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Pastor's Page

“Whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God.” 1 Corinthians 10:31

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 world doomed by evil. This birth will set in motion the life of Jesus that 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 beginnings. Who knows what new life these births will offer us and where this new life will lead us? Often these beginnings seem insignificant but within them the power of God is unleashed. The test of a saint is not success as the world would define that word. Rather the test of the saint is faithfulness and accomplishing God's purposes in the common place occurrences of our every day lives.

Last year we marked the beginning of the senior lunch program that offers lunch to seniors at our church Monday through Friday, the caring neighbors program that offers home repair to seniors in our community and the “Offering to the Poor” that asks us each Sunday to meet the needs of designated poor in the world around us. These ministries are now wonderfully established and define who we are as a congregation in ministry.

This year the new birth I am most proud of is the Tuesday evening worship led by our youth called “One Salvation”. This worship service is accomplishing a ministry that could be the seed for renewal in many churches of the Lutheran church.

The worship service has been using a curriculum called “To Save A Life”. The curriculum offers a “mixer” which is a way for those in attendance to get to know each other

through a directed interaction, a film clip which introduces a topic through drama, a Scripture and a discussion. There is music, communion, offering, and prayer. Prayer consists of written prayers that are placed on a cross and at the end of the service the prayers are thrown in a fire on the patio which is a symbolic gesture of offering the prayers to God.

I have been describing this worship service as an “engaging” service where those who worship are not spectators but active participants in worship. I believe this is the kind of worship that will best address the needs and the desires for intimacy that are most needed to make a lasting impact in the lives of our youth. The worship service is “youth led” and there are 10 volunteer jobs the youth fulfill each Tuesday with different youth volunteering for those jobs each Sunday. Belinda Karge and Stephanie Myers coordinate the worship service but it is their goal to get more and more youth involved and participating.

I do not attend the worship service. I want the service to know that I support the service but I will not be a part of it. As a pastor it is so tempting to slip into that leadership role and to take over when others are trying to lead. The only small contribution I have is that I bless the communion elements at the 11:00am worship service that are used as a “continuation of the table” for the Youth led worship on Tuesday evening. I am happy to admire the results from a distance and weekly get reports from Stephanie and Belinda. These two also lead a Bible study on Wednesday mornings which is also a new birth celebration for us as a church and I meet with them following the study.

I work with youth ministers all over the country and I can tell you that when I explain what we are doing with Youth led worship there is a great deal of excitement to hear more.

The birth has taken place among us. Let's see what God has in mind for its growth.

Pastor Rick

Finances And Attendance For October

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	Tue	Total
10/3	96	39		135
10/10	107	15	42	164
10/1	120	38	16	174
10/24	60	33	18	111
10/31	87	33	23	142

October Finances:

Expenses	\$14,678
Income	\$14,934
Operating Surplus YTD	\$16,236

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. On December 14th at the Red Lobster in La Mesa

Church Council Will Meet Sunday, December 12th At 4:00p.m.

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

Outfit for a special night?

Broken zipper?

Waist too tight?

Button lost?

It's Nancy you call,

Sewing, she does it all!

Nancy Funick, seamstress

(619) 270-7187 (619) 933-7823

Massage Anyone?

Matthew Kassahn the grandson of Mary Thomas has recently completed his schooling to become a Massage Therapist. He is located at 3142 E. Plaza Blvd., Suite T in National City. His massages are as little as \$60 for an hour. Contact Matt at 619-672-5981 or 619-475-6417 if you want to treat yourself or you want to give someone you love a special gift.

New Members

We will receive new members on Sunday, December 5th and Sunday, December 12th at both the 9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m. worship services. A new member orientation will be held between services each Sunday. If you would like to join the church and have not filled out a new member information form you can receive the form by contacting the church office or Pastor Rick.

Confirmation

There is not confirmation December 22nd and 29th. Confirmation begins again after the Christmas break on Wednesday, January 12th at 6:00p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship December 24th at 7:00p.m. Reception and patio fire following

Annual Budget and Elections Meeting

All church members are cordially invited to attend the annual budget and elections meeting.

