

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for August 17, 2025

Monday, Aug. 18: 2:30PM Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor

Thursday, August 21: 6:00PM Yoga – Parish Hall

Friday, August 22: 5:00PM Guy's Nite – Courtyard

Youth Mission Trip Presentation

THIS morning, Sunday, August 17, get your coffee and snacks and gather in the class area of the Parish Hall to hear a **presentation** about the recent **mission trip to Milwaukee** with some of our youth and the youth of Christ Community Lutheran (Columbia, IL). Photos, memories, and anecdotes will be shared about the life-changing experiences had in part because of your support!



Guys' Nite Returns in 2025!



Sign up NOW for Guys' Nite! St. George's and St. Mark are inviting all the guys for an evening hangout on **Friday, August 22nd!** Registration at 5pm, dinner at 5:45, complete with brats, sides, beers, and desserts. Thanks to one of our more traveled members, we have a supply of Wisconsin's New Glarus Spotted Cow farmhouse ale!

New in 2025: INDOOR options as well, including cards, board games, and possibly a Cardinals game! Bring your favorite card or table game and play in the air conditioning!

Returning in 2025: Pickleball on Jackson Street and Bags in the circle drive! Invite your friends!

Heroes & Hand-Me-Downs: The Great Church Lot Bash is coming to the big parking lot (the corner of D and High Streets) on **Saturday, September 13 from 10am-2pm!**

Sell your arts, crafts, used home goods, et al, at the **tailgate sale** (rent one a single parking space for \$25.00 or two for \$35.00; **proceeds from rentals benefit the food pantry**, but **you keep proceeds from the sale of your goods**). A limited number of spaces are available, so make your reservation soon! To reserve a spot, e-mail heroesandhandmedowns@gmail.com.



In addition, there will be **free hot dogs**, and children's activities include "touch the truck" (fire truck, police car, ambulance), face painting, and meeting costumed superheroes.

GriefShare Group at St. Mark Begins September 2

St. Mark will host an 11-week GriefShare program at the church **beginning Tuesday, September 2**. Sessions will be held from **6:30-8:00PM** alternating between the **Parish Hall and the conference room** due to available space.



Sign up at [GriefShare at St. Mark](#), or <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/269699> All are welcome! The program is free but freewill donations are accepted. Sign up by midnight on Monday, Sept. 1.

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.

THANK YOU to Dave Buckley and friends for the Food Pantry remodel. It looks great and is so much easier to work in!

Belleville Summer Sack Lunch Program End of Season THANK YOU

The Evangelism/Social Ministry Committee wishes to thank everyone who supported the program again this year by donating money, chips, cookies, fruit juice pouches, packing and/or delivering to provide free lunches for low-income children!

Together with Westview Baptist, **over 1300 lunches were assembled and delivered to Belleville's children over the 10 weeks!**

On two different weeks, the children were treated to Goodie Bags, and on two other weeks freezer pops were an extra treat!

On two Thursdays, at two different locations, Jan Richards and Sherri Foppe held traveling Mini-Vacation Bible Schools. The 15-minute VBS included a Bible story, craft or game and a song! Attendance was lower than anticipated, as is often the case with a new event. Christian Education and Evangelism/Social Ministry will consider this type of event again next summer.

This program makes a real difference in the lives of those served! The following is a note we received from the parent of a lunch recipient:

"I would like to take this time to thank everyone that has hands in making these lunches happen for the children of Belleville. I am a single mom that appreciates all the help I can get. You all made it possible for my children to eat even when I could not provide for them. I am truly grateful to God for you all. I wish I could repay you! If there is a way to donate to keep this going, I would love to help."

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.net.



Offerings (8/10): Gen. Fund: **\$3,453**; Food Pantry: \$25