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Pastor's Page

“And you, who once were estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, provided that you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the Gospel which you heard.”

These few words from Colossians 1: 21-23 can help prepare us for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter and beyond to eternity.

The verses start with an understanding of the need to look at the past in order to leave it behind. We once were “estranged” and separated from God, we were “hostile in mind” and we were guilty of “evil deeds”. All of us do not like to be reminded of our errors, our faults and our weaknesses; but to move beyond them we must acknowledge them.

A friend of mine in AA tells me that we are only as healthy as our secrets. He says that if we have secrets, we cannot be healthy. He explains that one of the key traits of the addicted is that they hide their addictions.

Jesse Lipscomb our church council president has been leading the council into a new sense of “transparency”. We must be willing to have all our council decisions be open to everyone. We need to express our opposition to others openly and not behind their backs. We must be willing to express our mistakes and faults openly and not try to cover them up. Jesse wants us to make a video of our council meetings that would be available to everyone.

The “hostile mind” wants to rebel and fight. Jesus wants us to repent and not judge others.

I believe we should never say anything negative about someone else without that person being present. To talk negatively about someone behind their backs is a great sin against that person and our church.

That's why Jesus died. Jesus died to forgive us our sin. What does Jesus want from us? Jesus does not want our self-righteous explanations of our lack of love. Jesus wants us to confess our lack of love and

Jesus wants us to live in a self-sacrificing and serving way. The cross is a symbol of self-sacrifice and service. It is the only way to be “holy, blameless and irreproachable” before him. We cling to the cross.

How do we live the way of the cross? We must follow Jesus. We live by the power of Jesus not our own power. We live by faith in Jesus not in rebellion. We live seeking both to be forgiven and to forgive others. The power of Jesus is in that cross; because that cross speaks of someone who is willing to die that others may live. The cross speaks of someone who will not retaliate when persecuted; but accepts the evil as their own cross to bear. This cross we bear is a cross that we choose for the sake of a higher good. This is a cross that seeks not so much to be served, but to serve and to give up one's life that others may live.

To live this life of the cross is to know the resurrection in our day-to-day lives. We begin eternity now. We can receive what Jesus offers now.

Happy Easter! May the risen Christ empower us all to live in the light of a way of life that brings life and light to the world. Choose light and not darkness. Choose life and not death. Choose Jesus.

Pastor Rick

Finances and Attendance for February			
Attendance:			
	9:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	Total
2/1	81	17	98
2/8	89	16	105
2/15	74	18	92
2/22	85	19	104
February Finances:			
Expenses		\$14,412	
Income		\$13,940	
Operating Surplus YTD		\$18,641	

Bagels and Senior Lunch

Something each Tuesday of the month

Meet at Einstein Bagels at the Santee Trolley each Tuesday between 9:30am and 11:00am for fellowship

Except...

The second Tuesday of the month when you are invited to the Senior Lunch at a local restaurant beginning at 11:30am. Senior Lunch for April will be on the 14th at Omelet Factory, 7941 Mission Gorge Rd, Santee.

Feed the Homeless April 13th

Meet at church at 2:30pm and return by 5:30pm

Let Pastor Rick Know if you would like to attend and need a ride.

Church Travel Site

Did you know that we have a church travel site where you can book airline tickets, hotel accommodations and rental cars and for the very best rates available and have a percentage of the dollars you spend come back as a donation to the church.

Go online to benefit yourself and your church:

www.ytbtravel.com/chelc

Wednesdays are Church Night

There is a big advantage to having almost all of our weekday church activities be on the same evening. This allows whole families to participate because there is something for everyone and with one night a week when the church has most of its activities it is easier to remember.

We would like to make Wednesdays:

“Church Night”

Here is the schedule:

5:30p.m. to 6:30p.m. Confirmation

7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. High Up

6:30p.m. to 7:30p.m. Drama Practice & Confirmation/
Jr. High Youth Group

7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. Adult Choir

Adult Studies

Pastor Rick offers two adult studies.

On Sunday mornings between services he will offer a study from a book called “The Book of Faith” which explains in detail the Lutheran perspective on Bible Study along with several actual Bible studies.

On Thursday evenings from 7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. Pastor Rick and Deby will open their home at 1630 Whitsett Drive in El Cajon to study the New Testament readings from the “One Year Bible”. This is open to any adult. Please let Pastor Rick know if you are interested in attending.

