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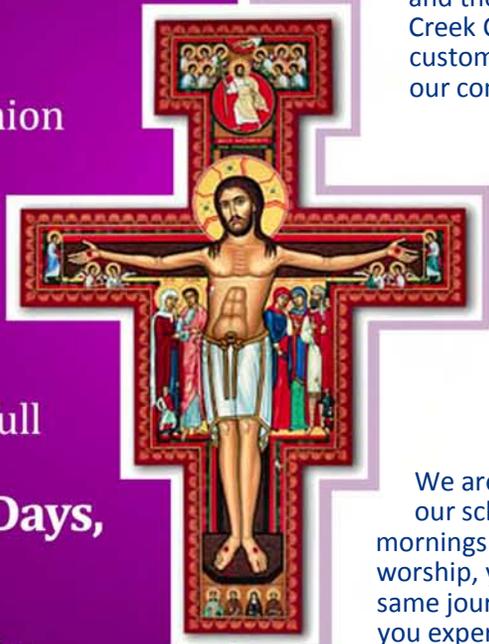
# St Mark's VOICE

QUARTERLY JOURNAL OF REFLECTION AND NEWS

**Lent Begins  
Wednesday,  
March 9  
Ash Wednesday**

**Join us for  
Worship  
12 & 7 pm  
Imposition  
of Ashes  
and  
Holy  
Communion**

**See our full  
Lent,  
Three Days,  
and  
Easter  
Worship  
Schedule  
on page 3**



## **Our Journey in Lent and Beyond . . .**

### **Lenten Reflection by Pastor Elizabeth**

I've been visiting different coffee shops on Valencia St. while waiting for Grace during her drama class. There is a coffee shop almost at every corner! I am always amazed when I walk into a crowded coffee shop

expecting to hear animated conversation and instead discover silence and the clicking of computer keyboards. Currently I am sitting in the Creek Cafe as I write this article and there are only a small handful of customers who dare to speak aloud. The rest of us are hunched over our computer screens in focused silence.

There is a deeper and fuller silence to be experienced and that is the silence during our Lenten liturgies on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. In this sacred silence, we can listen and ponder about what God is saying to us. We can think about the mysteries of our faith and reset our lives toward the cross and the call to follow Jesus. We can rest in this silence. In a way, Lent can be a "reset button" for our lives. In these 40 days we intentionally focus on the basics of our faith and reorient our lives to God's purposes and hopes for the world.

We are a busy people and it seems impossible to add one more thing to our schedules. However, I encourage you to worship weekly on Sunday mornings and give our Wednesday evening worship (7:00 pm) a try. In worship, you will find community - beloved brothers and sisters on the same journey of faith - perhaps with the same doubts and yearnings that you experience. There is company in the silence. There is peace. There is rest for our weariness and hope for our lives.



*Pr Elizabeth marching in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr parade in San Francisco*

Blessings to you in this Lenten season.

*Pr. Elizabeth*

# SEASON OF LENT THROUGH EASTER

## Lenten Midweek Worship Series: "Strengthen Our Faith" Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

What is faith? The text from Hebrews 11:1 defines it in this way: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Our 2011 Lenten midweek worship series focuses on the book of Hebrews, especially the eleventh chapter. The first four weeks provide a journey through the faith of the Old Testament figures, especially Noah; Abraham and Sarah; Moses, Aaron and Miriam; and the Israelites. The fifth week brings us to Jesus, "the perfecter of our faith," and his path to the cross.

Simplify your life, strengthen your faith and journey with your church community through this Lenten season. A soup supper precedes each worship service in Lent at 6:00 p.m. in Heritage Hall.

**Wed, March 16:** The Faith of Noah  
**Wed, March 23:** The Faith of Abraham and Sarah  
**Wed, March 30:** The Faith of Moses, Aaron and Miriam  
**Wed, April 6:** The Faith of the Israelites  
**Wed, April 13:** Jesus, the Perfecter of Our Faith

## Lenten Midweek Book Study "Unleash the Soul of Money" 7:30 pm, Heritage Hall

Following the Midweek Lenten services, join Pastor Hans Hoch and Greg Jahnke for a Wednesday book study of Lynne Twist's "The Soul of Money". Twist's book is a wise and inspiring exploration of the connection between money and leading a fulfilling life. It goes well with the season of Lent where we are called to take stock and reflect on our lives, live simply, and turn around as we reflect on Christ's ministry, passion and resurrection.

