

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for October 20, 2024

This Week at St. Mark:

Monday, October 21:	2:30PM	Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor
	6:00PM	Pastoral Care committee – conference room
	7:00PM	Church Council – conference room
Thursday, October 24:	6:15PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 25:	5:30PM	Downtown Belleville Trick-or-Treat
Saturday, October 26:	6:00PM	Reformation Dinner & Hymn Festival – Parish Hall

Today's Adult Forum: *Alzheimer's Disease vs. Dementia*

Nurse Becky presents this morning's class on the topic of *Alzheimer's Disease vs. Dementia: How They are Alike, But Different*. Join us after you collect your coffee and snacks to learn more about these very common but troubling conditions.



Reformation Dinner & Hymn Fest

Join us **NEXT 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 THIS 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!

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.

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 prayer of intercession, to beseech God for protection over the church and the world 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.

SHARE THE WARMTH Clothing Donations October 6 through 27

Inspired by "Phillip's Wish" in the movie **5000 Blankets** and the needs of our food pantry clients, we are collecting gently worn coats, thermal underwear, sweatshirts, t-shirts, undershirts, socks, hats, mittens, gloves, scarfs, etc. to benefit the homeless in our area. Warming blankets, handwarmers and new underwear for men and women are also greatly appreciated. Donations will be distributed to various organizations throughout the project period with donation numbers provided periodically. A collection container is in the Narthex/Canterbury Room.

Our All Saints Sunday worship service is **Sunday, November 3** at 9:00AM.

Names of deceased loved ones may be entered into our Book of Remembrance, which is now on the St. Mark table in the Welcome Area. **You are welcome and encouraged to write names of any deceased loved ones you wish to remember.** You may also contact the church office (office@stmarkbelleville.org) to add a someone to the list.

All written names will be included in the worship folder, but **only the names** of those **who have died over the past year** will be read during the service, with a single toll of a bell after each name. Please mark a **star** or an **asterisk** next to the names of loved ones who have died in the last year.



Pumpkin Palooza returns November 10! On Sunday, November 10, we will have a **bake sale** between and after all three services to **benefit our combined Food Pantry**. Put it on your calendar now to **bake, shop and join the fun** for a very important ministry.

St. Mark Offerings for 10/13: General Fund: \$3,962.11