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John 9:40-41

“Some Pharisees who were standing nearby heard him and asked, “Are you saying we’re blind?”

“If you were blind, you wouldn’t be guilty,” Jesus replied. “But you remain guilty because you claim that you can see.”

A little humility goes a long way in covering our sin. All we have to do is admit that we might not have the whole truth and nothing but the truth. All we have to do is to admit we might not see clearly. All we have to do is admit we might have made a mistake in judgement.

A little arrogance can destroy any hope we have of being justified or even forgiven. God cannot forgive what we refuse to recognize as fault. If we are perfect why do we need a savior? If we “can see” why do we need to ask for the truth, or directions, or help?

“But you remain guilty because you claim that you can see.” Jesus was really saying, “You are blind, but because you are blind and claim to see, you are guilty and blind.

We do not need answers if we have the answers. We do not need to ask for direction if we are certain we are traveling in the right direction. We do not need help if we are certain that we are self-sufficient and righteous.

We are in the Pentecost season. It is the season of the church year where we are reminded that the power to live the Christian life comes as a gift of the Holy Spirit. That is why Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they were “clothed with power from on high.” We don’t try harder to muster the power and then feebly move on. We receive the power and then in our weakness we become strong so that the power of Christ may rest upon us.

All the other religions of the world teach us how to earn our way and work our way into the

presence of God. Some religions go so far as to say that we can become our own god. Christianity is about God coming to us as savior and Lord through Jesus Christ. Christianity is about receiving the way, the truth and the life not being or becoming the way, the truth and the life,

I have often felt lost and I have often lost my way. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth and the life.” If Jesus is the way, why am I so certain that the way I am traveling is going in the right direction? If Jesus is the truth why do I think that my version of the truth is the truth for everyone else? Could it be that I mistake Jesus’ way and truth for my own? Instead of following Jesus do I expect others to follow me, as if I am the source for what can only come from Jesus?

I must live my faith with a certain degree of humility. The only way I can check to see if the way I travel and the truth I proclaim is from Jesus is to be a person of humility who prays before I act, who confirms my intentions by the wisdom of Scripture and who is always willing to go in a different way if God directs and speaks.

This is not easy, but we must start our journey in Christ with the full awareness that Jesus is what we need and we can deceive ourselves into thinking that our wants and desires are more about us rather than about Jesus.

Pastor Rick

Finances And Attendance For April

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	Total
4/1	Maundy Thursday		52
4/2	Good Friday		74
4/4	Easter		196
4/11	88	31	119
4/18	94	23	117
4/25	99	27	126

April Finances:

Expenses	\$13,335
Income	\$16,112
Operating Surplus YTD	\$17,946

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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.

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 8th at the Santee Olive Garden.

Church Council Will Meet Sunday, June 14th At 4:00p.m.

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:

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 13th Lynn Nichol organ recital

June 11th Joyful Noise Camp

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

No Thursday evening Bible Studies for the summer months.

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

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

What a deal!!

Feed the Homeless

Monday, June 14th at 2:30pm

Contact Terri Flores if you would like to attend

Make A Joyful Noise Camp

June 28, 2010 to July 23, 2010

This summer we will be hosting our 6th annual Make a Joyful Noise Art and Music Camp. Camper Applications are now posted on the website and will be due prior to the beginning of camp. If you are able to provide a scholarship for a camper, please see Belinda Karge or email at bkarge@fullerton.

Camp's Vision is to offer a unique opportunity to people of all ages to learn, experience and be nurtured in the expression of worship utilizing the gifts of performing arts, music, drama, art, and dance.

Camp's MISSION: Honor and Use Gifts to Grow

Camp is designed to help children explore the exciting world of art, drama, music, and creativity! Camp is a fabulous way for young people to:

- Be exposed to a variety of artists and cultures as they learn about art concepts and methods
- Learn to work both independently and as team members while having FUN
- Experience joy in the arts and music and develop a personal style of thinking and expression
- Exhibit their work. The camp culminates with an exhibition of student work and a performance.

