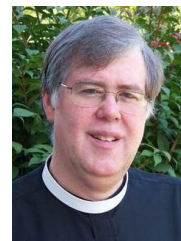
This Week at St. Mark:

Monday, Nov. 25:	6:00PM	Pastoral Care committee – conference room
	7:00PM	Church Council – conference room
Tuesday, Nov. 26:	6:00PM	Safety Committee - conference Room
Thursday, Nov. 28:	9:00AM	St. George's Thanksgiving service <i>Office closed</i>
Friday, Nov. 29:		<i>Office closed</i>
Saturday, Nov. 30:	9:00AM	Wurdinger Estate Fund Raiser – Parish Hall

Pastor at Continuing Education

Pastor Brian is out of town **through Monday, November 25** to attend the Bible & Archaeology Fest in San Diego. In case of emergency, please contact **Fr. Mark Ohlemeier** of St. George's at **785-220-5528**.

We welcome the return of **Pastor S. Blake Duncan** as our guest presider and preacher this morning.



Matching Funds for LDR

Our monthly charitable donation for December is for **Lutheran Disaster Response**, and we have a fund to match any donations! For the month of November, all additional contributions designated for LDR will be matched and added to our regular donation to double the help we can give in support of those recovering from recent devastating hurricanes. (*The collection was mistakenly reported to be for the ELCJHL. - PB*)

“Angel Tree” Project with Lutheran Child and Family Services (LCFS)

St. Mark and St. George's joint participation in the Angel Tree Project Christmas Drive through LCFS continues this year. The project provides Christmas gifts to especially needy families in our area. *Children's names/wish lists with Information/Instructions and gift tags attached are on/under the “Christmas Tree” in the narthex/Welcome Area.*

You are not asked to provide everything on the child's wish list - a **\$60 limit per child** is recommended. However, we realize that may not be possible for many so please consider asking other members, family members or neighbors to share the joy of Christmas with you!

Please attach the child's name/wish sheet to the UNWRAPPED gift to be returned by December 8, and earlier if possible. Gift wrap and/or gift bags may also be donated.

Please contact Sherri Foppe 618-791-6148 cookinsherri2@gmail.com or Ann Martens 618-530-8679 if you have any questions. Monetary gifts will be accepted for those who prefer not to shop, and may be given to Ann or Sherri. Donations for gifts may also be made electronically at https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-14EWR?access=tile_direct.



Thanksgiving Day Service

St. George's Episcopal Church is offering a **Thanksgiving Day worship** service at **9:00AM** in the **chapel** on **Thursday, November 28**. This is not a joint service, but interested St. Mark members are welcome to attend!



Wurdinger Estate Food Pantry Fundraiser

On **Saturday, November 30** from **9:00AM-3:00PM** come out to the **Parish Hall** for an **estate sale** to **benefit our food pantry!** Many items from the estate of our dear friend, the late Barb Wurdinger, will be available, including Clothing, Accessories, Shoes, Books, Glass, Puzzles, housewares, Christmas things, and much more! **Fill a bag for \$20**. All proceeds to benefit St George's/St Mark Food Pantry.

Advent Evening Prayer & Soup Suppers return **Wednesday, December 4**. Plan to come enjoy a hot meal of soup and salad at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall before joining us in the church for Holden Evening Prayer.

Get a group together and host one of the soup suppers! A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall near the coffee stand.

Share the Warmth THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the **St. Mark/St. George's SHARE THE WARMTH Oct 2024** project, inspired by "Phillip's Wish" in the movie **5000 Blankets**, our food pantry clients and the homeless/low income in our area. Our collection of gently worn coats, thermal underwear, sweatshirts, t-shirts, undershirts, socks, hats, mittens, gloves, scarfs, warming blankets, handwarmers and new underwear for men and women concluded October 27 with following **almost 400 items donated!**

Donations were distributed to: St. George/St. Mark Food Pantry; Our Brothers' Keepers; Union United Methodist Church's homeless program; Moms on a Mission; Violence Prevention Center of SW Illinois; Pregnancy Care Center; Liz's Blessings in a Bag.



The need is always there so please feel free to contact Sherri 618 791-6148 or cookinsherri2@gmail.com if/when you have items to donate.

Annual Meeting

The 2024 Annual Meeting is **NEXT Sunday, December 1 at 10:45AM** in the **Parish Hall**. Please plan to join us for this meeting; we will decide the budget for 2024, vote on new church officers, and be given updates from the council and committees.

St. Mark Offerings for 11/17: General Fund:

\$2,506.75; Food Pantry: \$255.99; ELCJHL: \$50; Youth: \$200

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DECEMBER 1, 10:45AM

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS (*denotes incumbent)

President:	Keith Kniepkamp
Vice-President:	Mike Murakami
Evangelism/Social Min.:	Sherri Foppe*
Financial Secretary:	Kathy Evans Nancy Guenther
Christian Education:	<i>TBD</i>

Synod Assembly Voting Members:

Adult Male:	Greg Martens
Adult Female:	Danielle Tributout