

# The Echo

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*The Monthly Newsletter of:*

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## Pastor's Page

Christmas is the time of year that we celebrate welcoming our Lord and Savior into the world as a baby born in Bethlehem. It is a time of new beginnings and new birth. This baby born in Bethlehem will mark the beginning of salvation for a

the life of Jesus that who will become the perfect sacrifice for sin and offer the world forgiveness. Through this frail and humble birth we will be given life that will last literally forever. Beginnings and birth can be such important times in our lives.

Our church is experiencing several new

## *Carlton Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church Council and Staff*

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President

***Jesse Lipscomb***

Vice President

***Penny Sallay***

Secretary

***Linda Gulliver***

Financial Secretary

***Sara Paulsen***

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***May Hustad***

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***Jennifer Brown***

***Delores Ryden***

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Pastor

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Stewardship

***Vicki Haas***

Outreach

***Mary Thomas***

***Janet Shuey***

Prayer Chain, 449-1645

***Marvin Hamilton***

Choir Director

world doomed by evil. This birth will set in motion

beginnings. Who knows what new life these births will offer us and where this new life will lead us?

I am excited that Vicki Haas, the church council representative to Outreach is leading us to a new ministry in Tecate, Mexico. Vicki and her husband Dick have nurtured a relationship with a struggling small church in Tecate. They have come to know and love this church's pastor, Pastor Jose. They have shared the poverty needs of this church and its members with us and we are on our way to meet many of those physical needs while being enriched by the spiritual power of these people of faith. It is a new birth of ministry.

I am also excited to welcome a wonderful new church council and at the same time I am so grateful for those who are ending their service to the church council.

Our next "Budget and Elections" annual meeting will be held between services on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. The following have been nominated to begin new terms of service on our church council:

President: Jesse Lipscomb

Vice President: Mike Weber

Financial Secretary: Deanna Sampson

Trustee: Skip Taylor

Stewardship: Donna Dudley

Worship: Gary Berglund

Those leaving the council and to whom we all owe a great debt of thanks for their faithful service are:

President: Darrel Timan

Financial Secretary: Linda Gulliver

Trustee: Dee Ryden

Worship: May Hustad

We have so much to be thankful for and so much to look forward to with these quality leaders in our church!

Another new birth ushering in a new beginning is the continued negotiations with the City of Santee and the Salvation Army to make our church the site for a M-F senior lunch program. This senior lunch is

government funded through the Salvation Army and the Salvation Army is responsible for the preparation and serving of the meals. The City of Santee is anxious for us to be the site for this program and has pledged to renovate one of our bathrooms to make it handicap accessible to meet government standards. The Salvation Army is also willing to fund improvements to our kitchen and the installation of Air Conditioning to the Acts Center. What marvelous new ministries can we begin with the birth of this program? I am in conversation with our Stephen Ministers to consider their role in meeting the spiritual and emotional needs of the seniors who will be attending the lunch from the community.

I am so excited to welcome these new births to our church community. It will make our Christmas celebration all the more meaningful.

Pastor Rick

<b>Finances and Attendance for October</b>			
<b>Attendance:</b>			
	<u>9:00a.m.</u>	<u>11:00a.m.</u>	<u>Total</u>
10/5	80	10	90
10/12	83	16	99
10/19	87	20	107
10/26	85	15	100
<b>October Finances:</b>			
Expenses			\$13,216
Income			\$11,852
Operating Surplus YTD			\$10,491

## 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 December will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> at the Red Lobster at 9530 Murray Drive in La Mesa.

## Adult Studies

Pastor Rick offers two adult studies.

On Sunday mornings between services he will offer a study from a book called "The Book of Faith" which explains in detail the Lutheran perspective on Bible Study along with several actual Bible studies.

On Thursday evenings from 7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. Pastor Rick and Deby will open their home at 1630 Whitsett Drive in El Cajon to study the New Testament readings from the "One Year Bible" beginning with 1 & 2 Timothy. This study will meet every Thursday except the second Thursday of the month when our church council is scheduled to meet. This is open to any adult. Please let Pastor Rick know if you are interested in attending.

