

Welcome to
ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

October 6,
2024



The
Twentieth
Sunday after
Pentecost

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

“SHINE” CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 6:00 PM (*1st Saturdays - Chapel*)

SUNDAY

THE DIVINE LITURGY: 9:00AM

in-person & streaming

EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP HOUR: 10:30 AM

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PLEASE wear a **mask/face covering** *if* you are **exhibiting any upper respiratory symptoms consistent with allergies, a cold, or COVID-19** (runny nose, cough, sore throat).

To parents with small children: We are glad your family is worshiping with us today! **“Quiet Bags”** (supplies & activities for use by small children) are available in the Welcome Area. If you or your child need a break from the service, feel free to walk to the Welcome Area/narthex (the service is still audible over the speakers).

Parish Hall and Restrooms are located on the lower level of the main church building. The stairway is off the entrance foyer. A second **handicapped access** restroom is available next to the **accessibility lift** to the lower level is located in the Welcome Area. An usher will be happy to assist you with the lift.

Assistive listening devices and **low vision items** are available. Please ask one of our ushers for assistance.

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please STAND as you are able*

Blessed be the Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit – the one God who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

You may KNEEL or remain as you are. Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in our time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

Please STAND as you are able

GATHERING HYMN

“Love Has Brought Us Here Together”

ACS 1040



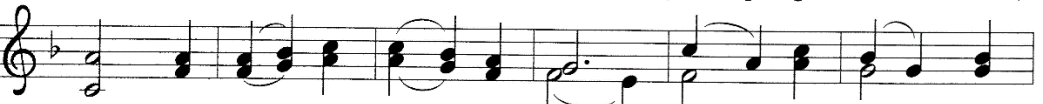
1 Love has brought us here to - geth - er; love of fam - 'ly,
 2 Love is gen - tle, love is pa - tient, soft in words and
 3 Love does not re - joice at e - vil; love re - joic - es



love of friends; love, our vow till death should part us; love, God's
 kind in deeds. Love is strong and nev - er pom - pous; love puts
 in the right. Keen in giv - ing and for - giv - ing, spread - ing



gift, that nev - er ends. From our birth, through - out our life - time,
 first the oth - er's needs. Not quick - tem - pered or re - sent - ful,
 love is love's de - light. When two peo - ple pledge their u - nion,



love's in - sis - tence calls our name. Floods of wa - ters
 prone to take of - fense or brood, love ex - cels in
 all who wit - ness are re - newed, feast - ing at love's



can - not drown it or put out its danc - ing flame.
 grace and mer - cy, nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er rude.
 earth - ly ban - quet, tast - ing heav'n's be - at - i - tude.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Following the prayer, please SIT.

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE *The assembly STANDS to welcome the gospel.*

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Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.
Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.
Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** *Please SIT*

SERMON

"Godbook Official"

The Rev. Brian M. Robison

Following the sermon, the assembly STANDS to proclaim the word of God in song.



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
 2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
 3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
 4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
 free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
 shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
 wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
 that they nev - er have a rea - son to
 May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
 As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
 doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
 love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
 join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *The names of those for whom we pray aloud are listed below. Please read only the first names. Other prayer intentions can be found in the back of this bulletin.*

The response to "God of grace," is "Hear our prayer"...

Eleanor Benton, Toni Brendel, Kathy Casey, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Bruce Martens, Dwight Ness, Mae Newsome, Kim Palmer, Tina Partelow, Marilyn Robinson, Larry Shurtleff, Cohen Summers, Carol Weshinskey, Bonnie Baete, and Jeanie Workman.

PEACE *The assembly is invited to share a greeting of God's peace with one another. Following **the Peace**, you may be seated for a few moments*

OFFERING *Should you wish to leave an offering today, it may be placed in the wooden box on the table near the baptismal font at any point during or after the service.*

OFFERTORY

"Canticle of Praise"

St. Mark Chancel Choir

Guest Musician: Nick Baker, flutist

OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray together... **Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy... and join in their unending hymn:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Traditional*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come;

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come forth; your God meets you here.

LAMB OF GOD *Please SIT*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion is open to everyone. In this sacrament, we believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. At this service, communion will be served from around the altar rail. At the usher's direction, please come forward and kneel at the altar rail.

