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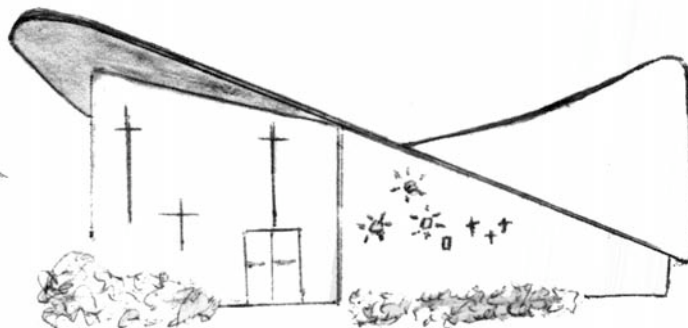
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Joyful Noise Summer Camp Blesses Us All

The summer music camp was a huge success! We grew to 30 children campers, 17 youth staff and 5 adult staff. There were also 6 adults who helped with snacks twice a day and 8 adults and 2 youth who helped with tutoring. Wow!

We had 5 children take guitar lessons, 3 take flute lessons, 3 take harmonica lessons and one take piano lessons.

But the best part of the camp was the joy on the children's faces each day they returned to camp. One mother wrote in response to the question, "What do you like best about Camp?" She said, "There are so many things! I love that the kids are so excited about each day! And when I pick them up they are tired, happy and excited about tomorrow."

When asked, "What would you like to improve at the camp?" she wrote, "Nothing! It was great!"

If you missed the closing "Showcase" you missed one of the most inspiring presentations you will see by a group of children anywhere. As one observer said, "It was professional." All we can say is that you now have to wait until next year.

The success of the "Showcase" is in large measure the result of the work of Elizabeth "Liz" Flesh who was the Co-director of the camp along with Pastor Rick. Liz provided tremendous leadership!! Her expertise in doing Christian Children's Theatre in Orange County, her spiritual depth, her love for children, her needed leadership to allow Pastor Rick to do his other church and synod duties made her the camp's most treasured contributor. Pray we find a way to get Liz back to camp next year.

The other adult leadership was equally impressive. You may not know that Belinda Karge is a professor at Cal State Fullerton the head of her department. Belinda is a teacher of teachers and the tutoring

program she set up created a surprising and yet magnificent result. If you were to ask the children, "Do you like camp?" Most would say they, "I LOVE! Camp" and if you asked them what they like best about camp they would say, "Tutoring". Isn't that wonderful? Twice a week adults from our church spent 4 hours tutoring the camp children one-on-one and the children love it. Belinda tested each child and molded their tutoring to be tailored to their unique abilities. Not too difficult and not too easy. Can you think of a better boast from our camp than to say the camp taught the children how to love to learn?

We were also blessed to have Kim Naour and Desiree Dunnick coordinate "Crafts", Misty Thompson coordinate "Music and Art Appreciation", Marina Williamson and Bethany Timan coordinate "Instrumental and Vocal Music", and Selina Weber, Michelle Gilliam, Garret Schweighauser and Hannah Munsterman coordinate "Dance". Everyone did a fantastic job!

Speaking of next year. The big question is how are we going to expand? We are stuffed into every available space at the church. Do we find another location? Do

we have two locations? Do we rent portable buildings? We feel the huge success of this camp will guarantee numbers for next year, but how much growth can we expect or plan for?

The big picture is that this camp does encourage our hopes and dreams for a school of arts and music to be established through our church. God has blessed us with an abundance of

"good fruit" from the camp. We will try to continue the benefits of the camp with a tutoring program and private instrument lessons that will be offered through the year. Both will probably be connected in some meaningful way to our God's Gifts program.

This is all in the Lord's hands. We will patiently wait upon his divine guidance. Please pray for this sprouting ministry of our church.



Our church is “A No Nut Zone”

We have a huge and life and death request to ask of each of you!

