



MARKSMAN



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. "

May 2010

St. Mark's Lutheran Church 58o Hilltop Drive Chula Vista CA 91910 (619) 427-5515 Pastor Ron Hovick



Thank you, St. Marks!

What an amazing turn out for the *Celebration of Life* blood drive last Sunday morning. We needed to guarantee 23 pints of blood to schedule the blood mobile visit, and 32 pints were collected!!! The San Diego Blood Bank site coordinator was speechless by the end of the day. She said that, in over 20 years of blood drives, she has NEVER had EVERY scheduled appointment show up! We set a Blood Bank record for appointments kept!

A special thank you, as well, to each of the volunteers who came to insure our success . . . those who showed up at 6:30 a.m. to set up, those who supervised the bounce house, assisted to donors, provided the music (Thanks, Victor!), those made goodies, brought goodies, served goodies and those who cleaned up! All in all, over 70 people were directly involved in making this *Celebration* a success and 150 hotdogs were consumed! Dave and I are sincerely grateful to each and every one who came to support the donors—whether party-goer or volunteer. We are blessed to be part of a church that shows care and support in such a generous way!

COUNCIL UPDATE:

The Council has approved the site lease with Clearwire for an Internet Service Provider facility on our property near the current Verizon location. It will most probably be a "pine tree" to blend in with our existing landscaping. We are still finalizing all of the details. The rent from this facility will enable St. Mark's to accomplish additional ministry. We will begin to reach out and make a difference in our community by meeting some identified needs. (Just a reminder...most of the rent from Verizon goes to property maintenance.)

An up-date on my February "Marksman" article: Our traditional Sunday School has been declining in attendance. It is time for a change in how we "do" Sunday mornings. Sunday morning education and music for children and youth has been combined since February 7, culminating with a student-lead worship in March. To continue this education/music ministry, we need people to lead prayer and brief Bible story for 15-minutes every two months. Pastor Ron will be preparing prayers and there will be a theme and Bible story. Some of the Council members will be participating. If you can help, please contact Pastor Ron.

We are striving to become a healthier congregation that truly lives our mission statement...

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

Our mission, vision and core values are not just nice words; but are becoming our guides and actions.

Nancy Dreesen
Council President



PRAYER QUILTING CORNER

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

Please join us at Prayer Quilting Friday and/or Saturday. 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 will be meeting **twice in May**
Friday, May 7th and Saturday May 8th.

On Friday the 7th we will be a "field trip" for conventioneers at the Synodical Convention being held in Mission Valley, so we will have visitors watching our prayer quilting group in action that day.

We will prayer quilt on Saturday the 8th, too, since we will already be set up. We will do our usual potluck salad lunch on Saturday, and there will be snacks on Friday.

DATES AND TIMES:

FRIDAY, MAY 7TH - 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, MAY 8TH - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Prayer: From A year with the Psalms Eugene Peterson

I know, Lord, that I neither can nor should avoid being with unbelievers--after all, your Son spent considerable time with them. All the same, I need people who will share the deep desires and rich blessings of worship. Thank you for surrounding me with such people in the church, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

HOMEBOUND 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
Eunice Hoefs	Bob Whittier

Women's Event:

May 22, 2010 - Noon - in Jacobson Hall

•Mothers/Daughters/Others

(including your friends, sons, grandsons)



Program:

- Music by Barbara Atwood and singers
- Nature Center will share about their program and are bringing live creatures to enjoy
- Clowns



- Lunch will be served by Pastor and his team: adults and kid-friendly food free will offering only

•Reservations requested before

May 16, 2010

-call Lois Masterson (619) 267-0961

-email loismmasterson@aol.com



Church Attendance

	3/10	3/09
Week 1	237	277
Week 2	235	258
Week 3	272	294
Week 4	247	299
Week 5	<u>n/a</u>	<u>314</u>
Total	991	1442

Anyone who is to find Christ must first find the church.