- ✘ *After receiving the bread, you may take an individual cup or drink from the chalice.*
- ✘ *You may return to your seat after communing.*
- ✘ *Those who do not wish to commune may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this preference.*
- ✘ *Reception of the Eucharist under one kind (bread or wine) is valid communion for those who must avoid either for health reasons.*
- ✘ *If you are unable to go to the altar for communion, please notify an usher or the pastor, so that communion may be brought to you in your pew.*

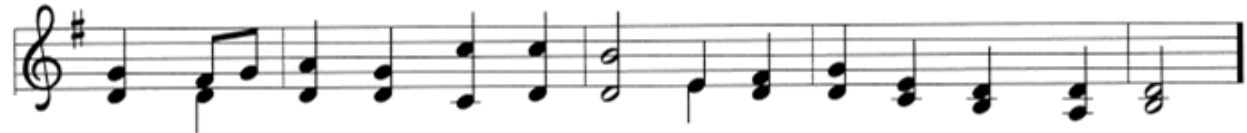
HYMN DURING THE DISTRIBUTION:

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

ELW 899



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:



Refrain
 Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

“Although I Speak With Angels’ Tongue”

ELW 644; flute solo: Nick Baker



1 Al - though I speak with an - gel's tongue, my faith, my
 2 For love is pa - tient, love is kind, and nev - er



knowl - edge all sur - pass, but have no love, my gifts are
 vain with boast - ing pride; love bears all things, all things en -



vain as clang - ing gong or blar - ing brass.
 dures. All things must end; love will a - bide.

