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Pastor's Page

"How foolish," Samuel said to Saul. "You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you."

1 Samuel 13:13

This is a fascinating Scripture. King Saul was going to lose his right to rule the country because he had not obeyed the Lord's command. You probably think that he broke one of the 10 commandments, such as adultery or murder, or that he worshipped another god. It was nothing like that.

King Saul's sin was that he didn't wait for Samuel, the prophet, before he offered sacrifices to the true God, prior to a battle. Instead, King Saul offered the sacrifices when Samuel wasn't there. As a result, Samuel declared Saul no longer worthy to be King.

The story goes that Saul waited seven days for Samuel to arrive to offer the pre-battle sacrifices, but the Israelites were so fearful of their Philistine opponents that they began to defect. Saul, while waiting for Samuel, wanted to get the sacrifices over with before he lost his entire army so he offered the sacrifices himself.

When Samuel finally arrived, Saul explained, "I saw my men scattering from me, and you didn't arrive when you said you would . . . so I said, 'The Philistines are ready to march against us at Gilgal, and I haven't even asked the Lord's help!' So I felt compelled to offer the burnt offering myself before you came." (1 Samuel 13:12)

Where did King Saul go wrong?

I believe that we can learn from Saul. Doing the right thing for the wrong reason is the wrong thing to do. Our intentions are more important than our actions. Why we do what we do is more important than what we do.

Saul not only lacked patience, but more importantly, he lacked faith. Saul took things into his own hands rather than place his trust in God. To make matters worse, he tried to blame Samuel for his lack of faith by giving him lots of logical reasons for doing what he did: "The men were defecting;" "You were late;" "I didn't want to go to battle

without the Lord's blessing." However, all of his reasons for going ahead with the sacrifice only spoke to his lack of faith.

What can we learn from this?

When it comes to matters of faith, it is often best to "Wait upon the Lord." Patience is a fruit of God's Spirit. Saying nothing is often better than saying something that we might later regret. Not doing anything is often wiser than acting prematurely.

Secondly, we learn that fear is never a good motivator. I believe that the opposite of love is not hate, but fear. Fear blinds us to the truth. It makes us vulnerable. As the saying goes, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

Finally, we must learn that God's time is not our time. When things don't go our way, we must consider the possibility that they are going God's way.

Several weeks ago, no one attended Parents' Night at St. Andrews Lutheran Church, an event designed to promote our summer camp. In the past, several campers came from St. Andrews. How would we make up this loss?

From this experience, we learned that we need to reach out to our community to fill our camp and not depend on St. Andrews to do this for us. Do we react with fear and cancel or scale back the camp, or do we step out in faith and wait upon the Lord for guidance in this matter? We believe that God will show us the way to have our camp this summer. We are excited, yet fearful that we will fill the camp with new children from our community?

Faith is meant, not to take away our fear, but to act in spite of the fear. Who said that a life of faith was easy?

Pastor Rick

Council Page

Council would like to take this opportunity to Announce and Congratulate Pastor Rick on his 30th Anniversary of his Ordination. June 1, 2008.



There will be a Pot-Luck Party in his honor on June 28th, 4:30–7:30 p.m.

This is a Family and Friends get together with plenty of games, food and good fellowship.

Come and join in the fun and help Pastor Rick celebrate his 30th.

Jeffrey Sallay will be taking video recordings of anyone who wishes to say a few short words to Pastor Rick. If you wish to do this, please sign your name on the list in back of the church.

There will be a Pot-Luck sign-up sheet in back of the church. If you have not already signed up, please do so.

Everyone is asked to bring a Main dish, with a salad or dessert.

Last names beginning with A-M – bring a salad

Last names beginning with N-Z –bring a Dessert.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please see me.

Penny Sallay
Council Secretary

Make A Joyful Noise Camp

June 16 – July 11

9am – 3pm

Invite a friend or neighbor! Brochure and registration application available on the website at www.carltonhillslutheran.org

For more information please attend our Parent's night.

Parent's Night: May 27th at 7pm

If you would like to volunteer as a tutor please attend the tutor's meeting and training.

Tutor meeting: June 10th at 6:30

If you have any questions, please contact Misty, Pastor or Belinda.

FAITH

Families Active In Training Hearts

We are very excited to tell you about our new monthly fellowship for all of our CHELC family. The Youth and Children's Ministry created **FAITH** Events, which will be a monthly event for *everyone* to enjoy. We will provide food, a craft or activity and fellowship.