**Location & Time: Wednesdays, March 16, 23, 30, April 6 & 13 at 7:30 pm in Heritage Hall**

The book (\$15) can be ordered at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) through St. Mark's website; a few extra copies are available by calling the church office.

## Knitting into the Mystery - A Sacred Time of Using Our Hearts and Hands

**Saturday, April 9, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Heritage Hall**

A Lenten retreat of knitting and learning to knit, praying and reflecting, story-telling and quiet. Everyone is welcome - all levels of knitting ability invited to participate including brand new knitters. Bring a lunch, your current projects, and a friend. We will knit and pray and listen to Lenten reflections during our time together. Expert knitters will be available for consultation and assistance!

Questions? Contact Pr. Ekdale (a beginning knitter) at [ekdale@stmarks-sf.org](mailto:ekdale@stmarks-sf.org) or (415) 928-7770 ext. 230.

## Special Easter Music in May

**Easter Vespers**

**Wednesday, May 25, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary**

**Easter Magnificat - Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)**

Our Easter Vespers service will feature Samuel Scheidt's Easter Magnificat, a wonderful example of a "troped" Magnificat. Larry Cook writes in his addition of the piece "the 'troped' Magnificat, mixing vernacular religious songs with the Latin canticle text, is one of the most delightful liturgical practices to come down to us from the early Lutheran church. The Latin Magnificat was retained in the Vespers service — at least for the major festivals — for about two hundred years after the Reformation. By adding already-familiar vernacular hymns or other sacred songs within or between the Magnificat verses, a composer could render the Magnificat, always performed at Vespers, particularly appropriate to a specific occasion." Our occasion is the continuing celebration of the season of Easter - join us for this musical meditation on Easter.



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## Lent, Holy Week, and Easter 2011

### Ash Wednesday Worship

MARCH 9 • 12 pm & 7 pm  
Imposition of Ashes &  
Holy Communion

### Wednesday Lenten Suppers

MARCH 16, 23, 30, APRIL 6, 13  
6 pm • Simple Soup Supper

### Wednesday Lenten Midweek Worship

MARCH 16, 23, 30, APRIL 6, 13  
7 pm • "Strengthen Our Faith"

### Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday Worship

APRIL 17 • 9 am & 11 am  
Procession with Palms &  
Holy Eucharist

### Holy Week Compline Worship

APRIL 18, 19, 20 • 7 pm  
Prayer & Reflection

### Maundy Thursday Worship

APRIL 21 • 7 pm  
Holy Communion &  
Stripping of the Altar

### Good Friday Worship

APRIL 22

12 pm • Stations of the Cross  
7 pm • Liturgy of Good Friday

*The Passion According to St. John*

- Carl F. Schalk

*Composed for Concordia  
Theological Seminary,*

*Fort Wayne, Indiana (2007)*

*Vinea mea electa -*

*Francis Poulenc (1939)*

*Adoramus te, Christe -*

*Eric Barnum (2009)*

### Easter Vigil Worship

APRIL 23 • 8 pm  
Service of Light,  
Service of Readings,  
Holy Baptism & Renewal  
of Baptismal Vows &  
First Eucharist of Easter

*Choral Responses  
to the readings plus  
The Lord Is Risen Indeed -  
William Billings*

Festive Reception to follow  
in Heritage Hall

Please note that incense will  
be used at this service

### Easter Sunday

APRIL 24

9 am • Festival Easter  
Sunday Service  
with Children's Message

11 am • Festival Choral  
Eucharist Service  
with Special Music

*Surrexit Christus Hodie -  
Samuel Scheidt  
Who Rolls Away the Stone -  
Andreas Hammerschmidt*

