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Pastor's Page

Did you know that there is a story in the Bible about a talking donkey? I am fascinated by the story.

In the story from Numbers 22-23 a king named Balak tries to influence a man of God named Balaam to curse the people of Israel because he feels threatened by their numbers. Balaam refuses but because of the increased pressure applied by King Balak, eventually God allows Balaam to go to King Balak. But God is still angry that Balaam is going, even though God gave permission for Balaam to make the journey.

As the story goes, Balaam is on his journey to visit King Balak when his donkey refuses to move forward because the donkey can see an angel in the road with a drawn sword. When Balaam beats his donkey eventually the donkey takes this wide path around the angel. But a short distance down the road the angel appears again, only this time the angel is between two walls of rock and so when the donkey is again beaten to proceed the donkey scrapes Balaam's legs against the rocks in an effort to avoid the threatening angel.

The angel appears a third time. Only this time there is no room to squeeze by the angel because the angel appears between an extremely narrow passage of rock walls in the path. This time the donkey lies down and refuses to move while Balaam again beats the donkey and tries to get him to get up and move forward.

Now the donkey speaks. The donkey complains, "What have I done that deserves you beating me three times."

Balaam replies, "You have made me look like a fool. If I had a sword with me, I would kill you!"

The donkey answers. "Have I ever done anything like this before?"

Balaam admits, "No." and now Balaam's eyes are opened and he can see the angel with the drawn sword. Now the angel speaks. "Why have you beaten your donkey three times? Look I have

come to block your way because you are stubbornly resisting me."

Balaam confesses his sin.

There is more to the story but I am fascinated by God directing Balaam to give in to the pressure of King Balak and yet God considering this a sin. I wonder how many times we give in to pressures we know that are wrong? We believe that God gives us permission to go ahead and yet we keep missing the signs that we really need to confess our sin and turn around.

As we celebrate Easter this year let us consider how we might honor God best in his resurrection by obeying the signs in our life that we need to be traveling in the opposite direction. Maybe we need to obey the signs that even a donkey can see but we are blinded to. Will it take a talking donkey and a threatening angel for us to register the error of our ways?

Pastor Rick

Finances And Attendance For February

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	Total
2/7	94	19	113
2/14	89	15	104
2/17	Ash Wednesday		75
2/2	87	36	123
2/2	Lent		64
2/28	100	31	131

February Finances:

Expenses	\$13,435
Income	\$11,632
Operating Surplus YTD	\$20,840

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 13th is at Panda Garden Buffet in Santee.

Church Council Will Meet Sunday, April 11th At 4:00p.m.

Easter And Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00pm, April 1st

Good Friday Worship 7:00p.m, April 2nd

Easter Community Sunrise Worship
at Santee Lakes 6:30a.m.

Easter Worship at Carlton Hills 9:00am, April 4th
NO 11:00 a.m. worship on Easter

Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt following the Easter Worship with proceeds going for Stephanie, Betty and Sara's trip to El Salvador.

Confirmation At 5:30p.m.

Wednesday, April 7th Final Exam

Wednesday, April 14th Make ups for the final exam

Wednesday, May 11th Faith Statements for Danny Timan, Michael Sallay, Tom Reaney and Sara Flores who will read their Faith Statements for Confirmation Sunday, May 30th at 9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m.

Special Congregation Meeting: Church By Laws

When: Sunday, April 11, 2010 at 10:15 AM

Where: CHELC Sanctuary

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

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!

Chili Cook-Off And Cookie Chill-Off

Sunday, April 18th from 4:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. at Christ Lutheran Pacific Beach at 4761 Cass Street please join us for excellent chili, salad, breadsticks, child care, great music and a cookie competition. All donations benefit Agape House,

Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry at SDSU. A special offering will be taken that Sunday if you cannot attend but would like to support campus ministry.

Thank-you!!

