

“In Favor of Every Member Attending a Sunday Morning Bible Study Group”

by Pastor Jim Beyer

In these recent weeks we have been flooding you with the encouragement and invitation for every member and friend connected to St Mark to become part of a Sunday morning Bible Study Group (BSG). Adults, young and old, youth, teens, children, all ought to find their way into belonging to a Sunday morning group.

Perhaps you're wondering why we are placing such a high priority on this idea. Simply stated, there are seven (7) reasons I can think of. Let me tell you about just three in this article..

First, belonging to a Bible Study Group brings benefit to your person when it compliments your worship of the Lord. The worship service, itself, is filled with Scripture in its liturgy, its songs and hymns, and in the reading of and proclamation about God's Word. Our worship, praise and prayers are all built around the Word. Yet, the Sunday morning Bible Class Group brings you into a more intimate relationship with God's Word. In a BSG you study the Word, dissect it, talk about it, and ask questions about its meaning and application. Feeding on God's Word in both Worship and in a Bible Study group offers a significant and varied approach for the hearing, digesting and applying of God's Word. It is food for your soul and soul's health.

Second, belonging to a Bible Study Group gives you opportunity to be disciples and to

“grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 3:18). As you are drinking in God's Word more and more, you have opportunity to gain insights from other Christians. We gain so much from being led by a teacher who has given time and thought to the preparation of a lesson or text being considered in the BSG. And we urge and spur one another on in obedience to the word. While a person can study God's Word on his or her own, much greater insights and applications result from being in a group of believers committed to studying and applying the Scriptures.

Third, belonging to a Bible Study Group places you in the midst of a caring and praying community of believers. More and more our Sunday Bible Study Groups at St Mark are intentionally taking time to learn about the burdens we all carry and the needs for which we desire prayer. Christian love, compassion and charity are offered in a BSG. Ministry takes place, burdens are shared, needs are met.

In the next Marksman I will share insights about how Sunday morning Bible study Groups offer the whole congregation a place for fellowship, ministry fulfillment, assimilation and evangelism to happen. If you're not in a BSG, hop on board this next Sunday.

WORSHIP

Sunday, Sept 5, 2010—8:15 & 11:00am

Labor Day Weekend—Pentecost 15

8:15 am - *Praise Music Setting for Worship*

11:00 am - *Divine Service (traditional)*

Our *St Mark Praise Team* will lead music in the 8:15am service in a praise music setting for Worship; and Rachel Durham will be at the organ leading the music in the 11:00am traditional setting for Divine Worship. Pastor Durham will do the preaching. Pastor Beyer will lead the worship and share a Children's Lesson.

Be sure to join a Bible Study Group, 9:45-10:45 am

WORSHIP

Sunday, Sept 12, 2009—8:15 & 11:00am

Grandparents' Day—Pentecost 16

8:15 am - *Divine Worship w/Holy Communion*

11:00 am - *Divine Worship w/Holy Communion*

Pastor Beyer will preach, and Pastor Durham will lead the worship and officiate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Our *Haugen Ensemble* of instrumentalists, with Steve Hinkle on piano, will lead the music of the warm, flowing "*Haugen Setting*" for liturgy and music.

Be sure to invite someone to church.

They will honor God. God will honor them.

WORSHIP

Why We Should Belong to a Church

by Pastor Jim Beyer

Did you know that there are over thirty (30) things the Bible says a Christian is supposed to do which can only be done when that individual belongs to a church? It's true. When God gives us physical life, He means for us to be a part of a physical family that cares for and nurtures us. When God gives us spiritual life, He means for us to be a part of a spiritual family (a local congregation) that will care for and nurture us spiritually. God has designed us physically and spiritually to live in relationship with a family. A person can be a believer and receive forgiveness of sins and salvation through faith in Christ without being a part of a church family. But a Christian cannot be what God intended us to be unless we are a participating member of a local congregation.

God calls us to **WORSHIP** with a family of believers. "*Magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.*" writes the Psalmist (34:3)

God calls us to **PRAY** with a family of believers. "*Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed*" (James 5:16).

God calls us to **EXERCISE MINISTRY GIFTS** the Holy Spirit has given in the company of fellow believers. "*Everyone should use whatever gift he has received to serve others*" (1 Pet 4:10).

We are to **ENCOURAGE** fellow believers in the family. "*So encourage each other and give each other strength*" (1 Thes 5:10).

God calls us to **DO GOOD** for the family of believers. "*Let us do good especially to those who*

belong to the family of believers" (Gal 6:10).

God calls us to **HELP** the family of believers. "*God planned that we should spend our lives in helping others*" (Eph 2:10).

God calls us to **BEAR THE BURDENS** of fellow family members. "*By helping each other with your troubles, you truly obey the law of Christ*" (Gal. 6:2).

