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I Samuel 13: 12b-13

Saul explained, "I felt compelled to offer the burnt offering myself before you came. 'How foolish!' Samuel exclaimed. 'You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you. Had you kept it, the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.'"

It sounds like Saul committed some great sin, but the "sin" of Saul was that he became impatient when Samuel did not come to offer sacrifices before a battle when he said he would. Samuel said that Saul should wait seven days but Saul offered sacrifices on his own when Samuel was delayed. I think the sin was serious because it uncovered a condition of the heart in Saul that was unacceptable as a leader. The condition of his heart was a lack of willingness to listen to the commands of God and impatience in his actions that would only lead to severe troubles again and again.

God commands us to love and love can only be accomplished if we listen to those we seek to love. We are commanded to love God and we must listen to God if we love God. We are commanded to love our neighbors and we must listen to our neighbors if we love our neighbors.

What does it mean to listen with a loving heart?

1. Listening is active. It takes energy and commitment to listen really well.
2. Listening takes patience. Often you need to build trust before someone will open up to you. God speaks but often in a still small voice and He will only tell you what you need to hear when you need to hear it, not before. We are to love by faith and to love in this way often means loving those who appear at the time to not be lovable.
3. Listening involves more than just words. We need to listen to body language and what is not said with words, but is communicated with feelings and expressions. Listening to God often requires "listening" to our circumstances

and the open door or the closed door that God leads us to.

4. Good listeners are not completely silent. Good listeners restate key thoughts or ideas to be sure they understand someone speaking correctly. Good listeners ask the speaker questions. How important it is to restate what we hear God telling us so we can have those around us help us to hear God's voice. The Psalms are full of the questions we often desire to ask God.
5. Listening happens over time. One conversation might build upon an earlier one. As you listen over several conversations, are there any recurring themes or patterns in what the person said? Often when listening to God someone might say something out of the blue that will confirm or contradict what you believe God has said to you.

Jesus was a model of a good listener. By listening to what others had to say Jesus showed how much he loved others. Lets work hard to listen to both God and others.

Pastor Rick

Finances and Attendance for April

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	Total
4/5	116	21	137
4/12	197	0	197
4/19	88	22	110
4/26	102	36	138

April Finances:

Expenses	\$12,026
Income	\$14,618
Operating Surplus YTD	\$27,783

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 9th is the Home Town Buffet in Santee.

Feed the Homeless June 9th

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.

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

Adult Study

Pastor Rick offers an adult study each Sunday morning.

On Sunday mornings between services he will offer a study from a book called "The Book of Faith" which explains in detail the Lutheran perspective on Bible Study along with several actual Bible studies.

Sewing Needs?

She's a wizard with a needle and thread

Can produce any garment that pops into your head

She mends, darns, and sews 'til work is completed

Call Nancy Funick at 619-270-7187 to do your sewing chores

Her prices are right and satisfaction is yours!

High Up Going to National Gathering

Check out the envelope board at the back of the church. The envelopes are marked 1-125 and our High School and College age youth are looking for your support to attend the National Gathering in New Orleans next summer. Simply pick a numbered envelope and place that amount of dollars in the envelope to support this effort. Let's see if we can use all the envelopes!

Joyful Noise Summer Camp

Plans are being made for our summer music and arts camp. Mark your calendars for June 22-July 17th, M-F.

Our camp taps the creative energies of our children and enlists our youth in key leadership roles.

Contact Belinda Karge or Pastor Rick or the church web site for more details.

**Church Council will meet Sunday,
June 14th at 4:00p.m.**

What's with this "Stephen Ministry" thing?

Today probably more than in recent years, there is a hurting world out there. Life is not fair, and it brings it's challenges nearly every day. Hopefully we deal with it, and life goes on, but it's not that easy is it? Recent times have laid another layer upon our shoulders. An example, the recent selfishness and greed of men has caused great financial loss to a good many of us. That, heaped upon the shoulders of the already distressed, can, and has driven some to desperate measures. Have you been there? Have you been up to your eyeballs in worry and despair? A death that's left you feeling lifeless, or maybe marital problems, divorce or job loss can devastate us. Our Lord is there always to hear our pleas, but in our despair he can seem so far away. If only Jesus were there in those moments to cradle us in his giving arms to give us comfort and hope. To give us the assurances that difficulties will pass. To hold our hand as we search for solutions, or simply heal.

Stephen Ministry is the ministry of caring, and of being there for another to give God's love in a special way. Stephen Ministers are schooled in understanding the pain and anguish of others, and to be there to listen to the most personal of problems God's children face. Some find it very difficult to admit that they need help. They may be embarrassed by their situation and unable to open their soul to another person. Often, that can be most difficult to do with those closest to us. The ability to share one's pain with a caring, understanding and non-judgmental individual can be a cleansing process, and one the Lord participates in.

