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"How much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him?"

Matthew 7:11

My daily devotion, written by Oswald Chambers, says of these verses, "By the simple argument of these verses, God urges us to keep our minds filled with the notion of God's control behind everything, which means that the disciple must maintain an attitude of perfect trust and an eagerness to ask and seek."

I love the thought that God's control is "behind" everything. I do not believe, however, that God causes everything.

The evil of this world has nothing to do with God, yet He is able to stand behind the forces of evil and bring about goodness.

It is not God's will that people suffer from lack of food or clothing or shelter. He has, "behind the scenes", provided His disciples with vast resources to feed, clothe, and shelter those in need. It is up to us to share our abundance with others.

I once read that every child in the world could receive an education if the ten billion dollars we spend every week to fund the war in Iraq was used, instead, to educate the world's boys and girls. I wonder which expenditure of our wealth would better insure our safety from terrorism.

It is not God's will that people die from sickness and disease. But He wants us to stand behind and support those whose lives, in this world, are drawing to a close. We have little control over how long we will live in this world. But we can be the people of God who stand behind each other and offer support, friendship, faith and love to those in need.

The Scriptures say that, "If we have hope only in this life, we are, of all people, most to be pitied."

God died on the cross when He was thirty-three years old. If He did not spare His own Son, should we think that the only successful Christian life is a

long one without pain or suffering? Our God doesn't think that way.

Our God allows suffering to occur, even the suffering of His only begotten Son, on the cross, so that the joy of resurrection may be full and complete. The suffering of this world enables the good people of God to stand behind those who suffer, and match and exceed their suffering with love, mercy, forgiveness and compassion. Is there compassion without suffering? Is there love without a price to be paid? Is there forgiveness, apart from the pain of sin? Is there mercy without the suffering of those who desperately need mercy?

When something bad happens, I wonder, what can be my loving response in this situation, and what can I learn from this? If we learn a valuable lesson every time something bad happens, and we are compelled by God's love to respond with mercy and kindness, then all the evil forces in this world have no power over us.

We have much to share and much to learn. Pray this prayer with me.

"Lord Jesus, give me the compassion and patience to learn from the most negative situations I find myself in. May I see you behind those situations and not my own limited capabilities to love and learn."

"Amen!"

Please note that there are several articles in this August Echo that are repeated from the July Echo because the July Echo was not mailed to every home because of printing and delivery delays. Sorry for the confusion.

Finances and Attendance for May

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	5:00p.m.	Total
5/6	88	18	106
5/13	129	27	156
5/20	82	32	114
5/27	93	28	121

May Offerings:	\$9,693.05
May Expenses:	\$11,344.96
YTD Income:	\$56,171.05
YTD Expenses:	\$60,309.98
Operating Surplus:	\$4,123.64

Finances and Attendance for June

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	5:00p.m.	Total
6/3	95	23	118
6/10	96	23	119
6/17	109	19	128
6/24	87	22	109

June Offerings:	\$10,808.57
June Expenses:	\$12,061.50
YTD Income:	\$66,979.62
YTD Expenses:	\$72,389.99
Operating Surplus:	\$2,852.69

Joyful Noise Camp

We had 27 campers, 4 adults and 19 high school and college staff. The camp was wonderful.

We had 8 children taking guitar lessons, 4 taking drum lessons, 4 taking piano lessons and 1 taking flute lessons.

The camp was 4 weeks long and runs from 9:00a.m. until 3:00p.m. The cost to run the camp was about \$19,000 with about half that cost coming from registrations and the other half coming from fund raisers and special gifts. We took in over \$4,000 alone from the starlight theatre tickets.

The culmination of all the camp efforts was the Joyful Noise Camp Program which took place on Friday evening July 13th. Those who came were impressed and inspired. A DVD of the performance

is available for \$10.00. This performance was the best ever and is a joy to watch. How proud we can all be of our camp.

