



THE MARKSMAN



<p>Mission Statement "Celebrating God's love and forgiveness, we serve others."</p>	<p>Core Values Prayer, Accessibility, Service, Communication, Education, Worship, Youth, Healthy Relationships</p>	<p>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."</p>
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Dear Friends of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church (particularly past members),

St. Andrew's is celebrating its **50th anniversary** on the weekend of **September 18 and 19**, and we'd like to invite you to join us.

Former pastors will preach at the services on Saturday at 5:30, and on Sunday at 8, 9:30 and 10:45.

Following the Sunday services, we'll celebrate with a lunch at 1, followed at 2 by a time of remembrance highlighted by short talks from the former pastors.

The cost of the lunch is \$8, but the 2 pm time of remembrance is free.

To RSVP for the lunch, or for more information, call St. Andrew's at (619) 464-4211.

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From San Diego/West:

Take I-8 East. - Exit Lake Murray Boulevard. - Stay right at the fork in the ramp and go north on Lake Murray Boulevard. St. Andrew's is on the left, on the corner of Lake Murray Boulevard and Jackson Drive.



WELCOME



We come back to study together with the Introduction to the new Bible Study from Pastor Ron on Saturday September 11, 2010 at 10 a.m.

Continental breakfast and meeting with the Pastor in Jacobson Hall.

"Women of the ELCA will begin a new study together this fall. If you would like to be a part of a circle, please call Jill McGrew (619-216-3801) or e-mail jmcgrew1@cox.net.

Each circle meets monthly and socializes and studies together. Any woman is welcome to attend any circle.

Elizabeth Priscilla meets the 4th Monday at 1 p.m., Lower Level (LaVon Opheim, Chair)
 Eve Circle the 3rd Thursday at 7 p.m. Conference Room (Jill McGrew, Chair)
 Good Book Club the 1st Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. Lower Level (Tammy Lower, Chair)
 Joy the 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. (Roz Nelson, Chair) at her home
 Rebecca the 3rd Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Jacobson Hall or homes (Betty Wilson, Chair)
 Ruth the 3rd Monday at 1 p.m. (Jean Myers, Chair) at her home.

Church Attendance		
	7/10	7/09
Week 1	236	202
Week 2	199	245
Week 3	206	215
Week 4	241	242
Week 5	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>
Total	882	904

Five families to pray for: September 2010

Ralph, Denise & Emily Jones
 Lance, Crystal & Heaven Kannegiesser
 Lyle & Marlys Kannegiesser
 Shirley Kantrud
 Christie Keefer

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
 Treasurer's Report

As of July 31, 2010, expenses exceeded income by \$23,475. This is an improvement from \$26,718 the prior month.

Expenses remain less than the budget. However, Envelope donations are almost \$26,000 short of budget and more than \$18,000 less than last year at this time. On a positive note, envelope donations were up for the first two weeks of August as compared to last year.

The loan balance is currently \$594,234. Mission Investment Fund notified us that the new loan payment will be \$4,757.34 effective October 1, 2010.

Diane Flint Wages



Be watching for information on A Choral Master Class & 'A Concert by CREDO' in October.

I'd like to share this e-mail with you.

Roz Nelson

Baby Marisol (meaning: the wished for child).



A little over a year ago we requested a prayer quilt for a friend of ours who was told prior to her baby's birth that the baby had a terminal heart condition and would probably not live after birth.

Then once Marisol was born we requested a prayer quilt for her because the family was told to take her home as she would die before the end of the weekend and they wanted the family to meet her and be with her when that took place.

I rushed a prayer quilt over there as fast as I could and the second they received the quilt, they laid it in her crib and she has slept on it every day of her life.

I am happy to say Molly and I will be attending Marisol's first birthday part and they have asked Molly to play 'Here I Am Lord' at the party. Marisol is truly a miracle child and I thought I would share this with our congregation.

She is still very tiny (a little over 8 pounds) but she is a fighter and her family strongly believes that the prayers from our congregation and her quilt were an essential part of that.

Rachel Murphy

News from TACO

Mark your calendars for Sunset by the Sea to benefit the Third Avenue Charitable Organization (TACO), October 23, 2010 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at a beautiful seaside home in La Jolla. This event involves a live and silent auction, an autumn harvest supper, wine and cheese tasting, chocolate – not to mention a breathtaking view of the ocean.

Sunset by the Sea is TACO's largest fundraiser, and all proceeds from the auction go directly to support the ministry of serving the homeless and working poor.

Tickets are \$75 each or 6 for \$300, with all proceeds going to TACO.

To purchase tickets or ask questions, please contact the Sunset by the Sea information line at 619-235-9445, ext 124.

Also, if you are interested in underwriting or sponsoring a portion of the event, or buying an advertisement for in our Auction Catalog, please contact Pastor Andy Taylor at (619) 464-4211. Every angel that helps cover the cost of hosting Sunset by the Sea is helping TACO's bottom line and enabling the event to raise the maximum amount for those we serve. Sponsorship is a great opportunity to help TACO and spread the word about your personal support in the community.

In addition, we are continuing to raise funds for Christmas in July, even in September! For \$25, you can make someone's Christmas brighter with a wrapped gift.

