



# The Viewpoint

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## “You renew the face of the earth”

Psalm 104:30



By: Pastor Jan Ruud

Installation of

Pastor  
Rebecca Shjerven

Sunday, August 10  
During Worship  
Services  
8:30 – 9:45 – 11:00

Reception with cake  
following each service  
For more information  
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In the beautiful days of summer, we see God's creation being renewed in many ways. Like the author of Psalm 104, we marvel at the awesome power of God who has created everything from mountains and valleys to the tiny creatures that inhabit them and the sun and moon that shine above them. Read the whole Psalm and you will know what I am talking about.

At St. Mark's, the month of August is filled with signs of God's renewal. It begins with the welcome of Pastor Rebecca Shjerven. In her, we see the fulfillment of God's promise to continually renew the church by sending us faithful servants who bring unique gifts and new perspectives into the midst of our life together. We will welcome Pastor Shjerven on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and then install her as our new pastor at all three services on Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. I am thrilled to have her as a colleague in ministry and as a co-worker with all of us in the mission we share.

On Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, we will be renewed again as we welcome Mirjam Hofer, our seminary intern, who will serve with us for ten months. Mirjam comes from the Lutheran School of Theology in Nuremburg, Germany and will

focus on ministry with children and youth during her time here. I know that we will be blessed by the gifts she shares with us.

More renewal happens when we welcome Laura Oellerich as the new director of St. Mark's Pre-school. Laura brings a wealth of experience and talent to this position, and has a deep commitment to the mission of the whole Church. It brings me joy to think of all the children and families who will be blessed by her ministry!

Finally, I am thinking of all the other special events during August that bear witness to God's renewing Spirit in this place. Imagine all the energy and the life that children bring to our congregation as they participate in Vacation Bible School and summer Sunday School, or the gorgeous scenery and community that members soak up as they backpack together in the Cascade mountains and gather with others at Holden Village. Think of the joy we find in serving meals at Nativity House or in gathering as a church family for fun and fellowship on Harstine Island. In all of this, we say with the Psalmist: "Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!"



By: Jim Pence—Building Committee Chair and Kimberly Meade, Congregational President

By the time you read this, St. Mark's will have taken three important steps forward to achieve our goal of linking ministry with facilities:

- ☞ Securing a loan from the Mission Investment Fund (MIF) of the ELCA
- ☞ Receiving a building permit from the City of Tacoma
- ☞ Signing a contract with Wade Perrow Construction (WPC) of Gig Harbor

The schedule for construction is not yet available, but WPC representatives will soon meet with our Building Committee to map out the details. The schedule will be printed in the next issue of *Viewpoint* and posted around the church.

This is a quick summary of what is happening in our building project:

- ☞ MIF authorized us to borrow \$3,015,000 if needed. The congregation has authorized a loan not to exceed \$3,000,000 (we will borrow only what's necessary).
- ☞ As a condition of the loan, MIF required us to pay off the \$24,000 outstanding balance on the congregation's line of credit with Columbia Bank. The Church Council authorized a temporary transfer of \$24,000 from the Grace Upon Grace account to comply with this requirement. The Council also stipulated that the Grace Upon Grace account be reimbursed by December 2008.
- ☞ MIF also requires us to pay \$320,000 towards the project over the nine months of construction. As Jim Holland's financial update in this

*Viewpoint* shows, more than half of that amount is currently available to us. The balance will have to come from donations to Grace Upon Grace that come in during construction.

- ☞ As of July 15, we have contributed about \$26,000 from Grace Upon Grace to Peace Community Center—5% of receipts to date.
- ☞ Mortgage payments will be in the \$18,000 - \$20,000 per month range (depending on the actual amount borrowed).
- ☞ If all of the money pledged to Grace Upon Grace is collected on schedule (i.e., before the end of June 2010), we will be able to make mortgage payments and pay down some principal.

In the coming weeks, as the building project proceeds, we will see disruptions to normal schedules and modifications to our existing facilities. We will also experience the arrival our new pastor and discover new understandings of how enhanced facilities will allow us to improve ministry in education, music, youth and family and fellowship. What exciting times to be "under construction"!

On behalf of the members of the Church Council and the Building Committee, we invite your questions, suggestions, prayers, and faithful stewardship as St. Mark's grows into the next stage of its mission and ministry. The Spirit continues to lead us to live into our calling as a people and a place for God's grace.

