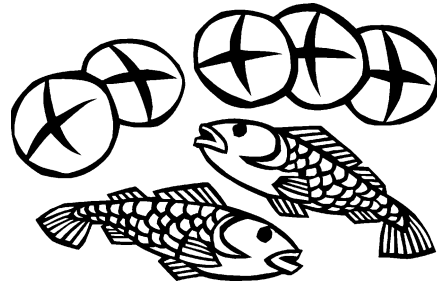


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ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

July 28,
2024



The Tenth
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 one God - Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit - the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

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

God, our provider, **help us. It is difficult to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of our world. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: in his name, + you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

ELW 461



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel - come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

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

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



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia once

GOSPEL: **John 6:1-21**

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

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people? ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he

withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. *Please SIT*

SERMON

"Picking Up the Pieces"

The Rev. Brian M. Robison

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

ELW 674



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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 "In your mercy," is **Hear our prayer...***

Eleanor Benton, **Mary** Boxdorfer, **Toni** Brendel, **Gary** Dozier, **Evelyn** Duncan, **Bruce** Martens,
Dwight Ness, **Mae** Newsome, **Kim** Palmer, **Marilyn** Robinson, **Larry** Shurtleff,
Cohen Summers, **Carol** Weshinskey, and **Herb** Halwachs.

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 *"Best of All Friends" K. Lee Scott*

Ladies' Ensemble: *Peggy Andersen, Patty Bearth, Debbie Guenther, Linda Ness, Carol Weshinskey*

OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray together... **Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. 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'r and
 God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

♩ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

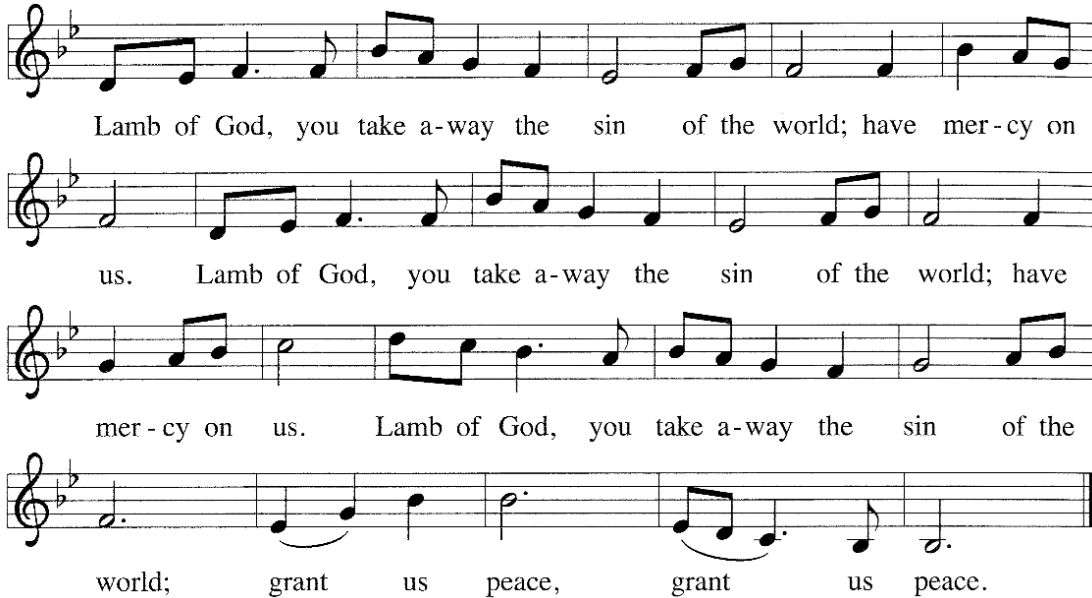


Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
 your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
 Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins
 as we for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri - al
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r,
 and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev - er. A - men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come forth and receive life!

LAMB OF GOD *Please SIT*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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.*



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HYMN DURING THE DISTRIBUTION:

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

ELW 484



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

“Break Now the Bread of Life”

ELW 515



- 1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
- 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
- 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond - age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