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO

“Amazing Grace” Arr. by: Olstead

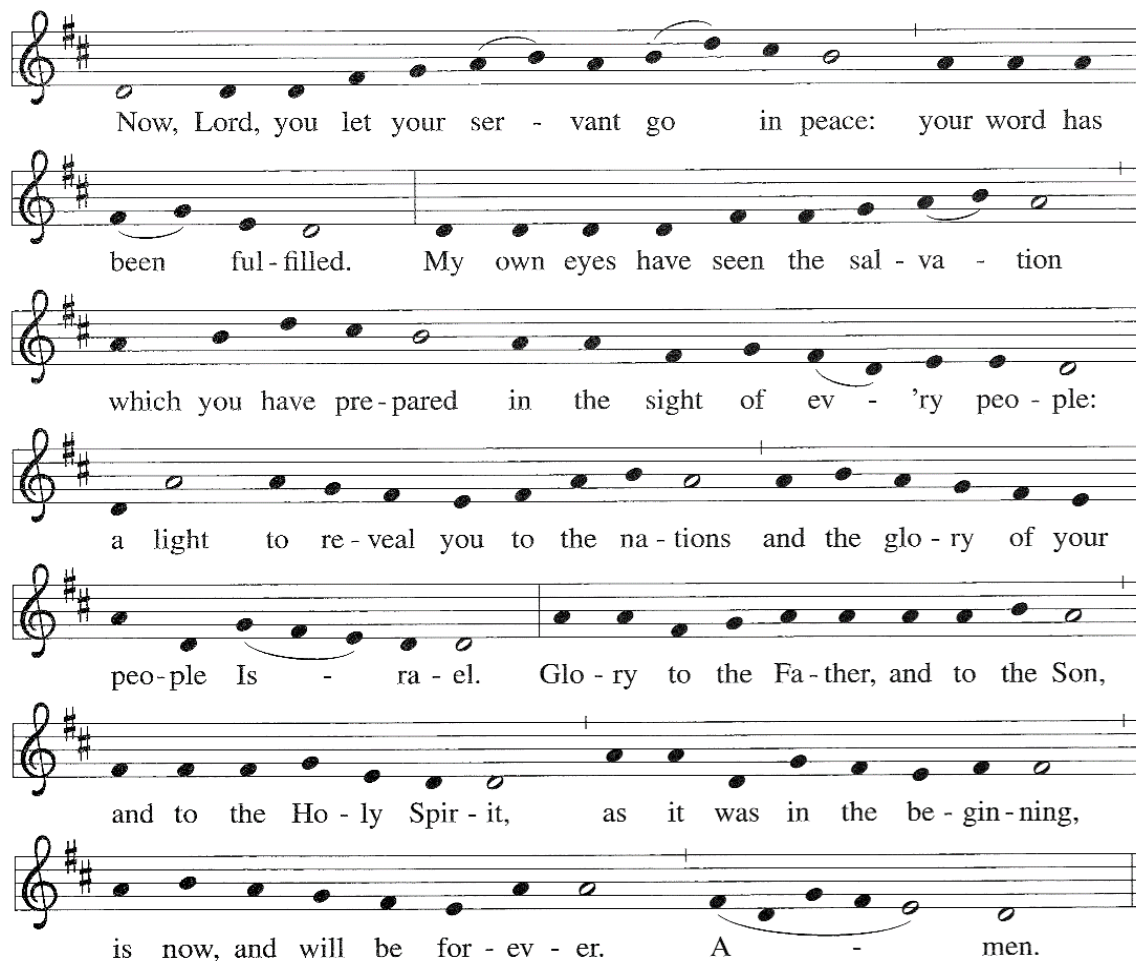
Flutist: Nick Baker

TABLE BLESSING *After the distribution is complete, please STAND as you are able.*

The Body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

CANTICLE AFTER COMMUNION “Now Lord”

ELW 201



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:
a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assistant: Let us pray together... **Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful – Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit - bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

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- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
- 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
- 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
- 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

R. Lind

MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison + **Assisting Minister:** Danielle Tribout

Lector: Jan Litherland + **Crucifer:** Rex Rothgangel

Tech Minister: Greg Martens + **Chalice Bearer:** Mike Murakami + **Organist:** Evelyn Duncan

Safety Volunteer: Cathie Shurtleff + **Ushers:** Frank Dressel & Jason Martens

St. Mark Staff

Pastor: The Rev. Brian M. Robison

Administrative Assistant: Randi Cardoza + **Music Director:** Carol Kugler

Organist: Evelyn Duncan + **Parish Nurse:** Becky Schnitzius

Land Acknowledgement

St. Mark Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the **Quapaw**, **Myaamia**, **Kaskaskia**, and **Kickapoo** peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

MARK TIMES Addendum

GOD'S Work. OUR Hands. Day Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who participated in person or in prayer in our activities for the ELCA National Day of Service on September 8!

- **BEACON Furniture Warehouse:** 2 furniture pickups and 3 deliveries in Belleville/Swansea. Several others organized furniture, linens, and much more in the warehouse.
- **Craft projects in Parish Hall:** worked on fabric hearts, cloth bracelets and children's cross kits
- **More pictures** are on a bulletin board in the Parish Hall



Pampered Chef Fundraiser THANKS!

Thank you to those who ordered during the Pampered Chef fundraiser for St. George's/St. Mark Food Pantry! Total proceeds of the August fundraiser were **\$294.13**. If you didn't find something you wanted in August, please feel free to take another look because 35 NEW products were released September 1. A donation will be made to our pantry for September orders when placed through Sherri Foppe at 618 791-6148 or cookinsherri2@gmail.com only.



Fiber Arts Fun!

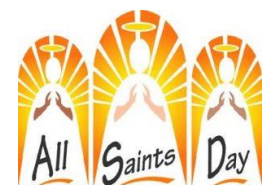
Our Fiber Arts group and a few Westfield Manor residents had a great time creating decoupage pumpkins! This group has a wonderful time creating great tie quilts, crafts and more! They are always happy to have new folks join in the fun. Contact Peggy Anderson at 618 791-0992 for information and meeting dates.



Our All Saints Sunday worship service is Sunday, November 3 at 9:00AM.

Names of deceased loved ones may be entered into our Book of Remembrance, which is now on the St. Mark table in the Welcome Area. You are welcome and encouraged to write names of any deceased loved ones you wish to remember. You may also contact the church office (office@stmarkbelleville.org) to add a someone to the list.

All written names will be included in the worship folder, but **only the names of those who have died over the past year** will be read during the service, with a single toll of a bell after each name. Please mark a **star** or an **asterisk** next to the names of loved ones who have died in the last year.



SHARE THE WARMTH October 6 through 27

Inspired by "Phillip's Wish" in the movie *5000 Blankets* and the needs of our food pantry clients, we are collecting gently worn coats, thermal underwear, sweatshirts, t-shirts, undershirts, socks, hats, mittens, gloves, scarfs, etc. to benefit the homeless in our area. Warming blankets, handwarmers and new underwear for men and women are also greatly appreciated. Donations will be distributed to various organizations throughout the project period with donation numbers provided periodically. A collection container is in the Narthex/Canterbury Room.