God calls us to **SHARE** the abundance of our wealth with the family of believers. "*Share with God's people who are in need*" (Rom 12:13; Cf: Acts 2).

God calls us to share **LOVE** with the family of believers. "*You should be like one big happy family, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts*" (1 Pet 3:18).

The Apostle Paul calls the Christian's participation in the local congregation both a privilege and a responsibility. "*...This is your responsibility and privilege as members of His body*" (Col 3:15). "*In Christ, we who are many, form one Body and each member belongs to all the others*" (Rom 12:5). Jesus Christ loves the church so much He died for it and washed it clean by His blood. And we are called to love His church, too.

As a matter of fact, we are to "*love one another, even as He has loved us*" (John 15:12). Therefore, "*Be devoted to one another in brotherly love*" (Romans 12:10).



"Lutherans on the Links" Golf Fellowship 2010 Sunday, Sept. 5



The 7th Annual St Mark "Lutherans on the Links" Golf Tournament & Fellowship is **Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010 at Bennett Valley Golf Course, tee times starting at 1:00pm.** This is a "scrambles" style of play. ALL are welcome...from duffers to pros, men and women...sign up now to reserve a spot on a team (or make up your own team). Awards will be presented at a dinner at St Mark immediately following the tournament. Contact Chris Jones (217-1099 cell) for per person fee & entry form. Proceeds will benefit the St Mark Twice Blessed Food Pantry. Thank you to Thrivent Financial for matching monies.

Back-To-Confirmation Night New Year of Instruction for Teens Wed. September 8, 7:00pm

Confirmation Instruction begins Wednesday evening, Sept. 8, from 7:00-8:30pm, with "Back to Confirmation Night" - a Parent & Student Orientation in addition to Acolyte Training. The first regular class session is Wednesday, Sept. 15, 4:00-5:00pm. Snack time is 3:45-4:00pm. Pastors Beyer and Durham will teach the classes with Sina Williams serving as snack chief, and Debi Lancina serving as class administrator. Detailed information has been sent to the homes of Confirmation families. Questions? Contact Pastor Beyer, Pastor Durham, Sina Williams or Debi Lancina at 545-1230

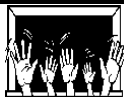


CIA Youth & Advisors NYG Thank You!



Your support for us and your prayers that surrounded us were felt and appreciated as we traveled to New Orleans and back for the LCMS National Youth Gathering (NYG). For those of you who supported us financially we are extremely grateful for your monetary donations that made it possible to focus on growing spiritually instead of being stressed by how to make ends meet. Thank you to all who contributed to the Human Race and thank you to Thrivent for their matching funds - we were able to raise over \$1700 with this fundraiser! And for those who contributed donations or responded to sponsor letters - you helped the youth reduce the cost of their trip by another \$200-\$500! If you were unable to see our presentation to the congregation & hear how this trip impacted our lives, please see me and ask for a copy of our "memory book", it is a printed version of our presentation! Thank you again for all your support! Sina Williams, Sarah Cobb, Mary Durham, Andrew Olson, Damien Ramirez and Pastor Durham. - *Sina Williams*

3rd Q. Voters Meeting Sun. Sept. 19, 12:30 pm



The Third Quarter St. Mark Voter's Assembly will convene at 12:30pm on Sunday, September 19 (immediately following the late service). Our treasurer, Linda DeGennaro, will share with us the status of our 2010 budget receipts and disbursements. Our board directors will share their plans for ministry in the coming year as work begins on the 2011 budget. A simple lunch will be provided for your convenience and enjoyment with a freewill offering taken to help cover the costs.

Thank You



Shirley and I want to thank all of our brothers and sisters at St Mark for your cards, prayers, and telephone calls offering your loving condolences on the death of our brother Tim and our niece Kathy. On the first Sunday following Tim's death Nicholas Wickenburg gave me a piece of artwork that had been in his family. It was a picture of a young boy steering a sailing vessel through a storm and behind him stood Jesus pointing the way. The boy in the picture looked like my brother Tim when he was about 12 years old. God was using this gift to affirm and give me confidence that Tim had been guided to heaven by Jesus. *Matt Boden*

Laps O'Love Quilting Group Sat. September 25

Hello quilters and sewing divas! Laps O' Love is a quilting group that makes lap quilts especially for the Golden Living Senior Center's Christmas gift list through St Mark's Christmas Gift Tree ministry. The quilting group meets regularly on the 4th Saturday every month. *Our first quilting day is Sept. 25, 9:00am - noon at St Mark.* Please bring fabric and/or previously sewn blocks, scissors/rotary cutters, rulers, cutting mats and your creativity. Donations are appreciated and can be found at garage sales. Examples are cotton fabric, flannel, quilt batting. Have Questions? Please call Kathy Murrin, 526-6549.



