



**St. Mark's Messenger**  
**The Newsletter of St. Mark Lutheran Church**  
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*A Message from our Shepherd*

**Shine!**

Will the new law stand or will it be repealed? Should an entirely new law be put into place? Can you think of how many new laws have been put into place in your lifetime? Can you remember some of the really good ones – or maybe some of the really lousy ones? Sometimes it seems that the only law that will always be true – is that the laws will always change!

How amazing to consider that throughout our entire lifetime, throughout our parents' lifetime, throughout all time – not one of God's laws has changed. God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning – the first day (Genesis 1:3-5).

"And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. God made two great lights – the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. (Genesis 1:14-16).

Every day since God first told it to shine, the sun has been radiant. Every day since God told the moon to reflect the light of the sun it has filled young eyes and old eyes with wonder. Every day since God made them the sun and the moon and the stars have faithfully proclaimed the work of God's hands.

You, dear Christian, are also the work of God's hands. He formed you. He gave you your life. And he has placed you in a particular place for a particular purpose – to proclaim the glory of God. St. Paul reminds us, **For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do** (Ephesians 2:20).

Have you seized every opportunity to do good – knowing that perhaps that opportunity was one that God prepared in advance so that you might shine the love of Jesus to another? Have you missed some opportunities close to home? Have you missed opportunities *in* your home?

This week I will look up at the sky at night and be amazed all over again at the power and the order and the love of our God. And then I will ask God to help me look around where he has placed me. His light and his love are so magnificent! Please join with me and ask God to help me and to help you brighten someone else's day by reflecting his love. And then shine!

In the love of Christ,

Pastor David Rosenau

Eighty today, Dear Lord. I am 80.  
 And there's much I haven't done.  
 I hope dear Lord, you'll let me live until I'm 81.  
 But, if I haven't finished all I really want to do,  
 Would you please let me stay awhile, until I'm 82?  
 So many places I want to go, so much I want to see -  
 Do you think you could manage to make it 83?  
 Many things I may have done, but there's so much left in store,  
 I'd like it very much if I could live to 84.  
 And if by then, I'm still alive,  
 Then, we might as well make an even 85.  
 The world is changing very fast, so I'd really like to stick  
 And see what happens to the world when I am 86.  
 I know, dear Lord, it's a lot to ask, and it will be nice in heaven,  
 But I'd really like to stay around now until I'm 87.  
 I know by then I won't be fast, and sometimes I'll be late.  
 But it would be oh-so pleasant to be around at 88.  
 I will have seen so many things and had a wonderful time.  
 So I'm sure that I'll be willing then to leave at the age of 89.  
 (Well - maybe.)



*Submitted by a member old enough to get away with it*

Sunday Mornings  
 at 10:45  
 (after worship)

2 Corinthians



Thursday Mornings  
 at 10:00 am  
 Starting October 7

The Book of Psalms

### Bible Study Resumes!!

I invite you from the bottom of my heart to please join us for Bible Study after worship on Sunday mornings starting again on **Sunday, October 3rd.**

We will walk through 2 Corinthians, the Apostle Paul's second and fascinating letter to a Christian congregation in Corinth. This portion of God's Word shares the joy of the Gospel ministry and the rich comfort found in the forgiveness of sins. What can you expect if you stay? You can expect to be refreshed and encouraged and strengthened in your faith by the Word of God. You can also expect to relax and enjoy your time because you will not be called on to read or to answer any questions. We may not begin on time each time - but we will end by 11:45 so you may keep any appointments you have made. Give it a try!! You will be glad you did.



## Mary Martha Guild

Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 AM

All ladies are invited to the first monthly meeting of the 2010-11 season of service to our Lord. Discussion will include ideas for a special celebration next year for the seminary family we have been sponsoring.

Refreshments will follow.

### St. Mark's Messenger

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Deadline for submissions for the November newsletter is Monday Nov. 22



## CHOIR

Beginning again Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>  
Mondays 7 - 8 PM

Come join in raising up  
our voices up to the Lord!

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**How do I sponsor the flowers that appear each week next to the altar?**

Great question!

