



MARK TIMES

August 2, 2020 + 9th Sunday after Pentecost



In-Person Tuesday Worship Continues Through August

In-person worship in the **chapel** continues at **9:00AM** each **Tuesday in August**. This is a brief service of Holy Communion offered for a gathering of **12 people**. Attendance is by **reservation only** and **priority** is given to those **members who do not have easy access to a computer** and are unable to participate in online worship.

However, there remains space for **five** (or so) **additional members to attend**. Please **email Pastor Brian** (pastor@stmarkbelleville.org) if you are interested in reserving remaining spaces for any of the Tuesdays in August.

Saturday Evening Worship to Begin August 8

For members who work during the day but feel a strong desire to receive communion, an in-person service of Holy Communion in the **chapel** will be held at **5:00PM** on Saturdays **beginning August 8**. Reservations are required and can be made using "**Sign-Up Genius**." Click [HERE](#) to access the sign-up portal, where you enter your name, email address, and the number of people who will sit with you.

All attendees for Tuesdays and Saturdays 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.
- There will be no singing, physical sharing of the peace, greeting line, or formal time of fellowship.
- **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, even if you think "it's just allergies."**

*Please note that online worship in our current format will continue.



School Supply Collection Returns

Even though we aren't gathering right now it is still our mission to reach out to help others. Belleville School District 118 has changed to remote learning for the first quarter, but we will still collect school supplies for Franklin School to be used for at-home learning or for when on-site classes resume. So if you're able to pick up a few general school items and bring them to the church office, a collection box is available. Monetary donations are also accepted. From now until August 16, items can be dropped off during office hours, or contact Ann Martens 530-8679 with questions.



Belleville Summer Sack Lunch

The program runs through next week, but we are happy to report that enough supplies have been donated and volunteers signed up to cover the final week!



Personal Communion Visits

In addition to the Tuesday morning & Saturday evening services, Pastor Brian is accepting appointments for personal communion visits of 30 minutes or less for members who are not comfortable leaving their homes. For the safety of both pastor and members, these visits must be able to be held **outside** and with the ability to maintain a **6 feet physical distance**, and **masks** for all participants are required. Communion will be distributed in the form of prepackaged bread wafer and grape juice. Visits can be scheduled on **Monday & Saturday mornings** on the hour beginning at 9:00AM, with a maximum of three per day.

Please call, text or email Pastor by 7:00PM the night before (at the latest) if you'd like to receive a visit, and he will contact you to schedule a time.

***Visits will not be scheduled when extreme heat or precipitation is expected.**

Electronic Giving is a convenient way to provide financial support to St. Mark in these days of distancing. **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!

Church Picnic Postponed

We've made the difficult but necessary decision to postpone our church picnic, originally scheduled for August 23. We are considering having a socially-distanced, bring-your-own-food-and-chairs fellowship event in the church courtyard when the weather is cooler, if advisable based on public health conditions at that time.

...we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. — Romans 5:3b-5

Offerings for July 26, 2020

General Fund Donations:	\$3,147*
Parking Lot Maintenance:	\$220
Food Pantry:	\$530

*Includes Electronic Offerings from 7/17-7/23

This Sunday's SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Reading:	Isaiah 55:1-5 ,
Psalms:	Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 ,
Second Reading:	Romans 9:1-5 ,
Gospel:	Matthew 14:13-21

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

105 East "D" Street, Belleville, IL 62221 Phone: 618.233.9809

Office Email: office@stmarkbelleville.org Website: www.stmarkbelleville.org

Pastor Brian: cell phone: 314-363-6784 Email: pastor@stmarkbelleville.org

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>		
Bill Benton	Bea Benton	Joyce Breihof
Susan Carson	Christine	Brian Collingham
Arianna Curnes	Andre Davis	Ceci Eiland
Katrina Fenner	Jesse Ferris	Max Frances
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 Wrisley	Ken Zika	

THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for those who celebrate their birthday this week:

**Will Eggemeyer (8/2), Robin Buck (8/3), Tyler Martens (8/4), Bryce Smith (8/6),
Tim Richards (8/7), Jeremy Hayes (8/7), and Eric Kniepkamp (8/8)**