8-10:30 am • Church Council

Pancake Breakfast  
in Heritage Hall

10:15 am • Sunday School  
Easter Egg Hunt  
on St. Mark's Square

## An Illumination for St. Mark's - What Scripture Verses Will We Use?

An illuminated manuscript is a manuscript  
in which the text is supplemented by the  
addition of decoration, such as decorated

initials, borders  
(marginalia) and  
miniature

illustrations. In the  
strictest definition of  
the term, an

illuminated  
manuscript only

refers to manuscripts  
decorated with gold  
or silver, but in both

common usage and  
modern scholarship,



the term is now used to refer to any  
decorated or illustrated manuscript from  
the Western traditions. (Wikipedia)

If you have ever seen an illumination, you  
have experienced the beauty and sacred  
mystery of this kind of artwork. We have  
the opportunity to choose verses from  
scripture which best depict the spirit and  
mission of St. Mark's and these will be  
turned into an illumination as a gift to the  
congregation. We thank in advance the  
uncle of Dr. Tim Zerlang, our Director of  
Music, who has graciously offered to  
create an illumination specifically for our  
congregation.

What scripture text best describes the  
spirit and mission of St. Mark's? What  
verses from either the Old or New  
Testaments would you choose for this  
artwork? The Church Council invites  
everyone to discern and reflect about what  
scripture verses we should include in our  
illumination - the artist, Vincent  
Mazzucchelli, will transform the text into a  
piece of art as his gift to this congregation.

**This is a contest . . . and an opportunity  
for discernment! Think and pray during  
the Lenten season about which scripture  
verses describe St. Mark's and turn in  
your selection to the Church Council  
([Council@stmarks-sf.org](mailto:Council@stmarks-sf.org)) The deadline  
for entries is April 14. The Church Council  
will make the final selection and will  
announce this selection to the  
congregation during the Easter Season.**





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## Baptism Sundays at St. Mark's

The church has established a series of Sundays throughout the year to be celebrated as "Baptism Sundays." Here are the dates of St. Mark's upcoming Baptism Sundays:

**May 1 through June 5, 2011**  
Sundays of Easter

**September 4, 2011**  
Labor Day weekend

**November 6, 2011**  
All Saints Sunday

**January 8, 2012**  
Baptism of our Lord

Please contact one of the pastors to schedule a baptism for one of your children or yourself.

## Sacred Acts at St. Mark's

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

Memorial  
Pearl Cheung on January 21, 2011

## WORSHIP



*World AIDS Day Worship, December 1, 2010*

MUSIC

*Tim Zerlang playing the Carillon in the Hoover Tower at Stanford University, where he is the University Carillonneur.*



YOUTH MINISTRY

*We say goodbye to Meredith Gardener in worship.*



## Adult Forum for March, April, and May 2011 10:05 am, Fireside Room

### March 6

#### Privilege & Difference

**Rose Beeson, Teaching Parish Student**

Come explore power, privilege, and difference. Discuss how each of us has access to different types of social capital and consider ways it influences our lives as we strive to live out the ministry of Jesus, both to those in our pews and to those on the margins. We will examine race, class, gender, ability, orientation, and socio-economic status.

### March 13, 20, 27 & April 3, 10

#### Pastors Ekdale and Jennert

Come journey through Lent with the wisdom of the prophets - Daniel, Joel, Habakkuk, Hosea and Ezekiel. The pastors will introduce you to these insightful, courageous and sometimes eccentric characters from the Old Testament. Your Lenten journey will be enriched by walking with them.

### April 17

#### Kyle Schiefelbein

The Triduum - The Three Days: Known as the holiest days on the church calendar, the Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Vigil of Easter is one of the oldest celebrations in the history of Christianity. These days, filled with tremendous theological symbolism and good news in the midst of sadness, proclaim the central theme of the Christian faith, namely, that we proclaim Christ and him crucified. This adult forum attends to these issues and connects their history with the celebrations in our congregations today.

