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Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."

I have always felt we tend to ignore the first words of the above great commission. These are Jesus' final words to his disciples according to Matthew. One could argue they are Jesus' most important words because they are Jesus' last instructions given to his disciples. We tend to remember the last part of the instructions... baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you and lo, I am with you to the close of the age." We as a church are good at baptizing and teaching. We will remember Jesus' promise to be with us to the close of the age. But do we remember to "make disciples of all nations"?

What does it mean to "make disciples"?

I think it means that we are called not just to introduce people to the faith through baptism and teaching, but we are called to recruit and train people to share the faith and do the work that Jesus did among us. We are called to not only make Christians, but be called to make Christians who share their faith and do the works of healing and love in the world. We are called to make disciples of Jesus and not just introduce people to the faith.

That is the focus of our confirmation instruction. We must not only teach our youth the faith, those youth need to have the opportunity to share their faith.

That's what happened on confirmation Sunday when our confirmands shared their faith and it is what will happen when our youth are the camp staff at the Joyful Noise summer camp. In both ministries the intended result is that our youth share their faith and become disciples of Jesus.

For our camp it means that our youth learn to pray in a group, lead worship, study and teach Bible lessons and talk about their faith to those in their care. We often think that our camp is for the young campers but more so, the camp is the

opportunity for our youth as camp staff to become disciples of Jesus.

For confirmation Sunday 6 of our youth shared their faith stories. Here is a sampling of their comments:

Hailey Rones: "In summer I went to Yolijiwa, a Christian camp. I really liked it and my relationship with God grew." Hailey then tells of a medical condition that prevented her from continuing her gymnastics career. She wrote: "I was mad at God. Why would He take away the sport He has given me? But then, I opened up the Bible and I asked God to bring me a verse. He brought me Proverbs 4:10, it says: 'The love of the Lord starts with wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy Spirit.' It's like He wrote that verse just for me! I prayed for forgiveness and he forgave me, all my guilt was gone!"

Kendra Schloegel wrote: "I wanted to get more involved in church, and I went one Tuesday night to the weekly Bible study. The Bible study was for high-schoolers. I was in 4th grade. No way was I going to that! But I talked with Miss Stephanie one of the coolest church people ever. She was totally up for creating a Bible group for 4th, 5th and 6th graders... I met some friends and I learned more about God and church."

David Lipscomb: "Both my Dad and Pastor Rick made huge influences in my faith. However, my Dad made the most spiritual contributions in my life. He spent hours and hours drilling the Bible into my head and praying with me every night."

Oscar Avendano: My faith is now as strong as ever now that I have grown up, because now I realize that if we believe and take action God will bless and help us achieve our goals."

Sydney Brown: "At Joyful Noise summer camp I was a camper there for the longest time and I started to understand who Jesus is but I still didn't get the whole concept of God. In 6th grade I went to camp Yolijiwa for the first time and that was the first time I felt very connected to God. The people in my life that led me through my spiritual life are my Mom and Grandma. The top event in my life is

my winter retreat because I was really sad going there and very happy coming out.”

Bryant Taylor: “Being at this church has taught me a lot, like how God loves all of us unconditionally and that he will forgive us all our sins so long as we ask for forgiveness and follow his word. The people who taught me that were my parents, pastor and Belinda my youth leader. They have been a major part in my life and my association with the church, they’ve taken me on LYO trips and Camp Yolijiwa to grow closer to God.”

These are witnesses to faith of our confirmands. I am so proud at their witness and their growth in faith. The church will be in good hands as they start to lead us with the faith they have been taught and now they have started to share that faith with us and others.

Pastor Rick

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.

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 received 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.

Feed the Homeless Monday, July 7th

TACO (Third Ave Charitable Organization) Feed the Homeless at First Lutheran Church, SD.

Let Pastor Rick know if you want to help. We will meet in the church parking lot at 2:30p.m.

