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Mission Statement:

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

Core Values:

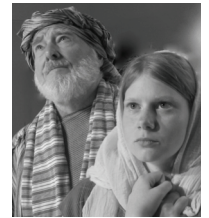
Prayer, Accessibility, Service, Communication, Education, Worship, Youth, Healthy Relationships

Our Vision:

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."

THE KING'S PLAYERS present

WATCHERS
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A Chancel Play for Lent in Eight Short Acts

Written and directed by Elaine Aadland

Come with us to the foot of the cross on the day that Jesus died.

Stand among his enemies. Linger with his friends.

Witness this fateful day as it unfolds, and rediscover through the stories of 16 unforgettable characters the reality of Jesus' death and the miracle of our own salvation.

*"Wonderful." "Inspiring." "Moving and powerful."
"A truly memorable Lenten experience."*



Sunday, March 14, 2010 | 4:00 PM

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church
580 Hilltop Drive | Chula Vista, CA**

For more information: 619-498-5428 | stmarkschulavista.org

A free will offering will be taken.



We will be having a potluck following The Watchers presentation.

A-G Desserts

H-Q Main dishes (casseroles)

R-Z Salad or vegetables dish.

Rolls, butter and all drinks will be provided .

Have a Heart – Give Blood!

Lent is a time for reflection – to refocus our faith life and realign our relationship with God.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to the discipline of Lent:
self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love (ELCA.org).

In that spirit, please plan to give blood at the St. Marks blood drive on Sunday, April 11th, 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in Jacobson Hall.

Whether you can donate blood or not, please plan to join this *Celebration of Life* by joining us in a barbeque on the patio between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. You can also participate by:

- Donating food for the barbeque: hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, chips, salad
- Baking cookies & brownies for the barbeque.
- Helping to cook or serve the food
- Making homemade lemonade – if you, or a neighbor, have a tree full of lemons that need to be used.
- Helping to set up tables and chairs on the patio for the *Celebration of Life* barbeque.
- Helping to clean up after the event is over.
- Serving as a Canteen Host during the Blood Drive (8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.) Hour shifts are available.
- Serving as a Bloodmobile Greeter – instructing donors on how to fill out donor card, etc. (3 – 5 hour shifts available)

Please contact Sheri Barker to volunteer: (619) 421-8371 or lidasheba@cox.net

Points to Ponder:

- There is no substitute for human blood.
- Every two seconds someone needs blood.
- Blood centers often run short of type O and B blood.
- Blood plasma can be frozen and used for up to a year.
- Giving blood will not decrease your strength.
- You cannot get AIDS or any other blood disease by donating blood.
- You are eligible to donate blood between your 17th and 85th birthdays.

Additional donor information is available at: www.sandiegobloodbank.org

Unattended Car Theft Advise:

When at church, you are encouraged to remove all electronic equipment from your vehicle and take it with you. This includes GPS devices, cell phones, I-Pods, etc. It is a good habit to acquire when leaving your vehicle in any public location.

Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2010

Budgeted Income and Expense

	01/31/10 <u>Year to Date</u>	Annual <u>Budget</u>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 37,055	\$470,000
Other Income/Transfers	<u>5,691</u>	<u>75,498</u>
Total Income	\$ 42,746	\$545,498
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 39,123</u>	<u>\$545,498</u>
Net Income	\$ 3,623	0

Diane Flint Wages, Treasurer



PRAYER QUILTING CORNER

We are blessed to be a blessing -
Through Our Hands, Our Hearts, Our Prayers.

Please join us at Prayer Quilting Saturdays. No experience is necessary, and there are many ways you can help - putting quilts together, sewing, ironing, putting in ties for prayers, even threading needles.

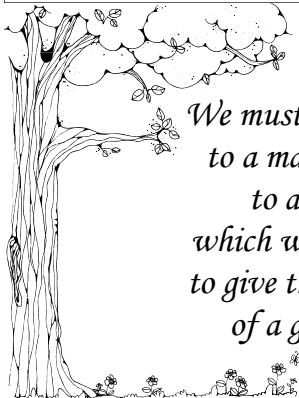
We meet for quilting and fellowship one Saturday a month
from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Jacobson Hall. Lunch is provided.

