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John 14: 1-3

“Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms and if it were not so, would have I told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”

Hank Schneider died in the early morning hours of Sunday, March 1st. I was so honored to be a part of those final hours.

I was on my way to Gary Berglund's memorial service on the Saturday before. I received a call from Joanne Schneider that Hank had been put on oxygen and that he didn't have long. I told her I would come as soon as Gary's Memorial service was over.

When I arrived, Hank had this huge oxygen mask over his entire face, but he was conscious and surprisingly alert. In his room were his wife Joanne and his daughter from New Zealand, Karen. I was told that within several hours his son Paul would arrive. He would be picked up at the airport by a friend and he would come immediately to his bedside. I decided to wait for Paul, so he could join the family in Scripture reading and prayer.

I was so glad I waited. I heard wonderful stories about Hank and his family. Karen was precious in telling Hank what a great Father he was and how much he meant to her. I heard about their family ponies and life in the Schneider family.

I was sitting across the room and suddenly Hank stares right at me. He does it twice. I go to be near Hank and he says, “At least I am ready and I am not afraid.” I told Hank that those words are a wonderful witness to his faith for his children.

After Paul arrived we had a tearful reading of the 23rd Psalm and prayer time.

I was told that later that night, at about 12:30am Hank would ask for the family to pray the Lord's Prayer again. After the prayer Hank broke into a

solo of the song “A-men” where the word “A-men” is repeated again and again.

Not long after that Hank would have a vision where he said: “ I see them all along the roadway” and after a pause he added: “All around the world”. Joanne felt he was referring to loved ones who had passed.

Wow! That is a powerful exit from this world. Hank would soon lose consciousness and would slip from this world to the next at about 5:30am.

I was told this story when I met with Joanne, Karen and Charlotte Arthurton about Hank's Memorial Service on Saturday, March 14th. Joanne is one of the few grieving spouses who had a Scripture request for the memorial service. Joanne said she wanted the “in my Father's House” scripture. I quoted that Scripture at the beginning of this article.

It is a perfect Scripture for Hank because he was an engineer. He was always building or fixing something. He was big into solar energy and he was often used as a consultant for solar energy projects throughout the country. I remember him telling me about the Prius and the amazing engineering that is built into the car. I bought a Prius on Hank's recommendation. I have 166,000 miles on a 2010 Prius and I get 52 to 58 mpg and I have not had a single problem with it. Thank you Hank!

Hank died unexpectedly. He had a heart attack on a Monday morning and died the next Sunday morning. He knew he had heart problems but in his own words he was “probably in denial” and he was only 80 years old. He was so productive and vibrant. It was hard to imagine he could have left us so quickly.

Much in life is unpredictable, but Hank proved that at any time we can be ready because we are people of faith.

Hank was a great witness and a wonderful man of God.

How blessed we all are to have known him.

Pastor Rick

Finances And Attendance For February

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	Tue	Total
2/1	89	22	111
2/8	103	21	124
2/15	95	18	113
2/18 Ash Wednesday			76
2/22	90	18	108
2/25 Lenten Worship			43

February Finances:

Income	\$12,877
Expenses	\$14,232

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 14th at Bonnies Café in El Cajon on 596 Broadway.

Thursday Bible Studies

Thursdays 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!

Feed the Homeless Monday, April 6th

TACO (Third Ave Charitable Organization) Feeds the Homeless at First Lutheran Church, 1430 3rd Ave. in San Diego.

Let Pastor Rick know if you want to help. We will meet in the church parking lot at 2:30p.m.

Bible Studies for Spring

- We will have Bible study on the book of Acts on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month
April 11th and 28th
- At the Kaffee Meister in Santee
At 4:30pm
Everyone Welcome!!

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.

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 received 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.

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.

Interfaith Ministry with St. Columba's Episcopal Church

At 9720 Cuyamaca Street south of Mast on Cuyamaca

Over the past few months Pastor Rick has been preaching weekly at St. Columba's Episcopal Church at 11:00am Sunday mornings. St. Columba's lost their priest to retirement and the ELCA is a "full communion" partner with the Episcopal church, which means among many things that they can share pastors.

Pastor Rick has been spending 75% of his time at Carlton Hills and 25% of his time as Director of Youth Ministry Leadership for the Pacifica Synod. Next year the Pacifica Synod will elect a new bishop and it is possible that Pastor Rick will move that 25% of his work from the Pacifica Synod to St. Columba's. We have a year to prepare for that possibility.