Misty Thompson coordinated “Music and Art Appreciation” for the summer camp. She is wonderful with children and such a blessing to anyone who interacts with her or her family. Misty’s youngest son Trevor is DEATHLY allergic to peanuts, peanut butter, peanut oil or any nut product. Misty is trying to bring her family to our church but we must use every energy possible to not bring anything to church that contains a nut or a nut product. Misty reads every label but if nut products are being eaten you can imagine how you cannot watch a 5 year old every second. PLEASE respect our church as a “No nut Zone”!

Fall Schedule

Wednesdays beginning September 14th

God’s Gifts will begin Wednesday, September 14th and run for 10 weeks each Wednesday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. The detail of the schedule is:

5:30pm Tutoring or private music lessons
6:00pm Family Dinner
6:15pm God’s Gifts singing
6:30pm God’s Gifts Lesson
7:00pm Tutoring or private music lessons

Sundays beginning September 11th

9:00am Worship and Sunday School
10:15am Alpha Video Series for Teens

Adult Bible Basics Bible Study led by Pastor Rick

Sunday School class for children whose parents are in the adult study

Work Day

(Always the first Saturday of the month)

Saturday, August 6th

Come at 9:00am and stay until Noon

Cowles Mountain Hike

(No hike in August...usually the 2nd Saturday of the month at 6:30am)

Youth Music and Arts Camp to Mexico

The youth staff at the Music and Arts Camp will be traveling to the Baja, Mexico to bring portions of the Joyful Noise Summer camp the orphans of the Baja through Genesis Expeditions. They will leave at 1:00pm on Sunday, July 31st and return in the afternoon on Wednesday, August 3rd. The group will also work on the site where the first dome from our school buildings will be built. How exciting to see Genesis Expeditions first-hand and be a part of sharing the gifts of hard labor and talents.

Recognition and Appreciation

For
Jan Neuhaus
Sunday, August 28th

Enclosed in this newsletter is Jan Neuhaus’ resignation letter as Director of Music. This is a sad day for our church and a difficult one. Jan has done a wonderful job as the director of our music program and since the death of Pastor Mark she has done an extraordinary job in providing our church with one of the best music programs around under the most difficult of circumstances.

We know that this church holds many fond memories of her and Pastor Mark and those cannot be taken away. We pray God’s blessing on Jan in her new ventures and we will always hold the Neuhaus family in the deepest regard for their positive and valued contributions to our church. May God bless her and her family as she and her family have blessed each one of us deeply and personally.

You may not be aware but Jan has served this church as Director of Music with a minimal salary. It is only fitting that we mark her leaving this position with a monetary gift. Please give generously to the Jan Neuhaus Love Offering that will be received each of the Sundays in August. You may place this offering in the Sunday morning offering by designating on the check that it is for Jan’s recognition gift or place the entire check in an envelope with “Jan Neuhaus Love Offering” marked on the envelope. Thank you for honoring Jan’s contributions to our church for over 20 years with this gift.

Thank you!

A Letter from Jan Neuhaus

July 10, 2005

Dear Friends of CHELC,

Change comes to all of us in many forms, sometimes carefully and well planned and other times shockingly thrust upon us. Both of those definitions apply to my life, especially these past few years.

In 1984 I joined this congregation/family when you called Mark to be your pastor. You asked me to be your choir/music director in September of that year. I was honored and flattered that you had the confidence in my abilities even though I had no experience beyond my high school band /orchestra days. You helped me grow in my abilities and faith as God's spirit guided me. That guidance led me to suggest new things for you to try in the area of worship. You rose to the challenge by learning all three worship settings in Lutheran Book of Worship, plus the Communion Setting by Gary Cornell, along with the new setting in With One Voice. All that variety provided great flexibility in worship planning. You warmly welcomed the annual Christmas and Easter cantatas presented by the choir. The hard work put into those presentations was always thoughtfully appreciated. The choir has been an amazing group of hard working volunteers who have blended to be one of the best church choirs around. They've been a ministry of this congregation that you should be very proud of.