High-Up Going to CLU

Our high school and college age youth group meets every Monday nights at 6:00p.m. They are planning to attend "Invitation To Service" which is a retreat at California Lutheran University, August 2-4 that helps youth decide if they are interested in pursuing a church related profession. The cost is \$120.00. Belinda Karge who helps to coordinate High-Up is going to the Youth Ministry training event that occurs at the same time and the same location. Pastor Rick is one of the teachers and founders of this event. How exciting to have our youth look into being the church leaders for tomorrow.

Couples Bible Study

Pastor Rick and Deby would like to start a couples Bible study in their home most Monday evenings at 7:00pm beginning in August. When confirmation begins the group will change meeting days to Thursday evening and not meet the second Thursday of each month when the church council is scheduled to meet. This is a discussion study on the Book of Romans called "Becoming New In Christ". Talk with Deby or Pastor Rick if you are interested.

News Notes for the Near Future

- We feed the Homeless on Monday August 13th leaving at 2:30p.m.
- August 30th to September 2nd is a retreat weekend at the orphanage in Mexico... We are trying to raise \$1,300 to buy new kitchen cupboards
- Saturday, September 8th Is the Fall Festival which is a fund Raiser BBQ, Carnival and Silent Auction
- Sundays in September beginning September 9th after the 9:00a.m. worship service there will be a New Members and Adult Confirmation class led by Pastor Rick and meeting in the library

- Wednesday, September 12th God's Gifts and Family Dinners begin
- Saturday, October 6th 9:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. First Communion class
- Confirmation will meet on Mondays from 7:00pm to 8:00pm beginning September 10th

Pat Thompson Supports CHELC

Pat Thompson is no longer living in Santee but she has made a commitment to support our church financially on a regular basis. She writes about her reasons for supporting our church:

“We all reflect on different aspects of our lives, and CHELC was genuinely a big and influential part of mine, even my daughter said ‘it’s our roots!’ I was truly sincere in saying I would not be the person I am today without it. But, the greatest thing for me is to honor my mother and stepfather in this manner. I know in my heart of hearts my Mom would be proud of what I am doing and that’s all that counts.”

“I hope it does encourage others to do the same...I’m one little fish that could turn into a much bigger one!! If I were a one-Starbucks-a-day person, I could give up one of those a week, and not miss the coffee nor the cash--it’s that simple.”

How can we help our church meet our budget needs?

Our church is consistently failing to fulfill our budget needs with each passing month. If we are to meet our financial needs to our pastor and to our church we will need to:

1. Find other funding sources
2. Cut our budgeted expenses
3. Increase our giving patterns

The church council will meet to address options #1 and #2. Only each member of our church can assist us with option #3. What would it require from each giving member to meet our budgeted needs?

We are currently behind about \$2,000 each month or about \$500 a week. Our average attendance each week is about 120 people

counting both services. At that rate we would need an increase of \$4.17 per person each week or \$16.68 per month to meet our budgeted needs. Wow! That’s not asking much?! For a family of 4 that would mean an increase of \$16.68 per week or \$66.72 per month.

We can meet our financial needs if we all do our part. Please consider adding just a little to the offering plate each Sunday. We all love our church and the ministry it represents.

Healing Service and Prayer Shawl Dedication the first Sunday of each month beginning August 5th

Our prayer team will be leading a healing service the first Sunday of every month following the 9:a.m. worship service. Please come whether you want to ask God for healing of either yourself or a loved one. The prayer team will add this opportunity to their offerings of prayer which already include prayer during the communion distribution at either the back of the church or the “prayer loft” opposite the choir loft. At this service we will also dedicate prayer shawls that are hand-knitted by our members for the comfort and assistance of prayer that those shawls represent. How blessed we are and how blessed others will be to have these offerings of prayer.

God's Gifts

Our children's program will begin Wednesday, September 12th from 6:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. with a family dinner at 6:00p.m.

For those who completed the lessons and the memory work from last Spring a special free event is being planned on Wednesday, September 5th from 4:30p.m. to 7:30p.m. We will be traveling to “Pump It Up” in Mira Mesa for an indoor inflatable park complete with a pizza dinner. If you are not a graduate of the Spring session you may still attend for a \$10.00 fee. Let Pastor Rick know if you want to attend. Those who earned a free trip are:

Kendra Martin
Lucas Paulsen
Robin Paulsen

Michael Sallay
Bryant Taylor
Bryce Taylor
Austin Thompson
Trevor Thompson
Daniel Timan

Congratulations!

