

# ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**  
welcomes you!

October 15,  
2023



The 20th  
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 worshipping 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).

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

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *Please STAND as you are able*

Blessed be the one God who forms us, who bears the cross, and who makes our joy complete – Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility as we confess our sin.

*Please KNEEL or remain as you are*

Steadfast and faithful God, **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**“We Are Called”**

**ELW 720**



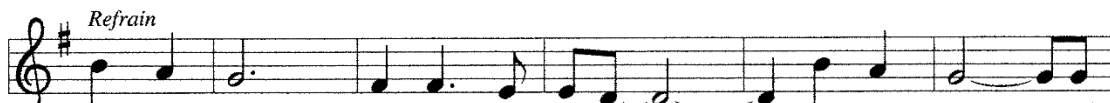
1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the  
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in  
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to  
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so  
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.  
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

## 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... Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Following the prayer, please SIT.*

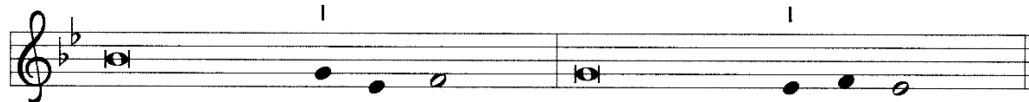
## WORD

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. <sup>2</sup>For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. <sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. <sup>4</sup>For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, <sup>5</sup>the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. <sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

### PSALM 23 *sung responsively between leader and congregation*



<sup>1</sup>The LORD | is my shepherd;

I shall not | be in want.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures

and leads me be- | side still waters.

<sup>3</sup>You restore my | soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

**<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

**<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.**

**<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. <sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

<sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. <sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**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: Matthew 22:1-14**

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

<sup>1</sup>Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup>But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

**SERMON**

**The Rev. Brian M. Robison**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Now We Join in Celebration"**

**ELW 462**



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!  
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' n - ly glad - ness.  
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

## **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.**

## **INSTALLATION OF CAROL KUGLER AS MUSIC DIRECTOR**

**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 Mark Times newsletter. The response to Merciful God, is Hear our prayer...*

**Dave Brauer, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Mary Hill, Bruce Martens,  
Dwight Ness, Mae Newsome, Kim Palmer, Tina Partelow, Sandy Purdy,  
Marilyn Robinson, Carol Weshinskey, Gary Weshinskey, & Barb Wurdinger**

## **MEAL**

**PEACE** *The assembly is invited to share a greeting of God's peace with one another. Please be respectful to those who wish to do so from a distance. Following **the Peace**, you may be **seated** for a few moments*

*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.*

## **CHOIR ANTHEM**

*"Seek Ye First"*

*by Karen Lafferty*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

*Assistant: Let us pray together...*

**God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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...we praise your name, and join 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.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 invites you to this table. Come forth, eat and live.

## LAMB OF GOD

S 208



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 *Please SIT*

*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.*

## “Around You, O Lord Jesus”

ELW 468



1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still  
 2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;  
 3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.  
 your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.  
 we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, “Take, eat! This is my  
 It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your  
 de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!”  
 bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.  
 dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

# “As We Gather At Your Table”

ELW 522



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



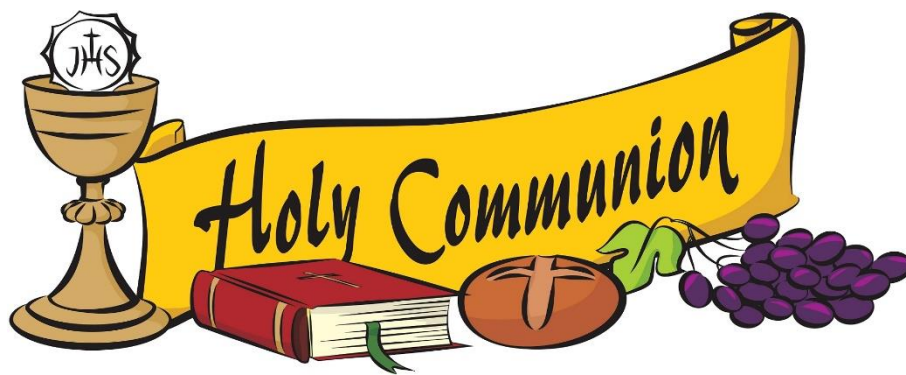
help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
may we still be - hold your im-age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an-gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.



