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“Faith and Trust or Belief and Knowledge”

What's more important? Faith or Belief? Obviously both are important but does one come before the other? Does faith nurture belief or does belief nurture faith? Is it possible to have one without the other? Is it possible to have one dominate the other? Can we believe in something and not have faith in that something? Can we have faith in something without believing that something?

I think these are important questions for our church and for my ministry in our church. It is obvious that both faith and belief are important, but I don't think that because we have one we automatically have the other.

I think it is impossible to have faith without having any belief, but it could be that we have a profound faith with a very limited belief. Take for example children. Jesus said we need the profound faith of a child to enter the kingdom of heaven and yet a child would be very limited in what he or she could comprehend about their belief.

I think it is possible to have belief without faith and we could point to the religious leaders of Jesus time to point to an example of how knowing beliefs may not at all lead to faith. In fact if we are at all misguided by our beliefs it may be a hindrance to faith. With this example it could be argued it is better to have no beliefs rather than misguided beliefs.

I have been reading a book entitled “Almost Christian”. The book is making the case that actual studies of young people in America indicate that our youth are lacking both an understanding of basic Christian beliefs and meaningful expressions of that faith. The book says that our Christian youth are not sure what they believe nor are they committed to what they do believe.

Lest the older generation feel smug about this, the book also states that our youth are a reflection of the older generation apart from church

attendance. Reading between the lines it could be said that the older generation may be going to church but church attendance does not seem to help to deepen Christian beliefs nor does church attendance add to the meaningful exercise of faith in days between Sunday morning worship services.

How can we correct the problem?

All of us, young and old alike need to seek to deepen our understanding of our beliefs and live out the significance of those beliefs in our daily lives. We need to dig deeper into learning our faith and then mobilize those beliefs into action. The book says we need to fall in love with God. “We may question what we believe, but most of us are pretty clear about who we love and who loves us.” (page #119)

At the synod assembly when one of our new youth to One Salvation explained why they are coming to our youth led worship she stated, “I love God and I want others to love God too.”

I see some signs of a deepening relationship with God in the lives of some of our people. Certainly those going to El Salvador and raising thousands of dollars for the privilege of going, is an indication of a growing faith. The Bible study at 6:00a.m.on Thursday mornings in the church office is an indication of those who desire to go the extra mile in learning their beliefs and expressing their faith. Joyful Noise summer camp and all the effort going into sharing faith and belief with our children is a wonderful example of a desire to make our beliefs active in faith.

What example of the love story with God could you write about in your life? If you desire to make that commitment to deepen and widen your beliefs and faith I know you will find it personally rewarding and a true blessing to all who know you.

Pastor Rick

Finances And Attendance For May

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	Tue	Total
5/1	87	31	8	118
5/8	114	25	15	154
5/15	57	31	17	105
5/22	80	56	31	167
5/29	98	58	27	183

May Finances:

Income	\$18,704
Expenses	\$14,136
Operating Surplus YTD	\$17,041

Senior Lunch

The second Tuesday of the month you are invited to the Senior Lunch at a local restaurant beginning at 11:30am. On July 12th the lunch will be held at Red Lobster.

Thursday Bible Studies Something for everyone!!

Thursday, July 7, 14, 21 and 28th we will have Bible study from the "One Year Bible" in the church office from 6:00am (Yes! A.M.) until 6:30am. This has many of our church council leaders at this study but it is open to the whole congregation.

Also Thursday, July 7, 14 and 21 there is a Bible study at Pastor Rick and Deby's home at 1630 Whitsett Dr. at 7:00pm. We are studying the letters of Peter.

Come and join us!

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?

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Call 619-672-5981 or ask for Matt at

619-741-4164

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La Mesa, CA 91941

A massage is a great way to let the weight of the world roll off your shoulders

Church E-mail Mailings

Would you like to be included on the church e-mail list? Do you want some bit of news e-mailed to the congregation? An e-mail list is being compiled by the church office and you can add yourself to the group list by just dropping a note into the offering plate or calling the church office at 448-1888. If you would like to e-mail something please submit the request in writing after checking with Pastor Rick. All e-mails sent will be sent without listing the e-mail addresses of the others who are receiving the information. This is called a "blind" e-mailing and is meant to protect these addresses from reaching someone who is not authorized to send e-mail to our church members without permission.

