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Summer Worship Special Guest Preacher

July 1: Rev. Barbara Lundblad
See inside cover for more about Rev. Lundblad

Creation Worship Series St. Mark's celebrates a new liturgical season in July . . . The Season of Creation

Each Sunday in July, beginning on July 8, we will turn our attention to God's relationship with all creation and with our relationship with creation. For four Sundays we can join in a wholehearted experience of celebrating the mysteries and wonders of creation with God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. As we celebrate, we empathize with those parts of creation – human and nonhuman – that are groaning because of human crimes against creation.

The Season of Creation is a relatively new season of the church year; a season that is also known in the church bodies of some countries as "Creation Time." Fundamentally, the Season of Creation recognizes that our relationship with the rest of nature is a religious and spiritual matter. We are challenged to rediscover our intimate connections with creation and with Christ and the Holy Spirit in creation. We return to see ourselves as part of the very Earth from which we are made.

July 8: Planet Earth Sunday

"Let the heavens be glad and Earth rejoice." (Ps. 96:11)

July 15: Humanity Sunday

"Hear this all you peoples, give ear all inhabitants of the world, both high and low, rich and poor." (Ps. 49:1-2)

July 22: Sky Sunday

"The sky proclaims the glory of God and the firmament announces the work of God's hands." (Ps. 19:1)

July 29: Mountain Sunday

"The mountains and the hills before you will burst into song." (Ps. 65:9)



Summer Midweek Worship Every Wednesday

Unplug, unwind, and refresh yourself with a 30 minute service of inspiring music, sacred silence, Holy Communion and prayer in our beautiful Sanctuary. If you are away from St. Mark's on the weekend, come and be fed at this worship service . . . 6:45 pm every Wednesday during the summer. A light dinner is served at 6:00 in Heritage Hall. *Note: June 6, there will be worship (but no supper); July 4, there will be no worship or supper.*

Summer Day Camp 2012

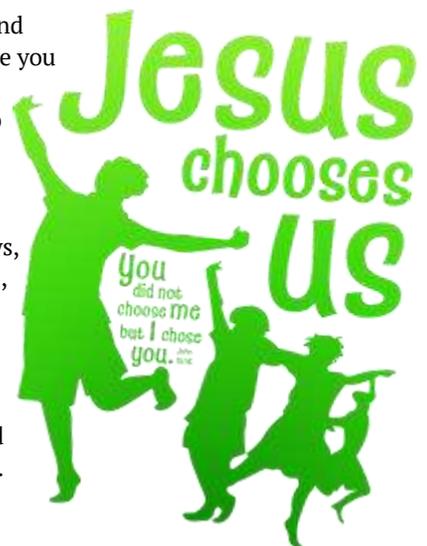
July 16-20

St. Mark's will be hosting its first-ever Day Camp this summer, July 16-20 for Children ages 6-11. We will be partnering with Mt. Cross who will provide us with college-age Day Camp staff, curriculum and exciting activities for the week. This is a great way to invigorate our congregation, youth and families. We encourage you to invite neighbors, friends and families to participate.

The theme is "Jesus Chooses Us". Jesus says, "You didn't choose me, but I chose you."

Day Camp will run from 9 am - 3 pm Monday-Thursday and 9 am - noon on Friday.

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Barbara K. Lundblad—Guest Preacher, July 1

Joe R. Engle Professor of Preaching



Barbara Kay Lundblad received a B.A. in English from Augustana College (1966), the M.Div. from Yale Divinity School (1979), and the D.D. from Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. An ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, she served 16 years as a parish pastor in New York City, as well as campus pastor at Lehman College and New York University. She

has taught preaching at Yale Divinity School, Princeton Theological Seminary, Hebrew Union College, and in the DMin Program of the Association of Chicago Theological Schools. In 2007, she served as president of the Academy of Homiletics. Her teaching interests include preaching in partnership with the congregation, preaching and social transformation, new forms of preaching, and preaching as an integral part of worship.