Pastor Murray and Marguerite Johnson wrote: "Thank you so very much for providing the air fare for us to join you for your 50th anniversary celebration. We really enjoyed the very pleasant day with everyone and the wonderful worship service. After we returned home, Murray kept repeating how happy he was to have been there."

Pastor Bill Gutknecht wrote: "It was a special day for Shirley and me to be with you on Sunday for the 50th Anniversary of Carlton Hills Lutheran.

Memories of friends and members were rekindled with feelings of gratitude to God for our Lord's presence, power and peace bestowed on those who remain faithful to their baptismal calling with those who have been transferred to the Church in Heaven. We especially appreciated the meaningful anniversary worship. A rich liturgical worship with choir and members, young and older, participating together in joy filled hymns and responses to Word and Sacrament, was a blessing to us. Thank you for your words of kindness and hospitality expressed throughout the morning and with the delicious 'thanks-giving' meal."

Ed Teichner Sunday

On Sunday, April 18th we will celebrate Ed Teichner's retirement as a Stephen Minister and Stephen Leader at the 9:00a.m. worship service. Ed is one of the original Stephen Ministers and we are so grateful for the years of ministry he has accomplished. Many have been blessed by Ed and the Stephen Ministry program that he helped create at our church. Come and express your personal thanks for his ministry among us.

If you would like to become a Stephen Minister and help fill those shoes a Stephen Ministry training is set to begin on Tuesday, April 27th at 5:00p.m. Contact Ellie Timan at 448-2495 or 851-2495 if you would like further information.

Member Profile: Stephanie Myers

Last evening, when her kids were in bed, I had a chance to talk with Stephanie Myers about herself. So this is my interpretation of Stephanie's story and to let all of you know a little more about her!

As a young girl, Stephanie's family lived in Spring Valley. It was there they found a Lutheran Church and there, her family attended. Upon moving to Santee, the family already knew they wanted to continue attending a Lutheran Church and found Carlton Hills Lutheran Church. It was the "small" Church feel they really like. And as Stephanie grew, she attended confirmation classes, and, as an adult, she and her husband, Chris and two children, son Noah age 11 and daughter Ryan age 3, have continued attending Carlton Hills as are her parents. Her family attends our 11:00 am service as they enjoy the contemporary worship service.

Don't be misled by the term "small" Church. That really means Stephanie and her family love the friendships, relationships, and support system a "small" congregation offers. This is an environment where the Pastor as well as congregation members know your first name. This is an environment in which the Pastor shakes your hand. This is an environment in which Stephanie has found her calling in working with youth ministry. You can hear it in her voice as she talks about how much youth ministry means to her and how supportive her husband is for her.

Currently Stephanie is a non-practicing dental assistant. Don't let that fool you. She is fully employed as a wife and mother and her love for children is shown as she and her family currently fosters two children. And the youth ministry which provides her with many rewards...it is an extension of her family and home.

Stephanie's love for children and youth ministry and desire to travel international was realized last July as God brought her together with the Poway Lutheran Church. She traveled to Cameroon in July 2009 and was able to realize many of her outreach dreams. This year, in 2010, she will return and this time she will be accompanied by

one of our 15 year old youth, Betty Reany. Not only does Stephanie consider this a wonderful experience for one of our youth, but it will also provide missionary exposure and understanding.

Life in Cameroon is different than what we consider “normal”. They stay in a missionary compound. The local folks are desperate for income and will do anything to help you. That includes doing your laundry or going to the market for fruits and vegetables. This year’s trip will find Stephanie and Betty working in the Pediatric department at the hospital. And Stephanie is always looking to the future...perhaps a trip to El Salvador?

One thing about this energetic 30 year old woman and you can hear it over and over again in her voice, is her love for working with youth and youth ministry. So when you see her and her family, be sure to say “hi” and how you now know a little more about her.

Thank you Stephanie so much for taking time from your busy life and visiting with me! May God continue to bless you, your family, and watch over you as you grow in your Youth Ministry.

