

# MARK TIMES

## NEWS and NOTES for June 8, 2025

**Monday, June 9:** 9:30AM Health & Wellness Meeting – Conference Room  
**Wednesday, June 11:** 9:30AM Evangelism/Social Ministry Meeting – Conference Room  
11:30AM Ladies' Lunch Bunch at Tavern on Main  
**Thursday, June 12:** 6:00PM Yoga class – Parish Hall

### Ladies Lunch Bunch on June 11

The **Ladies Lunch Bunch** will meet on **Wednesday, June 11** at 11:30AM at **Tavern on Main** (301 E. Main Street, Belleville). Contact June Benedick at 618 977 4389 to sign up to join the group.

### Belleville Summer Sack Lunch Program

We're partnering again with Westview Baptist to provide **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 Martens, or online: [secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-15AC7](https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-15AC7)

+ **Food Safety:** Gloves required for packing; masks optional for delivery.

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



### Summer Sack Lunch Mini Traveling VBS


The Evangelism/Social Ministry and Christian Education teams are launching a **new mini traveling VBS** during Summer Sack Lunch deliveries!

We'll visit 4 distribution sites with a 20-minute program featuring **Bible heroes David and Queen Esther**, including a story/skit, craft or game, and possibly music.

**\*Volunteers Needed!\*** Each site needs **4–5 helpers** (more on **June 19 & July 10** at Hough Park, which serves 40–50 children). No experience needed—just a heart to serve!

#### Program Dates & Times:

- **June 19** (10:50 AM–1:15 PM) – *David & Goliath*, led by Sherri Foppe
- **June 26** (11:20 AM–12:30 PM) – *David & Goliath*
- **July 10** (10:50 AM–1:15 PM) – *Queen Esther*, led by Jan Richards
- **July 17** (11:20 AM–12:30 PM) – *Queen Esther*

 Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall (with the Driver/Co-Pilot and Lunch Packers sheets).

## From the Parish Nurse...

**June is National Safety Month!** This is a good time to focus on key safety practices in different areas of your life. Today, the focus is on **Roadway safety**.

Roadway safety is crucial for preventing accidents and ensuring a smooth journey. Here are some key tips to keep in mind:

- **Buckle Up:** Always wear your seatbelt—every trip, every time.
- **Stay Focused:** Avoid distractions like texting, eating, or adjusting the stereo while driving.
- **Obey Speed Limits:** Speeding increases the risk of severe injuries in a crash.
- **Drive Sober:** Never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs, even prescription drugs.
- **Check Your Vehicle:** Ensure your car is in good condition before long trips—check fluid levels, tires, brakes, and lights.
- **Avoid Drowsy Driving:** Take breaks on long drives and get enough rest before hitting the road.



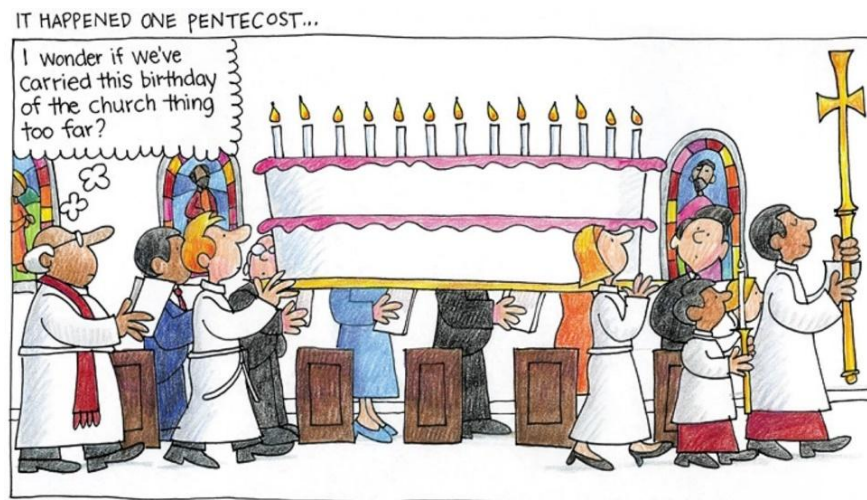
## Looking Ahead...

Consider joining the group of us traveling to **Mercy (now EverVella) Rehab & Care Center** (Swansea) and **Freeburg Care Center** on **Sunday, June 29** to **sing** some patriotic songs and other favorite melodies. More information coming soon!

Also in process is a congregational **pool party** at **Westhaven Pool & Racket Club**, tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, July 29!**

The Joint Safety Committee is sponsoring a class on **Saturday September 20** from 9am-1pm. **Chestnut Health Systems** will present information on *Mental Health, Substance Abuse/Narcan and Suicide Awareness/Prevention*. If these subjects are of interest to you, please put this class on your calendar. A sign-up will be available later in the summer. For questions, please call Sue Vaughn at 618-593-7213.

Please note that the **Christian Education classes**, including *Adult Forums and Table Talks*, will be on hiatus for the summer and will resume in September.



**St. Mark Offerings (6/1):** Gen. Fund: **\$4,005.91**; St. Louis Tornado Relief: \$285; Coffee Fund: \$9  
Dwight Ness Memorials: \$610.66; Lois Gentsch Memorials: \$1,378.34; Sunday Morning Coffee: \$92