



NOVEMBER 2010

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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 7<sup>th</sup> - 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

Greetings: Thank you for your support in this outreach and ministry.

The members of your congregation are cordially invited to attend a free concert on November 7, 2010 at 4:00 PM presented by the musicians of St. Mark's Lutheran and Chula Vista Presbyterian churches.

Entitled Saints & Souls Concert in honor of All Saints Sunday, gospel /spiritual style music will be performed by both vocal and instrumental ensembles.

In these difficult economic times more people than ever from our community need assistance just to feed their families. To help make a difference in the lives of those who are struggling, a free-will offering will be received with all proceeds donated to Project Hand, a neighborhood food pantry, located on the I Street side of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church campus.

Matthew 25:37:40

St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
Treasurer's Report

As of September 30, 2010, expenses exceeded income by over \$32,000. After the \$16,498 transfer from savings that was approved with the 2010 budget, we are still negative almost \$16,000.

Expenses continue to be less than budgeted for 2010. However, Envelope donations continue to fall significantly short of the budget. More concerning, Envelope donations are more than \$18,000 less than received last year at this time, representing a 5% decrease.

The Revitalization loan balance is currently \$586,625.

Your prayerful consideration will be most appreciated as we work to balance our budget.

Diane Flint Wages



**Needed:**

Gently used clothing appropriate for job interviews

**Dress for success**

Located at:  
Christ United Methodist Church  
3295 Meade Ave. San Diego  
(Corner of 33<sup>rd</sup> & Meade)

Drop off of items is the last Saturday of every month from 10 to 12. If need be you may call Sylvia at 619-203-4687 to set up an alternative drop off time.

Second Chance  
Located at:  
6145 Imperial Ave.  
San Diego  
Phone: 619-234-8888

Both Men and Women's clothing

For both places - clothing, shoes, coats, purses, jewelry, etc.

THE ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN IN  
ANY WEEK DAY FROM  
8AM TO 5 PM

**Church Attendance**

	9/10	9/09
Week 1	158	233
Week 2	225	201
Week 3	243	224
Week 4	200	239
Week 5	n/a	n/a
Total	826	897

The Credo program October 9th was fantastic. Many raves from those who attended. The Sanctuary was filled with wonderful music.

It is hoped this program will offered again in the near future.

Be watching for that announcement.



The Women of St. Mark's, the Fellowship Club and the Social Concerns Committee invite all members and friends of St. Mark's Lutheran Church to:

**Salute Our Troops, Past and Present.**

Join in on:

**Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 12 o'clock noon**

for a potluck, speakers representing the past and present, music provided by the Men of St. Mark's and a service project that will reach out to military families and friends of our members.

Look for a bulletin insert for further information  
or call Susan Connors at 619-427-6033



**Greetings from TACO!** As I write this, we are busily preparing for Sunset by the Sea. As you read this, we are celebrating a successful event! More details will be in December newsletters.

As of October 15, 2010, TACO has served 19,212 meals to 12,459 hungry people since January 2010. This work could not happen without the support of so many of you; either with your time or your gifts. Thank you so much.

As the chilly nights get colder and colder during this fall season, more people will be coming to our doors looking for help. We ask that you continue to hold the people we serve in your prayers, remembering God's blessed poor.

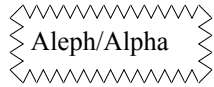
\*Ever-caring God, you who once came to this earth in Jesus and lived homeless among the people whom you love, help us to have compassion for the homeless among us. We know that it is painful to go to bed cold, hungry and outcast, surviving only on scraps from the garbage and castoffs from the closets of the rich. Help us to house and clothe the homeless by sharing from the abundance you have given us without begrudging or condescending. You have taught us that bread alone is not enough, but we pray that bread might be sufficient for all, and that you would add all those other things necessary for life and well-being. Teach us to share and love others in need as Jesus did when he walked among us. Amen.

(Oremus III: A Book of Worship for Corporate and Private Prayer, Lutheran Student Movement)

Blessings,  
Rachel Line  
TACO Volunteer Coordinator

Five families to pray for:  
November 2010

Bob, Melody & Lynn Kohl  
Esther Kort  
Mike & Jean Krsak  
Karl & Ann Larsen  
Tom Larsen



Aleph/Alpha

**HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**

PASTOR SEIBER  
(619) 575-7212  
Please keep these people in your prayers

Hilda Aubol  
Rocky Beebe  
Al Byrd  
N. John and Jan Beck  
Betty Burgess  
Kaho Chester  
Shirley Cook  
Helen Dearmin  
Esther Frederickson  
Florence Harris  
Wally & Eunice Hoefs  
Jessie & Dot Jenkins  
Esther Kort  
Lorrie Malonne  
Arthur Mosen  
Dewey Schulenberger  
Ken Voight  
Jack Wahlquist  
Bob Whittier

The first symbol is the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, Aleph, and the second is the

last letter of the Greek alphabet, Omega. Not only does this symbolize the One who has come and will come again, it also emphasizes the continuity of God's work in history throughout both the Old and New Testaments.