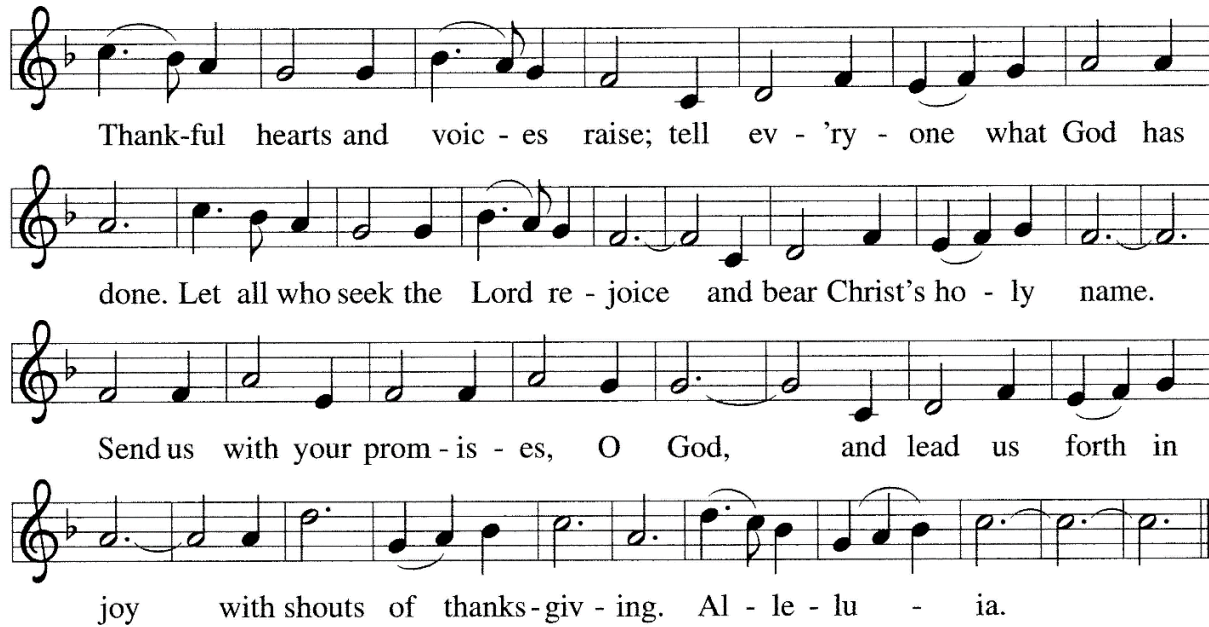


I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

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 “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise” ELW 206



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has
done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in
joy with shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

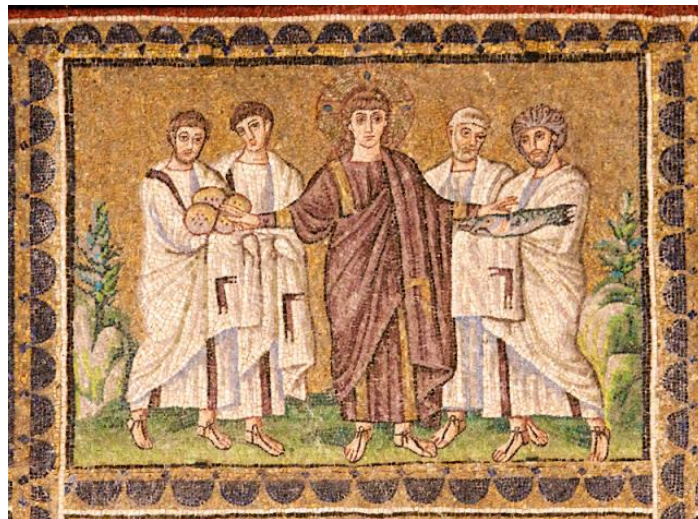
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assistant: Let us pray together...

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us – Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit - be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**





- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL Go in peace. You are the body of Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

"Come Thou Font"

arranged by: B. Mayo

MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

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

Crucifer: Keith Kniepkamp + **Lector:** Terry Tribout

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

Safety Volunteer: Mark Bearth + **Ushers:** Kathy Casey & Nancy Guenther

Prayer Intentions

St. Mark Members

Eleanor Benton, Mary Boxdorfer, Toni Brendel, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan,
Bruce Martens, Dwight Ness, Mae Newsome, Kim Palmer, Marilyn Robinson,
Larry Shurtleff, Cohen Summers, Carol Weshinskey, & Herb Halwachs

St. Mark Family and Friends

Dennis Althardt, Stellamarie Bearth, 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, Jamie House, Debbie Jacobs, 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, Cara Quinn, 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, Kris Whitley, Louise Wilson, Sue Witherell,
Elisabeth Woodrome, Karen Woolf, Wilma Woolf, Ken Zika, Chloe Zipperer

Members and Friends Serving in Our Nation's Military

Taiylar Foppe, Ryan McKenzie

Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week

Douglas Martens (7/28), Joshua Holtmann (7/30), Will Eggemeyer (8/2),
June Benedick (8/2), and Harmon Fuchs (8/2)

Members Joined in Marriage This Week

Natalie Ott and Cody Best (8/3)

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 July 28, 2024

This Week at St. Mark:

Monday, July 29:	6:00PM	Pastoral Care Committee meeting – conference room
	7:00PM	Church Council meeting – conference room
Tues. 7/29-Tues. 8/6:		<i>Pastor on vacation</i>
Saturday, August 3:	4:00PM	Ott/Best wedding – church
	6:00PM	SHINE worship - chapel

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Brian will be on vacation from **Tuesday, July 29 through Tuesday, August 6**. We welcome back Pastor **S. Blake Duncan** as our guest preacher and presider on August 4.

