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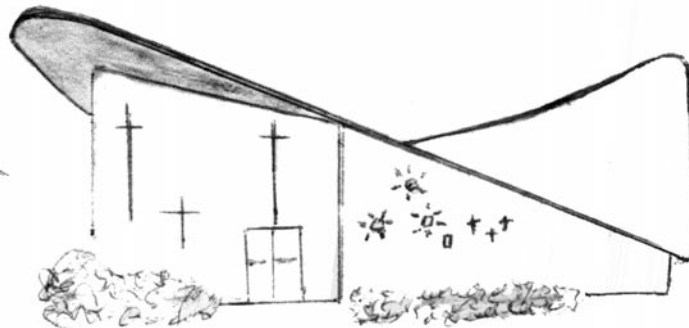
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Lenten Breakfasts Continue for 3 More Weeks

How much fun and how rewarding it has been to see 80 to 90 stay after worship to enjoy a delicious breakfast and our four study groups. Hasn't it been wonderful! Many thanks to Deby Schowalter and her helpers who have cooked wonderful meals. Deby wants you to know that the three different menus will now be repeated and those who missed the first three can experience each delicious bite in the last three. Also our many thanks to Katie Timan leading the youth study, Jean Stezer leading the older children, Jennifer Brown leading the younger children and Sara Paulsen coordinating the nursery.

Sunday, Feb 20th we received the following new members:

Kay Hafer
Thomas, Tammy and Ryan Halloran
Greg, Robin, Emma, Darla and Dutch Schaefer
Jesse, Julie, Grethel, Brandon, Wendy, Oscar and David Lipscomb
Mike, Marie, Selina, Josh, and Emily Weber
Michelle Gilliam

22 individuals: 6 different families, 11 children, 2 youth and 9 adults

Please welcome our new members! We are all blessed to have each other.

Peer Ministry Retreat March 4 – 5

A required retreat for the youth who want to be on staff for our summer music camp.

It is still not too late to sign up. If you want to be on the youth staff for the Joyful Noise 6-week summer music camp please contact Pastor Rick so you can attend this retreat. There will be other required training sessions but this is the first and camp staff applications will be available at the retreat. Youth in Jr. High will be paid \$50.00 per week, high school youth will be paid \$120.00 per week and post high school youth will be paid \$150.00 per week.

Cowles Mountain Hike

Come hike Cowles Mountain the second Saturday of every month. We will begin our hike at 6:30am at the Cowles Mountain parking lot off Navajo. It is not a race. It is time to enjoy our Lord's creation up close and personal. We will pray at the top for our community as we will see it all at once.



*In memory of
Bob Kimbrough
given by
family & friends
dedicated
April 8th, 2001*

High Youth Bible Study

On Saturday, March 12th the Hi Youth will have a Bible study after CHROS practice at 12:30pm. We will study Jesus' steps to the cross. We may go some place for something to eat if we are hungry. Plan to be done at 2:00pm.

Men's Breakfast

On Saturday, March 19th meet at 8:00am at the Omelet Factory off Mission Gorge Road. This is just a time to get to know each other better. This is purely social with a prayer for the meal. Why should the ladies have all the fun!!

Youth Going to Youth Quake April 1-3

There are 14 youth and adults registered to go to the "Youth Quake" which is at the Hilton hotel in Costa Mesa. At the Quake our youth will experience 400 youth in exciting worship, some of the best youth speakers in the country and lots of small group interaction. We can take more for an extra fee. Talk to Pastor Rick about details. This event is for Jr and Sr. High youth.



*In memory of
M. C. Virgil Otto
U.S. Navy (Ret)
by
family & friends
dedicated
2003*

Youth Going To "IT" Again

On Sunday, April 17th our youth will travel to Messiah Lutheran in Yorba Linda for fun and worship. There will be inflatables, volleyball tournament, 3 on 3 basketball tournament, Lutheran youth bands performing on an open stage, food and a headliner concert by a Christian Worship Band called "Something Like Silas". All for \$12.00 and a T-shirt is included in the cost. What a deal!! We must turn in our registrations for "IT" by Sunday, March 13th. Talk with Pastor Rick and sign up today.

