

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for November 10, 2024

This Week at St. Mark:

Monday, November 11:

9:30AM

Office closed for Veteran's Day

Health & Wellness team – conference room

Wednesday, Nov. 13: 12:00PM

Ladies Lunch Bunch – Casa Maria

Thursday, Nov. 14: 9A-12P

West-Central Conference “Bishop’s Colloquy” – Parish Hall

1:30PM

Evangelism & Social Ministry meeting – conference room

6:15PM

Bell choir rehearsal

7:00PM

Voice choir rehearsal

Friday, November 15: 6:00PM

“Federation Friday” *Star Trek* gathering – Parish Hall

Saturday, Nov. 16: 1:30-3PM

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays

Today’s Adult Forum: *Fruit in the Bible*

Seeds and fruit remains are exciting discoveries for archaeologists. Not only do they provide clues about ancient agriculture and diets, they can also provide radiocarbon data to help date what is buried in a given area.

Fruit also plays an important role in the Biblical narrative.

As we continue our education hour focus on food in this month of feasting, join Pastor Brian after worship to learn about the creative ways the Israelites and their ancestors used fruit in their writings and everyday culture. Sadly, pumpkin is not one of them but...



Pumpkin Palooza returns TODAY, November 10! THIS Sunday, November 10, our eagerly anticipated **pumpkin bake sale** between and after all three services is back, with proceeds to **benefit our combined Food Pantry.**

Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet at **Casa Maria** (100 N. High Street, downtown Belleville) at 12 noon **THIS Wednesday, November 13.** Please let June Benedick (618-977-4389) know if you are planning to go!

West-Central Conference Bishop’s Colloquy

This Thursday, November 14, Pastor Brian and St. Mark will host Bishop Greg Busboom and other clergy from the West-Central conference of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod for the bishop’s annual colloquy (a “formalized conversation”). The meeting is closed to the laity, but all are welcome to attend the worship service in the church at 9:30AM.

St. Mark Offerings for 11/3: General Fund: \$5,785.81; Food Pantry: \$25; Coffee Fund: \$113.50

“Federation Friday” *Star Trek* Gathering on November 15

Attention St. Mark Trekkies and friends! Because of all our busy Saturdays, *Star Trek* Saturday is now “Federation Friday” (at least for this month!). We will gather from across the quadrant **THIS Friday, November 15** at **6:00PM** in the **Parish Hall**. Join us for out-of-this-world adventure and conversation as we enjoy a “Thanksgiving-ish” episode together. Wear your costumes if you’ve got them, and bring a dish to share – fresh or replicated!



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.

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!

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!