### April 24 - Easter

NO FORUM

### May 1 & 8

#### Hearing the Cries: Faith & Criminal Justice

**Pastor Hans Hoch**

Come for a discussion of the proposed ELCA Social Statement on Criminal Justice. We will look at the social statement in light of crime and its effect on our lives with an emphasis on the purpose of incarceration. The class will explore alternatives to prison for punishment. Does prison cost too much? How would Jesus and his disciples assess incarceration?

Note: On May 7, Pastor Hoch will provide a tour of the Federal Correctional Institution in Dublin, CA for those interested. Pastor Hoch has served there as Chaplain for 13 years. If you are interested in participating, please email him at HHoch@bop.gov.

### May 15 - Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly

NO FORUM

### May 22

#### "Lord, When Did We?" (Matthew 25:31-46)

**Report from Synod Assembly**

**St. Mark's Delegates**

Learn about this year's Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly from our delegates.

### May 29

#### Molly Hogan

Come and discuss how we think about people who have been labeled "mentally ill"? How does the way we view people, and the language that we use, affect the way we welcome people who are "different" to St. Mark's?

## Mt. Cross Lutheran 2011 Summer Camp In the beautiful Santa Cruz mountains

### Fully Drenched (Romans 6)

Camps include activities such as swimming, hiking, campfire cookouts, Bible encounters and campfire devotions, and Team Initiative Program on the Ropes Course.

Cabin groups create their activity schedule from a list of age appropriate activities, participate in all camp activities, spend time at the Trading Post, and feast on quality camp food including a main entree, and a salad bar with fresh vegetable and fruit selections.

Campers can invite friends, select cabin-mates or come alone to meet new friends. Combine several camps with Connections or use Connections for a Saturday or Sunday pick-up. For more information visit [www.mtcross.org](http://www.mtcross.org).

## Safe and Healthy Congregations Training

Jo Chadwick, Pr. Jennert and Pr. Ekdale attended this training sponsored by Lutheran Community Foundation. It was three days of training about domestic violence, protecting children, youth and adults from abuse, keeping our children safe in our communities and congregations and healthy relationships for teenagers. The material and presenters were from the Faith Trust Institute, an organization committed to providing religious communities with the tools and knowledge they need to address the religious and cultural issues related to abuse.

The three days of training were very intense, filled with information, and extremely helpful in providing tools about how St. Mark's can continue to be a safe and healthy congregation for everyone. We welcome any questions about the training and how we will implement the tools we received from the training at St. Mark's. We are committed as a congregation to address these difficult issues, provide healing and safety for our community, and do what we can to prevent abuse and violence in our midst. We also thank Lutheran Community Foundation for underwriting the entire cost of the training for over 80 participants from various Lutheran congregations throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.



## Important Sunday School Dates

- Mar 11-13: Mt. Cross Weekend 3rd-6th grades
- Apr 10: Big Group/Passover celebration
- Apr 17: Big Group/Palm Sunday procession
- Apr 24: Easter - NO Sunday School
- May 15: NO Sunday School (Bay to Breakers)
- May 22: Last Day of Sunday School-PARTY!!!!

## Sunday School at St. Mark's

We started out the new year at Sunday School focusing on world hunger for the first 4 weeks. Normally this is a weighty issue for children, but the ELCA has a wonderful curriculum which addresses this issue in a very appropriate way for children ages 1st through 5th grades. The curriculum is titled: Taking Root: Hunger Causes, Hunger Hope. It integrates well-written children's literature and weekly bulletins which bring together world hunger needs and the progress being made through programs which the ELCA supports.

Mary Ritter, who initiated this program in Sunday School, visited us one Sunday and spoke with all the children about how St. Mark's works to alleviate hunger in the world. She read a children's book about micro loans in the developing world, showed us slides of the social ministry we support and we finished with a letter writing session. All the children, ages 3-11, wrote letters to Nancy Pelosi thanking her for helping hungry children by passing the Hungry Children's Act.