In her leadership beyond Union, she is currently serving as the President of the Academy of Homiletics and is on the Board of the Lutheran Medical Center in Brooklyn. She has also served as Pastoral Associate at Advent Lutheran Church in Manhattan, as Co-President of The Network for Inclusive Vision (ELCA), and as a member of the local committee for “One Voice” campaign working for full inclusion of GLBT people in the ELCA. She preaches and leads worship regularly at her home church, Advent Lutheran Church, and has preached and lectured at many different congregations and educational centers, both locally and throughout the United States.

During her sabbatical in 2004, Prof. Lundblad participated in a study trip to Israel and Palestine, sponsored by the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. Her “journey though that beautiful, troubled land marked by many clashing images” and her “deeply moving visits with people in Israel and the West Bank” have undoubtedly only served to enhance the quality of her preaching and teaching.

Choir Recognition

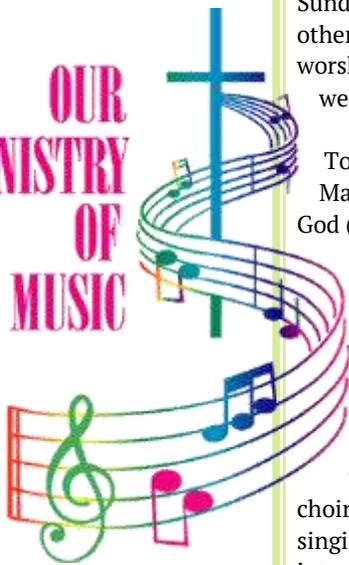
Sunday, June 3, 2012

Sunday, June 3 will be our choir's last official Sunday of the season. Although members of the choir (and other musicians of the congregation - contact Dr. Zerlang if you can help) will continue to sing at 11 am worship throughout the summer, many will be travelling and taking well-deserved time off. On June 3, we take the opportunity to acknowledge the service they have given throughout the past year.

To celebrate the completion of the "choir season" the choir will offer Joseph Haydn's "Little Organ Mass" during the June 3, 11 am Choral Eucharist. Haydn dedicated this very short mass to St. John of God (1495-1565), a Portuguese monk, and the patron saint of the Brothers of Mercy (Barmherzige Brueder). Haydn was on very good terms with members of the order because he had played the organ on Sundays at the order's house in Vienna as a young man, and occasionally at the order's monastery in Eisenstaedt when his employment by the Esterhazy caused him to move there. It is likely that Haydn conducted the first performance of the work from the monastery's organ around 1775.

The missa brevis form, in which this Mass is cast, was popular in Austria and South Germany in the mid eighteenth century; the text was radically shortened by having two or more parts of the choir sing different words simultaneously. In this particular Mass, Haydn has all four parts of the choir singing different portions of the text at the same time in both the Gloria and the Credo. The Benedictus introduces two new features, new to this Mass; that is, an extended organ solo and a soprano solo. Musically this is the high point of the work; it is also the explanation of the title 'Little Organ Mass' under which the work has become famous.

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Women's Monthly Study Gatherings

All women are welcome to come and study together at our evening and/or morning *Gatherings*. This summer our groups will meet on:

1st Tuesdays – June 5 & July 3

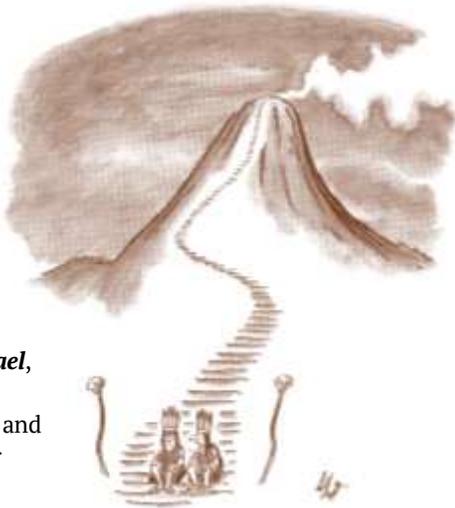
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, Fireside Room

We will be looking at Biblical women's stories, current compelling stories and sharing our own stories. All women are invited to come for dessert and fellowship for the first half hour and then discussion until 8:30. We will be reading *Quest for the Living God* by Elizabeth A Johnson June 5, pages 90 - 152, and July 3, pages 153-226.

