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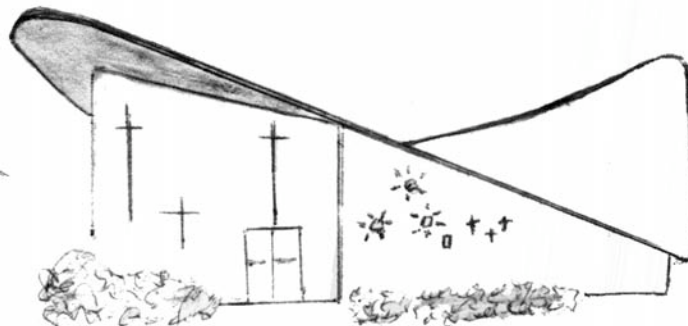
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Pastor's Page

"I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision."

-Apostle Paul

Acts 26:19

We had a wonderful time at the "Day of Visioning" on Saturday March 11th. Several who attended appreciated the opportunity to comment on many topics. I began by quoting the above verse and included the following from Oswald Chamber's "Our Utmost for His Highest:"

"If we lose the vision, we alone are responsible, and the way we lose the vision is through spiritual leakage. We get so practical that we forget the vision. In the beginning, we saw it but did not wait for it; we rushed off into practical work, and the vision was fulfilled, but we did not see it. Waiting for the vision that carries is the test of our loyalty to God. It is the peril of our soul's welfare when we get caught up in practical work and miss the fulfillment of the vision."

Chambers believes that God always fulfills His vision. Our responsibility is to wait and watch how His vision manifests itself.

What is God's vision for Carlton Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church?

Looking back, we would have to say that our greatest blessing last year was the Joyful Noise Summer Music Camp which gave us a vital and meaningful relationship with the Siempre Para Los Ninos orphanage. Seniors tutored the children of our church. It gave us a singer, a guitar and two harmonica players who now take part in our youth-led (CHROS) worship services. This month, the children are rehearsing a play that they will perform the Sunday after Easter, under the direction of our new member, Steve Salaz. Amazing! How exciting it is to watch God fulfill His mission for us.

So what is the vision?

The vision is a congregation without generational barriers; one that nurtures and celebrates everyone's gifts; reaches beyond its walls to the local community and the world—a ministry that unites and enriches children and adults, while together, we watch God's vision for us unfold.

As we carry out future plans for CHELC, we need to keep in mind the concept of "spiritual leakage" so that we do not place practical concerns ahead of God's exciting vision for us. Our church has many goals it would like to implement: add a second worship service; create a memorial wall; renovate the Acts Center; as well as carry out the daily routines of church life. Everything we do, however, must serve His vision. Everything!

How do we bring our adults and children together in meaningful ways that will serve the vision and satisfy everybody's needs? This month, Kim Naour, Penny Sallay, and I will attend a conference entitled "Passing on the Faith, sponsored by the Youth and Family Institute of Minneapolis. It will offer ways for children and adults to work together to pass on the faith from generation to generation.

The vision is God's gift to us. We are blessed by the vision.

Passing on the Faith Conference

April 28-29

Please join us for this conference at Hope Lutheran in Temecula. The cost is \$20 per person and includes hotel, materials, and meals on Saturday. We will leave at 8:00am on Friday and return to Santee by 6:00pm on Saturday. Come learn how the home, congregation, and the community can attain extraordinary power in shaping and passing on the faith from generation to generation. Contact Pastor Rick if you would like to attend.

Ushers Appreciation Dinner

We are blessed to have such wonderful ushers, and we would like to invite all ushers to an Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday, April 4th. Please let the church office know if you will attend. Our confirmands will serve dinner which will begin at 6:00pm. Thank you ushers for your hard work; a special thank you to Dick Maxa who has coordinated our ushers for many years.

Feed the Homeless

You are invited to help feed the homeless at First Lutheran in San Diego, Monday, April 10th. We will leave the church parking lot at 2:20pm and return by 6:00pm. Drive your car or if you need a ride, Pastor

Rick will arrange one for you. Those who participate in this event consider it a wonderful way to serve others. After feeding the homeless, a volunteer exclaimed, "I have never felt better about myself!"

