

PARISH CLERK'S CORNER

SEPTEMBER 2022

"Transition" is a good word to describe September. Hopefully, everyone had a little time this summer to relax with family and friends and hit the "reset" button for the coming months. St. Mark's is in the midst of its transition without a building or a priest and declining membership. Yet, your vestry and all of our parishioners are mighty and faithful.

- ♦ July 27th St. Mark's had its traditional ice cream sundae/prayer request booth at New Britain's Abilities Walk & Roll. We served 241 vanilla sundaes with a choice of toppings and collected almost 30 prayers. It was wonderful to be a part of the community event. Thank you to all who made it happen. Check our Facebook page for photos!
- ♦ Our food pantry has remained open. Our Smith Fund contributed to 2 barbecue/pizza events in the Arch Street area sponsored by the Black Ministerial Alliance. Morning Mingle is still on hold due to Covid safety concerns. Lenny and Stephen are in contact with UACT to determine if the Smith Fund might offer assistance to immigrants settling in New Britain.
- ♦ Stephen and Mark have assessed our storage space at South Church next to the food pantry, and plans are being made to move what is stored at 147 West Main St. to that room.
- ♦ Our largest task is the lengthy road to a possible merger with another parish. Please see the "Lion's Pause" for more information. At the same time, we want to keep our Sunday worship services flowing. This is not simple! We must thank Barbara Campbell for her never-ending search for supply priests as well as both Barbara and Stephen Hard for being worship leaders. Thank you to Stephen for providing hymns and to Curtis Searle for his skills setting up the Zoom connections. We are grateful for the 3 supply priests who have agreed to worship with us. Father Jim Speers was here this summer and may be again. Mother Diana Rogers will be here through August and Father Joe Pace will join us for September and 2 weeks in December.

As we all know, schedules are made to be broken! Check your weekly bulletins for updates on supply priests, worship leaders and parish visits.

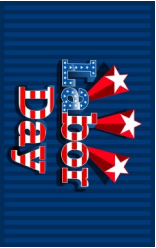
"Open to God's Love, Serving Our Neighbor"

May the Holy Spirit continue to support and guide us in God's way, in God's time.

Peace,

Allison

September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Our services will be in-person unless otherwise required by a change in the pandemic trajectory.	An email will only be sent on Fridays if we need to go to Zoom only services.			1 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry 7:00 p.m. Thursday Night Group - Zoom mtg	2 Parish Office Closed	3
4 In-Person/Hybrid Service 10:00 a.m. Erwin Chapel	5 	6	7 5:45 p.m. Exec. Committee Mtg 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Mtg	8 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry 7:00 p.m. Thursday Night Group - Zoom mtg	9	10
11 In-Person/Hybrid Service 10:00 a.m. Erwin Chapel	12 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry	13 6:45 p.m. Vestry Zoom Meeting	14 Possible Food Share delivery	15 9:00 - 2:00 Food Pantry 7:00 p.m. Thursday Night Group - Zoom mtg	16	17
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