

MARK TIMES

News & Notes for August 2, 2026

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, August 3:	2:00PM	Fiber Arts – Westfield Manor
Wednesday, August 5:	10:30AM	Joint Use Taskforce – Conference room
Thursday, August 6:	6:00PM	Yoga – <i>Parish Hall</i>

Mission Trip Presentation TODAY

This morning after worship, Anna R. will offer a presentation about the mission trip to Duluth, Minnesota she recently attended with Christ Community Lutheran Church (Columbia, IL)

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Brian will be on vacation from **tomorrow, Monday, August 3 through the following Monday, August 10**. Next Sunday we welcome back **Pastor S. Blake Duncan** as our guest preacher and presider.

In case of pastoral emergency, please contact **Fr. Mark Ohlemeier** of St. George's at **785-220-5528**.



Synod Day on August 29 – Register Now!



All members are encouraged to attend a day of worship, learning, fellowship, and relationship-building for all generations in each of the six conferences of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod. This is a follow-up to the Synod Assembly, but you do not have to have attended the assembly to be part of this event.

The date for our **West-Central Conference's** Synod Day is **Saturday, August 29** from **10:00AM to 3:00PM** at **Our Lord's Lutheran Church** in **Maryville**.

Each Synod Day's program includes: Cross-generational worship; Activities for children and families; Shared meal; State of the synod video; Q&A with synod staff; Four "Spirit Lab" workshop options (choose two) led by the synod staff; & "Mission moments" from each conference.

The cost is **\$10 per adult** (18 and over), \$5 for youth (3-17), and free for children under 3, capped at a total of \$25 per family. Registration is open now at **CSIS-ELCA.org/synoddays26** or by using the QR code. ***Registration closes August 10**



Food Pantry Collection Next Sunday

NEXT Sunday, August 9, is our monthly food collection for our pantry. We're requesting donations of tuna, pork n beans, pasta sauce, and jelly.



GUYS' NITE 2026

Join us for the 4th Annual *Guys' Nite* on **Friday, August 21!** Open to all guys, and featuring brats, drinks (soda, water, and Spotted Cow from Wisconsin), and games! The Fellowship Hall will be open for dinner and inside games (with the TV available for baseball or football). Outdoor activities include Pickleball on Jackson St. and bags in the circle drive! **Social hour starts at 5pm, dinner at 5:45.** Suggested donation of \$20 to cover costs, with any proceeds to benefit our Food Pantry. Invite your neighbors and friends!



Beacon Trivia Night – August 22

Let's get some St. Mark tables and have FUN together at BEACON'S 2026 Trivia Night! Invite family, friends, co-workers, and more to participate on your St. Mark Trivia Team!

Saturday, August 22, 2026 at St. Augustine of Canterbury Church (1910 W. Belle St., Belleville)

Doors open at 6:15pm **Play starts at 7:00pm**

Admission: \$20 per person at the door if not pre-registered (pre-reg ended 7/30).

St. Mark Team Members may give payment(s) to Sherri Foppe or Ann Marten to ensure your team is seated together. Please make checks payable to BEACON Ministry.

OR **mail** your check to: BEACON Ministry 47 N. Douglas Ave, Belleville, IL 62220

Payment may also be made via PayPal at paypal.me/BeaconMinistry

The event features a Silent Auction, 50/50 Drawing, and more!

Bring your own snack! Beer, wine and soda will be available to purchase.



School Supply Collection for Franklin School Students & Staff



Our annual collection of school supplies to support Franklin Elementary **continues through August 9.** A box and can are in the narthex.

Items needed: **plastic 3-prong folders - all colors; 24-count crayons; standard 10-count markers; earphones/ear buds** for computer use; **dry erase markers** – all colors; **highlighters** - all colors; **facial tissues; baby wipes; 1-gallon slider-style zip-lock bags; small glue sticks; sharpies; watercolor paint sets** (palette of 8 with brush); **3-ring binders 1" to 2".**

Those who prefer not to shop may give monetary donations to Sherri Foppe or Ann Martens or electronically via <http://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-16FTT>

NOT needed: backpacks, spiral notebooks; loose-leaf paper; rulers; white glue; ballpoint pens; pencils.

Belleville Summer Sack Lunch Program – **LAST WEEK!**

+ **Monetary gifts welcome:** Give to Sherri, Ann Martens, or online: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-15AC7>

+ **Volunteers Needed for Packing** on **Wednesdays, 5–5:45PM** @Westview Baptist, and **Delivery** on Thursdays, 10:35AM–1:00PM

+ Sign-up in Parish Hall, or contact **Sherri** (618)791-6148 | cookinsherri2@gmail.com or **Ann** (618)235-7762 | ga72mart@charter.net

St. Mark Offerings for 7/26: General Fund: **\$965.16**; Coffee Fund: \$39; Fiber Arts: \$101; Muller Landscaping: \$101; Grounds/Property Maintenance: \$101