



Marksman



Mission Statement

"Celebrating God's love and forgiveness, we serve others."

Vision Statement

"Following Jesus' example we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, nurse the sick, and visit the imprisoned as we see Jesus in the faces of those we serve. "

Core Values

Prayer, Accessibility, Service, Communication, Education, Worship, Youth, Healthy Relationships

January 2011 Editor: Ruby Hultenius

Council President Message

January is a month of new beginnings, goals and looking ahead.

The Church Council will be continuing to work on St. Mark's Church Strategic Plan 2020 and helping to create Action Planning Teams that will each focus on one of the Core Strategies. The work of the people who attended the workshops and the cottage meetings in November will be part of our plans for moving forward to become the church we aspire to be in 2020.

If you are contacted to be a participant in one of these Action Teams, please seriously consider how you can assist that team to put our church's plan into action. You will be a part of helping St. Mark's become a relevant, contributing member of the Chula Vista community.

Please look in the Greeting Space for charts, visuals, and paper copies of the results of the workshops.

My Council term is up the end of January and I would like to personally thank all of those who have served with me on the Church Council. They have given of their time, energy and abilities in so many ways. Each Council member is such a blessing to St. Mark's.

God continue to bless you!
Nancy Dreesen
Church Council President

Our recent special events with the Music of St. Mark's Choir and musical groups

The Presbyterian Christmas Concert on December 3rd

Benefit for Inter-faith Shelter
raised donation of over \$700

St. Mark's participated with these volunteer musical groups:



Little Bells
Chancel Chimes
Sanctuary Bells
Winds of Praise
St. Mark's Singers

St. Mark's Annual Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata on December 19th

'Comfort and Joy' by Lloyd Larson

Director: Barbara Atwood

Narrator: Pr. Ron Hovick

Accompanist: Daniel Durand

Percussion: Frank Mitchell

Soloists:

Angie Mulder & Jon Holmerud

Select members of Sanctuary Bells

Both events were well attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

Our deepest thanks to all the aforementioned people, and To those who attended.

Glory to God in highest heaven,

Who unto man His Son hath given;

While angels sing with tender mirth,

A glad new year to all the earth.

~Martin Luther

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Please keep these
people in your prayers

Hilda Aubol
N. John and Jan Beck
Franklin (Rocky) Beebe
Betty Burgess
Al Byrd
Kaho Chester
Helen Dearmin
Esther Frederickson
Florence (Kitty) Harris
Eunice and Wally Hoefs
Esther Kort
Art Mosen
Ken Voight
Jack Walquist

New Years Prayer

Dear Lord,
In the new year, we pray
that You will guide us each new day
in paths that are pleasing to You.
Lord, the new year gives us another chance
to rededicate our lives to You,
to study Your Word
so that we know right from wrong
and to act in accordance with Your commands.
Thank You for the sense of
direction, purpose and peace we get
from aligning our lives with Your Holy will.
We pray for the strength and the will to obey You
each and every day of the new year,
and when we fail, we pray for Your mercy,
Your compassion, Your grace and Your love.
Help us in the new year to be Your faithful servants.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

By Joanna Fuchs

Five families to pray for: January 2011

Kron & Karin Littleton
Vic & Dolores Long
Jose & Julie Lopez
Brad, Tammy, Rhegan & Zachary Lower
Cam & Lorrie Malone

Just One Request

Dear Master for this coming year
Just one request I bring:
I do not pray for happiness,
Or any earthly thing—
I do not ask to understand
The way Thou leadest me,
But this I ask: Teach me to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

I want to know Thy guiding voice,
To walk with Thee each day.
Dear Master make me swift to hear
And ready to obey.
And thus the year I now begin
A happy year will be—
If I am seeking just to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

--Unknown Author

Prayer Quilters



As we begin a new year, I would like to share a thank you
note
and some numbers with you.

We are ALL blessed to be a blessing through this ministry as
we tie prayers into quilts, and as we request a quilt, a prayer square,
or a military prayer pocket for a friend of loved one.