Budget Receipts Lagging Behind

Received in support of the Budget (Compared to this year's Budget)

This year's giving as of 7/31	\$322,348
This year's Budget needs, 7/31	\$377,734
Lagging behind Budget, 7/31	\$ 55,385



Received in support of the Budget (Compared to last year's giving):

As of July 31, 2009	\$335,436
As of July 31, 2010	\$322,348
Lagging behind last year	\$ 13,088
Lagging behind last year	- 3.9%



LWML (Women in Mission) Lutheran Women Missionary League Mission Project Update



Word was received from Marcia Houseworth, President of the CNH District, that Mission Projects #1 and #2 have been paid. Project #1 was for the Chico State/Butte College Student Outreach, Redeemer Lutheran Church for \$3,350. Mission Project #2 was for Concordia Seminary St. Louis Food Bank, St. Louis, Mo. for \$6,000. Marcia has received many thank you letters from students saying that the food bank has enabled them to continue their studies at the seminary. Praise the Lord for the generosity of many and continue to fill your mite box so that future projects can be funded. There were a total of 15 projects adopted in May at the CNH District Convention for the next biennium. Project #3 which needs to be funded in the amount of \$15,000 for Good Shepherd Developing Religious Life, Good Shepherd Auxiliary, Capitola, CA; and project #4 for Seminary Student Tuition Assistance, LCMS Seminary Fund, St. Louis, Mo. A listing of all 15 projects is posted on the LWML bulletin board in the hallway. If you are interested in helping fund the other projects and need a mite box please contact Patti Doyle, 544-9735. The St. Mark LWML will keep you posted on the status of the projects and their funding. *Marlys Kehm*

St Mark LWML Group Update

A planning meeting was held at the home of Alice Benninghof on Sat. August 14. The following officers were elected: Marlys Kehm & Nancy Hanke, Co-chairs; Irene Dufel, Vice-chair; Alice Benninghof, Secretary; Patti Doyle, Treasurer; Ellen Quigley, Mission Service; Cathleen Jones, Public Relations. The first meeting for the 2010-2011 year will be a short business meeting after the St Mark Ladies Breakfast on September 11. Thereafter meetings will be held the second Sat. of each month at 10:00am at the church. All women are welcome & encouraged to attend the meetings.

Marksman Available by Email

Our Marksman email list of 97 households continues to grow. Remember our goal is 175-200 households on the list! Add your name to the list by sharing your email address with the office!! Email helps us to reduce our paper, ink, & postage costs & to be good stewards of all of our resources!

Attendance.....thru August 8, 2010	
Group	<u>Participants Teachers</u>
Early Service (8:15).....	126
Late Service (11:00).....	101
Sunday Worship Total.....	227
Children's Sunday School.....	20.....6
CIA National Youth Gathering Presentation - JFJ + CIA + Adult Sunday Classes..	100
Sunday School Total.....	126
Sunday Offering.....	\$12,947.23
Weekday Bible Classes.....	3.....1
Betty TenHave Memorial Service.....	82
Joseph Grech Memorial Service	137

Attendance.....thru August 15, 2010	
Group	<u>Participants Teachers</u>
Early Service (8:15).....	157
Late Service (11:00).....	100
Sunday Worship Total.....	257
Children's Sunday School.....	21.....6
Nicaragua Mission Trip Presentation - JFJ + CIA + Adult Sunday Classes ..	141
Sunday School Total.....	174
Sunday Offering.....	\$9,412.78
Weekday Bible Classes.....	18.....2

Attendance.....thru August 22, 2010	
Group	<u>Participants Teachers</u>
Early Service (8:15).....	116
Late Service (11:00).....	90
Sunday Worship Total.....	206
Children's Sunday School.....	20.....6
JFJ / CIA Sunday Class.....	153
Sunday Adult Bible Classes.....	31.....4
Sunday School Total.....	79
Sunday Offering.....	\$10,517.53
Weekday Bible Classes.....	15.....2
Laurine Mooberry Memorial Service..	30

Preschool Teacher Opening

St. Luke Lutheran Preschool is currently looking for a part-time teacher for our afternoon care program. This position would be 20 to 22 hours a week. The starting hourly rate will be \$11 to \$12 an hour depending on experience and credentials. Please contact Marla Kuefner @ 545-0526 or stop by and pick up an application.

Directory Correction

The phone number listed for Cindy Womack is incorrect. The correct number is 570-0656 (the last number is incorrect in the directory).



Sunday Morning Bible Study Groups (BSG) **for Kids, Teens, Young Adults, Adults**

“Luther, Reformation History, and the Bible” BSG

Sunday, Sept. 5

Rooms 104-106 with Pastor Jim

A Picture Presentation of the Beyer's 2010 summer Germany Tour. This presentation will be repeated on a weeknight in the near future.

