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St. Columba Episcopal Church

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Worship Service Sunday 9:00AM

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Worship: Steve Schmidtke

Stephen Ministry: Ellie Timan

Stewardship: Kim Taylor

Outreach: Nathan Wentz

Organist: Roger Barnes

Choir Director: Marvin Hamilton

Youth Minister: Selina Kaufman



St. Columba Episcopal Church

9720 Cuyamaca St., Santee, CA 92071

Worship Service Sunday 11:00AM

Pastor Rick Schowalter

Vestry:

Bishop's Warden: Ann Siracusa

Russ Sarnecki, Shirley Wilder,

Mimi Goodman,

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Pastor Rick Schowalter
Annual Report for 2016
Carlton Hills Lutheran Church

I find myself preparing for retirement. My target date continues to be June 1st 2018. I will at that time celebrate my 40th year in the ordained ministry. God willing that date continues to look good. My other Lutheran colleagues laugh when I say I will retire in a year and a half and I have been looking forward to that date for over 2 years. Most pastors give 2-3 months notice before retirement and I have been giving my notice for over 3 years.

What many pastors fear is being a "lame duck" coasting into retirement but the opposite is true for me. I want to have Carlton Hills be in great shape before I leave and I have been working harder than ever.

What troubles me is that we are not going to meet our budget this year by about \$15,000. That is even more troubling in that we had to dip into a reserve fund for \$10,000 to pay bills and in spite of getting \$1500 a month from the Verizon cellphone tower.

We did add about \$10,000 to the budget with two new employees. We have Selina Kaufman as our youth minister which was a volunteer position before and Keri Hyles is our office manager which also was also a volunteer position. Selina and Keri are fantastic. Yet the work Selina and Keri now do, points out why we are so in debt to Belinda Karge who was our volunteer youth minister and Marian Privett who was our volunteer office manager. Belinda and Marian did a marvelous job with no pay and this church will always be in debt to their ministry among us. We were spoiled by their efforts. Belinda is now in a professional position that that demands so much of her time and takes her all over the world. Marian is working hard to get our preschool off the ground which requires so much of her gifts, talents, experience and time. Realistically these two positions need to be staff positions for our church but their salaries are the only area of new spending in the 2016 budget.

Yet our budget woes are not unusual for the Lutheran churches in the San Diego area. Most of the churches are struggling financially and for those who are doing well it usually takes an outside income source to supplement the church offerings. We have the cell phone towers but we need more. We do have two possibilities for other income sources.

First St. Columba's Episcopal church may move back into our facility and pay us rent. Our church is where St. Columba's started and ironically they cannot afford to stay in their facility and if they move into our facility they will be able to help us with our finances.

Another possible income source could be opening a preschool in the near future. It will take some time but I can tell you without hesitation that the Lutheran churches that are doing the best financially have preschools that contribute to the financial support of the church. Also a preschool is a wonderful way to invite new families to experience our church facility. Having a quality Christian preschool could not only help our ministry but also our finances.

Yet what I am most proud of about the ministry of Carlton Hills is the outreach that the church supports. Our Joyful Noise Camp is now in its 12th year and touches many children and youth in the community. We just built our 4th house this summer for a poor family in Mexico through Lutheran Border Concerns. Soon the Santee Food Bank will be operational on our property and we continue to be the home for "Caring Neighbors" a ministry of Lutheran Social Services repairing the homes of the elderly. We had the Salvation Army's Senior Lunch close its doors at our property this year, but this may well prove to be a blessing for the church's plans for a new preschool.

I just counted 13 new visitors at our church last Sunday, which shows we are still growing.

I continue to offer daily devotions to well over 100 people on an e-mail list and we have many more who read these devotions on the church face book page.

I am honored to work with the quality people in leadership positions at both churches. I pray for 46 people by name every morning including our church council, Stephen ministers, Long range Planning members, Sunday School teachers, musicians and just dedicated workers of all shapes and sizes.

Before I retire I want to see our ministry with St. Columba's well defined. I would like to see the Santee Food Bank to become synonymous with our church. I look forward to seeing the Preschool up and running and thriving. I have a lot of work to do, I better get busy.

Pastor Rick

Senior Lunch Tuesday, January 10th

The second Tuesday of the month when you are invited to the Senior Lunch at a local restaurant. In January beginning at 11:30am, please join us at Denny's at 2691 Navajo Rd in El Cajon.

“Back to the Mountain” Cursillo Retreat

January 6-8 is a retreat for the Cursillo Community at Camp Stephens. Pastor Rick is planning to attend. There will be three talks on “Repentance”, ”Quitness and Rest” and “Trust”. See Lynn Sarnecki for details.

Installation of the Church Council

Sunday, January 15th our church council will be installed during the 9:00am worship service. Come see and support your leaders!