## CHROS Practice moved to Saturdays

CHROS the music group for children, youth and adults has moved to a Saturday practice at 8:30am. CHROS meets every other Saturday and the guitars meet every Saturday. Talk to Pastor Rick if you are interested in joining the group.

## 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.

Go online to benefit yourself and your church:

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

## Wednesdays are Church Night

There is a big advantage to having almost all of our weekday church activities be on the same evening. This allows whole families to participate because there is something for everyone and with one night a week when the church has most of its activities it is easier to remember.

We would like to make Wednesdays:

"Church Night"

Here is the schedule:

5:30p.m. to 6:30p.m. Confirmation

7:00p.m. to 8:30p.m. High Up

6:30p.m. to 7:30p.m. Dinner and Confirmation/  
Jr. High Youth Group

7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. Adult Choir

## Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

The women of our church now have a variety of options in which to invest their time and energies. Our beloved Dorcas will continue to function as primarily a craft and fellowship group that meets one Saturday a month. However we are looking forward to many more small groups soon to be formed which may include but not limited to the following:

- "Mom's Night Out" a fellowship group for mothers
- A quilting group making blankets for needy children
- Women's devotion group
- Women's Bible Study
- Women's Retreat
- Hooks and Needles Knitting group
- And much, much more.

If you are interested in one of the above or you have an idea of your own please contact Pastor Rick.

WELCA will meet once or twice a year with representatives from each of these groups to coordinate efforts.

**Feed the Homeless  
December 8<sup>th</sup>**

Meet at church at 2:30pm and return by 5:30pm

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

**Sewing Needs?**

She's a wizard with a needle and thread

Can produce any garment that pops into your head

She mends, darns, and sews 'til work is completed

Call Nancy Funick at 619-270-7187

Her prices are right and satisfaction is yours!

**High Up Going to National Gathering**

Check out the envelope board at the back of the church. The envelopes are marked 1-125 and our High School and College age youth are looking for your support to attend the National Gathering in New Orleans next summer. Simply pick a numbered envelop and place that amount of dollars in the envelope to support this effort. Let's see if we can use all the envelopes!

**Senior Fellowship Luncheon**

Sr. Fellowship meets at Red Lobster in La Mesa, 8703 Murray Drive, at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 9<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.

**Budget and Elections Meeting**

The annual budget and elections meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> between the worship services. Usually this meeting is held the first Sunday in December but Pastor Rick will be at the graduation ceremony of his youngest daughter Naomi and will be gone December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas Season Schedule**

**Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** Stephen Minister Christmas Party 6:00p.m.

**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** WELCA Christmas Party in the Acts Center at 2:00p.m.

**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** Youth Christmas drama during worship at both services.

Christmas Cookie Exchange 11:30a.m.

**Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** Senior Choir special music during the 9:00a.m. worship service

Sunday School and youth Christmas program and International Christmas food festival with Christmas crafts at 6:00p.m.

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Eve candlelight worship at 7:00p.m. with a cookie reception to follow, a fire on the patio and hot chocolate and coffee in the Acts Center

**Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>** Keri and Jake Hyles' baby, Jack, will be baptized at the 9:00a.m. worship service

**Sunday School Christmas Program**

We are looking for 100% participation of our children for the Sunday School Christmas program. Practice will take place during the Sunday School time the Sundays in December. Don't miss this wonderful Christmas tradition at our church. The program will be at 6:00p.m. on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> in the sanctuary.

**Join us for our Second annual  
Christmas Celebration**

Sponsored by **High-UP**  
(High School and College Youth Group)  
Sunday, December 21, 2008  
Carlton Hills Lutheran Church

4:30-6:00 pm  
Dinner and Center Piece Auction

6:00 pm  
Sunday School  
Christmas Celebration

7:00-8:00 pm  
Second serving of dinner for those who can not come early

\$10.00 for adults  
\$5.00 for children under 11  
Purchase tickets from High-Up members

Make Checks Payable to  
Carlton Hills Lutheran Church

Ushers: Darrel, Jeanna, Ellie & Katie Timan,  
John Sevcik

### Christmas Cookie/Candy Exchange

Join in the fun of a Christmas Cookie/Candy exchange along with the special treat of a visit with Santa on **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30.**

Put on your chef's hat and get ready to bake! Please bring three dozen cookies/candy to *exchange* along with one dozen to share. Please do NOT use peanuts/nuts.