## Maria Anderson Teaching Parish Student

Maria Anderson is a 1st year MDiv student at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (PLTS), excited to be starting with St. Mark's as a Teaching Parish Student. She will be spending 6-8 hours a week at St. Mark's in a variety of capacities. Originally from Minnesota, where all of her family still lives, Maria moved to Oakland last year to spend a year with Lutheran Volunteer Corps. She worked at the Berkeley Food and Housing Project providing case management to the homeless population in Berkeley. This experience has greatly shaped her understanding of ministry and herself. She has



enjoyed being able to keep up with her LVC friends and community and build new community at PLTS. She also looks forward to getting to know the community at St. Mark's.

Maria has been active with the student social justice organization and Lutherans in the Public Sphere (LIPS) at PLTS. LIPS is a group of students who meet on Fridays to discuss current events and how we, as Lutheran Christians, should respond to such events. When not studying or participating in LIPS you can find Maria singing in the PLTS choir, working for seminary relations, working with the Sierra Pacific Synod Anti-Racism Working Group, organizing a social gathering, baking bread or laughing really hard. She is excited to be learning at St. Mark's and hopes you will introduce yourself!



Mary Ritter with Sunday School children and sample letter to Representative Pelosi.



Students attending Lutheran School in Rwanda. St. Mark's Lenten offerings last year helped support the ministry of this school.

# ST. MARK'S MINISTRIES

## St. Mark's Property Team Ministry

### If I Had a Hammer...

Are you good with a brush...have a green thumb...or enjoy working with others? If so, the Property Ministry provides great opportunities to meet fellow St. Mark's members and help improve our facilities. In past months, our team has repaired the sign in front of the church, installed shelving and spruced up the property, both inside and out. This spring, we hope to mount new hardware at several doors, install a picture rail in Heritage Hall, refinish the Vestry mirror frame, maintain our site and landscaping and plan for the relocation of the Nativity art glass window in the ULC Auditorium. Our upcoming Saturday morning projects are scheduled for April 16th and June 11th. If you'd like to join us in planning or completing these or other projects, please contact Gary Schilling.



Cal Culp and Omer Voss build shelving



Jerry Charter, resident landscaper



Gordon Stevenson and Hans Hoch complete the concrete pour for the church sign



Gail Culp and Diane Haavik paint the Sunday School classrooms

## MEN'S MINISTRY



January Men's Event



## Council Highlights

### November 2010

- Stressed need to connect with other religious institutions, such as our participation in a new Interfaith Pantry for working poor.
- Described plans for the World AIDS Day Community Worship Service on December 1.
- Discussed finances, ways to inspire giving, and staffing and attendance challenges.
- Reported hire of new wedding coordinator, Elizabeth Baldrige.
- Reported that receipt from MLT of final installment from sale of tax credits is imminent; funds will help pay down our Thrivent loan.
- Reported pledges for the remaining Taylor & Boody organ stops.
- Discussed development of new Endowment Fund, partnering with Lutheran Community Foundation (LCF).

### December 2010

- Discussed and approved wording for proposed Resolution and Amendment to By-Laws concerning establishment of Endowment Fund in partnership with LCF, to be presented to Congregation for approval at annual meeting on January 30, 2011.

### January 2011

- Announced opportunities to attend Stephen Ministry training, multicultural training, and a catechumenate workshop.

- Reported new Teaching Parish Student is expected, and that the new Wedding Coordinator is booking many weddings.
- Reported receipt of funds to purchase stops to complete Taylor & Boody organ.
- Began study on racism using "Understanding & Dismantling Racism" by J. Barndt.
- Recommended 2011 budget for approval by congregation.

### January 30, 2011 Congregation Annual Meeting

- Approved 2011 Budget. Expressed gratitude to Stewardship Team and members for stepping up to meet budgetary challenges.
- Voted on and approved all nominees for open Council positions: incumbents Jencks and Smith for their 2nd 3-yr terms, and new candidates Marisa Louie (for 3-yr term), Jeremy McClain (for 1-yr term), and Andrew Sallach (for 3-yr term).
- Announced that final payment of \$880,000 from partnership with MLT was received, reducing Thrivent retrofit debt to ~\$350,000.
- Approved establishment of new Endowment Fund in partnership with LCF. Hallmark name will be "St. Mark's Living Heritage".
- Reported funds raised and contract signed for remaining stops for Taylor & Boody organ; expect installation in 1-2 years.

