

September and October
2009

St Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Evangelical Lutheran
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*Coming up at
St. Mark's*

■ **Parish Life Fair on Rally
Day, September 13**

■ **Installation of Timothy
Zerlang, Director of Music
on October 18 at the 11:00
a.m. Worship Service**
(Learn more about Tim in his "By
Way of Introduction" article inside!)



■ **Blessing of the Animals on
October 4 at 2:00 pm with St.
Mary's Cathedral at St. Mark's**

SUNDAYS AT ST. MARK'S

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| HOLY COMMUNION w/Children's Time | 9:00 am |
| Sunday School | 10:00 am |
| Adult Forum | 10:00 am |
| CHORAL EUCHARIST | 11:00 am |
| Coffee and Fellowship Hour | 12:15 pm |

WEDNESDAYS AT ST. MARK'S

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| Dinner | 6:00 pm |
| Midweek Holy Communion | 6:45 pm |
| Adult Choir Rehearsal | 7:30 pm |



A tradition returns this fall:

Wednesday Nights at St. Mark's



Starting September 9

6:00 p.m. Dinner

All are welcome to join for a community dinner in Heritage Hall prior to worship.

6:45 p.m. St. Mark's Midweek Worship with Holy Communion

Take a break in the business of your daily schedule and join us for a half-hour service with Holy Communion. Be refreshed in the middle of the week by God's Word and the Sacrament. Make it a habit to stop by your church for a simple service; bring a friend or co-worker and enjoy the gift of worship on Wednesday nights.

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

And starting on December 2

7:20 p.m. Journeys in Faith

PARISH LIFE FAIR ON RALLY DAY, SEPTEMBER 13!

Come to the Parish Life Fair on Rally Day! Join us in Heritage Hall after both services to learn about the great variety of St. Mark's committees and activities, including Hospitality, Social Ministry, Discipleship & Outreach, Education, Youth and Family, Worship, Property, and Stewardship. Mark your calendars for Rally Day, September 13!

Sunday School also begins on that day. Contact Jenny Hart for information at hartx4@hotmail.com.

WELCA

Pam Ruh, Marlo Tellschow & Whitney Wolfe enjoy a meal and fellowship at WELCA's July luncheon.



Pastor Norma Castillo from Cordero de Dios, our sister parish in El Salvador, in a classic San Francisco locale (Alamo Square) during her visit to St. Mark's in June.

STAFF

The Rev. Elizabeth E. Ekdale
Lead Pastor

Jun Ranches
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Administrative Coordinator

Cheryl Garcia
Bookkeeper

Jenny Hart
Sunday School Coordinator

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Tanya Chanthavong**
Nursery Attendants

The Rev. Christian Jennert
Associate Pastor

Timothy Zerlang
Director of Music

Duc Huynh
Buildings & Grounds
Supervisor

The Rev. Chuck Lewis
Visitation Pastor

Stacy Cullison
9:00 am Pianist/Organist

Randy Schieber
Church Council President

Carl Storey
Security

Meet our new Director of Music, Timothy Zerlang

By Way of Introduction



I began my church music career as a cherub, one of several actually, in the Cherub Choir of the First Presbyterian Church in Fresno, California. My older brother and sister were already cherubs, and I was thrilled to join them. My only recollection is that of being confused by how the words to the hymns seemed to jump all over the page rather than moving from one line to the next like they did in regular books. Music notation was a complete mystery. Soon, I began piano lessons, and I hope I became a better cherub as a result. I wasn't much older when I realized two things: that music was, for me, a means by which I could express things I felt inside for which I had no words, and that what I thought I was expressing was not necessarily what people perceived.

That is what still excites and fascinates me after all these years about music in worship. Music, which is a rather inexact but powerful means of expression, when combined with words, enriches our experience of those words, brings the ideas they express into a different focus, and can elevate our understanding in ways that words or music alone fail to do. When music is added to our liturgical practice, our experience of that liturgy is enriched and ennobled. This may be part of what Martin Luther meant when he wrote "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world."

For the last 25 years I have served my career I have also served Episcopalian, Methodist and Greek Orthodox congregations. I don't regret my time spent in congregational singing before my time sense I felt there that "this is who

I am excited to be joining the song of the people of Saint Mark's, San Francisco. I have known your reputation for musical excellence for many years. I have enjoyed shipping in your beautiful sanctuary, and hearing (and now playing) the wonderful Taylor and Boody organ, and am honored that I have been invited to contribute my part. The Taylor and Boody organ is a particular thrill for me to play because of it's beautiful sound, mechanical finesse, and marvelous craftsmanship. Those qualities allow it to address the musical literature of our Lutheran tradition with incredible integrity. I specialized in keyboard performance practices while a grad student at Stanford, and I already know that I am going to learn a lot playing this instrument.