During the next year both churches are going to experiment with sharing the same pastor and a cooperative ministry. This would be a cooperation of ministry and not a merger. There would be two separate churches and one pastor. Both churches would remain separate, but they would also benefit from a close cooperation with the other.

Pastor Rick just gave up an 11:00am worship at Carlton Hills because of being too tired. How is this different? Pastor Rick has moved confirmation from Sunday mornings to Tuesday evenings and Steve Schmidtke has taken over the adult Bible study on Sunday mornings. Also there is no set-up and tear-down responsibilities at the Episcopal church, which has freed him to pursue preaching weekly at St. Columba's.

This could be a great new direction for our church and we have a year to explore the possibilities of sharing ministry and buildings with each other.

Church Council

Sunday, April 19th at Noon

Holy Week

- Wed April 1st Choir Practice at 7:00pm at St. Columba's at 9720 Cuyamaca
- Thur April 2nd 7pm Maundy Thursday at St. Columba's at 9720 Cuyamaca Street
- Fri April 3rd 7pm Good Friday Stations of the Cross at St. Columba's at 9720 Cuyamaca Street
- Easter Sunrise April 5th at 6:30am Santee Lakes
- Easter Worship April 5th at Carlton Hills 9am
- Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt to follow

One Salvation

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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. One of the young adults will be baptized on March 22nd.

Make a Joyful Noise Art and Music Camp

July 6, 2015 to July 31, 2015

Camp runs 9:00 to 3:00 daily with before and after care available for a minimal fee. Children age 3 to 14 are welcome. Camp Staff Applications will be available March 1st.

Preschool Committee

Under the leadership of Marian Privett the Preschool committee has been hard at work. This month they visited two Christian preschools for ideas

Greetings from Dorcas!

Listed below is some of our upcoming events as well as our meeting dates. Please join us the 2nd Saturday of each month @ 10:00 for our monthly meeting. As you can see, the only thing missing is you!

- 4/5 Easter Brunch
- 4/11 Meeting
- 4/26 Bridal Shower for Selina Weber
- 5/9 Meeting
Baby "Sprinkle" for Katie Wentz
Birthing Kits
- 6/13 Dorcas Spring Luncheon
- 6/21 Father's Day BBQ
- July No Meeting
- August No Meeting
- 9/12 Meeting
- TBD Bridal Shower for Alisa Perna
- October Scarves & hats for Taco on Sundays
- 10/10 Meeting
- 10/11 Taco Bar after 9:00 service
- 11/7 Meeting
- 11/22 Angel Tree – Santee Santa's
- 11/29 Angel Tree – Santee Santa's
- 12/6 Angel Tree – Santee Santa's
- 12/12 Dorcas Holiday Party
- 12/13 Angel Tree – Santee Santa's

April Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick,
Lector: 5- Nathan Wentz 12-Steve Schmidtke
19- Randy Catron 26- Jennifer Brown
Greeter: 5,12-Pam Meyers 19,26- Weber Family
Communion Assist.: 5,12- Sara Paulsen &
Laura Vaughan 19,26- Scott & Suzie Rettig
Communion Care: Scott & Suzie Rettig
Ushers: Laura Vaughan, Dan & Theresa Luft,
Betty Maxa, the Taylor Family
Stephen Minister of the Week:

<u>S. M., Communion</u>	<u>Prayer Loft</u>
5- Steve Schmidtke	Carol Davidson
12- Diedra Zeller	Heather Gasner
19- Ellie Timan	Kathy Darland
26- Carol Davidson	Marian Privet

April Anniversaries

- 5 Helen & Ronald Humphries
- 19 Eric & Heather 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
- 8 Angel Altringer
- 9 Randie Davis
- 10 Henry Meyers
- 15 Janice Davis
- 17 Edward Teichner
- 19 Lucas Paulsen
- 21 Michel Weber
- 23 Serenity Stark
- 24 Kris Francis
- 25 Matthew Dinsdale
- 26 Mary Carlson
- 26 Marie Youngblood
- 27 Bryant Taylor
- 27 Pamela Meyers
- 28 Brian Grant
- 30 Logan Cofrancesco
- 30 John Perna

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

St.Petersburg Men's Ensemble

RUSSIA



Kirill Sokolov Andrei Volikov
Sergey Shapinskiy Vadim Smantser