Visitation  
Pastor Seiber  
(619) 575-7212

Prayer Quilts  
Roz Nelson  
(619) 422-5463

Prayer Chain  
Ruby Hultenius  
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Family Ministries  
Director Brett Perkins

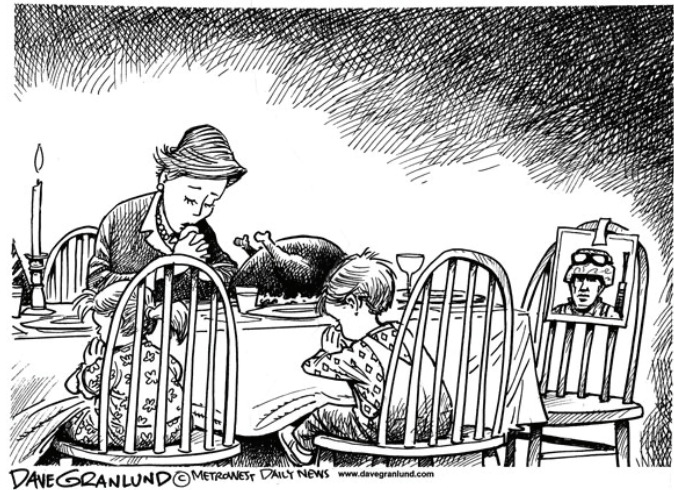
Council President  
Nancy Dreesen

November has many prayer concerns...

- \* Elections in our government-pray for responsible leaders at all levels.
- \* St. Mark's Nov. 19-20 Strategic Planning Retreat-pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as the participants help plan for our Strategic Plan 2020. We want to put our Mission, Vision, & Core Values into action.
- \* Pray for the Holy Spirit to be in the hearts and minds of those asked by the nominating committee members to serve on the Church Council, Memorial Endowment, 2011 Nominating Committee, or attend the May Synod Assembly.
- \* Help all of us to have thankful hearts for the blessings which we as individuals and as a congregation have received this year.
- \* Prayers for strength and courage as we face the challenges before us, whether they are financial, health, or relationships.

I am especially thankful for the support, participation, work, and response of the current Council members. They are a blessing.

Nancy Dreesen, Council President



We thank you, Lord,  
for all you give;  
The food we eat, the lives  
we live.  
And to our loved ones far  
away,  
Please send your blessings,  
Lord, we pray.  
And help us all to live our  
days



**Prayer Quilting Corner**

Roz Nelson

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 DATE**  
put it on your calendar:

**November 20**

**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

Celebrating God's Love & Forgiveness, We Serve Others

## Ministries of St. Mark's

580 Hilltop Drive, Chula Vista, CA 91910

Phone: 427-5515

email: [office@stmarks.sdcxmail.com](mailto:office@stmarks.sdcxmail.com)

Web site: [hilltopcross.org](http://hilltopcross.org)

Worship 9 AM Sunday & Praise Worship 7 PM Wednesday

### Love God

**Chancel Choir:** Sings during 9:00 AM Worship Sept-June. Rehearsals Thursdays 6:30 PM

**Celebration Team:** Sings quarterly Sept-June. (2 Thursday rehearsals @ 7:30 PM prior to singing)

**Sanctuary Bells:** Play as scheduled, Sept-May. Rehearsals Mondays 6:30-7:30 PM

**Chancel Chimes:** Play as scheduled, Sept-May. Rehearsals Mondays 7:30-8:30 PM

**St. Mark's Ringers:** Beginning bells, play as scheduled, rehearse Mondays @ 5:30-6:30 PM

**Praise Band / "The Calling":** Play @ 7:00 PM Weds. Praise Service. Rehearse Sundays 6-8:00 PM

**Little & Little Bitty Bells, Joyful Ringers Youth Bells:** Rehearsal 10:30-11:00 AM Sunday. Play as scheduled

**Choristers:** Rehearsals 8:45-9:05 AM Sundays, Sing as scheduled

**Lay Readers:** Read scripture & prayers during worship services

**Ushers:** At worship services, greet & hand out bulletins, collect offering, answer questions, direct congregation to communion table, seat people as needed

**Communion Assistants:** Help serve communion at each worship service

**Coffee Servers:** Prepare and serve coffee on Sunday mornings after worship

**Audio techs:** Serve in audio booth at worship services, attend 1 Celebration Team rehearsal, make CD's of worship for the CD Ministry, also work in booth @ weddings & funerals

**Glory Lutheran Taiwanese Church:** Worship Sunday at 11:00 AM in Jacobson Hall and meet Fridays at 7:00 PM in Lower Level.

