

# The Echo

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## Pastor's Page

### Conflict Resolution

“Jacob thought, ‘I will try to appease him (Esau, his brother) by sending gifts ahead of me. When I see him in person, perhaps he will be friendly to me.’”

Genesis 32:20

Jacob had a gift-giving strategy when he approached his angry brother, Esau. He knew that Esau would be angry over the way Jacob had treated him years before. You may wonder if Jacob was successful in turning back his brother's anger.

Wouldn't we all like to learn some Biblical strategies for dealing successfully with the strife in our lives? To find out whether Jacob was successful in turning back his brother's anger, you are invited to attend Wednesday worship services during Lent.

The Bible has much to say about conflict and how to resolve it. We can learn how to better deal with the discord in our own lives. Conflict can spoil anyone's day. It can be a bitter experience for us all. We will study the following Biblical quarrels and disputes during our Lenten services at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays:

- February 6 “Cain & Abel”
- February 13 “Jacob & Esau”
- February 20 “Joseph & his brothers”
- February 27 “Moses & Pharaoh”
- March 5 “King Saul & David”
- March 12 “King David & his sons”

Here are some things to think about before we begin this Lenten series:

- Does conflict, in my life, often escalate rather than resolve itself?
- Is conflict hurting me and the people around me?
- Do I find myself “out of control” when faced with conflict? Do I say things I later wish that I had not said? Do I feel

frustrated? Do I feel that others do not understand me?

- Do I have a strategy for resolving conflict in my life?
- Am I more of a sinner or a bad Christian because of the conflict in my life?

If the above questions ring true for you, then consider this a special invitation to attend these Wednesday Lenten worship services.

We all want to live happier and healthier lives. God gives us the very tools we need to help manage and control our anger so that we can enhance the quality of our lives and improve our relationships with others. Allow your faith to make the positive impact God meant for your life and the lives of others in the world.

It all begins on Ash Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., when we will repent of our sins and recommit our lives to our faith, as we reap the promise of the “abundant Christian life”.

## New Bible Studies

Our church is providing two new Bible Study opportunities and both meet at our church weekly.

Pastor Rick is offering a Bible study on Thursdays at 10:30a.m. The study takes place in the church library and is on the coming lessons for that Sunday. Come and hear the thoughts behind Pastor Rick's sermon for the coming Sunday. There is no meal at this study but we will share some light refreshments and for those who would like to have lunch together following the study the opportunity will be encouraged. This study will meet every Thursday except when Pastor Rick has a meeting in Fullerton which is usually the second Thursday of the month. Please check the calendar or call the office to be sure if you are planning to attend.

There is also a women's study the first and the third Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the office trailer. This study is led by Deby Schowalter.

A couples Bible study continues to meet at the Schowalter's home at 1630 Whitsett Drive in El Cajon every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. except the second Thursday of the month which is the church council meeting day. This study has been meeting for several months studying the book of Romans but is always open to new members.

Come and hear how the Bible can give you and experience of God's presence and guidance at each of these studies.

## CHROS' Next Meetings

Our Youth Led Worship services are always the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every 5 Sunday months. The next Youth Led Worship will be Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. CHROS' first practice will be Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00p.m.

## God's Gifts

God's Gifts is our church's children mid-week children's program and it meets for a ten-week session twice a year. The next session of God's Gifts will began Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m. God's Gifts begins with a dinner that the whole family is invited to and then the God's Gifts class

that ends at 7:00p.m. God's Gifts is a take home lesson that is meant to be completed by children being taught the lesson by their parents or an adult friend the children earn gifts each week and a trip at the end of the session. God's Gifts meets every Wednesday from January 9-March 12.

## Finances and Attendance for December

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	5:00p.m.	Total
12/2	142	10	152
12/9	123	13	136
12/16	106	16	122
12/23	152	19	171
12/24 (9:00p.m.)			188
12/30	67		67

Dec. Offerings	\$19,644.49
December Expenses	\$14,139.08
YTD Income	\$158,261.81
YTD Expenses	\$151,611.72
Operating Surplus	\$11,095.80

## Senior Lunch and Bagels Tuesday

Each Tuesday there is a special event for our seniors and those who simply are available to join them. Each Tuesday at 9:30a.m. the group meets at Einstein Bagels at the Santee Trolley to enjoy each other's company and munch on a bagel...if you are hungry. The group meets every Tuesday except the second Tuesday of the month when the event is lunch together at 11:30a.m. Lunch in February will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> at Scootz at 9535 Mission Gorge Road in Santee. Come and join the fun!

## New Hymnals

We are truly blessed to have our Dorcas ladies agree to pay for the balance of what we need for the purchase of the new Lutheran hymnals. These hymnals will be dedicated to the memory of Marge Steirer and Marsha Hamilton. We hope to have these hymnals to dedicate and use for the first time on Palm Sunday, March 16th.

