

# ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

welcomes you!

**July 23,  
2023**



**The 8th  
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 Dr. Kenneth Tegtmeier, Interim 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).

**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.

## PRELUDE & WELCOME

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

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*Please KNEEL or remain as you are*

Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

### “Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

ELW 694



- 1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;
- 2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,
- 3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;  
the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.  
the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;  
God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease,  
Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.  
and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.  
and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

## 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... Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Following the prayer, please SIT.*

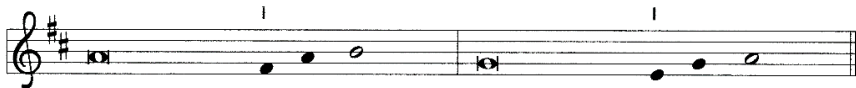
## WORD

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. <sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. <sup>8</sup>Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

### PSALM 86:11-17 *sung in unison*



<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk | in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to re- | vere your name.

<sup>12</sup>I will thank you, O Lord my God, with | all my heart,  
and glorify your name for- | evermore.

<sup>13</sup>For great is your | love toward me;  
you have delivered me from the | pit of death.

<sup>14</sup>The arrogant rise up against me, O God,  
and a band of violent people | seeks my life;  
they have not set you be- | fore their eyes.

<sup>15</sup>But you, O Lord, are gracious and full | of compassion,  
slow to anger, and full of kind- | ness and truth.

<sup>16</sup>Turn to me and have mer- | cy on me;  
give your strength to your servant,  
and save the child | of your handmaid.

<sup>17</sup>Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me  
may see it and be | put to shame;  
because you, Lord, have helped me and com- | forted me.

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25**

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—  
<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds  
of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For  
you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of  
adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that  
we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if,  
in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. <sup>18</sup>I consider that the  
sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.  
<sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the  
creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it,  
in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the  
freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning  
in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits  
of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in  
hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if  
we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

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



*Cantor: My word shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.*

**Repeat alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to  
someone who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came  
and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore  
grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him,  
'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' <sup>28</sup>He  
answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather  
them?' <sup>29</sup>But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with  
them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers,  
Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup>He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup>the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

**SERMON**

**The Rev. Kenneth Tegmeier, *Interim Pastor***

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Come, Ye Thankful People Come"**

**ELW 693**



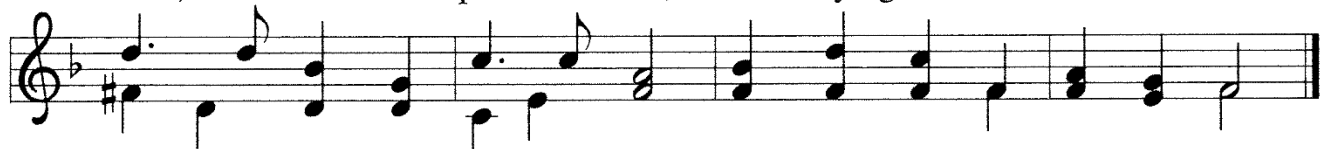
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.  
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;  
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.  
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.  
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

## **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 Mark Times newsletter. The response to **Hear us, O God, is Your mercy is great...***

**Dave Brauer, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Curt Gansmann, Mary Hill, Randy Hinkle,  
Bruce Martens, Dwight Ness, Kim Ott, Kim Palmer, Sandra Purdy, Marilyn Robinson,  
Kathy Rothgangel, Stephanie Thilmont, Carol 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.*

## **OFFERINGS**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

*Assistant:* Let us pray together... **God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our 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...we praise your name, and join 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.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Response: Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *chanted*

