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"The Central Miracle of our Faith"

Did you know that in the 6th chapter of 2 Kings the prophet Elisha performed a little known miracle? A group of prophets discovered that where they met was too small so they decided to build a new place, made out of logs, next to the river. While cutting down trees, a prophet's ax head fell into the river. "Oh, sir!" he exclaimed to Elisha. "It was a borrowed ax!"

"Where did it fall?" asked Elisha? When he was shown the spot in the river, Elisha cut a stick and threw it into the same spot. Immediately the ax head floated to the surface of the river and the man retrieved his lost ax head.

I love that story. It makes miracles seem so ordinary and every day. With spring approaching, ordinary miracles occur every day: blooming flowers, budding trees, and returning song birds. We must remember, however, that the central miracle of the Christian faith is a different matter.

Life is miraculous in its "ordinary" qualities for those who know the living God of the universe. Sometimes something extraordinary can occur like a floating ax head. But this is nothing compared to the central miracle of our faith which is the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Some may say that the floating ax head is just a cute story that didn't really happen. Or they may say that it is a stretch to consider something as ordinary as a blooming flower a miracle. I wouldn't argue the point.

What I would argue, to my last breath, is that the resurrection of Jesus actually occurred, and that His resurrection from the grave is the central miracle of our faith. Everything Jesus did and all that He said may be up for debate or interpretation. But don't mess with the resurrection! Apostle Paul said that if Jesus had not been raised from the dead, we are still lost in our sins, and we, of all people, are most to be pitied.

For all believers, the resurrection means that Jesus conquered sin, death and the power of the devil—that because Jesus lives, we also shall live. The resurrection means that we will be reunited with those who have died

before us. It means that we will all experience an ultimate homecoming because Jesus rose to prepare a place for us.

My father said many times before he died that he was not afraid to die. He told my brother that he will save a place by the lake for him. My father wanted to die quickly because he did not want to become a burden to anyone and he was looking forward to a new body and eternal life in Heaven.

We celebrate this Easter the greatest miracle the world has ever known. The miracle of Jesus' resurrection is the foundation of our faith. We would not be here today, as Christians, if it were not absolutely true.

May you be fully convinced that because Jesus rose from the grave we, too, shall live. Death is only a doorway into a new and eternal life.

May you have a blessed Easter!

Giving and Attendance at CHELC

Date	9:00am	5:00pm	Total
2/4	124	Funeral	124
2/11	110	20	130
2/18	90	18	108
2/25	96	31	127
Total:	420	69	489

Lenten Worship

2/21	71
2/28	55

February Income	\$10,356.10
February Expenses	\$14,475.75
Deficit	\$4,119.65
YTD Income	\$20,301.32
YTD Expenses	\$26,627.59
Operating Cash Balance	\$1,991.84

The above financial numbers paint a faith challenging picture. Please help us with your regular contributions to the church. Another month like last month and we will not be able to pay our financial obligations. If you want to do more consider picking up a 30 pieces of silver bag from our Sunday worship services and fill it up with a special offering for Easter. We can help our Easter celebration lift us up from a very difficult financial situation.

Funeral and Wedding Coordinator Needed

Would you be interested in helping some of our families with some of the most important times of their lives. We are looking for someone to make the phone calls to mobilize our people to provide a meal following a funeral or memorial service at our church. Many are willing to help but we need someone to coordinate.

Also

We are looking for a wedding coordinator. This is a compensated position and requires someone to work with a wedding party from the rehearsal through the ceremony.

Talk with Pastor Rick if you are interested and want to know more details.

Ushers Needed

We are in need of more ushers. We have five ushering teams and so this commitment is only once every 5 months. It is wonderful to usher as a whole family. Talk with Dick Maxa or Pastor Rick if you are interested.

New High School and College Age Group

As a result of Lutheran Lay Renewal our high school and college age youth will be meeting every Monday from 6:00p.m. to 7:30p.m. This will be a spiritually dedicated group where a sense of unity and love will be nurtured between the participants and their Lord. Please come!

Two Youth Events in April

Youth Quake Retreat April 13-15 at the Hilton Hotel in Costa Mesa

IT4 on Sunday, April 22nd. Leave at Noon and be back by 8:30p.m.

Talk with Pastor Rick if you want more details.

Roadside Pride

Saturday, April 21st. This is a fund raiser for our youth that picks up trash along the Santee streets. Each participant will earn dollars to help pay for a future event or retreat. Contact Pastor Rick if you want to help.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Maundy Thursday, April 5th 7:00p.m. Worship

Good Friday, April 6th 7:00p.m. Worship

Easter Worship, April 8th 9:00a.m. Worship with brunch and Easter Egg Hunt following

Easter Worship, April 8th 5:00p.m. contemporary rock Worship with Easter Egg Hunt following

Lutheran Lay Renewal Follow-Up

The Lutheran Lay Renewal will have far-reaching implications for our church for years to come. What a wonderful spiritual foundation of faith that was laid. Please come to a meeting after the 9:00a.m. worship service on Sunday, April 1st to see all the possibilities.



A New Season...A New Experience Worship, friends...and BBQ ?

Please join us for our uplifting, spiritual contemporary service every Sunday at 5:00 PM. Beginning April 15th we will BBQ after each service. Come enjoy wonderful fellowship along with hot-dogs, chips, and drinks. And remember, we also roast marshmallows!!

**Joyful Joyful
The Date Is Set
Summer Camp 6/18–7/13**

Join us! Volunteer for our “Faith Enrichment” class and work 1-on-1 with a child two days per week during camp.

Open your hearts. Give a donation to help sponsor a child.