Date: Sunday, December 5, 2010 at 10:15 AM

Time: 10:15 AM

Location: Church Sanctuary

We currently have a membership of nearly 300 and need at least 43 (15%) for quorum.

Events for Children and Youth of the congregation:

Pre-K to third grade:

The first and third Tuesday of every month we host a Pre-K to third grade children's bible study. TOT's for CHRIST is from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. If you have questions, contact Stephanie Myers (619) 971-1606.

Grades four through six:

The first and third Wednesday of every month we will continue the 456 group. This group will meet from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the ACTS center.

Confirmation:

Confirmation began September 15th and meets every Wednesday night

Upcoming Youth and Young Adult Events:

One Salvation, our new youth led worship began on October 12, 2010. That first evening we had 42 in attendance. The worship includes interactive time to share what God is doing in our lives, and how all we do is centered on his word. The message is scripture based with audio-visuais. There is fellowship time around the campfire after the worship.



Winter retreat for high school and young adults is January 15-17. Stephanie, Belinda and Pastor Rick will be the sponsors. The cost is \$150. Youth who regularly attend One Salvation will receive a discount on the price.

Christmas Program and Dinner:

December 18, 2010 –mark your calendars for 5:00 p.m. The children of the congregation will present a Christmas program immediately followed by a donation dinner prepared by the High School and College Youth. There will be singing, a drama and time for joining in with Christmas Carols. Come share in the holiday spirit.

Fall Festival 2010

Thank you for all who helped at the Fall Festival! We had Food, Games, Music, Raffles, Pumpkin Patch, Cake Walk, Costume Parade and much more.

A special thank you to committee chair, Terri Flores, and her committee of Pam Myers, Stephanie Meyers, and Belinda Karge for an awesome job!

Morning Bible Study:

Come join us for a morning bible study Wednesday, at 10:00 a.m. This study is open to anyone in the congregation. The study book we are using focuses on balancing our lives and costs \$10.00. During this study, attendees pray specifically for the youth of our congregation. Belinda Karge and Stephanie Myers are the organizers of this study.

Women's retreat:

Last May, 21 women and Pastor attended an amazing women's retreat at Luther Glen. We are looking forward to the second annual Luther Glen retreat March 25-27, 2011. The cost is \$160.00 and is due March 1st. Think about asking your family to give this to you as a holiday gift this Christmas! Young adult women age 15 and older are encouraged to attend with their moms. A retreat registration form will be available in January. Please turn in your payment with the registration form to Belinda Karge or Ellie Timan.



Advent Angel Tree

This year our "Angel Tree" will benefit The Salvation Army "The Door of Hope".

This is a safe haven at the Transitional Living Center where homeless mothers with children may stay for up to one year while rebuilding their lives.

Our Angel Tree will be up on the first and second Sundays of Advent beginning November 28th.

We will be asking for kitchen items, bath towels, twin sheet sets, clocks, Von's gift cards for food and also gift cards for Target or Walmart, so moms can purchase clothes and school items for their children.

Please consider this very worth while cause during this season of Advent.

For further information, please contact Charlotte Arthurton

Volunteer of the Month for October

Gary Berglund



Gary Berglund is our volunteer of the month for October. Gary has been a member of the church since 2006 and has volunteered for years as a Communion Assistant, Communion Care, Lector, Greeter, Usher, Choir Member,

Fund Drives, and Office Assistant and was the Chair of Board of the Worship Committee. Gary is always eager to volunteer to help whenever needed. Thank you Gary for everything you do!!

Penny Sallay

Council Highlights

October 17, 2010

Devotions:

Jesse led us in Devotions:

Colossians 1:9-14, Time to be Grateful

- Put your prayers out there, then put actions behind your prayers.
- We will become strong with God's glorious power: We can't turn things around in our own power.
- We must keep God first. We'll be blessed, and others will too. Everyone benefits!