How could anyone know where Christ is and what faith is in him unless he knew where his believers are?

Five families to pray for May 2010

The family of Peter Honrud
Constance Hornbeck
The family of Blanche Houska
Pastor Ron and Penny Hovick
John and Eileen Howard,
Talira and Victoria Akers,
Wesley Kelley

Mosquito Nets

Please keep in your prayer the plans of the up coming Synod Assembly in May to buy mosquito nets for the poor in Africa.

Each net costs \$10 and each church will take an offering, which then will be given at the assembly.

You can be part of this by giving cash with a note attached in the offering plate, or a check with 'net' in the memo section.

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow.
Learn as if you were to live forever."

- Gandhi

Books and Other Resources for Seniors

Pastor John now has a small collection of books and pamphlets on issues related to growing old. They give advice about the many issues that we who are older face such as our relationships with our families, legal issues like wills and trusts, medical issues regarding treatment or resuscitation. Some also deal with the loss of a loved one and grieving. You are welcome to borrow them from me for a short time to aid in your thinking about these many issues. Most of the books are gifts from the families of those I have served as your Visitation Pastor. Please return them promptly so that others may look at them. See him after Worship or call him at (619) 575-7212.

Brody, Jane. Jane Brody's Guide to the Great Beyond (wide range of issues)

Byock (MD), Ira. Dying Well (death with dignity issues—dying well)

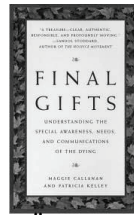
Callahan, Maggie, and Kelley, Patricia. Final Gifts (relating to those who are dying)

Edwards, Dick. Mom, Dad...We Need to Talk (aging issues)

Miller, James E. One You Love Has Died (help with grieving)

If you are looking for available elder care services in San Diego County, you can get help from these public resources.

- 1) Area Agency on Aging and Independent Services (S. D. County):
1-800-510-2020
- 2) The Union Tribune has a directory of services in the county:
www.eldercare.signonsandiego.com/?=directory
(also available in paper form at Senior centers and from the UT)
- 3) A free consultation is offered by the non-profit group "A Place for Mom":
www.aplaceformom.com/california-senior-care/sandiego



Matthew 25:34-40

(New King James Version)

³⁴ Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?' ³⁸ When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?' ³⁹ Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.'

Whatever makes men good Christians,
makes them good citizens."

- Daniel Webster

"Music and rhythm find their way
into the secret places of the soul"
Plato

1 John 3:18

(New King James Version)

18 My little children, let us not love in word
or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

"Don't cry because it's over.
Smile because it happened"

- Dr. Seuss

To change and to change for the
better are two different things.
German proverb

"I am the Good Shepherd and know my own
sheep, and they know me."—John 10:14

I will be there
If one day you feel like crying...
Call me.
I don't promise that I will make you laugh,
But I can cry with you
If one day you want to run away--
Don't be afraid to call me.
I don't promise to ask you to stop...
But I can run with you
If one day you don't want to listen to anyone...
Call me.
I promise to be there for you.
And I promise to be very quiet.
But if one day you call...
And there is no answer...
Come fast to see me.
Perhaps I need you.

Sharing something from the internet

The unofficial theme song for the new Miley Cyrus film "The Last Song" called "When I Look At You" was originally meant to be a Christian song about her relationship with Jesus Christ.

However her record label (Hollywood Records/Walt Disney) wouldn't approve the version of the song she wrote.

When listening to the song you can hear this theme running throughout it.

The version used in the movie includes some minor lyric changes to make it feel she is singing about her "boyfriend" in the movie.

Religious Lyrics include:

"When my world is falling apart and there's no light to break up the dark that's when I look at you"

"When the waves are flooding the shore and I can't find my way back home anymore that's when I look at you."

"When I look at you I see forgiveness, I see the truth."

"You love me for who I am like the stars or the moon."

"Right there where they belong and I know I'm not alone."