WE RECENTLY SET UP A FACEBOOK PAGE:
[HTTP://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PAGES/JOYFUL-NOISE-SUMMER-CAMP/384256198893?REF=TS](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Joyful-Noise-Summer-Camp/384256198893?ref=ts)

Camp Staff Trainings

All camp staff are required to attend the following staff trainings:

Wednesday June 2, 2010 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday June 9, 2010 location TBA – first aide and CPR training for those who do not have current cards.

Wednesday June 16, 2010 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday June 19th 9:00 am to 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday June 23, 2010 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Youth Events

All three youth groups continue to meet on Wednesday evenings. However, now that confirmation is over, the youth are meeting with Stephanie and Belinda to distribute camp fliers to the neighborhood. Pizza is at 6:30 pm and we finish with prayer at 8:00 p.m.

Once a month on Thursday evenings Stephanie hosts a 4th-6th grade group. Parents contact Stephanie for more information. In the fall, a Pre-K – 3rd grade group will be starting.

In May Stephanie, Sarah and Betty teamed together to host the Easter Breakfast to fundraise for El Salvador.

Many of our youth will be camp counselors for our day camp this summer. Praise God for these amazing young people!

May 7 and 8 Stephanie, Zack and Betty attended LYO. They had a chance to participate in community service activities and hear Invisible children.

May 7th Belinda, Thomas, Katie, Nathan, Selina, and Brian shared information on camp to persons attending the Synod mission event. There were five different churches who sent persons to learn about our camp ministry.

We need your help:

The Starlight Theater has agreed to give us tickets to sell for fundraising if we assist them every morning of their 48 performances with clean up. Stephanie has a sign-up sheet. We are looking for persons to volunteer to be a part of a cleanup team on Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday mornings throughout the summer.

Member Profile



This month's focus is on Jack "Dusty" and Florence Hustad.

When I sat down with Dusty and Florence, the first thing after the polite "hellos", was Dusty sharing how he got his nickname. So, Dusty, I am hoping this was not a secret, because I am now sharing with everyone! While in high school, Jack would write "Dusty" on dusty desks. And so the nickname began!

Dusty and Florence have been together for 57 years! So let's step back in time.

Dusty had 21 addresses in several states including Minnesota, North Dakota, Nebraska, and Montana before he turned 18 years old. You might think his family was in the military but his father actually worked for the Chrysler Corporation.

Florence's father worked in the government printing office and they lived in the greater Washington DC area. By this time, Dusty had joined the United States Air Force.

His unit took part in funerals at Arlington Cemetery. They had specific criteria to be part of this unit...each man had to be within one inch and ten pounds of each other. This unit supported funerals of servicemen killed in the Normandy invasion who had lived in the greater Virginia area and farming communities. A requirement was to show no emotion when the families would cry. Can you imagine the personal control that was required to stand at attention and remain emotionless during a family's most stressful of

times? On the positive side, Dusty was also part of the guard unit at State dinners held at the White House! We were talking so fast and covering so much time, I didn't get to ask if he ever saw or talked to the president (or who the president was at the time). You might want to ask...

Rollerskating was very popular with the young crowd during these days. Are you starting to guess ahead yet? Well, guess who met at the roller rink and started taking roller skate dance lessons together? Yes, Dusty and Florence! Dusty would commute one and a half hours each way for these lessons. Sounds a lot like love in the air to me! During this time Florence was still in high school. Florence attended a big Reformation Lutheran Church and sang in the choir. It was located behind the Supreme Court.

In fact, when Florence was still in high school, she and Dusty were married. One of life's little curious moments...who was going to sign Florence's report card? Well, Dusty did that for her!

And then Dusty was transferred to Biloxi, Mississippi. He lived in a converted mansion (now ten apartments) that was near the beach. He trained Spanish radar controllers how to use the equipment they were to take over. Florence stayed in Iowa with her in-laws who were very good to her. She found a Lutheran church to attend and helped to start a new church. That church still stands today! And then they were transferred overseas to Spain and Germany. They went everywhere together. The years pass and six children join their lives. Three live here in the San Diego area and one lives in Arizona. Their youngest daughter was lost in a car accident.