# Grace Upon Grace Financial Update

By: Jim Hoiland, GUG Campaign Treasurer

The following is a summary of the finances for the Grace Upon Grace campaign as of **June 30, 2008**.

Total amount paid on pledges	\$526,345.56
Matching funds from Thrivent	\$7,875.00
Interest Earned	<u>\$3,360.54</u>
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b><u>\$537,581.10</u></b>
Program Expenses	\$21,536.26
Kairos Fees	\$34,500.00
Bank Fees	\$674.52
Peace Lutheran	\$8,350.00
Permits	\$7,221.25
Engineering/Design Fees	\$58,866.61
Architect Fees	<u>\$203,778.65</u>
<b><u>Total Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>\$334,927.39</u></b>
<b><u>CASH ON HAND</u></b>	<b><u>\$202,653.71</u></b>

Total amount pledged to date: **\$1,174,008.00** of which **\$526,345.56** has been paid or **45%** (The total pledged includes money designated for the matching funds for the Preschool and the Peace Lutheran Community Center)

All of our outstanding bills have been paid to date.

## Groundbreaking Ceremony – We’re Almost *Under Construction*

The sun shined on our ceremonial groundbreaking as St. Mark’s moved nearer to the day when big machines will show up and the sounds of construction fill the air. We could feel God’s presence in our midst as we prayed and shared scripture. Invited representatives of St. Mark’s former and current leadership and future beneficiaries of the new space turned over soil with gold shovels. It seemed possible to see into the

future as our musicians introduced the theme song, “Build Us Up, Lord” and as our special guests, Pastor Lyle Miller, Architect Larry Broweleit, and Builder Wade Perrow, shared their words of thanksgiving and vision with us. Ice cream sundaes were enjoyed as we continued to share dreams and stories with one another in the waning light. We’re almost *Under Construction* – thanks be to God!



# Christian Education

## Adult Forums: August—September 7 *Singing Our Faith*

Beginning August 3rd, six Sunday Adult Forums will focus on well-loved hymns. Each session will explore biblical connections to the text in two hymns. We will reflect on our personal history with the hymn, learn the history and legends associated with it and how the message of the hymn applies to our daily journey of faith.

- ✠ Aug. 3 - "It Is Well With My Soul" and "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"
- ✠ Aug. 10 - "O God, Our Help In Ages Past" and "Silent Night"

- ✠ Aug. 17 - "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" and "How Great Thou Art"
- ✠ Aug. 24 - "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" and "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
- ✠ Aug. 31 - "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" and "Amazing Grace"
- ✠ Sept 7 - "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

The Adult Forums meet in the Fireside Room at 9:45 and 11:00 a.m.. Barbara and Pastor Otto Tollefson, facilitators.

## Summer Sunday School:

### *God Loves the World*

Summer Sunday school began on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. We have had lots of fun on Sunday mornings in the fellowship hall. All the weeks are already taken, but if you would like to be a part of this summer class time – just appear in the southern part of the fellowship hall (right by the communication boxes) and offer to help. Or offer to help clean up after class one Sunday. I'm sure no one would refuse that kind of assistance!!

### Summer Sunday School: *God Loves the World*

Get ready to travel, kids! Our guides are in place. Our travel plans are made. Teachers, check your communication to get your plans. Each Sunday we will travel to a different country with the help of various guides.

- ✠ August 3: Michelle Marshman will take us to France or Germany
  - ✠ August 10: The Postovoit Family will take us to Sweden
  - ✠ August 17: The Henderson-Wiley Family will take us to South Korea
  - ✠ August 24: The Hamburg Family will take us to China
- A **HUGE** thanks to our guides for the summer.  
Children will remain in church until after the children's sermon at the 9:45 service and then be dismissed to the fellowship hall to travel.  
Bon Voyage!

Summer Sunday school students begin in the sanctuary with singing. After the children's sermon the kids will be dismissed as a group to go to class.

## Thank You from Anne Bettger

I would like to thank Avria Myklegard, Alison Hoseth, Laura Oellerich and the Preschool Board for the wonderful "Retirement" Ice Cream Social that was held on May 31. I enjoyed seeing some of my former students, eating a lot of ice cream and reminiscing about all the good times. I would also like to thank the St. Mark's family for the very generous gift I received. I appreciate it very much. My plans for the remainder of the summer will include a trip to Norway with my daughter, Jill. We are planning to visit Roros, Lillehammer (my fathers home town) and Bergen.

