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**St. Columba Episcopal Church**

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## ***St. Columba Episcopal Church***

9720 Cuyamaca St., Santee, CA 92071

*Worship Service Sunday 11:00AM*

*Pastor Rick Schowalter*

*Vestry:*

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## Pastor's Page

“Death and Resurrection” are the greatest themes of our faith. That is exactly what I experienced with the two ministries I had hoped to leave at Carlton Hills when I retire in less than 2 years now.

The Santee Food Bank and a Preschool are both ministries that tie into our history. I was pleased to have them projected to at the very least get started at Carlton Hills after I retire. But both ministries came up against a seemingly insurmountable obstacle. Money! It was projected that the Food Bank would need three double-wide portable classrooms and the preschool needed at least two classrooms to get started. Both needed money that was not available and fund raising was difficult to say the least.

The biggest cost factor for the Food Bank was electricity because our selected location across the parking lot placed the Food Bank over 300 feet from the nearest transformer, which meant a second transformer needed to be built at a huge cost of \$50,000 to \$70,000. We had wanted to put the Preschool in the location where the previous school buildings were located. We had some elaborate plans in mind but the money we had hoped to use was the money we received when we sold one of our cell phone towers, but that became impossible to tap into when we started the year behind budget. It did not make sense to tap into a reserve fund when we could not meet our daily expenses.

That was all about death.

Then came the resurrection. It started with what at first appeared to be more death. The neighbor across the parking lot complained to the city that they did not want the Food Bank buildings blocking their view of the valley. It was true. They had a beautiful view of the whole valley and now they saw only the back of our Food Bank buildings.

We started considering several closer locations for the Food Bank that were within the 300 feet that could save the huge added costs. One location was where we had at first considered to put the preschool.

Then a new idea surfaced. Why not put one double-wide trailer next to our driveway from Halberns and use the office building as preschool and church offices and use the back of the Acts Center as additional preschool space. We would need to use the patio space behind the Acts Center as a preschool playground but that is possible with upgrades.

Then out of the blue several people promised to contribute money towards a preschool. Also Marian Privett and Belinda Karge our resident experts with schools and preschools, gave us encouragement toward that direction in thinking. Belinda even mentioned that with the Food Bank on the property we may be eligible for grants toward a preschool that cares for low income families.

One more resurrection step occurred when the Food Bank agreed to move just two double-wide buildings and they said we could use their third building for our preschool. At the congregational meeting on July 10th the congregation voted to allow the Food Bank to move two double-wide portable buildings next to the south end of the driveway from Lutheran Way as close to the transformer as it could possibly be. Also Vic Bermudes the Preschool architect, said he would help us to draw plans for a proposal for the preschool to submit to the city.

For me the issue was always a faith issue. Both the Food Bank and the Preschool are ministries that fit Jesus' priorities. Jesus said: “Let the children come unto me and forbid them not, for to such belongs the Kingdom of Heaven”. Jesus also said: “When did you see me hungry or thirsting, or naked or...as you have done it to the least of my people you have done it to me.” Both ministries are worthy of our efforts and direction and I never wanted to choose one over the other.

The other faith issue for me is being willing to take risks to care for others. Ministry is never: “Take care of yourself and don't risk anything.” Ministry is ALWAYS: “Take care of your neighbor and I will take care of you.” Or “Take care of the neighbor and risk yourself.” Or “If you save your life you will lose it. If you lose your life for my sake you will save it.”

Someone once said that for those who think something is impossible, they should get out of the way of those who are doing it. We step out in faith with a Food Bank and a Preschool ministry clearly in front of us.

Thanks be to God.

Pastor Rick

<b>Attendance For June</b>			
	9:00a.m.	Tue	Total
6/5	102	10	112
6/12	91	11	102
6/19	113	10	123
6/26	79	11	90

  

<b>June Finances</b>	
Income	<b>\$13,198</b>
Expenses	<b>\$16,491</b>
(includes a \$4,470 Ins. Payment)	

### **Bible Studies for the Summer 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays in August**

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, August 13<sup>th</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Bible Study at St. Columba**

During the month of August, there will be no Wednesday night bible study. Instead we are meeting at St Columba at 10am Sunday for a study of the days readings.

### **Picnic Worship at Santee Lakes**

Carlton Hills is joining an annual event at St. Columba's.

Each year St. Columba's celebrates an outdoor worship and Carlton Hills is asked to join them on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Come and experience an Episcopal worship service and bring something to share for the picnic following. For that Sunday, worship will begin at 10:00am to accommodate the picnic. Sounds like great fun!!

### **House Building in Mexico Through Lutheran Border Concerns Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

Save the date and come join us! This will be the 4<sup>th</sup> house we have built!!

An information and planning meeting will take place on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am

### **Worship at Santee Lakes Sunday, August 21st at 10:00am**

**Sponsored by:**

**St. Columba's Episcopal Church**

(no worship at Carlton Hills on this Sunday )

**Picnic and fun and games to follow**

(donations welcomed)

<b>Santee Lakes</b>	Picnic Sunday August 21st 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. North end /Lake 5 Areas M & N /Signs Posted	<b>Bikes 1 Hour</b>	
		Cruiser	\$12
		Tandem	\$17
		Single Surrey	\$25
		Double Surrey	\$35
	<b>Service begins 10:00 a.m. Pastor Rick Schowalter</b>	<b>Boats Half Hour</b>	
	Weekends: \$6/vehicle*\$1.00 discount if paying cash	4-Seat Pedal Boat	\$12
	Sprayground wristband: \$3/child weekends (Ask at gate*)	Canoes	\$13
	Bring smiles & laughs; (Provided) Horseshoes & volleyball	Row Boat	\$13
	Some shade good idea to bring chairs and popup tents	Kayak	\$13
	(Items provided) Hamburgers & Hot dogs -- water, soda & condiments -- Potluck bring a dish, chips or dessert		
	<b>Donations - Welcomed</b>		

## **Feed the Homeless**

Monday, August 1st at 2:30pm we will travel to T.A.C.O. or the Third Avenue Charitable Organization through First Lutheran Church in San Diego to feed about 200-250 homeless or low income people. Let Pastor Rick know if you can go so there is plenty of room in his car.