Now the reason for this letter. The time has come for me to make a change. Effective September 1, 2005 I will leave the position of music director for CHELC. I don't yet know where the spirit is guiding me, but do know that change is needed. It has been my honor to serve you these 20 plus years. You have provided me support, love, and friendship – all attributes I cherish. You have been my safety net as I continue on this journey through grief. For that I say thank you. I wish for you God's continued blessings and peace as you minister to this community called Santee. I hope you have learned as much as I have through the years and will continue to use that knowledge to glorify God in worship and praise.

In humble gratitude and God's peace I say farewell. Please feel free to stay in touch with me as I will continue to live and work in Santee.

Respectfully,

Jan Neuhaus

PS –Since I initially wrote this letter, I have been offered and accepted the position as choir/music director at College Lutheran Church. Please keep me in your prayers as I begin this new chapter in my life.

To all our friends at Carlton Hills Lutheran Church

From Cathie and Kristen

Thank you so much for all your prayers and support for Kristen. It has been a long year and a half. There is no news to report back yet. Kristen is home on bail. She is going to school and work and church again. She has already testified in one trial and has another to go. Will keep you posted.

Love to all,
Cathie and Kristen

Prayer Chain

It is that time again to renew the Prayer Chain. If you are interested in being on the prayer chain and praying for the needs of others, OR if you wish to be removed from the prayer chain, please call Mary at 619-334-6457 or at work 619-596-6028. If you get a recording just leave your name and number OR see Mary Thomas in person at church. If you have e-mail that would be helpful too as sometimes prayer requests are extremely urgent and the sooner the word gets out the better.

Starlight Theatre Tickets

Get your tickets for "The Sound of Music" for Thursday August 11th. The \$40.00 tickets are only \$15.00 and you see a professional play at Balboa Park. What a deal! Tickets available after the worship service each Sunday or by calling Bill or Mary Thomas at 619-334-6457. All profits are going to benefit our children's summer music and arts camp.

Memorial Stained Glass Window for Pastor Mark Neuhaus

The church council is in the planning stages of creating a stained glass window in memory of Pastor Mark Neuhaus and in honor of his over 20 years of ministry at our church. A task force is being formed to choose a window theme and design and raise the necessary funds. Our own Roy Monroe, our stained glass window artist in residence, will be constructing the window as he has the other 40 stained glass windows in the back of the church over the past 25 years. Leslie Atkins and Kim Naour of the church council will form the nucleus of this task force but they are looking for volunteers. Please contact one of them or Pastor Rick if you would like to volunteer for this project.



Welcome to The Dog Days of Summer...

Most likely, everyone has heard the phrase “dog days of summer”, and quite a few will know that these days occur during the hottest and muggiest part of the season. But how many of us know where the expression actually came from? Some say it

signifies hot sultry days "not fit for a dog." Others claim it's the weather in which dogs go mad. But here is the real story...

In ancient times, when the night sky was filled with stars that were not blocked out by artificial lights and smog, different cultures in different parts of the world drew images in the sky by “connecting the dots” of stars. These star pictures are called constellations, and the constellations that are now mapped out in the sky come from our European ancestors. They saw images of bears (Ursa Major and Ursa Minor), twins (Gemini), a bull (Taurus), and others, including dogs (Canis Major and Canis Minor).

The brightest of the stars in Canis Major (the big dog) is Sirius, which also happens to be the brightest star in the night sky. It is so bright that the ancient Romans thought that it warmed the earth. In the summer, Sirius, the “dog star,” rises and sets with the sun. During late July Sirius is in conjunction with the sun, and the ancients believed that its heat added to the heat of the sun, creating a stretch of hot and sultry weather. They named this period of time, from 20 days before the conjunction to 20 days after, “dog days” after the dog star. Today, dog days occur during the period between July 3 and August 11.

