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Our Mission Statement:

Strengthen Faith in Christ

Enlarge our Hearts

Energize for Mission

Stretch our Minds

WE BELIEVE IN...

Some years ago three small boys were engaged in serious conversation on the subject of what they would like to inherit when their father died. The oldest son was the first to present his requisition. He wanted the watch. With it, of course, was the chain and fob with a fraternity key to hang in the middle.

The middle son was interested in his father's ring. It is a rather sentimental thing inasmuch as for the first fifteen years of his married life the diamonds graced the ring on their mother's finger. She had been disappointed at the wedding; not at the groom, but at the ring, for she preferred a plain gold band. On their fifteenth anniversary they exchanged rings and the diamond cluster in their father's ring was from the wedding band their mother wore. The middle son's requisition: father's ring.

When you take away a man's watch and a man's ring there isn't much left. But with eyes as large as saucers and as radiant as the sun the youngest son said: "I want all of Dad's checks!"

The oldest boy responded: "You wouldn't get a thing! They are worthless! There is nothing of value there!"

In defense of the youngest son's request there is perhaps something here of greater value than most tend to see. Actually there is the story of his father's life-the only autobiography he will ever write. A record of hopes and dreams, values, and priorities, purchases and expenditures. A story in every transaction, a signature on every page!

Consider your cancelled checks. What do they say of you your life values, your

priorities, your hopes, your dreams...your faith!

Let us page through a month of cancelled checks and discover those things most earnestly believed among us.

WE BELIEVE IN THE HOME.

Here is a big one!

WE BELIEVE IN TRANSPORTATION.

The car salesman insisted that this is probably the second largest investment we will make.

WE BELIEVE IN EDUCATION.

This too is a big one.

The educational processes enlarges with each generation.

BUT WHERE IS THE EVIDENCE OF OUR FAITH IN OUR CHECKBOOKS?

Jesus words in the *Sermon on the Mount* were these: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." The home? Of course. The automobile? Surely. Education? Certainly. The Church? Well, hardly. We simply do not fund adequately the mission of Christ in these times.

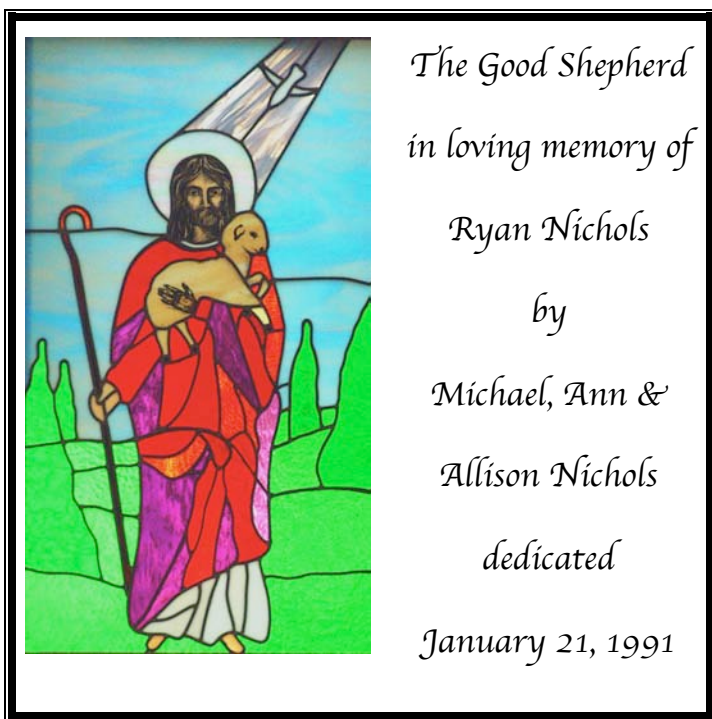
Let us look back to our checkbooks. Review your priorities. Examine your faith. Give the work of our blessed Savior a proper place in your fiscal concern.

How deep is your commitment to Christ? His Church? The answer: in your cancelled checks.

Pastor Frank

Going on vacation?

PLEASE REMEMBER to leave your pledge before you go away on vacation. July and August are usually vacation months for many of our families. This often means being away from worship which also means no pledge or monthly gift to the work of the church until you return home. Unfortunately our bills continue to come in and often our income is less than what we need to meet those monthly obligations. So..... if at all possible please mail your pledge or tithe to the church BEFORE you leave on vacation. This will help us meet expenses when you are away. Thanks!