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 →

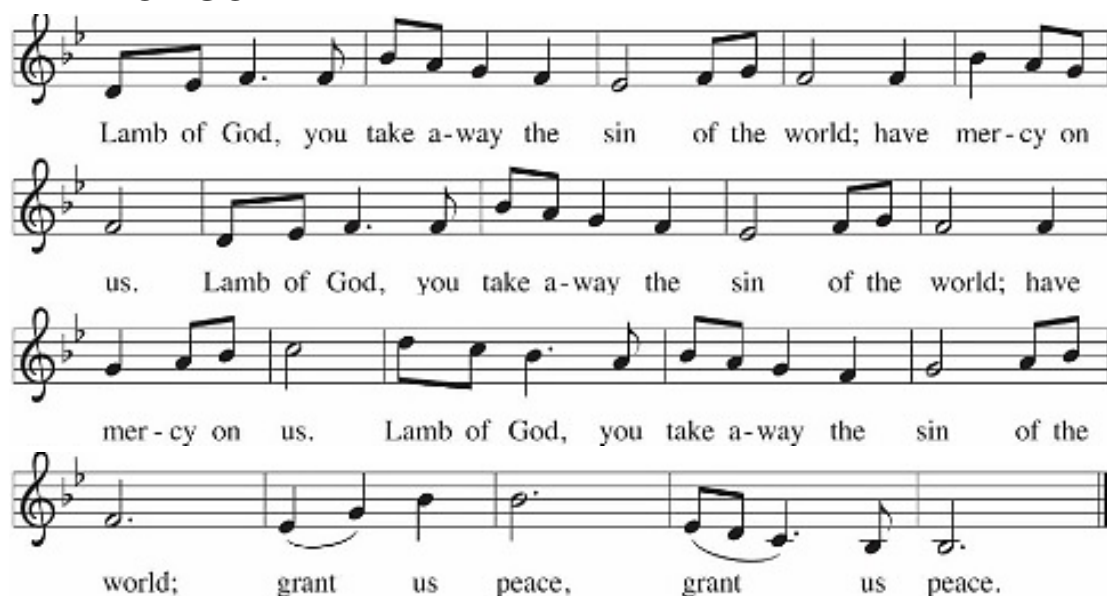


as we for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo-ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet for all is now ready.

## LAMB OF GOD



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 *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.*

“Blessed Assurance”

ELW 638



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

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“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

ELW 733



1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no  
2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-  
stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in  
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright



pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.  
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.  
hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

*Refrain*



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy



hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

*After the distribution is complete, please STAND as you are able for the blessing.*

**TABLE BLESSING**

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... **Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Spread, O Spread, Thy Mighty Word"

ELW 663



1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.  
2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race  
3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,  
4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;



Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav - en's gifts ex - tend to all.  
and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.  
let the gath - 'ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

*Assistant:* Go in peace. Serve in love. **Thanks be to God.**

## Prayer Intentions

### St. Mark Members

Dave Brauer, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Curt Gansmann, Mary Hill, Randy Hinkle, Bruce Martens, Dwight Ness, Kim Ott, Kim Palmer, Sandra Purdy, Marilyn Robinson, Kathy Rothgangel, Stephanie Thilmont, Carol Weshinsky, & Barb Wurdinger

### St. Mark Family and Friends

Dennis Alhardt, Phyllis Booker, 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, Randy Hayes, Jamie House, Donna Koudelka, Austin Lickenbrock, Elroy Luffman, Wyatt Madison, 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, Sarah and Family, Dave Schaaf, Jill Schlueter, Stefanie Schroeder, David & Donna Sims, Margie Snep, Ingrid Thompson, Maggie Tribout, 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:*

**Ryan McKenzie** (7/23), **Jim Montgomery** (7/24), **Mary Skifton** (7/24), and **Douglas Martens** (7/28)

*We pray for those who celebrate wedding anniversaries this week:*

**Cheryl & Dick Newsome** (7/23), **Mike & Cheryl Whitaker** (7/24), and **Ruth & Roger Carnaghi** (7/27)

*We pray for those mourning the loss of loved ones:*

The family of **Robert Eggemeyer** (brother of Will Eggemeyer) (7/16)

### MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

**Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. Ken Tegtmeier + **Assisting Minister:** Charlie Duncan

**Crucifer:** Rex Rothgangel + **Chalice Bearer:** Greg Martens

**Lector:** Missy Kimbrell + **Livestream Camera:** Aaron Fuchs

**Ushers:** Kathy Casey & Nancy Guenther + **Trained Responder:** Mark Bearth

### ST. MARK STAFF

**Pastor:** The Rev. Brian M. Robison\* + **Interim Pastor:** The Rev. Ken Tegtmeier

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

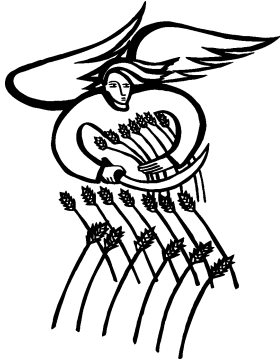
**Handbell Choir Director:** John Andersen + **Parish Nurse:** Becky Schnitzius

*\*Pastor Brian is on sabbatical until August 28.*

# MARK TIMES NEWS & NOTES FOR JULY 23, 2023

## EIGHTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK



#### Monday, July 24

6:00 pm Pastoral Care Meeting  
7:00 pm Council Meeting

#### Tuesday, July 25

1:30 pm Visit to Cedar Creek of Shiloh



### Healing Service Next Sunday

We will offer healing prayer by laying on of hands next **Sunday, July 30** during worship. All who feel the need for healing are welcome to participate in this ancient ministry. Holy Communion will also be celebrated.

### Group Homebound Visit

On **Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.** Pastor Ken and a group of members will visit our members **Dee Zopp** and **John Downing** at **Cedar Creek of Shiloh**. Dee just moved there several weeks ago so it will be nice to visit her in her new home. Part of our visit will be the celebration of Holy Communion. If you would like to join in, please let Kim Ott know and we will get additional information to you.

### Belleville Summer Sack Lunch Program

The Social/Evangelism Committee wishes to say **THANK YOU** to everyone who has supported the program this summer. With 6 weeks remaining more volunteers and food donations are needed.



We are continuing to collect individual size bags of Cheez-its, potato chips, nacho chips, individually wrapped store-bought cookies (no peanut butter, please) and fruit juice pouches, i.e. Capri Sun, for the lunches. Donations may be brought to church on Sundays or contact Sherri to drop off at her house or arrange pick up. Monetary donations are welcome if you prefer not to shop.

A few more volunteers are needed to help pack 150-200 lunches at Westview Baptist on the following Wednesday evenings from 5 pm to approximately 5:45pm: **Aug 2 and Aug 9**.

Assistance is needed to help deliver the lunches from 10:35AM to approximately 12:45PM on the following Thursdays: **July 27 co-pilot. Aug 3 driver and co-pilot**

*Volunteer Sign-up Sheets are available during Coffee Fellowship, or you may contact Sherri Foppe at (618)791-6148 or [cookinsherri2@gmail.com](mailto:cookinsherri2@gmail.com) OR Ann Martens at (618)235-7762 or [ga72mart@charter.net](mailto:ga72mart@charter.net)*

## Pregnancy Care Center Update

Thanks to all of the generous donors, the Pregnancy Care Center has outgrown their space and are moving. They are now located at 311 West Lincoln St., Suite 301 in Belleville. Donations are still needed to help fill the extra space at their new location. **Items needed:** all sizes of maternity clothes, children's clothes (especially in 2T, 3T, 4T, 5T and children's pajamas in those sizes), and children's shoes.

## Family Hospice Guest Speaker

On **Sunday, July 30** the Health and Wellness Ministry will host guest speaker Jane Edgar from Family Hospice on grief and grief support. Many of our members have experienced the loss of a beloved family member or friend in recent years. Many who died during the pandemic may not have had a funeral or memorial service, and the survivors' grief was overshadowed by events related to the pandemic. We encourage all to come to this adult education hour to share and support each other.

