

# MARK TIMES

## NEWS and NOTES for July 27, 2025

<b>Monday, July 28:</b>	6:00PM	Pastoral Care Committee – conference room
	7:00PM	Church Council – CR
<b>Tuesday, July 29:</b>	4-8PM	Pool Party & Picnic at Westhaven Pool and Racket Club
<b>Thursday, July 31:</b>	6:00PM	Yoga – Parish Hall
<b>Saturday, August 2:</b>	6:00PM	SHINE worship - chapel

### Pool Party and Picnic on TUESDAY!



The Evangelism & Social Ministry committee invites you to our first St. Mark pool party and picnic, hosted by **Westhaven Pool & Racket Club** (1513 S. Illinois Street, Belleville) **THIS Tuesday, July 29** from **4:00-8:00PM! Admission is FREE!**

**Food and drinks** will be **available to purchase on-site** (no outside food and drink allowed).

The **pool** will be open and ready to help us tackle the late July heat. **Pickleball** courts will be available from 4-5:30pm and again from 7-8:00pm.

\*This event will take the place of our annual August/September church picnic, so **bring your table games** and reignite those rivalries!

### Coffee Hour Teams

Being on a Coffee Hour team is not just “bringing snacks and making coffee;” it is a **ministry of service and hospitality** to our members and guests that is MUCH appreciated. If you would like to serve on a coffee hour team, or be a captain, or make a change to a different role on a team, please contact Melanie in person or at 314-265-8722 or [melanierobison@earthlink.com](mailto:melanierobison@earthlink.com).



### Guys' Nite Returns in 2025!



St. George's and St. Mark are inviting all the guys for an evening hangout on **Friday, August 22! Events** start at **5pm**, with **dinner** at **6pm**, complete with brats, sides, beer, and desserts. **New** in 2025: **INDOOR** options, including cards, board games, and more! **Returning** in 2025: Pickleball on Jackson Street! Look for official sign-up sheets soon, along with other updates and details. Save the date and alert your guys!

### School Supply Collection through NEXT SUNDAY

Our **school supplies** collection to support Franklin Elementary **ends NEXT SUNDAY, August 3**. A box and can are in the narthex/Canterbury Room. Items needed: **3-prong folders - all colors; 24 count crayons; standard 10 count markers; ear phones/ear buds for computer use; dry erase markers - all colors; highlighters - all colors; facial tissues; baby wipes; quart and gallon zip-lock bags; glue sticks; sharpies; water colors; 3 ring binders 1-3"**. And **cash** is always helpful!

**NOT** needed: backpacks, spiral notebooks; loose-leaf paper; rulers; Elmer's glue; ballpoint pens; pencils.

**Heroes & Hand-Me-Downs: The Great Church Lot Bash** is coming to a big parking lot near you! Watch for more information coming soon about this community event on **Saturday, September 13 from 10am-2pm** featuring a **tailgate sale**, “**touch the trucks**,” and maybe a few **superheroes** dropping in!



### **Belleville Summer Sack Lunch Program – Two Weeks Remaining!**

**Donations:** Individually packaged Cheez-Its, chips, pretzels, nut-free cookies, and juice pouches (e.g., Capri Sun). Drop off at church or contact **Sherri Foppe** for other arrangements.

+ **Monetary gifts welcome:** Give to Sherri, Ann M., or online: [secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-15AC7](https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-15AC7)

+ **Volunteers Needed for...**

**Packing:** Wednesdays, 5–5:45 PM @ Westview Baptist

**Delivery:** Thursdays, 10:35 AM–1 PM

**Dates:** July 30/31 & August 6/7



+ Sign-up in Parish Hall!

**Info:** Sherri (618)791-6148 | [cookinsherri2@gmail.com](mailto:cookinsherri2@gmail.com) or Ann (618)235-7762 | [ga72mart@charter.net](mailto:ga72mart@charter.net)

**Chestnut Health Systems** will present information on *Mental Health, Substance Abuse/Narcan and Suicide Awareness/Prevention* in a class sponsored by the Joint Safety Committee on **Saturday, September 20** from 9am-1pm. A sign-up sheet is on St. George's table in the narthex.

**Offerings (7/20):** Gen. Fund: **\$7,069.20**; Food Pantry: \$181; D. Ness Memorials: \$50; Summer Lunches: \$101

### **Monthly Mission Donations (May, June, July)**

The \$618 of the **May** Monthly Mission donation through the Evangelism & Social Ministry committee was used for supplies for the **Summer Sack Lunch Program**.

\$309 of **June** Monthly Mission donation was donated to **Amare**. Amare is located in Wood River, IL and its mission is to “educate, empower, and provide compassionate recovery support services for those suffering from drug and alcohol addiction and their families to strive toward the overall wellness and stability of our community.” More information is available at <https://amarenfp.org/>

The additional \$309 of the **June** Monthly Mission donation was sent to **St. Philip's Evangelical Lutheran Church** in St. Louis to assist their Tornado Relief Household and Hygiene Supply Pantry. More information about St. Philip's and their ministry is available at <https://www.stphilipsstl.org/>

The \$618 of the **July** Monthly Mission donation will be used for **school supplies** for **Franklin School** students, classrooms and teachers.

July is **UV Safety Awareness Month** or in lay terms, **Sun Safety**. This is the month we raise awareness about the dangers of ultraviolet (UV) radiation and promote sun safety practices. This month encourages everyone to take precautions to protect their skin and eyes from the harmful effects of UV rays which can lead to skin cancer, cataracts, and premature aging.

Before you catching rays by the pool or taking part in other outdoor activities, make sure you know how to protect yourself from harmful UV light.

### **Why is UV Safety Important?**

- **Skin Cancer Risk:** Prolonged exposure to UV radiation is a major risk factor for skin cancer.
- **Premature Aging:** UV rays can damage collagen and elastin in the skin, leading to wrinkles, age spots, and other signs of premature aging.
- **Eye Damage:** UV radiation can also harm the eyes, increasing the risk of cataracts and other eye problems.