

M A R K T I M E S

News & Notes for February 15, 2026

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, February 15:	2:30PM	Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor
	6:30PM	Yoga – Parish Hall
Tuesday, February 17:	5:30PM	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Parish Hall
Wednesday, February 18:	9:30AM	Joint Ash Wednesday Worship
	11:15AM	Health & Wellness Meeting – conference room
	7:00PM	Joint Ash Wednesday Worship
Thursday, February 19:	4:15PM	Chancel choir
	6:00PM	Bell Choir

Today's Adult Forum: *The Jewish Roots of the Transfiguration*



The Transfiguration—the moment when Jesus is mystically transformed by divine power in the company of Moses and Elijah—offers a uniquely Christian message. At this moment Jesus' divinity is revealed to his disciples. Yet the roots of this complex story, so critical to *Christian* theology, are deeply embedded in *Jewish* tradition. Join us this morning as we explore the Jewish parallels in this amazing story!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Returns Tuesday!

St. Mark members are invited to St. George's annual Pancake Supper **THIS Tuesday, February 17** from **5:30-7:00PM** in the **Parish Hall**. Pancakes & sausage are the traditional fare for this day since meat, eggs, fat & butter were prohibited during Lent. Freewill donations will be accepted.



Ash Wednesday

St. George's hosts our joint Ash Wednesday services **THIS Wednesday, February 18** at **9:30AM** and **7:00PM**, both in the **church**. Father Mark will preside at the Eucharist, both Pastor Brian & Father Mark will assist in the imposition of ashes, and Pr. Brian will preach.

Midweek Lenten Soup Suppers

Come enjoy a nice evening of fellowship over a meal of soup and salad at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall **starting Wednesday, February 25**, before joining us in the church for evening prayer.

Form a group and host one of the suppers! A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall near the coffee stand.

Yoga Day Change in February

To accommodate Lenten midweek activities for both churches, yoga classes have moved to **Mondays at 6:30pm through the end of May.**



50th Anniversary Committee

St. Mark Lutheran Church celebrates the 50th anniversary of its first worship service on December 6, 2026. This will kick off a year of celebration surrounding our 50th year. We are looking for members who might be interested in serving on a **planning committee** to devise ideas for events to help celebrate this milestone. Please contact Pastor Brian if you're interested!

Martin Luther on the Transfiguration



In the Transfiguration, “the resurrection of the dead and the future glory and brightness of *our* bodies are shown. For this was something very remarkable, that Christ was transfigured while yet in the mortal body, which was subject to suffering. What then shall it be, when mortality shall have been swallowed up, and nothing shall remain but immortality and glory?

“There is added the appearance of Moses and Elias, who prove by their appearing that they had never really died, and that there is yet another life, besides the earthly life, from which they were transferred.

“This appearance teaches us also that we should despise death, and look upon it merely as an emigration or a sleep. In short, this appearance proves that this life is nothing at all in comparison with the future life.

“This appearance proves that sin is overcome. For it necessarily follows as an incontrovertible conclusion, that, where death is overcome, there sin is also overcome...

“The whole, holy Trinity appears here to strengthen the believers; namely, Christ in his transfigured form, the Father in the voice, and the Holy Ghost in the bright cloud.”

St. Mark Offerings for 2/8: General Fund: **\$3,794.16**; Wally Kleist Bequest: \$47,494.85; Coffee Fund: \$88

AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS NOT YET COME: LENTEN GREETING CARDS