2nd Tuesday – June 12

11:00 am to 1:00 pm, Fireside Room

All women are invited to come for study at 11:00 and then at noon to eat their sandwich or salad and share fellowship. Drinks and dessert will be provided. **Pastor Ekdale will report on her recent trip to Palestine and Israel**, which included visits to Ramallah and the Syrian and Lebanese borders. Pastor also visited Rev. Mitri Raheb in Bethlehem and spent several days in Jerusalem.



"I wonder if we could allow women a greater role in religion other than as sacrifices?"

2nd Tuesday – July 10

Lunch Out - Place to be Determined

August

No Gatherings

See you in September.

If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Smith 415.285.7438 or suzathome@astound.net.

Congregational Retreat

A special activity at St. Mark's this summer will be our congregational retreat on June 15-17 at the San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville.

Focusing on real-life experiences of faith, the theme of the retreat will be "Shalom: God's Peace, Justice and Mercy." There will be ample time for prayer, reflection, enjoying nature, and getting to know new people in the church community. The retreat is open to anyone from St. Mark's or MLT who would like to participate and is being organized by Pr. Chuck and a team of leaders. Please see Pr. Chuck after service any Sunday before the retreat to sign up or contact him during the week. The cost of the retreat per person (which includes 2 nights' lodging and 6 meals) is \$224 (single occupancy) or \$194 (double occupancy). A limited amount of financial assistance is available. Please see Pr. Chuck.

March with the Synod at Gay Pride!

The San Francisco Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, Transgender Pride Parade is happening once again on Sunday, June 24 and our local chapter of Lutherans Concerned/San Francisco Bay Area needs your help. We will be carrying placards bearing the names of the 34 Sierra Pacific Synod Reconciling in Christ parishes of which St. Mark is one. That's where your help is needed. Participate with our contingent, carry a placard and receive the applause and accolades of thousands as we proceed up Market Street. The parade will be televised so marching with us could make you a star!



Once again Bishop Mark Holmerud and the Bishop's Associate, Nancy Feniuk Nelson, are planning to be part of our contingent. Prior to the parade we will participate in a combined worship service with Oasis, the Episcopal support group for LGBT persons. Retired Episcopal Bishop Christopher Senyonjo of Uganda will preach and Sierra Pacific Synod Bishop Mark Holmerud will preside at the 10:00 am service at the parade assembly site. Thus you can worship that Sunday and still be in the parade without missing a thing.

For more information and to volunteer your services call Pastor Chuck Lewis at (415) 956-2069.



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Summer Day Camp 2012

Cost for one child is \$75/week; additional siblings are \$60/week. Reduced fee and scholarships are available upon request.

How you can help make Day Camp great:

1. Plan to attend - Mark the week on your calendar now. Registration forms are available on our web site www.stmarks-sf.org
2. Dinner for Counselors - Homes are needed to host the Day Camp staff for dinner each night. After the meal, the counselors will return to their overnight "host" homes. These meals do not need to be fancy (everybody loves pizza!).
3. Morning Snack - Can you provide a simple morning snack for campers? St. Mark's will need to provide a healthy morning snack for each child. You do not need to be present to serve the snack - you are free to drop it off ahead of time and we will be happy to serve it!
4. Lunch Service for Counselors - Can you prepare and serve lunch? Sign up for one day or two. Campers will bring their own sack lunches, but St. Mark's will be providing lunch for the Mt. Cross counselors.
5. Help get the word out - Can you help publicize Day Camp to the community? Contact Kimberly Hamilton-Lam for flyers.
6. Opportunity for HS YOUTH - WE NEED YOU! Mt. Cross counselors would love high school youth (who have completed their sophomore year or older) to partner with them in running camp. Be a part of building memories for a new generation of campers! You get to work with cool college kids who are dedicated to helping build kids' faith! This is an exciting opportunity!

