

# The Echo

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## Pastor's Page

### "Peace on Earth"

The prophecy, found in Isaiah, says, in part, "The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them."  
-Isaiah 11:6

Isaiah's prophecy conjures up a visual picture of harmony. What force could compel wild animals that feast on each other, to live together peacefully, without fear or aggression?

Even if it were possible for animals to change their natures and live together harmoniously, could a similar change of nature compel humans to live peacefully with one another?

No.

It is only by the power and intervention of God that we humans can live peacefully with one another. Peace is not in our nature. It will not come about through our desire or intention. We are a people who constantly destroy any hope there is for true "peace on earth."

How can we access God's power so that we can experience the "peace that passes all understanding?"

The Bible promises us that if we "Draw near to God; He will draw near to us." How can we seek God's guidance in our lives?

Several things come to mind.

First, seek God's counsel as you worship, pray, and study the Scriptures. God loves us; but He will not force His love on us, nor will He command us to seek His counsel. We choose whether or not to follow His guidance in all things. When we choose to ignore God's Word, we will naturally gravitate towards conflict. However, if we fill ourselves with his Word, He will compel us to live harmoniously with one another.

Secondly, listen. We often do not hear when God speaks to us because we do not really listen. We think of other things when we worship. We pray in a hurry. We read Scriptures and can't remember what we have just read. Practice the art of listening

and you will be empowered with God's peace in every aspect of your lives.

Finally, find a time and place to enjoy God's creation. The Scriptures say, "God's eternal power and deity are clearly perceived in the things that have been made". So much of our lack of peace is a product of our harried and busy lives. Have you noticed the stars in the sky lately? Have you given the blossoming flowers more than a passing glance? Have you rejoiced in each new day of creation?

My prayer for you is "peace on earth." Not just the peace that comes at the end of time, but the peace that God promises you this day, this very moment.

## New Bible Studies

The coming new year will provide two new Bible Study opportunities at our church.

Pastor Rick will be offering a Bible study on Thursdays beginning Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30a.m. The study will take place in the church library. The study will be on the coming lessons for that Sunday. Come and hear the thoughts behind Pastor Rick's sermon for the coming Sunday. There will be 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 each second Thursday of the month.

There has also been an interest shown in having a women's study during the evening hours and weekdays. How often this group would meet and what the group will study has yet to be determined. If you are interested in a women's weekday evening Bible study please contact Pastor Rick on which day of the week works best for you.

## New Worship Service

The last 5:00p.m. Worship service took place on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. But the loss of this service is meant to give direction for another worship service, probably at 11:00a.m.

If you are interested in planning the shape and form of this worship service please meet in the church library on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00a.m. Worship service. We will probably meet several Sundays in a row to plan this service.

## 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 begin 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.

Congratulations to the following who earned a trip to Boomers from the fall session of God's Gifts. This trip will be January 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Michael Sallay  
Daniel Timan  
Mary Leal  
Bryce Taylor  
Bryant Taylor  
Kendra Martin  
Trevor Thompson  
Austin Thompson  
Lucas Paulsen  
Robin Paulsen

## Finances and Attendance for November

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	5:00p.m.	Total
11/4	138	18	156
11/11	130	15	145
11/18	80	20	100
11/25	88	12	100

Nov. Offerings	\$17,580
November Expenses	\$18,908
YTD Income	\$138,617
YTD Expenses	\$141,643
Operating Surplus	\$5,239

## "I AM YOUR CHURCH BUDGET"

I am your budget:

Believe in me; support me, that I may carry on Christ's work through our congregation. With your help, I make possible the following services:

- I provide Sunday Church School and youth activities for children and youth
- I provide music to enrich music, and pastoral and preaching services to help you live more fully in the love of God
- I reach out to our community and country, preaching, teaching and healing in Christ's name
- It is through me that the sick find spiritual strength, the troubled and the discouraged are steadied
- I help train pastors in the seminaries and I provide assistance to those who have retired after years of faithful service
- I assist colleges of the church providing a Christian perspective of life and quality education
- I go out to the world preaching the Gospel in every language. I carry God's Word to people of every race, color and clan
- I provide food on the table and rent for people in need
- I heat and cool our church building and keep it in repair
- I make it possible for new congregations to be formed
- As the budget, I am you at work!

