

# The Echo

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## Pastor's Page

*Romans 2:1 "You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse!"*

Where can we find followers of Jesus with loving hearts?

One of my greatest struggles as a pastor is the reality that people I love hurt and abuse each other. How sad that is! Can you imagine your children beating each other with sticks and cursing each other? Can you imagine the disappointment and the pain? It would be next to impossible to be consoled.

The above Scripture is preceded by a list of sins...

"greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior and gossip...back stabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud and boastful"

Paul has explained that these are the traits of those who have rejected God in their lives.

Then Paul says in the above verse: "you are just as bad" and "you have no excuse".

Paul is quick to correct the condemning of others by the believers in the Roman church because he knows all too well that these believers do know better and should be doing better. These believers are doing the same sins. It is sad to know that the sins of those without God are the same as the sins of those with God. No wonder the world finds faith so hard to accept when the "results" appear to make no difference.

We know we are not saved by our good works. We know that we all sin and fall short of the glory of God. We know that the church is a hospital for sinners and not a resort for the sinless. But the world wants to know if faith can make a difference in their lives. The world wants to see that difference. Can we provide that visual difference between the people of faith and those who reject that faith?

I believe strongly that we are saved by faith and not by our good works.

But I also believe that our good works may save someone else by drawing them to the faith that powers those good works. Jesus once said, "They will

know you are my disciples by your love for one another." Jesus also said that "The great commandment is to love God and the second is like it to love your neighbor as yourself."

How can we reject our sin and embrace the love we are called to share? I believe that if we are failing to love each other it is because we are failing to love God. I believe that if you want the power to love others we must love the author of all love...our Lord Jesus.

I will pray constantly that the love of God controls us so that we will build one another up and treat each other as we would want to be treated.

We love others best when we love God most.

Pastor Rick

## Finances and Attendance for June

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	Total
6/1	107	39	146
6/8	92	13	105
6/15	87	18	143
6/22	100	13	113
6/29	110	25	135

June Offerings:	\$20,176
June Expenses:	\$16,469
Operating Surplus:	\$21,159

## Bagels and Senior Lunch

Something each Tuesday of the month

Meet at Einstein Bagels at the Santee Trolley each Tuesday between 9:30am and 11:00am for fellowship

Except...

The second Tuesday of the month when you are invited to the Senior Lunch at a local restaurant beginning at 11:30am. Senior Lunch for August will be August 12th at the Boll Weevil at 9714 Winter Gardens in Lakeside

## 11:00am Worship Service

The contemporary worship service at 11:00am has already brought in a faithful worship attendance between 20-30 worshippers. This service is led by our children guitar players Jeremy Naour, David Gulliver and Tom Coletti. What a blessing these young saints are to our church.

The service is just a half hour long and seems to appeal to those with children because of the youthful music and the extra time needed in the morning to get children ready for worship. There is always a full sermon and communion. We are blessed by this alternative to the traditional worship service each Sunday morning.

## Feed the Homeless

August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Meet at church at 2:30pm
September 8 <sup>th</sup>	and return by 6:00pm
October 13	

Let Pastor Rick Know if you would like to attend and need a ride.

## Fall Festival

A group of energetic and faithful volunteers met to make plans for our next Fall Festival. The date is set for September 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 6:00pm. If you have something to add you can call our co-directors Terri Flores at 449-1497 or Michelle Gomes at 938-3295. This is a huge project but we already have several new additions to the festival.

## Major Repairs Fund Raiser

We are trying to raise \$20,000 to repair the siding on the Acts Center roof and resurface, beautify and resurface the parking lot. The total cost is estimated at \$20,000. We are looking for volunteers to coordinate this fund raising effort. We are so fortunate that we have been faithful to our general fund and to special appeals to reach our tithing goals as a congregation. This is our newest step of faith. Please make any donations to "Carlton Hills" and note that your donation is for the "Major Appeals Fund Raiser".

## Joyful Noise Camp Debriefing Meeting

All Camp Staff are welcome!  
Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30p.m.  
At Belinda Karge's home at:  
2067 Vista Hermosa Way, El Cajon

## A Note of "Thanks"

TACO (the Third Avenue Charitable Organization), the ELCA Homeless ministry in San Diego sent the following as a note of thanks:

"It has come to my attention that your congregation has made an incredibly generous gift of \$1,480.39 to the work of TACO. I would like you to know how deeply touched I am by your church's generosity.