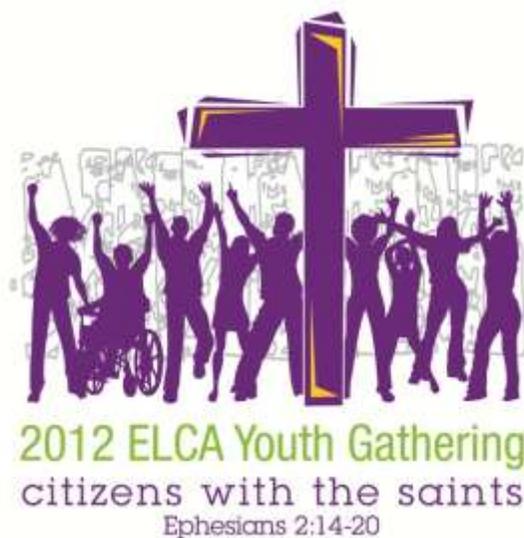
For more information and to volunteer, email Kimberly Hamilton-Lam at mjjkmom@yahoo.com or call (415) 668-8740.

ELCA National Youth Gathering July 17-22, New Orleans

Every three years the ELCA organizes a National Youth Gathering, and 2012 happens to be one of those years! This year, St. Mark's will be sending four youth: Kilian Benson, Natalie Lehmann, Coco Ocker and Astra Varian to New Orleans from July 17th - 22nd for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Maria Anderson and Andrew Sallach will accompany them.

The theme for the Gathering this year is Citizens with the Saints based on the Bible verse, Ephesians 2: 14-20. Each day spent in New Orleans focuses on a specific theme. These themes include: Practicing Discipleship, Practicing Justice and Practicing Peacemaking. The youth will be involved in a variety of activities during that Gathering that range from community service to vocational exploration. Each day will end in the Superdome with worship.

The National Youth Gathering is a once in a lifetime opportunity for youth. Worship includes about 40,000 other youth. Various music artists and special guests, including Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson, come from all over to help lead worship and other gathering activities. If you'd like to learn more about the gathering, contact one of the youth who are going or check out the website for the gathering at: www.elca.org/gathering.



St. Mark's Welcomes Intern Pastor August 1

Eric Huseth will be serving at St. Mark's for 12 months as our Intern Pastor as part of his Master of Divinity program at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. He will spend 60% of his time at St. Mark's and 40% of his time serving with the SF Interfaith Council. Pastor Elizabeth and Michael Pappas of the SF Council will serve as his supervisors.



You can expect to see Eric preaching and teaching, making pastoral visits, helping with the homeless shelter and becoming involved in all aspects of St. Mark's during his 12 months with us. This time is important for his pastoral formation and leadership development. Please welcome Eric and his spouse Abby to St. Mark's

as they become part of the community for 12 months and Eric serves as our Intern Pastor. Welcome, Eric!

About Eric

Eric Huseth is from Minneapolis, Minnesota (his home congregation is Westwood Lutheran Church in St. Louis Park, MN) where he also graduated from St. Olaf College in 2007 majoring in vocal performance and religion. Eric then spent a year abroad near London, England with the Lutheran Global Missions YAGM (Young Adult Global Missions) Program as a Pastoral Assistant for a Church of England Parish in the diverse borough of Camden Town. Upon returning from this life changing experience, he began studying at Luther Seminary in St. Paul in the fall of 2008 and then transferred to Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (PLTS) in Berkeley, CA in 2010. PLTS offers a growing number of opportunities in interfaith work, something Eric has found a passion for in his ministry. He just finished his academic studies at PLTS this spring and upon finishing his internship at St. Mark's will go on to become a pastor in the ELCA. Eric will split his time between St. Mark's and the San Francisco Interfaith Council. He and his wife, Abby, are incredibly excited about being with you on this journey and look forward to meeting you soon!

St. Marks Parents & Kidlettes Camping

San Francisco Presidio

3 PM Friday, August 3 to 2 PM

Sunday, August 5

Join other St. Marks families for a weekend of camping in San Francisco's only campsite - right in the Presidio. Songs, Games, Nature hikes, BBQ and much more. This is a great way to get out in nature without traffic or travel. We also welcome daytime visitors during the weekend. There are a limited number of spaces available, so please RSVP early for this one.

