

# The Echo

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## Pastor's Page

As I write this "Pastor's Page," I am reminded of the Eve of the one year anniversary of my father's death. Last year, on February 19<sup>th</sup>, I wrote, "Dad died," in my Devotional. I kept a copy of his obituary, taken from his town's newspaper, as a bookmark in my Devotional.

I always look for God's voice when I read my devotions. This morning, I did something that I don't often do, I read ahead. The devotion for February 19<sup>th</sup> was about the ordination of Aaron and his sons, who God chose to be the priests of Israel. Moses ordained them and the process meant a lot to me.

The ordination process is outlined in the Eighth chapter of Leviticus. First, Moses washed and dressed Aaron and his sons. They were anointed with oil. Next, a series of animal sacrifices were performed. A bull was sacrificed as a sin offering; a ram was sacrificed as a burnt offering; and a second ram was sacrificed as a "ram of ordination." Blood from the ram of ordination was smeared on the right ear lobes, the right thumbs, and the right big toes of Aaron and his sons. Fat from the animals was ceremonially burnt; their priestly garments were anointed with oil. The ordination process was completed in seven days.

Wow! What a process! What a ceremony!

What I gleaned from this ordination process was the sacrifice of the rams and especially the "ram of ordination". It reminded me of my Dad's prized possession, a ram that he shot in Alaska. Its head was proudly displayed in our living room, a beautiful animal, whose horns were so large that they curled into a huge circle, which began to grow out from the center at the very end of the horns. My father said that it was a trophy ram that barely missed entry into a record book. Shooting this ram was the biggest thrill I ever saw my Dad experience.

It reminded me of the huge influence my father had in my life. Perhaps, I am the only ELCA Lutheran pastor, who can point to a "ram of ordination," in their experience. I want to find out from my Mom, the date of that trophy ram.

The question, for us, is why the sacrifice? Why all that blood?

The same could be asked of Jesus' death on the cross. I am tempted to say it's a mystery and leave it at that. But I am sure "the blood" has meaning. Here, is my attempt at an explanation of "Why all the blood?"

One of the big temptations, we have, is to minimize the effects of sin in our lives. The Bible teaches, "The wages of sin is death." We tend to justify sin by minimizing its significance in our lives. But we would only minimize the effects of sin, if we failed to realize that it took the spilled blood of Jesus, on the cross, to forgive us our sin. God is telling us that because of Jesus' death, we can't just say, "Please forgive me," without knowing that it took His blood to offer us that forgiveness.

We cannot truly experience the joy of Easter's resurrection, if we take for granted the pain, suffering, and spilled blood Jesus shed for us. I pray that we can all come to understand, on a deeper level, the price Jesus paid when He forgave us our sins and granted us eternal life.

**Pastor Rick**

## Holy Week Schedule

### Maundy Thursday

March 20<sup>th</sup> Seder in the Acts Center at 7:00p.m.

### Good Friday

March 21<sup>st</sup> Tenebrae Service at 7:00p.m.

### Easter Sunrise

March 23<sup>rd</sup> community service at 6:30a.m. at Santee Lakes

### Easter Festival Worship

March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00a.m. with breakfast to follow

## Easter Brunch

Get ready to eat for a great cause! Following the worship service at 9:00a.m. on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> the youth will be hosting an Easter brunch for you and your family and friends.

All donations are welcome. The proceeds will be going to place spot lights at the bottom of our sign at the corner of Halberns and Lutheran Way.

Please come and support our confirmation youth and their families in their service project that will benefit us all.

An Easter egg hunt will also be given by the confirmands for the children.

## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

4<sup>th</sup> Annual

Music and Arts Summer Camp

June 16 – July 11

Performance will be held on

Friday July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30

Join us! Volunteer for our Academic Enrichment program (tutoring) and work closely with a few children from camp.

Open your hearts. Give a donation to help provide a scholarship for a child to attend camp.

Youth (confirmation age and older) interested in working at the camp? Please ask Pastor, Belinda or Misty.

Fun for all!! Sign your children up early! Grades Pre-K - 6<sup>th</sup>. Childcare available for before and after camp.

Unsure of how you can help? Just ask! We need volunteers, donations, crafts, child care providers and more.

Let's do this together! Please attend our next meeting for more info: Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup> @ 8pm.

*Scholarship a child: Whole camp (\$400), half (\$200), one week (\$100).*

*Children in need of a scholarship please contact Misty Thompson at [onegreatmt@yahoo.com](mailto:onegreatmt@yahoo.com) or 619-479-0424.*

*Order or renew your favorite magazines and 40% of funds go to the summer camp. Just click and order (over 650 titles). <http://www.magfundraising.com/nonuts>*

## Angels On Wheels

Here is your chance for real Christian service. A new group is being formed and you can be a vital part of it.

The idea is to provide transportation to members of our church who are unable to drive and have no other means of obtaining food, getting to doctor appointments or other necessary trips to various locations.