In addition to the position at St. Mark's, I also teach piano and carillon at Stanford University and serve as the University Carillonneur. I maintain a private piano and organ studio, and I perform with ChamberMix, an ensemble I co-founded which specializes in contemporary chamber music. I share my home in Mountain View with my spouse, John Hess, who is Director of Music at Almaden Hills United Methodist Church in San José, and our English bulldog, J.J. In my spare time I like to cook, bake, tend my orchids, and knit.



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Grace Lutheran in Palo Alto. During my time at Grace Lutheran - a least not the way we are, this is what we do."

of the people of Saint Mark's, San Francisco. I have known your reputation for musical excellence for many years. I have enjoyed shipping in your beautiful sanctuary, and hearing (and now playing) the wonderful Taylor and Boody organ,

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 18, when St. Mark's will install Timothy as it's new Music Director. A festive reception will follow the 11:00 a.m. Installation and Worship service.

Timothy Zerlang



Victoria Krikau is pictured in front of the statue of Martin Luther (known to students affectionately as "Gumby") on the California Lutheran University campus. Victoria sends her thanks to all who participated in July's CLU Sunday.



Senior Center trip to the historic Benbow Inn in Garberville (Humboldt County). We left at 7:45 a.m. It was quite foggy and overcast in San Francisco. As soon as we left Santa Rosa and entered Mendocino County the temperature climbed up to 98 degrees. Our van had no A/C. No one should ever complain again about foggy and drizzly San Francisco summers!

Two fall opportunities...

Bible study on the General Letters in the New Testament



*Wednesdays with the Pastors,
Sep. 9 - Oct. 14, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. in Heritage Hall*

*Monday evenings with Dan Pharr,
Oct. 5 - Nov. 9 (Call church office for location and time)*

We will study the often overlooked letters of James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1, 2, and 3 John.

Many scholars do not think that these letter were literally written or dictated by the apostolic leaders whose names they bear. Each addresses believers in Christ who belong to the second and third generations of Christianity. But they continue to speak to believers of every age, offering hope and encouragement grounded in Jesus Christ. Come and explore these treasures on Wednesday afternoon or Monday evening.

The Power of Forgiveness

taught by Pastors Ekdale and Jennert

Tuesdays (Sep.15 - Oct. 13) at 3:00 in the Brockie Lounge of Martin Luther Tower

Forgiveness not only helps relieve mental and emotional anguish, but it offers the possibility for change, for redemption, for restoration. It has the potential to heal and open our hearts. Forgiveness however is not forgetting. It is not accepting or justifying the offense. Rather, it is a conscious, willful choice to turn away from the pain, hurt, resentment and wish for revenge that arises from the hurt.

Come and explore this meaningful topic as it applies to our lives and communities in the world. We will explore the people and events who have modeled active forgiveness in their lives - Elie Wisel, Thich Nhat Hanh, The Amish Community, and the events of September 11 as a way to dig deeper into this topic.



◀ **SMART dines at Townsend**

Members of "St. Mark's Adults 'Round Town" enjoy dinner at Townsend Restaurant and Bakery in August.

Recognition of Ministries on Rally Sunday



The Apostle Paul writes: "For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members of one another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us..." (Rom. 12:4-6a). Rally Sunday not only marks the beginning of the Sunday School year, but it provides us a time to recognize the various ministries carried out by the members of the body of Christ. During the rite of Recognition of Ministries, the various ministries are grouped together: Worship (acolytes, sacristans, altar guild members, assisting ministers, readers, communion ministers, volunteer church musicians, and worship committee members), Education (catechists, mentors, youth ministry workers, nursery workers, and education committee members), Witness (ushers, ministers of hospitality, and evangelism committee members), Service (pastoral care team members, visitors to hospitalized/homebound, service and justice ministries members, and social ministry committee members), and Stewardship (volunteer coordinators, finance and property caretakers, and stewardship committee members).

Blessing of the Animals



October 4 at 2:00 p.m.

This year St. Mark's will celebrate a special Blessing of the Animals Service at a new time



(2:00 pm), to be co-celebrated with members & staff of St. Mary's Cathedral. All pets & their humans are welcome!

Please ensure that pets are safely in carriers or on a leash. Photos of animals unable to attend are also welcome.



