

Welcome to  
**ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A congregation of the  
**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

November 10,  
2024



The  
25<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after  
Pentecost

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY**

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

**SUNDAY**

**THE DIVINE LITURGY: 9:00AM**

*in-person & streaming*

**EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP HOUR: 10:30 AM**

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*The Reverend Brian M. Robison, Pastor*

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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 one God - Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit – our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come with truth in confession before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

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

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, **we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are + forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

*Please STAND as you are able*

GATHERING HYMN

“Take My Life That I May Be”

ELW 583

*Refrain*

Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.

1 Take my hands and let them move at the im -  
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on -  
 4 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be

pulse of thy love; take my feet and let  
 would I with - hold; take my in - tel - lect  
 ly for my King; take my lips and let  
 no lon - ger mine; take my heart, it is

*Refrain*

them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
 them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.

## 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... O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Following the prayer, please SIT.*

## WORD

### FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16

<sup>8</sup>The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, <sup>9</sup>"Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." <sup>10</sup>So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." <sup>11</sup>As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." <sup>12</sup>But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

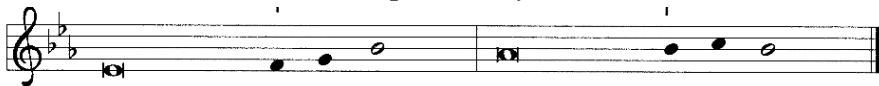
<sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth."

<sup>15</sup>She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days.

<sup>16</sup>The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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

### PSALM 146 *chanted responsively between choir and congregation*



<sup>1</sup>Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your | trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there | is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**

**and in that day | their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,  
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**  
**who keeps promis- | es forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.  
The LORD sets the | captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;**  
**the LORD | loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares | for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall | reign forever,**  
**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!**

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

S205a

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 12:38-44**

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

<sup>38</sup>As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup>and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup>They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

<sup>41</sup>He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup>Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup>For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“For the Fruit of All Creation”**

**ELW 679**

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

**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 "Merciful God," is "Hear our prayer"...*

**Eleanor Benton, Toni Brendel, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Carol Kugler,  
Bruce Martens, Dwight Ness, Mae Newsome, Kim Palmer, Tina Partelow,  
Marilyn Robinson, Larry Shurtleff, Cohen Summers, & Carol Weshinsky.**

**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** "Come and Be Fed"

*St. Mark Chancel Choir  
Lyrics printed on Page 11*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

*Assistant:* Let us pray together... **Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. 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:*

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

Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

### LAMB OF GOD *Please SIT*

S208



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:

## “Day By Day”

ELW 790



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



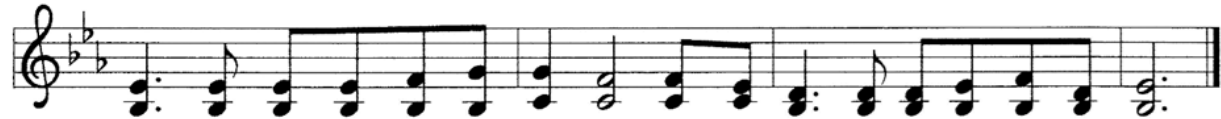
to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

## “Lord Whose Love in Humble Service”

ELW 712



1 Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,  
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light  
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:  
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,  
 hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

**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.

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Assistant:* Let us pray together... **Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out-Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit - bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

### “Soon and Very Soon”

ELW 439



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
3 No more dy - in' there,  
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

“*Voluntary in G*”

H. Heron

### MINISTERS OF TODAY’S LITURGY

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

**Lector:** Jan Litherland + **Crucifer:** Frank Dressel + **Tech Minister:** Melanie Robison

**Chalice Bearer:** Tom Partelow + **Organist:** Evelyn Duncan

**Safety Volunteer:** Missy Kimbrell + **Ushers:** Rick Crosby & Rex Rothgangel

## Come and Be Fed

*Words by Craig Carnahan*

- 1 The banquet is ready, the table is spread  
and all who are willing may come and be fed.  
The Lord in his mercy has opened the door,  
His servants are calling the rich and the poor.
- 2 The banquet is ready, the table is spread  
and all who are willing may come and be fed.  
The Lord in his mercy has opened the door,  
His servants are calling the rich and the poor.
- 3 The soul that is needy may come and secure  
the riches of riches, a robe that is pure.  
With glory and comfort the feast does abound,  
One blessing has ever been found.
- 4 The banquet is ready, the table is spread  
and all who are willing may come and be fed.  
The Lord in his mercy has opened the door,  
His servants are calling the rich and the poor.  
  
His banquet is ready, the table is spread.  
The banquet is ready, come and be fed.

## GriefShare: *Surviving the Holidays* Event on November 16

The holiday season is nearly upon us, and with it comes a focus on family, traditions, social events, and cheer—all of which can cause difficult emotions to surface. Whether this is the first, second, or tenth holiday after a loved one’s death, the emotions that may arise in the days ahead can blindsides us. And just like road signs - which show us what’s ahead on unfamiliar roads with rough patches and curves - *Surviving the Holidays* guides us through this holiday season. In this one-time session, you’ll find support and direction to navigate the holidays in a healthy way.



