

What's on **THE VINE** for the Week AUGUST 4TH, 2008

Adding Fertilizer

Well now that I'm back from camp, I've started working on Camp Able 2009. I'm doing this because the experience is still fresh and it provides a nice distraction from the papers I need to finish for my degree. I would like to thank all of you at St. Mark's for making Camp Able happen. The blessings Camp Able bestows are immeasurable and the joy unimaginable. Every year when I get back I get the "I'd like to do this next year." Well I'd like to have you, but I can tell you that I'm reaching a maximum especially for adult staff so if you want to come the dates are July 17-23. Give me a week and we'll have the Campable.org website updated so you can register.

Allow me to be the first to wish you a Merry Christmas,

Kyle

P.S. Fall Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic has been cancelled. The Diaz family will go and represent us over the Thanksgiving break. Please consider the possibility of supporting this mission journey in the future.

St. Mark's "The Littles" Program

Calling all Grandma's, Grandpa's and grandparent wanna-be's.

As many of you know, we have a program for our young children and their families. It includes craft projects, playground time and dinner organized and served by the parents.

The program will be held on Wednesdays at 5pm starting in September. I am hoping to put together a couple of teams of volunteers to help out on Wednesday nights. The teams would watch the kids on the playground, help

with the craft projects and have a little group time with the kids while the parents are cleaning up. This would give the parents time to meet with Kyle for classes on special topics, or just to get a break and time for visiting. This is also a great opportunity for those of us who don't have grandkids or miss seeing our grandchildren time to spend with our beautiful young St. Mark's family members.

I plan on organizing the crafts each week and having the materials ready, with instructions, for each volunteer team. It would be great to have four volunteers for each team, since the kids are in two age-specific groups for their craft projects and playground time. Missy Bailey will also be on hand each week because she will be in charge of organizing all the dinners.

Please let me know if you would like to volunteer. We can decide if the teams want to volunteer every other week or a month at a time. The Littles' Program will start up again in early September. Thanks for considering this important ministry. Susan Darrow (sdarrow99@yahoo.com or 394-1255)

Gerry Cady, a long time winter member, who was a part of the Men's Tent at the Flea Market for many years has passed away. If you would like to send a note to Katherine, their address is: Mrs. Gerald Cady; 1030 Zanzibar Lane N.; Plymouth, MN 55447.

The "regular" Tuesday Saints' Bible Study will resume next Tuesday, 8/12 from 9-10am in the Church Library led by Fr. Kyle. A course of study will be discussed by the group. If you haven't been a part of this study group, now is a good time to join in as we begin a "new chapter" after our summer Faith Club book study.

WHENEVER YOU RETURN TO OR LEAVE THE ST. MARK'S/MARCO ISLAND AREA, PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE. THANK YOU! 394-7242: LEAVE A VOICEMAIL ON 9-3, OR SPEAK TO NANETTE.