So how did they get to San Diego? Dusty retired from the Air Force and had family here in San Diego. So to San Diego they come.

In 1970 they attend Carlton Hills Lutheran Church. The kids grow up. And when they begin going to college, Florence goes right along with them. She majored in psychology and early

childhood education as her minor and health sciences and safety as her major. She became Carlton Hills Lutheran church's preschool director for eighteen years. She doesn't talk about those years but we should ask. The history of our preschool is an important part of our church history. And Dusty was pointing to different areas of our church and telling me how the structure has changed over the years.

And on Sundays, they sit together in church. Three generations of Hustads. And after church, they head to Tim's house for dinner. Together. They go together. You see them together. This very special couple who are part of what makes life special, makes our church special.

Highlights of the 23rd Annual Pacifica Synod Assembly

May 6-8, 2010

Town & Country Resort, San Diego

Reported by CHELC Lay Representatives Bill & Gail Orton

The Reverend Mark S. Hanson Presiding Bishop of the ELCA

Gail & I had never heard Rev. Hanson speak before and it was truly a wonderful experience. With humor, grace and evangelical witness he demonstrated why he was chosen as one of the top ten church leaders in the U.S.

Election of the Bishop of the Pacifica Synod

Every six years the Bishop of the Synod is chosen at the assembly. Nine individuals were nominated and after 4 ballots the current Bishop, the Reverend Murray D. Fink was elected to serve his third and final term as Bishop. We were fortunate to witness this process and hear short presentations from the finalists.

Resolutions and Recommendations

Among many issues of structure and hierarchy, the following seemed most appropriate for this article.

A. The Lutheran Malaria Initiative – an encouragement that each congregation and member participate in this initiative to combat malaria in Africa.

B. Safeguarding Congregations, especially children and youth – it is urged that each congregation have “an identified, trained prevention of child and youth sexual abuse team in place.” The Synod Council will establish a task force in this area. Concern was also raised about elder abuse.

Mission Opportunities

On Friday afternoon, assembly members had an opportunity to participate in a mission opportunity. These ranged from seminars at T & C, serving meals to the hungry, immigration issues and service projects. Our own church provided two opportunities, a review of the Joyful Noise Music and Arts Camp and the Caring Neighbors (LSS program) based on our campus. We attended Gethsemane Lutheran’s program, Redeveloping Ministry and Mission: One Congregations Story. Gethsemane is 50 years old and stable but small at 50 in attendance per Sunday. They have a Preschool which provides 30% of their operating budget. The Catholics use their facility on Sunday evenings. They are fortunate to have an excellent music program (the minister would say lucky and God provides).

Finally, after a two day meeting which showed the ELCA still somewhat recovering from reactions to the 2009 National Assembly, Bishop Fink, in his final sermon during the closing Eucharist on Saturday morning told this story. There is a church in Minnesota that for every year since New Orleans was devastated by Katrina, gathers a hard working group together and for two weeks around Easter time, they journey to New Orleans to help rebuild a house. They arrived in their 5th year and gathered at the house they were

to work on. A local resident came up to one of them and asked if they were the Lutherans. The pastor he was talking to said yes, but how did he know they were Lutherans? The individual said simply:

“You Keep Coming Back.”

May it ever be so. Thanks be to God.

Volunteer of the Month for May Randy Catron



Randy Catron is our volunteer of the month. Randy has volunteered for years as a L e c t o r , C o m m u n i o n Assistant, Council Member, Cub Scout Leader, assisted with the set up of Joyful Noise Summer Camp, helps when needed with his electrical knowledge and is always there to lend a helping hand for our fund drives. Thank you Randy for everything you do!!

Volunteer of The Month

Our Bible tells us to serve our Lord. Our church is blessed with so many people that volunteer and keep our church running.

