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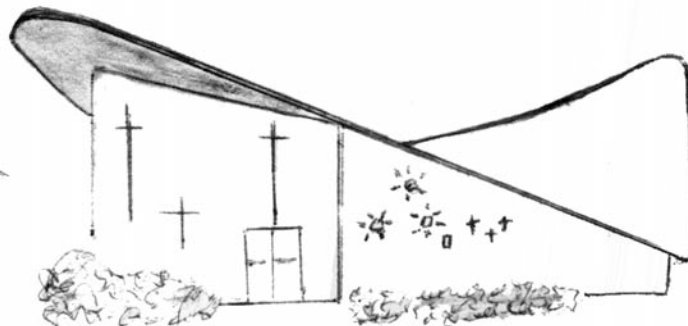
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Pastor's Page

“But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature...for the Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.’” 1 Samuel 16:7

Much of what we do at our church comes from the heart; however, outward appearances might seem deceiving.

Take, for example, the Joyful Noise Summer Music and Arts Camp, which bustles with excitement and learning; however, if you were to visit the camp, you might be overwhelmed by the chaos. Children like chaos; however, it tends to make some adults shudder with fear. But the camp is for the children. Several of our children enjoyed sliding down the incline onto our front sidewalk with their toy trucks and cars. Unfortunately, some adults who picked up children thought the children would be run over by passing cars. They had a hard time appreciating the fun. Judging by outward appearances, it looked like a little too much fun; however, if one judged the activity by the heart, it was a blast!

Outwardly, our financial crisis appeared bleak—a severe blow to our stability and our future. I was willing to cut my salary to meet our financial needs. I dreamed that I worked part time at Home Depot. Our “General Ending Balance,” which is our operating cushion, went from \$10,165.55 in January to \$2,488.08 in two months. The situation appeared bleak, and it had nothing to do with spending. We were on track when it came to spending—well within the budget we had adopted. The financial crisis resulted from a lack of income to meet the adopted budget. We projected a \$40,000 lack of income to meet our budget by the end of the year.

Financially, things appeared grim, but the Lord looks at the heart. After explaining the situation to you in a letter, we received contributions to the general fund “over and above” what we had anticipated. [[Okay as revised?]] Our “General Ending Balance” grew to \$4,555.10 by April 1st and to \$6,370.44 by July 1st. In addition to our improved general balance, we made a \$2,000 payment to our synod benevolence from the general fund, a \$2,000 deposit to the “God Account,” and we did not touch the money we receive from Nextel for its use of our property. You opened your hearts and gave generously to get us back on track. Thank you for your financial faithfulness.

You are invited to a program featuring children from the orphanage and youth from our church at Siempre Para Los Ninos in Mexico, Sunday, August 20th We will depart from the church at 3:00pm and carpool to the orphanage. The program starts at 5:00pm, followed by a fiesta at 6:00pm. You will see a neighborhood unlike any in this country and travel a road that will tax your ability to stay in your seat without hitting your head on the roof of your car. Outwardly, the area is impoverished; however, the orphanage and the children reveal the beauty of the heart when it is touched by faith—a most inspiring thing to see. Please join us for an unforgettable experience of faith.

Thank you.
Pastor Rick

Hunger Facts to Grow Your Faith

Did you know?

- More than 850 million people around the world, mostly in developing countries, do not get enough calories. Widespread hunger persists even though the world's farmers produce enough food for everyone.
- One-third of the population of sub-Saharan Africa is chronically undernourished. Nearly half live on less than \$1 a day.
- Development experts estimate that \$7 billion per year could provide primary education for all the world's children, and an additional \$45 billion could prevent most of the 10.6 million deaths every year of children under five.
- By comparison, the wealthiest 400 individuals in the USA have a combined income of about \$70 billion.
- Our country is spending \$5 billion every four days on military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

These facts can be found in the July/August newsletter of “Bread for the World.”

Joyful Noise Camp

The following facts are about this summer's camp:

- Forty-five children attended camp.
- Nineteen children received complete scholarships and came to camp at no cost.
- Fifteen campers were not from our church.
- Eleven children came from St. Andrews Lutheran in La Mesa or from Clairemont Lutheran.