Father Mark's Installation as Rector

On **Monday, October 28 at 6:00PM**, St. Mark members are welcome and encouraged to join our friends from St. George's for the institution and induction of Father Mark Ohlemeier as Rector* of St. George's. A reception will follow the worship service.

*Until this point, Fr. Mark has been officially "Priest-in-Charge," an Episcopal position which may be likened to an interim pastor in the Lutheran church.

Franklin School Lunch Packing

St. Mark is again packing and delivering free sack lunches to 20 needy students at Franklin School for holiday weekends. Our food shelves are stocked currently, but you can help by volunteering to pack lunches. It only takes about an hour on the last school day before **Columbus Day, election day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day, Spring Break & Memorial Day weekends**. See Peggy Andersen (618-791-0992) to sign up or to ask questions. The Franklin children & staff and our Evangelism/Social Ministry Committee so appreciate your support!

Prayer Intentions

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St. Mark Family and Friends

Dennis Althardt, Stellamarie Bearth, Bonnie Baete, Phyllis Booker, Kathy Boxdorfer, Thomas Boxdorfer, Jim Braeutigam, Patty Brennecke, Susan Carson, Christine, Arianna Curnes, Catherine Davis, Brian Dinges, Mike Ellison, Katrina Fenner, Josh Gansmann, Christine Gass, Viv Gillespie, Joni Giordano, David Graber, Stephanie Groennert, TC Groennert, Herb Halwachs, Jamie House, Debbie Jacobs, Mike Koeneman, Austin Lickenbrock, Becky Loeschner, Wyatt Madison, Christopher Martiszus, Glenda Martiszus, Bobby & Joyce McCall, Allen Martens, Janet Middendorf, Pr. Ron & Debbie Neustadt, Dean Norrenberns, Theresa Painter, Chris Parmeter, Hilda Parnell, Tim & Missy Partelow, Debbie & Larry Powers, Goldie Rideout, Michael Robison, Darrell Robinson, Sarah and Family, Dave Schaaf, Jill Schlueter, Stefanie Schroeder, David & Donna Sims, Margie Snep, Ingrid Thompson, David Vaught, Toni Walston, Louise Wilson, Sue Witherell, Elisabeth Woodrome, Karen Woolf, Wilma Woolf, Jeanie Workman, Ken Zika, Chloe Zipperer

Members and Friends Serving in Our Nation's Military: Taiylar Foppe, Ryan McKenzie

Celebrating Birthdays This Week: Greg Martens (10/6), Yvonne Robinson (10/7), Aaron Fuchs (10/12)

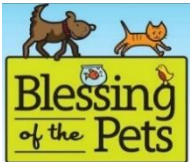
MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for October 6, 2024

This Week at St. Mark:

Monday, October 7:	2:30PM	Fiber Arts – Westfield Manor
	6:00PM	Evening Prayer for the Nation – Chapel
Wednesday, Oct. 9:	12:00PM	Ladies Lunch Bunch – Spike’s Pub, Millstadt
	2:00PM	Worship Committee meeting
Thursday, October 10:	1:30PM	Evangelism & Social Ministry meeting – conference room
	6:15PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 10/11 & Sat. 10/12		Chili Cook-Off

Blessing of the Pets TODAY!



We join our partners from St. George’s and our animal friends to celebrate the feast of St. Francis with a special SHINE service and a **Blessing of the Pets!**

Our service is at **4:00PM THIS afternoon, Sunday, October 6** in the **church courtyard**. No RSVP necessary, but we do ask that you **bring your own chair**.

We will again this year have a section of our service dedicated to **remembering our beloved pets who have died**. You are invited to **bring a photo of your departed pet** (framed, if possible) to place on a remembrance table.

Today’s Adult Forum: *Halloween in the Bible: Vampires, Witches & Warlocks*

It can be argued that Halloween is the most popular holiday behind Christmas in the United States, with Americans spending almost *7 billion* dollars on candy, costumes, decorations and more. The success of *Harry Potter*, along with vampire and zombie movies and their accompanying fanfare (books, tv shows, etc) proves that typical “Halloween” themes are not limited to October; they are imbedded in pop culture and the societal mindset.