Sewing Needs?

She’s a wizard with a needle and thread

Can produce any garment that pops into your head

She mends, darns, and sews ‘til work is completed

Call Nancy Funick at 619-270-7187 to do your sewing chores

Her prices are right and satisfaction is yours!

High Up Going to National Gathering

Check out the envelope board at the back of the church. The envelopes are marked 1-125 and our High School and College age youth are looking for your support to attend the National Gathering in New Orleans next summer. Simply pick a numbered envelope and place that amount of dollars in the envelope to support this effort. Let's see if we can use all the envelopes!

Joyful Noise Summer Camp

Plans are being made for our summer music and arts camp. Mark your calendars for June 22-July 17th, M-F.

Our camp taps the creative energies of our children and enlists our youth in key leadership roles.

Contact Belinda Karge or Pastor Rick or the church web site for more details.

Holy Week and Easter

Please join us for an exciting and meaningful celebration of the week before Easter and Easter morning.

Here is our schedule:

Maundy Thursday, April 9th at 7:00p.m. there will be a Seder or Passover celebration in the Acts Center. Come and see and experience what an authentic Jewish Seder is like and why Jesus chose this meal to give us communion and prepare himself and the disciples for His death and resurrection.

Good Friday, April 10th at 7:00p.m. the choir will lead us in wonderful special music and the readings will bring us all the drama of Jesus' death on the cross.

Easter Sunday, April 12th we will have one worship service at 9:00a.m. with an Easter breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt to follow. The youth are combining both youth groups to bring us the breakfast and the Easter Egg Hunt as a fund raiser to send 10 of our youth to the National Gathering in New Orleans this summer.

Youth Quake

Eight of our Confirmation and Jr. High youth will be attending the Youth Quake along with Stephanie and Chris Myers. They will leave Friday, April 17th and return Sunday, April 19th. Please for them this weekend that they will be blessed and inspired.

Pastor Rick at Stephen Ministry Leaders Training

Pastor Rick will be traveling to St. Louis to attend a Stephen Ministry Leaders training from April 19-25. We are so blessed by the ministry of our Stephen Ministers and this training will help Pastor Rick to make these valuable ministers in our church even more helpful in caring for the spiritual needs of all our people both within and outside the church.

Palm Crosses

Would you like to learn how to make Palm Crosses and provide a lasting remembrance to our worshipers on Palm Sunday? Come on Saturday, April 4th at 9:00a.m. to learn the craft and help provide the crosses to our Palm Sunday worshipers.

**Church Council will meet
Sunday, April 5th at 4:00p.m.**

Bingo FAITH Event Faith Active In Training Hearts At Noon, Sunday May 3rd

The confirmation and Jr. High Youth are sponsoring a church-wide and community-wide bingo event with food and prizes. The admission is a good used pair of shoes for "Soles for Souls" which distributes good used shoes to the poor in 16 countries.

There will be food, bingo prizes and child care.

Please contact Stephanie Myers if you would like to donate a prize or food for the event.

High Up Rummage Sale – April 4, 2009

The High School and College Youth are coordinating a Rummage Sale for Saturday April 4, 2009 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the church.

We need your help! Please donate all of your spring cleaning items to our sale!

We are accepting anything except adult clothes (children and baby clothes are okay). Proceeds will go toward the All Lutheran Youth Gathering trip this summer. Please notify one of the youth if you have something that needs to be picked up. We will need the items by Friday, April 3rd. Thanks for your donations!

Tastefully Simple Fundraising Party April 11, 2009

Saturday, April 11, 2009 at 11:00 am at the home of Belinda and Doug Karge, 2067 Vista Hermosa Way in El Cajon, everyone is welcome to come taste mouth-watering foods, explore delicious meal-time solutions, and enjoy a time of fellowship, and 'fun'-raising for a good cause! All proceeds from this event will go to the High Up trip to the All Lutheran Youth Gathering in New Orleans

Chili Cook-Off

SDSU Lutheran Campus Ministry will sponsor a Chili Cook-Off at Christ Lutheran Church in Pacific Beach on Sunday, April 26th

Please plan to attend or bring a donation to that Sunday's worship service to support this ministry.

Teach Your Kids to Share Day

Offered by Thrivent Financial at
The New Children's Museum
200 West Island Avenue
San Diego
April 24, 5:30 – 9 p.m.