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## TABLE BLESSING

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... **Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word - Jesus Christ - the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## SENDING

## BLESSING

The God of glory, Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,  
the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—  
The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,  
the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.  
The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now  
reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.  
Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing  
to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DISMISSAL** *Assistant:* Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God.**

**MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY**

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

**Chalice Bearer:** Tom Partelow + **Crucifer:** Keith Kniepkamp + **Lector:** Curtis Dowty

**Livestream Camera:** Greg Martens + **Ushers:** Curt Gansmann & TBD

**Trained Responder:** Mark Bearth

# Prayer Intentions

## St. Mark Members

Dave Brauer, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Mary Hill, Bruce Martens, Dwight Ness,  
Mae Newsome, Kim Palmer, Tina Partelow, Sandra Purdy, Marilyn Robinson,  
Carol Weshinsky, Gary Weshinsky, & Barb Wurdinger

## St. Mark Family and Friends

Dennis Alhardt, Stellamarie Bearth, Phyllis Booker, Kathy Boxdorfer, Patty Brennecke, Susan Carson,  
Dorothy Cheek, Christine, Catherine Davis, Brian Dinges, Mike Ellison, Katrina Fenner, Josh Gansmann,  
Christine Gass, Viv Gillespie, Joni Giordano, David Graber, Margy Groennert, Stephanie Groennert,  
TC Groennert, Jamie House, Donna Koudelka, Austin Lickenbrock, Becky Loeschner, Elroy Luffman,  
Wyatt Madison, Christopher Martiszus, Glenda Martiszus, Bobby & Joyce McCall, Allen Martens,  
Pr. Ron & Debbie Neustadt, Dean Norrenberns, Theresa Painter, Hilda Parnell, Tim & Missy Partelow,  
Debbie & Larry Powers, Darrell Robinson, Lloyd Robinson, Sarah and Family, Dave Schaaf, Jill Schlueter,  
Stefanie Schroeder, David & Donna Sims, Margie Snep, Ingrid Thompson, Kris Whitley, Louise Wilson,  
Elisabeth Woodrome, Karen Woolf, Wilma Woolf, Ken Zika, Chloe Zipperer

## St. Mark Thanksgivings

*We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week:*

**Luke Geppert** (10/15) and **Marva Dowty** (10/19)

*We pray for those who celebrate their wedding anniversary this week:*

**Jerry & Cynthia** Southers (10/19) and **Bonnie & Mike** Schaefer (10/20)

## ST. MARK STAFF

**Pastor:** The Rev. Brian M. Robison

**Administrative Assistant:** Randi Cardoza + **Organist:** Evelyn Duncan

**Music Director:** Carol Kugler + **Parish Nurse:** Becky Schnitzius

# MARK TIMES NEWS & NOTES FOR OCTOBER 15, 2023

## 'Tis the Season... Ah-CHOO!

With fall allergies flaring, cold and flu season breaking, and a new COVID uptick, the time of sniffles, sneezes and coughs is upon us, and it's difficult to know what is causing it. In addition to proper and frequent handwashing, the BEST way to keep from sharing your cold or COVID is to **wear a mask around others if you have any upper respiratory symptoms** (runny nose, cough, sore throat). If everyone with these types of symptoms wore a mask, a whole lot fewer people would get sick!