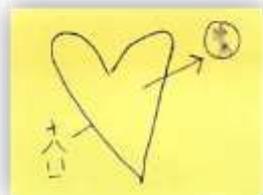
We have a limit of 32 people total. Also, let us know if you would like to join for just Saturday night campfire. Contact Lara Dickinson at 415-730-9583 for more info.



Vines, Branches & Bearing Fruit at St. Mark's

On Sunday, May 6th at St. Mark's we shared and reflected together on Jesus' beloved image of the vine and branches. As a way to explore the important spiritual truth at the heart of this teaching, we did an activity together in which everyone was invited to reflect on how St. Mark's is bearing fruit as a congregation connected to the vine of God's love. We also considered how we might continue to grow in this mission. Everyone was then invited to come forward and attach their "fruit" to the vine—a visual display that incorporated the cross we used on Good Friday. Below is a selection of how St. Mark's' community members responded and shared. We give thanks for how God continues to work among us, calling us into community and sending us forth to share the fruits of peace and justice among us, in the local community, and across the world.

Blessings,
Pastor Chuck



Welcome and
Compassion for All A
newcomer, I feel welcomed The fruit
of the vine is God's love Outreach to the
community by providing concert venue Community
at Coffee Hour GIVING Supporting Teaching
Parish Students Oración por mis hijos y familia en El
Salvador Feeding the Homeless The family tree has many roots and
branches Everybody in the world is connected somehow We should treat
everyone (even enemies) as family Knitting Retreat Adult Forum First
Tuesday WELCA Rwanda School Baptisms Cordero de Dios We
seek to forgive one another Night Ministry Bearing Fruit Sunday School
Coffee Hour Nursing Home Ministry Sending Youth to New Orleans
Knitting Ministry Homeless Shelter Food Pantry RIC Community Reaching out
as Christ reached out to me Inspirational music on Sunday mornings Support
of PLTS Knitting and supporting initiatives with malaria, water Listening, really
listening Sharing Unconditionally loving Reaching out to neighborhood and young
families We seek to love one another in community, sharing and supporting one another in God's
love Adult Education Inspiration to know Christ's love through Journeys of Faith and to live
his words Feeding the hungry and sheltering the homeless Music and Youth ministries
Crop Walk Knitting scarves for the homeless Healing through music Connect
more fully with our community Senior outreach, music, Bible study
Thank you, St. Mark's, for offering so many ways to serve
Teaching our
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Lutheran church
Beautiful worship
Journeys in Faith



Rwanda Projects



Photos of the Clinic Construction in Mumeya, Rwanda

Property Ministry



Every time I work at St. Mark's, Elmo keeps looking over my work and I have to explain what I'm doing.

Synod Assembly 2012





A Season to be Grateful

Thank you to all the volunteers who give of their time and energy to St. Mark's ministries:

- from beautifying the buildings and grounds through the **Property** ministry,
 - to serving countless meals and refreshments through the **Hospitality** ministry,
 - to planning and executing the many components of worship through the **Worship** ministry,
 - to planning Adult Forums, women's study groups, Sunday School and Confirmation classes through the **Education** ministry,
 - to serving at the Winter Shelter and the Interfaith Food Pantry and keeping the congregation informed of causes and concerns in the wider world through the **Social** ministry,
 - to nurturing and protecting our children and youth through **Parent with Kidlettes**, **Youth** events, and **Safe Congregations** trainings,
 - to lifting up the joy of giving and serving through the **Stewardship** and **Endowment** ministries,
 - to welcoming new members and preparing adults for baptism through the **Journeys in Faith** ministry,
 - to supporting the staff through **HR** and **Mutual Ministry**,
 - to providing administrative support by serving as **Church Office Volunteers** and **Counters**,
 - to providing leadership and oversight by serving on the **MLT Board** and **Church Council**,
- ...and so much more!

There isn't an area of ministry that *would* work without devoted volunteers. Thanks and deep appreciation to every one of you!