In case of pastoral emergency, please contact **Fr. Mark Ohlemeier** of St. George's at **785-220-5528**.



School Supply Collection!

Believe it or not, it will soon be Back-to-School time! We will again be collecting **school supplies** in support of Franklin Elementary. **Collections run through August 4**. A box and can are in the narthex/Canterbury Room. Things are a little different for the school this year, and they have adjusted their needs. Items most needed: **boxes of 24 crayons; large colored washable markers; colored pencils; colored highlighters; plastic folders with prongs; earbuds; adult scissors; dry-erase markers; glue sticks; Kleenex; One-gallon Ziplock bags; One-inch and 2-inch binders**. They do NOT want backpacks, paper, pencils, and pens. Cash, of course, is always helpful!

Honoring Pastor Ron

At its June monthly meeting, the Church Council voted unanimously to **name the Rev. Ron Neustadt**, former long-time pastor of St. Mark, as **pastor emeritus**. The declaration will become official at our regular worship service at **9:00AM on Sunday, August 11**, in which we will also pay tribute to Pastor Ron's **50th ordination anniversary**. Bishop Greg Busboom of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod will be present to preach and bring greetings from the synod. A cake and punch reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Please plan to join us for this special celebration!

Guys' Nite is Back!

The rumors are true - Guys' Nite is back! This event for the men (age 14+) of St. George's and St. Mark (and friends!) will be held in the **circle driveway** area on **Friday, August 16 at 5:00PM** (food served at 6PM). Fly solo or bring a friend and enjoy an evening of beverages, brats, games and more! The event is free but a donation of \$20 per person is suggested to help offset the cost; any money remaining after expenses will be donated to the Chapel Organ fund. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex and Parish Hall. If you have any questions, contact Bob Vaughn (618-593-7263) or Greg Guenther (618-910-4594).



Land Acknowledgement

By now, many of you have likely noticed the “Land Acknowledgement” that has been printed somewhere in our Sunday bulletins (usually near the end) for the past few months. This is an **ELCA-wide endeavor in which all congregations are encouraged to participate**. From the ELCA’s Land Acknowledgement Guide:



“On Indigenous Peoples’ Day in 2021, the ELCA published ‘*A Declaration of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to American Indian and Alaska Native People*,’ in which the church confesses its sins toward Indigenous peoples and lists the commitments it will begin working toward as it responds to its original ‘*Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery*’ from 2016.

One commitment found in each document is to formally acknowledge the original inhabitants of North America. The declaration states, ‘*We commit to begin the practice of land acknowledgments at all expressions of the church.*’

This is arguably one of the easier commitments, though it should never be thought of as simple or meaningless. Land acknowledgments are indeed meaningful and play a crucial part in combating the erasure of Indigenous peoples.”

SHARE GOD’S WARMTH through a Hot Meal

For many years, St. Paul’s United Church of Christ (just blocks from St. Mark) has offered a FREE Tuesday evening meal from about 4:30PM to about 5:15 for Belleville’s homeless and those of low-income. In considering how we might help folks who fall into these populations, our Evangelism team decided to put our efforts towards assisting local organizations rather than trying to “duplicate efforts/reinvent the wheel”.

With that in mind, **we invite 5-6 people to be part of a group that will help once a month or every other month at St. Paul’s Tuesday evening meal**. A couple of volunteers would assist from about 3:00pm until about 6:00pm for meal prep, serving and clean up. Others will assist with serving and clean up from about 4:00 to 6:00pm. This is a fantastic way to help others who often find themselves desperately in need! Please contact Sherri Foppe at 618 791-6148 or cookinsherri2@gmail.com for more information or to join!

Belleville Summer Sack Lunch Program THANK YOU!

The Social/Evangelism Committee thanks everyone who supported the program again this year by donating money, chips, cookies, fruit juice pouches, packing and/or delivering to provide free lunches for low-income children!

A couple more volunteers for lunch packing on July 31 & Aug 7 at 5pm at Westview Baptist would be helpful.

A driver and co-pilot are needed for Aug 1.

Please contact Sherri Foppe 618 791-6148 or cookinsherri2@gmail.com if you can assist with any of these final dates.



Save the Date!

Ladies Lunch Bunch meets at **noon** on **Wednesday, August 14** at **Eckert’s**.

Questions: Cindy Collingham 816 387-3302

Joint Safety Volunteer AED/CPR Recertification Opportunity on **Saturday October 19** from **9am-12noon** in the Parish Hall. The cost is *\$65 for recertification* or *\$75 for new certifications*.

St. Mark Offerings for 7/21: Operating Fund: **\$2,755.16** (online giving received by 7/19);

Food Pantry: \$105