Donna Dudley

Member Profile: Kathleen Darland

This month I am writing about Kathleen Darland. After several phone calls we finally caught up to each other. And then due to my busy schedule, Kathleen was gracious enough to send me an email. What would we do without modern technology! And this is Kathleen’s story:

Kathleen has been a member of Carlton Hills Lutheran Church family for 15 years! Pastor Mark was heading the church as Kathleen was deciding if this was to be her Church family. Since then she has been involved in different areas of our church. She has ushered and has been a lector. She also enjoyed the companionship of the Dorcas circle for a while and enjoyed getting to know the ladies (and a few men). But most of all, Kathleen has found her main interest with Stephen Ministry. She enjoys helping those who need someone to

listen and need a little help with gathering their thoughts to reach a comfortable direction. Plus she is able to give Holy Communion which is a privilege! And this is the church that Kathleen has been able to call the Pastors by their first name... go figure!

Kathleen also comments how our congregation is so warm and welcoming and friendly that she decided to stay. She also sees that ours is a giving church with insight. And she recognizes how much she has grown in our church. This was an opportunity she didn’t have before due to much moving around. She is very grateful for all the people who have and still do touch her life!

Kathleen’s faith is strong. God has chosen for her to learn spirituality...which has helped bring Christ into her life as her personal Savior. She has had the opportunity to turn her will and life over to the care of God. This helps her think of Him and talk to Him all the time. And it takes a load off her shoulders.

Kathleen’s father was in the Navy. That means her family moved...a lot! Her mother would go to church and bring Kathleen’s twin sister, herself, and brother to Sunday school when they were little. When they moved to Imperial Beach she attended a Methodist Church which was close to home. She attended St. James Lutheran Church after finding out Pastor Keenan was having a bible study on the book of Revelations. She went to Catechism there and was later married there. But she remained loyal to the Methodist church also and Pastor Cooney later baptized Kathleen’s baby.

As with all of us, life happens. Kathleen’s son Casey grew up and now has a daughter, Madison. Her mom still lives in Imperial Beach and her father passed in 2001. Her twin sister and one of her brothers live here in San Diego. Two other brothers live with their families in Washington State.

Kathleen has had beautiful cats and dogs over the years and they have come and gone as our pets are known to do. Kathleen now has a cat “Furball” and if Furball will allow it, perhaps they will get a

dog! And one day, they will all be reunited in heaven.

Kathleen retired from San Diego county. She was a gardener for ten years until her body told her that was enough of that and then she performed another sixteen years of clerical service. Still going strong, Kathleen works as a security guard to supplement her retirement. She likes her work and is very happy with her life!

Kathleen enjoys both Sunday services. While not an early riser, she prefers to attend the 9am service but it doesn't matter. Whatever works best on Sunday. And when it is her turn to be at the 9am service for the Stephen Ministry, she will be there.

And Kathleen wanted us to know she is also on the prayer chain and that prayer is very powerful!

On Sunday mornings, look around and tell Kathleen how grateful we all are for what she does for our church family. And Kathleen, remember, your Church family loves you!

Stephen Ministry Training

What is Stephen Ministry? What part does it play in the church? Who in the congregation is involved? Why should I be part of this ministry? How are Stephen Minister's chosen? What is involved? Is there an age requirement or limit? What is the cost? How much time is involved? What exactly is meant by training? Why confidentiality? Why is confidentiality stressed so much? How much time is involved? Most importantly, "Is this a way I can serve God and my church?"

Do you ask these questions to yourself? Do you know the answers? Why not ask a Stephen Minister? We are the ones wearing the blue name badges on Sundays, and sometimes on Wednesday nights during Lent. Why not consider becoming a Stephen Minister?

Stephen Ministry training begins on Tuesday, April 27th here at CHELC. We will be sharing training with Clairemont Lutheran. At this time, we have 2 candidates from our congregation, 2

from St. Columbas Episcopal, and 3 from Clairemont Lutheran.

