

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for November 3, 2024

This Week at St. Mark:

Monday, November 4:	2:30PM	Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor
	6:00PM	Evening Prayer for the Nation - chapel
Wednesday, Nov. 6:	10:30AM	Joint Use Task Force – conference room
Thursday, Nov. 7:	6:15PM	Bell choir rehearsal
	7:00PM	Voice choir rehearsal
Saturday, November 9:	9:00AM	Property work day

All Saints Sunday

Thank you for joining us as we celebrate the feast of All Saints. The names of deceased loved ones that were entered into our Book of Remembrance are listed in today's Order of Worship. The names marked with an asterisk are those who have passed into everlasting life since last All Saints Sunday. Those names will be read aloud during the service, with the toll of a bell after each name.



Today's Adult Forum: *The 10 Strangest Foods in the Bible*

There are hundreds of passages in the Bible that describe food, drink and dining. Many biblical stories are set within the context of a meal. While most of these are about regular meals, others refer to more **bizarre, extreme or supernatural cases of eating and drinking**. As we enter the month of our Thanksgiving feasts, join Pastor Brian after worship to learn about ten of the most notable examples of strange foods you *won't* be tempted to include in your dinner plans!



Prayer Service for the Nation before Election Day

Like so many Americans, perhaps you are feeling anxious and apprehensive about this week's election. If so, please consider coming to church for a service of **Evening Prayer for the Nation** at **6:00PM** in the **chapel** this **Monday, 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 on the day prior to Election Day. All are welcome to join and to invite others to take part in this important endeavor to witness our faith.



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.

Star Trek Saturday moves to Federation Friday on November 15 at 6:00PM in the PH

General Assembly Meeting on November 17

On November 17 during the Adult Forum hour in the Parish Hall, a meeting of the General Assembly will be held to review proposed By-Law revisions and to discuss the 2025 Church Spending Guide/Budget, both of which will be voted on at the Annual Congregation Meeting on Sunday, December 1. This meeting will allow us to answer questions regarding the By-Law revisions and budget, and to make tweaks to the latter before approval at the Church Council meeting on November 25. Please plan to attend!

Matching Funds for ELCJHL

Our monthly charitable donation for December is for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, and we have a fund to match any donations! For the month of November, all additional contributions designated for the ELCJHL will be matched and added to our regular donation to double the help we can give in support of our fellow Lutherans in the Holy Land.

Downtown Belleville Trick or Treat!

It was a beautiful evening to share with some 800+ children and adults in a vast array of costumes! Although the kids and parents enjoyed the Halloween suckers (with an invitation to visit us attached) and hot cocoa, having pictures taken with Ant-Man (PB) and Spider-Man (PB's friend Jason) was the hit of the night!

Thank you to all the volunteers (including those who helped label 1000 suckers!), and the Thrivent Action Team grant that made this community event happen again this year!



Reformation Dinner & Hymn Fest



THANKS to everyone who helped make last Saturday's Reformation dinner and hymn-fest a wonderfully fun event! Special thanks to Carol Kugler for playing the hymns and to all who helped with set-up, clean-up, and who brought food. Another lovely example of Reformation Day fellowship!

St. Mark Offerings for 10/27: General Fund: \$3,974.11; Muller Landscaping Fund: \$101; Fiber Arts: \$101; Grounds/Property Maintenance: \$101

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays event on Nov. 16 – details on the back page of the bulletin