

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for January 26, 2025

- Monday, Feb. 3:** 9:30AM Health & Wellness Meeting – conference room
2:30PM Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor
- Wednesday, Feb. 5:** 10:30AM Joint Use Commission Meeting
- Saturday, Feb. 8:** 6:00PM Trivia Night at Christ Community Lutheran Church

Diaper Drive for Epiphany!



Our Epiphany Diaper Drive continues through NEXT SUNDAY. Items collected will be donated to The Pregnancy Care Center, Fontabella Maternity Home, and other local organizations.

Diapers sizes 3 through 7, pullups sizes 2T through 6T, and disposable pants sizes 2T through 6T are most needed. Open packages will be accepted.

Unopened packages of diaper wipes and diaper rash cream are also welcome.

Realizing diapers are expensive, members are encouraged to join together on purchases or give monetary donations to Sherri Foppe or Ann Martens. Donations may also be made electronically at https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-14EWR?access=tile_direct through February 9.

Trivia Night!

Get “**Animated for God**” at **Christ Community Lutheran Church** (Columbia) for their annual TRIVIA NIGHT youth fundraiser on **Saturday, February 8** from **6-8:00PM!** *This event will raise funds for this summer’s youth mission trip to Milwaukee, **which our youth from St. Mark will be participating in!**

+ Cost is \$15 per person or \$100 for a table of 8.

+ Bring your own food; drinks will be available for purchase.

+ Costume and Table Decorating contests! Dress up as your favorite animated characters and create cool matching table décor!

+ Generic trivia categories – there will be something for everyone!

****Let Melanie know if you are planning to join, and she will sign up all the tables at once. Checks can be written to St. Mark Youth.**

Today’s Adult Forum: *History & Archaeology of the Bible: Young Jesus*

There are precious few stories from what scholars refer to as the “lost years” or the “desert years” in Jesus’ life: the period between his birth and when he began his ministry around age 30. The Presentation in the Temple, which we celebrate today, is one of them, as is the well-known account of the “Finding in the Temple,” when Jesus was 12.

Today’s Adult Forum includes a 30-minute video that looks at the history and archaeology of Galilee from the years when Jesus was growing up, giving us some insight into what his life might have been like. Please plan to join us for the video and discussion!

Food Pantry Donations

Next Sunday, February 9, is our monthly food collection for our pantry. This month we're asking for donations of **canned vegetables**, boxes of **cereal**, and **Spam**.



Yoga at St. Mark!



Classes are held for 45 minutes on Thursday evenings at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall. A donation of \$5.00 is asked for each session. Please bring your own mat and water bottle for classes.

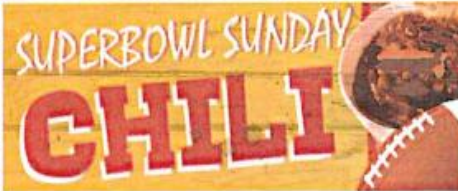
Practicing yoga can help with body flexibility, strength, mobility, and balance. It also requires you to shift into a more relaxed state, which can help decrease stress, increase focus, and promote a stronger connection with yourself. You can't ask for a more pose-ative experience!

ATTENTION: **Yoga class will not meet on February 6 and February 27.**

Ladies Lunch Bunch

For February's gathering, the LLB will meet on **Wednesday, February 12 at 12 noon** at **Tavern on Main** (301 East Main Street, Belleville). Questions? Contact Diane Maes at rdmaes@charter.net.

St. Mark Offerings for 1/26: General Fund: **\$2,925.30**; Food Pantry: \$25; Franklin School Lunches: \$500; Fiber Arts: \$101; DM Landscaping Fund: \$101; Grounds/Property Maintenance: \$101



Super Bowl Chili

Once again, St. George's famous white chili will be available for Super Bowl Sunday, February 9, 2025. For \$12, you can take home a quart to enjoy for your pre-game, post-game, or during the game enjoyment!


Having a party?? Order several quarts! Pre-order now for the discounted price of only \$11 per quart! Walk-ins on the day of the Big Game will pay \$12 per quart from noon until 3:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Parishoners may pick up chili after Sunday services.

Available in **HOT** or MILD and available fresh or **FROZEN**!

Funds raised by this event support our St. George's and St. Mark Food Pantry. Place your orders with David Buckley 618-520-9333 or david_f_buckley@yahoo.com.

Please help spread the word with family, friends, and coworkers about this S(o)per Bowl White Chili Sale!

A sheet to pre-order chili will be on the wall, near the south door, in the Parish Hall, or call the church office with your order.



ST. GEORGE'S/ST. MARK FOOD PANTRY NEWS

- End of the 2024 year cash on hand was \$19,279.11.
- In 2024 the Food Pantry received \$ 23,749.42 and spent \$ 27,1431.62 for a net deficit of \$3,382.20. There are proceeds yet to be received from chili sales and other fundraising.
- In 2024, over 50 Saturdays, the Food Pantry dispensed food bags for 927 families for 2341 individuals. This compares to 2023, over 49 Saturdays, dispensing food bags for 2068 families for 2733 individuals. The reason(s) for this change is unknown but might be partly due to reinstating the policy of verifying residency.

Sunday Mon. Tues. Weds. Thurs. Fri. Sat.

ESTABLISHED 2025



St. Mark Lutheran Church
105 East D Street
Belleville, Illinois

	1	6:00PM SHINE Worship							
2	3	9:30AM H&W Meeting-CR 2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor							
9	10	9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Confirmation 10:30AM Adult Forum: <i>Young Jesus</i>							
16	17	9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Confirmation	Office Closed for <i>Presidents Day</i> 2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor						
23	24	9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Adult Forum: <i>Hospitality in Ancient Israel</i>	6:00PM Pastoral Care Committee 7:00PM Church Council Mtg.						
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	12	9:00AM Evang/ Soc.Min mtg— CR 2PM Worship Planning - CR							
	13	6:00PM Yoga—PH 6:15PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Voice Choir							
	14	<i>Pastor's Day Off</i>							
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	19	11:30AM Table Talk Bible Class - CR							
	20	6:00PM Yoga—PH 6:15PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Voice Choir							
	21	<i>Pastor's Day Off</i>							
	22	6PM Star Trek Saturday—PH							
	25		6PM Safety Committee - PH						
	26								
	27	6:15PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Voice Choir							
	28	<i>Pastor's Day Off</i>							
	March 1	6:00PM SHINE Worship							



<u>Date</u>	<u>Assistant Minister</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Chalice Bearer</u>	<u>Teach Minister</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Safety Volunteer</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
Feb. 2	Greg M.	Jan L.	Rex R.	Mike M.	Mike M.	Frank D. & Jason M.	Cathie S.	Team 5
Feb. 9	Danielle T.	Aaron F.	Frank D.	Tom P.	Melanie R.	Rick Crosby & Rex R.	Mark B.	Team 6
Feb. 16	Sherrri F.	Terry T.	Keith K.	Mike M.	Greg M.	Danielle T. & Curt G.	Jan R.	Team 7
Feb. 23	Charlie D.	Curtis D.	Corbin M.	Greg M.	Aaron F.	Kathy C. & Nancy G.	Mark B.	Team 8



Nancy G.	2/4	Michael W.	2/5	Matt S.	2/7
Morris K.	2/7	Nancy T.	2/10	Lorraine C.	2/18
Carol W.	2/19	Becky E.	2/22	Elizabeth C.	2/24
Bruce M.	2/26	Toni B.	2/26	Lilly R.	2/27



Cathie & Larry S. 2/09
 Mary & Pete W. 2/28

