

MARK TIMES

News & Notes for August 30, 2026

THE WEEK AHEAD

Wednesday, September 2: 10:30AM Joint Use Meeting – *Conference Room*
Thursday, September 3: 6:00PM Yoga – *Parish Hall*
Saturday, September 5: 6:00PM SHINE Worship – *chapel*

St. Paul's Community Meal Volunteers Needed!

We have been asked to provide **two volunteers** for the **September 1** community meal at St. Paul's United Church of Christ. Volunteers would need to arrive about 3:45PM and should be done about 6:00PM. They are seeing an increase in attendance. It's been several months since St. Mark was needed to help; if anyone is willing and available, please contact Sherri Foppe.

SHINE Worship This Saturday

Join us this **Saturday, September 5** at **6:00PM** for praise worship in the chapel with combined musical talents from St. Mark & St. George's.



Choirs Resume Thursday, September 10

Choirs resume rehearsals **Thursday, September 10**. Voice Choir meets at 4:15PM and Bell Choir meets at 6:00PM. One new bell ringer is needed, please join the fun. If you can carry a tune at all (you don't need to sing solo or even read music), the chancel choir would love to welcome you! Interested? **Call Carol Kugler at 618-581-3079.**

Bicycle Donations

Have a gently-used bicycle you've thought of discarding? Our Brothers' Keepers would love to have it! Bring your bicycle to church on September 13 or notify Sherri Foppe, Pastor Brian, or the office if you'd like someone to come pick it up for you!

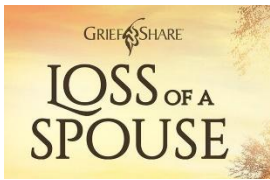
"God's Work. Our Hands." Day

The ELCA's national day of service is coming up on **Sunday, September 13**. We are working to plan activities for various ages and abilities, both in the Parish Hall and out in the community. We will clean windows and assemble raised garden boxes at Our Brother's Keepers, and matching up pillow cases and other linens for Beacon Ministries in the PH.



St. Mark Offerings for 8/23: General Fund: **\$3,065.72**; Fiber Arts: \$101; Muller Landscaping: \$101; Grounds/Property Maintenance: \$101; Dwight Ness Memorial iPad Fund: \$250

GriefShare: *Loss of a Spouse* Event on September 19



People who are widowed haven't just lost a **loved one**; they've lost an *entire lifestyle*. This one-day, two-hour session GriefShare session hopes to offer support, clarity, and peace during this unsettling time.

You will meet people who understand what you are going through in a safe space to talk, be encouraged, and connect. This 2-hour seminar includes a short video featuring expert Christian counselors, authors, and pastors, followed by small-group discussion.

Join St. Mark's special session, led by Nurse Becky, on **Saturday, September 19** from **1–3 PM** in the **Parish Hall**. The free event includes a video, group discussion, and a Survival Guide. Pre-registration is required at <https://find.griefshare.org/events/294594>

NOTE: Even if you attended this session in April, please consider attending again; grief and loss affect us differently with the passage of time, and you may benefit from another session in ways that you don't anticipate.

Franklin School Lunch Packing

It's that time of year again for busy kids and families with many weekly activities and sometimes long, hungry weekends and holidays. For many years now St. Mark has been packing and delivering free sack lunches for **20 needy students at Franklin School for those long holiday weekends**. We plan to do so again through your generosity and gifts to the Social/Evangelism Committee and some anonymous gifts. Our shelves are stocked full of food at the moment, but **you can help by volunteering to pack lunches**. This only takes **about an hour** on the day before **Labor Day, Columbus Day, election day, conference days, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day, Spring Break** and possibly **Memorial Day weekends**. You can **sign up** on the sheet hanging in the **Parish Hall** or call **Peggy Andersen** (618-791-0992) if you are interested or have questions. Your support is so much appreciated by the Franklin children and their families, the school staff and our Evangelism & Social Ministry committee.



Second Sunday Food Collection

In addition to being "God's Work. Our Hands." day, **Sunday, September 13** is our **monthly focus on food pantry donations**, and we're asking folks to bring **Dollar Tree-sized dish detergent and laundry detergent, and jellies**. Please place them in the big basket as you come into church.