Transition Team Update

We believe we had a wonderful salad luncheon and history event on May 23rd. There were seventy persons present with each one sharing around the tables those significant events from our past that were moving and meaningful in our life as a Christian Community. There is still opportunity to add pictures or other historical information on the "Time Line" at the back of the church. Additionally look for the stacks of

paper tears, hearts, stars, and circles on the Information table at the back of the church. Tears representing sad moments both personal and in the life of the church; Stars. High moments in the life of the church or your personal life, and/or Circles, those key people in your life or in the life of the church. After you have written on those various shapes then pin them to the time-line at the back. We will have opportunity to add to the History of the church in this unique way during the month of July.

WE MOVE AHEAD...As we prepare to form a "Call Committee" we will need to do a leadership needs survey. What skills do you think are most important for your new Pastor to possess? From a list of 30 Ministry Areas such as worship leadership, children's ministry, etc. you are to select the top six skills you feel your pastor should possess. We plan to do this in small group meetings held both at church and in homes during July, August and the first part of September. This will form a large part of a ministry profile needed for the Call Committee as well as the Synod. You will be hearing more about these small group meetings in the weeks ahead.

Thanks to the members of the Transition Team who continue to move the congregation closer to the day of calling a new permanent Pastor for Carlton Hills Lutheran Church: Bob Metz, Tim Hustad, Dee Ryden, Darrell Timan, Susan Ellison, Joi Comstock, Jim Thomas and Pastor Frank.

A School for Sacred Music at Carlton Hills?

With the closing of the two schools at Carlton Hills a void remains. Could it be that this empty feeling is not only a feeling of loss but also an opportunity?

A vision for a school of sacred music at Carlton Hills was presented to the church council in their May meeting and adopted as a possibility that warrants further review in their June meeting. This vision statement is available upon request. The first step in exploring this sacred music

school vision is the formulation of a task force. The first meeting of this task force will be Monday, July 19th at 7:00pm in the Acts Center.

It must be stressed that this in no way endorses the formulation of a music school at Carlton Hills. The task force's goal is to give detail to the vision and make a recommendation to the church council who in turn would make a recommendation to the church. If the recommendations of the task force are favorable to the vision and details to implementing the vision are feasible, then the congregation would have an opportunity to review the recommendations and probably vote on those plans. This is a big task. The task must be done well. To assure success, a firm foundation must be established.

If you would like to hear more or you would like to be on the task force, please attend the July 19th meeting. Pastor Rick and Sue Lisowsky will represent the church council on the task force. We ask everyone to pray that God's will might be accomplished through this task force and that the future outreach ministry of our church be given definition and direction.

Conference On Fall Worship Proposal

Pastor Frank and Pastor Rick have asked the church council to affirm their responsibility to lead the church in worship by proposing a new worship format for the Fall. This format would be established on Rally Sunday, September 12th. Pastor Frank's expressed goals are to sing more hymns from "the heart" and to limit the number of new hymns that are learned. Pastor Rick wants to make the worship more accessible to visitors by making the worship simpler and shorter. Much of this will be accomplished by creating a bulletin much like the Confirmation bulletin, where all the lyrics to the hymn are printed in the bulletin.

The September 12th conference on worship will be designed to bring all the various groups together that have responsibilities in worship to give input and to see how the changes will affect their roles. There are also plans to revise the Sunday School by having a Sunday School where

children are dismissed from the service to go to Sunday School after the children's sermon. The children will return to the worship service to have communion with their families and they will gather for 10 minutes following the service to have music.

The following are asked to attend this conference: Ushers, Acolytes, Altar Guild, Worship and Music leaders, Stephen's Ministers, Sunday School leaders, Greeters and pastors. Let's all pray for this exciting new cooperation for worship for the fall.

Camp Hope July 26-30 at Carlton Hills

Camp Hope is coming and we need more children to register. Enclosed is a registration form. Please ask the children you know to attend. Consider sending a child you know to Camp Hope by paying the \$70.00 fee or make a donation of the \$70.00 fee and Pastor Rick will recruit a child. All checks should be made out to "Camp Hope".

