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Pastor's Page

Psalm 54:4 "Surely God is my help, the Lord is the one who sustains me."

May 1st is an important date for me and for our church. It is the day that I retire from my quarter time job with our Pacifica Synod and it is the day when I ask St. Columba's Episcopal Church to pick up that quarter time of my salary. Did you know that I have been spending 75% of my time with Carlton Hills and 25% of my time with the Pacifica Synod? I have been grooming my relationship with St. Columba's and it may be that they cannot afford what I will be losing in my salary with the synod. If they can only pick up a portion of that salary, I will take more time off beyond my one day off each week, which is Fridays. I may also add Thursday afternoon and Thursday evening to my one day off each week.

On Sunday, May 1st we will have a church catered lunch at Noon at Carlton Hills that will also include the St. Columba's members. The purpose of the lunch is to give both churches an opportunity to get to know each other and to make clear how the two churches can share one pastor. This is not just an immediate issue but sharing one pastor between a Lutheran church and an Episcopal church is a reality in two other ministries in our synod. In those two other settings the "pastor" is an Episcopal priest and we would be the first ministry in our synod to have a Lutheran Church and an Episcopal church to share a Lutheran pastor. There is every reason to believe that this shared ministry will continue after I have retired from Carlton Hills in 2 years.

Jeffrey White will cater the lunch and everyone will be encouraged to sit where they choose. After my opening statements with an update on St. Columba's financial ability to pick up my quarter time salary we will eat lunch.

After lunch we will intentionally mix the tables to include people from St. Columba's with people from Carlton Hills. Each table will also have a discussion leader from either the Long Range Planning Team or the Church Council. The following questions will be discussed and the replies recorded.

First there will be introductions with the question:

- 1) Explain your relationship and history to your church. In other words share how long you have been at your church and have you had a role in your church other than worship attendance. It would also be a good time to share what you like about your church. The answer needs to be very brief and the discussion leader will make sure everyone is brief and has an opportunity to respond.
- 2) The second question is: How do you visualize sharing space with the other church? What would be the priorities in sharing space and how can both churches benefit from sharing space? Some of this is already being done with shared worship experiences on Ash Wednesday at Carlton Hills and Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at St. Columba's, but there are many other possibilities.
- 3) What ministries do you have at your church that can be shared with the other church? Both churches offer exciting opportunities to share in ministries that are unique to the respective churches. Let's hear from each other what those ministries are and the blessing they are to those who participate.
- 4) Are there long term goals and potential ministries that can be addressed as churches together? It is the goal of this sharing time to give each church a new opportunity to become more productive together, than each church could have been alone.

This is not a new proposal. The history of each church has been intertwined for many years. St. Columba's started its church by meeting at Carlton Hills many years ago. During that time St. Columba's and Carlton Hills have shared Stephen Ministers together and recently both churches are involved in Prayer Ministry together and Cursillo ministry together which is a wonderful adult Christian retreat.

The future looks bright together. Please come to the meeting and lunch on May 1st to be a part of this exciting chapter in our churches.

Pastor Rick

Attendance For February

	9:00a.m.	Tue	Total
2/7	102	12	114
2/14	94	11	105
2/10	Ash Wednesday		69
2/21	75	13	88
2/24	Lent Worship		44
2/28	90	11	101

February Finances

Income	\$14,100
Expenses	\$16,968

Feed the Homeless

On Monday, April 4th at 2:30pm we meet in the church parking lot to help feed the homeless at T.A.C.O. at First Lutheran in San Diego. Let Pastor Rick know if you are interested in going.

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 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.

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 12th at Bonny's Café on 596 Broadway, El Cajon.

Bible Studies for the Spring 2nd and 4th Saturdays in April

These Bible studies will take place at Pamela and David Blyth's at 221 Brookview Court in Santee. We will study Isaiah. Everyone is welcome. Come Saturday, April 9th and April 23rd.

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.

Grief Support Group

The grief support group will meet the third Saturday of each month from now on. There has been a conflict with the Dorcas meeting the second Saturday and this is to accommodate that conflict. The group will meet Saturday, April 16th at 10:30am at Norma Borgeson's at 2149 Hillslake Drive in El Cajon.

Elementary School Retreat

April 15-17

Interfaith Ministry with St. Columba's Episcopal Church

At 9720 Cuyamaca Street south of Mast on Cuyamaca

Over the year 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 few months 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.

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.

Chili Cook-Off

3:00pm-6:00pm at St. Andrews Lutheran Church in La Mesa. Proceeds benefit SDSU Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry. Please come!

St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble

Will lead worship music Sunday, April 24th
This exciting addition is a yearly favorite.
Invite your friends and stay for the concert following.

Cursillo Adult Retreat

April 21-24 Pastor Rick will attend an adult retreat called Cursillo. It is an outstanding retreat for spiritual enrichment. Please consider attending. Ask Pastor Rick for further details.

Sunday, May 1st St. Columba's and Carlton Hills Lunch at Noon

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. See Pastor's Page for details.

April Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick,

Fellowship Hosts: Youngblood

Refreshments: 7,14- Arthurton, 21,28- Hyles

Lector: Steve Schmidtke

Greeters: Ruth Schowalter & Jackie Gammon

Communion Assist.: 3,10,17- Arthurtons

24- Darrel & Jeanna Timan

Communion Care: Marie & Jack Youngblood

Acolyte: TBA

Ushers: TBA

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick,

Stephen Minister of the Week:

S. M., Communion

Prayer Loft

3- Heather Gasner

Diedra Zeller

10- Marian Privett

Carol Davidson

17- Kathy Darland

Ellie Timan

24- Diedra Zeller

Heather Gasner

April Birthdays

1	Luke Stevens	24	Kris Francis
3	Benita Castro	25	Matthew Dinsdale
5	Deborah Callaway	26	Marie Youngblood
8	Angel Altringer	26	Mary Carlson
10	Henry Meyers	27	Bryant Taylor
17	Edward Teichner	27	Pamela Meyers
19	Lucas Paulsen	28	Brian Grant
21	Michel Weber	30	Logan Cofrancesco
23	Serenity Stark	30	John Perna

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

April Anniversaries

5	Helen & Ronald Humphries
19	Eric & Heather Hustad
25	Sherry & Steve Martin
30	Brian & Victoria Grant

Children/Youth & Family Ministry

Tuesday Night Events:

4:30 Starting April 5, elementary school kids are welcome to come hang out! There will be food, games, songs, crafts and bible lessons! Hope to see you there!

6:00 Confirmation

7:00 One Salvation

Weekend Retreats:

High School: March 4-6

Confirmation: March 11-13

Elementary School (grades 3-6): April 15-17

All retreats will take place at Luther Glen Camp, and go from Friday night to Sunday afternoon.

Brownie Bake Off:

One Salvation will be hosting a Brownie Bake Off fundraiser for Joyful Noise Camp on Sunday, April 10 right after church. Everyone is welcome to come sample the brownies, but if you want to vote on your favorite, bring \$1! The more dollars you bring, the more you can vote! If you would like to enter your delicious brownies, you can find the sign-up sheet in the back of the church. Ask any member of One Salvation if you have questions!

Joyful Noise 2016:

Camp planning has already begun! If you or someone you know plans on applying to be a camp counselor, please remember that paid staff must have completed Confirmation, and should be active in their faith (by regularly attending church and/or youth group). To keep camp enrollment fees low, we will be hiring a smaller group of staff this year. Camp will run July 5- July 29 for pre-k to 8th graders.

Sunday School Schedule

	9:00	10:15
April 3	Katie	Jean
April 10	Selina	Selina
April 17	Danil	Jean
April 24	Selina	Jean



One Salvation had a great time at the Winter Retreat at Luther Glen! They learned all about how God loves us not despite, but because of our uniqueness! The camp staff was amazing, the food was wonderful, and they bonded as a group! A favorite group activity was checking out the new farm at the camp grounds!

Crochet at Church

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 9am (on the 2nd Sat, this is right before Dorcas Circle). Come to learn, from scratch or help with a new stitch, skill, or pattern, or bring whatever project you're working on and come for the fellowship! (If you want to come just for the fellowship and leave off the needlework, we'd love to have you!) Kids are very welcome to learn or to play.

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For Pastoral Emergencies:
Call Pr. Rick Schowalter 249-3352 or 258-8775

Church Office:
M-F 9 to noon
Pr. Rick M-Th 9 to noon
Pr. Rick Schowalter 249-3352 (cell) or 258-8775 (home)

April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9a Worship & S.S. 10:15a Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study 11a St Columba's Worship	4 12p SA Sr. Lunch 7p Boy Scouts Tuesday, April 5: 6p Steph Min Train @St. Columba's	5 10:30a Exercise 11:30a Sr Flwship @Bonny's, El Cajon 12p SA Sr Lunch 4:30p God's Gifts 5:30p Dinner 7p One Salvation	6 10:30 SA Bingo 12p SA Sr. Lunch 1:30p Santee Village 7p Choir Practice	7 9a Women's Bible Study 10:30-11:30a Feeling Fit Exercise 12p SA Sr. Lunch	8 12p SA Sr. Lunch Pastor Rick's day off	9 9a Crochet 10a Dorcas 2p Alissa Perna/Adam Lay Wedding 4:30p Bible Study @the Blyth's 221 Brookview Ct, Santee
10 9a Worship & S.S. Brownie Bake-off 10:15a SS,Bible Study 11a St Col's Worship 3-6p Chiii Cookoff at St. Andrews	11 12p SA Sr. Lunch 7p Boy Scouts	12 10:30a Exercise 12p SA Sr Lunch 6p Steph Min @St. Col 4:30p God's Gifts 5:30p Dinner 6p Confirmation 7p One Salvation	13 10:30 SA Bingo 12p SA Sr. Lunch 7p Choir Practice	14 9a Women's Bible Study 10:30-11:30a Feeling Fit Exercise 12p SA Sr. Lunch	15 12p SA Sr. Lunch Pastor Rick's day off Elementary School Retreat	16 10a Grief Support Group at Borgeson's 2149 Hillslake Dr, El Cajon Elementary School Retreat
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