

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for July 20, 2025

Monday, July 21: 2:30PM Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor
Thursday, July 24: 6:00PM Yoga – Parish Hall

Pool Party and Picnic on 7/29!

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) on **Tuesday, July 29** from **4:00-8:00PM!**



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!

Admission is FREE! Sign-up on the sheets in the narthex or downstairs in the Parish Hall.

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 Robison in person or at 314-265-8722 or 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** will start at **5pm** with **dinner** at **6pm**, complete with brats, sides, beer, and desserts. **New** in 2025: **INDOOR** options as well, 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 August 3

We are collecting **school supplies** to support Franklin Elementary. **Collections run through August 3.** A box and can are in the narthex/Canterbury Room. Items needed: **plastic 3-prong folders - all colors; 24 count crayons; standard 10 count markers; ear phones/ear buds for computer use; dry erase markers - all colors; high-lighters - all colors; facial tissues; baby wipes; quart and gallon zip-lock bags; glue sticks; sharpies; water colors; 3 ring binders 1-3".** And **cash**, of course, 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 providing **free lunches for low-income kids!**

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

+ **Volunteers Needed for...**

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

Delivery: Thursdays, 10:35 AM–1 PM

Dates: June 4–Aug 7 (weekly)

+ Sign-up in Parish Hall!

Info: **Sherri** (618)791-6148 | cookinsherri2@gmail.com or **Ann** (618)235-7762 | 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 will be available later in the summer.

Offerings (7/13): Gen. Fund: **\$3,172**; Coffee Fund: \$29

Stay Safe this Summer. Pt. 2

Summer is a great time for fun and relaxation, but it's also important to stay safe. Here are some **summer safety tips** that will help to make your summer more enjoyable and you healthy!

Water Safety

- **Supervise children:** Always keep an eye on kids near water.
- **Swim with a buddy:** Never swim alone.
- **Know your limits:** Don't put yourself in deep or rough water.

Bug Protection

- **Use insect repellent:** Especially in wooded or grassy areas.
- **Wear long sleeves and pants:** To prevent bites.
- **Check for ticks:** After being outdoors, especially in wooded areas.

Heat Safety

- **Know the signs of heat exhaustion:** Dizziness, nausea, headache.
- **Take breaks in the shade or indoors:** Especially during intense heat.
- **Use fans or AC:** Stay cool and avoid overexertion.

Travel & Outdoor Safety

- **Never leave kids or pets in cars:** Even for a few minutes.
- **Pack a summer emergency kit:** Water, snacks, sunscreen, first aid.
- **Be cautious with grills and campfires:** Keep water nearby and never leave them unsupervised

Monthly Mission Donations (May & June)

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/>