## Food Pantry Needs!



Our Food Pantry is serving more families each week and **our shelves need restocking!** We can use **canned meats, soups, fruits, pasta sauce, and canned vegetables.**

Soon we will also be offering **warm items for winter** months, which means we can use donations of **coats, jackets, sweatshirts, gloves, and hats.** All items can be placed in baskets in the narthex/Welcome Area or taken to the church office. THANKS for helping us help others!

## THE TWENTIETH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK

Monday 10/16: 2:30PM Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor

Thursday 10/19: 6:15PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:15PM Voice Choir Rehearsal

### Downtown Belleville Trick-or-Treat Coming Soon!



We are excited to participate in this community family event again on **Friday evening, October 27.**

We will hand out cups of hot chocolate, Christian themed Halloween coloring sheets with an invitation to visit us, and other goodies.

**VOLUNTEERS are needed to make this a fun event for all! A volunteer sign-up sheet is in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall.**

- 1) **SET UP 4:00 TO 5:15PM: 4-5 PEOPLE** to load 2 tables and 4 chairs at the church and set them up at our space on East Main, unload and set-up a 10 x 10 canopy then transport several 5-gallon containers of hot chocolate to our space. This group will also help decorate the space.
- 2) **HOT CHOCOLATE PREP: 4:00 TO 5:15PM: 2 PEOPLE** to heat water, fill containers and mix hot chocolate
- 3) **HANDOUT HOT CHOCOLATE, COLORING SHEETS AND OTHER GOODIES: 5:30 to 7:30: 4-6 PEOPLE** volunteer for an hour or 2 hours.
- 4) **TEARDOWN/CLEAN UP 7:30 TO 8:15PM: 4 PEOPLE** to pack up remaining products, break down tables, canopy, decorations, load and return items to the church and unload them.

### Reformation Dinner & Hymn Fest is BACK!

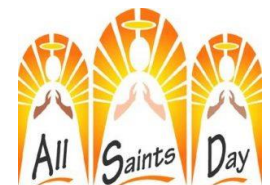


Join us **Saturday evening, October 28** from **6-8PM** in the Parish Hall for the long-awaited return of an evening of **Reformation Day fellowship**, now with a **classic Lutheran potluck** and our beloved old-fashioned **hymn-sing!** **Sign-up** sheets to bring a dish are in the **Welcome Area/Narthex and Parish Hall.**

**Our All Saints Sunday worship service** is **Sunday, November 5** 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](mailto: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.



### Health & Wellness Happenings!

The Health and Wellness Ministry will be collecting items for a **care package** for member **Lisa Reyes**. Lisa lives in a nursing home in Florissant, MO. She enjoys teas, jelly beans, and yarn for knitting. Lisa also asked for novels that can be shared with her fellow residents. A basket will be in the narthex, and items will be picked up on October 29.

Also on October 29, Nurse Becky will present during the adult education hour. She will address **Health Literacy**, a hot topic in this era of electronic communication and patient-directed care. Plan to be there!

**Save the Date** - February 10 the Health and Wellness Ministry will be hosting a **Health Fair** for members of St. Mark and St. George. More details to follow.

If you have any **health concerns** or know **someone in need of prayer or support** please let a member of the Health and Wellness Ministry know. Information is kept confidential unless otherwise directed. Committee members include: Nurse Becky, Anita Robinson, Ann Martens, Janet Jacquot, Karen Eggemeyer, Gayle Hinkle, Cathie Shurtleff, and Kim Ott.

### **Pumpkin Palooza Coming Soon!**

It's the '**Great Pumpkin Palooza**, St. Mark and St. George's! On November 19 we will have a **bake sale** between and after all three services to **benefit our combined Food Pantry**. Put it on your calendar now to **bake, shop and join the fun** for a very important ministry. Soon we will have cans of pumpkin from our pantry available if you would like to take some for your baking, but you can bring any flavor of baked goods to sell. More details coming soon!