## **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 August 9<sup>th</sup> at the New Century Buffet on 868 Jackman in El Cajon.

## **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.

## **Children/Youth & Family Ministry**

### **Tuesday Night Events:**

5:30 Dinner-anyone is welcome!  
Youth events will resume in the fall.

### **Joyful Noise 2016:**

What a wonderful month of summer camp! We had about 40 campers and 10 paid staff; it was a fun-filled month with many new campers!



## **Grief Support Group**

The grief support group meets the third Saturday of each month. The group will meet Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at Norma Borgeson's at 2149 Hillslake Drive in El Cajon.

## 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.

## 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.

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.

## CHELC July Ministers

**Coffee Fellowship:** Nancy Funick,

**Lector:** Jane Reaney

**Greeters:** 7,14- Darrel & Jeanna Timan  
21,28- Sara & Robin Paulsen

**Communion Assist.:** Jane & Tom Reaney

**Communion Care:** Laura Vaughan

**Acolyte:** 7- Austin 14- Caleb 21- Austin  
28- CJ

**Ushers:** TBA

**Sunday School:** 7- Jeffery White 14- Katie Wentz  
21- Amanda Botzer 28- Danil Koch

**Stephen Minister of the Week:**

<u>S. M., Communion</u>	<u>Prayer Loft</u>
7- Carol	Jackie
14- Ellie	Heather
21- Jeanna	Diedra
28- Kathy	Steve

## St. Columba’s August Ministers

**Lector:** 7- Lynn 14- Mimi 21- Lynn 28- Mimi

**Chalice:** 7- Russ 14- Bill 21- Russ 28- Bill

**Greeter:** 7- Bill 14- Arleen 21- Bill 28- Arleen

**Hospitality:** 7- Judy 14- Ellen 21- Arleen 28- Mimi

## Crochet at Church

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month at 9am (on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



## August Anniversaries

1	Jennifer & Tim Brown
4	Michael & Joanne Huber
10	Jean & John Sevcik
14	Dale & Carol Benson
14	Caroline & Nicholas Holicky
15	Tom & Carol Davidson
15	Corinne & Lee Strand
17	Kim & Skip Taylor
30	May & Tim Hustad

## August Birthdays

1	Keri Hyles
2	Carol Benson
3	Cody Catron
4	Chris Myers
10	Sydney Brown
10	Brandon Avendano
11	Jesse Lipscomb
12	Elizabeth Hyles
13	Steve Campbell
14	Corinne Strand
17	Alandra Gomes
18	Maria Tilton
19	Cindy Ryan
19	Sherise Stark
22	Hailey Rones
22	David Lipscomb
22	Susanne Rettig
24	Amanda Cofrancesco
25	Timothy Hustad
25	Dale Benson
25	Katie Wentz
26	Darrel Timan
27	Deborah Schowalter
30	Betty Maxa
30	Glen Teichner
30	Wendy Avendano

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

## TACO Numbers

In reflection of the recent attacks on our city's most vulnerable, it is important to take a moment and reflect on who we serve.

### Homeless Statistics

San Diego County has the 4<sup>th</sup> highest homeless population in the country. In January, there were 3,752 sheltered homeless and 4,940 unsheltered homeless living on the street.

- 2,348 homeless live on the street in the city of San Diego
- 15% of the unsheltered homeless are veterans
- 1,647 unsheltered homeless have a physical disability
- One in seven of the homeless are on probation or parole
- One-fifth reported a severe mental illness
- 17% reported substance or alcohol abuse disabilities

### TACO Statistics

- We serve between 300-350 meals a week.
- We have served over 10,000 meals so far in 2016.

We uphold prayers of safety and health to all of our neighbors who call the streets their home.

# Carlton Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church

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)

## August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 12p SA Sr. Lunch 2:30pm Feed the Homeless 7p Boy Scouts	2 10:30a Feeling Fit Exercise 12p SA Sr Lunch 6p Steph Min @St. Col 6p Dinner	3 10:30 SA Bingo 12p SA Sr. Lunch 7p Choir Practice	4 10:30a Feeling Fit Exercise 12p SA Sr. Lunch Pastor Rick - PM Off	5 12p SA Sr. Lunch Pastor Rick's day off	6
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21 Worship Picnic at Santee Lakes with St. Columba's	22 12p SA Sr. Lunch 7p Boy Scouts	23 10:30a Feeling Fit Exercise 12p SA Sr Lunch 6p Dinner	24 10:30 SA Bingo 12p SA Sr. Lunch 7p Choir Practice	25 10:30a Feeling Fit Exercise 12p SA Sr. Lunch Pastor Rick - PM Off	26 12p SA Sr. Lunch Pastor Rick's day off	27 9a Crochet at Church 4:30p Bible Study @the Blyth's 221 Brookview Ct, Santee
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