On a final note, I would like to congratulate Laura Oellerich on becoming the new director of St. Mark's Preschool. I have worked with Laura for many years and I cannot think of a more qualified person.

Thank you for letting me be a part of such a wonderful ministry,

Sunday school will be here before you know it. Keep the kids in your prayers and consider helping in some way. Look for sign up sheets to go up a couple weeks after VBS is over. Fall Sunday school begins on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Welcome to our Tree Top Bible Blast

This year we explore the rainforest during Vacation Bible School week from August 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. We'll talk about sharing, giving, loving and praising. Sorry, but swinging from vines is against the church's insurance policy.

Music CDs for VBS have been mailed out to each family. If you did not receive one and would like one there are some on the Education bulletin board across from the office. If you have any questions about VBS please contact Sheri Kurashima or Linda Wimberley.

### *Set up and Clean Up help needed*

Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup>, after the 11am service we will begin transforming the entire church into a rainforest. Whether you are creative or not we can find you a job. You can create something on your own

or simply take a task from the list that will be provided. Come with a friend or come by yourself. Even if the entire church showed up there would be a job for everyone.



On Friday August 8<sup>th</sup> we need all hands in the forest to break down the decorations. We'll need to clear out the decorations from all the common areas. We will need to collect all the recyclable materials and take them to the recycling center out on South Mullen (we'll have way too much stuff to fit in our blue can). We will need to clean the church well because there is a wedding that evening. The more people who can help the faster this will go.

## Education Team Members Needed

It's time to add to the Education committee. Look for meeting times to be posted on the Education bulletin board across from the office. The Education team is responsible for planning and recruiting for Sunday school, the annual Christmas program, Vacation Bible School, third grade bibles and many more important parts of our ministry here at St. Mark's. If you would like to be a part of this active team please contact a team member [Leslie Postovoit, Linda Faaren, John Frazier, Ingelaurie Lisher or Linda Wimberley] or simply show up to a meeting.

# Congregational Care

## Warm Up For Winter

By: Judy Summers

The Fellowship Team is looking ahead to the Fall as we are again sponsoring Warm Up for Winter Appetizer Potlucks to be held during Sept., Oct. and November!! Many people enjoyed the experience last year of getting together with old friends, new friends and meeting some of our new members as well as having the opportunity to donate items to keep others warm for the winter (Nativity House and Salvation Army are the recipients of our donations.)

*What are Warm Up for Winter Appetizer Potlucks?*

These events are potlucks held in someone's home where guests of their choice (old friends, new friends, new members and their sponsors) share appetizers, enjoy the company of St. Mark's friends and donate, if they wish, items that will keep others warm during the winter months ahead.

*How you may want to be involved:*

- ☞ You may want to be a host/ hostess and share your home for an afternoon or evening of your choice.
- ☞ You may want to attend one of these events.

If you would like to be involved in these Warm Up for Winter Events ( and we hope you do!) there will

be TWO sign up sheets in the narthex in late August and in Sept. and October for you to sign up for hosting and/or attending an event. For more information you can call Judy Summers at [460-1442](tel:460-1442) or email her at [judyirwin@earthlink.net](mailto:judyirwin@earthlink.net). In Sept. there will be a MEETING for hosts/ hostesses to get any questions answered. The Fellowship Team will have names of new members who might enjoy attending an event or two to round out your guest list. We hope you'll prayerfully consider participating in this opportunity to share with others and celebrate the friendships, old and new, that God has brought into our lives.

## Would You Like to Sponsor a First Aid Box?

By: Helen Bache, Parish Nurse



There are five first aid boxes in the church that are available for sponsorship. If you like to keep things organized and neat, this is a great job for you! There will be a list of the contents of each box and a place to note the dates that you checked it. There will be a place for your name or initials so that we will know who to thank for doing this important job. It is vital to have a band aid or ice pack, an elastic bandage or protective gloves ready to use when you need them. The Parish Nurses and Church Office have extra supplies to refill boxes as they are used or the contents date expires.