Thank you again for your support of TACO!

We couldn't do it without you!

Blessings,

Rachel Line, Volunteer Coordinator

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS PASTOR SEIBER

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. Pastor Sieber is currently calling on the following shut-ins. Please keep these people in your prayers and remember that most of them would appreciate visits from you as well.

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



Prayer Quilt Corner

Please join us as we meet to sew, put together, and put ties in these quilts.

No experience necessary.

Next Meeting

Saturday, September 18th
 10:00 to 2:00 in Jacobson Hall.

Lunch and snacks will be provided -

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

Preparing St. Mark's for 2020 and Beyond

Change is the Only Constant Everything in the natural world has a life cycle: birth, growth, decline and death. We see it in plants, animals, humans and even, according to scientists, in the life of stars. Organizations have a similar life cycle, and those that are not consistently re-creating themselves for a changing world will die. This is known as "adaptation" in the natural world, or "survival of the fittest."

St. Mark's Has Changed Those of us who have been part of St. Mark's Lutheran Church at any time since it was founded on March 7, 1954, have seen the organization adapt and change over time. We have seen it go from a fledgling organization consisting of 64 and 168 worshipers to a congregation of 1,000 members in 1962 to our current membership of 530 baptized members and an average attendance 245 a week.

17 Pastors and . . . We have adapted to, and continued to renew ourselves, through 17 pastors—some guided us through 25 years and others only a year. We have seen programs come and go as the needs and interests of our members have changed. Do you remember the Bethel Bible Series training, our mission family in Japan, St. Mark's Bowlers with John Beck and Bill Oswald inducted into the Bowling Hall of Fame? Do you remember SALT (Single Adults Linked Together), the Saturday Night Socializers, the Interfaith homeless shelter in Jacobson Hall, SEARCH Bible Study, God's Gifts Wednesday nights, the first children's musical Good News from the Grave? Each of these programs represent our ever evolving life as a congregation.

It is time for...Strategic Planning:

Strategic planning is a collaborative process that enables communities & organizations to:

- a. Learn more about themselves from every angle.
- b. Identify common beliefs & values.
- c. Develop a shared mission & future vision.
- d. Create meaningful action plans & commitments that will guide the future of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Please read or re-read our Mission Statement, Vision Statement and Core Values that are in every worship bulletin. We created these in our transition process. We will again be asking you to participate in helping the Council to translate these into action. You will be asked for your thoughts on our strengths and concerns facing St. Mark's.

We are moving from statements on paper to action. For this we need your help to be able to clearly focus on...

1. Where does St. Mark's want to be in 5 years?
2. What are our goals?
3. How do we measure our success?
4. Where is the Holy Spirit leading us?
5. How do we implement our core values?

Please pray for the Church Council as it serves as the Strategic Management Team in addition to its on-going responsibilities. And Pray for Dr. Sheridan Barker as she facilitates this process.

Nancy Dreesen, Council President

Some things that were started so long ago, remain strong because they have continued to evolve over time to meet the needs of a changing congregation and community: the Children's Christmas program (1954), Women's Circles (1956), the Marksman (1964), coffee on the patio (1968), Project Hand food bank (1983), handbells (1995), Glory Lutheran (2005), Sunday school (1954).

What will next 60 years hold for St. Mark's? Will this still be a viable, adaptive congregation of believers in 2070, serving the evolving needs of this vibrant community of Chula Vista and the South Bay? What will the next 10 years hold? The next 5 years? How will we establish our priorities and actions over the next 5 – 10 years to ensure our children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, neighbors and friends will have St. Mark's to guide them in living our mission: Celebrating God's love and forgiveness, we serve others?

You can be part of that future! Over the next six months, St. Mark's will be creating a new Strategic Plan to guide us and help us invent the future we envision. Every member, and regular worshiper, is encouraged participate. There will be many opportunities to give input and to help shape that future:

1. **Participate by engaging in one of the many focus group conversations** that will take place in September, October and early November. Church Council members will meet with every active group in St. Marks, as well as provide open meetings for anyone to attend.
2. **Participate by completing the online survey.** The link will be on the St. Mark's website by October 1.
3. **Volunteer to serve on the Strategic Planning Team, 25-30** people representing the broad range of ages, backgrounds and experiences are needed. The Strategic Planning Team members must commit to participate in the entire Strategic Planning Retreat: November 19, 5:30 – 9:00 p.m., and November 20, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
4. **Participate on an Action Planning Team in January and February, 2011.** Each major strategy of our Strategic Plan will need 4 -6 members who will design an action plan to ensure that strategy is implemented by 2016.
5. **Participate in implementing one, or more, of the Action Plans** to ensure we are a viable and growing church that will still be serving Christ and the community in 2020 and beyond.
6. **Participate in the Annual Update of Our Strategic Plan in October, 2011.**

**YOU ARE THE PAST, PRESENT and FUTURE
of ST. MARKS!**

Children & God

At Sunday School they were learning how God created everything, including human beings. Johnny was especially intent when the teacher told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.

Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, "Johnny, what is the matter?"

Johnny responded, "I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."