Visioning:

During this month's visioning time we discussed terms of council members. Those with positions up for re-election reported on their intent to run. We also discussed the need for a paid, part-time position of Youth and Family Minister.

Old and New Business:

- Belinda and Stephanie volunteered to clean up an area in the ACTS center to provide more space for children's programs. The council is grateful.

- Becky volunteered to be available for a nursery program during the 9:00 AM service.

Reports were presented and approved.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

November 14, 2010

We did not have a full quorum for conducting business. Therefore only devotions and visioning occurred.

Visioning:

During this month's visioning time Penny Sallay and Darrel Timan shared their thoughts regarding council terms and term limits.

Devotions:

Jesse led us in Devotions:

2 Timothy 2:22-3:5: Dealing with Controversy

- The NRSV tells us to "have nothing to do with stupid and senseless controversies."
- Different people have different views, and will interpret things differently. This needs to be respected.
- The most important thing is to have Christian unity.

Old and New Business:

Pamela Blyth resigned as Council Secretary, effective 1/1/2011

Closed with Prayer.

Next meetings

- Budget and Elections, Sunday, December 5, 10:15 AM
- Council: Sunday, December 12, 4:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Blyth

Council Secretary

News from TACO

December Blessings to you from TACO! Five months ago, we started our fifth annual Christmas in July push. We haven't reached our goal, and are still accepting donations. We are planning to purchase those 250 tents. These will then be wrapped and given out at Christmas. But you may be wondering...who will wrap the tents? YOU! We need volunteers to help at our Wrapping Party on Wednesday, December 15. We will start at 9:00 a.m. and stop when they are all wrapped. If you can, please bring a roll of wrapping paper! To thank you all for all your work throughout the year, TACO will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Christmas Party on Saturday, December 18, at noon, at First Lutheran Church. Please bring a dish to share. You can bring a main dish, side dish, or dessert. Bring your specialty! Beverages will be provided. RSVP to Rachel at 619-235-9445, ext. 2 or at rachel.taco@firstlutheransd.org so we know you're coming!

In this season of Advent, we anticipate the birth of Jesus. We remember his birth in a manger because there was no room in the inn. We keep in our prayers those who still cannot find room in an inn. We remember that even in Jesus' ministry he often had no place to lay his head. We keep in our prayers those who have no place to lay their heads without fear of others. We remember Jesus' death on a cross where he felt the agony of being alone. We keep in our prayers those who may die alone on the streets with no one to remember them.

Thank you for your continued support of TACO. We are blessed to have support from congregations like yours.

Rachel Line
TACO Volunteer Coordinator

December Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan,
Grace Otto

Communion Assist.: 5, 12- Gary Berglund &
Laura Vaughan 19, 26- Vicki Hass & Laura
Vaughan

Communion Care: Charlotte & Lyn Arthurton

Greeters: 5, 12- Frances Family
19, 26- Marie Freeman

Lector: 5, 12- Darrel Timan 19, 26- Marie
Freeman

Stephen Minister of the Week:

5- Ellie Timan 12- Kathleen Darland

19- Carol Davidson 26- Marian Privitt

Ushers: Katie Timan & High Up

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Jimmy's, 9635 Mission
Gorge at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 12th. Join in
for some good food and wonderful fellowship. For
more information call Grace Otto, 448-8202 or
Nancy Funick, 270-7187.

December Anniversaries

6 Thomas & Kimberly Insel

22 Pamela & David Blyth

December Birthdays

1 Abbey Hess

4 Royce Privett

4 Jack Hyles

4 Marshal Force

6 Curtis Stark

9 David Huber

10 Grace Taylor

10 Janet Shuey

11 Caleb Reid

11 John Sevcik

11 Conrad Reid

14 Emily Byrd

18 Diana Coletti

19 May Hustad

19 William Gomes II

20 Fred Borgeson

21 Dylan Grant

21 Robert Webb

27 Elisa Insel

28 Gail Orton

29 Zackary Stark

30 Kathryn Francis

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

