

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for May 19, 2024

THE WEEK AHEAD:

Monday 5/20:	2:30PM	Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor
	6:00PM	Pastoral Care Committee – conference room
	7:00PM	Church Council meeting – conference room
Thursday, 5/23:	6:15PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:15PM	Voice Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 5/25:	4:00PM	Patriotic Potluck – Parish Hall

Patriotic Potluck Next Saturday!

Please join us for some great food and fun fellowship **NEXT Saturday, May 25 from 4:00 to 6:00pm in the Parish Hall**. Fried Chicken, condiments and paper products provided!

Sign-up sheets to assist with sides, desserts, and planning are in the Canterbury Room (Narthex) and Parish Hall.



Joint Worship Next Sunday at 10:00AM!

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

Tea and Fellowship Hour Next 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 on May 26, 2024** in celebration of Trinity Sunday. 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!

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. It takes about \$100 to create an entire disaster relief kit.

Each region is asked to bring a different item to build relief kits. Our region, Region 5, is tasked with bringing **cooling towels**. These are specially designed microfiber towels that 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!



Pastor Brian will lead ***Funeral Planning with the Pastor, Part 2*** this morning during the Adult Forum hour.

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Brian will be on vacation from **Thursday, May 23 through Sunday, May 26** to officiate his goddaughter's wedding in Colorado. We will not have a supply preacher, as May 26 is a joint service with St. George's and Fr. Mark will preach and preside.

In case of pastoral emergency, please contact **Fr. Mark Ohlemeier** of St. George's at **785-220-5528**.

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. If you would like more information, please contact Sherri Foppe at 618 791-6148 or cookinsherri2@gmail.com or Ann Martens at 618 235-7762 or ga72mart@charter.net

St. Mark Offerings for 5/12:

Operating Fund: **\$4,543.06** (online giving received by 5/10); Food Pantry: \$69.34; Youth Group: \$45