Sacred Acts at St. Mark's

Join us in commemorating the recent sacred events in our parish:

New Members Received

On April 7 & 8

- Jane Borg
- Gordon Brown
- Kent Brown
- Wendy Figliuolo
- Katy Grindberg
- Quinlan Roy Haller
- Rachel Letchumanan
- Cora Lea Rose
- Cory Schoolland
- Viknesh Silvalingam
- Marcia Spillane
- Norell Wheeler

Baptisms

On April 8:

- Glenn Leon Brown
- Kent Brown
- Quinlan Roy Haller

On April 22:

- Kai Richard Harmeyer
- Clarke Philip Jean Helland
- Clara Hierbaum Moeller

Memorials

On March 24

- Dorothy Seeliger

Love is in the Air

2012 & 2013 Booking Quickly!

If you are anticipating a wedding on the horizon, or interested in learning more about getting married at St.

Mark's, please email Elizabeth Baldrige at baldrige@stmarks-sf.org or call the church office.



Your Gifts at Work

Annual Giving 2012

General Fund

One year pledge	
No. of pledges	144 out of 176 possible
Pledged	\$ 316,864
Received thru 04/30/12	\$ 129,344

Income versus Expenses

<u>Jan-Apr '12</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$ 194,434	\$ 187,875
Expense	\$ 176,795	\$ 194,814
NET	\$ 17,639	- \$ 6,939

Are Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning?

The Estate Planning Workshop

46 people were in attendance at Heritage Hall on Saturday, May 12 to learn about estate planning. Guests included members of the communities of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Francis Lutheran Church, and Martin Luther Tower. The husband and wife team of Randall L. Thompson and Emily A. Thompson, both attorneys at law, walked the audience through the jungle of tax law. They made a difficult subject both interesting and amusing. Chris Andersen, executive director of The Lutheran Community Foundation, also spoke, providing inspirational examples of giving.

The workshop provided valuable information on wills, advance healthcare directives (living wills), trusts, property ownership, gifts, durable financial power of attorney, and durable medical power of attorney. A kit with forms and instructions was provided as well. Feedback from attendees was positive, calling the workshop engaging and helpful.

The workshop was sponsored by the Endowment Committees of St. Mark's and St. Francis Lutheran Churches. The interim pastor of St. Francis, Reverend Pamela Pond, led the blessing before lunch was served.

For enquiries, please contact Debra Varian, chairperson of the St. Mark's Endowment Committee.



Randall L. Thompson & Emily A. Thompson

Council Meeting Highlights

January 19, 2012

- Discussed Christmas season, including effectiveness of changes in liturgies, ushering, Christmas trees, and new outreach efforts.
- Announced Vacation Bible School/Day Camp at St. Mark's July 16-20 in conjunction with Mt. Cross for children kindergarten through 6th grade.
- Announced a second Teaching Parish Student from PLTS, Maggie Garberg.
- Discussed 2012 budget, including increased income from Thrivent Choice Dollars.
- Announced payoff in 2011 of Thrivent loan for retrofit.
- Announced hire of part-time social worker for MLT, and management change to John Stuart Co. Development options on Square are being explored.

February 11, 2012

- Elected Council officers: Suzanne Smith, Pres.; Roger Ostrem, Vice Pres.; Marge Jencks, Sec.; Aron Bohlig, Treas.; and Marisa Louie, Executive Committee Member-at-Large.
- Announced that Interim Assoc. Pr. Brenner's illness presents challenges that will delay his return.
- Approved Shelley Taylor and David Lam for 3-year terms on Endowment Fund Committee.
- Selected Call Committee from candidates showing interest: Dean Atkinson, Diana Gomez, Ana Hurley, Marisa Louie, Bill Mooney, Randy Schieber, and Kyle Schiefelbein.

- Decided Lenten Box offerings will be directed to Lutheran World Relief for safe water systems, and to Women and Children's Community Center in the Tenderloin.