Instill sensible money habits in your kids and have fun doing it

What is Teach Your Kids to Share Day?

On the evening of April 24, families across the country will come together for a lively and interactive educational experience. Using innovative

tools and techniques, the event focuses on a values-based approach to money management.

Together, families will:

- Explore ways kids can share, save and spend.
- Discuss the importance of being responsible with money.
- Build a financial foundation for children that will last a lifetime.

What can participants expect?

A \$10 per family registration fee will get participants dinner, activities, educational materials—and stuff to take home! Parents will gain a better understanding of why it's important to teach kids about financial principles. Kids will learn how even small decisions regarding money can make a big difference.

Who can take part?

This event is open to adults (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) and children ages 6–10. You do not have to be a member of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. No products or services will be sold.

For more information, call 800-236-3736.

To register online go to <https://www.thrivent.com/shareday/?wsrc=enews031109a> and click on the "registration page" link.

Vicki Haas
Council Member for Outreach

Life Line Screening

Carlton Hills Lutheran Church will host Life Line Screenings on Thursday April 9, 2009. Pre-registration is required. Please call (800) 324-1851. Five screenings will be available: Stoke/Carotid Artery, Atrial Fibrillation (Irregular Heartbeat, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) and Osteoporosis. Forms will be available at the rear of the church.

Council's Page

Council Minutes
March 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Jesse Lipscomb at 4:00 p.m.

Attending were: Penny Sallay, Gary Berglund, Vicki Haas, Kim Rones, Pastor Rick Schowalter, Donna Dudley, Laura Vaughan, Jesse Lipscomb, Kris Francis, Michael Weber, Deanna Sampson and Wilbur Taylor.

Jesse led us in Devotions:
Devotions: Titus 1:5-16
Take commitments serious.
Teach our children to be Believers of Faith.
Not to be debauchery and rebellious.
To be good Christian's – God's Stewardship.

Visioning: Stewardship Position:

Donna Dudley presented an Outline from ELCA, of 20 Practices for Growing Stewards in your Congregation.

Getting new people in the church on a need basis and not a monetary basis.

Ways of getting the word out to the Neighborhood about our church, by not going door to door.

Penny suggested that we start Volunteer of the Month: All volunteer's names will go into a hat and Council will draw a name out at the meeting. The volunteer will receive a dinner gift card for \$20.00 from a local restaurant, a Certificate of Appreciation, a Thank-you card signed by Council, their picture taken and put in the Echo. This will cost about \$200.00 for the year. They will be recognized the first Sunday of the month. The third Sunday is the Birthday/Anniversary Day, so she suggested the first Sunday.

Once the name is selected, they come out of the hat and their name will be placed on a list, to make certain they don't get selected again. The idea is to select a different person each time and to show our appreciation for their volunteer efforts.

Pastor suggested that we add an article to the Echo with their picture. He also commented that the congregation gets involved to make certain we get everyone. There may be people that are volunteering for something, that we don't know about.

It was also suggested that the congregation select someone. Penny commented that if the congregation nominates someone, the same people will be getting nominated. Jesse asked for a motion.

Penny made a motion to start the Volunteer of the Month on the first Sunday of the Month. Council will pull a name out of a hat or envelope during the Council Meeting. Penny will type up a Certificate of Appreciation, Council will sign a Thank-you card, and a Dinner Gift Card for \$20.00 will be purchased at a local restaurant.

The volunteer selected will have their picture taken, which will be submitted in the Echo with a write up about their volunteer efforts. They will be recognized on the first Sunday of the following month. This was seconded by Deanna. "All approved", and the motion was passed.

New Business

Laura explained that we need to update the paperwork for Pastor Rick's Salary. This was never updated and has to be done. The paperwork is now completed.

Pastor requested that Marvin and Gary get together and make up a schedule for special music, so it can be advertised.

Deanna made a motion to accept the minutes with Donna seconding. "All approved", and the motion was passed.

Penny explained the close out Treasurer's report for December 2008 does not match the close out Financial Secretary's Report for December 2008 and that these reports should not be accepted at this time. Laura is currently working on this.

Laura made a motion to accept the reports with the exception of the Treasurer's Report for December 2008 and January – February 2009 at this time, until the close out Audit for 2008 is

completed. Gary seconded. "All approved", and the motion was passed.

