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Pastor's Page

The Gospel lesson for the Sunday of our 50th anniversary was Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana in Galilee. My sermon title was "Weddings and Anniversaries" and it explained how Jesus cares about our anniversary as He cared about that wedding. Little did I know at the time that as Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding at Cana in Galilee that He would turn the threatening weather of the rain storm of the decade into a beautiful and sunny day. Our prayers were answered.

What a gorgeous day in every way.

I was struck by the message of so many of the speakers for the anniversary program of how this is a church built on volunteer labors. One pastor said that 85% of the construction of the Acts Center was done by volunteers and because of all their hard work it only cost \$8,000 for materials. We asked for 3 trucks to pick up chairs and tables for the set up on the Saturday before the anniversary and ended up with a caravan of 8 trucks. We had so many ladies decorate tables with 27 dozen roses and party favors that Saturday preparations were done by Noon. It was all so beautiful. Even the clean up with the Charger game going on at the same time was accomplished in just a little over an hour because of all the volunteer help. Really impressive!!

I was also inspired by stories of how our church has always seemed to struggle financially. We heard of an economic depression that left half the homes in a new housing development around the church unoccupied. A plan to build 5,000 homes was so devastated by the crashing economy that barely 2,000 homes were built.

But the church made a great step of faith at that time even though it was difficult to pay the pastor and to meet mortgage payments. The council decided to commit 10% of all the church's income to ministry outside the church. Dick Maxa told me that there was even talk about making that a part of the constitution of the church. How inspiring that was to me knowing that we have just

committed 10% our income for 2010 to giving to the synod.

That would not be the end of the financial difficulties. Another pastor confided that at a later date he was told the synod was giving the church a 5 year window to become financially viable or the church would be closed.

I was inspired by all the speakers and with Jan Neuhaus' singing of "Grace Alone" as a tribute to Pastor Mark. I will always remember Dick and Betty Maxa sharing their heartfelt recollections of the church. I really appreciated how Betty emphasized the role of prayer in our history. Also we are in debt to Kathy Norris who shared the wonderful impact of the school on so many youth of the community. I was impressed by her tribute to Pastor Mark where she recognized the support and care he gave to her and the school. I will also remember seeing Florence Hustad stand to be recognized as the preschool director for many years and the look of pride and joy on her face.

Darrel Timan did a wonderful job during the program with his own reflections that tied each of the program speakers together.

We are a blessed church and our 50th anniversary was an inspiring and memorable success. The program May Hustad put together will be a memento all of us will cherish. Marie Freeman coordinated a delicious and gorgeous feast. Penny Sallay keeps the "Celebrating the Saints" wall a powerful remembrance of this great day as we will for many years remember and honor the labors of the saints at Carlton Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The future is secure with this foundation upon which to build.

Pastor Rick

Finances And Attendance For December

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	Total
12/6	102	38	140
12/13	91	40	131
12/20	87	24	111
12/24			75
12/27	72	18	90

December Finances:

Expenses	\$15,529
Income	\$14,011
Operating Surplus YTD	\$17,752

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 February 9th is at Anthony's in La Mesa.

Feed The Homeless

Monday, February 1st

Meet at the church at 2:30 p.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

Adult Studies

Pastor Rick offers two adult Bible studies.

One study will be between services from 10:25a.m. to 10:55a.m.

The other study is at the home of Pastor Rick and Deby at 1630 Whitsett Drive in El Cajon at 7:00p.m. on Thursdays

Both studies will be using the Lutheran Study Bible

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 to do your sewing chores

Her prices are right and satisfaction is yours!

Confirmation And Youth Retreats

High School Retreat at Camp Yoliijiwa February 13-15 \$125/person The previously published date was incorrect. This retreat is Saturday through Monday of President's weekend

Constitution And By-Laws Meeting

Sunday, February 14th at 10:15a.m.

Annual Program Meeting

Sunday, February 28th at 10:15a.m.

Lenten Worship

Wednesdays at 7:00p.m.

"Personalities Around the Cross"

Ash Wednesday, February 17th

Mark 14:1-2, 53-65

Chief Priests, Elders and Scribes

February 24th

Mark 14:3-9 and 15:21

Woman who anoints Jesus and Simon

March 3rd

Mark 14:10-11, 43-52

Judas

March 10th

Mark 14: 26-31,66-72

Peter

March 17th

Mark 15:1-15

Pilate

March 24th

Mark 15:16-20, 22-24

Soldiers

News From Taco

Happy February to you! This new year has kept TACO busy! We continue to serve between 150-200 people every Monday and Friday. We have had several new volunteer groups this month including a group from Resurrection Lutheran in Coronado and a group of students from Depauw University in Indiana. February brings an exciting event to TACO! Have you been interested in diving deeper into the work of TACO? Whether you are a seasoned volunteer or just want to know more about what TACO does, please consider attending the 2010 TACO's Healing in Service (THIS) training on Saturday, February 27 at TACO/First Lutheran (1420 Third Avenue, San Diego). From 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. you will learn about what it means to take care of those in need, who those in need might be, and what difference it may make. Lunch will be provided, but donations are always welcome. **Speakers to include: Jim Lovell**, MSW, Executive Director of TACO, **Pastor Bill Radatz**, 2009 TACO Board President, **A panel** of currently homeless persons, **Nance Lovell**, MSW, Coordinator of the Simon's Walk Ministers (the volunteer group for Going Home End-of-Life Services), **Rachel Line**, TACO's Volunteer Coordinator, and **Pastor Wilk Miller**, Pastor of First Lutheran Church and TACO Board Member.

Please RSVP to Rachel at 619-235-9445, ext 2 or RACHEL.TACO@firstlutheransd.org

As always, thank you for your support of TACO!

