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Pastor's Page

1 Thessalonians 5:12 "Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance."

In last month's Pastor's Page I introduced to you Selina Kaufman who is one of our two new staff members. In this Pastor's Page I will introduce Keri Hyles who is the other staff member recently hired.

It sounds strange to say that Keri needs an introduction to Carlton Hills because Keri has been at Carlton Hills much longer than I have been here. Keri grew up in this church.

What is most exciting about Keri is that she has completed almost all of her seminary requirements for the Lutheran Church and we are getting so much more than an Office Coordinator.

In fact, Keri is the one I go to when I am out of town for both preaching and pastoral care. Keri and I are taking that role one step further during Lent. I mentioned to Keri that I am hard pressed to preach twice a week during Lent on both Sunday and Wednesday, and she agreed to split that responsibility with me.

Here is our preaching schedule for Lent 2016:

- Pastor Rick: Ash Wednesday Feb 10th
- Keri: Sunday, Feb 14th & Wed, Feb 17th
- Pastor Rick: Sunday, Feb 21st & Wed., Feb 24th
- Keri: Sunday, Feb 28th & Wed, Mar 2nd
- Pastor Rick: Sunday Mar 6th & Wed, Mar 9th
- Keri: Sunday, Mar 13th & Wed, Mar 16th
- Pastor Rick: Palm Sunday Mar 20th & Maundy Thursday, Mar 24th
- Keri: Good Friday, March 25th
- Pastor Rick: Easter March 27th

You might have noticed that we are sharing preaching in pairs of dates, both a Sunday and a following Wednesday. We decided that on the Sunday we will preach the Gospel lesson and that Wednesday we will preach the first and second lessons. I have always felt that for the most part I have neglected the first and second lessons each Sunday, but now we can make sure they are emphasized during Lent 2016.

Keri is a USC grad and she and her parents, Tim and May are big USC football fans. Go Trojans! I have been so impressed with her parents coming to worship after attending a USC football game knowing how late it was when they got back to Santee.



Keri's grandparents are Dusty (Jack) and Florence Hustad and

last year while I was on vacation in January Keri was at the bedside of her grandfather Dusty when he passed. Keri also officiated at Dusty's memorial service and she did a fantastic job both with her pastoral care and her leading that memorial service.

Keri is now working closely with Pamela Blyth and Mike Weber (Selina's father) in the huge task of giving our church a new updated directory. What a huge additional task.

When I am gone on a Tuesday evening when I teach confirmation Keri has also been teaching that class. How wonderful it is for me to have someone who actually enjoys teaching confirmation and how blessed our confirmands to have her expertise to teach them the fundamentals of our Lutheran faith.

Keri is married to Jake Hyles who is an officer in the Marine Reserve and engineer with HDR. They have three children: Jack 6, Adam 5 and Bess 3. Keri's children are faithful to our summer camp and our weekly children's program.

You have to be around Keri to really appreciate her. She is wonderfully sensitive to our seniors and she is full of great new ideas. For example, she decided that our children could contribute to our Sunday morning worship and she organizes their art work to make our customized bulletin covers. Wow! What a wonderful addition to our worship and what a tremendous way to help our children feel valuable and appreciated.

Please join me in thanking Keri and the good Lord for the blessing Keri is to our church!!

Pastor Rick

Attendance For October

| | 9:00a.m. | Tue | Total |
|-------|----------|-----|-------|
| 10/4 | 112 | 13 | 125 |
| 10/11 | 115 | 13 | 128 |
| 10/18 | 113 | 13 | 126 |
| 10/25 | 104 | 13 | 117 |

October Finances

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|----------|-----------------|
| Income | \$12,204 |
| Expenses | \$13,108 |

Senior Lunch

The second Tuesday of the month when you are invited to the Senior Lunch at a local restaurant beginning at 11:30am on July 14th at Jimmy's at 9635 Mission Gorge in Santee.

Budget & Elections Annual Mt.

Sunday, December 6th
10:15am after the 9:00am worship

Feed the Homeless

Monday, December 7th

TACO (Third Ave Charitable Organization) Feeds the Homeless at First Lutheran Church, 1430 3rd Ave. in San Diego.

Let Pastor Rick know if you want to help. We will meet in the church parking lot at 2:30p.m.

Bible Studies for the Fall

- We will have Bible study on the book of Acts on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month
- December 5th and 19^h
- At Pamela and David Blyth's at 221 Brookview Court in Santee
- At 4:30pm
- Everyone Welcome!!