Summer Sunday Morning Bible Study

Led by Pastor Rick
In the Library from 10:30am – 11:00am
On the book of Genesis

Finances And Attendance For May

Attendance:

| | 9:00a.m. | Tue | Total |
|------|----------|-----|-------|
| 5/4 | 79 | 14 | 93 |
| 5/11 | 128 | 14 | 142 |
| 5/18 | 124 | 14 | 138 |
| 5/25 | 104 | 14 | 118 |

May Finances:

| | |
|----------|-----------------|
| Income | \$10,384 |
| Expenses | \$17,108 |

Senior Lunch

The second Tuesday of the month when you are invited to the Senior Lunch at a local restaurant beginning at 11:30am. on July 8th at Jimmy’s at 9635 Mission Gorge Rd, Santee.

Thursday Bible Studies

Thursdays in July Pastor Rick is offering a Bible Study. The study is at the Schowalter home at 1630 Whitsett Drive in El Cajon at 6:00am to 6:30am.

Come and join us!

Bible Studies for the Summer

We will have Bible study on the book of Acts on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month

July 12th and 26th

At the Kaffee Meister in Santee

At 4:30pm

Everyone Welcome!!

Flowers Each Sunday

Would you like to recognize a special event, such as a birthday or anniversary, or honor a loved one by having flowers placed on the altar of the church on Sundays? There is a sign-up calendar in the back of the church. Pick the Sunday or Sundays on which you would like flowers placed and print your name and phone number on the calendar. Call Jean Setzer at 619-449-0785 and tell her if you would like to have an arrangement for \$20.00 or if you will bring your own arrangement. The bulletin will indicate that you have provided flowers for the occasion.

Church Picnic

- Saturday, July 19th
- 11:00am – 2:00pm
- See Sunday bulletin for details

Sunday School:

Movies & Popcorn in July

Summer is here and it's time for Movies & Popcorn. We will be watching Veggie Tales: God Made You Special during the month of July. All children ages 3 up to 6th grade are welcome to attend. During the months of July and August we will only have Sunday School during the 9:00 service.

Week 1-6th: Dave & the Giant Pickle

Week 2-13th: Bob's Vacation

Week 3-20th: A Snoodle's Tale

Week 4-27th: The Gourds Must Be Crazy

Sunday School: Dinner Time Discussion

While eating dinner the other night I asked Jacob what he learned in Sunday School. The lesson that day was "Share the Spirit!" taught by Katie Wentz. Jacob said he learned that the disciples talked in tongues and had tongues of fire on their heads. He asked my husband and me what this meant. I explained that it was the first day of Pentecost which is the beginning of the Christian Church (I was listening during the sermon). My husband said that the Holy Spirit filled the disciples and made them talk in a way that everyone could understand, since not everyone spoke the same language. Jacob asked about Jesus and why he died. My husband and I gave Jacob a brief background of how Jesus peacefully went against the government and the religious leaders. We talked about Martin Luther and how he believed that the word of God should be available to everyone and that a person can and should have a direct relationship with God and Jesus. Jacob got a little bit confused and thought we were talking about Martin Luther King Jr. so we explained who each man was and how Martin Luther King Jr. followed Jesus' example of pushing back against the government by using love and peace, not violence. It was a great discussion and it came about because of Sunday School. What an awesome thing!

God's Gifts -Wednesday 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Thank you to Pastor Rick, Alyssa Perna, and Selina Weber for leading this children's ministry. The program will begin again in the fall.

One Salvation –

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

One Salvation Youth Led Service is an 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. All youth are welcome Tuesday night's at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Make a Joyful Noise Art and Music Camp July 7 to July 25 – come join the fun

Save July 7 to 25th for camp! This year will be our 10th year and special pricing will include \$100 a week and only \$10.00 for every week after! Since camp opened our price has been \$100 a week – so this will be a significant savings. A child can come all three weeks for \$120 – what a deal! Tell your friends. Camp runs 9:00 to 3:00 daily with before (from 6:00 a.m.) and after care (until 6:00 p.m.) available for a minimal fee. Applications for campers are available on the church website. We are still in need to donations and scholarships – talk to Belinda or Pastor if you are able to help.