“Praying Like Jesus” BSG

Sundays, Sept. 12, 19, & 26

Rooms 104-106 with Pastor Jim

Pastor Jim will lead us in how to pray fervently and effectively following the model and methods of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

“2 Timothy” Adult BSG

Room 102 with Gary Warren

In 2 Timothy we find Paul encouraging Timothy to be alert and to continue to share the Gospel message of God's grace and truth. Paul is aware that false teachers, and teaching, will cause some of God's people to fall away. Join us as we search this letter verse by verse and uncover God's will for each of us.

“Selections from the Psalms”

Adult BSG Room 108 with Al Kruger

This study of the Psalms is to encourage us in our private and public liturgical worship. The Psalms focus our thoughts on God, moving us to praise Him. The more we know Him, the more we can appreciate what He has done for us.

“Bible Stories Revisited”

Adult BSG

In Good Shepherd Hall with Pastor Durham

Pastor Durham leads a Bible study group on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School & Bible class hour in the back of Good Shepherd Hall based on the same Bible stories that the Sunday School children are studying each week. This class is a great opportunity to study some well-loved stories and explore what God might want to teach you through the story. This Adult Bible Study is open to all, especially for Sunday School parents.

Young Adults BSG

Young Adults are welcome to join any of the adult Bible classes on Sunday morning.

Jr Hi & Hi School Youth BSG

Rooms 208 & 210 (upstairs JFJ/CIA Youth Room)

Bible study is an opportunity for students to discover how God's message is relevant and applicable to their everyday lives. Each week they will explore how to use the Bible as their guide when making decisions and how to hear God speaking to them when they ask Him for wisdom. When students make God a priority then they're able to see Him at work in their lives. Youth Bible Class Teachers: Kurt & Stephanie Falkenberg, Karen Geerdes, Clarke & Debi Lancina, John & Laurie Wickenburg, and Sina Williams. We meet every Sunday morning in the youth rooms from 9:45-10:45am. All junior high & high school age teens welcome.

Mid-Week Hi School Youth BSG

at Sina Williams Home, 6:30-8:30pm

We are studying the parables of Jesus – what He meant and what it means for our lives. Youth should bring their Bibles and have eaten dinner before they arrive for study. *Note - there will not be Bible Study on Sept. 8.*

Sunday School for Kids

Building on the Rock! In Good Shepherd Hall Ages 3 yr through 6th grade.

Bible lessons, worship, singing, missions, birthday recognitions, Christmas Pageant, and more. Each Sunday begins with a general assembly song session in Good Shepherd Hall with Pastor Durham leading singing and worship. Kids then break into their age groups and move into their Sunday School class with their teachers and helpers.

Don't miss out on attending a Sunday or mid-week Bible Class.

*God's Word is a light
for our path in life.*

*It strengthens, nurtures and
builds us up in the true faith,
love for God & love for one another.*



Weekday, Saturday, & LifeLight Bible Study Groups for Teens, Young Adults & Adults



LifeLight In-depth BSG “The Life of David”

Tues. Morn. - St Mark Rms 102-4
Tues. Eve. at Nancy Watson’s Home



What would your life look like if you were a man or woman known to be “after God's own heart?” Would life go smoothly or would it be pockmarked with troubles? Join us this fall as Lighthouse begins its 11th season studying *The Life of David*.

Many people remember David as the Israelite who killed Goliath the giant. Or as the good friend of Jonathan. Or as the king who committed adultery with Bathsheba. If this is all we remember, our concept of David's life is distorted.

The fall Lighthouse Bible study will examine several Old Testament books as we study the events of David's life for an accurate portrayal. Join us for fellowship, prayer and an opportunity to see how God dealt mercifully with a person He loved--and take away from the study lessons for our own lives.

Join us! Questions can be directed to Michelle Ule 537-7066, or the church office, 545-1230. Study begins Tues. Sept 21 - Tues. morning 9:15am & Tues. evening 7pm.

Monday Eve BSF Men’s BSG “Isaiah”

Begins September 13, 6:55pm at St Mark

This is a study of the prophetic words of the Prophet Isaiah. Isaiah is often referred to as the Messianic Prophet as he clearly reveals Jesus Christ as our coming Savior centuries before the birth of our Lord. New and returning men are welcome to come and join us in the study held at St Mark. The study starts on Monday September 13 at 6:55pm and runs through mid-May 2011. **Introduction classes** will be held at 6:55pm on Mon. Sept. 13 & 20, and the first Monday of each month after that. Each week will include discussion group time for the past week's home study questions, followed by a lecture in the sanctuary from the teaching leader. The study ends at 8:45pm. If you are interested, contact Rick Hall, Class Administrator, at 707-528-1382 or rahall4@sonic.net.