First Aid boxes are in the following places:

1. Main kitchen *This First Aid kit has the most supplies. Work in the kitchen area often uses hot wa-*

*ter, hot utensils, hot stoves and heavy or sharp items. People working in the kitchen are careful but we want first aid supplies ready for them to use. The kitchen can also be easily reached by people working outside on the grounds of the church. Soap and running water are often an important first step in taking care of accidents.*

2. Office copy room *Think paper cuts! Ouch!*

3. "Cry room" at back of church, in the closet. *Supplies will include items for both children and adults and will be readily available to fellowship and worship areas. For example, baby aspirin will be stored there along with both vinyl and latex gloves. Baby aspirin works for pain and fever in little ones and for adults in situations where a possible stroke or heart attack is suspected.*

4. Nursery, in the bathroom. *This box includes information about choking emergencies and CPR for babies and children. There are several instant ice packs in the box which make excellent treatment for bumps and bruises. Always wrap an ice pack in a towel or other protective cloth before applying to skin.*

5. Fireside Room, kitchen area. *There are plastic bags that can be used as an arm sling (Cut sides down, handles over head and place arm in bag bottom.) or use one to gently tie a compression bandage or towel in place. Clean terry towels are a great help to stop bleeding from cuts.*

If you would like to sponsor a First Aid box, please tell Ingelaurie or sign up in the church office.

Parish Nurses are offering  
Blood Pressure Checks  
**Sunday, August 24th,**  
between services.



The Blood Mobile  
will be at St. Mark's  
Sunday, August 3rd  
between services.  
Please consider  
donating blood to  
our local blood bank.

## Upcoming Events: *Mark Your Calendars*

### August 23:

#### *Bible Study Event*

9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Registration: \$15.00

First Lutheran Church, 18920 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. N E, Poulsbo, WA

This will be an introduction to the 2008-2009 Lutheran Woman Today Bible study, "The Hidden Hand of God: Wisdom Stories from Ruth, Daniel, and Esther" The presenter will be Dr. Anne Fritschel from Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. If you have questions, you may call Diane McWilliams 565-2861 or Carol Fossum at 360-620-5368.

### September 20:

#### *Fall Women's Retreat*

9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Bring: a salad. This will be at the Paulson's Fircrest home, 517 Monterey Lane (564-6838).

We have coffee upon arrival, listen to a speaker, usually with a mission theme, and then enjoy fellowship and a salad potluck lunch.

### October 4:

#### *The Women of Southwestern Washington Synod 2008 Convention*

7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Galilean Lutheran at Ocean Shores

This is a one-day convention packed with Bible study, singing, worship, fellowship, workshop experiences, and High Tea. The convention registration cost, \$65.00, includes continental breakfast, lunch, and afternoon high tea.

### November 15:

#### *The St. Mark's Annual Holiday Bazaar*

### December 6

#### *The St. Mark's Women's Annual Advent Brunch*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Transportation

St. Mark's will begin providing a ride to the 11:00 a.m. service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday every month using one of the mini-buses from the Tacoma Lutheran Home. Our goal is to do this more often, but for now we will have drivers enough to begin on August 10<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday that Pastor Rebecca Shjerven is installed. Our church van, is difficult for some to get in and out of. The mini-buses are

user friendly, even accommodating wheelchairs. We will be contacting those of you who have ridden in the van in the past to see if we can pick you up on August 10<sup>th</sup>. If you know of anyone else who might be interested, please spread the word Mark your calendars for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday and plan to join us for worship at St. Mark's.



Roger Willis has begun his training at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. While he cannot receive emails or phone calls, he can receive postcards and letters. The training at the academy is intensive and it would be nice to surprise Roger with the support from his St. Mark's family.

His address is:

MIDN ROGER WILLIS  
Class of 2012  
F Company 11 Platoon  
P.O. Box 15319  
Annapolis, MD 21412-5319



## Christ Caring for People through People

That is the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister's role is to bring God's love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen to you, care for you, support and encourage you, and pray with and for you. In the midst of this confidential, one-on-one, caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through.

If you or someone you know is facing a crisis--large or small--and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, talk to [Janeen Smith](#), [209-5774](tel:209-5774) or [752-4966](tel:752-4966) ext 106. Our two newly trained



Stephen Leaders, along with Janeen and some other previously trained leaders, are ready to get Stephen Ministry back in action here at St. Mark's.

## Outreach Ministry

### Online Viewpoint and New Website

By: Lisa Lindholm

After months of testing and redesign St. Mark's has a new website. When I took on the position of managing our website I had envisioned change, but I didn't realize that I would have come so soon. However, things changed due to the unfortunate incident we experienced with a virus in May.