A side note for Harry Potter fans: The dog star lends its name to the character who can transform into a dog, Sirius Black. Seriously.

Sources: <http://wilstar.com/dogdays.htm>
http://www.space.com/spacewatch/dog_star_030815.html

Submitted by Leslie Atkins

New Worship & Praise Song for August

We will close each service this month with “Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord” by contemporary artist Paul Baloche. This song is featured in New Hymns and Songs, the ELCA’s Renewing Worship songbook, and was used to close the opening worship at the 2005 Pacifica Synod Assembly. Having its scriptural reference in Isaiah 6:3, the lyrics evoke Isaiah’s vision of the heavenly temple.

Texts for the Sundays in August

- 7 Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 14)
1 Kings 19:9-18, Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33 - Color: Green
- 14 Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 15)
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28 - Color: Green
- 21 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 16)
Isaiah 51:1-6, Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20 - Color: Green
- 28 Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 17)
Jeremiah 15:15-21, Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28 - Color: Green
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August Ministers

- Acolyte: TBA
Assist. Minister: Leslie Atkins
Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan,
Janice Davis
Communion Assist.: 7, 14- Lyn & Charlotte
Arthurton 21, 28- George Montague & Bruce
Potocki
Communion Care: Lyn & Charlotte Arthurton
Edgemoor Hospital Worship: 28- Jim Thomas
Greeters: 7, 14- Tom & Susan Ellison
21, 28- Marie Freeman & Kim Naour
Lector: 7, 14- Vincent Coletti
21, 28- Mandy Vaughan
Stephen Minister of the Day: TBA
Ushers: Darrel, Jeanna, Ellie, Bethany & Katie
Timan, Alan & Joi Comstock, Tommy Wiley
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Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Anthony's in La Mesa, 9530
Murray Dr at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 9th. Join
in for some good food and wonderful fellowship.
For more information call either Grace Otto, 440-
2456 or Nancy Funick, 561-7823.

Reel Theology

This month Reel Theology will meet at 5:30pm on
August 7 for dinner and discussion of the movie The
Dust Factory. Watch for announcement of location
to be determined. Come join us!

August Anniversaries

- 1 Jennifer & Tim Brown
2 Vance & Diana Coletti
4 Michael & Joanne Huber
5 Beverly & Rueben Sanchez
7 Richard & Betty Keehn
9 Wade & Nancy Vickery
11 Jack & Florence Hustad
15 Tom & Carol Davidson
15 Michael & Candice Gilrane
15 Lee & Corine Strand
23 Herbert & Dee Ryden
26 Linda & Kenneth Schloegel
30 Tim & May Hustad

August Birthdays

- 1 Jack Hustad
Keri Hustad
2 Giustina Luevano
3 Cody Catron
Vincent Coletti
5 Marge Steirer
8 Christine Goforth
10 Brandon Olmedo
11 Jesse Lipscomb
13 Kyle Morrison
14 Corine Strand
16 Adam Vickery
19 Katelyn Kelchner
20 Arlean Lane
Nicholas Bloeman
Corin Jones
22 William Thomas
Hailey Rones
Anthony Smith
David Lipscomb
25 Timothy Hustad
Katie Timan
26 Darrel Timan
27 Deborah Schowalter
28 Danielle Davidson
30 Betty Maxa
Glen Teichner
Wendy Olmedo
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Daily Survival Kit

- 1) TOOTHPICK – to remind you to pick out the good qualities in others. – Matt. 7:1
- 2) RUBBER BAND – to remind you to be flexible, things might not always go the way you want, but it will work out. – Romans 8:28
- 3) BAND AID – to remind you to heal hurt feelings, yours or someone else's. Col. 3:12-14
- 4) PENCIL – to remind you to list your blessings everyday. – Eph. 1:3
- 5) ERASER – to remind you that everyone makes mistakes, and it's OK. Gen. 50:15-21
- 6) CHEWING GUM – to remind you to stick with it, and you can accomplish anything. Phil 4:13
- 7) MINT – to remind you that you are worth a mint. – John 3:16-17
- 8) CANDY KISS – to remind you that everyone needs a kiss or a hug everyday. 1 John 4:7
- 9) TEA BAG – to remind you to relax daily and go over that list of blessings. – 1 Thess. 5:18

How to go to heaven----

I was testing the children in my Sunday school class to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven.