Wednesday Eve Ladies BSG “Job - A Servant of God”

Wednesdays, 7:00pm at Lancina Home

“Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the Lord!” Psalm 27:14. Job was a good man, a man who trusted God, but Job had terrible troubles that caused him to ask God, “Why is this happening to me?” As we open God's Word we will be inspired by Job's faithfulness to God in the midst of what seemed like unbearable suffering. Group meets on the 2nd & 4th Wed. eves/month, 7pm at the Lancina home. Questions? Contact Debi Lancina, 545-1230. Study begins Wed. Sept. 22.

Weekly Wed. Eve Ladies BSG begins Wednesdays, 7:00pm at Beyer Home

Join us as we dive into God's Word. Topic of study TBA. Questions? Contact Mary Beyer, 538-3390. Study begins Wed. Sept. 15.

Thursday Eve BSG “Fearless”

Thursdays, 7:00pm at Paille Home

“Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?” Matthew 8:26. This Bible Study Group will be embarking on a study of how we can be “fearless” in the midst of life here on earth. Using God's Word as our guide and Max Lucado's book *“Fearless”* we will examine fear, expose fear, and battle fear through the power of God. Mixed men / women group meets at the Paille home. Questions? Contact Richard or Terry Paille, 538-5533. Study begins Thurs. Sept. 23.

Saturday Morn Men’s BSG

Saturdays, 8:00–9:00am - Rooms 102-104

This Bible study group is currently finishing up an inductive Bible study of 1st Corinthians and evaluating options for our next study. Our aim is to provide opportunity for us to examine our lives in light of God's Word so that we continue to be transformed into the men He calls us to be - leading lives that honor Jesus Christ and that point the way to Him as the source of hope and salvation. For more information, contact Clarke Lancina at 527-7711 (work phone).

Happy September Birthday!

Kenneth McDermott, IV	1		
Lynette Monroe	1		
Stephanie Gaiek	2		
Jamie Barnes	3		
Dennis Durham	3		
Mark Murrin	3		
Kathleen Eshe	5		
Michael Murrin	5	Jay Ce Adams	17
Lisa Sweeting	5	Mark Pressler	17
Robert Hulbert	6	Dianne Fraley	18
Norm Sorby	6	Alicia Siri	18
Sue Sorby	6	Ryleigh Mieger	19
Ezra Keim	7	Kathryn Sunderland	19
Doris Hulbert	9	Mary Tobin	19
Dominic Klenner	9	Michael Bradford	20
Phenice Powell	9	Madelyn Shepherd	20
James Stillson	9	Michael Ule	20
Marlin Strickland	9	Sydney Weber	20
Ashley Barber	10	Riley Weber	20
Andrew Bowen	10	Rena Cheng	21
Stephanie Falkenberg	10	Lynne Powell	21
Austin Kindle	10	Mark Sixta	21
Molli Miller	10	Daniel Warren	22
Derek Murray	10	Justine Barslow	23
Elise Sixta	10	Sara Bradley	23
Shyanne Unangst	10	Angelle Holmes	23
Kevin Ward	10	Laura Johnson	23
Katie Motta	11	Kathy Jensen	24
Luke Shepherd	11	Nancy Bowman	25
Cynthia Womack	11	Damien Vickrey	26
Charlotte Grech	12	Jonathan Wright	26
Therese Zurakowski	12	Eric Anderson	27
Mikel Leggitt	13	Becky Hermsmeyer	27
Justin Miller	13	Shawna Sundberg	27
Robert Ule	13	Beth Beyer	28
Jeanne Watkins	13	Patti Doyle	28
Joanna Bliss	14	Diane Dulac	28
Ellen Akre	15	Shalynn Mendoza	28
Zack Parker, II	15	Karina Scalise	28
Kristi Closser	16	John Wickenburg	28
Joey Contreras	16	Rebecca Glover	29
Cheryl Gibson	16	Beatrice Jansky	29
Kathleen Scalise	16	Sarah West	29
Gail Unzelman	16	Kyle Dowling	30
Joseph West	16	Allison Keim	30
Krysta Zurakowski	16	Clifford Trenery	30



Happy September Anniversary!

Bill & Barbara Abbott	3	<i>Happy 5th</i>
Brian & Buffi Frazier	3	<i>Brian & Buffi!</i>
Juan & Lindsay Marquez	4	
Eric & Annmarie Johnson	6	<i>Happy 5th</i>
Nick & Julie Percy	9	<i>Juan & Lindsay!</i>
Danny & Tiffany Minnick	10	
Brian & Linda Falls	12	<i>Happy 5th</i>
Jack & Pam Roarick	16	<i>Danny & Tiffany!</i>
Steve & Caty Stockham	19	
Ralph & Nancy Bowman	20	<i>Happy 10th</i>
Ryan & Sara Bradley	22	<i>Bradley & Kristine!</i>
Ralph & Carol Leef	22	
Ben & Debbie TenHave	22	<i>Happy 10th</i>
Gary & Pam Warren	24	<i>Stephen & Jenine!</i>
Alek & Holly Toomians	25	
Dan & Lynne Speed	26	<i>Happy 15th</i>
Derek & Lori Palmer	29	<i>Jack & Pam!</i>
Bill & Elda Stevens	29	
Stephen & Jenine Akre	30	<i>Happy 20th</i>
Bradley & Kristine Allgire	30	<i>Derek & Lori!</i>

Wedding Blessings!