There are 6 youth from Carlton Hills who have gone through hours of training to be Camp Hope staff. There are youth from 3 other churches who will also be on the staff. Pastor Jan Brosen from St. Mark's in Chula Vista will be on site along with Pastor Rick and other adult volunteers acting as mentors for the youth.

Camp Hope is a guaranteed success. This is the third year for Camp Hope in San Diego. Pastor Rick is bringing Camp Hope to 100 children in Guyana July 1-11. Please "let the children come to Jesus". The youth dominated staff makes Camp Hope an opportunity for our youth to exercise their leadership skills and make Camp Hope extra fun. Camp Hope runs Monday-Friday from 9:30am to 3:30pm and child care is provided for 2 hours before camp and for 2 hours after camp for an additional fee. Pray for Camp Hope.

Children's Ministry

Carlton Hill's children are invited to attend a picnic and puppet show with the children at Hope on Thursday, July 22nd. Please call Pastor Rick if you want to go at 249-3352. We will meet at 10:30am and picnic at Balboa park. We will see a ventriloquism show with songs and crazy illusions.

God's Gifts and Confirmation

Mark your calendars. God's Gifts returns to Carlton Hills on Wednesday, September 15th and will meet every Wednesday for 10 weeks. Dinner will be at 5:30pm. God's Gifts will be from 6:00pm-7:00pm and confirmation will be from 7:00pm – 8:00pm. We need people willing to cook. Talk with Pastor Rick if you want to volunteer.

Youth Music Ministry

Did you enjoy the confirmation worship? Did you miss it and wish you could have been there? The youth will continue to learn new contemporary Christian music and we are looking for any youth who wants to help. The youth music ministry will meet every Saturday from 11:30am-12:30pm beginning Saturday, September 11th. Singers are asked to come at 11:30am and instrumentalists are asked to come at Noon. The singers will practice for an hour and the instrumentalists for a half hour. Expect both groups to be given music to be learned at home. If you have questions talk with Pastor Rick or Bethany Timan.

The Loss Of A Loved One

Someone asked me the other day how I was doing after the death of my husband? I'm doing amazingly well. I believe that I'm experiencing God's supernatural grace. I'm rejoicing because I know that my husband is in heaven.

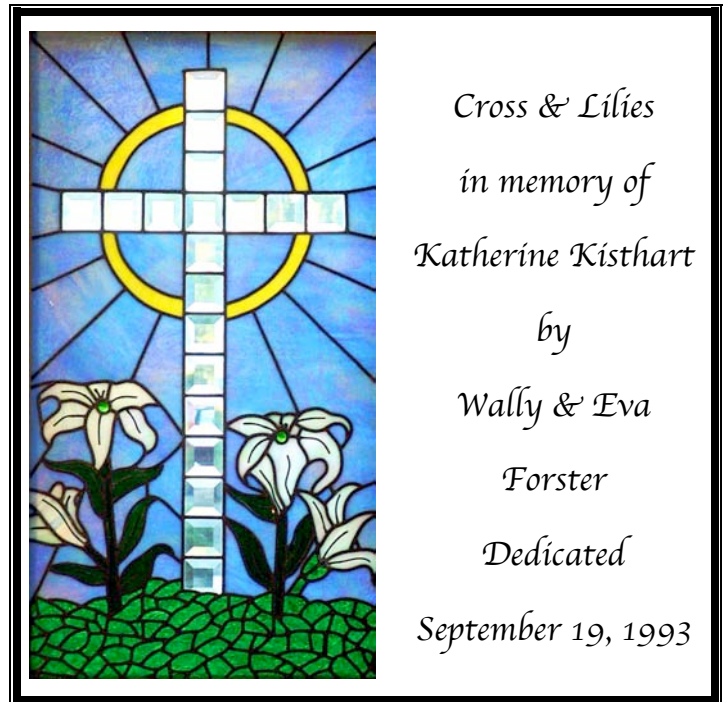
Pastor gave me a bible verse that has helped me a lot. It was John 14: 28-31. I took that as God's directions that I should be happy that my husband is with Jesus. I never dreamed that I would be happy again. I miss him terribly, but I am happy for him that he is in heaven.

I am also happy that the Lord is good to me and is so real. I have lots to do and am also challenged and I feel loved and cared for. We had over 50 years together and that's so much more than many couples have.

I am very blessed.