Easter Brunch

We will have a pot luck for Easter Brunch after service. Several ladies will be donating hams for the meat and we will have a sign up sheet for

breakfast dishes. We will need egg dishes, potato dishes, fruits and fruit salads, pastries, and juices.

Dorcas will work the kitchen and if anyone else wishes to assist, you are invited to do so.

We look forward to a large turnout.

Weekender Fashions

On Saturday, March 12th from 9 a.m. to noon, Dorcas Circle will sponsor a fundraiser presented by Weekenders USA.

These are ladies fashions that you may try on with no sales pressure. The clothes are very easy maintenance. Wash in cold water, hang up - no ironing necessary.

Catalogs are available for ordering for those who cannot attend. See Mary Thomas for catalogs and questions.

Coffee and donuts will be available.

Come join us for fashion, fun and food.

School Buildings Update

At the February 20th annual meeting it was approved that we would pursue that we would pursue the possibility to relocate the school buildings to an orphanage in Tecate, Mexico. The orphanage mentioned is called "Miracle Ranch". That orphanage has turned down the opportunity to receive these buildings. Other ministries will be contacted with a similar offer. There are so many who love the idea of making this happen and we will continue to pursue the possibility. Please pray that God will direct our search and this opportunity for ministry.

Alpha

Alpha studies continue on Tuesdays at 7:00pm or Saturdays at 10:30am. Please consider joining us and seeing what everyone who attends is so inspired by. Visitors are always welcome. Alpha addresses the basic questions of the Christian faith in an entertaining and enriching way.

Easter and Holy Week

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship

7:00pm Good Friday Worship

9:00am Easter Worship followed by Breakfast
sponsored by Dorcas

First Saturday Workdays Every Month

Please consider coming to church the first Saturdays of every month for an "All-Church" workday. There will always be lawn work to do and at the church council retreat several more ambitious and needed projects will also be scheduled. At whatever skill level you have your help will be greatly appreciated. Here are the projects decided upon by the church council:

January

- Playground clean-up
- Prepare the sheds for maximum storage
- Repair the dumpster fence
- Clean out the Acts Center

February

- Lawn work
- Fix and create a watering system especially for the frontage bank
- Seed the frontage banks with African Daisy seeds
- Plant the patio

March

- Lawn Work
- Finish the landscaping
- Paint the Interior of the Acts Center

April

- Lawn Work
- Refinish the Sanctuary Doors
- Weed and beautify the playgrounds

May

- Lawn Work
- Construct trailer steps leading directly to the Acts Center
- Paint the exterior of the Acts Center

June

- Lawn Work
- Clean and repair the pews
- Prepare for summer music camp

This is an ambitious list. We need everyone's help. Workdays start at 8:00am (or earlier) the first

Saturday of every month. See you Saturday, February 5th.

Youth Sponsors Appreciation Dinner

How blessed our youth are to have been sponsored to go to the Middle School Youth Gathering and the Construction Zone Youth Workcamp in Phoenix. To say "Thank You!" and to get to know their sponsors better, the youth are inviting their sponsors to an appreciation dinner on Tuesday, March 1st at 6:30pm. Come and be pampered. The following have been sponsors and are invited to attend:

Betty and Tom Pendergast

Lee and Corky Strand

Penny and Jeff Sallay

Helen Gutzzeit

Lynn and Mike Guichard

Belinda and Doug Karge

Deanna Sampson

Tim and May Hustad

Pam and Henry Meyers

Robert and Corinne Reid

Joi Comstock

Lin Conklin

Hank and Joanne Schneider

Fred and Norma Borgeson

If you would like to sponsor a youth in the future please also consider yourself invited. Come hear the amazing faith stories of our youth and how much sponsorship means to them.