"And the greatest of these is love..." We offer our congratulations and prayers for continued love and joy in the marriage of:



Barbara Schmidt (nee Dykstra) & Philip Prassas were joined in marriage on Saturday, August 21, 2010 at 2:00pm, at St Teresa of Avila Mission & Church, Bodega, CA with Pastor Jim Beyer officiating. The newlywed couple resides at 5689 Wild View Way, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

Baptism Blessings!



Jamie Stephen Parker, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sun. August 22, 2010, 12:30pm in the sanctuary at St Mark Lutheran Church, Santa Rosa with Rev. James Beyer officiating. Stephen was born in Santa Rosa, CA, on August 22, 2009 and is the son of Chase Edward and Emily Lucille (nee Whitbeck) Parker. Serving as Jamie's Godparents are Leeann Mack & Benjamin Thew. The Parker family resides at 300 Stony Point Rd. #88, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

We Extend Our Sympathies to ...

to **Matt & Shirley Boden** in the loss of Matt's brother, Tim Boden, on August 8; to **Dorothy Gesek and Bill & Bev Flohr**, in the loss of their beloved husband and father, Walt, on August 13; to **Orville Mooberry** & family in the loss of their beloved wife and mother, Laurine, on August 19. We offer our prayers of comfort, peace & love to these families.



Highlights from the LCMS National Youth Gathering

By Sina Williams

New Orleans was the third National Youth Gathering (NYG) that I have been to and each comes with its own special memories and insights. Before I get into my experience I want to highlight some of the things that were accomplished in five short days so you can see that the NYG is much bigger than the 25,000 of us that gathered there for a week. Along with the \$42 million in revenue that we brought to the city of New Orleans through hotels, restaurants, etc. here is just a glimpse of what was accomplished in Jesus' name over July 17 – 21, 2010.

- ◆ About half of the 24,000 NYG participants volunteered at 100 servant events benefiting local churches, schools, parks, cemeteries, summer camp programs and other service organizations, and individual homeowners.
- ◆ Dozens of neighborhood prayer walks where Gathering participants walked through neighborhoods and prayed with, and for, residents.
- ◆ Nearly \$140,000 was collected for the special Gathering offering, of which a portion will go to provide grants for local congregational youth programs doing outreach to un-churched and marginally-churched youth.
- ◆ 3,000 pounds of non-perishable food items were donated for Second Harvest Food Bank
- ◆ 3,000 personal care kits were assembled for area shelters and community organizations through the District Care Kit Scavenger Hunt with financial support from our LCMS Districts.
- ◆ 2,000 placemats were created for local nursing homes
- ◆ 1,000 units of blood were donated for southeast Louisiana hospitals
- ◆ 400 fleece blankets were made
- ◆ 50 participants received haircuts and gave their hair for Locks of Love
- ◆ 125 baptismal banners were created for local churches
- ◆ 665 handmade cards were created for military chaplains, active servicemen and military families.
- ◆ 200 batches of play dough were made for local preschools and Boys & Girls Clubs
- ◆ 2,000 thank-you notes were written for local oil spill recovery workers
- ◆ In addition, the LCMS Youth Ministry office sponsored an “Art-4-Haiti” project. All told, 144 folk art crosses were assembled and sold, raising nearly \$5,000 for Haitian relief.



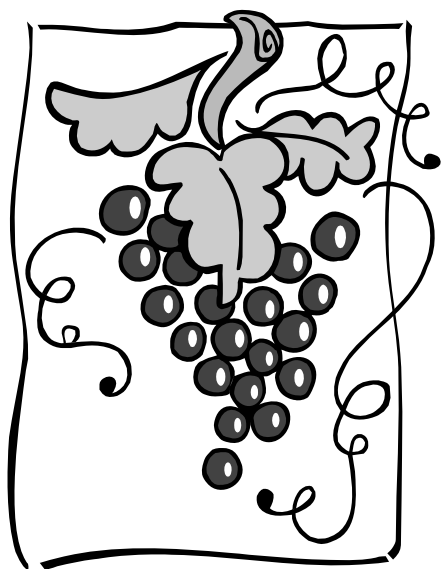
How amazing to see God working through the Gathering and making such an impact in a community! So many people in the city's neighborhoods saw the love of Christ shared through the service of so many.