My goal with the new site was to make it easier to navigate, include more information and give it a new over all feel. From the feedback I've received from the staff I be-

lieve I've accomplished what I've set out. I encourage you to take a look: <http://www.smlutheran.org>. Files are still being added, but the main content is mostly complete.

In addition to the new website many of you are receiving this edition of The Viewpoint electronically. I hope you enjoy the vibrant color, the ability to click on links (text underlined in blue) like the one above and a little less paper in your house.

I would also like to apologize to those of you who were confused

by my article last month. Only those congregation members with their email addresses on file will receive the e-Viewpoint. The remainder will continue to receive a mailed copy.

If you would like to receive a paper copy please call me at 565-1340 or the church office at 752-4966. If you were sent a paper copy and would like to receive the electronic version you may phone me or email me at [lisa@smlutheran.org](mailto:lisa@smlutheran.org).

## Peace and Justice Ministry

### Focus on Mission to Mexico

By: Janeen Smith—Coordinator of Ministry

Thirty three people participated in this year's adult and youth mission trip to El Florido, Mexico, east of Tijuana. We built four houses and hundreds of people-to-people connections. We look forward to presenting our experiences with the worshiping community here at St. Mark's. This is an opportunity for us to say thank you for your support of this annual trip and to share with you what we've received by God's grace because we participated. Please join us at 8:30, 9:45, or 11:00 a.m. on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Verte alli! (See you there.)



# The Impact of Quilts



Last year 452,870 quilts were distributed by Lutheran World Relief to agencies who get them to people who live in poverty and need of daily necessities. Besides quilts, thousands of kits (health, school, sewing, layettes, soap and midwife) are sent.

### *What Effect do these gifts have?*

This story is told about a delivery of 11,250 quilts to Armenia. Twenty years ago two powerful earthquakes killed 25,000 people and left 100,000 homeless. Quilts were distributed to orphans, the elderly and people with disabilities through social service centers and orphanages. "The children of the orphanage met us with

By: Vangie Billingsley

great inspiration and joy, took the quilts to their rooms and made the beds, one after another. They were very excited. Some of them sang songs and recited poems. We were all stirred up." A project officer for World Council of Churches reported the joyful response upon receiving the quilts.

Quilts were delivered to an elderly woman living with three other people in a one room home with no running water. "When we handed her the quilts she was touched and thanked the Lord. The expression on her sick face was changed. Inspired, she began to tell about better days and her family. She hoped for happier days while praying to the Lord. Sometimes just care and attention is enough to encourage people and make them happy."

*Soap!* If each member of our congregation brought one bar of soap during August, we could make someone happy and give them hope. We cannot imagine life without soap.



### *School Bags are Ready to be Filled*

The biggest needs are scissors, pencil sharpeners, spiral notebooks (three 70 page in each kit). We also need pencils, erasers, crayons, rulers and construction paper. Filling a school bag could be a wonderful family project.

### *Health Kits are Desperately Needed*

Hand towel, wash cloth, tooth brush, comb, band aids, soap (bath size) and a metal fingernail file.

Worldwide requests for L.W.R. quilts and kits are on the rise. With your help we can help meet the needs.



## Stewardship Ministry

### Food Bank Suggestions for August:

Canned or dried fruit



### Stewardship (June/July 2008)

DATE	ATTENDANCE	AMOUNT
*June 16		\$ 2,505.00
June 22	277	7,971.47
June 29	308	10,160.58
*July 1		635.00
July 6	308	15,718.65
July 13	243	7,059.49
*July 15		2,505.00
*Simply Giving		

# Worship and Music Ministry

## August 2008 Worship & Music Schedule

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### (Pastor Rebecca Shjerven's 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)

- **8:30 Service:** *Cantors:* Ron & Eileen Tellefson, Levin Conway, Ruth Young  
*Special Music:* Ron & Eileen Tellefson, Levin Conway, Diana Busch (quartet)
- **11:00 Service:** *Cantors:* Karen Grams, Tom Geary, Jeanne Smith  
*Special Music:* TBA

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup>

#### (Pastor Rebecca's installation service)

- **8:30 Service:** *Cantors:* Libby Postovoit, Liz Sobania, Linda Faaren, Danielle Lemieux  
*Special Music:* Liz Sobania, Linda Faaren, Danielle Lemieux (trio)
- **9:45 Service:** *Children's Message:* VBS Children sing
- **11:00 Service:** *Cantors:* Danielle Lemieux, Caresse Robertson  
*Special Music:* Susan Valenti, Janet Ruud, Danielle Lemieux (trio)

