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(Keri's Sermon from Grace's Memorial)

Grace + Peace to you from God the Father and Jesus Christ our saving Lord. Amen.

Grace Ellen Morrison Otto was born on February 22, 1934 in Asbury Park, New Jersey, baptized on February 21, 1937 also in Asbury Park, and entered into eternal life on March 8, 2014 in Santee, California. She is preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Kathryn, her brother Ralph, and her husband Virgil. She is survived by her brothers Pat and Michael; her four children Kathryn, Michael, David, and Barbara; her grandchildren Michelle, Jacob, Isaiah, and James, and the granddoggies who she also loved very much; as well as 9 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great granddaughter.

One of the best parts about writing a funeral sermon is getting to meet the family and hearing stories about their loved one. Although we all might have wished for different circumstances, I was glad to meet Grace's children and hear the other side of some of her stories and plenty of new ones. My family knew how much she loved her relations, and we would never want to make claims that belong to her real relatives, but for all that we were not related we were blessed to have her as a part of our family too. Most of my family isn't much for public speaking, but at my grandparents 60th anniversary a couple of years ago Grace stood up and said that the Hustads have meant a lot to her over the years. On behalf of all of us Hustads and Hyles I would like to say that Grace has meant a whole lot to us over the years too. Miss Grace has been such a blessing to my family and I know my Grandma was closer to her than she was to her own sister. In the past 11 years since her husband died she's been at almost every Sunday brunch with us. She was like another grandma to my brother and I, and my children love her as much as they do their other great-grandparents. It has been an honor and a joy to know her and we love her dearly.

The whole first half of Grace's life was guided by the rhythms of Navy life. Her father was a career Navy man and at 16 she married Virgil, the

love of her life. "He was just a skinny little seaman when I married him," she would laugh in later years. With the ebb and flow of Navy life they had 4 children and moved around until they ended up in Santee in 1966. Her oldest children especially remember how busy she always was, the faithful Navy wife taking care of her young children while the sea carried her husband away. She didn't even drive for the first few years, but being the capable, independent woman she was – and would remain – she made things work. They said they remember her ironing all the time in those early years, and she told me many times that she would wait until the kids went to sleep to clean the house. Her children could all sleep while she ran the vacuum by their heads.

Always the active woman, as first three children got a little older she picked up bowling. At one point she was bowling in three different leagues and was even bowling the night before her youngest daughter, Barbara, was born. She was involved in her kids sports as they got older, especially baseball and softball. She managed Barbara's softball team all the way to the softball world series where they placed 7th in the nation. She would run into her bobby soxers all over the place. Later, when she was told that arthritis would rob her of walking if she didn't walk a lot, she started to walk a LOT. She would even walk from Santee to Jack Murphy stadium to meet Virge for the Padres games, and as kid I remember spotting her walking around town wearing her radio headphones and carrying a bag to collect the aluminum cans she found along the way.

Any of us who listened to Grace's stories know that she loved her family, and she loved her husband. As Virge retired from the Navy in 1977 and they transitioned out of military life they grew even closer in their marriage and together they blossomed into loving grandparents.

I know many of us gathered here are not related by blood or marriage but by her great love we feel like family. Grace and Virgil joined Carlton Hills in 1979 and became faithful, active members. I am sure this list is incomplete, but in her 35 years as a member here she ushered, set up and cleaned up communion, set up and cleaned up the coffee

fellowship, taught Sunday School, was a communion assistant, nursery attendant, set up the Senior Luncheon schedule, and was involved in other ministries of the church like the women's group, the prayer chain, the Salvation Army lunches, and the Tuesday morning bagel fellowship. "Miss Grace" was a teacher at the preschool for 14 years in the 80s and 90s, where she worked with my grandma and several other ladies of the church.

I know there are other women in our church who felt that Miss Grace was like a sister too, and it's because she was. She loved her own family so much, and she had so much love and energy it spilled out on the people around her too. She was the kind of woman who pulled folks together, always with that quick smile, a kind word, and usually something funny to say. She was full of good humor.

When it came to various issues in the church or tensions or even full-on conflicts she may or may not have had an opinion likely she did, and likely a pretty strong one – but she stayed friends with everyone. I have looked up to her example, thinking of how gracious and kind she was without ever getting bitter if what she thought should happen didn't end up happening. Such a Christian woman. She always seemed to know what was going on with people and while we might joke about finding out what the "church gossip" was from her she really wasn't gossipy. She cared about people, wished everyone well, hoped everyone was happy. Isn't that what Jesus calls all of us to? She was thoughtful, and she was faithful. Faithful in a steadfast, stick to your guns type of way. She was faithful to her husband and family, faithful to the military she never took an oath to be in but served as daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She was faithful with her cards for birthdays and anniversaries and in so many other ways she was faithful in support of her friends. She was faithful especially to other widows, on the phone and in person. She was faithful to this congregation, even though "Virge was the Lutheran, not her" and when he was gone she stayed because this is where her friends are. And of course she was faithful to God.