I asked them, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into Heaven?"

"NO!" the children answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?"

Again, the answer was, "NO!"

By now I was starting to smile. Hey, this was fun!

"Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into Heaven?" I asked them again.

Again, they all answered, "NO!"

I was just bursting with pride for them.

Well, I continued, "then how can I get into Heaven?"

A five-year-old boy shouted out, "YOU GOTTA BE DEAD."

Church Mice Problem

Three Pastors were having lunch together at a diner. The first Pastor said,

"Ya know, since summer started I've been having trouble with mice in my church. I've tried everything--noise, spray, cats--nothing seems to scare them away.

The second Pastor then said "Yea, me too. I've got hundreds living in the basement of the church. I've set traps and even called an expert to get rid of them, yet they still won't go away."

With a grin on his face, the third Pastor said, "I had the same problem so I baptized all mine and made them members of the church... Haven't seen one back since!!!"

Stephen Minister of the Day

August 7 Bill Blue
August 14 Carol Davidson
August 21 Ellie Timan
August 28 Jim Thomas

Stephen Ministers

Carol Davidson attended Leadership Training in Ontario the week of July 10th thru the 16th. She will formally be commissioned a Stephen Leader at CHELC in September. Carol has been a Stephen Minister for over 15 years, and is the fifth of our Stephen Ministers to take Leadership training. Training is very intense, and takes a lot of dedication. We are all proud and thankful for Carol. Encourage her in her new role, and please give her your support.

Tuesday Morning Fellowship

Changes, they are a'comin! It was discussed at one of our last "bagel Tuesday's" that there are a lot of places to go, and things to be seen, but not alone. That's not always so much fun. So-----we decided to do a little something about the situation. It was mutually agreed that we would have the first Tuesday of the month as an activity. To initiate the change and our new trolley system, on Tuesday August 2nd, anyone interested is invited to join us as we take the trolleys to Old Town, take in the new changes, have some lunch and whatever. We will be meeting as usual at Eintein's in the Trolley Center at 9:30, and leave from there. It has been thought that the Tuesday Morning Fellowship is restricted to Senior's. 'Tain't so. It's open to everyone of any age, and you do not have to be a member of CHLC to join in with us. All are welcome. You do not even have to drink coffee or eat bagels. We are there for the fellowship.

Bulletins, Echo, and Sunday Coffee

I was in the office the other morning watching Betty patiently run off the Sunday bulletin. She was having to align it just so, cross her fingers, and hope it ran off perfectly. After the fifth attempt for one bulletin, I questioned her about it. (The bulletins kept coming out at a slight angle.) It seems there are too many of us who are quick to criticize when our names are misspelled, the printing is crooked, there is a typo, or whatever. We all want perfection in our bulletin and Echo. I am as human as the rest of us, and forget that stuff happens. Any of us can volunteer to help in the office, to help do the bulletin, to write an article for the Echo, and so on. Our church community is just that. A community of believers. A community of people coming together. Let's all take an extra step or two, and maybe start helping a little more and doing a little less criticizing.

Did you know that most Sunday's the homemade goodies come from the oven of Nancy Funick? I just discovered that, along with the knowledge that not only does she do the baking, and serving, she also does the paying. Perhaps more of us could contribute by doing some baking ourselves, and/or helping Nancy with the expenses. I'm sure she would appreciate any contribution we'd make. I want to thank Nancy for all she does to make my Sunday morning even more pleasant.