



MARKSMAN



NOVEMBER 2009

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. "

Living & working together in God's Grace...

One of the really exciting actions to come out of the 2009 ELCA Church-wide Assembly was the Lutheran Malaria Initiative, which was approved by a vote of 989-11.

It particularly emphasizes eradication of malaria in Africa. The Lutheran Malaria Initiative is a shared effort with Lutheran World Relief (LWR), the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) and the United Nations Foundation.

At the Bishop's Gathering, which I attended the end of Sept, Bishop Finck stated that this effort will also include matching funds from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

In the near future, congregations will be asked to raise donations to support this mission. The mosquito netting that can be used at night to cover people while they sleep is only \$5 per net; but even this amount is unaffordable for many people in Africa.

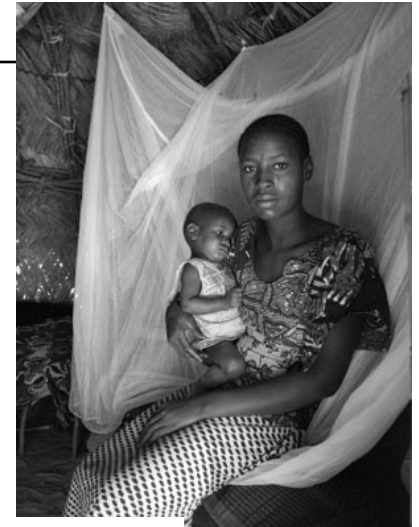
I think it is exciting that we can make a real impact in the world by participating in such an effort.

Watch future "Marksman" for more information as church wide efforts begin.

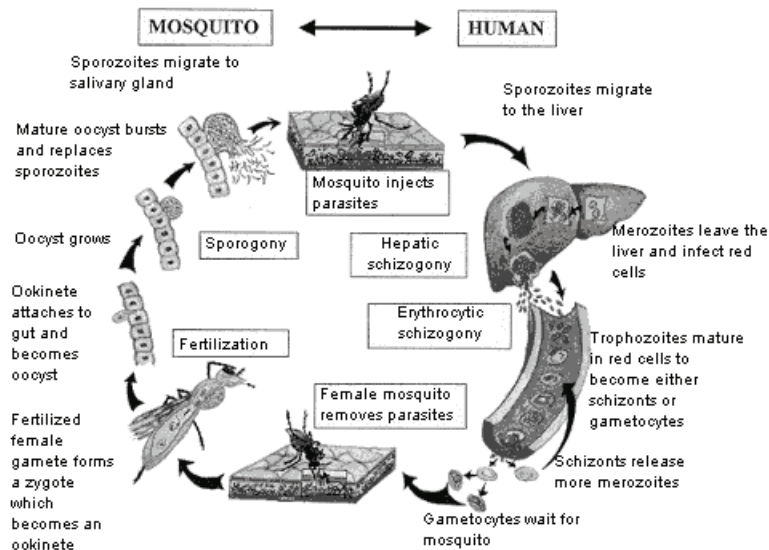
I also have 2 copies of "Stories of Faith in Action-2009" which is full of short stories on where your offering goes and the work of the ELCA in global mission, hunger response, disaster response, new missions, and evangelical outreach.

I will post one issue on our cart in the entry area and place the other in the church office.

Nancy Dreesen
Council President



THE LIFE CYCLE OF MALARIA



One million people die every year of malaria. 300 to 500 million cases of malaria reported worldwide every year. 80% of malaria deaths are young African children. Malaria is the leading cause of death of children in Africa.

St. Mark's has so many great people. Anytime there is a challenge, it seems somebody always steps up to fill a vacant role. Just in the past month I have been privileged to work with several volunteers who not only identified a need but took the initiative to help solve it. In some cases it required that person to do something they had no experience in or required them to use a skill they were unsure of. It really amounted to a leap of faith.

Faith seems to have an endless amount of meanings when used in connection to our Christian beliefs. As a matter of fact, our belief is often used interchangeably with our faith.

