



THE MARKSMAN

April 2009

Why do you look for the living among the dead?


He is not here. He is Risen.



May the news of Jesus' resurrection,
bring you comfort, peace, joy, and most of all, HOPE.

Pastor Ron

Spring is in the air, the birds are chirping, the butterflies gliding and the flowers blooming. This can only mean one thing: It's time to think about summer. Not serious thinking--the kind that makes your head hurt--just some general planning.

 Vacation Bible School will be taking place July 6-10. That is right in the middle of the school system's new summer schedule and conflicts with the least amount of other activities. As usual, these are weekdays and the VBS sessions will be in the evenings. We will also be retaining the same format but with a new theme. This year's VBS is entitled "Crocodile Rocks" and its setting is the swamps of the bayou. Jacques le Croc and Flash Firefly will be there along with Chadder Chipmunk. How many of you will be there? That is what I will seek to discover in April as we begin the first stages of real planning. It is your volunteer help that makes this such a memorable event for the children and I hope you will consider helping again.



And speaking of summer and helping, now is also a good time to start envisioning our Bible classes during the summer worship services.



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S** This is a great place for those unique lessons, crafts and stories as taught by those who can't teach year-round but like to stay involved by taking a single turn each summer. Let me know if any of this sounds like it might interest you and we'll do everything we can to help your idea come to fruition.



Finally, don't forget to circle your calendars for the two big events that will finish up our regular education calendar. On May 10 we will have our Confirmation service which is always a proud Sunday for our church. The following weekend, May 16/17, our children and youth will be performing their spring musical "Dr. Newheart's Neck-up Check-up." If you attended last year's musical you know that this is not something to be missed.

Thanks for taking a quick trip to the near future with me. You may now return to that glorious spring feeling!

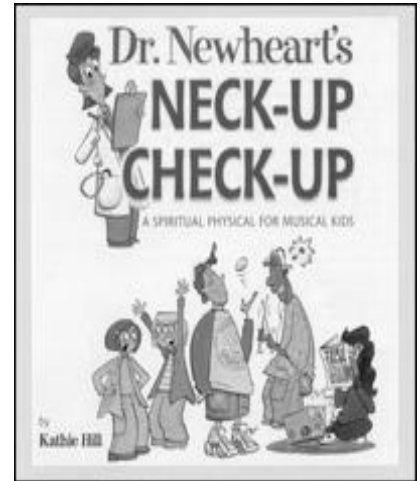


"DR. NEWHEART'S NECK-UP CHECK-UP"

ST. MARK'S CHILDREN'S MUSICAL REHEARSALS BEGIN!

We're jumping into this year's musical "Dr. Newheart's Neck-Up Check-Up" and starting the spring off right! All St. Mark's children and youth are encouraged to participate as we have fun journeying along our "spiritual physical" themed production from our first rehearsal starting SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST during the education hour, and continuing on to our performance weekend MAY 15TH AND 16TH! Be sure to mark your calendars--you won't want to miss it!! I'm looking forward to working with our children again this year on another fabulous musical production!

Blessings,
Danya Zimbauer



With the Spring season come thoughts of new life growing and changing. This is what I am seeing around St. Mark's. We are becoming an exciting, lively place to be!

- A children's musical taking shape.
- Adult Bible studies blossoming, even one involving golf.
- More active Council committees.
- New members being received.
- Many quilts being created and sewn.
- Our property being maintained by a group of hardworking people,
- Including work on the exterior of the youth building,
- Fresh paint in the ladies room located just outside Jacobson Hall,
- Many of the exterior double doors repaired and weather-stripping installed.
- A revised employee handbook nearing completion.
- And beautiful landscaping that brightens our lives with all of the vibrant Spring colors around us
- ...Just in time to celebrate our Risen Lord and Savior!

Nancy Dreesen
Council President

WE WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

the following First Communion Instruction Students from Saturday, March 28, 2009:

- Shelbi Annis
- Matthew Becerra
- Eric Puente
- Raony Richter
- Sydnee Wesala
- Erich Zimbauer
- Karl Zimbauer



Bible Dedication Program

Dedicate one of St. Marks' new Bibles to a special person, to celebrate a special occasion, or in thanksgiving for blessings received. Dedicating one of our new pew Bibles is an enduring and significant way to praise God and make a lasting contribution to worship at St. Mark's.

The Bible you dedicate will have a commemorative bookplate placed inside the front cover with the inscription of your choice. Suggested minimum donation for a Bible dedication is \$25.

Dedication process:

1. Identify the format you would prefer from the choices offered below and fill in the blank — PLEASE print neatly.
2. If you would prefer more than one dedication, you are welcome to use more than one format or use separate order pages.
3. You can complete your dedication by one of the following three methods:

- a. Placing this form and a check in the offering plate, along with this form. Please write *Bible* in the subject line. OR
- b. Take the form to Sheri Barker on the patio after church. OR
- c. Turn in or mail your order and check to the Church office.

P.S. If you would like to dedicate a Bible, but cannot afford a donation, please note at the bottom of the order. We do not want to exclude anyone from this wonderful opportunity.

Dedication choice: (One dedication per Bible and please print clearly)

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

In celebration of _____

In thanksgiving for _____

Dedicated by: _____

Donor Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____
(Just in case we need to contact you.)

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

If you would like a visit from Pastor John Sieber, our Visitation Pastor, please call the church office at **(619) 427-5515**.

Please keep these people in your prayers

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| Al Bryd | Gene & Olive Kramp |
| Betty Burgess | Lorrie Malonne |
| Kaho Chester | Jack Walquist |
| Helen Dearmin | Verna Werstlein |
| Florence Harris | Nora West |
| Peter Honrud | Bob Whittier |
| Esther Kort | Joe Wingo |

Five families to pray for: April 2009

Ted & Debra Burge
Betty Burgess
Roger & Roxanne Burroughs
Brian, Luz, Jonathan & Milyn Bushfield
Tom & Sandra Bushfield



April 11, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. a complimentary continental breakfast in Jacobson Hall will accompany Pastor Ron's introduction to the next book of our Lutheran Woman Today Bible study, Esther. If you are unable to attend your regular circle/Bible study meeting, you are welcome to attend any other circle/Bible study meeting that fits with your schedule at any time. Also, if you do not belong to a circle/Bible study and would like to join, please check the websites for dates and times, or call Jill McGrew **(619-216-3801)** for information and assistance.

May 2, 2009 (Saturday) Come celebrate being a child and attend a Mothers/Daughters/Others lunch and program. It is an opportunity to bring your children, your best friend, your grandchildren, etc. Avalee Smith will share a portion of her extraordinary doll collection, i.e., first lady dolls from Martha Washington to Jackie Kennedy. Attendees are encouraged to bring a "favorite" doll to share at their table (children especially included). A complimentary lunch will begin at 12:00 p.m. with the program following. Please make your reservations as early as possible to help us with food planning by calling Joan Harshman at **(619-426-1231)** or e-mail joanharsh@cox.net).

Wednesdays are FUN at St. Mark's!

COME AS YOU ARE
LIVE BAND WORSHIP WED. 7 PM

5:30 pm Light Meal
6:00 pm Education Hour
Children's Music and Activities
7:00 pm Worship Service

Please mark the date

Mothers, Daughters and Others
Saturday, May 2, 2009,
in Jacobson Hall,
with Avalee Smith
And
her doll collection.
more details to come....."

Church Attendance

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| Week 1 | 317 | 232 |
| Week 2 | 295 | 263 |
| Week 3 | 298 | 231 |
| Week 4 | 397 | 273 |
| Week 5 | n/a | n/a |