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1 Kings 13

“A man of God” went to Bethel from Judah to carry a message from God to the evil King Jeroboam. The message was that a man named Josiah would be born that would conquer the Kingdom of Jeroboam and that the pagan altar at Bethel would be torn down.

The man of God proclaimed that this will be done with as a sign from God saying, “This altar will split apart and its contents will be poured on the ground.” (vs.3) When King Jeroboam heard this condemnation he pointed at the man of God to have him arrested. But the King's hand became paralyzed at that moment and a wide crack broke open the pagan altar just as the man of God predicted.

King Jeroboam cried out to the man of God, “Please ask the Lord your God to restore my hand again.”

The man of God prayed to the Lord to have the King's hand restored and immediately the hand was healed.

This story has two wonderful lessons for us that may appear to be unrelated but that go together in an important way.

The one lesson to learn is to be willing to speak the unpopular word of God. Often when we are faced with life's issues we meet conflict and disagreement. We have a tendency to avoid the conflict and to minimize the disagreement. But often the conflict and disagreement must be addressed or the issues may harm our relationships and our community. It does no good to avoid the hard talk and minimize the confrontation. Speak the truth as you have come to understand that truth. Speak the hurt. Speak the difference of opinion.

Now here is the important point.

You are seeking not to change someone's mind or to get your way. You are seeking to be heard.

The Bible says that when you disagree with someone you are to go to that someone in private and if they “listen” to you, you have gained a brother or a sister. It doesn't say if they agree with you or you can convince them. It says if they listen to you.

The goal in our disagreements is to be heard. With that modest goal I believe we will be much more willing to speak what's on our mind even when what we have to say may not be taken kindly. And if the person involved does listen we may be surprised that often they do take the words of disagreement kindly.

But the story of the man of God and King Jeroboam has another lesson to teach us.

The man of God was willing to speak a harsh word of God to King Jeroboam but when Jeroboam asked the man of God for help the man of God gave that help without reservation.

When Jeroboam's hand was paralyzed he asked the man of God to pray for healing from “the Lord your God”. The man of God prayed for Jeroboam's healing. Jeroboam was healed.

Speaking hard words to someone doesn't mean we need to create an enemy. Speaking hard words does not mean that we cease to offer our love and care for that person. Speaking the truth in love may be the only way to bring about a lasting and genuine relationship of love between you and the person with whom you disagree.

As a pastor I am often dealing with the bickering that happens whenever a group of people come together. As I read the Bible Christians are not exempt from that bickering, ever.

But Christians have an answer to that conflict.

First be willing to speak your mind in a loving way to those with whom you find yourself in disagreement or conflict. The goal of these confrontational words are only to get that someone to listen to you; and not to win the argument or change their mind.

Then continue to act in loving and caring ways toward that person even when they may be attacking you. According to our lesson from 1 Kings the results could be miraculous and we can be known as one sent from God.

Pastor Rick

Finances And Attendance For May			
Attendance:			
	9:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	Total
5/2	90	23	113
5/9	105	21	126
5/16	75	26	101
5/23	78	36	114
5/30	101	35	142
May Finances:			
Expenses		\$14,152	
Income		\$16,210	
Operating Surplus YTD		\$20,003	

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 July 13th at Mimi's Cafe in Santee.

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

Outfit for a special night?

Broken zipper?

Waist too tight?

Button lost?

It's Nancy you call,

Sewing, she does it all!

Nancy Funick, seamstress

(619) 270-7187 (619) 933-7823

Massage Anyone?

Matthew Kassahn the grandson of Mary Thomas has recently completed his schooling to become a Massage Therapist. He is located at 3142 E. Plaza Blvd., Suite T in National City. His massages are as little as \$60 for an hour. Contact Matt at 619-672-5981 or 619-475-6417 if you want to treat yourself or you want to give someone you love a special gift.

Second Sunday Special Music

We are excited to return to our special music Sundays once a month and most of those presentations will be the second Sunday of the month. What a wonderful way to share the wonderful gift of music that we possess in our church.

June 11th Joyful Noise Camp

August 8th Guitar Trio of David Gulliver, Tom Coletti and Jeremy Naour with Bethany Timan

September 8th Men's Quartet of James Schloegel, Hank Schneider, Bill Orton and Marvin Hamilton

October 10th James Schloegel

November 14th Marvin Hamilton

December 12th Pamela Blyth playing Christmas carols on the dulcimer

Martin Luther studies moved to Saturdays

Next fall Pastor Rick will be teaching a Synod sponsored class on Martin Luther, Saturday September 11, 18, 25 and October 2 at Tierrasanta Lutheran Church from 9:00am to Noon

Saturdays have been chosen because it is hard to find 3 hours on a week day evening and we have some people who find it impossible to come during evening hours

We will be studying “Martin Luther The Christian Between God and Death” by Richard Marius

If you would like a copy of the book contact Pastor Rick

The class costs \$50 for those who attend but it is free for members of Carlton Hills

What a deal!!

Congregational Meeting Between Services on Sunday, June 13th

This meeting will take place to approve expenses to resurface the sanctuary roof. We are fortunate that an account left over from the school is now available to use for capital improvements. The resurfacing of the roof will not require further fund raising but the church council also has proposed a plan to pay back this fund for future improvements.

We are also fortunate the roof does not need to be replaced and at this time can be resurfaced to add to 10-20 years to the life of the roof. Please come to the meeting and help us make this decision for the benefit of us all.

Martin Luther

Next fall Pastor Rick will be teaching a Synod sponsored class on Martin Luther, Monday September 13, 20, 27 and October 4 at Tierrasanta Lutheran Church from 6:00pm to 8:30pm

We will be studying “Martin Luther The Christian Between God and Death” by Richard Marius

If you would like a copy of the book contact Pastor Rick

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Are you ready for Life?