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.

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 received 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.

Lucille Erlandson Baptism

Sunday, December 6th

Interfaith Ministry with St. Columba's Episcopal Church

At 9720 Cuyamaca Street south of Mast on Cuyamaca

Over the past few months 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.

Pastor Rick has been spending 75% of his time at Carlton Hills and 25% of his time as Director of Youth Ministry Leadership for the Pacifica Synod. Next year the Pacifica Synod will elect a new bishop and it is possible that Pastor Rick will move that 25% of his work from the Pacifica Synod to St. Columba's. We have a year to prepare for that possibility.

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.

Grief Support Group

A grief support will meet Saturday, December 12th at 10:00am at Norma Borgeson's at 2149 Hillslake Drive in El Cajon. It is a wonderful group and open to anyone who is suffering a loss.

God's Gifts

Starts Again

Tuesday, January 12th

Christmas Eve Worship

5:00pm at St. Columba's

7:00pm at Carlton Hills

Reception following both services

Manage Your Giving Online

Carlton Hills Lutheran is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online!

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.

Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at www.carltonhillslutheran.org.
2. Click on the Give Online button.
3. Click on the Create Profile button.
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

December Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick,

Lector: TBA

Greeter: TBA

Communion Assist.: TBA

Communion Care: TBA

Ushers: TBA

Stephen Minister of the Week:

S. M., Communion

Prayer Loft

6- Kathy Darland

Marian Privett

13-Carol Davidson

Steve Schmidtke

20-Marian Privett

Ellie Timan

24-Steve Schmidtke

Ellie Timan

27-Ellie Timan

Carol Davidson

December Birthdays

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|----|---------------|----|------------------|
| 1 | Abbey Hess | 19 | Ron Williams |
| 4 | Jack Hyles | 19 | May Hustad |
| 4 | Royce Privett | 19 | William Gomes II |
| 6 | Curtis Stark | 21 | Robert Webb |
| 9 | David Huber | 21 | Dylan Grant |
| 10 | Grace Taylor | 28 | Jeff Youngblood |
| 11 | John Sevcik | 29 | Zackary Stark |
| 11 | Caleb Reid | 18 | Joseph Callaway |
| 11 | Conrad Reid | | |
| 14 | Emily Byrd | | |

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

December Anniversaries

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|----|-----------------------|
| 14 | Ronald & Carole Dixon |
| 22 | David & Pamela Blyth |

High School Youth Events

Dudley Bread Sale

December 1 to 13th

Pick up Sunday Night December 20th

\$5 a loaf and pies \$15 Preorders are appreciated See any of the high school youth or Selina or Belinda

December 22nd One Salvation is meeting at Del Taco at 7:00 p.m. on Magnolia to walk Starlight Circle (Holiday light).

December 29th One Salvation is meeting at the Ice Skate ring in Viejas for fellowship, bible study and ice skating.

**Tuesday night is
Family night at
Carlton Hills...see
below for once a month
dinners, youth
fellowship, One
Salvation, God's Gifts
and Confirmation.**

Join us

**Tuesday
Nights!**

4:30 pm Child Cooking Classes

Cook a delicious meal with Mr. White from Summer Camp! Each class will be on the 1st Tuesday of every month

**4:30-5:30 pm Christmas program
practice – ages 3 to high school**

5:30-6:00. Dinner prepared by the children. Children eat free – Adults \$7.00 – all members welcome

6:00-7:00 pm Confirmation Class

Middle School and high school age- learn about and affirm your faith! Retreats, community service, and the history of the church!

7:00-8:00 pm One Salvation

High School youth group- worship, bible study, games, service projects and trips!

Blue Christmas

Stephen Ministers will be hosting a Blue Christmas again this year on December 10th at 7:00 p.m. We realize that many face the season with sadness and pain. If you face the season with difficulty, we offer a service of understanding, love, compassion, and we pray, of healing. We cannot cure or take away those feelings, however, we will stand with you in an attempt to make this time easier to bear. We understand that all of us at one time or another go thru difficult periods of life that can be overwhelming. We hold out arms of love and hope in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Please accept our invitation of an evening of healing and fellowship. Pastor will lead the service, and Stephen Ministers will be available for individual prayer or conversation. As we light our blue candles together, we unite in God's gracious love. Please consider joining us on this special night.

Thursday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Acts Center.

May God continue to bless each of us.

In His name,

Pastor Rick and Stephen Ministers

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.