If you would like to sponsor the flowers to mark a special occasion, such as in thanks to God for an event or birthday or anniversary, or in honor of, or in memory of a loved one, here's how!

On the glass topped tables in the narthex you will find a sheet of paper marked flowers. Find the particular Sunday you are interested in and write in your name and the occasion. Sometime near the date you choose, simply include an extra \$30 in your offering envelope and write in "Flowers" in the box marked 'Special' on the right hand side of the envelope.

After the service you may take your flowers home, share them with another, or let Pastor know and he is glad to take them to someone who is stuck at home or in the hospital or who could otherwise simply use the cheerful pick-me-up. Thank you!

## Area Joint Reformation Service!



Christ the King Lutheran Church in Palm Coast Florida will be hosting the area Reformation Festival Service at their new worship facility on Saturday, October 30, at 5:00 pm.

This year's service promises to be a grand event and a grand worship service that I and my family are looking forward to attending - and with good reason! In addition to thanking God with a worship service, this particular service will also serve as the culmination of the weekend long School of Worship Enrichment also hosted by Christ the King.

That means that we will be blessed by the very best efforts of many gifted musicians and others with special interest and talents in worship planning. Please join us and many other brothers and sisters in Christ from area congregations for this wonderful opportunity. A meal will be served after the service.

In addition to that - we will also have the opportunity to see the brand new building the Lord has allowed the people at Christ the King to construct for his glory. The building has some really great and interesting features that must be seen to fully appreciate. You are heartily invited to attend!



**The Church's address is:**

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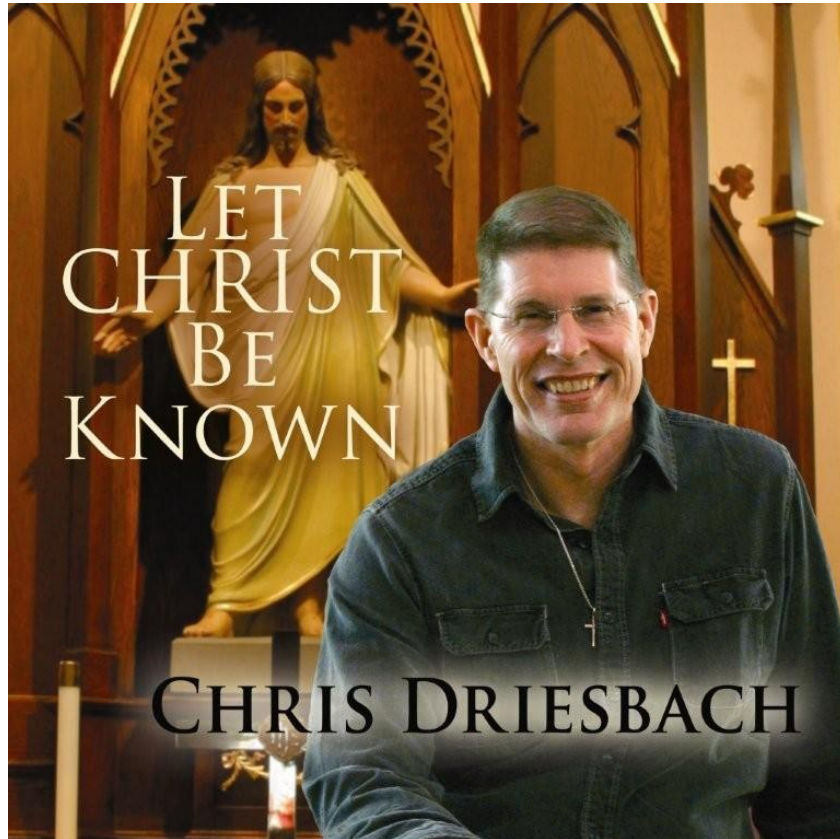
**One mile south of the intersection  
of Palm Coast Parkway and US  
HWY 1**

# A Christian Concert

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS:

*In Concert February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm*

*Crown of Life Lutheran New Orleans Musician*



## Chris Driesbach

*Original Christian Music on guitar and keyboards*

Chris will be performing his new Christian songs. He loves to sing about Jesus and about his church in New Orleans.

CDS will be available

Mark your calendar now for this exciting event!