## Thanks to all new pledgers to St. Mark's Ministries!

Thank you to those who responded with a new pledge to St. Mark's ministries

In the middle of January, we had an unexpected gift from two members: they would match every new pledge toward St. Mark's ministries with a gift of \$100. We are so grateful that 10 families from St. Mark's heard this challenge and responded with a brand new pledge toward the General Fund. We are so thankful for these two members who challenged the congregation with this generous offer and we thank them for the additional \$1000 to St. Mark's. Creative stewardship at work in our very midst!

## Your Gifts at Work

Through your financial gifts, we were able to host dozens of Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings each week, listen to our Director of Music, Tim Zerlang play our Taylor and Boody organ, sing the liturgy at the 9:00 while being accompanied by piano, guitar and flute, study relevant topics in our weekly adult forum on Sunday mornings and much, much more. Your gifts make a difference!

## Annual Giving 2011

### Forward in Faith - Building Fund

Three year pledge (2009-2011)  
No. of pledges 108 out of 211 possible  
Pledged \$ 547,979  
Received thru 01/31/11 \$ 354,778

### General Fund

One year pledge (2011)  
No. of pledges 129 out of 211 possible  
Pledged \$ 365,379  
Received thru 01/31/11 \$ 23,385

### Income versus Expenses

January 2011	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 44,931	\$ 37,145
Expense	\$ 42,466	\$ 41,674
NET	\$ 2,465	\$ (4,529)



Council retreat luncheon in Palo Alto



Council retreat in session with Roy Oswald

# SENIOR MINISTRIES

## Senior Center Trips

Trips depart from the Brockie Lounge at MLT. The trips generally take place on a Friday, and the usual departure time is 10 am unless indicated otherwise. Cost: \$3 (fuel surcharge). To RSVP please call the MLT office, 415-885-1084, or Pr. Christian, 415-928-7770, ext. 226.

### Trip dates for the year are:

- March 25
- April 29
- May 13
- June 24
- July 15
- August 26
- September 23
- October 28
- November 18
- December 6 (Tuesday): International Crèche Exhibit in Palo Alto

## Senior Center Luncheons

Senior Center Luncheons take place in Heritage Hall every third Thursday of the month from 12 noon to approximately 1:00 pm. Cost: \$4. To RSVP please call the MLT Office at 415-885-1084.

### Lunch dates for the year:

- March 17 (St. Patrick's Day Luncheon!)
- April 14
- May 19
- June 16
- July – No luncheon. MLT Annual Fourth of July BBQ will take place on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm in Heritage Hall.
- August 18
- September 15
- October 20
- November – No luncheon. All MLT residents and St. Mark's members are invited to join the annual Thanksgiving turkey dinner following the 11 am service on November 20<sup>th</sup> in Heritage Hall.
- December – No luncheon. All MLT residents and St. Mark's Seniors are invited to join the annual MLT/St. Mark's Senior Holiday dinner Friday, December 9 at 5 pm in Heritage Hall.

## Upcoming Senior Trips

### Friday, March 25

#### Overnight Trip to Humboldt Bay with Breakfast at the Samoa Cookhouse

This trip is a special treat for anyone who enjoys a longer road trip to the lost coast. We will leisurely drive along the Redwood Highway and stay at a local budget motel. The next day we will have a traditional logger's all-you-can-eat breakfast at the famous Samoa Cookhouse on Samoa Island in Humboldt Bay. It's a treat - lumberjack style!

Cost: \$30 Motel Room (double occupancy)  
\$14 All-you-can eat Breakfast at the Samoa Cookhouse

Bring a change of clothes, water for the trip and some snacks for Friday evening. There will be an opportunity for those who like to visit one of the local pubs or restaurants in Old Town Eureka on Friday evening.

Sign Up Deadline: Friday, March 18.