Please join us for our first **FAITH** event on Sunday, June 1st at 11:30. Invite your family and friends.

- Hamburgers and hot-dogs.
- Make your own fan to keep you cool during Sunday services.
- Play on the Water Slide
- Make your own ice cream Sundays.
- **ALL ARE INVITED!!**

Volunteers needed. Please contact Misty Thompson at 619-885-0561, onegreatmt@gmail.com or Pastor to help with BBQ, craft and clean up.

Finances and Attendance for April

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	Total
4/6	85	37	122
4/13	100	27	127
4/20	96	20	116
4/27	112	19	131
April Offerings:		\$13,212	
April Expenses:		\$12,293	
Operating Surplus:		\$14,633	

Future FAITH Events

August 16th at 6pm – Build Your Own Sub sandwiches, and afterwards relax for popcorn and movie night. (Facing the Giants)

November 2nd at 11:30 – Create your own special thank you notes, or a family thankful book. Enjoy Sloppy Joes.

November 23rd at 11:30 – Make an advent wreath. Lasagna and salad provided.

December 21st at 4pm – International Food Potluck, craft and afterwards watch the children's Sunday School Program.

**No FAITH events during July or September as we have Buck @ the Beach, and then the Fall Festival.

Buck @ The Beach Wednesdays in July

Come join us at La Jolla Shores for fun, family, food and more.

We will begin Buck @ The Beach on July 2nd. Hotdogs will be provided. Please bring your own drinks and something to share. We meet on the grass at La Jolla Shores around 5pm or any time thereafter. Show up when you can! We BBQ, splash in the ocean, go boogie boarding, play games, or just sit and visit. FUN FOR ALL!! *This is a peanut/nut-free gathering.*

Starlight Theatre

Remember to buy your tickets for Starlight. We sold out last year, so don't wait until the last minute! Please see Bill and Mary Thomas or Misty Thompson to purchase tickets.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 each for children. Raffle tickets also available for some great prizes.

<i>Crazy for You</i>	June 5 th
<i>Into the Woods</i>	July 10 th
<i>My Fair Lady</i>	August 14 th
<i>Nine</i>	September 18 th

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 June will be June 10th at the Olive Garden at 9300 Mission Gorge in Santee.

New 11:00am Worship Service

The new contemporary worship service at 11:00am has already brought in a faithful worship attendance between 20-30 worshipers. This service is led by our children guitar players Jeremy Naour, David Gulliver and Tom Coletti. What a blessing these young saints are to our church.

The service is just a half hour long and seems to appeal to those with children because of the youthful music and the extra time needed in the morning to get children ready for worship. There is always a full sermon and communion. We are blessed by this alternative to the traditional worship service each Sunday morning.

Confirmation Sunday

Congratulations Confirmation Class of 2008 who were confirmed May 18th and read their faith statements to the congregation. How inspiring!

Tom Coletti	Tiffany Coletti
David Gulliver	Stephen Salaz
Jeremy Naour	Matthew Quintanilla
Ariana Quintanilla	Brandon Avendano
Grethel Avendano	Betty Reaney
Nicole Sevcik	

Feed the Homeless

Mondays:

June 9th	July 7th
August 11 th	September 8th
October 13th	

Meet at church at 2:30pm and return by 6:00pm

Let Pastor Rick Know if you would like to attend and need a ride.

New Hymnals Dedicated

We will dedicate the new hymnals on Sunday, June 15th at the 9:00am service. 196 of the 200 hymnals will be dedicated equally between Marge Steirer and Marsha Hamilton. We had one request to dedicate 4 of the hymnals to a past member by a daughter. Please set aside this time to worship and praise God for the lives of these wonderful saints.

Fall Festival

A group of energetic and faithful volunteers met to make plans for our next Fall Festival. The tentative date was set for September 20th from 10:00am to 6:00pm. If you have something to add you can call our co-directors Terri Flores at 449-1497 or Michelle Gomes at 938-3295. This is a huge project but we already have several new additions to the festival.