They seem to need each other. Sometimes though, faith is found strongest in the smallest things. I see it in action at St. Mark's all the time. Like the quiet person who agrees to coordinate an activity when they would rather stay in the shadows.

I find it very brave and very beautiful to see someone take a deep breath and step into the spotlight. That's the kind of faith that really touches my heart and I can't believe how lucky I am to see it up close so many times.

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Saints & Souls Concert

Gospel and Spiritual Style Music

Featuring

Vocal, Handbell & Handchime Ensembles
of
St. Mark's Lutheran & Chula Vista Presbyterian
Churches

Sunday - November 1st - 4:00 pm

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

Free-will offering will be received.
All proceeds donated to **Project Hand**
Neighborhood Food Pantry

We have been blessed to be a blessing to so many

As I was getting together a talk about our Prayer Quilt Ministry for the Quilter's Jamboree hosted by Thrivent on October 13th, I started adding up the numbers and was surprised to find that in our 5 years of ministry we have prayed over and given away more than 1,500 prayer quilts - gifts of comfort and love from all of us to those in need of our prayers.

Thank you for your part - as a Christian who prays and ties in prayers, and/or one who puts together quilts, puts ties in, and so on. Each of us is important in this ministry, and each of us is blessed.

We meet this month on the 14th, and will not be meeting in December. We will meet again in January.

Please come and join us - we meet one Saturday a month for quilting and fellowship - from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Jacobson Hall. Lunch is provided.

PRAYER QUILTING SATURDAY DATES

Put them on your calendar
Nov. 14th - Jan. 16th

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

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

| Five families to pray for: October 2009 | Church Attendance | |
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| | 9/09 | 9/08 |
| Muriel Eitzen | Week 1 199 | 233 |
| Gerald & Carole Eklund | Week 2 166 | 201 |
| Charlene Elam | Week 3 191 | 224 |
| Katherine Evans | Week 4 201 | 239 |
| Richard Fasig | Week 5 <u>n/a</u> | <u>n/a</u> |
| | Total 757 | 897 |

*Chancel Choir

Rehearsals 6:30 PM.
New singers welcome!

*Celebration Team

7:30 PM. rehearses two Thursdays prior to the service
"praise style"

* New musical group for youth age singers

Slated to begin in October.

*St. Mark's Ringers

Rehearsals Monday, led by Denise Jones at 5:30 - 6:30 PM.
This is an entry-level handbell group.
No previous experience necessary; only a willing spirit!

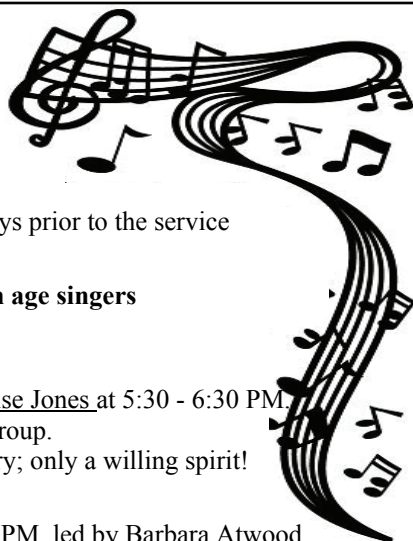
*Sanctuary Bells

Rehearsals Monday, 6:30 - 7:30 PM, led by Barbara Atwood.
Previous ringing or music reading experience is desired.

*Chancel Chimes

Rehearsals Monday, at 7:30 - 8:30 PM. led by Denise Jones
Previous ringing or music reading experience is desired.

*All rehearsals are in the church sanctuary.



I am having a workshop on how to maneuver the church newsletter on line. It will be in the Lower Level on two Wednesdays, the 4th and 11th at 10 to 11.

It is also intended for those without computers to see what the on-line newsletter looks like.

The information is in the bulletin, with a sign up so we can see how many may be interested.

Please feel free to come, ask your particular question, and I will try to answer it.

Ruby



Making Papusa

LHS Production November 20 & November 21

"Of Mice and Men"

Be watching for more information