### Friday, April 29

#### Dessert & Chocolates at Bittersweet Café in Rockridge/Oakland (limit 6)

Bittersweet's mission is to bring the best that the world of chocolate has to offer. Have you ever been curious about chilies and chocolate? How about a bittersweet chocolate that you'd swear was infused with passion fruit? Is milk chocolate your drug of choice? How about trying a vintage milk chocolate from Java? The Rockridge café and store is a beautiful, cozy place — the perfect spot to meet with friends for some amazing chocolate. Join us for this trip across the Bay Bridge.

Cost: \$3.00

### Friday, May 13

#### Barbara's Fish Trap in Half Moon Bay

Join us for our annual sojourn to Barbara's Fish Trap in Half Moon Bay. Beautiful drive down the Peninsula, good seafood with fun people in beautiful surroundings!

Cost: \$3.00 fuel surcharge

### Friday, June 24

#### Muir Woods, Marin County

Conservationist John Muir declared, "this is the best tree-lovers monument that could possibly be found in all the forests of the world," when describing the majestic coast redwoods of Muir Woods. Join seniors from Martin Luther Tower and St. Mark's Lutheran Church for a scenic day-trip to Muir Woods with its spectacular California Redwoods. We will have lunch in the park; you can either bring your own brown bag lunch or buy something at the Aramark Café and Gift shop. Please note that all 1.5 miles of paved or boardwalk trails are wheelchair accessible. Wheelchairs are available for loan at no cost on a first-come, first-served basis at the Visitor Center.

Cost: \$3.00 fuel surcharge  
Entrance fee: \$3.00

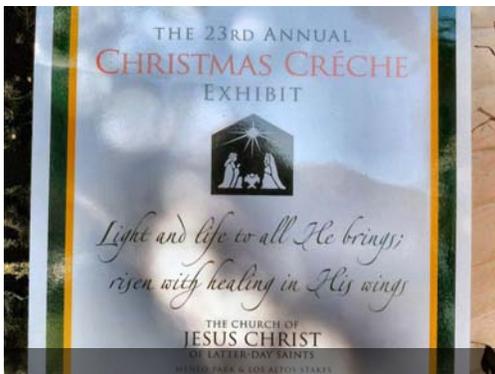


## Going Green at MLT

Martin Luther Tower is a participant in San Francisco's world-class compost program, in which food scraps, soiled paper, plants, and other compatibles are collected and turned into nutrient-rich soil that helps produce the organic food and wine that San Francisco is famous for. Everyone at MLT has access to green carts for compost collection.



MLT and St. Mark's Seniors Christmas Party in December



MLT and St. Mark's Seniors visit Palo Alto Crèche in December

## Staff

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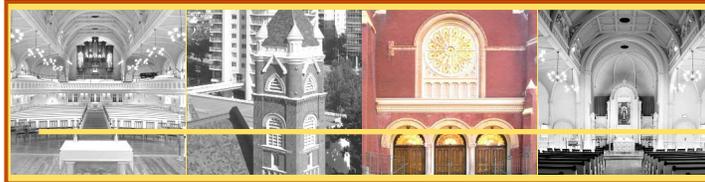
Sunday School Coordinator

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## St. Mark's Worship Schedule

### Every Sunday

Holy Communion w/Children's Time	9:00 am
Sunday School	10:00 am
Adult Forum	10:05 am
Choral Eucharist	11:00 am
Coffee and Fellowship Hour	12:15 pm

### Every Wednesday

Midweek Supper	6:00 pm
Midweek Holy Communion	7:00 pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm

### Sacred Saturday

Every 2nd Saturday of the month at 5:00 pm  
in the Sanctuary  
March 12  
April 9  
May 14

## Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday  
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

## Church Office Closures

### For Easter

Friday, April 22 (office closes at noon)  
Monday, April 25 (office closed)

### For Memorial Day

Monday, May 30 (office closed)

**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](mailto:krefting@stmarks-sf.org) or 415.826.3124 or speak to one of the pastors.



### St. Mark's is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop  
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The Rev. Susan Strouse, Dean, San Francisco Conference  
Sister Parish: Cordero de Dios Lutheran Church in Soyapango, El Salvador