March 29, 2012

- To more widely advertise St. Mark's as a venue for weddings, decided to place an ad for 2 years in wedding guide, "Here Comes the Guide".
- Announced Kimberly Hamilton-Lam will be new Chair of Adult Forum.
- Announced new online membership database under development.
- Approved Ministry Site Profile developed by Call Committee, the first step in call process.
- Decided that funds from Capital Campaign set aside for Cordero de Dios in El Salvador will be distributed for vocational training and clergy endowment.
- Discussed homeless encampments on church steps and around ULC, and the need to balance compassion with the necessity to protect property.
- Pr. Ekdale reported on her recent fact-finding trip to Israel and Palestine, and presented gifts from Galilee of a communion chalice and paten to St. Mark's.
- Discussed feasibility of St. Mark's as an intern site for PLTS student in conjunction with Interfaith Council.



Senior Center Luncheons

Join MLT and St. Mark's seniors for lunch on the following dates this summer:

Thursday, June 21
Thursday, July 3 (4th of July BBQ!)
Thursday, August 16

The lunch is held in St. Mark's Heritage Hall from 12 to 1 pm, and the cost is only \$4 per person. To reserve your spot, please stop by the MLT office or call 415.885.1084.

Senior Center Trips

Look where we're going this summer! MLT and St. Mark's seniors will take in some nature, coastal scenery, and history this summer, and along the way will enjoy the tastes of "Nuevo" Mexico, Cuba, and California. Read on for more about our Senior Summer Trips...



Friday, June 29

Botanical Garden in Golden Gate Park, with lunch at Nopalito

Escape to a unique urban oasis of extraordinary beauty at the **San Francisco Botanical Garden**. The Garden covers 55 acres, filled with landscaped gardens and open spaces and home to over 7500 varieties of plants from around the world. Special collections include ancient plants, a Japanese moon-viewing garden and a Garden of Fragrance that presents a different way of thinking about a garden. FREE for all San Francisco City and County residents with proof of residency (Valid CA ID, PG&E bill + photo ID). We'll have lunch at **Nopalito**, located just a half block from 9th & Lincoln. The menu at this new Inner Sunset location features specialties such as Albóndigas al Chilmore, Caldo Tlalpeño, and Mexican Spiced Hot Chocolate. See you in June for gardens and gourmet Mexican fare.



Friday, July 27:

Barbara's Fish Trap

Perched on pilings and adjoining the Princeton pier in Half Moon Bay, this fisherman's diner, built in 1929, is the real thing: it's both funky and homey, with good, straightforward food. Join us for lunch in July at this MLT perennial favorite. We'll take a beautiful drive down the coast, followed by lunch at Barbara's. Famous for two dishes in particular — it's delicious thick Clam Chowder and the Fish 'n Chips — Barbara's also has incredible Salmon Burgers, Seafood Tempura, and Dungeness Crab Sandwiches. Come along in July to sample the tastes of the California coast!



Friday, August 24:

Rosicrucian Museum in San Jose, with lunch at Habana Cuba

Travel back in time to the era of the Pharaohs at the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum and Planetarium. Discover the Gods and Goddesses of ancient Egypt, find out why the feline was so highly prized, and decipher the secrets of the Rosetta Stone. The **Rosicrucian Museum** has the most complete collection of Ancient Egyptian antiquities in the western part of the U.S. The entrance fee is \$7.00 for seniors 55 and older. For lunch, we'll visit nearby **Habana Cuba**, known for its festive, home-style blends of tropical seasonings that will bring you back to Old Havana. Favorites include Paella, Tostones, sweet plantains, Vaca Frita and slow roasted pork. Sample cultures old and new in August with MLT and St. Mark's seniors.

Senior Trips depart from Martin Luther Tower's Lobby at 10:00 am unless specified otherwise. There is a \$3 per person transportation fee to help defray the cost of gas. To sign up for a trip, please contact (or stop in to) the MLT office at 415.885.1084.

Lettuce Fill Your Fridge!

Produce Market

11-Noon every Wednesday in the ULC
Fresh, seasonal organic fruits & veggies
Volunteers needed!