If any of this rings true for you, please plan to join us for this very special event **hosted by St. Mark and led by Nurse Becky** in the **Parish Hall** this coming **Saturday, November 16** from **1:00PM to 3:00PM**. You’ll watch a video, be part of a discussion group, and start using your Survival Guide, which has encouragement and helpful tips for the days ahead. These tools will help you not only to survive the coming holidays, but also to face them with a measure of peace and assurance.

We are offering this event for **FREE**, but **pre-registration is required**. Please **register at** <https://www.griefshare.org/events/250868>

## **Prayer Intentions**

### **St. Mark Members**

Eleanor Benton, Toni Brendel, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Carol Kugler, Bruce Martens, Dwight Ness, Mae Newsome, Kim Palmer, Tina Partelow, Marilyn Robinson, Larry Shurtleff, Cohen Summers, & Carol Weshinsky

### **St. Mark Family and Friends**

Dennis Althardt, Stellamarie Bearth, Bonnie Baete, Phyllis Booker, Kathy Boxdorfer, Thomas Boxdorfer, Jim Braeutigam, Patty Brennecke, Doug Carpenter, 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, Bob Vaughn, 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

### **Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week**

Susan Fuchs (11/6), Dee Zopp (11/13), Mark Sidney (11/14), Anita Robinson (11/14), Monica Lynch (11/14), and Nancy Ypma (11/16)

### **Members celebrating wedding anniversaries this week**

Ann & Greg Martens (11/11) and Diane & Robert Maes (11/16)

### **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

NEWS and NOTES for November 10, 2024

## ***This Week at St. Mark:***

**Monday, November 11:**

9:30AM

*Office closed for Veteran's Day*

Health & Wellness team – conference room

**Wednesday, Nov. 13:** 12:00PM

Ladies Lunch Bunch – Casa Maria

**Thursday, Nov. 14:** 9A-12P

West-Central Conference “Bishop’s Colloquy” – Parish Hall

1:30PM

Evangelism & Social Ministry meeting – conference room

6:15PM

Bell choir rehearsal

7:00PM

Voice choir rehearsal

**Friday, November 15:** 6:00PM

“Federation Friday” *Star Trek* gathering – Parish Hall

**Saturday, Nov. 16:** 1:30-3PM

*GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays*

## **Today’s Adult Forum: *Fruit in the Bible***

Seeds and fruit remains are exciting discoveries for archaeologists. Not only do they provide clues about ancient agriculture and diets, they can also provide radiocarbon data to help date what is buried in a given area.

Fruit also plays an important role in the Biblical narrative.

As we continue our education hour focus on food in this month of feasting, join Pastor Brian after worship to learn about the creative ways the Israelites and their ancestors used fruit in their writings and everyday culture. Sadly, pumpkin is not one of them but...



**Pumpkin Palooza returns TODAY, November 10!** THIS Sunday, November 10, our eagerly anticipated **pumpkin bake sale** between and after all three services is back, with proceeds to **benefit our combined Food Pantry.**

**Ladies Lunch Bunch** will meet at **Casa Maria** (100 N. High Street, downtown Belleville) at 12 noon **THIS Wednesday, November 13.** Please let June Benedick (618-977-4389) know if you are planning to go!

## **West-Central Conference Bishop’s Colloquy**

This Thursday, November 14, Pastor Brian and St. Mark will host Bishop Greg Busboom and other clergy from the West-Central conference of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod for the bishop’s annual colloquy (a “formalized conversation”). The meeting is closed to the laity, but all are welcome to attend the worship service in the church at 9:30AM.

**St. Mark Offerings for 11/3: General Fund: \$5,785.81; Food Pantry: \$25; Coffee Fund: \$113.50**

## “Federation Friday” *Star Trek* Gathering on November 15

Attention St. Mark Trekkies and friends! Because of all our busy Saturdays, *Star Trek* Saturday is now “Federation Friday” (at least for this month!). We will gather from across the quadrant **THIS Friday, November 15** at **6:00PM** in the **Parish Hall**. Join us for out-of-this-world adventure and conversation as we enjoy a “Thanksgiving-ish” episode together. Wear your costumes if you’ve got them, and bring a dish to share – fresh or replicated!



## Matching Funds for ELCJHL

Our monthly charitable donation for December is for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, and we have a fund to match any donations! For the month of November, all additional contributions designated for the ELCJHL will be matched and added to our regular donation to double the help we can give in support of our fellow Lutherans in the Holy Land.

## General Assembly Meeting on November 17

On November 17 during the Adult Forum hour in the Parish Hall, a meeting of the General Assembly will be held to review proposed By-Law revisions and to discuss the 2025 Church Spending Guide/Budget, both of which will be voted on at the Annual Congregation Meeting on Sunday, December 1. This meeting will allow us to answer questions regarding the By-Law revisions and budget, and to make tweaks to the latter before approval at the Church Council meeting on November 25. Please plan to attend!

## Downtown Belleville Trick or Treat!

It was a beautiful evening to share with some 800+ children and adults in a vast array of costumes! Although the kids and parents enjoyed the Halloween suckers (with an invitation to visit us attached) and hot cocoa, having pictures taken with Ant-Man (PB) and Spider-Man (PB’s friend Jason) was the hit of the night!

**Thank you** to all the volunteers (including those who helped label 1000 suckers!), and the Thrivent Action Team grant that made this community event happen again this year!