Rachel Line
Volunteer Coordinator

Council Minutes January 10, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Jesse Lipscomb at 4:05 p.m.

Visioning:

- A Council Retreat is not needed this year.
- Council members were encouraged to submit reports each month. Brief is good.
- Each council member discussed his/her focus and goals for the upcoming year.

Devotions:

- Jesse led Devotions: Hebrews 5:11-14, A Warning Against Falling Away
- There is an expectation of growth – that people will eventually be able to teach others
- Stagnation is a form of falling away

New Business:

Installation of council members will be Sunday, January 24.

Penny briefed the Council on the status of the Constitution. Next step is approval at the Congregation Constitution and Bylaws Meeting on February 14 at 10:15, then ratification at the Annual Congregation Meeting on February 28 at 10:15. The committee will start working on the Bylaws at their meeting on January 23.

Anniversary Wall: Penny also briefed us on the status of the wall and plans for advertising the plaques at the anniversary celebration.

Reports and minutes were presented for both December and January.

Next meetings:

- Congregation Constitution and Bylaws Meeting: February 14, 10:15 AM
- Council Meeting: Sunday, February 21, 4:00 PM
- Annual Congregation Meeting: February 28, 10:15 AM

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Blyth
Council Secretary

Cameroon

Our youth leader Stephanie Myers with youth Betty Reaney will embark on a journey of faith this summer. Their main goal will be to teach others about God's love for us. The mission will take them to Cameroon, Africa. This will be the second visit for Stephanie who had the great honor of traveling with Incarnation Lutheran of Poway to the same village last year. Betty's dad Tom & I are honored and comforted that Stephanie will be Betty's travel companion and guide on this extraordinary journey of faith. It gives us great comfort to put our beautiful daughter in her hands. They will fly to the capitol city of Yaounde, Cameroon where they will start their trek north to the small village of Ngaoundere, which is a fifteen-hour train ride from Yaounde. Once in Ngaoundere they will connect with children of a local Lutheran school and hospital to help out in the best way that they know how, with their hearts.

As the mother of Betty I am in a unique situation filled with trepidation and joy. Am I worried? Of course I am. I am worried to let go of my little girl as she embarks on an amazing journey that will forever shape her life. Do I trust? Yes, I trust. I put my trust in the good Lord that he will protect Betty and fill her with his patience and understanding as she travels far away from where she is familiar and comfortable. Do I have faith? Yes, I have enormous faith that this journey is exactly what she needs at this moment in time to explore and strengthen her own faith.

Over the next several months as they prepare, Stephanie and Betty invite you to ask questions. Their goal is simply to help as many children as possible by buying books and paying tuition for children to attend school. To give you an idea: It cost \$32.00 a year for a grade-school child to attend school and \$6.00 a year to purchase their books. By supporting Stephanie and Betty and their mission we can help to educate other young Lutherans in Ngaoundere, Cameroon that may one day end up coming here to help educate our youth in San Diego. Talk about full circle love. Stephanie and Betty thank you for assisting them in reaching

others through faith on a global level. Respectfully submitted, Jane Reaney.



**Church Council Will Meet Sunday,
February 21st At 4:00p.m.**

Offering Envelopes

A reminder that offering envelope numbers have changed. Please use the new envelopes to help the counters.

Hooks & Needles Needs New Blood

Hooks & Needles has continued through its second year providing a number of items to be used in several ministries in the church: prayer shawls, Dorcas bazaar items, individual projects by members and layette items for new babies. This group not only provides physical items to be used in the comfort of others, but also serves as a joyful fellowship for our members. Not only personal discussion goes on, but also learning discussions and spiritual/healing conversations as well.

Due to the life changes and challenges of many of the group, the number of regulars has dropped. We would like to see the old faces return when they can and some new

faces joining us on Tuesday afternoons from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Acts Center.

If your craft of choice uses a needle or a hook, of any kind, you qualify for Hooks & Needles. If you aren't into any such "craft" and are just looking for some quiet, friendly company for the afternoon, you also qualify. We also do not discriminate between the sexes, we have both males and females who attend Hooks & Needles. If you'd like to learn to knit or crochet, we can teach you. If you're doing something we aren't doing, we'd love to have you teach us.

Though the stated start time for the group is 2 p.m., some of us are there for the senior lunch program and swing into Hooks & Needles immediately after, which is usually about 1 p.m.

Please stop by and give us a try, we'd love to have you.

February Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan,
Grace Otto

Communion Assist.: 7, 14- 21, 28-

Communion Care:

Greeters: 7, 14- 21, 28-

Lector: 7, 14- 21, 28-

Stephen Minister of the Week: 7- Ellie Timan

14- Mandy Vaughan 21- Kathy Darland

28- Ellie Timan

Ushers:

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Anthonys in La Mesa, at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 9th. Join in for some good food and wonderful fellowship. For more information call Grace Otto, 448-8202 or Nancy Funick, 270-7187.

February Anniversaries

12 Cindy & Ken Ryan

February Birthdays

1	Kenneth Suess
4	Cole Freeman
7	Carole Dixon
8	Brian Meyers
9	Trevor Thompson
9	Bryce Taylor
10	David Francis
12	Selina Weber
13	Michelle Gilliam
14	Thomas Coletti
14	Heather Bjorson
14	Shawna Bagalini
16	Frank Steirer
17	Norma Borgeson
19	Oscar Avendano
19	Jane Reaney
21	Michael Huber
22	Grace Otto
22	Lorraine Beyer
23	Bryan Force
26	Richard Haas
26	Kristin Naour
26	Robert Koch
28	Judy Johnston

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

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