**Christmas Trees:** Erect and decorate trees with Chrismons the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in December.  
Take down and store trees after Epiphany.

**Property Maintenance:** Do general work, i.e.. Painting, basic plumbing, electrical and other maintenance work

### Love Others

**CD Ministry:** Organize CD list of shut-in's, maintain a supply of CD's, coordinate with pastor & audio techs, deliver CD's to shut-in's as needed

**Angel Tree:** Through prison chaplain, this ministry provides 2 gifts each to children who have a parent in prison

**Thursday Quilters:** Meet 9:00-11:30 AM Thursdays in Quilt Room located along "I" St. Quilts are shipped to Lutheran World Relief and distributed world-wide

**Prayer Quilt Ministry (PQM):** Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, lunch provided.  
Quilts are given to those in need of prayers.

**Care Teams/Greeters:** Greet people as they enter, introduce them to others, escort to coffee, take cookies to first-time visitors, invite to become involved in a ministry

**Nursery/Childcare:** Provide childcare during worship services, background check required

**Prayer Chain:** Pray specifically for those in need as requested

**Project Hand:** Part of Lutheran Social Services/So. CA, located on our campus. Distributes food to those in need  
Our members donate food each month

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA):** Meets Mondays 6:00-7:15 PM in Jacobson Hall

**MS Group:** Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in Lower Level

**Hispanic MS Group:** Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday from 10:00 AM to Noon in Lower Level

**Memorial Endowment Fund:** Provide information on making charitable contributions to the Fund. Manage fund investments; distribute scholarships, etc. to approved applicants from fund income

**Scrip Program:** Sign-up participants in Scrip program available through local grocery stores.

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MINISTRIES OF ST. MARK'S CONTINUED

**Learn More & Strengthen Faith**

**Music Education for pre-school – Middle School – Sunday 10:00-10:30 AM**

**Adult Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 6:00-6:50 PM Sept-May

**Adult Bible Study:** Thursdays at 10:00 AM in the Lower Level

**Adult Bible Study:** Following Worship Service on Sunday morning

**Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (Marksmen):** Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month at 8 AM at "Galley at the Marina"

**Men's Bible study, Breakfast & Golf:** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month, 7:00 AM @ Eastlake Golf Course

**First Communion Instruction:** 1-day annually for 10-yr-olds & older and an adult sponsor

**Epicenter Youth Groups:** Activities, trips, meetings for high school students. See bulletin & web site

**Epicenter Youth Group Brunch:** Sundays 10:00 AM (Youth Center)

**Sr. High Youth:** Thursday 6:30-8:00 PM, see bulletin & website

**Jr. High Youth:** Tuesday 6:30-8:00 PM, see bulletin & website

**Confirmation:** Wednesday 6:00-6:50 PM Sept-May for 6<sup>th</sup> graders

**WELCA (Women of the ELCA):** For all women. WELCA Bible Study Circles meet monthly.

Watch bulletin and web site for special activities & programs

Ruth Circle -----	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	@ 1:00 PM
Elizabeth Priscilla Circle -----	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	@ 1:00 PM
Good Book Club-----	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	@ 6:45 PM
Joy Circle -----	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	@ 6:30 PM
Rebecca Circle -----	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	@ 1:00 PM
Eve Circle -----	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	@ 7:00 PM

**Library:** Maintain, promote, purchase, catalog books & other media resources

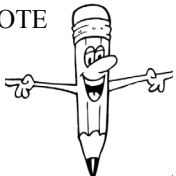
**New Member Class:** Watch bulletin & web site

**Live With Hope**

**Fellowship Club (50+):** Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month at Noon for a potluck & program

**St. Mark's Campers:** Hold campouts on 3-day holiday weekends. Watch bulletin & web site for information.

NOTE



.Dear Lord, we thank you for your promise that you are with us from the beginning to the end of our time. Help us to remember your promise when times are difficult or when we feel alone. Help us to celebrate your promise and remember you when times are good. Be our alpha and omega. Amen