Senior Center Events



Luncheons

Luncheons take place at 12 noon in Heritage Hall. The cost per person is \$4.00. Upcoming dates are:

Thursday, September 17

Thursday, October 15

Outings

Friday, September 25

Bodega Bay & Sonoma Coast

Enjoy a scenic drive along Highway 1 to Bodega Bay. We will have lunch at the Sandpiper Restaurant & Café. Enjoy a time away along the beautiful Sonoma Coast. Departure @ 10:15 AM

Friday, October 30

Big Basin Redwoods State Park

We will drive down the Peninsula to the Santa Cruz mountains. Chef Dean Atkinson will prepare a picnic to enjoy surrounded by beautiful Redwoods. Please also bring your own food for yourself or to share. Departure @ 10:15 AM

For more information on:

Senior Lunches

- contact Dean Atkinson at the Tower Senior Trips

- contact Pastor Christian Jennert at the church office (415.928.7770)

Please sign up for ALL activities at Martin Luther Tower's office (415.885.1084.).

Please note: Starting this fall, for all road trips outside the city and county of San Francisco we take a \$4.00 gas surcharge per person.

Why go to church?



A perspective from a Generation X'er

I don't know about you, but I enjoy going to church on Sundays. I have enjoyed going to church as long as I can remember. I blame my mother a little bit. She made sure that I went to the children's church at my local Lutheran congregation for all children ages 5 to 10. And then there was my grandmother. When she returned one summer from a vacation to her cousin (a devout Baptist; yes, they do exist even if marginally in Germany) she put Anne de Vries' Children's Bible in my hand. I was in second grade. Once I started reading the stories, especially from the Old Testament, I couldn't stop. I loved Joseph's life in Egypt and the prophet Elijah being fed by ravens. They seemed so exciting and adventurous to me.

The women in my family were definitely big in my faith formation. But, as you can imagine, there is more to the story. When I was a teenager, right after confirmation, I became a youth-teacher in my church. Alongside adults, I taught children's church, planned the sessions, and shared my faith with the children ages 5-10. I joined our local Lutheran church youth group, a district-wide monthly gathering of Lutheran teenagers that came together for fun, fellowship, and faith projects under the leadership of our diaconal minister. You see, faith formation started early for me and has accompanied me throughout my life. But what I really enjoyed were

Sunday's services. I went every two weeks to our little church, a functional, modern building—nothing to brag about.

It was a two-point parish and our pastor led services on every first and third and sometimes fifth Sundays of each month. The little organ, the simple liturgy, the reading of scriptures, and usually, a decent sermon from the same pastor who baptized and confirmed me, who married my brother and baptized my nieces and nephews, and who buried several of my family members. He is now retired.

I wonder if he knows what impact he had on me? I am reflecting on this as I wonder what it is that brings me back to church Sunday after Sunday today? Well, you may laugh and say, it's a pastor's job to be there. After all, that's what I am trained and am paid to do. And just so there is no confusion, I like to go to church even when I am not preaching and presiding. In fact, I am pretty confident that you would find me in church even if I weren't a trained theologian.

But does going to church still make sense in this day and age? Listening to endless sermons, going through the same liturgy, singing dusty hymns week after week, month after month, year after year...does that still inspire people my age and others?

No matter what worship style you choose, I believe it does. In this ever-changing world, where I have witnessed the rise of cell phones, email, the internet, and now, the ever growing social network sites, where cars are now running on less fuel for more



Adult Forums

This year the forums will be a moveable feast - moving from the brief coffee hour after the 9:00 service sometimes to the Fireside Room in the Urban Life Center and sometimes staying in Heritage Hall to learn and explore together. Just follow the ADULT FORUM signs. We will meet from 10:15 to 10:50. Our coming topics are:

RALLY DAY
Parish Life Fair
September 13
in Heritage Hall

Creation in Context: Genesis
September 20, 27
Dale Loep
in the Fireside Room



miles, where people seem constantly connected, chatting, emailing, and text-messaging, where quick cures and recipes for success and miracle diets change by the month, I am glad that I have the church.

Naturally, I can go and visit Napa Valley on weekends, ski in Tahoe, or lounge in Carmel. But at the end of the day, do these instill in me the sense of peace and meaning that only the Creator, who made all the natural beauties around us, can give? Community that cares, that listens, that speaks words of comfort (and, yes, at times words of challenge) to us cannot be found on Twitter and Facebook.