Long Range Planning

This committee made up of both Carlton Hills and St. Columba's members will set our churches direction for the coming year. The group meets on Monday, January 23rd at 6:00pm for one hour and is looking for new members. Please consider joining us. We meet at the Carlton Hills library. We usually meet the third Monday but the third Monday in January is a holiday.

Program Annual Meeting

Please plan on attending the program annual meeting on Sunday, February 5th after the 9:00am worship service.

Come hear the plans for the new year!!

Grief Support Group

The grief support group meets the third Saturday of each month. The group will meet Saturday, December 17th at 10:00am at Norma Borgeson's at 2149 Hillslake Drive in El Cajon.

Attendance For November

	9:00a.m.	Tue	Total
11/6	90	9	99
11/13	91	8	99
11/20	80	7	87
9/23	40 (Thanksgiving Eve)		
11/27	73	8	81

November Finances

Income	\$12,259
Expenses	\$12,719

Bible Study for the Winter 2nd and 4th Saturdays in January

These Bible studies will take place at Pamela and David Blyth's at 221 Brookview Court in Santee. We will study Isaiah. Everyone is welcome. Come Saturday, January 14th and January 28th at 4:30pm.

Feed the Homeless

Monday, January 2nd at 2:30pm we will travel to T.A.C.O. or the Third Avenue Charitable Organization through First Lutheran Church in San Diego to feed about 200-250 homeless or low income people. Let Pastor Rick know if you can go so there is plenty of room in his car.

Children/Youth & Family Ministry

Tuesday Night Events

Dinner at 5:30 pm- all are welcome!

God's Gifts (pre k & elementary age) at 6 pm

Confirmation (middle school age) at 6 pm

One Salvation (high school and young adult) at 7 pm

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 receive 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.

Interfaith Ministry with

St. Columba's Episcopal Church

At 9720 Cuyamaca Street south of Mast on Cuyamaca

Over the last 3 years 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.

During the next several years 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.

Celebrating the Saints Wall

Our "Celebrating the Saints" wall was originally inspired by CHLC's 50th Anniversary Celebration. It documents the history of our church, our founding members, and our pastors. We also offered tiles to members of the congregation at the time it was constructed.

Now, 6 years later, we would like to continue to build new memories with this wall. We have many new members of our church, as well as members who did not purchase a tile in 2010 when the wall was dedicated. We also plan to add memorials for members who have passed in the last years.

Beginning in December, tiles will be offered at \$100.00 a tile. Those who would like to have a tile but don't have the resources can request a scholarship. Tiles will be on sale until February, with the plan to order and install the new tiles next spring. The wall will also be painted and repaired prior to installing the new tiles.

We hope to see many additional families become a part of our church history on the Saints Wall. If you would like to purchase a tile, or request a scholarship for a tile, please see Kris Francis or e-mail at C182H@cox.net.

Crochet at Church

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 9am (on the 2nd Sat, this is right before Dorcas Circle). Come to learn, from scratch or help with a new stitch, skill, or pattern, or bring whatever project you're working on and come for the fellowship! (If you want to come just for the fellowship and leave off the needlework, we'd love to have you!) Kids are very welcome to learn or to play.

Altar Flowers

Have you noticed how beautiful the altar looks when we have flowers either in front or on either side? You can sign up to recognize someone with flowers and then take the arrangement home with you. During the school year, the flowers are provided by high school students who are taking a Flower Arrangement class at El Cap. So, not only are we beautifying our church, we are also giving the students an opportunity to practice their skills. Additionally, we get them at a great price – only \$25.00 per arrangement!

In the back of the church, there is a Flower Chart. Simply sign up for a particular Sunday or Sundays by putting your name and the reason for the flowers (for example, birthday, in memory of, or honoring someone). Please sign up at least two weeks ahead of time. Then put a check or cash for \$25 in an envelope in the offering indicating your name (and envelope number) and the date for the flowers.

If you would prefer to provide your own arrangement, please feel free. Sign up on the Flower Chart and additionally indicate that you will bring your own bouquet. There is no charge.

Also if you have any vases, baskets, or containers that could be reused for arrangements, please give them to Jean and she will deliver them to the high school.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Jean Setzer at 619-647-3517. Thank you.