This life is just preparation for the next. We don't stop living, we just stop living here. If we have accepted the salvation that Christ offers, life goes on in heaven-a new beginning. That doesn't mean that we don't have moments of sadness, that we don't have remorse, that we don't miss each other. We just don't need to fall apart. We can accept what God has for each of us.

I believe that when God breaks up a unity, it means that he has something for the one left behind to do. I'm trying to listen and see what that is for me.





Reflecting on Patriotism

Independence Day is a wonderful annual holiday, not only for the activities, but surrounding this day for many is deep gratitude for living in a democratic nation. We know that our country isn't perfect, yet we also know that it is a nation based upon ideals of human liberty, justice and the common good. Healthy patriotism is an important dimension of citizenship. Wise and active citizenship is part of our vocation in the world. It is in our citizenship that we have the opportunity – no, more than that; the responsibility – to defend human rights and work for freedom, justice, peace, environmental well-being and good order in public life. We recognize the vital role of law in protecting life, liberty and the welfare of all people.

Someone once said, "Patriotism is allowing others to love their country as much as I love mine." That being the case, perhaps it is now time we have a global interdependence day and not just national independence days.

I believe it is important for us to think about the distinct difference between patriotism and our Christian faith. Our faith center is Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. We live our lives striving faithfully to understand and embody the teachings of our Lord. We must not equate patriotism with our Christian faith. In fact, in our witness to Jesus as Lord there will be times when our journey in faith brings us in conflict with policies of the government. Think of the critical role of the Church in opposing unjust segregation laws in our country. Thus, with Martin Luther, this church understands that, to rebuke unjust laws and those in authority "through God's word spoken publicly, boldly and honestly, [is] not seditious but a praiseworthy, noble and particularly great service to God."

Let us robustly, but not blindly, celebrate our national recognition of American democracy. Healthy patriotism is a good thing, yet it is the living God we worship and adore. It is only this God who redeems, sanctifies and brings all creation to fulfillment in God's reign. A prayer

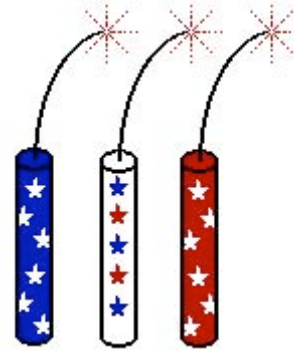
in the Lutheran Book of Worship captures this moment well.

Lord, keep all nations under your care. May we as a nation be at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. Help us elect trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and thus serve you faithfully in our generation to the honor of your holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

--Bishop Mark Hanson

Source: <http://www.elca.org>

Submitted by: Leslie Atkins



Reel Theology

This month Reel Theology meets at the home of Sylvia Smith at 5:00pm on July 11 for dinner and to discuss the movie *House of Sand and Fog*, starring Ben Kingsley. This movie tells the story of an abandoned wife who is evicted from her house, starting a tragic conflict with her home's new owners, an Iranian immigrant family. Watch the service bulletin for menu plans. Come join us!



Buck @ the Beach Nite

Coming in July on Wednesdays is Buck @ the Beach Nite – Don't miss it!

Spotlight on Hymns

“Be Thou My Vision” WOV #776

Tr.: Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

Vers.: Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935

Tune: SLANE

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

“Be Thou My Vision” is still a popular hymn today and a personal favorite for me. The words to this hymn come from the Irish monastic tradition, possibly dating back to 700 CE. It is an example of a "lorica" or breastplate - almost a sort of incantation to be recited for protection arming oneself for spiritual or physical battle.

The modern prose translation by Mary E. Byrne was published in 1905. It was versified by Eleanor Hull and included in her **Poem Book of the Gael** (1912). The text is based on the following scriptures: Colossians 1:15-23; Colossians 2:2-3; Proverbs 9:1-6; and Revelation 5:12.

The lyrics are set to the hymn tune "Slane", which comes from a song of Irish folk origin known as “The Banks of the Bann.” It is named for a hill about ten miles from Tara hill in County Meath. It is on Slane hill, according to an account in the "Confessions of St. Patrick" that the Irish saint defied the command of the pagan king Loigaire by lighting the Pascal candle on Easter Eve. St. Patrick's act was done in defiance of the king's edict that no fire could be ignited before the royal fire was lit by the king's hand on Tara hill. The royal fire was kindled to celebrate the pagan Spring festival and symbolized the return of light and change of season following the darkness of winter.

