



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."

OCTOBER 2009

Confirmation... Then what?

What do we, as a community of believers do for our kids between confirmation and High School?

We KICK OFF our shoes, and jump right into fall with our new JR HIGH/MIDDLE School group!

This is a fantastic opportunity for 7th, 8th or 9th graders to join in a community of peers focused on living life "In Christ." If HE were in Jr. High...what would that be like?

Christianity is not a "culturally relevant" faith. Our object is not to teach our Jr. high how to "cope" in the world with their faith, but to equip them to live a "culturally irrelevant" lifestyle, immersed in Christ.

We will establish the foundation of a Biblical worldview, then Equip the students to live in the world, without

We will create a place that is not just friends, but family, with weekly gatherings, that do not consist of just "church" but games, and music, and always God's Word. Events like Crazy Bowling, FRIDAY NIGHT OUT, and the Statewide ROCKSTAR event in Los Angeles later this fall, will give our Jr. High and Middle School kids a safe, awesome place where they can "hang out," in every sense!

We want to "...Encourage students to tune out all the noise in the world that tries to distract them from things of meaning, leaving them numb to the things that are in rhythm with God's heart." We want to encourage and inspire our Jr. High to discover their own passion and use it for great things!

Join us in letting the Holy Spirit lead us in this exciting new adventure in God's Kingdom!

Grace and Peace,



Purchase your tickets now for the October 18 St. Mark's Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser to enable us to make our video system purchase.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 18 from 5:00-7:00 PM.

The ticket prices are...

Adult \$7.50

Children 4-12 \$5.00

Children 3 and under age 3 are free.

There will be a Silent Auction. Would you consider donating a "basket" to bid on?

This might include a decorated basket, 2 bottles of a medium to good quality wine, cheese, crackers, and a principal gift item such as dinner for two, or golf items, a gift card, or day spa services.

Baskets in a variety of values would be appreciated. We hope to have something for everyone to bid upon.

Contact Mike Tow if you would like to contribute a basket or assist with the auction. You can email him at mike.tow@ngc.com.

Also, some results are in from my request to share where you volunteer. We have members volunteering with Meals-on-Wheels, with community & government boards & commissions, at Sharp Hospice, with the Chula Vista Elementary School District, with Magic Horse therapy riding center, and helping members of Glory Lutheran with their English proficiency.

Nancy Dreesen
Church Council President

Saints & Souls Concert

Gospel and Spiritual Style Music
by the
Vocal, Handbell & Handchime Ensembles
of

St. Mark's Lutheran & Chula Vista Presbyterian Churches

Sunday-November 1st at 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

Barbara Atwood

CHILDREN'S MUSIC IS COMING!

Children's chimes
"Joyful Ringers" for grades 2-6,
and
"Little Bells" for grades Pre-K-1
will begin **SUNDAY** October 4.

The chimes meet in the sanctuary from 10:30-11 a.m.
after Sunday School.

Little Bells will meet downstairs in the choir room.

We will meet every Sunday until early December.

There is music playing opportunity for older youths, also!

The beginning handbell group--St. Mark's Ringers, meets on Monday evenings from 5:30-6:30, and has room for 4 more players. This group is for youth grade 7+ and adults. No previous music experience needed!!

Contact **Denise Jones** for more information: (619)- 656-7752

SONSHINE/WEST CLUSTER FALL EVENT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
*580 Hilltop Drive, Chula Vista 91910

"BUILDING IN PARTNERSHIP"

Theme Verse: Psalm 127:1
"Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain."

Registration: 9:30 - \$6.00, Program 10:00

Guest Speakers: **Penny Hovick & Sheri Bengtson**

Will tell us about their recent trip to El Salvador to build homes
to
"give a hand up, not a hand out".

Luncheon will follow with a demonstration on making Papusa.
El Salvadoran coffee will be served.

Love Gifts: Lutheran Social Services "Project Hand"

Suggestions: Non-Perishable Items such as cereals, canned fruits, vegetables, soups & meats, rice/pastas/beans, spaghetti sauce, boxed items, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, baby food & formula along with diapers, wipes, personal items & laundry detergent.

RSVP: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Cluster Call Person: Joyce Boutte 619-463-6734 by October 12



Bible Study on Sunday's after service,
has moved to the conference room.

***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 held in the church sanctuary.**

Look what's happening in Jacobson Hall ~ Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser

Come one! Come All!

Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser for the audio/video system.

Sunday October 18th from 5-7pm.

Tickets will be on sale on the patio Sundays through-October 18th.

Prices for adults \$ 7.50

Children 12 and under \$5.00

Children 3 and under are free.

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Karin Quick



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 DATES

put them on your calendar:

Oct. 24th, Nov. 14th



I would like to invite anyone interested in the **54th Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance October 31st at 10:30 PM at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park, San Diego.(FREE).....**

We can carpool from St. Marks parking lot at 9:30

For those of you that are interested I will make reservations at the Hob Nob for lunch,

I will need a head count

loismmasterson@aol.com or 267 0961

Lois M. Masterson.

In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

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	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

Church Attendance

	8/09	8/08
Week 1	208	246
Week 2	259	187
Week 3	197	217
Week 4	218	248
Week 5	<u>232</u>	<u>193</u>
Total	1114	1091

In all things



Five families to pray for:
October 2009

Dottie Detsch
Pat Dolan
Felix, Rebecca, Taylor, Madaya Dominguez
Bob & Nancy Dreesen
Neil, Christina, Sierra, Grant Egasani

Dear God:

So far today I have done all right.
I haven't gossiped.
I haven't lost my temper.
I haven't been greedy, grumpy,
nasty, selfish or overindulgent.
I am very thankful for that!

But in a few minutes, Lord,
I am going to get out of this bed,
And from then on,
I'm probably going to need a lot
more help.
Amen

St Marks Memorial Endowment Fund

Here are some facts about the Memorial Endowment Fund for those who may not be familiar with it.

The Memorial Endowment Fund was established through the generosity of the Long family in loving memory of Bertha Long. The income from the fund will be used for religious, charitable, and Christian education purposes. Some of those being:

1. Emergency relief of physical or economic needs of individuals within St. Marks congregation.
2. Special ministries in Christian education within the congregation.
3. Scholarships for qualified individuals for Christian higher education.
4. Aid in caring for the aged and ill when funds are not available from other sources.
5. Aid to support our youth groups.

No funds can be used for normal church operating expenses or for capital expenditures.

The Endowment Fund Committee is made up of five members.

The present members are Vic Long, Tom Larsen, Lori Annis, Mark Lechner and Russ Stover.

If you have any questions about the Memorial Endowment Fund please contact one of the committee members.

Russ Stover