St. Simon

in memory of

C. Arthur Johnson

by

Diane Johnson

dedicated

October 9, 1988

Dorcas Highlights

Dorcas Circle will be sponsoring the Easter Brunch as a pot luck. Look for sign up sheets for dishes.

We will begin collecting sewing kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief to be distributed in Africa. Also, we are sponsoring the sale of women's fashions from Weekenders USA. This will be held Saturday, March 12th from 9 a.m. to noon. Coffee and donuts will be served.

We have set a few dates for events we are planning in the future. Once a month we will meet at Norma and Fred Borgeson's home to prepare handouts for Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, etc. We will also begin making arts and crafts for our bazaar in November.

On March 19th we will be making palm crosses for Palm Sunday.

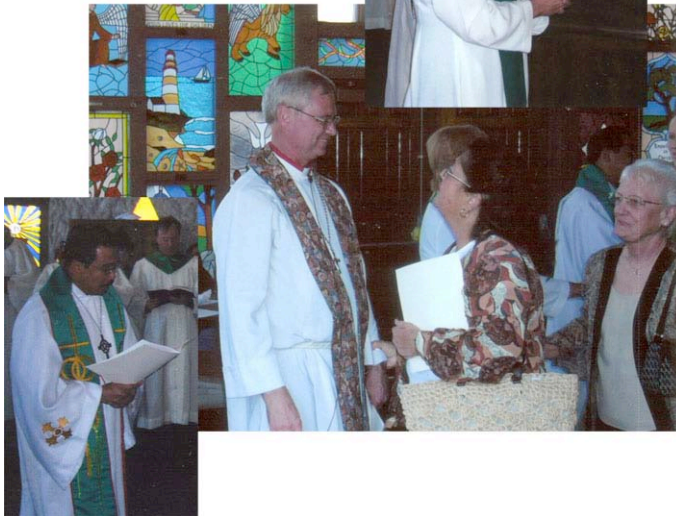
If you remember the fingerpainted "hands" poster and the picture poster we previously

made for the the congregation, this year we will have a "Fisher's of Men" poster board with participation of the congregation.

We will sponsor a Baked Potato Party, a bar-b-que for July 4th, and many other exciting plans are being made.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 8th at 6:30 p.m., beginning with Bible study prior to our meeting and our arts and crafts projects.

We sincerely invite any women of the church who wish to join us for an evening of fun.



*Pastor Rick's
Installation Service
becoming Carlton Hills
sixth pastor*

Stephen Ministers

We are still hoping to have a Stephen Minister's training beginning in April. As of this time, no one has come forth to volunteer, and we are asking ourselves why, and what we can do to make this ministry more vital to you. Please read, or re-read, the Stephen Minister's report in the Congregaional's annual report. Please contact one of us if you are interested in the Stephen Ministry, if you have questions, concerns, or if you can tell us what we can do to make the program more vital. This is your ministry, we are only here to care and to serve.

Easter Lilies

The first blossoms are appearing on our plum trees which means that spring is coming—which means that Easter is around the corner—which means it is time to consider Easter lilies to adorn the sanctuary for easter Sunday march 27th, the "queen of festivals."

If you would like to remember loved ones or a special event in your life with an Easter lily, sign-up sheets will be available on march 6th. The price is \$10.00 per lily—the beautiful white flower that blooms early in the spring.

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday of Holy Week (the Thursday before Easter). The feast of Maundy or Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and established the ceremony known as the Eucharist. Aware of his impending death on the cross, Jesus held a traditional Passover meal with his disciples, but he gave the meal a new meaning when he took a loaf of bread and a cup of wine to represent his body and blood, creating the ritual of the Holy Eucharist. Judas betrayed Jesus in

the Garden of Gethsemane on the night of Maundy Thursday after the meal.

The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin for 'command' (mandatum). It refers to the command given by Jesus at the Last Supper, that his disciples should love one another as he had loved them.

On the last night of his life, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, commanding them to do likewise and live a life of servanthood. Today we reenact this ceremony, or pedalavium, as part of our Maundy Thursday evening service. The foot-washing ceremony reminds us that we should not only serve others, but also allow others to serve us.

