



# THE MARKSMAN

Mission Statement: "Celebrating God's Love and Forgiveness, We Serve Others"  
Core Values: Prayer, Accessibility, Service, Communication, Education, Worship, Youth, Healthy Relationships  
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."

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Happy Birthday! Well, maybe I should have said, Happy Birthday "to all of us", that is, the Church. Pentecost is considered the Birthday of the Church. It was during the Pentecost celebration (a Jewish festival) when the Disciples were gathered in the room, secluded and still afraid after Jesus' crucifixion. The sound of a strong wind came through the room, and tongues, like flames of fire rested above their heads. And each of them began to speak in languages they'd not known before.

That was their first clue, that the message of Jesus' death and resurrection, was to be shared and spread to everyone. It was not a Jewish salvation story. It is a story of salvation for all people. God came to earth, he was nailed to a cross, he died and was buried. But that was not the end of God's plans. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, putting an end to the power of death. Forgiveness and resurrection come from God, through Jesus.

We learn from reading in the second chapter of Acts, that the wind, was the breath of God, the Holy Spirit, coming into the lives of the believers, in a whole new way. The Disciples found themselves gifted, empowered, and emboldened in new ways; ways thought unimaginable just a few short weeks before.

We too have been gifted with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We too have been empowered and emboldened in ways most of us cannot even imagine. The Holy Spirit lives in each of us. What holds the power of God back? Our lack of willingness to free God to work in our lives. God is in you, desiring to continue the work he has begun, and God will be faithful in leading and empowering you to the end.

Step up, step out of the way, let God use you, and hold on for the ride of your life. May God bless and free each of you, to do his will. St. Marks will be the stronger for it

Pastor Ron

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## Hail and Farewell!

In my experience as a Navy wife, there was an event called a "Hail & Farewell" for greeting newly arrived people and saying goodbye to those departing.

I would like to say, "Welcome!" to our new Youth Director, Jonathan Breslow. We are delighted to have you among us!

In connections with Jonathan's arrival, I would like to express a 'Big Thank You' to Brett Perkins, Pastor Ron and the members of the Youth Committee for a job well done. They conducted 22 interviews in their search for a Youth Director.

I want to wish many blessings to Danya & Jesse Zimbauer and their family as they depart. Danya's last day is May 29.

We will miss her very much.

Danya has done a great job assembling, organizing and leading the Praise Band (The Calling), directing the children's musicals, not to mention singing in Choir & Celebration Team. Danya won't be easily replaced.

God bless the Zimbauer family as they move to Hawaii.

We will soon be saying farewell to Stephen Lewis, our organist, pianist & accompanist. Stephen has been a delight to work with and his talents & skills will be greatly missed. His last day with us is June 7.

We pray for God's blessing as he moves on to new experiences in life.

Please extend your warm welcome to Jonathan and let those departing know that our prayers to with them.

Nancy Dreesen,  
Council President

## Our New Youth Director

The process for finding our new youth director has been completed and we're very excited with the outcome.

After 22 interviews and several committee meetings it was unanimously decided that **Jonathan Breslow** was the right person to lead our youth. The Church Council approved his hiring on May 14 and he is already hard at work.

Jonathan lived in many places and attended many schools growing up, the result of his father having a job that required consistent location changes. That background made him open to meeting and working with new people and is one of the strengths that we admire.

He is also energetic, optimistic, up-front and full of ideas. He is passionate about a career in youth ministry and as part of that plan he is in the middle of earning a degree in Religious Study from Liberty University (thanks to the magic of on-line schooling).

Jonathan is married to a talented, beautiful woman named Amy and they have a six year old daughter named Sabrinah.

If you want to know more, just ask him. He is fearlessly honest.

I look forward to working with Jonathan and have thoroughly enjoyed the hours we have already spent together.

I am certain that everyone at St. Mark's will be equally delighted with Jonathan's skills, work ethic and devotion to God.

He is a gift and I ask that you pray for him and the youth of our congregation that they may enjoy one another, uplift one another and glorify God with their work.

Brett Perkins

### Thank you

God's Gifts has ended another successful season, and I want to thank those who made it happen.

First off, I want to thank my diligent co-chairman Neila Stover, the efficient kitchen crew of Mark and Paul Johnson, who kept Neila and I laughing week after week.

A big thank you to all who provided extra helping hands by preparing, serving, and cleaning up throughout the season, including many children. There were delicious deserts made by several individuals, and were enjoyed by the children.

"Many hands make light work."

Of course none of this could happen if the shopping was not done, and brought to the kitchen for preparation. That was done by the dutiful twosome of Colleen and Brett Perkins. J

I look forward to our fall session with great anticipation.

Karin Quick

### HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

**PASTOR SEIBER** (619) 575-7212

Pastor John Sieber is our Visitation Pastor, tending to the member and friends of St. Mark's who are homebound. If you or someone you know has a need and would like a visit from Pastor John, please call the church office at (619) 427-5515.

Pastor Sieber is currently calling on the following shut-ins. Please keep these people in your prayers and remember that most of them would appreciate visits from you as well.