Major Repairs Fund Raiser

Beginning Sunday June 1st and running for the next 5 months we will be trying to raise \$20,000 to repair the siding on the Acts Center roof and resurface, beautify and resurface the parking lot. The total cost is estimated at \$20,000. We are looking for volunteers to coordinate this fund raising effort. On Sunday, June 8th between worship services we will conduct a congregational meeting to approve the plans and offer details. We are so fortunate that we have been faithful to our general fund and to special appeals to reach our tithing goals as a congregation. This is our newest step of faith.

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. Pastor Rick bought hotel space at an excellent hotel to visit is daughter in Lexington Kentucky for only \$400 for 6 nights!! The site gives you many options to fit any budget.

Go online to benefit yourself and your church:
www.ytbtravel.com/chelc
or use the link on the church web site.

June 1st Fund Raiser for LSS

On Sunday, June 1st we will take an offering for Lutheran Social Services of Southern California for their annual "Walkathon 2008". The event will be held at De Anza Cove at Mission Bay Park, Saturday, June 7th from 8am to 11am. Do we have any walkers? There is a 5K run/walk and a 1 mile family walk. Contact Pastor Rick for details.

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Olive Garden in Santee, 9300 Mission Gorge Rd., at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 10th. Join in for some good food and wonderful fellowship. For more information call Grace Otto, 448-8202 or Nancy Funick, 562-9969.

Stephen Minister's Change

I have one more change for everyone, and I do pray, that this will do it for a while. I also pray for patience for us all! You are all great to put up with me.

The second and fourth Tuesday doesn't work for all the Stephen Minister's, so we have changed to the first and third Tuesday of the month to meet. Time stays the same at 6:00 p.m.

I am now the Stephen Minister Co-ordinator, so you might need to make that change also. I am hoping that is all for now.

Love and hugs, Ellie

June Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan,
Grace Otto

Communion Assist.: Laura & Mandy Vaughan

Communion Care: Laura Vaughan

Greeters: Frances Family

Lector: 1, 8- Jeff Sallay 15, 22- Marie Freeman
29- Youth

Stephen Minister of the Week: 1- Marian Privitt
8- Carol Davidson 15- Vicki Haas
22- Kathy Darland 29- Ed Teichner

Ushers: Jennifer, Owen & Sydnie Brown, Gray
Berglund, Tom Davidson and Kim Naour

June Birthdays

4 Richard Keehn
5 Jeremy Naour
9 Lyn Arthurton
14 Kay Hafer
19 Stephen Gomory
19 Casandra Insel
20 Chloe Caya
22 Kathryn Metz
24 Robin Paulsen
27 Robert Berglund
28 Robert Swathwood
28 Neil Johnson
28 Robin Diorio
28 David Francis

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

June Anniversaries

1 Richard & Jean Setzer
2 Amy & Robert Sigler
9 David & Kris Francis
12 Kimberly & Mark Rones
14 Pamela & Henry Meyers
16 Mary & Bill Thomas
21 Royce & Marian Privett
21 Kim & Gregory Naour
22 Joanne & Hank Schneider
29 Belinda & Doug Karge
29 Curtis & Sherise Stark

Texts for the Sundays in June

1st **Third Sunday After Pentecost**
Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28
Psalm 31:1-5, 19-24 (3)
Romans 1:16-17; 3:22b-28 [29-31]
Matthew 7:21-29
Color: Green

8th **Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**
Hosea 5:15-6:6
Psalm 50:7-15 (23)
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
Color: Green

15th **Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**
Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm 100 (3)
Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8 [9-23]
Color: Green

22nd **Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**
Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18 (16)
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39
Color: Green

29th **Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**
Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 (1)
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42
Color: Green

May Photos

Confirmation



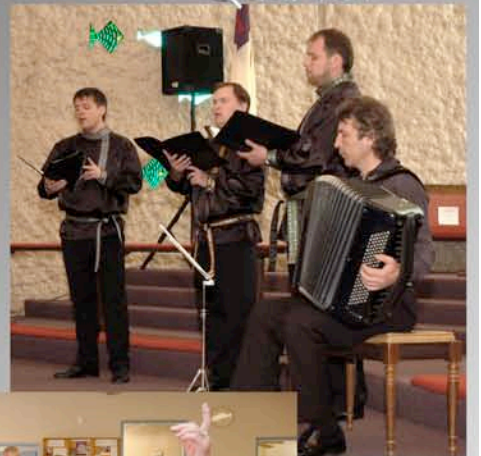
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Synod Ass'y



St. Petersburg Quartet



New Stephen Minister's



Mother's Day