Yes, there is a need for both Stephen Minister's and care receiver's at CHELC. This congregation has supported this ministry since 1995, and it has been an outreach in the community. Please consider serving as a Stephen Minister. There is no better time for you to seek answers to these questions, and then to say yes!

Pastor Rick, Carol Davidson, Kathy Darland, Vicki Haas, Marian Privitt, Ed Teichner, Ellie Timan, and Mandy Vaughan will all be happy to answer your questions, give you information, encourage you. Thank you.

Second Sunday Special Music

We are excited to return to our special music Sundays once a month and most of those presentations will be the second Sunday of the month. What a wonderful way to share the wonderful gift of music that we possess in our church.

April 11th Brass Trio of Hank Schneider, Bill Orton and Pete Callaway

May 2nd the First Sunday of May with the St.Petersburg Ensemble from Russia with concert following between services

June 13th Lynn Nichol organ recital

June 11th Joyful Noise Camp

August 8th Guitar Trio of David Gulliver, Tom Coletti and Jeremy Hustad and Bethany Timan

September 8th Men's Quartet of James Schloegel, Hank Schneider, Bill Orton and Marvin Hamilton

October 10th James Schloegel

November 14th Marvin Hamilton

December 12th Pamela Blyth playing Christmas carols on the dulcimer

Council Minutes

February 21 And March 14, 2010

February 21, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Jesse Lipscomb at 4:02 p.m.

Devotions:

Jesse led us in Devotions: Matt. 25: 31-46 –Judgment of Nations.

- A one-word summary of this passage would be, “compassion.” Jesus takes it personally when we don’t have compassion.
- There is a tension: Judge not, but do hold people accountable.

Visioning:

The focus of this month’s visioning was the budget:

- A formula error in the spreadsheet failed to take into account the mortgage. The error is now corrected.
- Many cuts were suggested.

New Business:

Pamela made a motion to use door prizes as a means to increase attendance at the annual meeting. Mary Thomas had volunteered to provide the door prizes.

Reports and minutes were presented for February.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM. Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

March 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

Devotions:

Jesse led us in Devotions: I Corinthians 7:12-16 – Directions Concerning Marriage.

- Our faith has an evangelical nature. We are called to share our faith.
- The requirement starts with our families, particularly with our children.
- We are to set a good example in our dealings with others.

Visioning:

- Pam Meyers shared ideas for outside fund raising via Thrivent matching funds, volunteers working concessions at Padres games, etc.
- The Council agreed to have Pam M. follow up on and coordinate outside fund raising efforts.

New Business:

We discussed a bid received for cleaning, power washing, and sealing the roof.

- A second contractor will do another estimate.
- The council agreed to make the Thrivent School account available for funding short-term roofing maintenance. Long-term options were also discussed.
- Skip will provide more information and a bid from the second contractor at the next meeting.

We also discussed options with regards to the American Express/Costco card and purchasing policy.

Pastor Rick discussed a new lease proposal for the copier that would cost less and provide better service than the current lease. The council approved accepting the new lease.

Reports and minutes were presented for March.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM. Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next meetings:

By-Laws Congregation Meeting: Sunday April 11, 10:15 AM

Council Meeting: Sunday, April 11 , 4:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Blyth

Council Secretary

Make A Joyful Noise Camp

June 28, 2010 to July 23, 2010

This summer we will be hosting our 6th annual Make a Joyful Noise Art and Music Camp. Applications for employment are posted on the church website and are due March 1st. Interviews are Saturday March 6th – contact Belinda Karge to schedule a time for your interview. Camper Applications will be posted March 1st and will be due prior to the beginning of camp.

Massage Anyone?