What a wonderful time to dedicate our new hymnals!

Would you like to purchase a hymnal and dedicate it to a loved one? Would you like to purchase a hymnal for your own use at home and at church?

Through the month of February our church will be collecting these orders. The cost of the hymnal is \$25.00 each which includes having the hymnal imprinted with the church name. All dedicated hymnals will include a dedication sticker on the inside cover. Please make your payments out to Carlton Hills Lutheran Church and include the payment in a separate envelope. If the hymnal is to be purchased in dedication to a loved one or is intended for your private use please make that indication on the envelope.

In the near future this hymnal will be printed in large print but it is not yet available. The church will let you know when that edition of the hymnal is available for purchase.

What will happen to the old hymnals? Effort will be made to return the hymnals to those who purchased them or who dedicated them in memory of a loved one. After this effort has been given enough time and publicity the hymnals will be given away or sold for a small donation.

### Dates for our Youth

- February 1 & 2 Hunger Retreat for Confirmands and High-Up leaders at Faith Lutheran in Yucaipa
- Mondays at 6:30 p.m. High-Up for high school and college aged youth meets for fellowship and Bible study in the back of the church
- Mondays at 7:00 p.m. confirmands meet in the church library
- February 9-10 Youth leaders Belinda Karge and Stephanie Myers will attend with Pastor Rick the "Extravaganza" a national Lutheran youth ministry event
- February 16-18 High-Up retreat at Camp Yoliijiwa
- February 22-23 Council Retreat at the Borgeson home in Idyllwild

### Annual Meeting February 17th

Our church has two annual meetings. One took place in January which was a budget and elections annual meeting.

Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00 a.m. worship service we will have the program annual meeting which will review the ministries of the church. Come and see and hear about all the church is offering and all that is being planned.

### Love Ya!

One morning you will never wake up.

Do all your friends know you love them?

I was thinking...I could die today, tomorrow or next week, and I wondered if I had any wounds needing to be healed, friendships that needed rekindling or three words needing to be said.

Let every one of your friends know you love them. Even if you think they don't love you back. You would be amazed at what those three little words and a smile can do.

And just in case GOD calls me home before I see you again...I LOVE YOU!!!

Live today to the fullest because tomorrow is not promised.

Submitted by Mary Thomas

### February Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan, Grace Otto  
Communion Assist.: 3, 10- Jennifer Brown & Bill Blue 17, 24- Laura & Mandy Vaughan  
Communion Care: Grace Otto  
Greeters: 3, 10- Jennifer Brown, Dee Ryden & Bill Blue 17, 24- Davidson family  
Lector: 3, 10- Jim Thomas 17, 24- Laura Vaughan  
Stephen Minister of the Day: TBA  
Ushers: Darrel, Jeanna, Eleanor & Katie Timan & John Sevcik

### February Anniversaries

12 Cindy & Ken Ryan

## February Birthdays

- 4 Cole Freeman
- 6 Trudy Hanley
- 7 Carole Dixon
- 8 Brian Meyers
- 9 Trevor Thompson
- 10 David Francis
- 12 Selina Weber
- 13 Wendy Woody
- 13 Michelle Gilliam
- 14 Shawna Bagalini
- 14 Mark Jones
- 14 Thomas Coletti
- 16 Frank Steirer
- 17 Norma Borgeson
- 19 Oscar Silva-Olmedo
- 19 Jane Reaney
- 21 Michael Huber
- 22 Grace Otto
- 22 Lorraine Beyer
- 23 Bryan Force
- 25 Brendan McGinley
- 26 Kristin Naour
- 26 Richard Haas
- 28 Judy Johnston

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

## Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Scootz in Santee, 9535 Mission Gorge Rd, at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Join in for some good food and wonderful fellowship. For more information call either Grace Otto, 448-8202 or Nancy Funick, 562-9969.

## Texts for the Sundays in February

- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Transfiguration of Our Lord**  
**Last Sunday after the Epiphany**  
Exodus 24:12-18  
Psalm 2 (7) or Psalm 99 (9)  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17:1-9

### Prayer of the Day

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as

your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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### 10<sup>th</sup> **First Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalms 32 (10)

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

### Prayer of the Day

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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### 17<sup>th</sup> **Second Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 121 (1,2)

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

### Prayer of the Day

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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### 24<sup>th</sup> **Third Sunday in Lent**

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 95 (1)

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

### Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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# Bible Names Word Search



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- DAVID
- DEBORAH
- ELIJAH
- ENOCH
- ESTHER
- GIDEON
- ISCARIOT
- JACOB

- JAMES
- JEPHTHA
- JESUS
- JOB
- JOHN
- JOSEPH
- JUDAS
- JUDE
- MAGDALENE
- MARY
- MATTHEW
- MESHACK
- MOSES
- NOAH

- PETER
- PHILIP
- SAMSON
- SAMUEL
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- SIMON
- THOMAS