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup>

#### (Intern Mirjam Hofer's 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)

- **8:30 Service:** *Cantors:* Sarah & Olivia Sherry, Liz Hirschl  
*Special Music:* Liz Hirschl, solo
- **11:00 Service:** *Cantors:* Danielle Lemieux, Caresse Robertson  
*Special Music:* Summer Choir

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24<sup>th</sup>

- **8:30 Service:** *Cantors:* Ron & Eileen Tellefson, Levin Conway, Jen Olsen Kregel  
*Special Music:* Cindy Iverson, violin solo
- **11:00 Service:** *Cantors:* Janet Ruud, Susan Valenti  
*Special Music:* Cindy Iverson, violin solo

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31<sup>st</sup>

- **8:30 Service:** *Cantors:* Sarah & Olivia Sherry, Kirsti Ruud, Linda Faaren  
*Special Music:* TBA
- **11:00 Service:** *Cantors:* Karen Grams, Tom Geary, Jeanne Smith  
*Special Music:* Janet Ruud, Susan Valenti, Danielle Lemieux, Karen Grams (quartet)

## Vacation Bible School Sings

The children who attended the St. Mark's Vacation Bible School sessions from August 4th-8th are welcome to sing songs learned during this time for worship at the **9:45 service** on **Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**. We will sing 3 songs for the congregation – just come to the service and when I ask the VBS kids to come up, come on up and sing! Hope to see you all there!!!

We are so blessed to have such capable music leadership here at St. Mark's. Thank you to all who led the songs, hymns and liturgy throughout the summer as well as contributed to worship through special music. A big thank you to our terrific accompanist leaders, Phyllis Bachman, Cooper Sherry, Craig Cootsona, and Darren Kerbs. God bless you as you have blessed us!!!

## Worship & Music Team

We will meet this month on Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the Fire-side Room. Please check your email accounts to see what is on the agenda for this month. See you all there.

## St. Mark's Summer Choir

An additional way to participate in music this summer is to join the St. Mark's Summer Choir. The Summer Choir is open to ALL AGES, from young children (4 year olds) to 92-year olds! Just make sure you can attend the practice required to sing on Sunday morning. There are sign-up sheets on the Music Bulletin Board (just across from the main office) or you can contact Danielle (see Summer Music Opportunities article) or just show up at practice. Here is the AUGUST CHOIR schedule:

- ☞ *Saturday practice, Aug., 16<sup>th</sup> (10-11 a.m.) - Sanctuary*
- ☞ *Sunday, Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. (10:30 a.m. warm-up)*

## Welcome, Pastor Shjerven

The people of St. Mark's enthusiastically welcome Pastor Rebecca Lucky Shjerven to ministry in our congregation beginning August 1. Pastor Shjerven has accepted our congregation's call to serve as Pastor with responsibilities for the congregation's Christian Education, Youth & Family, and Peace & Justice ministries in addition to regular pastoral duties. She will be installed during worship services on Sunday, August 10th. We'll celebrate this joyful occasion with cake and punch following each service.

# Youth & Family Ministry

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12



## Thank You

Thanks to all of our adult leaders who lead our youth on their summer adventures this last month: Tony Daniels, Carol Grudzien and Bruce Sadler—Rocky Boy Mission Trip (Montana); Lisa and Derek Lindholm—Western States Youth Gathering (Anaheim). We could not have done these trips without you. Thanks also to the congregation for your continued support of our youth and family ministry program.

## Western States Youth Gathering—

We return Friday, August 1 at 6:45 p.m. to SeaTac Airport. Parents please be there to pick up your youth.

Start planning ahead...2009 National Youth Gathering! July 21-26, New Orleans LA. Registration and hotel is \$545.00 per person, airfare and meals separate. We will register as a group by the end of September. For youth grades 9-12th(2009 graduates included).



SR ALYVE to the Tacoma Rainiers—Friday, August 15th, 6:15 p.m. Cost: \$9.00 per person plus \$\$ for food. Sign up by August 3rd if you are attending.