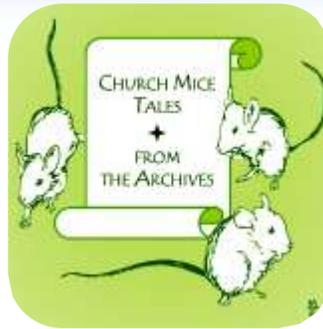
MLT Bible Study

Mondays at 1 pm

All are welcome to attend as Pr. Chuck Witschorik leads a weekly Bible Study on Mondays from 1:00 to 2:00 pm in MLT's Brockie Lounge.

LGBT Monthly Senior Discussion Group

Join us for the opportunity to socialize, connect and strengthen our community on the first Thursday of each month, from 10:30 am to 12 noon in St. Mark's Fireside Room. This group is free for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Older Adults aged 60 and over. Whether you have something to say or just want to listen; we honor your ideas, suggestions, and participation! Upcoming Discussion Group dates are: **June 7th, July 5th, and August 2nd**. Coffee and snacks are provided. This event is co-sponsored by Martin Luther Tower and OpenHouse – an organization dedicated to housing, services and community for LGBT seniors. For more information contact: Fairley Parson at OpenHouse (415.296.8995 x16) or by email at fairley@openhouse-sf.org. We hope you will join us in creating a Healthy and Inclusive Community!



Church Mice Tales

Special Visitors with a Link to Our Past

Reverend Julius Fuendeling leaped from the pages of our history when his great-great-grandson came to visit. Jim Fuendeling, his wife Josette, and their 2 children came to St. Mark's all the way from Arkansas to have a look at the church envisioned and served by Rev. Julius Fuendeling long ago.

The dynamic Rev. Fuendeling enjoyed a distinctive tenure as pastor, arriving at St. Mark's in 1883 when the church was on Geary Street. He brought an era of stability, dedication, and accomplishment that lasted 29 years until his death in 1912. Turn your thoughts back to 1883 when he came to the Geary Street church after an unstable time of a succession of 9 pastors in the prior 16 years. He soon envisioned a new church, as the city grew and many parishioners moved to the "suburbs" in the Western Addition. The opportunity to build the grand new Romanesque style red brick church on O'Farrell Street that we now enjoy became a reality at the church's dedication in 1895.



Rev. Julius Fuendeling gallery photograph and great-great-grandson Jim Fuendeling, March 22, 2012.

During Pastor Fuendeling's influential 29-year ministry, he officiated at 4930 baptisms, 3747 weddings, 3745 funerals, and 3522 confirmations. His distinctive photograph hangs in our gallery of pastors who have served St. Mark's, beginning with Rev. Frederick Mooshake's photo during Gold Rush days, and onward. The gallery is behind the altar and can be entered through the swinging doors to the right of the chancel.



Fuendeling family visit to St. Mark's: Jim, Josette, William, and Sarah, March 22, 2012.

This is the 16th in a series of Tales from the Archives by Marge Jencks

Looking Ahead...Some 2012 Dates to Remember!

Ministry Team Chairs Meeting	Thursday, August 30
Rally Day	Sunday, September 9
Blessing of the Animals	Sunday, October 7
Oktoberfest	Saturday, October 27
Thanksgiving Luncheon	Sunday, November 18
Interfaith Homeless Shelter	Sunday, Nov. 18-Sunday, Dec. 16
Seniors Christmas Dinner	Friday, December 14

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St. Mark's Summer Worship Schedule

Sundays

9:00 am	HOLY COMMUNION w/Children's Time
11:00 am	CHORAL EUCHARIST
12:15 pm	Refreshment and Fellowship Hour

Wednesdays

6:00 pm	Midweek Supper
6:45 pm	MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION

Church Office Summer Hours

Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday, 9:00 am to 12 noon

Church Office Closures

Wednesday, July 4 (Independence Day)



St. Mark's is a "Reconciling in Christ" Congregation

St. Mark's is one of over 315 congregations, 22 synods and 12 organizations across the ELCA and the ELCIC (Canada) which have declared that lesbian and gay people are equally welcome to join fully in the worship and life of this Christ-centered community. For more information, please contact Steve Krefting at krefting@stmarks-sf.org or 415.826.3124 or speak to one of the pastors.

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