On a personal note, Sunday night was an impactful moment for me. That night I was just wondering if I was going to have any of those “ah-ha” moments since I had previously experienced the massiveness of what a gathering offers and had heard so many of the speakers before. And then God reminded me, “Sina you're not done learning and experiencing things. You don't know everything.” Our speaker for that night (Kellie Stocker) talked about how she lost her eldest daughter in a car crash a year ago. She talked about how we believe when life seems unbelievable. The main thing I remember Kellie saying is how nothing is surprising to God. He knew from the moment her daughter was conceived when she would leave this earth. And this image popped into my head of God sitting in the passenger seat of the car when my cousin took his life a couple months ago. The fact that my cousin did that wasn't surprising to God - He knew all along. It amazes me that not only does God see us through all the unbelievable moments of our lives, but He's right beside us every step of the way. He does not waiver - nothing comes at our God that He didn't expect. That is how we believe when the unbelievable happens to us, and that is how we proclaim in the words of Psalm 91:2, “I will say of the Lord, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.’”

Thank you for all your support to get us to New Orleans. Between all the ways I was uplifted and being able to see our youth worship with abandon along with 25,000 other people was truly an unforgettable experience, and a place where my faith was strengthened in a setting where so many believe.

Join us for the

22nd Annual Ladies Breakfast
Saturday, September 11, 9:00 - 11:00 am
Good Shepherd Hall



"I am the vine"

This breakfast is for ladies; members and friends, to enjoy good food, fellowship, music, and information on Bible Studies and women's ministries. It is a perfect time to get to know and have fun with sisters in Christ. It is also a great opportunity to invite a friend or relative and introduce them to our church family. Bring someone new, get a treat for both of you! Babysitting available.

Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, September 1st by return postcard or call Mary Beyer at 538-3390. Invitations are available for members to share with friends and family!