The melody has several characteristics usually associate with Irish folk tune: a relatively wide range, a four phrase structure with no repetition, and a singability that gives the melody a broad popular appeal. Although the hymn dates back many centuries, it is still popular and has been recorded by many contemporary artists, including Van Morrison, Amy Grant and Twila Paris.

Source: <http://www.harbour.sfu.ca>
Submitted by Leslie Atkins

+++REMEMBER IN PRAYER those who are affected by anxiety, depression, guilt, grief, loneliness, poverty, illness and in need of God's healing and loving touch:

Members: Crystal Boisvert, Rod Boisvert, Arlean Lane, Norie Feltner, Ralph Beyer, Gunda Richardson, Grace Otto, Ed & Marge Whitehead, Elsie Erion, Cole & Marie Freeman, Betty Keehn, Charlotte Kimbrough, Arnold Flurry.

NOTE: We currently have two prayer chains that can be easily activated by calling Mary Thomas, Prayer Chain Coordinator, 334-6457.

We will carry prayer requests for two months before removing names, unless there are longer term conditions that need our prayer support. Please let the Pastor or church office know if you wish to add to our prayer list.

Bouquets of Appreciation

I would like to thank the congregation for all of their support and prayers in keeping Sycamore Canyon Elementary School open. Thank you.

Penny Sallay

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Boll Weevil's in Lakeside at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 13th. Join in for some good food and wonderful fellowship. For more information call either Grace Otto, 440-2456 or Nancy Funick, 561-7823.

Texts for the Sundays in July

- July 4th 5th Sunday of Pentecost
 Isa 66:10-14, Gal 6:1-16, Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
- July 11th 6th Sunday of Pentecost
 Deut 30:9-14, Col 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37
- July 18th 7th Sunday of Pentecost
 Gen 18:1-10a, Col 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42
- July 25th 8th Sunday of Pentecost
 Gen 18:20-32, Col 2:6-19, Luke 11:1-13



Dove
In memory of
Mark Kipp
(d. May 3, 1997)
by family & friends
dedicated
December 21, 1997

July Ministers

Acolyte: TBA
Assist. Minister: TBA
Coffee Fellowship: 4, 11, 18, 25- Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan, Janice Davis
Communion Assist.: 4, 11- Laura & Mandy Vaughan 18, 25- Bruce Potocki & Jennifer Brown
Communion Care: Lyn & Charlotte Arthurton
Edgemoor Hospital Worship: 25- Jim Thomas
Greeters: 4, 11- Dee Ryden & Penny Salay 18, 25- Shirley Garrett & Kathleen Darland
Lector: 4, 11- Linda Schloegel 18, 25- Laura Vaughan
Nursery: TBA
Sound: TBA
Stephen Minister of the Day: 4- Bill Blue 11- Carol Davidson 18- Ellie Timan 25- Ed Teichner
Ushers: Pam Meyers & Hi Youth

July Anniversaries

- 1 Robert & June Webb
 2 Lyn & Charlotte Arthurton
 Susan & Tom Ellison
 11 Randall & Joanne Catron
 22 Laura & Cliff Vaughan
 24 George & Valerie Montague
 30 Terry & Heather Kenney

July Birthdays

- 3 Jerold Henson
 6 Janet Roach
 8 Delores Ryden
 9 Gilbert Hanley
 Mitchell Macpherson
 10 Michael Kenney
 11 Nichole Davidson
 12 Sally Brooks
 13 Jean Setzer
 Joan Haak
 15 Mary Thomas
 Stephen Jr. Gomory
 16 Hannah Lisowsky
 18 Geoffrey Bradley
 Joseph Montague
 22 Richard Setzer
 Michael Gilrane
 24 Margaret Priddy
 Amanda Vaughan
 25 Rebecca Lunn
 27 Sherry Henson
 28 Stanley Engelson
 29 Thomas Insel
 30 Thomas Pendergast
 31 Tiffany Lynch

Box Score

Needed for Budget thru 6/20	\$69712
Received thru 6/20	\$80502
AHEAD	\$10790
Budget Expenses thru 6/20	\$65910
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	Apr 141 148
	May 121 139
	Jun 128 112