- Four children who received scholarships were not members of a church.
- The staff consisted of eighteen youth and five adults, plus tutors and snack helpers.
- Our youth staff was paid approximately \$2400 each week or \$14,400.
- We collected almost \$13,000 from registration fees, scholarships, and Starlight ticket sales.
- That leaves us about \$1,400 short, but we may be able to make up the difference in Starlight ticket sales
- The church will need to pay around \$3,000 for the extra trailer.

The camp was an investment in our children and youth. It introduced the children to music and increased their faith in remarkable ways. The children discovered personal gifts which will enrich their lives and benefit their churches for years to come.

Our youth strengthened their leadership skills and increased their faith by sharing it with others.

The rewards of camp far outweighed the costs. It was an investment of eternal importance.

Thank you for your support! You have done well, good and faithful servants.

Book Study

Our Stephen Ministers are sponsoring a book study Monday evenings in August at 6:00 pm in Pastor Rick's office. The study will examine Pastor Mark Dahle's book entitled How to Pray for Healing. Please join us August 7, 14, 21, and 28.

Feed the Homeless

We will meet in the parking lot at Carlton Hills at 7:45 am on August 11th and carpool to First Lutheran in San Diego to feed the homeless. We will return by 11:00 am.

Visualizing An Updated Solar Economy

Electricity is the primary end form in which the energy is put to work. Elemental hydrogen is the primary storage/carrier of the energy.

Electricity is primarily produced directly from sunlight, secondarily from wind and wave energy (the result of sunlight), and tertiarily from conversion of renewable photosynthetic waste materials (non-food) into methane, methanol, ethanol, and perhaps biodiesel.

Vehicles are powered by Hybrid Power Trains using Tri-fuel systems or Fuel Cells.

Energy collection/conversion is fully distributed to include individual homes, neighborhoods (including churches), commercial & industrial zones, and roads & highways.

Welcome to Carlton Hills Lutheran Church

Mary Shojai, is our new Organist Substitute and will be here for the months of July and Aug She is the Director of SDSU Disabled Student Services, and a member and the Vice-President of All Saints Congregation.



Sponsor an Orphan At Our Camp

Our summer music camp is going to Mexico, August 17-20 to the Siempre Para Los Ninos orphanage. We will run a 4 day camp with the same youth from our church who did such a wonderful job at the 6 week summer camp at our local summer camp. We need your support! Please consider sending one of the children from the orphanage to our camp for \$50.00 per child. The \$50 will supply food, supplies and help to cover the cost of bringing our staff to Mexico. You will receive a photograph of the child you sponsor at camp, a thank you note and some original art. What a deal. If you come to the closing program at the orphanage on Sunday August 20th you can meet the child you sponsored but this is not necessary if you cannot come. The program will be at 5:00pm with a 6:00pm fiesta. If you want to just come to the program and the fiesta the cost for transportation, fiesta and program is \$20.00. If you are willing to drive and take others the cost is free.

Thank you for loving these children in the name of Jesus.

Purchase Starlight Tickets

We are still selling Starlight Theatre tickets to support our summer camp. Purchase your tickets to the "Wizard of Oz", Aug 10th, and/or "Urinetown", Sep 7th, after worship or by calling the church office. The Starlight theatre is in

Balboa park and the productions are amazing. Bring the whole family. Tickets are only \$15.00 each.

Dorcas Circle Annual Picnic

Dorcas Circle would like to invite you to attend our annual picnic on Tuesday night, August 8th at 6:00 p.m. This would be a perfect time to come and join us for some good food and fellowship. Devotions will be led by Deby Schowalter. Please bring your own meat and a dish to share. Dee will furnish drinks and dessert. We would love to have you attend and enjoy Dee's beautiful home and have some fun with us.

Acts Center Renovation

Just to keep you updated, the plans are still going ahead for Dorcas to help fund and furnish items for the renovation of the Acts Center. When this was first announced, we made plans for the actual renovations to be done next year. This year, the congregation had a lot on their plates, what with tearing down the school, the beautiful landscaping being done, the music camp, etc. Look forward to the fund raising to start in the next few months, and the actual renovation some time in the spring. Dorcas has raised over \$3000.00 in funds towards this project and more monies must be raised.