Come check us out and stay to help.
Questions (?) or to request a prayer quilt -
call Roz Nelson at 619 - 422-5463.

MARCH 20TH WILL NOT BE A PRAYER QUILTING SATURDAY AT THE CHURCH.

THIS DATE COINCIDES WITH THE PRAYERS AND SQUARES PRAYER QUILTING CONFERENCE IN MISSION VALLEY AND SOME OF US WILL BE GOING TO THAT EVENT.

**OUR NEXT PRAYER QUILTING SATURDAYS WILL BE :
APRIL 17TH AND MAY 15TH IN JACOBSON HALL**



*We must be courteous
to a man as we are
to a picture,
which we are willing
to give the advantage
of a good light.*

Mark your calendar...First Communion instruction will be on
Sat, April 24 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
The adult Sponsors' meeting will be on
Sun, April 18 at 10:15 AM.
More information to come.



Valet church Parking
For those in need:

VIP Valet

In order for this plan to work, we do need to know that you are coming and the approximate time of your arrival.

You may either call:
the **Church Office (619-427-5515)** during the week
Or call **Pastor John (619-575-7212)** on Saturday to notify us.

When you come:
please use the I Street entrance near Project Hand and the stop near the bench outside the rear of the Worship Center

Hide not your talents. They for use were made.
What's a sundial in the shade. - Benjamin Franklin

Use what talents you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best. - Mark Twain

Go and learn what the Scriptures mean when they say,
'Instead of offering sacrifices to me, I want you to be merciful to others.'
I didn't come to invite good people to be my followers. I came to invite sinners.
Matthew 9:13

HOMEBOUNDED MEMBERS

PASTOR SEIBER (619) 575-7212

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**.

Please keep these people in your prayers. Remembering that most of them might appreciate visits from you

Hilda Aubol	Esther Kort
Rocky Beebe	Olive Kramp
Betty Burgess	Lorrie Malonne
Kaho Chester	Arthur Mosen
Helen Dearmin	Ken Voight
Carol Graham	Jack Wahlquist
Florence Harris	Nora West
Peter Honrud	Bob Whittier

Five families to pray for:
March 2010
Helga Harrington
Florence Harris
Margaret Harris
Joan Harshman
Martie Hart

Church Attendance

	1/10	1/09
Week 1	204	264
Week 2	251	279
Week 3	259	356
Week 4	146	273
Week 5	<u>212</u>	<u>n/a</u>
Total	1072	1172

"There are more tears shed over answered prayers than over unanswered prayers." - Saint Theresa of Avila



Some background About Memorial/Funeral Services Guidelines & Fees:

1. In the past all participants at a funeral service (or wedding) were to be given individual checks by the family. What too often happened was that some people were not paid and were forced to call the family to ask for their check. This was very embarrassing. It was decided to ask for one check made out to St. Mark's covering all fees. The church then distributes the funds to the appropriate people.
2. It is the law (Fair Labor Standards Act) that a person cannot be asked or volunteer to do for free what they are paid to do in their job. So organists, custodians, etc. must be paid for their work.
3. Factors in creating the position of funeral coordinator were that many of our older members were becoming less able to serve, and younger members often work outside of the home. The funeral coordinator is a real benefit to families, staff & volunteers.

Fees: Worship space \$0	_____	Includes use of the Worship Space, the preparation & printing of a bulletin, and cookies & coffee
Organist	\$200	
Pastor	\$200	The coordinator assists the family in choosing hymns for the service, coordinates other arrangements, such as organist, custodian, audio tech, soloist, attends the service, arranges for set-up, serving, and donation of cook-
Funeral Coordinator .	\$100 + \$100 if Jacobson Hall is used.	
Custodian	\$25 + \$50 if Jacobson Hall is used*	Families often want to use a music CD or have CD's of the service made.
Audio tech	\$50	

Copies of the Guidelines for Memorial/Funeral Services are available in the church office.

*This is a change. J. Hall custodial fees are the same for all 1-time events.

Nancy Dreesen
Council President