Stephen Ministry fully believes that healing comes from facing our difficulties, and with the knowledge that God does the healing. These ministers will pray for and with you as you go through your recovery. They will share in your pain, and with your victories, as you're healed in a way only God can do. Stephen Ministers are assigned as care givers to those individuals who would like a helping hand of love and caring as they face difficulty. Men help men and women help women in a way that is not threatening or judging. A Stephen Minister may be assigned to an individual in a relationship that may last from days to weeks, or even years. A typical caring relationship consists of weekly visits together for a

time of about one hour. Face to face caring is preferred, but may also consist of phone calls or even e-mails. Care recipients must request a Stephen Minister, either from their Pastor, Priest or from a minister. Requests are screened by Stephen Leaders and assignments are made by the leaders after communication with the person making the request. Questions will be asked in confidence to help the Stephen Leader assign a minister that the leader feels the requester will be most compatible with. All Stephen Ministers are schooled in life's problems, but the experience of a particular minister may make them more skilled in helping that particular life difficulty.

Trust and confidentiality is a cornerstone in the ministry. Stephen Ministers are available from other congregations if the requester so desires, to assure the confidentiality of their situation. Care recipients may not choose their care giver, but they can refuse individuals or ask for reassignment to another care giver.

If you or someone you know is hurting, and may benefit from the care giving of Stephen Ministry, please be comforted in knowing your request will be confidential. To make such a request, ask one of our ministers (Jim Thomas, Vicki Haas, Mandy Vaughan, Marian Privitt, Carol Davidson, Kathy Darland, or Ed Teichner). If you choose to keep your request confidential from even our Stephen Ministers, you can request care by calling Ellie Timan at 619 448-2495 or Paster Rick at 448-1888.

This article was submitted by Russ Sarnecki, a Stephen Minister with St. Columba's Episcopal church.

Special Music

Every Second Sunday at 9:00a.m.

We are excited at all the talent at our church to praise the living Lord. We have set up a schedule to allow you to invite friends who may wish to receive a special blessing by these gifted musicians and vocalists. Each musician will be asked to provide special music for the 9:00a.m. worship service during the offering. Here is a tentative schedule:

June 14th - Brass Trio

July 12th - Joyful Noise Camp

August 9th - Bethany Timan and guitarists from the 11:00a.m. worship

September 13th - Marvin Hamilton and James Schloegel Duet

October 11th - Lynn Nichols' Organ recital

November 8th - Marilyn Thomas playing the Violin

December 13th - Lynn Nichols playing the Harp

Mark your calendars!!

Herb Ryden's Memorial

Herb Ryden died on May 12th and his memorial service was on Saturday, May 16th. Herb was a long time member of Carlton Hills for almost 50 years along with his parents and his devoted wife's parents. Herb served as President of the congregation and also sang solos at the church. He was best known for singing "Children of the Heavenly Father" at baptisms, often singing the first verse in Swedish. Herb was married to Dee (Delores) for over 60 years and they raised their three children, David, Thomas and Susan at our church. Please support the family with your prayers. Donations are being collected in Herb's memory to benefit the ministries of the church.

Father's Day June 21st

Please come to celebrate Father's Day with us. If you would like to help coordinate a meal between services or make a donation of a salad or a main dish please contact Pastor Rick.

June Anniversaries

- 1 Richard & Jean Setzer
- 9 David & Kris Francis
- 12 Kimberly & Mark Rones
- 14 Kenneth & Joan Suess
- 14 Pamela & Henry Meyers
- 21 Marian & Royce Privett
- 21 Kim & Gregory Naour
- 22 Hank & Joanne Schneider
- 29 Belinda & Doug Karge
- 29 Curtis & Sherise Stark

June Birthdays

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

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

June Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan, Grace Otto

Communion Assist.: 7, 14- Grace Otto & Laura Vaughan 21, 28- Gray Berglund & Amanda Vaughan

Communion Care: Grace Otto

Greeters: 7, 14- Timan Family 21, 28- Sevcik Family

Lector: 7, 14- Sylvia Smith 21, 28- Laura Vaughan

Stephen Minister of the Week: 7- Ed Teichner

14- Jim Thomas 21- Ellie Timan

28- Kathy Darland

Ushers: Laura Vaughan, Norma Borgeson, Kathleen Darland, Marie Freeman, Betty Maxa, Mandy Vaughan

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Home Town Buffet, Santee, at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 9th. Join in for some good food and wonderful fellowship. For more information call Grace Otto, 448-8202 or Nancy Funick, 270-7187.

Texts for the Sundays in May

7th First Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29 (2)

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

Color: White

14th Second Sunday After Pentecost

1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13

Psalm 20 (6)

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

Mark 4:26-34

Color: Green

21st Third Sunday After Pentecost

1 Samuel 17:[1a, 4-11, 19-23] 32-49

Psalm 9:9-20 (9)

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

Color: Green

28th Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Psalm 130 (1)

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

Color: Green

COURAGE IS....

* Following God's instructions instead of "following the crowd."

* Refusing to take part in hurtful or disrespectful behaviors.

* Sacrificing personal gain for the benefit of others.

* Speaking the truth even though others don't agree.

* Taking complete responsibility for your actions...and your mistakes.

* Following the rules – and insisting that others do the same.

* Challenging the status quo in search of better ways.

* Doing what you know is right – regardless of the risks and potential consequences.

Do you have what it takes to be courageous?

Matthew 6:33 Proverbs 3:5-6

Mother's Day at Carlton Hills Lutheran



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Bingo for “Soles for Souls”



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