Food for Siempre Para Los Ninos Our God Account at Work

During Holy Week, beginning Palm Sunday, April 9th and ending Easter Sunday, April 16th, we will collect food for Siempre Para Los Ninos. We will deliver the food Saturday, April 22nd at 9:00am. Our goal is to provide the children with at least a one month's supply of food, and if possible, enough food for two months. The orphanage's greatest expense, by far, is for food. Out of a \$2,000 monthly budget, it costs \$900 to feed nearly thirty children. Siempre Para Los Ninos needs the following food items every month:

Eggs	1 crate
Toilet paper	100-150 rolls
Potatoes	88 pounds
Beans	66 pounds
Sugar	66 pounds
Rice	44 pounds
Mexican noodles	4 boxes
Flour	55 pounds
Corn tortillas	220 pounds
Flour tortillas	25 packages
Cereal	50 boxes
Milk (liquid or powder)	100 gallons
Corn flour	44 pounds
Cooking oil	5 gallons
Butter	5 pounds
Salt	10 pounds
Dish soap	4 gallons
Detergent	30 pounds
Bleach	5 gallons
Pinesol	3 gallons
Ham	33 pounds
Hot dogs	33 pounds
Roast beef	33 pounds
Fish	33 pounds
Mexican cheese (Queso Fresco)	22 pounds
Monterey Jack cheese	44 pounds
Tomato sauce	66 pounds
Chicken	110 pounds
Tomatoes	55 pounds
Onions	33 pounds

Limes	22 pounds
Bananas	110 pounds
Apples	55 pounds
Oranges	110 pounds
Calabaza (green pumpkin)	55 pounds

Wow! What a shopping list! It will be posted at the back of the church. If you would like to purchase an item or a portion of an item, please check it off the list. Unchecked items will be purchased through the God Account. Thank you for blessing others!

A Car for Alejandro

The director of the orphanage is a wonderful man who earns a mere \$280 a month (cash). He and his family live at the orphanage; however, saving for a car is an impossible dream for Alejandro. The "money bags" distributed at the beginning of Lent and available in the back of the church are an offering that will help Alejandro buy a small van for about \$2,000. The God Account has already pledged \$500. Please fill your money bags with coins and bring them to church Easter Sunday or before if you cannot be with us for Easter. What an exciting expression of love for one of our Lord's faithful servants.

Church Children's Drama Sunday, April 23rd at 9:00am

Come to church Sunday, April 23rd at 9:00am to see our children perform "Jerusalem PD," a modern detective play about the events surrounding Jesus' resurrection. The children have been working very hard memorizing their lines for this major production. Pastor Rick will not preach this Sunday. Those who attend will be deeply moved and will long remember this refreshing presentation of the resurrection. We wish to thank the performers, Steve Salaz, and his assistants for making this event possible.

Chili Cook-Off

Support Lutheran Campus Ministry Sunday, April 30th at the "Hotter Than Thou" chili cook-off at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. We will take an offering for Lutheran Campus Ministry. Come vote for Pastor Rick's famous chili with your tips and make him a winner at this annual event.

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Peach Blossom in El Cajon, 8862 Navajo Rd. at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 11th. Join in for some good food and wonderful fellowship. For more information call either Grace Otto, 448-8202 or Nancy Funick, 561-7823.

Texts for the Sundays in April

2 Fifth Sunday In Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33 - Color: Purple

9 Sunday Of The Passion

Palm Sunday

Procession with Palms

Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1—15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 [40-47]

Color: Scarlet or Purple

16 The Resurrection Of Our Lord

Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

Color: White or Gold

23 Second Sunday Of Easter

Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 1:1—2:2

John 20:19-31 - Color: White

30 Third Sunday Of Easter

Acts 3:12-19, 1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48 - Color: White

April Ministers

Acolyte: 2- Michelle 9- Jessica 16- Josh

23- Ben 30- Tyler

Assist. Minister: TBA

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan,
Grace Otto, Janice Davis

Communion Assist.: 2, 9- Marie Freeman & Grace
Otto 16, 23- Bob & Marcy Metz 30-

Communion Care: Vaughans

Edgemoor Hospital Worship: 23- Coletti

Greeters: 2, 9- Davidson Family 16, 23- Dee Ryden &
Jim Thomas 30- Youth

Lector: 2, 9- Tom Davidson 16, 23- Laura Vaughan
30- Mandy Vaughan

Stephen Minister of the Day: TBA

Ushers: Bob & Marcy Metz, Grace Otto,
Nancy Ripple, Jeff Arndt

April Anniversaries

1 Michaele & Donald Cobb

5 Helen & Ronald Humphries

6 Bruce & Cheryl Potocki

24 James & Janet Shuey

25 Sherry & Steve Martin

26 Richard & Joan Haak

30 Brian & Victoria Grant

April Birthdays

1 Shelby Hildebrand

3 Trent Forster

7 Kathleen Jones

9 Randie Davis

10 Henry Meyers

10 Cristalee Hill

12 Christopher Quintanilla

13 Lyndsay Comstock

13 Frankie Kelchner

14 Derrick Forster

15 Janice Davis

15 Corey Tompkins

17 Edward Teichner

18 Joi Comstock

19 Jim Thomas

19 Lucas Paulsen

20 Kenneth Schloegel

21 Michel Weber

23 Tommy Wiley

24 James Albright

24 Kris Francis

24 Brandon Cobb

27 Pamela Meyers

28 Brian Grant

29 Laura Kramer

(If anyone was missed, please call the church office,
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