I believe that God's presence in the Word that is proclaimed and in the bread that's broken and the wine that's poured cannot be replaced by anything else creation has to offer. For me coming to church is like coming home to God. How do I know? When I don't go, I feel that something's missing. Even when the sermon didn't inspire you, even when the songs weren't uplifting, even if your best friends in the pew weren't in church that Sunday, God is.

God is everywhere, of course, but God is especially in the proclamation of the Word and in the Sacrament. This is the spiritual food that gets me going for the week—that which helps me to get through the difficult days in life and which helps me to rejoice when things are well. It is not an option for me. I am not coming to church to get my "spiritual fix" or because "today I feel like it." Church has become a spiritual habit for me that I wouldn't want to miss.

The 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Minneapolis addressed a variety of topics, from a Full Communion Agreement with the United Methodist Church to support HIV and AIDS Funding and a Malaria initiative, to the Adoption of the Social Statement "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust" with implementing Ministry Policies, among other things. Details are available at www.ELCA.org/assembly.

As I have been serving as a Nave Chaplain at Grace Cathedral this summer, I have come to realize that I am not the only Generation X'er who likes church. In fact, there are more out there than one might think. And many of us actually like the ancient readings, sacred hymnody, and good liturgy. It's timeless and grounds us; it helps us connect with a wider cloud of witnesses—the many that have gone before us.

Church is not only for the pious, it attracts people of all ages and walks of life. I see that at St. Mark's and I like it. Maybe I do blame my mother and grandmother for getting me hooked. But it is probably the best "hook" I've ever received. Or, as a colleague put it, "No matter what you think about [church], I still think it's worth it to worship, to pray, and to sing together. Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible, and receives the impossible."

This fall as ministries, Sunday school, Wednesday worship, and small group studies resume at St. Mark's, I hope to see many (and more) of you. Church is a cool place to hang, trust me! ☺

Pastor Christian

Safe Congregation

October 4
Mary Ritter
In Heritage Hall



Creation in Context: Genesis

October 11, 18
Dale Loepp
in the Fireside Room

Luther and the Small Catechism

October 25
Pastor Ekdale
in Heritage Hall

ALL SAINTS DAY - November 1

The Rwandan School
Pastor Karl Smith
in Heritage Hall



Sacred Saturday: Scripture, Silence, Supper, Song



Every second Saturday of
the month starting October
10 at 5:00 pm

Come for a time of Evening
Worship—contemplative, sa-
cred, communal. Gathered
around the Altar, we will re-
ceive the Living Word through
the Scriptures and the Eucha-
rist. We will chant sacred
songs and remain in prayer-
ful silence. Sacred Saturday
offers a different form of ser-
vice. For anyone seeking a
deeper connection with the
Holy One. For anyone seek-
ing a deeper understanding
of the Word. For anyone
looking for sacred worship on
a weekend night. Come and
experience the Living Christ!



Team St. Mark's Lutheran Team Raises \$14,145 for AIDS Walk San Francisco



Three walkers for St. Mark's (Pastor Chuck Lewis, Dana Utz and Laurie Par-
ent) raised \$14,145 in donations for the 2009 AIDS Walk San Francisco. On
a sunny July 19 in Golden Gate Park, our team along with 25,000 caring
individuals raised over \$3.5 million for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation
and other Bay Area AIDS service organizations.

Thanks to all of you who supported our team through your generous dona-
tions. Of 636 teams listed for the 2009 AIDS Walk, St. Mark's ranked
38 in the amount raised. And, that was with only three walkers!

You can find out more about the AIDS Walk at [http://aidswalk.net/sanfran/
index.html](http://aidswalk.net/sanfran/index.html).

San Francisco Night Ministry Annual Benefit

"A Little Night Jazz"

Saturday, October 3



Farewell and God- speed, David!

All of us at St.
Mark's bid a sad
goodbye to David
Auerbach, our In-
terim Organist and
Choir Director for
the last 18 months.
David will now
serve as Interim
Organist and Choir
Director at Grace
Lutheran Palo Alto,
where Tim Zerlang
is from.



A Columbarium in St. Mark's Church



Why a columbarium in St. Mark's? A columbarium is a structure with niches for urns containing cremated remains. Ours is a cabinet. Others are buildings, walls or rooms. The face of the niches may be wood, as ours, or granite, glass, and other materials. A columbarium maybe located inside a building or outside. There is a long tradition that Christians have laid the dead to rest within the church building, or in the surrounding churchyard. St. Mark's will continue this tradition with a columbarium where members' ashes, and those of their loved ones, will be placed in a quiet and sacred space. In our neighborhood, there are columbaria at Grace Cathedral, Old First Presbyterian Church, St Francis Lutheran Church, and St. Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church.