New Members Adult Catechism Class

For 4 Sundays in September (September 9, 16, 23 and 30) Pastor Rick will offer an Adult Catechism class after the 9:00a.m.worship service to all prospective new members and any current members who wish to know the basics of our Christian and Lutheran faith. The Sundays in August and the first Sunday in September there will be a registration form to fill out if you wish to attend. What a great way to get to know the basics of our faith and for new members and established members to get to know each other.

Orphanage Kitchen Cupboards

We are going to run an abbreviated music and arts camp at the Siempre Orphanage August 31-September 2nd.

Once again we invite you to come to the closing program Sunday afternoon, September 2nd at 4:00pm with a Fiesta to follow.

We are trying to raise \$1300 for a new set of kitchen cupboards for the orphanage. If you would like to make a donation please contact Pastor Rick. The children will be collecting Sunday morning coins toward the cost of the cupboards.

High Up Update!

This month, High Up has been busy with things such as a scavenger hunt, and a lock in. The scavenger hunt was a great success. The group wrote a list of about thirty things, like shoes on a telephone pole, and someone playing guitar. Each group had to go around Santee to find the items on their list, and take pictures with them. Each group made it back

safely, and with a TON of great pictures! The lock in was held after the Joyful Noise Music Camp's performance. Many of those who attend High Up also worked at the camp. The group did a fantastic job of cleaning up after the show; you would have never known that there was a camp held there! But of course, it wasn't all work. There were a ton of snack, games, and movies. Some choose to sleep, while others stayed up all night. In the morning, they all pitched in to set up for that day's funeral.

Every Monday night, High Up meets for a worship, and a bible study. So far, we have been reading Corinthians, and discussing how it applies to our lives, and the world around us. This month, we have also been talking about the Fall Festival. High Up plans on having a few booths there, including a spin-the-wheel, and a jail.

We invite anyone high school or college age to join our group, Monday nights from 6 to 7:30 :)

Selina Weber

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Coco's in El Cajon, 1324 E. Main St., at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 14th. Join in for some good food and wonderful fellowship. For more information call either Grace Otto, 448-8202 or Nancy Funick, 562-9969.

August Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan, Grace Otto

Communion Assist.: 5, 12- Grace Otto, Ed Teichner 19, 26- Laura & Mandy Vaughan

Communion Care: Carol and Ron Dixon

Edgemoor Hospital Worship: TBA

Greeters: 5, 12- Darrel, Jenna & Katie Timan 19, 26- Laura & Mandy Vaughan

Lector: 5, 12- Mandy Vaughan 19, 26- Randy Cantrell

Stephen Minister of the Day: 5- Kathleen Darland 12- Bill Blue 19- Jim Thomas 26- Ellie Timan

Ushers: Jennifer, Owen, & Sydnie Brown, Gary Berglund, Tom Davidson, Kim Naour

August Anniversaries

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

August Birthdays

- 1 Jack Hustad
- 1 Keri Hyles
- 2 Giustina Luevano
- 3 Cody Catron
- 3 Vincent Coletti
- 4 Chris Myers
- 8 Christine Goforth
- 10 Brandon Olmedo
- 11 Jesse Lipscomb
- 13 Jillian Adams
- 14 Corky Strand
- 16 Katelyn Kelchner
- 19 Sherise Stark
- 19 Cindy Ryan
- 20 Nicholas Bloeman
- 20 Corin Jones
- 20 Gary Berglund
- 21 Rachel Schowalter
- 22 Bill 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)

Texts for the Sundays in August

5th Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 43 (8)
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21
Color: Green

12th Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 (23)
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40
Color: Green

19th Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 (14)
Hebrews 11:29—12:2
Luke 12:49-56
Color: Green

26th Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6 (6)
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17
Color: Green