Dear Members of St. Marks Lutheran Church;

I wish to thank you for the beautiful prayer quilt. I use it every
day. The peace and comfort I feel when it is on me is so wonderful.
I can actually feel all the prayers. My surgery was successful.
The pain was eased knowing I had all those prayers helping me.
I'm sure that everyone who receives a prayer quilt has felt all the
love and prayers from all of you.

I am truly blessed to have received one and I do appreciate all the
work, love, and prayers that went into it.
God bless each and every one,
Love Barbara

A big thank you to all of the women who are blessed as they cut out,
iron, sew, pin together, and put ties into these quilts!

Number wise - we have given over **2,000 prayer quilts** to bring the
comfort of our prayers and God's love to those who are in need of that
comfort during the past 6 1/2 years.. In 2010 we made and wrapped
others in our prayers through the giving of 370 prayer quilts - that
averages a little more than one a day.

Our next meeting will be
SATURDAY, JANUARY 15TH from 10:00 TO 2:00 .
All are invited to help - no experience necessary.

UPDATE: Strategic Plan 2020

The foundation for St. Mark’s first, full strategic plan was completed during a strategic planning retreat held November 19-20, 2010. During that retreat the broad-based team reviewed and updated the St. Mark’s history timeline, crafted a new mission statement to support *Celebrating God’s Love and Forgiveness, We Serve Others*. The new mission statement answers three core questions: *Why does St. Marks exist? Who does St. Marks serve? What service or product do we provide?*

We welcome everyone to St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, where individuals and families can grow in their relationship with Jesus and one another through a variety of worship styles, ministries and services.

The next step for our Strategic Plan 2020 is the development of the Core Strategy statements. The Strategic Planning team created 10 foundational Core Strategy concepts. The concepts will be refined by the Church Council on Saturday morning, January 29, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. In March, Action Planning Teams will convene to develop 5-year action plans for each Core Strategy. Everyone is invited to participate on a team; recruitment for the Action Planning Teams will begin at the Annual Meeting on January 30.

Our many thanks to the Strategic Planning 2020 team, who spent 11 hours over two days, developing St. Mark’s Strategic Plan 2020. Full copies of the notes from the Strategic Plan 2020 retreat are available in the entry to the worship space and at www.hilltopcross.org. If you have questions about the content or process of our Strategic Plan 2020, we hope you will ask the folks who helped create the plan:

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| Barb Atwood | Mark Becerra | Stacey Becerra |
| Frank Carson | Nancy Dreesen | Carol Eklund |
| Herb Geier | Dorothy Geier | Pastor Ron Hovick |
| Rickey Kelly | Melody Kohl | Bob Lechner |
| Carolyn Lechner | Vic Long | Karin Martin |
| Pat Milliken | Eddie Ochotorena | Sue Osborn |
| Melissa Pering | Ann-Marie Pering | Brett Perkings |
| Colleen Perkins | Chris Ross | Seply Tjindra |
| Chai Tjindra | Michael Tow | Ken Wright |

The Year

by Ella Wheeler Wilcox

What can be said in New Year rhymes,
That’s not been said a thousand times?

The new years come, the old years go,
We know we dream, we dream we know.

We rise up laughing with the light,
We lie down weeping with the night.

We hug the world until it stings,
We curse it then and sigh for wings.

We live, we love, we woo, we wed,
We wreath our brides, we sheet our dead.

We laugh, we weep, we hope, we fear,
And that’s the burden of the year.

From: Children’s New Year Literature
New Year Poetry and Recitals for Kids

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen. Not only because I see it, but because I see everything by it."
- C.S. Lewis

Isaiah 40:31
Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary. (NASB)

Church Attendance		
	11/10	11/09
Week 1	234	249
Week 2	234	226
Week 3	249	258
Week 4	244	313
Week 5	<u>n/a</u>	<u>210</u>
Total	961	1256

A happy New Year! Grant that I
May bring no tear to any eye
When this New Year in time shall end
Let it be said I’ve played the friend,
Have lived and loved and labored here,
And made of it a happy year.
~Edgar Guest

A blessed New Year to You and Your Families.