At its May meeting, St. Mark's Church Council passed this motion: "St. Mark's Council approves the creation of a Columbarium, as recommended by the Columbarium Committee, to be located in the landing behind the chancel on the western side of the church, contingent on the receipt of pledges to fully offset the costs."

A Columbarium cabinet has been ordered from Josephs Cabinets, Mendocino, California. The wood cabinet will be finished to coordinate with the nearby stairs and balustrade. The cabinet will hold fourteen double and fourteen single niches, approximately 9"x 12"x 10". The niche doors will have hidden hinges and latches. The cabinet will be 96-1/2" high, 62" wide, 11" deep, six niches wide and seven niches high. Engraved metal plaques will be attached to the niche doors. The cabinet will be anchored to the wall. In order to accommodate the needs of visitors to the columbarium an appropriate piece of furniture, such as a bench, will be provided. The area in the immediate vicinity of the columbarium will be set aside as sacred space where family members and others will feel that they are in a place which is suitable to honor their memory of the deceased. It is hoped to have the columbarium installed by November 1st, All Saints Day.

Pledges have been received that will cover the construction cost. The niches will vary in price, depending on location: \$1,500.00 to \$2,500.00 for a single niche, and \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00 for double niches. Purchase will be available for St. Mark's members and former members. The Columbarium Committee is developing policies for administration of the Columbarium. An outside memorial garden may be considered in the future, when landscaping is redesigned. Questions about this project may be directed to the Committee members: Art Michel, Suzanne Smith and Eunice Childs.



Reformation Sunday, Oct. 25



On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Church. Many consider this act, the calling for a public debate on the abuses in the church, as the start of the Lutheran Reformation. On the Sunday preceding, October 25, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday here at St. Mark's. The liturgy will be based on the tradition of Luther's German Mass (Deutsche Messe), in which liturgical songs from the historic service of holy communion are replaced with hymns (metrical paraphrases) from the time of the Reformation. Come and Worship!



Eunice Childs

**PARENTS WITH KIDLETES -
"THINGS THAT GO"
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

Join the Parents with Kidlettes group at St. Marks' "Square" at 10:00 am on September 6. Bring your kids' bikes, trikes, scooters, wagons, etc. to play and go in the cement asphalt area. This event is in lieu of our regular monthly meeting, so that the kids can join in the fun too!



**PARISH LIFE NIGHT
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

St. Mark's Parish Life Night meets on Thursday, Sep. 10 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Heritage Hall. If you are looking to use your gifts and become more involved, Parish Life Night is for you!

**THRIVENT'S ANNUAL PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

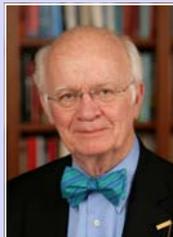


Save the date for the annual free BBQ picnic

sponsored by the San Francisco Thrivent Chapter Board at Speedway Meadow in Golden Gate Park. To reserve your place please call Jo at (800) 564-1293 or thriventsf@yahoo.com.

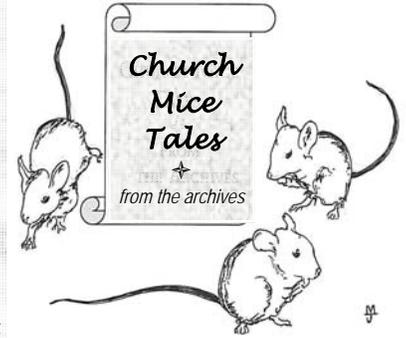
**PLTS FOUNDERS' DAY &
SEMINEX CELEBRATION
SEPTEMBER 23**

You're invited to attend "Building Cultures of Trust" at the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary on Wednesday, September 23. There will also be a celebration of the important history of Seminex. Details and registration is available at www.plts.edu/news.html.



Speaker: Dr. Martin Marty

**Happy 160th
Anniversary,
St. Mark's!**



This year, 2009, commemorates the 160 years that St. Mark's has served San Francisco "in the heart of the city". The roots of St. Mark's originated during the California Gold Rush days of 1849 when Pastor Frederick Mooshake ministered to German immigrants.