### **Seizure Awareness Class**

The **Joint Safety Committee** of St. George's and St. Mark is sponsoring a class which will be taught by a representative of the **Epilepsy Foundation** of Greater Southern Illinois. This class is intended to educate and prepare us for the safe and correct care of a person exhibiting any type of seizure activity.

All **members** of the **Joint Safety Committee** and our respective **Safety Volunteers** are encouraged to sign up and attend. This class is **free of charge** and will take place on **Saturday, December 2, 2023**, from **10:00am - 11:30am** in the **Parish Hall**.

*The class is open to any member of our congregations who may be interested in this opportunity.*

To ensure we have the correct number of handouts and materials, it is important that you sign up. A signup sheet is on the St. Mark table in the Narthex. The last day to sign up is Tuesday, November 28. For more information, please contact [Mark.Bearth@gmail.com](mailto:Mark.Bearth@gmail.com) or text him at (618) 767-6543.

### **Franklin School Lunch Packing**

We are again **packing and delivering free sack lunches** to **20 needy students** at **Franklin elementary school** for long holiday weekends. Our shelves are stocked full of food at the moment, but you can help by volunteering to **pack**. Packing lunches only takes **about an hour** on the **day before election day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day, Spring Break** and possibly **Memorial Day** weekend. See **Peggy Andersen** (791-0992) to sign up or to ask questions. Your support is so much appreciated by the Franklin children and staff and our Evangelism/Social Ministry Committee! Thank you!!!

### **St. Mark Offerings Report for October 8**

General Fund: **\$3,289.11** (*includes online offerings received by 10/6*); Food Pantry: \$221.94

# St. Mark T-Shirt Ideas 2023

Please circle your top 5 favorites and return them to the box on the St. Mark table in the Narthex any time before Tuesday, October 17.

**\*Including those specified below, all shirts will have “St. Mark Lutheran Church” somewhere on the finished product**

**1. See image on the back of this page –**

*Front, in “Indiana Jones” font:* St. Mark Lutheran Church

*Back, under image of the Ark of the Covenant:* It is Well with my Soul

John 14:27

[www.stmarkbelleville.org](http://www.stmarkbelleville.org)

**2. See image on the back of this page –**

*Front, in “Guardians of the Galaxy” font:*

St. Mark Lutheran Church

*Back:*

Come and Get Your Love

1 John 4:7

**3. See image on the back of this page –**

*Front of shirt, in “Star Trek” font:*

St. Mark Lutheran Church Belleville

*Back of shirt, in different “Star Trek” font:*

Boldly Go.

Matthew 28:19-20

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4. If God can make a bug’s butt light up, think what God can do for you

5. Ask Me About My Church

6. Jesus – The gift that keeps on giving

7. “Nailed It” – Martin Luther

8. Life is beautiful - enjoy the ride with Jesus [*include a vehicle image?*]

9. Jesus – He gets us!

10. ☆☆☆☆☆ (5 Stars) “Would worship here again.”

11. ☆☆☆☆☆ (5 Stars) “Come for the wine, stay for the coffee”

12. *Front, with image of train or other vehicle:*

Powered By God’s Love

*Back:*

St. Mark Lutheran, Belleville

13. It is well with my soul

1.

Front:

**ST. MARK**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Back:



It is Well with my Soul  
JOHN 14:27  
[www.stmarkbelleville.org](http://www.stmarkbelleville.org)

2.

FRONT

**ST. MARK**  
**LUTHERAN**  
**CHURCH**

BACK

**COME AND GET YOUR LOVE**  
*1 JOHN 4:7*  
[WWW.STMARKBELLEVILLE.ORG](http://WWW.STMARKBELLEVILLE.ORG)

3.

FRONT

**ST. MARK**  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**BELLEVILLE, IL**

BACK

**BOLDLY GO.**  
**Matthew 28:19-20**  
[www.stmarkbelleville.org](http://www.stmarkbelleville.org)