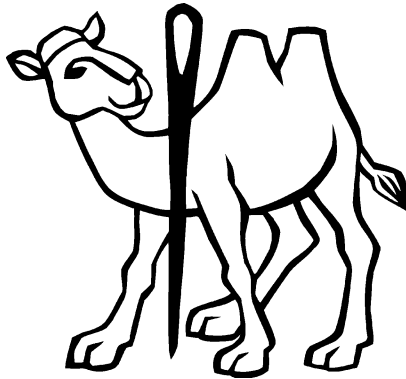


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ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the
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October 13,
2024



The
Twenty-First
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 Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit – the one God who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

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

Gracious God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in our time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

Please STAND as you are able

GATHERING HYMN

“Come We That Love the Lord”

ELW 625



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou-sand sa - cred sweets
4 Then let our songs a-bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
heav'n-ly King may tell their joys a-broad, may tell their joys a - broad.
heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti-ful, beau - ti-ful Zi - on:



we're march - ing up-ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti-ful cit-y of 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... Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Following the prayer, please SIT.

WORD

FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

- ⁶Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.
- ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!
- ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
- ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.
- ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
- ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.
- ¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
- ¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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: Mark 10:17-31

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

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

ELW 583

Refrain/Estribillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na - da más;
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;



to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón y tu tro - no en él ten - drás.
take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té con - sa - gra -
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



da a ti, Se - ñor; que a mis ma - nos pue -
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/Estribillo

da guiar el im - pul - so de tu a - mor.
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.

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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 "God of grace," is "Hear our prayer"...

**Eleanor Benton, Toni Brendel, Kathy Casey, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, 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

"Where You Are, There is Life"

*St. Mark Chancel Choir
Lyrics printed on page 10*

OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray together... **Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

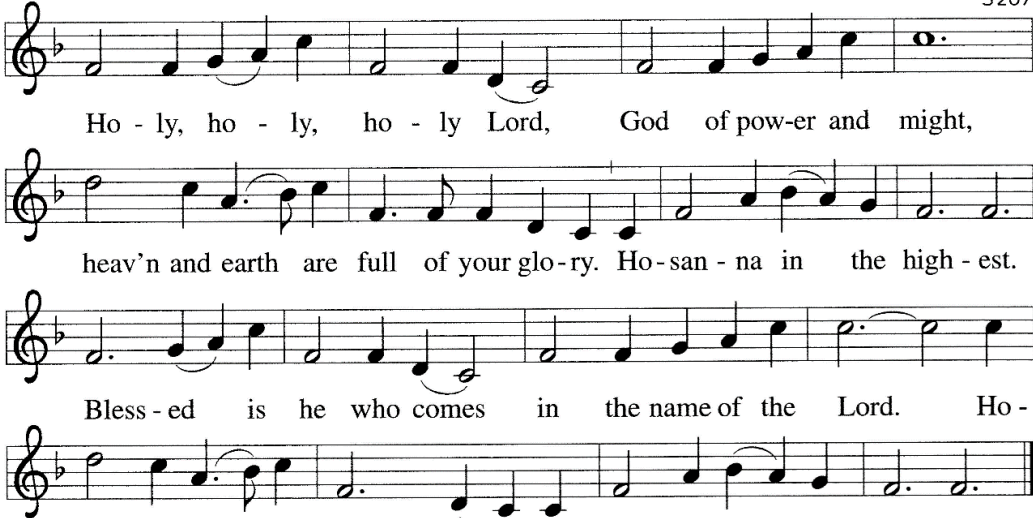
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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:

5207



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 *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

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come forth; your God meets you here.

LAMB OF GOD *Please SIT*

5208



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:

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

ELW 810



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,
2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me
3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has
can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be
Je - sus, en - ters in. God, who dear-ly loves us, from all tri - al



faint - ed, thirst - ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;
quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Light-nings flash and thun - ders crash;
saves us, gives sweet peace with-in. I have borne this world - ly scorn;



no - thing in this world can hide thee, naught I ask be-side thee.
yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure: Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

ELW 810



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

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



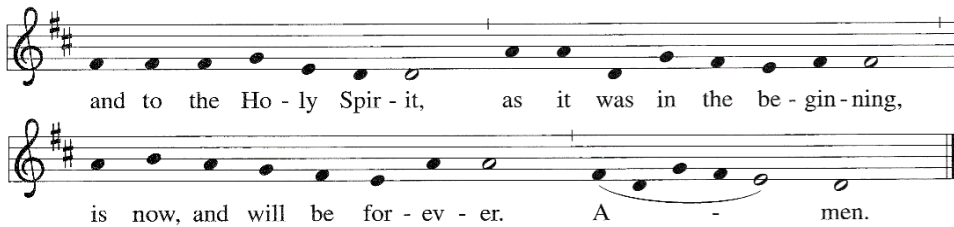
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:



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,



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assistant: Let us pray together... **Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful – Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit - bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Rise Up, O Saints of God”

ELW 669



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

“Resounds”

L. Smith

MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

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

Lector: Curtis Dowty + **Crucifer:** Frank Dressel

Tech Minister: Melanie Robison + **Chalice Bearer:** Tom Partelow + **Organist:** Evelyn Duncan

Safety Volunteer: Mark Bearth + **Ushers:** Rick Crosby & Rex Rothgangel

MARK TIMES Addendum

Star Trek Saturday is Back!