I am your money, your prayer, your concern  
translated into action.

I put your money where your faith is.

### **Special Guest Preacher** Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> Pastor Rick and Deby will be dropping off their daughter Naomi at College and our special guest Pastor at the 9:00a.m. Worship service will be Pastor Terry Borchard and his wife Janet. Pastor Borchard is

a Lutheran Bible Translator who recently finished translating the New Testament in "Ipili" for people in Papua New Guinea. This is a rare opportunity to hear of this vital work in our church to "go make disciples of all nations". The Borchards are good friends with Jim Thomas and come with the highest recommendation. Come and enjoy. Invite a friend.

### **Feed the Homeless** Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

Once each month we partner with First Lutheran Church in San Diego to feed the homeless by helping to serve. We leave at 2:30p.m. and return before 6:00p.m. If you are interested in coming on the 7<sup>th</sup> please contact Pastor Rick who arranges the driving and the rides.

### **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 January will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> at Michael's Grill in Santee. Come and join the fun!

### **Dorcas Circle Thank You**

The Dorcas Circle would like to thank the Congregation for your support of our Bazaar this year. Also to thank Norma and Fred Borgeson for their unfailing support and encouragement of our craft group.

The funds that were earned this year will be given to the new Hymnal Fund in memory of Marge Stier and Marsha Hamilton. We also donated our raffle and raffle proceeds to the Hi-Ups for their Christmas Fund Raiser.

We would like anyone who is interested in making or sharing a craft with our group to join us at our

first meeting of the new year. We have a new meeting day and time. It will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday morning of each month at 9:30 am. Our January meeting will be Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> in the Acts Center. We will be working on fleece blankets.

We will also be discussing our plans for our group for the coming year.

If you are a person that likes to do crafts, sewing or your not so “crafty”, but want to join and help, please come. We have lots of warm conversation and friendship to go around!

Call Charlotte Arthurton with questions...619-448-8401

## Outreach Goes Threefold

Supporting Our Troops, Providing Prayer Shawls, Teaching and Fellowship

Outreach is teaming up with Rebecca Owens and Pastor Rick to handle the “Adopt a Soldier” effort in conjunction with making helmet liners, scarves and neck coolers, as well as a “shoe box” ministry for the troops.

While putting together the helmet liner, etc., effort, it was suggested that we start knitting classes in order to help Charlotte Arthurton and her knitters, Lynn Guichard and Florence Hustad with the production of prayer shawls, as well as starting on the helmet liners and scarves. Therefore, **Hooks & Needles** will start on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the Acts Center.

This group will be open to any and all who wish to learn to knit and/or crochet, as well as those who already have either or both of those skills. We will start out with the beginners working on prayer shawls and scarves. Any of the more advanced knitters and crocheters can begin on the helmet liners. The neck coolers are a fabric cut, stitch and stuff item and can be done very quickly. Anyone who wants to work on neck coolers will be welcome to join us, as well. Or, if you just want to come and hang out with us and enjoy some Christian fellowship, please, please join us!

This group will meet every Tuesday for an hour, hour and a half, two hours. Whatever works for whoever attends. I will be at the church and

available until 5:00 p.m., so anyone who wants to stay and work on projects until then, will be welcome to do so.

The “shoe box” ministry is putting together things the troops need, miss or aren’t issued by the government that will fit into a shoe box. Most of these items are available at the 99 Cent Only and Dollar Tree stores. Items such as: a New Testament, gum, candy, magazines, word puzzle books, dry drink mixes, Bounce dryer sheets for insect repellent, wet wipes, granola bars, foot powder, jerky, chap stick, sun screen and many more items. And, don’t forget . . . a letter from home.