## Franklin School Supply Drive

The Evangelism and Social Ministry committee is holding its annual School Supply Collection through **August 6**.

All school supply donations are appreciated including backpacks, computer paper, hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, paper towels, gallon and sandwich size zip lock bags, facial tissues, white board markers, index cards, Fiskars Scissors – blunt or pointed end, wide-ruled loose leaf notebook paper, 24 count crayons, washable markers, highlighters, non-spiral notebooks, blue or red ink pens, #2 pencils, pencil boxes, erasers, pencil top erasers, glue, glue sticks, rulers, 1"-1 1/2" 3 ring binders, and red, blue, yellow or black pocket folders.



A collection box is in the Canterbury Room/Narthex. Monetary donations may be given to Sherri Foppe or Ann Martens for those who prefer not to shop.

## St. Mark T-SHIRT Design Campaign

What would *you* like *our* message to *our* community to be via *our* t-shirt design? The Evangelism/Social Ministry team wants your ideas! The design campaign idea board will be available now through mid-August in the Parish Hall for you to add your message. Ideas may also be submitted to Sherri Foppe at [cookinsherri2@gmail.com](mailto:cookinsherri2@gmail.com) or by calling/texting Sherri at 618 791-6148. Submitted ideas will be compiled then a winner will be selected using a "sports bracket style" elimination. Selection voting will take place in September!



## VANCO Online Giving Just Got a Little Bit Easier

VANCO has a QR code that helps getting started with online giving easier. You can scan the QR code (to the right) with either your phone's camera or QR reader app and it will take you to your app store to download VANCO's Mobile Faith Engagement app. Once you have the app downloaded, you can open the link (below) and it will open our site in the app. You can also use the giving site (<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91>) online without downloading the app.



## “God’s Work. Our Hands.” T-shirts



The ELCA’s National Day of Service - known as “God’s Work. Our Hands” Sunday - is on **September 10**. If you would like to purchase new or replacement GWOH yellow shirts to wear on the workday, a **sign-up sheet** is in the Parish Hall near the coffee stand. Cost is **\$9.50** each for children’s sizes through adult XL, with additional charges for larger sizes. We must have a **minimum of 10** to **get our name put on the back** of the shirt. **Please have all orders in by Sunday, July 30.**

## Calling all Pilgrims to the Holy Land!!!

St. George’s is planning a pilgrimage tour of the Holy Land for February 17-28, 2025, and St. Mark members are welcome to join! Here is just a small sample list of the historical and biblical sites to be visited:

- The Sea of Galilee + Nazareth, where Jesus grew and began his ministry
- Migdal, the home of Mary Magdalene, and Capernaum, the home of Peter’s mother-in-law
- The Jordan River + Mt. Tabor and the Church of the Transfiguration
- Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus + The holy city of Jerusalem
- Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered

Throughout the journey, we will be led by a professional tour guide and Father Mark will provide spiritual instruction and lead us in daily worship.

The estimated cost is \$4675, which includes round-trip airfare from St. Louis, hotel accommodations, transportation on site, and all dinners.

For questions or more information, please contact Bob or Sue Vaughn or Dawn Jung. To obtain a copy of the full brochure, please contact Henry in the church office.

## Pastor Ken’s Contact Information

Pastor Ken Tegtmeier is serving as the Interim pastor for St. Mark during Pastor Brian’s summer sabbatical. Pastor Ken’s regular days in the office will be **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday**. To make an appointment, feel free to call, text, or email him: Cell phone: **314-202-1055**  
Email: **kft6582@gmail.com**

## St. Mark Offerings Report for July 16:

General Fund: **\$4,050** (*includes online offerings received by 7/21*); Food Pantry: \$30;  
Coffee Fund: \$130.20; Doris May Memorials: \$50