Attention St. Mark Trekkies and friends! After a long COVID-induced hiatus, we're pleased to announce the return of Star Trek Saturday **THIS Saturday, October 19** at **5:00PM** in the **Parish Hall**. Join us for out-of-this-world adventure and conversation as we enjoy a Halloween-themed episode together. Wear your costumes if you've got them, and bring a dish to share – fresh or replicated!



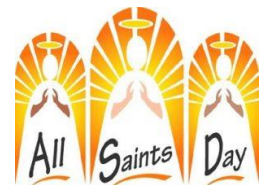
SHARE THE WARMTH October 6 through 27

Inspired by "Phillip's Wish" in the movie **5000 Blankets** and the needs of our food pantry clients, we are collecting gently worn coats, thermal underwear, sweatshirts, t-shirts, undershirts, socks, hats, mittens, gloves, scarfs, etc. to benefit the homeless in our area. Warming blankets, handwarmers and new underwear for men and women are also greatly appreciated. Donations will be distributed to various organizations throughout the project period with donation numbers provided periodically. A collection container is in the Narthex/Canterbury Room.

Our All Saints Sunday worship service is Sunday, November 3 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) 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.



Where You Are, There is Life *by Kevin Hildebrand*

Where you are, there is life:

the cosmic "Let there be!" the "Lazarus, come forth!"

Without you nothing is or grows, your Word umbilical to all.

Where you are, there is life, and you are here!

Where you are, there is love:

A promise made and kept, one Son who dies for all,

a love that banishes all fear, that, like its Father, never ends.

Where you are, there is love, and you are here!

Where you are, there is peace:

a resting place at last, no running anymore;

forgiven and forgiving friends, the quest of all who share your plan.

Where you are, there is peace, and you are here!

Prayer Intentions

St. Mark Members

Eleanor Benton, Toni Brendel, Kathy Casey, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, 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, 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

Jaxson Robinson (10/13), Lois Gentsch (10/13), Luke Geppert (10/15), and Marva Dowty (10/19)

Members celebrating wedding anniversaries this week

Jerry & Cynthia Southers (10/19)

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 October 13, 2024

This Week at St. Mark:

Monday, October 14:	9:30AM	Health & Wellness team – conference room
	1:00PM	Confirmation field trip to Concordia Historical Museum
Tuesday, October 15:	5:30PM	Food Pantry meeting – conference room
Wednesday, Oct. 16:	11:30AM	St. Mark Table Talk Bible class – conference room
Thursday, October 17:	6:15PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, October 19:	9A-12P	CPR/AED Class – Parish Hall
	5:00PM	<i>Star Trek</i> Saturday – Parish Hall

Today's Adult Forum: *Health, Wellness, Lifestyles and Possibilities*

We welcome our own **Laurie Geppert** as our guest speaker this morning! Laurie is an Occupational Therapist with over 25 years of experience helping clients from childhood to end-of-life find solutions to mental, physical, and psychosocial barriers that impact their lives. Her passion is supporting people to establish daily routines that support mental, physical, spiritual, and physical health before major issues arise whenever possible.

Field Trip to the Concordia Historical Institute Museum

THIS 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 sweet treats!

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 **THIS 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.
Mark Bearth: mark.bearth@gmail.com or text 618-767-6543.



Reformation Dinner & Hymn Fest

Join us **Saturday** evening, **October 26** from **6-8PM** in the Parish Hall for an evening of **Reformation Day fellowship** with a classic Lutheran **potluck** and a beloved old-fashioned **hymn-sing!** A **sign-up** sheet to bring a dish is in the **Parish Hall**.

Downtown Belleville Trick-or-Treat on Friday, October 25!

We're so excited to be participating in this community family event again! We will hand out hot chocolate and Christian-themed Halloween suckers with an invitation to visit us, and other goodies.



VOLUNTEERS are needed! Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex and the Parish 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 and transport 5-gallon containers of hot chocolate from the church to our space. Hang church sign and decorate the space after the canopy is set up.
- 2) **HOT CHOCOLATE PREP: 4:00 TO 5:15PM: 2 PEOPLE** to heat water, fill containers and mix hot chocolate
- 3) **HANDOUT HOT CHOCOLATE, SUCKERS 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.

Pastor Brian will make an appearance as an undisclosed character for kids to take photos with. It's a grand time and worth a couple hours of your time for the fun of it all!

Bellefontaine Cemetery Walking Tour on All Saints Day

Join us for a two-hour fall history walking tour of historic Bellefontaine Cemetery in downtown St. Louis on Friday, November 1. Meet at the cemetery between 9:30-9:45AM; Tour is from 10AM-12PM.



Note that the tour involves walking about 2 miles across moderate terrain. Know your limits and please wear appropriate fall walking attire. This event is FREE but reservations are a maximum of 15, first come, first served. A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. Please sign up individually so we can keep track of our numbers.

Prayer Service for the Nation before Election Day

St. George's hosts a service of Evening Prayer for the Nation at 6:00PM in the chapel on November 4. The service features a recitation of the Great Litany, the church's ancient and traditional prayer of intercession, to beseech God for blessing and protection over the church and the world in the months leading up to Election Day. St. Mark members are welcome to join and to invite others to take part in this important endeavor in witness to our faith.

Father Mark's Installation as Rector

On Monday, October 28 at 6:00PM, St. Mark members are welcome and encouraged to join our friends from St. George's for the institution and induction of Father Mark Ohlemeier as Rector* of St. George's. A reception will follow the worship service.

*Until this point, Fr. Mark has been officially "Priest-in-Charge," an Episcopal position which may be likened to an interim pastor in the Lutheran church.

St. Mark Offerings for 10/6: General Fund: \$8,604.11