Rocky Beebe	Olive Kramp
Betty Burgess	Lorrie Malonne
Kaho Chester	Clyde Supri
Helen Dearmin	Ken Voight
Carol Graham	Jack Wahlquist
Florence Harris	Verna Werstlein
Peter Honrud	Nora West
Esther Kort	Bob Whittier

### Tammy Lower Announces Foreclosure Workshop

**June 18, 2009  
6:30 pm in Jacobson Hall**

A community Service Free of charge

**J. Alan Enochs, Attorney at Law**  
619-694-4693

### Prayer Chain Ministry

Rhultenius@cox.net

#### Prayer Quilt:

Roz Nelson (619) 422-5463  
or Jean Armer (619) 422-8793

Five families to pray for:  
June 2009

Frank, Rebecca,  
Elizabeth & Emma Carson  
Jim & Carol Cartwright  
Judy Cave, Kaho Chester  
Marian Christison

Please contact Pastor Ron Directly  
if you anticipate an upcoming  
hospital stay

Tele: (619) 632-7709  
Email: rhovick@cox.net

Dearest Jesus, holy Child  
Make thee a bed, soft, undefiled  
Within my heart, that it may be  
a quiet chamber kept for thee."

(author unknown)

## Prayer Quilting Corner

We are blessed to be a blessing to so many!  
 We would like to invite you to join us on a  
 Prayer Quilting Saturday - come check us  
 out - no experience with sewing necessary!  
 We need helping hands and hearts to put  
 quilts together, iron, put in ties, sew and so  
 much more.

We meet one Saturday a month for quilting  
 and fellowship - from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in  
 Jacobson Hall. Lunch is provided.  
 Come for part or all of the time and bring a  
 friend.

### PRAYER QUILTING SATURDAY DATES

- put them on your calendar:

SAT., JUNE 20<sup>th</sup> SAT., JULY 25<sup>th</sup>  
 SAT., AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup>

## BIBLE STUDY

If you are unable to attend your regular  
 circle/Bible study meeting, you are welcome  
 to attend any other circle/Bible study meet-  
 ing that fits with your schedule at any time.

Also, if you do not belong to a circle./Bible  
 Study and would like to join, contact Jill  
 McGrew for information and assistance.

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## ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2009

### Budgeted Income and Expense (Excludes Loan Repayment Activity)

	04/30/09	Annual
	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Income	\$131,873	\$437,799
Total Expenses	<u>138,883</u>	<u>437,799</u>
Net Income	(\$ 7,010)	0

Notes: April payments included the annual insurance expense of \$13,510.  
 As of April 30, 2008, total income was \$126,311.

### Loan Repayment Fund

	04/30/09	Annual
	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Donations	\$116,434	\$100,800
Principal & Interest Paid	\$127,997	\$100,800
Loan Balance December 31, 2008	\$791,857	
Loan Balance April 30, 2009	\$676,476	

Note: In each of the past two months, March and April, donations to the  
 Loan Repayment Fund were less than the monthly payment of \$8,277.  
 Your continued support to the repayment of this loan is greatly appreciated.

Diane Flint Wages, Treasurer

## Thank you

To everyone who helped with the Women's Mother/Daughter/Other event.

A special thank you to the men for giving the women the "day off."

Thanks to everyone's generosity we have been able to fix up the women's  
 upstairs bathroom, including installing a changing table for babies. We also  
 were able to purchase a bench by the conference room so members and  
 guests can rest while waiting for their ride to pick them up.

This year, thanks to generous giving and a gift from Thrivent, we have been  
 able to give a second round of giving to "all" our benevolences.

Also, a special fund is being set aside for Project Hand to help them with  
 some necessary freshening up and re-organizing of space.

Anyone interested in being a part of the women's planning committee is  
 invited to attend our next meeting 7 p.m., Conference Room, July 28,  
 2009."

Jill McGrew

To our dear St. Mark's family,

Our family wishes to express our gratitude and joy (mixed with sadness) to  
 you as we prepare for our move to Hawaii. You all have been such a blessing to  
 us over the past five years! We're so happy to have been able to share our gifts  
 and talents with you through participating in and leading musical groups, first  
 and foremost! These include chimes, bells, choir, choristers, spring children's  
 musicals, and "The Calling". In addition, we have also enjoyed other activities  
 and ministries offered by St. Mark's such as camping, women's teas, bible study,  
 Sunday School, prayer quilts, first communion instruction, confirmation, and  
 Wednesday family ministry night. We pray that God continues to bless St.  
 Mark's with many blessings as you continue to grow in your various ministries  
 and expand your activities to meet the needs of your congregation and surround-  
 ing community. We wish to thank you all for providing us with the fertile soil  
 for our own faith to grow! We will miss you all!

With love in Christ,  
 The Zimbauer family

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## Church Attendance

	4/09	4/08
Week 1	311	261
Week 2	413*	302
Week 3	278	263
Week 4	271	250
Week 5	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>
Total	1057	1076

\*2009 Easter Services