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. (NIV, Romans 12:6-8)

Each of us has something to offer. We have people that, volunteer by giving their money and time (Lectors, Ushers, Communion Assist, Kitchen, Office, Choir, Church Council) these are just a few, the list goes on. We have our Stephen Ministers who minister to the sick or our shut-in’s, and our Sunday School teachers who teach our

children. By helping others we bring meaning and fulfillment to our lives.

As human beings we sometimes forget to thank those that help us and our church in so many ways.

Council voted in March of 2009 to start the Volunteer of the Month. It was also suggested by Pastor Rick that we submit an Echo Article with their picture and that we get the congregation involved in the drawing process. We may have members that are volunteering for something that we don't know about.

The Volunteer of the Month was created to honor and recognize all of the Volunteers of CHELC. This is a way to thank and honor all who serve and help out in so many ways.

You have been asked to fill out a form, this is two-fold. First to update the volunteer list or to volunteer for a job that you may be interested in and second to have your name submitted in the drawing. If you submitted a request for a specific job that you may be interested in, your names were given to those leaders of that job.

Your name has been placed in the container for the drawing if you filled out a form or gave me your approval to submit your name.

The first Sunday of the month a name will be drawn by a member of the church. This person will become the Volunteer of the Month, their picture will be taken and placed on the wall in the Act's Center and an Echo Article will be submitted. On the second Sunday of the Month they will receive a certificate for their Volunteer Service.

Once the name is selected for the Volunteer of the Month, they will go in the completed file thus giving a chance for all to be selected and recognized for their efforts.

The Volunteer of the Month was started on Easter Sunday with Pastor Rick drawing the first name. Jeffrey Sallay was selected for the month of April and then Vicki Haas drew Randy Catron for the month of May.

You may add your names to the container at anytime by notifying me.

Thank you everyone for your volunteer efforts and time. You are appreciated.

Thank You From TACO

Wow! A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported Empty Bowls. TACO raised over \$11,000 and counting! Thank you to Lynn Render and Kathleen Sorahan who worked tirelessly to make this event a huge success. We are so blessed by those who give so much of their time and of themselves.

We had a great group of people from the Pacifica Synod Assembly who came down to TACO to help serve an extra bagged lunch on Friday afternoon on May 7th. Thank you also to the volunteers who came back extra just to help these people serve. We posted a sign that morning that we would have an extra meal and served 75 people! That is with almost no advertising at all!! The volunteers were from San Diego and Orange County who are interested in and currently serving the poor in their communities. It was a wonderful group to be with and they were very excited about the work that happens here.

We are short on men's socks. If you've been wondering about ways to support TACO, try a sock-drive! We would be happy to come to your congregation and speak about TACO and the ways you can help.

Again, thank you for your support of TACO through all that you do.

Rachel Line
TACO Volunteer Coordinator

June Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan,
Grace Otto

Communion Assist.: 6, 13- Kim Taylor & Grace
Otto 20, 27- Marie Freeman and Laura Vaughan

Communion Care: Gary Berglund

Greeters: 6, 13- Timan Family
20, 27- Laura Vaughan

Lector: 6, 13- Vicki Haas
20, 27- Marie Freeman

Stephen Minister of the Week: 6- Marian Privitt
13- Carol Davidson 20- Kathleen Darland

27- Ellie Timan

Ushers: Katie Timan and High-Up

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Santee Olive Garden at
11:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 8th. Join in for some
good food and wonderful fellowship. For more
information call Grace Otto, 448-8202 or Nancy
Funick, 270-7187.

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
- 22 Hank & Joanne Schneider
- 29 Belinda & Doug Karge
- 29 Curtis & Sherise Stark

June Birthdays

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| 4 Richard Keehn | 20 Chloe Caya |
| 5 Jeremy Naour | 22 Kathryn Metz |
| 5 Rachel Flores | 24 Robin Paulsen |
| 9 Lyn Arthurton | 28 Neil Johnson |
| 14 Kay Hafer | 28 David Francis |
| 19 Casandra Insel | 29 Jennifer Timan |
| 19 Stephen Gomory | |

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