We know there are a lot of strange things in the Bible, but you may still be surprised to know that **many of the most familiar Halloween symbols can be found in our sacred Scriptures**.

Join us in the Parish Hall after worship as Pastor Brian explores **familiar Halloween themes that can be found in the Bible** and how we might interpret them, starting today with ***Vampires, Witches and Warlocks***.



Ladies Lunch Bunch meets at Spikes Public House, 4 East Washington Street in Millstadt **THIS Wednesday, October 9** at 12 noon. If you have any questions or need a ride, please contact Marva Dowty at 618-363-3060.

Chili Cook-Off Help Wanted!

Belleville's annual Chili Cook-Off is next weekend, **Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12**. The production and sale of St. George's chili benefits both congregations, and volunteers are needed to make this event a success.



Help is needed with **chicken cooking** from **12:00PM-3:00PM** this **Wednesday October 9**. A signup sheet is in the Parish Hall on the wall opposite the stairs.

On the Chili Cook-off weekend, the **booth** will be open from **10:30AM-10:00PM** on Friday, October 11 and from **10:30PM** until **9:00PM** on Saturday, October 12. The **kitchen** will be in operation from **7:00AM-9:00PM** on Friday and from **7AM-8PM** on Saturday.

The signup sheets for helping in the Booth and Kitchen on Cook-Off weekend are also in the Parish Hall. The needed times are divided into two-hour shifts – and there is no limit to how many shifts you can sign up for! For additional information, please phone **David Buckley** at **618-520-9333**.

Field Trip to the Concordia Historical Institute Museum

On Monday, October 14 (Indigenous Peoples Day/Columbus Day) at 1:00PM, St. Mark members are welcome to join the confirmation class on a field trip to the **Concordia Historical Institute museum** at the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod International Center in **Kirkwood, MO**.

Please **meet at the museum** (1333 S Kirkwood Rd, St. Louis, MO 63122) **at 1:00PM**. The tour should last around 90 minutes, after which we will find a fun place to go for sweet treats!

Joint Safety Volunteer AED/CPR Recertification Opportunity

The Joint Safety Committee of St George & St Mark's will be hosting an AED and CPR certification class. It is scheduled in the parish hall on **Saturday, October 19** from **9am-12noon**. The cost is **\$65 for recertification** or **\$75 for new certifications**.

We need additional Safety Volunteers, so if you've thought about joining the Safety Volunteer Team, or even the Joint Safety Committee, this is an ideal time. The AED/CPR certification is all that is required, in addition to a willingness to serve occasionally during church services.

I am available nearly anytime to answer any questions and/or provide greater detail.

Mark Bearth: mark.bearth@gmail.com or text 618-767-6543.

Special Prayer Service for a Nation in Turmoil

St. George's hosts a service of **Evening Prayer with special prayers for the nation** on **first Mondays from now until Election Day**. The service will also feature a common recitation of the Great Litany, the church's ancient and traditional prayer of intercession, to beseech Almighty God for blessing and protection over the church and the world in the months leading up to Election Day.

Evening Prayer for the Nation will be held at **6:00PM** in the **chapel tomorrow, October 7 and November 4**. St. Mark members are welcome to join and to invite others to take part in this important endeavor in witness to our faith.

St. Mark Offerings for 9/15:

General Fund: \$2,475.11 **Food Pantry:** \$1200; **Coffee Fund:** \$65

See the Mark Times addendum at the end of the bulletin for more news!



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ELCA.org/hurricanes

In late September, Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a Category 4 hurricane, ravaging communities in the southeast, from Florida to Virginia. As the floodwaters have started to recede, the extreme devastation — especially in North Carolina and Tennessee — has become clearer. Entire towns, roads and bridges have been washed away, and millions are without power and cell service.

Whatever unfolds because of this storm, Lutheran Disaster Response will be there. Lutheran Disaster Response has strong relationships in the region and is already at work on the ground. Working alongside synods and other partners,

Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to provide support throughout the impacted region. We anticipate that our greatest impact will be reaching those in underserved and rural areas.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to those affected by hurricanes and related disasters, such as mudslides, severe storms and flooding. These gifts also empower us to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts to “Hurricane Response” will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes, until the response is complete.

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Lutheran Disaster Response: *Hurricane Response* \$ _____ DDG0087

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