These are tough financial times for most churches. It would be easy to keep all the money to yourself and support your own ministry—and that would be quite understandable. Your church has chosen to do something incredibly different however: you have shared your gifts with another congregation and with the poorest of the poor so that ministry can be carried on in Jesus' name. What a testament to the Gospel and what a model of Christian community.

Not only do you give quite generously to our work at Third and Ash, but, just as importantly, you are present here on a regular basis. Again, you and your people are busy. You could give all your energies to your wonderful ministry at Carlton Hills and yet you find it in your heart to come and serve food to those who are hungry.

We are incredibly grateful for our partnership in the Gospel and deeply moved by your sharing with us in ministry. May God bless you in all that you do and please convey our deepest thanks to the good people of Carlton Hills Lutheran Church.

In Christ,  
Wilbert S. Miller  
Pastor  
First Lutheran Church

# Make a Joyful Noise Music &



# Arts Summer Camp - 2008



## Youth Overnight Procedure Policy

On Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am there was a meeting to add a “Youth Overnight Procedure Policy” to our statement on keeping children safe in our congregation. The statement on keeping children safe at Carlton Hills is available in the back of the church. We are going to add an overnight policy to this statement which is meant to make our High Up and our Confirmation youth safe at overnight events. The question was discussed at High Up and this group submitted a policy to recommend for themselves which was reviewed by those attending this meeting.

This draft of a policy will be reviewed one last time on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting. Below is the draft of the policy:

*At any youth overnight event there must be a coordinating adult at least 25 years old who will be responsible for the following:*

*At youth overnight events there must be an adult (someone over 18 years old) at the event that will remain awake during the designated awake hours of the event. This may take the form of adult shifts where several adults share the duties. If mixed gender youth sleep in the same room, an adult will be awake at all times. If two rooms are available and the space realistic, one room should be designated as “female” and the other “male” for dressing and sleeping. If there is a common room for gathering throughout the night, before retreating to the segregated rooms, an adult must be awake in that common room.*

*If youth travel to an event where they are assigned hotel rooms, whenever possible at least one of the youth should be over 18 in assigned rooms. In these cases, there will be no mixed gender in hotel sleeping rooms. This means under no circumstances will males go into designated female rooms and visa versa. If the group chooses to stay awake, it must be in a lobby, adult room, common area of the hotel or a designated room with adult present. Depending on the event, there may be a time when the group decides on a curfew.*

## Lutheran Campus Ministry Sunday

Sunday, August 10, 2008

Pastor Molly Knutson-Keller from the SDSU Campus Ministry will preach at both of our worship services

Come and support this ministry among us in your offerings

## Church Travel Site

Did you know that we have a church travel site where you can book airline tickets, hotel accommodations and rental cars and for the very best rates available and have a percentage of the dollars you spend come back as a donation to the church. Pastor Rick bought hotel space at an excellent hotel to visit is daughter in Lexington Kentucky for only \$400 for 6 nights!! The site gives you many options to fit any budget.

Go online to benefit yourself and your church:

[www.ytbtravel.com/chelc](http://www.ytbtravel.com/chelc)

## Confirmation And a Children’s Music Program Begins Wednesday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday will be “church night” beginning this fall. The tentative schedule will be:

4:30 p.m.	Children’s Music
5:30 p.m.	Confirmation
6:30 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir

The move of confirmation to Monday is to avoid the conflict we have had with the Boy Scouts on Monday and to allow the confirmands to participate in the children’s music program. We may also be offering guitar, harmonica and drum lessons this night. The High-Up may also become a part of this offering of programs depending on their schedules.

The children’s music program will give our children the opportunity to play their instruments at church and to practice chimes for the children who

do not have an instrument of their own. Pastor Rick will lead this program.

### Thank you Letter from a Camp Parent

The following was addressed to the camp staff from a thankful parent whose two children attended the summer camp. The letter reads in part...

**“WOW! YOU ALL ROCK!”**

You know how sometimes there just are no words to describe the fullness of what you’re feeling? That’s the case for me right now. My heart is filled with so much gladness, gratitude and love for all of you who brought Joyful Noise Camp to “life” for my children, Grant and Marisa.

I was delighted to discover your camp through my church St. Andrews and many said JNC was fantastic. As I told you, Grant and Marisa enjoyed every single day of the camp and literally couldn’t wait to go each day. They seemed to enjoy every aspect of the camp, especially the music lessons and relationships with the staff.

What you do is truly remarkable!

The performance on Friday night was beautiful and I could see how much you all loved doing it. The CDs, pictures, beautiful blue t-shirts, and the ice cream social gave the whole experience a memorable and special ending.