CPR training

Camp staff will participate in CPR and first aide training on July 2nd from 1pm to ? (whenever we finish). Any member of the congregation can join us. The cost is \$45 a person.

Joyful Noise Performance

You are invited to come and enjoy a fun one hour performance from the youth at Joyful Noise Art and Music Camp Thursday July 24, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Youth Growing in Ministry

This summer we have six college age students and two of our older high school students, serving as a leadership team. All are past camp counselors and some were even campers years ago! This team has donated their time since January to meet and plan the camp curriculum and activities. This leadership team is a new concept and I ask the congregation to pray for their continued leadership as camp begins. I have personally appreciated their expertise. They did all the interviewing of staff. They are compiling the curriculum, helping with marketing, and coordinating the schedule. In the past this is something Pastor Rick and I did. It is so exciting to have this shared ministry!

- Belinda Karge

Western States

June 27-July 1, 2014 Pastor Rick, Belinda Karge, Alissa Perna, Thomas Reany and Danny Timan will be attending the Western States Youth Leadership event at California Lutheran University.

Photos: LYO & Synod





July Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick,
Lector: 6- Kathy Darland, 13- Kris Francis,
 20, 27- Keri Hyles

Greeter: 6, 13- Francis Family,
 20,27- Sevcik Family

Communion Assist.:
 Charlotte & Lyn Arthurton

Communion Care: Charlotte & Lyn Arthurton
Stephen Minister of the Week:

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| <u>S. M., Communion</u> | <u>Prayer Loft</u> |
| 6-Ellie Timan | Steve Schmidtke |
| 13-Carol Davidson | Diedra Zeller |
| 20-Kathy Darland | Heather Gasner |
| 27-Steve Schmidtke | Carol Davidson |

Ushers: TBA

Family Movie Nights – Summer 2014

Meet for a family-friendly feature and relaxed fellowship on select Friday evenings in July and August. Showtime is 6:30pm in the Acts Center, we're popping fresh popcorn and designating space for the 2 & under crowd too =0).

- July 11 – Meet the Robinsons
 - July 25 – Despicable Me
 - August 1 – Winnie the Pooh
 - August 15 – Frozen
 - August – 29 Monsters Inc.
- Any questions call Keri Hyles.

July Birthdays

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|----|------------------|----|------------------|
| 1 | Michelle Hess | 16 | Stephanie Myers |
| 2 | Cary Meriwether | 16 | Kimberly Taylor |
| 2 | Debra Hustad | 19 | Daniel Luft |
| 5 | Breanna Campbell | 20 | Nicole Sevcik |
| 6 | Fenix Cappas | 20 | Samuel Hernandez |
| 7 | Austin Rones | | |
| 8 | Delores Ryden | 22 | Thomas Halloran |
| 8 | Ryan Myers | 22 | Sabrina White |
| 9 | Grethel Avendano | 23 | Tovia Owens |
| 11 | Nichole Davidson | 24 | Amanda Vaughan |
| 11 | Braxton Wageman | 25 | Rebecca Byrd |
| 12 | Michelle Gomes | 25 | Marie Weber |
| 12 | Adam Hyles | 25 | Angela Usher |
| 12 | Desiree Dunnick | 26 | Liam Tuite |
| 12 | Chad Altringer | 26 | Heather Tuite |
| 13 | Jean Setzer | 27 | Richard Setzer |
| 14 | Steven Schmidtke | 28 | William Gomes |
| 15 | Stephen Gomory | 28 | Mykal Gomes |
| 15 | Mary Thomas | 29 | Thomas Insel |
| 16 | Annalisa Knight | 31 | Andrew Bjorson |

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

July Anniversaries

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| 1 | Robert & June Webb |
| 2 | Charlotte & Lyn Arthurton |
| 2 | David & Debra Hustad |
| 9 | Peter & Deborah Callaway |
| 22 | Laura & Cliff Vaughan |
| 23 | Shawn & Heather Caya |
| 25 | Susanne & Scott Rettig |
| 29 | Steve & Joanne Salaz |