Also, the committee has not yet been formed to determine just exactly what needs to be done. This is not a committee to physically do the work. Only to decide what should be done. Anyone interested should contact the church office.

Dorcas Circle

Well, it's that time again. We are starting to prepare the craft items for this year's bazaar. We have lots of fresh new ideas that will be lots of fun to make. You do not need to be artistic. We meet one Saturday a month at either Norma Borgeson's home or at Charlotte Arthurton's home. This is not just a work time. It is a day away from your regular activities, it is a gab fest, we joke around and generally just have a great time together. Yes, some crafts do actually get done. Usually we meet from 9 a.m. till about 2 or 3 p.m. You can come or leave at any time.

August Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan, Grace Otto, Janice Davis
Communion Assist.: 6- Bill Blue & Grace Otto 13- Bob & Marcy Metz 20- Marie Freeman & Jim Thomas 27- Grace Otto & Darrel Timan
Communion Care: Dixons
Edgemoor Hospital Worship: 27- Neil Johnson

Greeters: 6- Cristine Goforth & Molly Lisowsky 13- Bill Blue & Grace Otto 20- Linda Conklin & Penny Sallay 27- Kathleen Darland & Dee Ryden
Lector: 6- Janet Shuey 13- Gary Berglund 20- Jeff Sallay 27- Marie Freeman
Stephen Minister of the Day: 6- Ellie, 13- Bill Blue 20- Carol Davidson, 27- Jim Thomas
Ushers: Pam Meyers and Hi-Youth

August Birthdays

1 Jack Hustad
1 Keri Hyles
3 Cody Catron
3 Vincent Coletti
4 Chris Myers
5 Marge Steirer
8 Christine Goforth
10 Brandon Olmedo
11 Jesse Lipscomb
13 Jillian Adams
14 Corine Strand
16 Katelyn Kelchner
19 Sherise Stark
19 Cindy Ryan
20 Nicholas Bloeman
20 Corin Jones
20 Gary Berglund
22 William Thomas
22 Hailey Rones
22 Anthony Smith
22 David Lipscomb
25 Tim Hustad
25 Katie Timan
26 Darrel Timan
27 Deby Schowalter
28 Danielle Davidson
30 Betty Maxa
30 Glen Teichner
30 Wendy Olmedo

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

August Anniversaries

1 Tim & Jennifer Brown
2 Vance & Diana Coletti
4 Michael & Joanne Huber
7 Richard & Betty Keehn
10 Jean & John Sevcik
11 Jack & Florence Hustad
15 Lee & Corky Strand
15 Tom & Carol Davidson
23 Herb & Dee Ryden
26 Linda & Kenneth Schloegel
30 Tim & May Hustad

Texts for the Sundays in August

6th Ninth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 13)

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
 Psalm 78:23-29
 The LORD rained down manna upon them to eat.
 (Ps. 78:24)
 Ephesians 4:1-16
 John 6:24-35
 Preface: Sundays after Pentecost
 Color: Green

13th Tenth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 14)

1 Kings 19:4-8
 Psalm 34:1-8
 Taste and see that the LORD is good. (Ps. 34:8)
 Ephesians 4:25-5:2
 John 6:35, 41-51
 Preface: Sundays after Pentecost
 Color: Green

20th Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 15)

Proverbs 9:1-6
 Psalm 34:9-14
 Those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good. (Ps. 34:10)
 Ephesians 5:15-20
 John 6:51-58
 Preface: Sundays after Pentecost
 Color: Green

27th Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 16)

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
 Psalm 34:15-22
 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous. (Ps. 34:15)
 Ephesians 6:10-20
 John 6:56-69
 Preface: Sundays after Pentecost
 Color: Green



I'M NOT A FAN OF THIS
 PROPHET THING. THEY
 ALWAYS GET SENT TO
 SELF-CENTERED
 BONE HEADS!



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I MEAN— WOULD YOU
 WANT TO SPEND TIME
 WITH ANYONE
 LIKE THAT?



WHAT?!



MARK 6: 1-13

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**Lyn & Charlotte Arthurton's
40th anniversary celebration**