January Anniversaries

20 Daniel & Teresa Luft
29 Mavis & Richard Ronos

January Birthdays

2	Amanda Schloegel	20	Marvin Hamilton
6	Bethany Timan	21	Rebecca Owens
10	William Orton	23	Charlotte Arthurton
12	Betty Reaney	24	Shaina Webb
16	Marian Privett	30	Daniel Timan
18	Amanda Botzer	30	Marcy Metz
19	Jeffrey Sallay	30	Faith Chertkow

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

CHELC January Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick,

Lector:

Greeters:

Communion Assist.:

Communion Care:

Stephen Minister of the Week:

<u>S. M., Communion</u>	<u>Prayer Loft</u>
1- Ellie Timan	Jackie Gammon
8- Nathan Wentz	Diedra Zeller
15- Jeanna Timan	Carol Davidson
22- Katie Wentz	Ellie Timan
29- Marian Privett	Heather Gasner

St. Columba's Happenings

	January 1st	January 8th	January 15th	January 22nd	January 29th
Lector	Lynn	Mimi	Eileen	Russ	Eileen
Chalice	Russ	Bill	Russ	Bill	Russ
Greeter	Bill	Arlene	Bill	Arlene	Bill
Hospitality	Ann	Arlene	Mimi	Katie	Pamela
Altar Guild	Ellen Katie	Ellen Katie	Ellen Katie	Ellen Katie	Ellen Katie

St Columba's Bible Study

The Wednesday evening Bible Study of the book of James has been completed. We will be taking a break from Wednesday nights for awhile, as a new study has yet to be chosen. If you have a suggested study, please contact Lynn Sarnecki with your idea, otherwise we will just be taking a break until further notice. We are continuing with the pre-service study on the Sunday readings at 10:30AM. When we resume Wednesdays, Potluck is at 6PM followed with our study at 6:30PM. We have on occasion gone to 8PM or later, depending on how into it we get. We are flexible.

Cursillo Calendar

6 January to 8 January – Back to the Mountain, Camp Stevens

15 January – Cursillo Sunday

4 February – Cursillo Jam Session, St. Andrews La Mesa 9:30am – 12pm

18 February – Cursillo 140 1st team mtng St Dunstan's 8:30am – 12:00pm

4 March – Ultreya – St Peters Del Mar 5pm potluck, 6pm Ultreya

Stephen Ministry

Please pray for our Stephen Ministers and for their Care Receivers.

We do have ministers available for assignments if you or an acquaintance find themselves in a situation that is hard to handle. This may be anything from a loss of loved one to fiscal or emotional stress do to the many difficulties we may find ourselves in. These are stressful times and you do not have to be alone in your despair. The Lord's love awaits, just knock on the door.

Facility Care, St Columba's

The duty of cleaning our facility needs to be assigned to an individual or a team on a monthly basis. Please consider being one of our support members by considering this as part of your Christian ministry. This only involves 4 and occasionally 5 sessions that typically takes about two hours max each week prior to the following Sunday service. Several have volunteered to help out. If the first would volunteer, please step up and we will begin a rotation for the duty.

Please hold in your prayers:

Judy, for recovery of her recent stroke.
The Gonzales family for Bonnie's passing.
Eileen and her family for Sandy's passing.
Mimi and her family for the passing of Ron.
St. Columba's Vestry for wisdom as we decide our path in the months ahead.

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For Pastoral Emergencies:
Call Pr. Rick Schowalter 249-3352 or 258-8775

January 2017

Church office:
M-F 9 to noon
Pr. Rick M-Th 9 to noon
Pr. Rick Schowalter 249-3352 (cell) or 258-8775 (home)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Food Bank Donations 9a Worship & S.S. 10:15a Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study 11a St Columba's Worship	2 2:30pm Feed the Homeless 7p Boy Scouts	3 10:30 Feeling Fit Exercise 6p Steph Min Christmas Party @St. Col 5:30p Dinner 7p One Salvation	4 7p Choir Practice	5 10:30 Feeling Fit Exercise 9a Women's Bible Study Pastor Rick - PM Off	6 Pastor Rick's day off "Back to the Mountain" Cursillo Retreat	7 "Back to the Mountain" Cursillo Retreat
8 9a Worship & S.S. 10:15a Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study 11a St Columba's Worship "Back to the Mt" Cursillo Retreat	9 7p Boy Scouts	10 10:30 Feeling Fit Exercise 11:30a Sr Fellowship 5:30p Dinner 6p God's Gifts/Conf Starts 7p One Salvation	11 7p Choir Practice	12 10:30 Feeling Fit Exercise 9a Women's Bible Study 3p Food Bank Mtg - Unitarian Church Pastor Rick - PM Off	13 Pastor Rick's day off	14 9a Crochet at Church 10a Dorcas Circle 4:30p Bible Study @the Blyth's 221 Brookview Ct, Santee
15 Council Installation 9a Worship & S.S. 10:15a Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study 11a St Columba's Worship 12p Council Mtg	16 7p Boy Scouts	17 10:30 Feeling Fit Exercise 5:30p Dinner 6p God's Gifts/Conf 7p One Salvation	18 7p Choir Practice	19 10:30 Feeling Fit Exercise 9a Women's Bible Study Pastor Rick - PM Off	20 Pastor Rick's day off	21 10a Grief Support Group at Borgeson's 2149 Hillslake Dr, El Cajon
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