Church Picnic September 27*

After the weather put a damper on our pool party but still wanting to have an outdoor church event, we have pivoted back to a **church picnic**, which will be on **Sunday, September 27** from **noon to 3pm** at **Schranz Memorial Park** in Swansea. Format will be as in years past: bring food enough for you and your family, and a game to share! **The date was incorrectly listed as September 20 last Sunday*

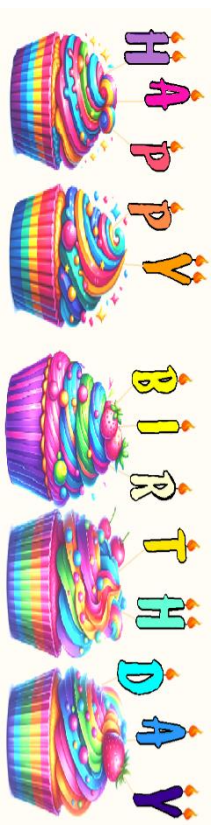


Coffee Hour Teams Schedule Available

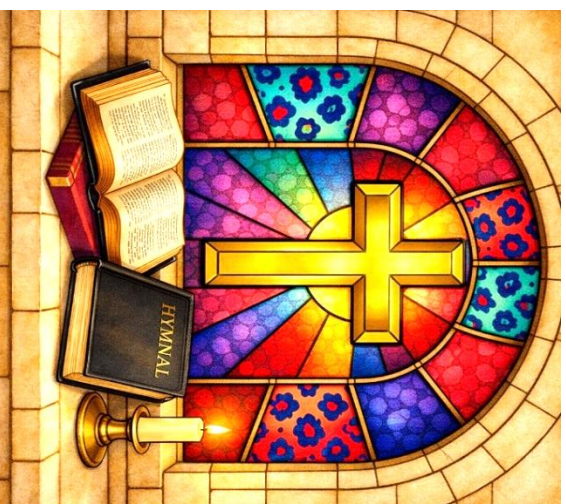
Pick up your coffee hour schedule from Melanie, or email her to have it sent digitally at melanierobison@earthlink.net.

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Weds	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
September 2026						
6 15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:00AM Blood Pressures—PH 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship	7 Labor Day - <i>Office Closed</i> 2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor	8	2 10:30AM Joint Use meeting - CR	3 6:00P Yoga—PH	4 <i>St. Mark Office Closed</i>	5 6p SHINE worship - chapel
13 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 11:00AM “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Day of Service	14	15 5:00PM Food Pantry meeting	9 9:30AM Evangelism Mtg —CR 12:00PM Ladies Lunch Bunch	10 4:15PM Voice Choir 6:00PM Bell Choir 6:00P Yoga—PH	11 <i>Pastor’s Sabbath</i>	12
20 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Adult Forum: <i>Law & Order: Judean Fraud Unit (PB)</i>	21 2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor	22	16 10:15AM H&W Meeting - CR	17 4:15PM Voice Choir 6:00PM Bell Choir 6:00P Yoga—PH	18 <i>Pastor’s Sabbath</i>	19 1:00PM GrietShare —PH
27 18th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 12:00PM Church Picnic – Schrantz Park, Swansea	28 6:00PM Pastoral Care Committee 7:00PM Church Council Mtg.	29	23	24 4:15PM Voice Choir 6:00PM Bell Choir 6:00P Yoga—PH	25 <i>Pastor’s Sabbath</i>	26
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Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Crucifer	Chalice Bearer	Tech Minister	Ushers	Safety Volunteer	Coffee Hour
Sept. 6	Greg G.	Charlie D.	Rex R.	Mike M.	Mike M.	Frank D. & Jason M.	Jan R.	Team 1
Sept. 13	Charlie D.	Aaron F.	Frank D.	Tom P.	Melanie R.	Rick C. & Rex R.	Missy K.	Team 2
Sept. 20	Sherri F.	Corbin M.	Keith K.	Mike M.	Greg M.	Danielle T. & TBD	Frank D.	Team 3
Sept. 27	Corbin M.	Curtis D.	Corbin M.	Greg M.	Aaron F.	Kathy C. & Nancy G.	Tina P.	Team 4



Randi C.	9/7	Diane W.	9/10	Natalie H.	9/12
Lisa R.	9/19	Beverlee W.	9/20	Evelyn D.	9/24
Anna R.	9/25	Piper P.	9/27	Wilma S.	9/28
Kim P.	9/28				



Kathy & Steve B.	9/2
Bill & Angela B.	9/6
Joe & Kara M.	9/10
Bethany & Christopher T.	9/11
Ivan & Judy K.	9/23
Brad & Laurie G.	9/23
Carolyn & Matt S.	9/25
Mark & Patty B.	9/27
Letitia & Todd D.	9/27
June & Jim I.	9/27