Grace shaped her own memorial service over the course of a few years by setting aside readings, picking hymns (all five of them), and choosing Bible verses. She was very clear about where she was going and how she wanted us to feel about it. The readings she saved remind us of how she lives on here in our memories and how we are surrounded by reminders of her. By the words of the gospel text [John 14:1-6] she reminds us that she now dwells in the place that Jesus has prepared for her.

Despite the words she left instructing us "Do not weep," she must really forgive us a little bit of weeping. Yet we will take her message to heart. We do not dwell in the weeping. Though we may still miss her, even as we miss her we know to rejoice. We know her dwelling place. We know she is with her Lord. And we know the Way too, for Jesus has assured us he is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. As we remember Grace and celebrate her life among us, we do not let our hearts be troubled. We thank God and celebrate her new life in her new dwelling place, looking forward to the day we become neighbors once again. Amen.

Keri Hyles, née Hustad
Adopted Granddaughter & Friend



Finances And Attendance For February

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	Tue	Total
2/2	95	15	17	127
2/9	94	13	14	121
2/16	91	16	14	121
2/23	95	16	14	125

February Finances:

Income	\$11,580
Expenses	\$17,458
Operating Surplus	\$12,126

Senior Lunch

The second Tuesday of the month when you are invited to the Senior Lunch at a local restaurant beginning at 11:30am. on April 8th at Bonny's Café at 596 Broadway in El Cajon.

Thursday Bible Studies

Thursdays in February Pastor Rick is offering a Bible Study. The study is at the Schowalter home at 1630 Whitsett Drive in El Cajon at 6:00am to 6:30am.

Come and join us!

Daily Devotions

Would you like to be a part of our church's daily devotions? Just let Pastor Rick or the Church Office know your e-mail address and you can receive the daily devotions via e-mail or stop by the table in the back of the church and pick up last week's list of daily devotions. Most of the devotions are written by Pastor Rick but some are shared by members on the list. If you want to submit a devotion to the list that has now grown to over 120 participants just write to Pastor Rick at SYMCN1@aol.com. What a great way to have Bible study a part of your everyday life a little Scripture at a time.

Feed the Homeless Monday, April 7th

TACO (Third Ave Charitable Organization)
Feed the Homeless at First Lutheran Church, SD.

Let Pastor Rick know if you want to help. Pastor Rick will not be able to go but there will be someone to guide you. You will meet in the church parking lot at 2:30p.m.

Bible Study

We will have Bible study on the book of Romans on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month

April 12th and 26th

At the Kaffee Meister in Santee

At 4:30pm

Everyone Welcome!!

Confirmation Sunday

May 18th at the 9:00am worship.

Church E-mail Mailings

Would you like to be included on the church e-mail list? Do you want some bit of news e-mailed to the congregation? An e-mail list is being compiled by the church office and you can add yourself to the group list by just dropping a note into the offering plate or calling the church office at 448-1888. If you would like to e-mail something please submit the request in writing after checking with Pastor Rick. All e-mails sent will be sent without listing the e-mail addresses of the others who are receiving the information. This is called a "blind" e-mailing and is meant to protect these addresses from reaching someone who is not authorized to send e-mail to our church members without permission.

Church Council Sunday, April 27th at Noon

Flowers Each Sunday

Would you like to recognize a special event, such as a birthday or anniversary, or honor a loved one by having flowers placed on the altar of the church on Sundays? There is a sign-up calendar in the back of the church. Pick the Sunday or Sundays on which you would like flowers placed and print your name and phone number on the calendar. Call Jean Setzer at 619-449-0785 and tell her if you would like to have an arrangement for \$20.00 or if you will bring your own arrangement. The bulletin will indicate that you have provided flowers for the occasion.

Lent

Wednesday Lenten Services begin at 7:00pm with Soup Supper at 6:00pm.

April 2nd "Mary and Martha"

April 9th "Lazarus"

Maundy Thurs. April 17th 7:00pm

Good Friday April 18th 7:00pm

Easter One Service April 20th at 9:00am

One Worship service on Sunday morning begins April 6th

We are combining our two Sunday morning worship services into one at 9:00am beginning Sunday, April 6th. The new worship service will contain elements from both services and will have the blessing of all three of our worship leaders: Lynn will still play the organ, Marvin will still coordinate the service and direct the choir and David Yantis will provide a new flavor to the service with several offerings.

Come to this worship service of unity on April 6th and experience how blessed we will all be through this new worship service which will combine the best of what all our musicians can offer.

First Communion

Any children and parents who have not yet had First Communion Instruction are invited on:

Saturday, April 5th at 10:00am

We will celebrate these children on Sunday, April 6th

Confirmation Final Exam

Sunday, April 6th at 10:15am

Pre-school Planning Meeting

Saturday, April 19th at 9:00am

Come join the excitement!!

Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, April 27th

4:00pm at Christ Lutheran, Pacific Beach

A fund raiser for SDSU Campus Ministry

Please come and join the fun!

Synod Assembly in Hawaii

April 30-May 4th

Pastor Rick will be gone that Sunday and Keri will preach

Please pray for the Assembly and our youth attending LYO

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 11th

Men please contact Pastor Rick if you want to bring a Salad, Hot Dish or Desert

The Russian Quartet will bring entertainment to our celebration of Mothers

Food Drive Postponed

Our canned food collection fizzled. As our group readied itself to go out into the neighborhood, it started raining. Our plan was to collect canned goods for the Santee Food Bank.

However, with the rain the consensus was to reschedule.

The new date is April 13th, Palm Sunday. If you were not part of the original group please consider joining us.

We will be going out in pairs and will only be out in the field for one hour. Then it's back to the church to turn in the food and to enjoy a cold drink. Hope to see you then.

Pete Callaway II

Cleft Notes

We are now entering a time of the church season when we first sing songs of communion, betrayal, sacrifice, and death on the cross. Then we sing of Jesus rising from the tomb. The music you will hear from the organ, piano and choir, will hopefully project images of these events. As you listen or sing along with the hymns, reflect on the words and mood that will be presented. Easter means new life for us as it meant new life for Christ. Sing out loudly and with great joy. Alleluia, alleluia.

Marvin Hamilton

God's Gifts -Wed 6:00 to 7:00 pm

God's Gifts is a 10 week program for preschool to 3rd grade. Thank you to Pastor Rick, Alyssa Perna, and Selina Weber for leading this children's ministry. The time included a take home Bible lesson called "Heroes of the Bible" and very short memory verses and questions to be answered from the lesson.

Confirmation – Sun 11:45 am to 12:30

Pastor Rick and Jessie Liscomb are teaching confirmation for youth in 6th or 7th grade. It is a 2 year program and takes place during the school year on Sunday mornings from 11:45am to 12:30pm. Confirmation includes sermon notes, community service, retreats and a summer camp just for confirmands. Remember that to be paid staff at Make a Joyful Noise summer camp it is *required* that all the staff be confirmed.

The confirmation youth Pastor Rick, Belinda Karge and Alissa Perna attended the middle school winter retreat February 21- 23, 2013 at Luther Glen and Camp Yoliwja.



*Having fun at LRCC
middle school winter retreat*

One Salvation – Tue 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

One Salvation Youth Led Service is an interactive time to share what God is doing in our lives, and how all we do is centered on his word. The message is scripture based with audio-visuals. All youth are welcome Tuesday night's at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Immediately following One Salvation is a **homework club**.....8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Youth are encouraged to bring their homework and work collaboratively and/or get support. Belinda Karge and Alyssa Perna in collaboration with other adult volunteers support both One Salvation and the homework club.

Thank you for supporting the Youth bake sale and rummage sale. The event(s) raised \$1,800 in funds for the high school trip to LYO this May.

Dudley's bread sale

The youth is selling Dudley's bread for delivery just prior to Easter! Order from any youth or Alissa or Belinda.

Make a Joyful Noise Art and Music Camp

Save July 7 to 25th for camp! This year will be our 10th year and special pricing will include \$100 a week and only \$10.00 for every week after! Since camp opened our price has been \$100 a week – so this will be a significant savings. A child can come all four weeks for \$140 – what a deal! Tell your friends. Camp runs 9:00 to 3:00 daily with before and after care available for a minimal fee.

Applications for both staff and campers are available on the church website.

Women's Bible Study

All women are welcome to attend the women's bible study now meeting on Thursday's from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the church office. The study uses the women of faith series (cost is \$10 for the book; however, book is not required). Each week the women pray for the children and youth of the congregation as well as any special requests given to the group. Come join us!

School reunion

June 28th Carlton Hills School reunion – if interested contact Pam Myers.

April Anniversaries

- 1 Michaele & Don Cobb
- 5 Helen & Ron Humphries
- 19 Heather & Eric Hustad
- 20 Sasha Schrader & Edgar Rodriguez
- 22 Brian & Erin Quackenbush
- 25 Sherry & Steve Martin
- 30 Victoria & Brian Grant

April Birthdays

- 1 Luke Stevens
- 2 Matthew Kassahn
- 3 Benita Castro
- 5 Deborah Callaway
- 9 Randie Davis
- 10 Henry Meyers
- 13 Frankie Kelchner
- 15 Janice Davis
- 17 Edward Teichner
- 19 Lucas Paulsen
- 21 Michel Weber
- 22 Gloria Wiley
- 23 Serenity Stark
- 24 Brandon Cobb
- 24 Kris Francis
- 25 Matthew Dinsdale
- 26 Marie Youngblood
- 26 Mary Carlson
- 27 Pamela Meyers
- 27 Bryant Taylor
- 28 Brian Grant
- 30 John Perna
- 30 Logan Cofrancesco

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