Be sure to bring your friends and family as Santa will be making a visit to hear your Christmas wishes. What a great photo opportunity!

Come enjoy hot cider, hot cocoa, coffee, snacks and fellowship. All should go home with a nice selection of treats to share with family and friends. Everyone is invited!!

### Make a Joyful Noise Calendar and Visioning Meeting

Everyone is invited to attend. We would like to hear your ideas regarding our 2009 summer camp dates, classes, leadership, fundraising, ways to promote camp and more. Please attend on **Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.**

### December Anniversaries

6 Thomas & Kimberly Insel  
14 Ronald & Carole Dixon  
20 Jim & Marilyn Thomas  
31 Marilyn & Gary Stewart

### December Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan,  
Grace Otto  
Communion Assist.: Grace Otto & Marcy Metz  
Communion Care: Grace Otto  
Greeters: Vaughan Family  
Lector: 7, 14- Randy Catron 21, 28- Gary Berglund  
Stephen Minister of the Week: 2- Kathleen Darland  
9- Carol Davidson 16- Vicki Haas  
23- Marian Privett 30- Ed Teichner

### December Birthdays

3	Linda Schloegel	18	Diana Coletti
4	Marshal Force	19	William Gomes
4	Royce Privett	19	May Hustad
6	Curtis Stark	20	Fred Borgeson
8	Patricia Maches	21	Robert Webb
10	Janet Shuey	21	Dylan Grant
11	Conrad Reid	26	Mike Diorio
11	John Sevcik	27	Elisa Insel
11	Caleb Reid	28	Gail Orton
14	Emily Byrd	29	Zackary Stark
14	Ariana Quintanilla	30	Kathryn Francis
15	Helena Buck		

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

### Texts for the Sundays in December

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday Of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (13)  
2 Peter 3:8-15a  
Mark 1:1-8

**Color:** Blue

#### 14<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday Of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Psalm 126 (3) or Luke 1:46b-55 (52)  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

**Color:** Blue

#### 21<sup>st</sup> Fourth Sunday Of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
Luke 1:46b-55 (52) or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 (1)  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38

**Color:** Blue

#### 28<sup>th</sup> First Sunday Of Christmas

Isaiah 61:10-62:3  
Psalm 148 (13)  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 2:22-40

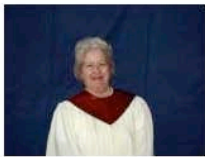
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Welcome New Members!

We received a wonderful group of new members on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Please go out of your way to welcome the following new members when you see them.

Betty Berglund Helena Buck Marsha Browne Heather Gasner Bill and Michelle Gomes Miranda, Alandra, William & Mykal	Roxana Hokenstrom Sue Hutton Ed Kassahn Matthew Kassahn Bill and Gail Ortin	Janet Shuey Susie Rettig Diedra Zeller and Zachary
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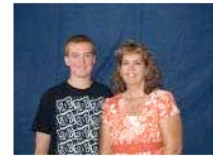
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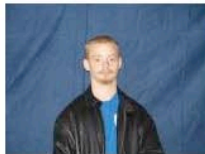
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Bill & Gail Ortin



Zachary & Dedra Zeller



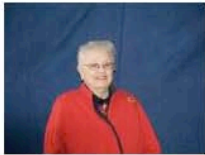
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Heather Gasner



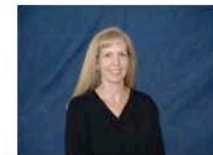
Marsha Brown



Roxana Hokenstrom



Michelle Gomes & Miranda Chrislock



Susanne Rettig



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