



MARK TIMES

June 21, 2020 + 3rd Sunday after Pentecost



Initial Return to Worship

The first phase of an initial return to in-person worship begins on **Tuesday, July 7 at 9:00AM** and continues on each subsequent Tuesday in July with a brief service of Holy Communion offered outside in the courtyard (weather permitting, or in the chapel) for a gathering of **no more than 10 people** (including pastor). Attendance is by **reservation only** and **priority** will be given to those **members who do not have easy access to a computer** and have been unable to participate in online worship. Since this service is *primarily* for these members, those identified as in this group will have a **standing reservation**, so they don't have to worry about calling to reserve a spot each week.

At the moment, these parameters leave space for **four additional members to attend**. Please **email Pastor Brian** (pastor@stmarkbelleville.org) if you are interested in reserving spaces for any of the Tuesdays in July. This will be "**first come, first served**," and he asks for the time being that you only request one Tuesday so as to allow an opportunity for more members to attend. If demand is high, a Thursday morning service may be added as well.

All attendees should expect the following:

- The wearing of **cloth face coverings/masks** is required
- **Communion** will be served in the form of prepackaged bread wafer and grape juice
- **Physical distancing** will be maintained, although members who live together and/or who traveled together to worship may sit together.
- A **stationary collection box** will be in place to collect offerings
- There will be no physical sharing of the peace, greeting line, or formal time of fellowship. Members are welcome to visit with each other from an appropriate distance.
- Attendees who are able are invited to bring their own chairs. Stackable plastic chairs will be provided for those who cannot/do not wish to bring their own. These are easy to both move and to sanitize after the service.
- **Hand sanitizer** will be available and its use will be encouraged by attendees upon arrival and before departing.
- Of course, **please stay home if you are showing any signs or symptoms associated with COVID-19**.

*Please note that online worship will continue even after these services begin.

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Belleville Summer Sack Lunch Program is back in full-swing providing lunches for low-income children this summer!

We are collecting individual size bags of Cheez-its, potato chips, nacho chips, etc. and fruit juice pouches, i.e. Capri Sun, for the lunches. Disposable gloves are also needed. Donations may be dropped off at the church office.

Four St. Mark volunteers are needed to help **pack 200 lunches** at Westview Baptist on these **Wednesday** evenings from **5 pm to 5:45pm**:

Jun 24, Jul 1, Jul 8, Jul 15, Jul 22 & Jul 29.

One volunteer driver and one co-pilot are needed to **deliver** the lunches from approximately **10:35 to 12:45** on these **Thursdays**:

Jun 25, Jul 2, Jul 9, Jul 16, Jul 23 & Jul 30.

*Everyone packing and/or delivering lunches must wear a mask and gloves.

To volunteer or if you would like more information please contact Sherri Foppe at 618 791-6148 or cookinsherri2@gmail.com OR Ann Martens at 618 235-7762 or ga72mart@charter.net

Sing Out Loud, Sing Out Strong!

While we are still worshipping from home, I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to **SING**. Whenever we return to in-person worship, it is recommended by multiple reliable sources that we do **not** sing as a gathered congregation. Even with a mask on, singing projects droplets a much further distance than talking, and with the virus able to remain suspended in air as long as three hours, it is too high of a risk to take for our members. At this time, we do not expect our choir to meet or singing as a group to be feasible until sometime in 2021. We will be looking into designing our services to have music without singing. In the meantime, please do sing along with our online worship!

Electronic Giving is a convenient way to provide financial support to St. Mark when you can't get to church. **GivePlus** is a tool provided to us by VANCO & Thrivent. We encourage our members to utilize this tool during our service suspension. [Click here](#) to be directed to our GivePlus page on the St. Mark website. **As always, you are welcome to "snail mail" your offering into the office!**

Thank you for your continued generous support of St. Mark!

"God is on earth. God is among us, not now as a lawgiver, but as one gently and kindly conversing in a human body with his fellow men and women. How can the Godhead be in the flesh? In the same way as fire can be in an iron: not by moving from place to place but by the one imparting to the other its own properties. The fire is not diminished, and yet it completely fills whatever shares in its nature. So it is also with God the Word. Earth received him from heaven, yet heaven was not deserted by him who holds the universe in being."



- **Basil the Great**, whose feast day is June 14.

WE PRAY FOR THE ILL AND CONFINED

| <i><u>St. Mark Parishioners</u></i> | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Angie Bjornstad | Ellen Buehler | Gary Dozier | Evelyn Duncan |
| Maxine Elmore | Mike Foppe | Lila Frerichs | Mary Hill |
| Geri Jolley | Lucy Montgomery | Dwight Ness | Kim Palmer |
| Marilyn Robinson | Denise Scruggs | | |

| <i><u>Family & Friends</u></i> | | |
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| Bill Benton | Bea Benton | Joyce Breihof |
| Susan Carson | Christine | Brian Collingham |
| Arianna Curnes | Andre Davis | Ceci Eiland |
| Katrina Fenner | Jesse Ferris | Christine Gass |
| Joni Giordano | Carrie Gravot | Margy Groennert |
| Stephanie Groennert | TC Groennert | Carol Haefner-Meyer |
| Gene Halloran | Melisa Hamilton | Randy Hayes |
| Linda Hinkle-Emke | Jamie House | Jim Isselhardt |
| Donna Kudelka | Austin Lickenbrock | Pat Likness |
| Dusty Little | Wyatt Madison | Allen & Mary Jane Martens |
| Glenda Martiszus | Dorothy May | Brian Nelson |
| Pr. Ron & Debbie Neustadt | Tim & Missy Partelow | Doug Pickens |
| Hilda Parnell | Paul Richards | Eileen Robertson |
| Darrell Robinson | Sarah and family | Dave Schaaf |
| Carol Scott | Jill Schlueter | Stefanie Schroeder |
| Steven & Braylen Shirley | Dennis & Margie Snep | Eric Wheeler |
| Kris Whitley | Elisabeth Woodrome | Linda Wisley |
| Ken Zika | | |

THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for those who celebrate their birthday this week:

**Rich Ness (6/21), Samantha Hayan (6/21), Mary Hill (6/23), Alice Murakami (6/24),
Bonnie Schaefer (6/25), Cynthia Southers (6/25), and Tony Southers (6/27)**

We pray for those who celebrate their wedding anniversary this week:

Ken & Jackie Woodrome (6/21) and Connie & John Thompson (6/24)