4th of July Brunch

Please come to Pastor Rick and Deby's home between 8:00am and 10:00am on the Monday of the 4th of July for home cooking at its finest. A wonderful full breakfast will be served that will include homemade sweet rolls. Let's enjoy spending some time together on this national holiday. Please don't bring anything. An opportunity will be given to support the mission trip to El Salvador if you would feel guilty not contributing something but it certainly is not expected. Come and go at any time during the 2 hours.

Pacifica Synod Assembly

The theme this year was "Come to the Table", and that is what we did. We came to hear reports, Bible studies, to sit with other delegates, to hear more reports, to listen to resolutions and to vote. We came together to listen, to talk, to discuss and to sometimes disagree. We came together as family, we left as family. We came to the table to hear wonderful music, to be entertained, to learn, to be fed spiritually and physically. And we were!

We feel there were 3 main resolutions you should be made aware of:

1. A resolution regarding Peace in God's World and Opposition to the war in Iraq. The main points were asking that the Synod send a letter to President Obama and the Senate and Congress requesting the following: To end the military occupation of the sovereign nation of Iraq, to end military activities in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and to reduce the U.S. defense budget. After much discussion, this resolution was referred back to the Synod council for further review.

2. The ELCA Malaria campaign. One child dies every 45 seconds from malaria, a disease that could easily be eradicated with, among others, education and financing. One mosquito net costs \$10.00. CHELC already supports nets for malaria. This resolution passed unanimously.

3. A major group of resolutions that was passed overwhelmingly concerned youth. We know and understand how important our youth are to the growth and continuence of our Christian faith! Well, we finally got it together! The youth have been recognized. Summarily, church youth can now serve on congregational councils, and can also serve as voting Synod delegates. Thankfully, CHELC has long recognized the importance of our youth and the roles they play in our congregations church life.

We had six young people from CHELC with the LYO who presented at Synod, spoke at the Friday night banquet, and were participants in Saturday's closing communion and service. Be proud of them. All of the youth were outstanding and a joy to behold. We needn't worry for our church's future.

If you have never attended a Synod Assembly, we urge you to go as a delegate or a visitor. When Synod is held here in San Diego, be a volunteer. Yes, it can sometimes be a little tedious, and yes, there is a lot of sitting. However, laity makes up 60 per cent of the Synod Assembly. We are needed to be heard, to learn, to make a difference, and to be educated. CA Lutheran Homes and Services always have a hospitality room where they provided us with travel mugs, hot drinks, and great treats. All at no cost. No having to find the nearest Starbuck's!

Between Dee and myself, we have attended more than 10 Synod Assembly's either as a delegate or a volunteer. We are now placing our names to be the delegates when the Assembly is in Hawaii in a couple of years. We are counting on your votes.

Respectfully submitted,
Dee Ryden and Ellie Timan

Upcoming Youth and Young Adult Events

One Salvation, our youth led worship includes interactive time to share what God is doing in our lives, and how all we do is centered on his word. The message is scripture based with audio-visuals. There is fellowship time around the campfire after the worship. This worship opportunity is open to anyone in the congregation. For more information contact Belinda Karge at bkarge@fullerton.edu.

Morning Bible Study

Come join us for a morning bible study Wednesday, at 10:00 a.m. This study is open to anyone in the congregation. The study book is from the Women of Faith Series and costs \$10.00. During this study, attendees pray specifically for the youth of our congregation. Belinda Karge and Stephanie Myers are the organizers of this study. This study will end in June and begin again in September when school starts.

Camper Scholarships needed!

We have several children who want to come to camp, but their families cannot afford it. If you can donate funds to support them, please contact Belinda Karge or Pastor.

Any amount will help!

Camp Supplies needed!

We need lots of supplies to run our camp. If you are able to contribute, please do! We need scissors, staples, tape, construction paper, water balloons, post it notes, felt pens, tissue paper, water toys, basketball, soccer ball, volleyball, kickball, animal crackers, fish crackers, chips and salsa, cheese, crackers, flour, sugar, salt, vanilla, plastic cups, paper plates, plastic silverware, watermelon and other types of fruits.