Laura explained the Exchange Audit Committee is scheduled for Saint Peters. They will do our Audits for 2006 and 2007. She suggested that the Exchange Audit Committee may also do our Audit for 2008. Penny explained to her that Our Internal Audit Committee has to do the Audit for 2008. This is in accordance with the new Constitution and Bylaws and was voted on at the Annual Meeting by the Congregation.

Sara Paulsen still has the Treasurer's records for 2007 in her custody. Laura and Pastor Rick are looking into this. They will try to get in touch with Sara and go and get the records.

Vicki made a suggestion to change the date of the next meeting to April 5, 2009 vice April 12, 2009 because of the Easter Holiday.

Old Business:

Penny and Mike briefed on the information of the video equipment for the meeting.

Penny is doing research on the camera that she has for donation.

Penny and Mike will discuss this further, when she finds out the information required.

This is tabled for the next meeting of April.

Jesse asked how the Credit Card purchases are working out. Penny briefed everyone on the credit card.

Jesse suggested that Penny look into using the Quill Account for purchases. Penny will check into this and will brief the Council at the next meeting.

Penny briefed Council on the update of the Constitution and Bylaws. This was mailed out with a Return Receipt. The date that it is received by the Synod will start the 120 day allowed for approval or disapproval.

Gary asked if the Synod will tell us if it is rejected and why. Penny explained that if the Synod disapproves the Constitution or Bylaws, they will send a documentation explaining the disapproval. If this happens, she will reconvene a meeting with the

Constitution and Bylaws Committee to handle these rejections. Make all corrections and will resubmit to the Synod.

Next meetings:

Council Meeting: Sunday, April 5, 2009, - 4:00 p.m.

Laura made a motion to adjourn at 5:37 p.m., with Gary seconding. All approved, and the motion was passed.

Closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Sallay
Council Secretary

Church Credit Card

We will start using the Church American Express Credit Card (AMEX) to make all purchases. The American Express Credit Card will allow us to write one check at the end of the month. American Express gives back dividends which will help us to purchase other items or even possibly get cash back.

There is a Supplies Order Form located in the office and in the kitchen in the Act's Center. If you need to purchase any supplies, fill out this form and I'll purchase the items for you. This includes all on line ordering.

Penny Sallay
Council Secretary

Make a Joyful Noise Art and Music Camp

This summer our church will host the Fifth annual Make a Joyful Noise Art and Music Camp June 22, 2009 to July 17, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily. The cost is the same as last summer (\$100 per week per child). This summer we have several new rotations including a film making rotation and a culinary arts rotation! There will be before/after care available from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and again from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Come join the fun.....Camper and Staff applications are available on the website or see Belinda Karge or Pastor Rick

Please take time to share the information on camp with your friends and extended family. We have distributed fliers to all the schools in Santee and thanks to Katie Timan, we were able to advertise in the Miss Santee Pageant program. Let us know if you have an idea for additional advertising.

April Anniversaries

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

April Birthdays

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

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

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Omelet Factory, 7941 Mission Gorge Rd, Santee, at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 14th. Join in for some good food and

wonderful fellowship. For more information call Grace Otto, 448-8202 or Nancy Funick, 270-7187.

April Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan, Grace Otto
 Communion Assist.: TBD
 Communion Care: TBD
 Greeters: TBD
 Lector: 5, 12- TBD 19, 26- TBD
 Stephen Minister of the Week: 5- Ed Teichner
 12- Jim Thomas 19- Mandy Vaughan
 26- Ellie Timan
 Ushers: Jennifer, Owen & Sydnie Brown, Tom Davidson, Heather Gasner, Susie Rettig & Diedra Zeller

Texts for the Sundays in April

- 5th **Palm Sunday**
 Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16 Procession with Palms
 Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 31:9-16 (5)
 Philippians 2:5-11
 Mark 14:1 – 15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 [40-47]
Color: Scarlet/Purple
- 12th **Easter Sunday**
 Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (24)
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43
 Mark 16:1-8 or John 20:1-18
Color: White/Gold
- 19th **Second Sunday of Easter**
 Acts 4:32-35
 Psalm 133 (1)
 1 John 1:1–2:2
 John 20:19-31
Color: White
- 26th **Third Sunday of Easter**
 Acts 3:12-19
 Psalm 4 (3)
 1 John 3:1-7
 Luke 24:36b-48
Color: White