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing." John 15:5

Family Christian Stores Ministry Builders Stamps

Do you shop at Family Christian Stores? Did you know that you can collect Ministry Builders stamps with your purchases at no cost to you?! Stamps can be redeemed by our church for any product available at Family Christian Store. The Evangelism Board would like to collect and use these stamps for purchases for the Annual Ladies' Breakfast and other events/gifts. Please ask for Ministry Builders stamps the next time you shop at Family Christian Store, located on Santa Rosa Avenue, and turn them into the church offering plate or church office. Questions? Contact Mary Beyer 538-3390.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:30 AM-Young Mom's Bible Study, "A Woman's High Calling" (Youth Rms 208-210) 6:30 PM-Youth Bible Study (Sina's home) 7:00 PM-Board of Fellowship Meeting	2 9:30 AM-TOPS Group (102/8) 12:15 PM-AA Meeting (GSH) 2:30 PM-Gospel Light Singers (Creekside Conv. Hosp.)	3 10:00 AM-Twice Blessed Food Ministry Sack/Prep (GSH)	4 8:00 AM-Men's Bible Study (102/4) 9:00 AM-Food Ministry Distribution (on-site) 2:00 PM-Baptism of Sean Bradley (Beyer at Hat Creek)
5 Labor Day Sunday - Pentecost 15 8:15 AM-Worship (Praise Music Setting) 9:15 AM-Operation Blood Pressure (107) 9:45 AM-Sunday School & Bible Study 9:45 AM-Young Adult Fellowship 11:00 AM-Divine Worship (traditional music) 1:00 PM-Lutherans on the Links (Bennett Valley Golf Course)	6 Labor Day Church Office Closed - Holiday 9:00 AM-Stewards (202) 7:00 PM-Sunday School Teacher's Meeting (106/8)	7 12:30 PM-Board of Education Mtg (102-108) 7:15 PM-Praise Team Full Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	8 10:30 AM-Young Mom's Bible Study, "A Woman's High Calling" (Youth Rms 208-210) 7:00 PM-Back to Confirmation Nite (102-108) 7:00 PM-Board of Elders (102/8) 7:00 PM-Ladies Bible Study, "Battlefield of the Mind" (Lancina home)	9 Rosh Hashanah 9:30 AM-TOPS Group (102/8) 12:15 PM-AA Meeting (GSH) 7:15 PM-Board of Stewardship Meeting (102-108)	10 4:00 PM-Ladies Breakfast Set-up (GSH)	11 7:00 AM-BSF Leadership Class (203) 8:00 AM-Men's Bible Study (102/4) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">9:00 AM-Annual Ladies Breakfast (GSH & Kitchen)</div> 11:00 AM-Women in Mission-LWML Meeting (GSH)
12 16th Sunday after Pentecost Grandparent's Day 8:15 AM-Worship w/ Holy Communion (Haugen) 9:45 AM-Young Adult Fellowship 9:45 AM-Sunday School & Bible Study 11:00 AM-Worship w/ Holy Communion (Haugen) 12:30 PM-Capisce? Drama Rehearsal 4:00 PM-Retirement Dinner for Rev David Rose (Beyer & Durham @ Lakeport)	13 9:00 AM-Stewards (202) 7:15 PM-Board of Evangelism Mtg (102/108) 7:00 PM-Men's Bible Study Fellowship, "Isaiah" (Sanct, Upstairs, GSH, 102-108)	14 Holy Cross Day 9:00 AM-Circuit 14 Pastors Conference/Bible Study/Worship (Beyer & Durham hosting @ St Mark) 7:00 PM-Bd of Properties Mtg (102-108) 7:15 PM-Praise Team Full Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	15 10:30 AM-Young Mom's Bible Study, "A Woman's High Calling" (Youth Rms 208-210) 4:00 PM-Jr Confirmation Instruction (102-108) 4:30 PM-Kids of Praise Singers (Rm 201) 6:30 PM-Youth Bible Study (Sina's home)	16 9:00 AM-CNH Circuit Counselors and Presidium (V.P. Beyer @ District Office) 9:30 AM-TOPS Group (102/8) 12:15 PM-AA Meeting (GSH) 7:00 PM-Jubilate Rehearsal (Rm 201)	17 9:00 AM-CNH Circuit Counselors and Presidium (V.P. Beyer @ District Office) 10:00 AM-Twice Blessed Food Ministry Sack/Prep (GSH) 1:00 PM-CNH Vice President meet with President Newton (Beyer @ Dist Office) 2:30 PM-Golden Living Center Singing (Durham)	18 Yom Kippur 7:00 AM-BSF Leadership Class (203) 8:00 AM-Men's Bible Study (102/4) 9:00 AM-CNH Dist Board of Directors (Beyer @ Dist Office) 9:00 AM-Food Ministry Distribution (on-site) 10:30 AM-Knitting Ministry Workshop (Linda Marks home)
19 17th Sunday after Pentecost 8:15 AM-Worship (Praise Music Setting) 9:45 AM-Sunday School & Bible Study 9:45 AM-Young Adult Fellowship 11:00 AM-Divine Worship Service 12:30 PM-Capisce? Drama Rehearsal 12:30 PM-3 rd Quarter Voters' Assembly	20 9:00 AM-Stewards (202) 7:00 PM-Planning Council (102/4) 7:00 PM-Men's Bible Study Fellowship, "Isaiah" (Sanct, Upstairs, GSH, 102-108)	21 Matthew, Apostle Fall LifeLight begins "The Life of David" 9:15 AM-LifeLight - "The Life of David" (102-108) 7:00 PM-LifeLight, "The Life of David" (Watson hm) 7:15 PM-Praise Team Full Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	22 Fall Begins 10:30 AM-Young Mom's Bible Study, "A Woman's High Calling" (Youth Rms 208-210) 4:00 PM-Jr Confirmation Instruction (102-108) 4:30 PM-Kids of Praise Singers (Rm 201) 6:30 PM-Youth Bible Study (Sina's home) 7:00 PM-Ladies Bible Study, "Battlefield of the Mind" (Lancina home)	23 9:30 AM-TOPS Group (102/8) 12:15 PM-AA Meeting (GSH) 7:00 PM-Jubilate Rehearsal (Rm 201) 7:00 PM-Small Group Bible Study (Paille home)	24	25 7:00 AM-BSF Leadership Class (203) 8:00 AM-Men's Bible Study (102/4) 9:00 AM-Laps O' Love Quilting Group (102-108) 3:30 PM-Wedding: David Mones & Heather Collard (sanctuary only, reception off site)
26 18th Sunday after Pentecost 8:15 AM-Divine Worship w/Holy Comm (trad) 9:45 AM-Young Adult Fellowship 9:45 AM-Sunday School & Bible Study 11:00 AM-Divine Worship w/Holy Comm (trad) 12:30 PM-Capisce? Drama Rehearsal (entire cast/entire play) 3:30 PM-Wedding: Heather Collard & David Mones (sanct only, reception offsite) 4:00 PM-Young Married & Engaged Couples Bible Study (Off Site - 4pm potluck, 6pm study)	27 9:00 AM-Stewards (202) 6:45 PM-Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) (102-104) 7:00 PM-Men's Bible Study Fellowship, "Isaiah" (Sanct, Upstairs, GSH, 102-108)	28 9:15 AM-LifeLight - "The Life of David" (102-108) 7:00 PM-LifeLight, "The Life of David" (Watson hm) 7:15 PM-Praise Team Full Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	29 St. Michael and All Angels 10:30 AM-Young Mom's Bible Study, "A Woman's High Calling" (Youth Rms 208-210) 4:00 PM-Jr Confirmation Instruction (102-108) 4:30 PM-Kids of Praise Singers (Rm 201) 6:30 PM-Youth Bible Study (Sina's home)	30 9:30 AM-TOPS Group (102/8) 12:15 PM-AA Meeting (GSH) 7:00 PM-Jubilate Rehearsal (Rm 201) 7:00 PM-Small Group Bible Study (Paille home)		