Grant and Marisa want to join in again next year and hope to one day become “staff”. While all the activities make camp fun, it’s God working through all of you who brings it to life. Thank you very much for being a channel of God’s love.

Blessings to all.

### Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Boll Weevil in Lakeside, 9714 Winter Garden., at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Join in for some good food and wonderful fellowship. For more information call Grace Otto, 448-8202 or Nancy Funick, 270-7187.

### August Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan, Grace Otto  
 Communion Assist.: Ellie, Darrell & Jeanna Timan  
 Communion Care: Ellie Timan  
 Greeters: 3, 10- De Ryden Jennifer Brown  
 17, 24- Timan Family 31- Youth  
 Lector: 3, 10- Vicki Haas 17, 24- Sylvia Smith  
 31- Youth  
 Stephen Minister of the Week: 3- Ellie Timan  
 10- Vicki Haas 17- Ed Teichner  
 24- Jim Thomas 31- Marian Privett  
 Ushers: Laura & Mandy Vaughan, Norma Borgeson, Kathleen Darland, Marie Freeman, Betty Maxa

### August Birthdays

1	Jack Hustad	20	Nicholas Bloeman
1	Keri Hyles	21	Rachel Schowalter
2	Giustina Luevano	22	David Lipscomb
3	Vincent Coletti	22	William Thomas
3	Cody Catron	22	Anthony Smith
4	Chris Myers	22	Hailey Roncs
8	Christine Goforth	25	Katie Timan
10	Brandon Olmedo	25	Tim Hustad
11	Jesse Lipscomb	26	Darrel Timan
13	Jillian Adams	27	Deby Schowalter
14	Corine Strand	28	Danielle Davidson
16	Katelyn Kelchner	30	Wendy Olmedo
19	Sherise Stark	30	Betty Maxa
19	Cindy Ryan	30	Glen Teichner
20	Gary Berglund	31	Carrie
20	Corin Jones		Muehlenpfort

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

### August Anniversaries

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

## Texts for the Sundays in July

- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost**  
Genesis 32:22-31  
Psalm 17:1-7, 15 (15)  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21  
**Color:** Green
- 10<sup>th</sup> **Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28  
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b (1, 45)  
Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-33  
**Color:** Green
- 17<sup>th</sup> **Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
Genesis 45:1-15  
Psalm 133 (1)  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28  
**Color:** Green
- 24<sup>th</sup> **Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
Exodus 1:8-2:10  
Psalm 124 (7)  
Romans 12:1-8  
Matthew 16:13-20  
**Color:** Green
- 31<sup>st</sup> **Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
Exodus 3:1-15  
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b (1, 45)  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 16:21-28  
**Color:** Green

### Lost or Found

Hi everyone! A couple of months ago Joanne Schneider loaned me two novels about Norwegians settling in North Dakota during the 20<sup>th</sup> century. They were in a paper bag, and I remember setting them down while getting a cup of coffee. Unfortunately, I do not remember picking them up, or bringing them home with me. If anyone remembers seeing these books, or perhaps took them home to enjoy, please contact either Joanne or myself, Ellie Timan. The books are part of a series. Joanne has graciously loaned them to several of us at church, others are waiting, and I hate being the one to have lost them. Either give Joanne or I a call, or

leave them on the counter in the Acts Center. I truly appreciate your help!!

## FAITH Families Active In Training Hearts

Mark your calendars! Our next FAITH event is Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

We will provide make-your-own sub sandwiches and chips, and afterwards relax for popcorn and movie night. We will watch 'Facing the Giants.'

Please remember, all FAITH Events are free and all are invited. If you have questions or would like to help with any of the FAITH Events please contact Misty Thompson at 619-885-0561 or at [onegreatmt@yahoo.com](mailto:onegreatmt@yahoo.com).

### Future 2008 FAITH Events

November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 – Create your own special thank you notes, or a family "Tree of Thanks." Enjoy Sloppy Joes.

November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 – Make an advent wreath. Lasagna and salad provided.

### Starlight Theatre

Only two more performances left for this season. Get your tickets now before they are all gone. We only have a few tickets left for My Fair Lady so please buy them soon.

Please see Bill and Mary Thomas or Misty Thompson to purchase tickets.

My Fair Lady.....August 14<sup>th</sup> @7:30  
Nine.....September 18<sup>th</sup> @7:30

Thank you for your support!

### Buck @ The Beach

Thank you to everyone who helped with Buck @ the Beach this year!

We had 20+ in attendance each week, and everyone had a great time. What a great turn out this summer!