In 1949, on the occasion of St. Mark's 100th Anniversary celebration, Dr. J. George Dorn, Pastor, poignantly remarked on the beauty and serenity of our present church completed in 1895. Pastor Dorn's inspirational remarks deserve repeating today:

"Seek out a pew on the balcony some time, as the pastor has done again and again, and allow the reverent beauty of our sanctuary to play upon your soul; you will not have to wait long before influences will bear in upon you from every direction—the walls, the vaulted arches, the altar, which could never come in the hurly-burly of the street or in a poorly appointed sanctuary. And then, you cannot help but think of the devoted and farsighted Pastors and their faithful people who made this lasting monument possible. Every great Cathedral was made possible by devoted souls who realized their trust and determined to share it with oncoming generations....The present beautiful Cathedral-like St. Mark's was a superb act of faith. Only a great faith could have led the pioneers of St. Mark's to project here a monument which has been the admiration of thousands upon thousands of worshippers down through the decades....They built better than they knew...we can express our gratitude by adding to their sacrifice our own....Hitherto, hath the Lord helped us! In His Faith we march on!"

This is the fifth in a series of historical tales from the archives.

Marge Jencks



Annual Giving 2009

Forward in Faith

Three year pledge (2009-2011)

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| No. of pledges | 110 out of 235 |
| Pledged | \$527,963 |
| Received thru 7/31 | \$119,570 |

General Fund

One year pledge (2009)

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|--------------------|----------------|
| No. of pledges | 128 out of 235 |
| Pledged | \$331,592 |
| Received thru 7/31 | \$193,448 |

Income vs. Expenses

| Jan-Jul 09 | Actual | Budget |
|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Income | \$273,316 | \$263,411 |
| Expense | \$282,947 | \$282,330 |
| NET | -\$9,631 | -\$18,919 |



Church Office Hours and Labor Day Closure

Please note that the Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 7 for Labor Day.

Regular office hours begin on Tuesday, September 8.

Regular office hours are:

Monday-Friday,
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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 Baptism Sundays** for the following year:

Sept. 6, 2009

All Saints' Day, Nov. 1, 2009

Baptism of our Lord, January 10, 2010

Easter 2, April 11, 2010

May 30, 2010 (Memorial weekend)

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

Martin Luther Tower Accepting Applications



Martin Luther Tower is currently accepting residential applications. Units have sliding glass doors which open to private balconies, living/dining/sleeping room combination with a large dressing room next to the bath, a remodeled lounge, a computer room with high speed internet, and a location in the heart of San Francisco. Applications are available weekdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at 1001 Franklin in San Francisco. Call the MLT office for details at 415.885.1084. Martin Luther Tower is owned by St. Mark's and is a ministry of St. Mark's.



Council highlights from the July and August Church Council meetings:

JULY

There was no Council Meeting in July.

Council approved the hiring of Dr. Tim Zerlang as Director of Music via conference call.

AUGUST

Council approved the purchase of Event Management Software package. This software will streamline all activities involved with facilitating the use of St. Mark's for concerts, meetings, weddings and other events.

IT IS UP! TAKE A LOOK! The Council Bulletin Board is located in the hallway, across from the nursery. The Council minutes will be posted each month.

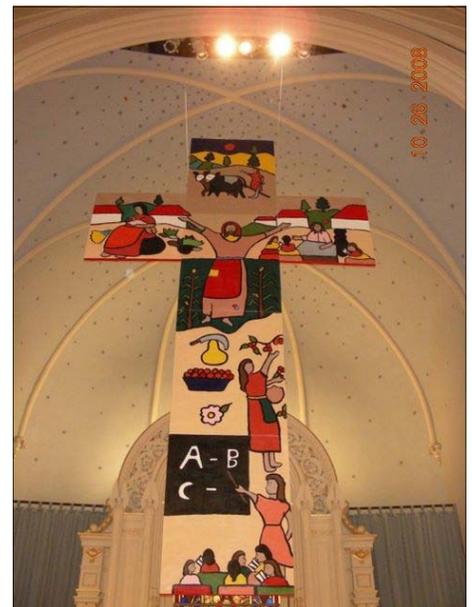
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St. Mark's is a "Reconciling in Christ" Congregation. St. Mark's is one of over 315 congregations, 22 synods and 12 organizations across the ELCA and the ELCIC (Canada) which have declared that lesbian and gay people are equally welcome to join fully 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.



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

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop
The Rev. Mark W. Holmerud, Bishop, Sierra Pacific Synod
The Rev. Steve Sabin, Dean, San Francisco Conference

Sister Parish

Cordero de Dios Lutheran Church in Soyapango, El Salvador



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Church in America**

www.elca.org