Carlton Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church

Presents

The 7th Annual

Make a Joyful Noise

Art and Music Summer Camp

July 6th (Wednesday) to July 29th (Friday)

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

(before and after care available)

Pre-K thru 6th

(a.m. half-day option for Pre-K age)

Plan for one week or send your child all four weeks

(Camperships available)

At the end of camp, all campers and staff will participate in a performance on July 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Summer camp is a great opportunity for children to learn God's word, socialize with others, sing praise songs, participate in art and music activities, explore self awareness, learn personal responsibility, play games with their peers (kickball was a favorite last year), and have fun! Campers do not need a music or art background to participate. Individual music lessons available (drums, flute, guitar, harmonica, piano, and voice). This year our theme is Safari – Go Wild for GOD! We will have some new rotations around this theme including a photography and sewing rotation. Staff interviews were March 15th. We have an amazing group of high school and college youth that will lead the rotations and be counselors.

Camper Applications are posted on the church website and will be due prior to the beginning of camp. The fee is the same as it has been for six years (no increase) - \$100 per camper, \$50 for each sibling per week. If you come the entire time the rate is only \$300 and \$100 for siblings. Scholarships are available.

For more information:

Contact Belinda Karge bkarge@fullerton.edu

or Pastor Rick at church, 619-448-1888 or go to

www.carltonhillslutheran.org

Youth Lead Sunday Service



News from TACO

Summer is always an exciting time at TACO. Summer brings volunteer groups from all over the country! In June, we have welcomed a group from Living Christ Lutheran Church in Flagstaff, Arizona (who cleaned our kitchen!) and a group from First Lutheran Church in Sauk Centre, Minnesota. Then at the end of June, we had a choir from First Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee. It is such a joy to share the work of TACO with groups like these. We are continuously blessed by our regularly scheduled groups of volunteers from churches all over San Diego County. In addition to these groups, we are also blessed to have several people from various congregations who are here weekly, including members from First Lutheran Church, College Lutheran Church, Clairemont Lutheran Church, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, and St. Andrews Lutheran Church. TACO is so grateful for those who dedicate so much of their time to serve other people. Thank you to you all.

Don't forget that "Homeless Treasures", the Rummage Sale to benefit TACO, is coming up August 20, 7:00AM - 1:00PM, at Clairemont Lutheran Church. If you have items you wish to donate, please call or email Dagmar Miller: 619-403-6117 or dagmaremiller@yahoo.com

We appreciate your support, and your help in spreading the word!

As always, many thanks to each of you for your support of TACO.

Rachel Line
Volunteer Coordinator

July Anniversaries

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

Save the Date

The Third Avenue Charitable Organization's Fall Fundraiser has a new name! This year, TACO's "Bread Upon the Water" (formerly Sunset by the Sea) will be on Saturday, September 24 from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Along with a new name, there is a new location: The Southwestern Yacht Club! Look for details coming soon!

July Birthdays

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| 1 | Michelle Hess | 16 | Stephanie Myers |
| 2 | John Dravland | 20 | Nicole Sevcik |
| 2 | Debra Hustad | 22 | Sabrina White |
| 3 | Jerold Henson | 22 | Thomas Halloran |
| 6 | Fenix Fitzgerald | 24 | Amanda Vaughan |
| 7 | Austin Rones | 25 | Rebecca Byrd |
| 8 | Delores Ryden | 25 | Marie Weber |
| 8 | Ryan Myers | 26 | Liam Tuite |
| 9 | Grethel Avendano | 26 | Heather Tuite |
| 11 | Nichole Davidson | 27 | Sherry Henson |
| 11 | Braxton Wageman | 27 | Richard Setzer |
| 12 | Adam Hyles | 28 | Mykal Gomes |
| 12 | Michelle Gomes | 28 | William Gomes |
| 13 | Jean Setzer | 29 | Thomas Insel |
| 15 | Mary Thomas | 30 | Thomas Pendergast |
| 15 | Stephen Gomory | 31 | Andrew Bjorson |
| 16 | Kimberly Taylor | | |

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

July Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan, Grace Otto
Communion Assist.: 3, 10- Sara Paulson & Vicki Haas 17 24- Gary Berglund & Sara Paulson 31- Youth
Communion Care: Charlotte & Lynn Arthurton
Greeters: 3, 10 – Vicki Haas 17 24- Sevcik Family 31- Youth
Lector: 3, 10- Sylvia Smith 17 24- Jane Reaney 31- Youth
Day Care: Becky Byrd
Stephen Minister of the Week: 3- Ellie Timan 10- Carol Davidson 17- Heather Gasner 24- Kathy Darland 31- Ellie Timan
Ushers: Laura Vaughan, Norma Borgeson, Kathy Darland, Marie Freeman, Matt Kassahn, Skip & Kim Taylor