A table has been set up in the back of the Sanctuary for sign ups for adoption of a soldier, info on items needed for the shoe boxes, knitting and crochet patterns for the helmet liners and scarves, prayer shawls, and patterns for the neck coolers. As well as info on **Hooks & Needles**.

Remember, at this point we only have 10 soldiers who need to be adopted. Some of them have already been spoken for, but that does not mean you can’t adopt them too. These soldiers are getting very little, if any, mail and being adopted by more than one family would mean more mail, love, prayers and support for these brave men and women who are so far from home and loved ones.

We would very much like to include the friends, neighbors and loved ones of our congregation who are serving in the military, so we will also have a “sign up” sheet available for you to put down their names and addresses so that they can receive notes and “shoe boxes” from our church family.

For those who would like to be a part of this Outreach, but are unable to help produce items for any of these efforts, we will have a cash donation jar available on the table for a handful of change or a couple of dollars to help with the purchase of materials and/or “shoe box” items. And, of course, we need **SHOE BOXES**.

God has blessed us greatly here at Carlton Hills Lutheran Church and now it’s our chance to pass the blessings onto others.

Vicki Haas  
Council Member for Outreach

## January Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan,  
Grace Otto

Communion Assist.: 6, 13- Grace Otto &  
Ed Teichner 20, 27- Marie Freeman &  
Sara Paulsen

Communion Care: Ellie Timan

Greeters: 6, 13- Francis family 20, 27- Sallay family

Lector: 6- Jane Reaney 13- Robert Reid  
20, 27- Sylvia Smith

Stephen Minister of the Day: 6- Carol Davidson  
13- Kathleen Darland 20- Ellie Timan  
27- Ed Teichner

Ushers: Jennifer, Owen & Sydnie Brown, Gary  
Berglund, Tom Davidson, Kim Naour

## January Anniversaries

- 21 Gilbert & Trudy Hanley
- 29 Mavis & Richard Rones
- 30 Jerold & Sherry Henson

## January Birthdays

- 1 Louie Quintanilla
- 2 Amanda Schloegel
- 3 Gail Force
- 4 Jennifer Jones
- 5 Jim Carile
- 6 Bethany Timan
- 6 Lynn Berglund
- 7 Geoffrey Bradley
- 9 Helen Guttzeit
- 12 Betty Reaney
- 16 Herbert Ryden
- 16 Marian Privett
- 18 Eric Sigler
- 19 Jeffrey Sallay
- 19 Kimberly Insel
- 20 Naomi Schowalter
- 23 Charlotte Arthurton
- 24 Shaina Webb
- 24 Cassidy Caya
- 30 Marcy Metz
- 30 Daniel Timan
- 30 Olivia Campbell
- 30 Wendy Sigler

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

## Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Michael's Grill in Santee, 9621 Mission Gorge Rd, at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 8<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 January

### 6<sup>th</sup> Epiphany of Our Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14 (11)

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

#### Prayer of the Day

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. We have observed his star | at its rising, and have come to | worship him. Alleluia.

(Matt. 2:2)

Color: White

### 13<sup>th</sup> Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalms 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

#### Prayer of the Day

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, | the Beloved, with whom I | am well pleased." Alleluia.

(Matt. 3:17)

Color: White

### 20<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 40:1-11 (8)



## Sunday School Christmas Program

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

### Prayer of the Day

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. In the | Word was life,  
and the life was the light | of all people. Alleluia.  
(John 1:4)

**Color:** Green

### 27<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalms 27:1, 4-9 (1)

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

### Prayer of the Day

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Jesus preached the good news | of the kingdom  
and cured every sickness a-| mong the people.  
Alleluia. (Matt. 4:23)

**Color:** Green

