

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for October 13, 2024

This Week at St. Mark:

Monday, October 14:	9:30AM	Health & Wellness team – conference room
	1:00PM	Confirmation field trip to Concordia Historical Museum
Tuesday, October 15:	5:30PM	Food Pantry meeting – conference room
Wednesday, Oct. 16:	11:30AM	St. Mark Table Talk Bible class – conference room
Thursday, October 17:	6:15PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, October 19:	9A-12P	CPR/AED Class – Parish Hall
	5:00PM	<i>Star Trek</i> Saturday – Parish Hall

Today's Adult Forum: *Health, Wellness, Lifestyles and Possibilities*

We welcome our own **Laurie Geppert** as our guest speaker this morning! Laurie is an Occupational Therapist with over 25 years of experience helping clients from childhood to end-of-life find solutions to mental, physical, and psychosocial barriers that impact their lives. Her passion is supporting people to establish daily routines that support mental, physical, spiritual, and physical health before major issues arise whenever possible.

Field Trip to the Concordia Historical Institute Museum

THIS 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 **THIS 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 or text 618-767-6543.



Reformation Dinner & Hymn Fest

Join us **Saturday** evening, **October 26** from **6-8PM** in the Parish Hall for an evening of **Reformation Day fellowship** with a classic Lutheran **potluck** and a beloved old-fashioned **hymn-sing!** A **sign-up** sheet to bring a dish is in the **Parish Hall**.

Downtown Belleville Trick-or-Treat on Friday, October 25!

We're so excited to be participating in this community family event again! We will hand out hot chocolate and Christian-themed Halloween suckers with an invitation to visit us, and other goodies.



VOLUNTEERS are needed! Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex and the Parish Hall.

- 1) **SET UP 4:00 TO 5:15PM: 4-5 PEOPLE** to load 2 tables and 4 chairs at the church and set them up at our space on East Main, unload and set-up a 10 x 10 canopy and transport 5-gallon containers of hot chocolate from the church to our space. Hang church sign and decorate the space after the canopy is set up.
- 2) **HOT CHOCOLATE PREP: 4:00 TO 5:15PM: 2 PEOPLE** to heat water, fill containers and mix hot chocolate
- 3) **HANDOUT HOT CHOCOLATE, SUCKERS AND OTHER GOODIES: 5:30 to 7:30: 4-6 PEOPLE** volunteer for an hour or 2 hours.
- 4) **TEARDOWN/CLEAN UP 7:30 TO 8:15PM: 4 PEOPLE** to pack up remaining products, break down tables, canopy, decorations, load and return items to the church and unload them.

Pastor Brian will make an appearance as an undisclosed character for kids to take photos with. It's a grand time and worth a couple hours of your time for the fun of it all!

Bellefontaine Cemetery Walking Tour on All Saints Day

Join us for a two-hour fall history walking tour of historic Bellefontaine Cemetery in downtown St. Louis on Friday, November 1. Meet at the cemetery between 9:30-9:45AM; Tour is from 10AM-12PM.



Note that the tour involves walking about 2 miles across moderate terrain. Know your limits and please wear appropriate fall walking attire. This event is FREE but reservations are a maximum of 15, first come, first served. A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. Please sign up individually so we can keep track of our numbers.

Prayer Service for the Nation before Election Day

St. George's hosts a service of Evening Prayer for the Nation at 6:00PM in the chapel on November 4. The service features a recitation of the Great Litany, the church's ancient and traditional prayer of intercession, to beseech God for blessing and protection over the church and the world in the months leading up to Election Day. St. Mark members are welcome to join and to invite others to take part in this important endeavor in witness to our faith.

Father Mark's Installation as Rector

On Monday, October 28 at 6:00PM, St. Mark members are welcome and encouraged to join our friends from St. George's for the institution and induction of Father Mark Ohlemeier as Rector* of St. George's. A reception will follow the worship service.

*Until this point, Fr. Mark has been officially "Priest-in-Charge," an Episcopal position which may be likened to an interim pastor in the Lutheran church.

St. Mark Offerings for 10/6: General Fund: \$8,604.11