To symbolize the 12 disciples, we are looking for people who are willing to have their feet washed by Pastor Rick. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Leslie Atkins 449-2565, or Joanne Schneider 562-2066.



Service of Remembrance for Pastor Mark
Jan 16th

Good Friday

Good Friday is the Friday before Easter when we remember the Crucifixion of Christ. It seems strange to name the day commemorating such a sorrowful event "Good" Friday. Some believe that in early English the word "good" also meant "holy". "Holy Friday" makes sense. Others believe that "good" is a corruption of the word "God", so "God's Friday" became "Good Friday", much the same way

that "God be with you" eventually became "goodbye".

Either way, the name "Good Friday" is appropriate when we remember that out of this tragedy came the greatest good—our salvation in the gift of God's love and grace.

Who Will You Listen To?

An old fable that has been passed down for generations tells about an elderly man who was traveling with a boy and a donkey. As they walked through a village, the man was leading the donkey and the boy was walking behind. The townspeople said the old man was a fool for not riding, so to please them, he climbed up on the animal's back. When they came to the next village, the people said the old man was cruel to let the child walk while he enjoyed the ride. So, to please them, he got off and set the boy on the animal's back and continued on his way. In the third village, people accused the child of being lazy for making the old man walk, and the suggestion was made that they both ride. So the man climbed on and they set off again. In the fourth village, the townspeople were indignant at the cruelty to the donkey because he was made to carry two people. The frustrated man was last seen carrying the donkey down the road.

Borrowed from The First United Methodist Church El Centro, CA newsletter

Submitted by Leslie Atkins

Spotlight on Hymns

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" LBW #439

Author: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886

"Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble everywhere? We should never be discouraged—Take it to the Lord in prayer."

Joseph Scriven was an obscure man who lived a life of tragedy, but we remember him as the man who wrote "What a Friend We Have in Jesus", a hymn which ranks among the ten best-known and loved hymns of all time. The lyrics tell us we can find relief from our burdens when we turn to our Lord as a friend.

Joseph was born in Ireland and was educated at Trinity College. He was engaged to be married, but

tragedy struck when his fiancée drowned the night before their wedding. Reeling from his loss, he packed up and left Dublin for Canada, leaving his mother behind.

About 10 years later, Joseph wrote his now famous hymn as a poem to comfort his ailing mother and sent it to her in 1855. A copy was set to music in Ireland, and it became a popular, anonymous hymn.

He became engaged to Eliza Roche, but unfortunately, she contracted tuberculosis and died shortly before they were to be married. To escape his sorrow, he dedicated himself to ministry for the Plymouth Brethren, living a simple life in Port Hope, Canada, giving or lending to anyone who asked, and sympathizing with all who were more unfortunate than himself.

Until shortly before his death, the author of this hymn was unknown. A neighbor, who was attending to him during his final illness, happened across the manuscript in his desk and asked him if he had written it. Joseph answered, "The Lord and I did it between us."

Poor health, poverty, and depression plagued Joseph Scriven's last years. On August 10th, 1886, while suffering from a critical illness and severe depression and briefly unattended, he staggered outside, collapsed in a creek and drowned.

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" will be our post-communion hymn on March 6.

Sources: <http://chi.gospelcom.net>, <http://poptop.hypermart.net>
Submitted by Leslie Atkins

Reel Theology

This month Reel Theology meets at the home of Rich and Jean Setzer at 5:30pm on March 6 for dinner and to discuss the movies Shrek and Shrek 2, starring the voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, and Cameron Diaz. Watch the bulletin for more announcements...Come join us!

Sewing Kits

Dorcas Circle is sponsoring the donation of sewing kits to be sent to Africa through Lutheran World Relief. A box will be placed in the church should you wish to donate. Dorcas will ship the

ones that they prepared, and all the donated kits and send them to LWR in Minnesota for distribution.

