

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for September 29, 2024

This Week at St. Mark:

Monday, 9/30-10/2:		Pastor at C/SIS Fall Theological Conference – Père Marquette
Wednesday, Oct. 2:	10:30AM	Joint Use Taskforce meeting – conference room
	5:00PM	Meet-and-greet for Malagasy Lutheran Church delegation - PH
Thursday, Oct. 3:	6:15PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal



Church Picnic TODAY, September 29

This year's church picnic is TODAY **Sunday, September 29** from **noon to 3pm** at **Schranz Memorial Park in Swansea**. Format will be as in years past: bring food enough for you and your family, and a game to share. Some drinks and desserts will be provided!

Malagasy Lutheran Church Delegation to Visit St. Mark

At the behest of Bishop Greg Busboom and the Central/Southern Illinois Synod's Global Missions Committee, St. Mark is honored to host **a delegation from the Malagasy Lutheran Church** (*Fiangonana Loterana Malagasy*, or FLM) from Madagascar for a **dinner and meet-and-greet THIS Wednesday, October 2** from **5:00-7:00PM in the Parish Hall**. We are honored to welcome the Presiding Bishop of the FLM, along with the Presidents of the two synods with whom the C/SIS is companion to, an interpreter, and the ELCA missionary to Madagascar.



Plan to join us and be part of this unique event and exchange of cultures while celebrating our common faith heritage!

Chili Cook-Off Help Wanted!

Belleville's annual Chili Cook-Off returns **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** on **Wednesdays October 2 & 9**. A signup sheet is in the Parish Hall on the wall opposite the stairs.

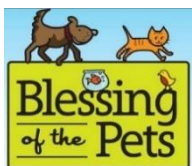
On the Chili Cook-off weekend, the **booth** will be open from **10:30AM-10:00PM** on Friday, October 6 and from **10:30PM** until **9:00PM** on Saturday, October 7. The **kitchen** will be in operation from **7:00AM-9:00PM** on Friday and from **7AM-8PM** on Saturday.

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's no limit to how many shifts you can sign up for! For additional information, please phone **David Buckley** at **618-520-9333**.



St. Mark Offerings for 9/22: General Fund: \$4,010.66 Food Pantry: \$324.13

Blessing of the Pets Next Sunday!



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 will be at **4:00PM NEXT 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.

*There is no SHINE service on Saturday.



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

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 well-deserved sweets!

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.



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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



Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Weds.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
OCTOBER 2024						
		1 <i>Pastor at Fall Theological Conference 9/30 - 10/2 →</i>	2 10:30AM Joint Use Meeting —CR 5-7pm Visit of Malagasy Church delegation	3 6:15PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Voice Choir	4 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	5
6 20th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Adult Forum 4:00PM SHINE Worship with Pet Blessing	7 2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor 6:00PM Evening Prayer w/ St. George's	8	9 12:00PM Ladies' Lunch @ Spike's Pub—Millstadt 1:00PM Worship Committee - CR	10 1:30PM Evang./Soc. Min Mtg— CR 6:15PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Voice Choir	11 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	12 
13 21st Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Adult Forum 10:30AM Confirmation <i>Second Sunday Food Collection</i>	14 9:30AM H&W Meeting-CR 1:00PM Field Trip to Concordia Hist. Institute Museum	15 5:30PM Food Pantry mtg - CR	16 11:30AM St. Mark Table Talk—CR	17 6:15PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Voice Choir	18 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	19 9A-12P CPR/ AED Class - PH 5:00PM  <i>Star Trek Saturday -PH</i>
20 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Confirmation 10:30AM Adult Forum	21 2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor 6:00PM Pastoral Care meeting 7:00PM Church Council Mtg.	22	23	24 6:15PM Bell Choir 7:00P Voice Choir	25 5:30PM Downtown Trick-or-Treat	26 6:00PM Reformation Hymn Fest - PH
27 Reformation Sunday 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Confirmation 10:30AM Adult Forum	28 6:00PM Fr. Mark's Installation—Chur.	29	30	31 6:15PM Bell Choir 7:00P Voice Choir HAPPY HALLOWEEN	1 10AM-12PM Walking tour Bellefontaine cemetery	2 6:00PM SHINE Worship—Chapel

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Chalice Bearer</u>	<u>Camera Operator</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Safety Volunteer</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
October 6	Danielle T.	Jan L.	Rex R.	Mike M.	Greg M.	Frank D. & Jason M.	Cathie S.	Team 5
October 13	Sherri F.	Curtis D.	Frank D.	Tom P.	Melanie R.	Rick Crosby & Rex R.	Mark B.	Team 6
October 20	Charlie D.	Aaron F.	Greg M.	Mike M.	Mike M.	Danielle T. & Curt G.	Mark B.	Team 7
October 27	Greg G.	Terry T.	Keith K.	Greg M.	Aaron F.	Kathy C. or Nancy G.	Jan R.	Team 8



Sherri F.	10/2	Cindy C.	10/4	Greg M.	10/6
Yvonne R.	10/7	Aaron F.	10/12	Lois G.	10/13
Laura E.	10/13	Jaxson R.	10/13	Luke G.	10/15
Marva D.	10/19	Jack G.	10/23	Lucy M.	10/24
Wally K.	10/24	Ellie G.	10/25	Jason M.	10/26
Gary W.	10/28	Nathan E.	10/31		



Jerry & Cynthia S.	10/19
Bonnie & Mike S.	10/20
Cheryl & Jason M.	10/25
Charlie & Evelyn D.	10/26