

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for June 30, 2024

THE WEEK AHEAD:

Monday 7/1: 2:30 PM Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor
Wednesday, 7/3: 10:30AM Joint Use Taskforce – *conference room*
Thursday & Friday, 7/4 & 7/5: *Office closed for Independence Day*
Saturday, 7/6: 6:00PM SHINE praise worship - *chapel*

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Brian will be on vacation **through Sunday, June 30**. In case of pastoral need, please contact **Greg Martens** at **618-530-8674** and he will refer the information to available clergy.

Youth Gathering In-Kind Collection for World Hunger

The world produces more than enough food to feed every person, yet the number of people who are hungry has grown since 2019. More than 2 billion people around the world aren't sure where their next meal will come from, and for as many as 828 million people, that next meal won't come at all.

But there is another story unfolding around us: **the story of God at work through you in ELCA World Hunger** (<https://elca.org/worldhunger>) around the world. It's a story that has been unfolding for the last 50 years through our church as we worked together to create sustainable, lasting change. It's a story of **new homes** being built, of **new fields** being planted with crops. It's a story of **wells** bubbling with clean water and of **small businesses** bursting with opportunity, a story of **caring for the environment** and of **healthy communities** thriving. **We all have a role to play!**

At the 2024 Youth Gathering (<https://www.elca.church/gathering>), join ELCA World Hunger and be part of the generation taking action to usher in a world without hunger, and futures filled with hope.

We are accepting cash and check donations; look for the world **shadow box** in the back of church!



SHINE Worship NEXT Saturday

Join us on **Saturday, July 6** at **6:00PM** for praise worship in the **chapel** with combined musical talents from St. Mark & St. George's.

Randi on Vacation

Our office manager, Randi, will be on vacation from this **Thursday, July 4 through Tuesday, July 9**. Henry from St. George's will be in the office from 9am-3pm on 7/8 and 7/9 if anyone needs access. St. George's office number is **618-233-6320**.

***Both St. Mark and St. George's offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, July 4 & 5.**

St. Mark Offerings for 6/23: Operating Fund: **\$1,895.16** (online giving received by 6/21);
Al Boxdorfer Memorials: \$100 Food Pantry: \$40; Fiber Arts: \$101; D Muller Landscaping: \$101;
Grounds Maintenance: \$101; World Hunger: \$550

SHARE GOD'S WARMTH through a Hot Meal

For many years now, St. Paul's United Church of Christ (just a few blocks from St. Mark) has been offering 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 the folks who fall into those populations, our Evangelism & Social Ministry team has decided to put our efforts towards assisting other local organizations serving our community instead of trying to "duplicate efforts/recreate 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 the group.

Belleville Summer Sack Lunch Program

We at St. Mark are excited to continue our partnership with Westview Baptist Church to provide free lunches for low-income children this summer!



Our commitment to this year's project is 9 weeks due to no lunch delivery on Thursday, July 4.

We are collecting individual size bags of Cheez-its, potato chips, nacho chips, individually wrapped store-bought cookies (*no nuts or peanut butter please!*), and fruit juice pouches (i.e. Capri Sun), for the lunches. No peanut butter please! Donations may be brought to church on Sundays or contact Sherri to drop off at her house or arrange pick up.

Monetary donations are always welcome for those who would rather not shop. Monetary donations can be made to Sherri Foppe or Ann Martens or electronically to

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-14EWR>

Minimum of 4 volunteers are needed to help pack **150-200 lunches at Westview Baptist** on the following **Wednesday evenings** from **5:00-5:45PM: July 10, 17, 24 & 31; Aug 7**

One volunteer driver and one co-pilot are needed to help **deliver the lunches** from 10:35AM to approximately 12:45PM on the following Thursdays: **July 11, 18, & 25; Aug 1 & 8**

Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Sherri Foppe (618-791-6148 or cookinsherri2@gmail.com) or Ann Martens 618-235-7762 or ga72mart@charter.net

Ladies Lunch Bunch

All Saint Mark ladies are invited to join the Lunch Bunch at **Loose Ends** (7157 Illinois 158, Millstadt) formerly Farmers Inn, on **Weds., July 10 from 12:00 - 1:30PM**. Contact Jan Litherland with questions 618-978-6364.



Second Sunday Food Collection

Sunday, July 14 is our **monthly focus on food pantry donations**, and for July we ask folks to bring **canned fruit and canned meats or soups with meat** (i.e., stew, chicken & dumplings, etc.); please place them in the big basket as you come into church.

Please Speak Softly Before Services

In consideration of our friends at St. George's, as well as our own members who wish to sit in quiet prayer before service begins, **please speak in soft, low tones while in the narthex/welcome area while waiting to enter for our service.** Voices tend to echo loudly and can be disruptive to those already in the church.

Thank you!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Chalice Bearer</u>	<u>Tech Minister</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Safety Volunteer</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
July 7	Charlie D.	Jan L.	Rex R.	Mike M.	Mike M.	Frank D. & Jason M.	Cathie S.	Team 1
July 14	Greg G.	Aaron F.	Frank D.	Tom P.	Melanie R.	Rick Crosby & Rex R.	Missy K.	Team 2
July 21	Greg M.	Kathy R.	Greg M.	Mike M.	Aaron F.	Danielle T. & Curt G.	Jan R.	Team 3
July 28	Danielle T.	Terry T.	Keith K.	Greg M.	Greg M.	Kathy C. or Nancy G.	Mark B.	Team 4



Terry T.	7/1	Pete W.	7/1	Jan R.	7/1
Corbin M.	7/5	Mary B.	7/6	Abram B.	7/10
Darren K.	7/12	Dwight N.	7/14	Becky S.	7/14
Mike K.	7/15	Katrina B.	7/18	Ronnie K.	7/19
Angela B.	7/20	Scott R.	7/21	Ryan M.	7/23
Jim M.	7/24	Mary S.	7/24	Douglas M.	7/28
Joshua H.	7/30				



happy anniversary

Monica & Tom L. 7/15
 Cheryl & Dick N. 7/23
 Cheryl & Mike W. 7/24
 Roger & Ruth C. 7/27