Youth (7th grade and up) interested in working at the camp? Please see Pastor.

Fun fun fun! Sign your children up early for camp. Grades K-6.

Unsure of how you could help? Just ask! We need monetary donations, help with snacks, faith enrichment for the children, crafts, and more.

Lets do this together! (Next camp meeting will be at 5pm on 4/11)

Scholarship a child:

Whole camp (\$400), half (\$200) one week (\$100), daily (\$20)

***Children who would like to request a scholarship need to see Pastor.*

**Make A Joyful Noise Summer Camp
Magazine Fundraiser**

Our magazine fundraiser continues! Please look at the site and renew or subscribe to your favorite magazines. The great part is 40% of all proceeds go to our summer camp! Just click and order. (over 650 titles) <http://www.magfundraising.com/NoNuts>

If you have any questions, please contact Misty at 619-479-0424 or onegreatmt@yahoo.com

**Contemporary Service
Easter Sunday - April 8th
Easter Egg Hunt And Treats**

Begin your Easter with an exciting celebration of new life during our 5PM service. Enjoy powerful music, hear an inspirational message which will touch your heart, and meet new friends. Afterwards, celebrate life as we watch the excitement of our children as they fill their baskets with eggs and special treats. Snacks will be served.

Stewardship Report

Here's an idea on how you can help the church financially by just adding an extra step to your shopping. The community card that the church can provide you with allows you to do your regular shopping, then swipe your card at the checkout counter, and a small percentage of your purchase gets donated to our church. The amount you purchase does not increase, so it costs you nothing extra except the swiping of a card. There will be more on this as we get it, but this would be a great way for all of us to step up without burdening our checkbooks.

Also, please contact Robert Reid, your Stewardship committee chairperson, if you are interested in joining the committee to help our church, or if you want information about how you can help the church financially like in the idea above. If we all do a little extra, our church grows by leaps and bounds. Rob can be reached at Rob@HonestReid.com or 619-328-0844

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Member Profiles

We will resume our member profiles in the weekly bulletin in April. If you have not yet been profiled, please contact Ellie Timan or Tim Hustad. We will give you a profile sheet to fill out, take your picture, and "eventually" you/your family will be profiled in the bulletin. This gives our church family to know you a little better, and they are great conversations starters. We

know one another by face, and pew mates, it's nice to know our friends and family a little better. We are all surprised when we find what we have in common in addition to church! You only have to put in what you want us to know. The questions asked are fairly generic, and used for everyone. Thank you for your willingness to share!

Member Picture "Frame"

Hopefully, before you receive this, our new member picture "frame" will be installed near the back of the church by the information table. Mike Diorio, funded by Dorcas, has built and installed this new addition. Every family/member will have their picture there, which should make it easier for us to identify one another. Several of us, from time to time, have memory lapses with names but not faces! If you aren't completely with the picture shown, Jeremy Hustad, Jeff Sallay, or Mike Weber will be happy to take a new one absolutely free of charge.

Check out our new picture board and see if you can name everyone without peeking at their names! I can't yet!

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Panda Garden Buffet in Santee, 256 Town Center Parkway, at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 10th. Join in for some good food and wonderful fellowship. For more information call either Grace Otto, 448-8202 or Nancy Funick, 561-7823.

April Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan, Grace Otto, Janice Davis
 Communion Assist.: 1, 8- Marie Freeman, Sara Paulsen 15, 22- Jennifer Brown, Bill Blue 31- Youth
 Communion Care: Grace Otto
 Edgemoor Hospital Worship: -
 Greeters: 1, 8- Tom, Carol, Danielle & Nicole Davidson 15, 22- Jennifer Brown, Dee Ryden, Bill Blue 31- Youth
 Lector: 1, 8- Tom Davidson 15, 22- Linda Schoegel 29- Youth
 Stephen Minister of the Day: 1- Jim Thomas 8- Carol Davidson 15- Ed Teichner 22- Ellie Timan 29- Bill Blue
 Ushers: Darrel, Jeanna, Eleanor & Katie Timan, Stephenie Meyers, John Sevcik

April Anniversaries

- 5 Helen & Ronald Humphries
- 8 Vicki & Richard Haas
- 24 James & Janet Shuey
- 25 Sherry & Steve Martin
- 30 Brian & Victoria Grant

April Birthdays

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| 1 | Shelby Hildebrand | 19 | Jim Thomas |
| 3 | Trent Forster | 19 | Lucas Paulsen |
| 5 | Deborah Callaway | 20 | Kenneth Schloegel |
| 7 | Kathleen Jones | 21 | Michel Weber |
| 9 | Randie Davis | 22 | Gloria Wiley |
| 10 | Henry Meyers | 22 | Jennifer Myette-Ashworth |
| 10 | Cristalee Hill | | |
| 12 | Christopher Quintanilla | 23 | Tommy Wiley |
| | | 23 | Serenity Stark |
| 13 | Lyndsay Comstock | 24 | James Albright |
| 13 | Frankie Kelchner | 24 | Kris Francis |
| 15 | Janice Davis | 27 | Pamela Meyers |
| 17 | Edward Teichner | 28 | Brian Grant |

(If anyone was missed, please call the church office, 448-1888)

HIGH FIVE

To The God's Gifts Children.

Lets all congratulate

- Kendra Martin
- Lucas Paulsen
- Robin Paulsen
- Michael Sallay
- Bryant Taylor
- Bryce Taylor
- Austin Thompson
- Trevor Thompson
- Daniel Timan
- Emily Weber

For completing 10 weeks of God's Gifts. The children memorized bible verses and answered many bible-based questions in order to earn enough points to go on a special trip in September to Pump It Up!