Matthew Kassahn the grandson of Mary Thomas has recently completed his schooling to become a Massage Therapist. He is located at 3142 E. Plaza Blvd., Suite T in National City. His massages are as little as \$60 for an hour. Contact Matt at 619-672-5981 or 619-475-6417 if you want to treat yourself or you want to give someone you love a special gift.

Costco Membership

The church has a membership to Costco that is up for renewal on May 31, 2010. As a business, we can purchase additional cards, as many as we would like. If you are interested in a membership for yourself, we can order you a card and you can reimburse the church. Let Laura Vaughan know if you are interested.

Greetings From TACO!

As this Lenten season comes to a close, our journey brings us into the joyous Easter season where we celebrate the Risen Christ and the promise of new life. This is a time to remember our call in this life: to love others as God first loved us. What a serious call! How can I possibly love others as I have been loved? It's an endless challenge that we should always pursue.

Things are moving along here at TACO. We're feeding around 200 people at each meal and have served 5,000 meals so far this year. We certainly couldn't do it without your help!

I've been asked several times if we take clothing donations. Yes, however there are several things to keep in mind before you donate items to TACO. First off, our space for clothes is limited. Sometimes we are in need of items, but sometimes we simply have no room. Please coordinate directly with me if you have a large amount of clothing to bring. We always have room for new, white socks, new underwear for men and women, and travel size deodorant, and travel size toothbrushes/toothpastes. We do not distribute mouthwash (because the main ingredient is alcohol) or clothes that have not been washed. We can usually take men's and women's pants and shirts. For a complete list of what we can and cannot accept, please contact me.

Do you still have your calendars marked for Empty Bowls on May 8? If you are interested in helping out with the event, email me! Rachel.taco@firstlutheransd.org or call at 619-235-9445, ext. 2.

Thank you all again!
Rachel Line
Volunteer Coordinator

April Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan, Grace Otto
Communion Assist.: 4, 11- Sarah Paulsen & Laura Vaughan 18, 25- Grace Otto & Jeanna Timan
Communion Care: Grace Otto
Greeters: 4, 11- Timan Family
18, 25- Sallay Family
Lector: 4, 11- Gary Berglund 18, 25- Sylvia Smith
Stephen Minister of the Week: 4- Marian Privitt
11- Ed Teichner 18- Ellie Timan
25- Kathleen Darland
Ushers: Laura Vaughan, Norma Borgeson,
Kathleen Darland, Marie Freeman, Betty Maxa,
Mandy Vaughan

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Panda Garden Buffet in Santee, at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 13th. Join in for some good food and wonderful fellowship. For more information call Grace Otto, 448-8202 or Nancy Funick, 270-7187.

April Anniversaries

- 1 Michaele & Donald Cobb
- 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 | Luke Stevens | 21 | Michel Weber |
| 2 | Matthew Kassahn | 22 | Gloria Wiley |
| 5 | Deborah Callaway | 23 | Serenity Stark |
| 9 | Randie Davis | 24 | Brandon Cobb |
| 10 | Henry Meyers | 24 | James Albright |
| 13 | Frankie Kelchner | 24 | Kris Francis |
| 15 | Janice Davis | 27 | Pamela Meyers |
| 17 | Edward Teichner | 27 | Bryant Taylor |
| 19 | Lucas Paulsen | 28 | Brian Grant |

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



In Loving Memories of

William R. Thomas
Devoted husband and father
Aug 22, 1935 – Sep 14, 2008



Jack Smith
Aug 6, 1918 – Apr 23, 2001

Laura Mae Hustad
Nov 16, 1954 – Sep 8, 1978

Tony Sallay & Betty Sallay
Jan 17, 1911 – Jan 5, 1983 † Dec 24, 1916 – Dec 27, 1960

Edward Sullivan & Margaret Sullivan
Oct 31, 1921 – Feb 27, 1973 † May 25, 1924 – Feb 25, 2008

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This Plaque is hereby Dedicated On: March 14, 2010
By: Rev. Dr. Richard Schowalter