## August Birthdays

August 1 Nadine Carroll  
Jason Conley  
Shirley Morstad  
August 2 Sheri Kurashima  
August 3 Floyd Bachman  
Charleen Barnes  
Spencer Crenshaw  
Hildegard Filar  
Shannon Fleischfresser  
Natalie Popish  
August 4 Volly Grande  
August 5 Joan Berg  
Nathe Lawver, Sr.  
John Summerour  
Melanie Summerour  
Michelle Wilhelm  
August 7 Helen Bache  
Helen Conroy  
Dustin Hartman  
Luke McConnell  
August 8 Elliott Crenshaw  
August 9 Dana Cheesman  
Lauren Larson  
Lawrence Wimberley  
August 10 Dale Wright  
August 11 Linda Hulst  
Kennedy Lee  
Claudia Silverthorn  
August 12 Bob Chapman  
Rob Irwin  
August 13 Denise Allen  
Ralph Leistikow  
August 14 Alison Wigstrom-Hoseth  
August 15 Philip Birkeland  
Mike Nelson  
August 16 Rolf Morstad  
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August 18 Marie Hoiland  
Kay Luecken

August 19 Julia Brink  
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Earl Steen  
August 20 Mary Jo Larsen  
August 21 Viola Clark  
Ingelaurie Lisher  
August 22 Ryan Gustafson  
Chris Spaulding  
August 23 Mark Gaimster  
Jim Pence  
August 24 Greta Hixon  
August 25 Tom Chapman  
Don Reinkensmeyer  
August 26 Jerrid Hixon  
Gene Keller  
August 30 Stan Adams  
Drew Albaugh  
Natalie Albaugh  
Kendrick O'Neill

## Pastoral Acts

### Transfer –

**Lee Busselman**  
To Emmanuel Memorial  
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### Death –

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August 1 Barbara & Vic Holme  
August 2 Dana & John Cheesman  
August 7 Karin & Anthony DeLorme  
August 9 Pat & Joe Buck  
Marie & Jim Hoiland  
August 12 Katina & Anthony Bundy  
Amy & Greg McCloud  
August 13 Kim & Mark Meade  
August 15 Kathy & Stan Adams  
Arlyn & Alan Anderson  
Helen & David Huseth  
Cyndi & Dan Villegas  
August 16 Julia & Don Brink  
Anna & Theol Hoiland  
Sheri & Gary Kurashima  
Alison Lindsey-Iverson & Ren Gallier  
August 17 Mary Jo & Everett Holum  
Lisa & Derek Lindholm

August 18 Ann & Frank Hruza  
Linda & Jon Jornlin  
August 19 Deborah & John Thomas  
Darlene & Michael Rompogren  
August 20 Linda & Tom Hulst  
August 21 Michelle & Scott Menefee  
Mary & Chet Novak  
August 22 Betty & David Roberts  
Tish & John Steigerwald  
Wendy & Steve Gray  
August 23 Maren & Herman Tobiassen  
August 27 Kathleen & Robert Hasselblad  
August 28 Helen & Earl Sakrison  
August 29 Sue & Dick Zatkovich  
August 30 Carrie & Bob Bonner  
Helen & Dan Conroy  
Patty & Don Reinkensmeyer  
August 31 Kris & Scott Moor

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## Our Mission Statement

*St. Mark's is a people and place for God's grace. We are a baptized and believing people claimed by Christ. Therefore, we call all people to Worship and Witness, Learn and Serve, Share God's Word and Sacraments, Reach Out with Words and Deeds of Love.*

### Worship Opportunities at St. Mark's

*Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday at our morning services.*

#### **Sunday, 8:30 a.m. —**

This worship service draws on a wide variety of musical traditions for both hymns and special music - from Scandinavian Folk Tunes to Asian or Latin American songs of praise; from medieval chants to African American Spirituals - celebrating the rich variety of music that God has given to the Church.

#### **Sunday, 9:45 a.m.—**

The singing at this service is led by a band which includes piano, drums, bass guitar, and often another lead guitar or acoustic guitar, blending contemporary music with historic elements of worship that are in all of our services.

#### **Sunday, 11:00 a.m.—**

People often call this the "traditional" worship service because we sing well-known hymns from our new Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnbook. The Chancel Choir leads the singing, with organ and piano.

#### **Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. —**

*Taizé Prayer Service:* a quiet service centered in contemplative singing and prayer. Candlelit, meditative, renewing, restful peace in the midst of your busy life! The name of the service comes from a community in France, where Christians from all over the world gather for renewal.

**This Service is taking a summer break and will resume in September.**