The sewing kits consist of:

- Three yards of 44" or 45" cotton or cotton blend fabric (4 yards if only 36' wide)
- One package of needles for hand sewing
- One spool of matching thread
- One card of buttons

This is so simple, and not very expensive. We should be able to collect quite a few kits. We will collect for the months of March and April. We sincerely appreciate the participation of the members of our church!

A Thank You From Grace and Michael Otto

Thank you all for your prayers, cards and visits to the hospital. I can not tell you how close I feel to you all, you are my family.

I thank God everyday for the help and care you have given to me and my family. The surgery and hospital stay went very well for both of us. Michail is now back in Las Vegas and will return to San Diego in 6 weeks for his follow up appointment. My new kidney is working very well so far. I still have days and weeks ahead of recovery, please keep us both in your prayers.

You are a true blessing to me.

Thank you again!

Love in Christ,

Grace Otto

Old Cell Phones

Please remember to bring your old cell phones to church to help with our fundraiser. See Bill or Mary Thomas if you have any questions. A basket has been placed in the back of the church for the phones.

Texts for the Sundays in March

March 6 Fourth Sunday In Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13, Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41 - Color: Purple

March 13 Fifth Sunday In Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14, Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45 - Color: Purple

March 20 Sunday Of The Passion

Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11, Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14--27:66 - Color: Scarlet or Purple

March 27 The Resurrection Of Our Lord

Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43, Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-18 - Color: White or Gold

March Ministers

Acolyte: 6- Danielle Davidson 13- Sean Quintanella
20- Chris Quintanella 24- Danielle Davidson 25-
Ben Timan 27- Krissy Naour

Assist. Minister: TBA

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan,
Janice Davis

Communion Assist.: 6, 13- Grace Otto & Sylvia
Smith 20, 24, 27- Sara Paulsen & Jim Thomas

Communion Care: Grace Otto

Edgemoor Hospital Worship: 27- Florence Hustad

Greeters: 6, 13, 20- Tom & Susan Ellison

24, 25, 27- Laura & Mandy Vaughan

Lector: 6, 13- Laura Kramer 20, 24- Joi Comstock
25, 27- Hannah Lisowsky

Stephen Minister of the Day: 6- Bill Blue 13- Carol
Davidson 20- Jim Thomas 27- Ellie Timan

Ushers: Darrel, Jeanna, Bethany, Katie & Eleanor
Timan, Alan & Joi Comstock, Tommy Wiley

Sound: TBA

Palm Sunday Contata

The choir will present the Resurrection Alleluias
Cantata at the Palm Sunday service. Come and
rejoice with us!

December Anniversaries

12 Fred & Norma Borgeson

Candy & Stephen Gomory

15 Darrel & Jeanna Timan

19 Betty & Thomas Pendergast

25 Alan & Joi Comstock

25 Linda & William Conklin

March Birthdays

1 Peter Callaway	17 Amy Geiler
2 Owen Brown	20 Deanna Sampson
3 James Haak	21 Fern Gates
6 Wade Vickery	23 Leslie Atkins
7 Elsie Erion	24 Stephan Paulsen Michael Childers
9 Betty Pendergast	26 Steven Atkins
10 Ronald Dixon	28 Richard Schowalter
Steven Kramer	29 Brett Boisvert
Jennifer Brown	30 Joanne Huber Michael Sallay
12 Marilyn Thomas	
13 Joshua Callaway	
16 Lee Strand	
Florence Hustad	
Mary Arndt	

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Mimi's Cafe, 9812 Mission
Gorge Rd at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 14th. Join in
for some good food and wonderful fellowship. For
more information call either Grace Otto, 440-2456 or
Nancy Funick, 561-7823.

Dorcas Fashion Show Fundraiser

Please remember Dorcas fashion show fundraiser
Saturday March 12th

9:00 a.m. to high noon. You will be excited to see the
new spring line of clothing. Don't miss this really fun
event. Refreshments will be served. Be there or be
square

See Mary Thomas for a peek at the new catalog or if
you have questions.