Every 30 seconds a child in Africa dies of malaria. Are you ready to save a LIFE? “Nothing but Nets” is an organization that sends insect-treated bed nets to Africa to prevent the spread of malaria. The beds reduce transmission up to 90%. Let’s help end malaria by 2015. We will be hosting a Pampered Chef event on Sunday, July 18th 2010 and I would like to invite you and your family and friends to come and be a part of this life saving event. 15% of the proceeds will go to Nothing but Nets. Imagine the lives we will save. The benefit will be held in the Acts center at 11:45am. A person who stands for nothing spends their life sitting. For more information please contact Stephanie Myers at 619-971-1606.

Also remember that the “Offering for the Poor” for June and July will go toward this effort.

First Communion

We have 5 children and one adult scheduled to participate in a First Communion class on Saturday, August 28th from 9:00am to 10:30am. First Communion will be Sunday, August 29th at the 9:00am worship service. If you would like to join us please contact Pastor Rick. We offer this class only once a year. We let parents decide when they believe their children are old enough for First Communion instruction but we have many children taking first communion beginning in 1st of 2nd grade and older.

Council Highlights for May and June Meetings

May 16, 2010

Devotions:

Jesse led us in Devotions:

- Romans 12:14-21: Marks of the True Christian
- Vengeance is God's, not ours. Sometimes you have to let go of things so that you can heal.
- Pastor explained the cultural and historical background of the concept of "An eye for an eye."

Visioning:

During this month's visioning time we discussed gossip. One way to discourage gossip is to neither say nor listen to anything negative about another person unless that person is also present.

Old and New Business:

- The church received a proposal from a company called MD7 to renegotiate the T-Mobile lease in a way that was unfavorable to the church. The council voted to ignore the offer.
- Skip presented proposals for refurbishing the church roof. A special congregational meeting is needed to approve the roof work.

Reports were presented and approved.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

June 13, 2010

Devotions:

Jesse led us in Devotions: I Peter 4:12-19 Suffering as a Christian

- It appears that being a Christian in America may be "out of vogue." Examples were mentioned.
- Christians are not perfect today, and they weren't perfect in the early church.

Visioning:

The position of Chair of Christian Education has recently been vacated. The constitution allows the council to elect a successor to fill the position until the next Budget and Elections meeting. Edward Kassahn was considered. Pastor, Mike, and Jesse will meet with Edward to see if there's mutually a good fit.

Old and New Business:

- The council recently received its first request to view the videos we sometimes make of the council sessions. We hadn't yet set a policy for viewing the videos, so we are now looking into ways to make the videos available by appointment for viewing.

Reports were presented and approved.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meetings

Council: Sunday, September 12, 4:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Blyth
Council Secretary

Summary of Special Congregational Meeting: Roofing Proposal

June 13, 2010, 10:15 AM

To the delight of all present, we had a quorum.

Skip Taylor presented two proposals for repairing the roof:

- Option 1 with 20 year guarantee at \$19,409
- Option 2 with a10 year guarantee at \$12,840.

Dee Ryden and others present congratulated Skip on negotiating very favorable proposals.

All present voted to proceed with option 1.

**Church Council Will Meet Sunday,
September 12th At 4:00p.m.**

Volunteer of the Month for June

Betty Berglund



Betty Berglund is our volunteer of the month. Betty rejoined the church in 2008 and has volunteered for years as a Choir Member, DORCAS Member and involved in Hooks and

Needles. She is always eager to help whenever needed. Thank you Betty for everything you do!!

July Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan, Grace Otto

Communion Assist.: 4, 11- Jeanna & Darrel Timan
18, 25- Mandy Vaughan & Gary Berglund

Communion Care: Cindy Ryan & Grace Otto

Greeters: 4, 11- Betty & Gary Berglund
18, 25- Sallay Family

Lector: 4, 11- Jane Reaney 18, 25- Ellie Timan

Stephen Minister of the Week: 4- Mandy Vaughan

11- Carol Davidson 18- Kathleen Darland

25- Ellie Timan

Ushers: Katie Timan and High-Up

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Mimi's Cafe in Santee at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 13th. Join in for some good food and wonderful fellowship. For more information call Grace Otto, 448-8202 or Nancy Funick, 270-7187.

July Anniversaries

- 1 Robert & June Webb
- 2 Lyn & Charlotte Arthurton
- 9 Deborah & Peter Callaway
- 11 Randall & Joanne Catron
- 22 Laura & Cliff Vaughan
- 23 Heather & Shawn Caya
- 29 Steve & Joanne Salaz
- 29 Erik & Stacey Parhiala

July Birthdays

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|----|------------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 | Michelle Hess | 20 | Nicole Sevcik |
| 3 | Jerold Henson | 22 | Thomas Halloran |
| 7 | Austin Rones | 24 | Amanda Vaughan |
| 8 | Ryan Myers | 25 | Marie Weber |
| 8 | Delores Ryden | 25 | Rebecca Byrd |
| 9 | Grethel Avendano | 27 | Sherry Henson |
| 11 | Nichole Davidson | 27 | Richard Setzer |
| 12 | Michelle Gomes | 28 | William Gomes |
| 13 | Jean Setzer | 28 | Mykal Gomes |
| 15 | Mary Thomas | 29 | Thomas Insel |
| 15 | Stephen Gomory | 30 | Thomas |
| 16 | Stephanie Myers | | Pendergast |
| 16 | Kimberly Taylor | 31 | Andrew Bjorson |

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