If you want to be part of this vital Angels on Wheels project please call Pastor Rick and get on board the AOW shuttle.

## New Bible Studies

Our church is providing two new Bible Study opportunities and both meet at our church weekly.

Pastor Rick is offering a Bible study on Thursdays at 10:30a.m. The study takes place in the church library and is on the coming lessons for that Sunday and general questions about the Bible and our faith. Come and hear the thoughts behind Pastor Rick's sermon for the coming Sunday. This study will meet every Thursday except when Pastor Rick has a meeting in Fullerton, which is usually the second Thursday of the month. Bill Thomas has several times substituted as the study leader when Pastor Rick is out of town. Please check the calendar or call the office to be sure if you are planning to attend.

There is also a women's study the first and the third Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the office trailer. The study is on the very popular study by Max Lucado entitled "3:16" based on John 3:16. This study is led by Deby Schowalter.

A couples Bible study continues to meet at the Schowalter's home at 1630 Whitsett Drive in El Cajon every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. except the second Thursday of the month which is the church council meeting day. This study has been meeting for several months studying the book of Romans but is always open to new members.

Come and hear how the Bible can give you and experience of God's presence and guidance at each of these studies.

## Finances and Attendance for January

Attendance:

	<u>9:00a.m.</u>
1/6	95
1/13	87
1/20	107
1/27	96

Jan. Offerings	\$12,262.90
January Expenses	\$12,846.11
YTD Income	\$12,288.04
YTD Expenses	\$12,846.11
Operating Surplus	\$10,537.73

## CHROS' Next Meetings

Our Youth Led Worship services are always the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every 5 Sunday months. The next Youth Led Worship will be Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. CHROS practices every Wednesday at 5:00pm and is always open to new members.

## Senior Lunch and Bagels Tuesday

Each Tuesday there is a special event for our seniors and those who simply are available to join them. Each Tuesday at 9:30a.m. the group meets at Einstein Bagels at the Santee Trolley to enjoy each other's company and munch on a bagel...if you are hungry. The group meets every Tuesday except the second Tuesday of the month when the event is lunch together at 11:30a.m. Lunch in March will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> at Home Town Buffet at 256 Town Center Pky in Santee. Come and join the fun!

## New Hymnals

We are truly blessed to have our Dorcas ladies agree to pay for the balance of what we need for the purchase of the new Lutheran hymnals. These hymnals will be dedicated to the memory of Marge Steirer and Marsha Hamilton. We hope to have these hymnals to dedicate and use for the first time on Palm Sunday, March 16th.

What a wonderful time to dedicate our new hymnals!

What will happen to the old hymnals? Beginning Easter Sunday the hymnals will be stacked in the back of the church. We would like to return the hymnals to those who originally bought them. After this effort has been exhausted we will sell the remaining hymnals to those who would like to purchase a hymnal for their homes or for personal use.

The following names are inscribed in the hymnals already in the church:

### In Memory Of:

George & Mayme—given by Robert & Aileen Weitzel (6)

Sam Biggs & Annie Marie Biggs Henson—Parents of Ida Marie Henson (3)

Harry & Martha Hill—Parents of Nancy & Dennis Straily

H.G. Squires & Hazel M. Squires—Grandparents of Bruce G. Dunn (3)

James T. Morse—Father of Dorothy Monroe

Molly M. Martin—Mother of Betty Berglund

Bert Lester—Husband of May Lester

Clara Anderson—given by Don & Nancy Ripple

Presented by—A.L.C.W. in Memory of Laura Hustad

Louise & Rudolph Christel—Grandparents of Nancy Cunningham

### Presented By:

Delano & Ellie Timan (5)

Grace M. Elms (2)

Connie Ford

Dick & Betty Maxa (3)

Chuck & Pat Rosciam

Mary Alice Gwinn

Chester & Helen Silvernail

Victor & Normal Schroeder

Edith Bebout

Nan & Roland Cabral

Evelyn & Don Pearce

David Cunningham Family

### In Honor Of and Presented By:

Jack & Florence Hustad—by Tim Hustad

Jack & Florence Hustad—by Jeremy Hustad

Jack & Florence Hustad—by David Hustad

## Dates for March

- Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> Jesse Lipscomb the Vice President of the congregation will preach at both

services...Pastor Rick is in Phoenix preaching at the church her served for 10 years celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

- March 7-8 Peer Ministry Retreat at Camp Yoliijiwa
- Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> “fall back” and get an extra hour of sleep as we go on daylight savings time
- Monday, March 10 Feed the Homeless at 2:30pm
- Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> is the last Lenten worship and God’s Gifts of the season
- Maunday Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> Seder meal in the Acts Center at 7:00pm
- Good Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> Tenebrae Service cantata at 7:00pm with music from the choir, hymns and readings
- Easter Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> one worship service at 9:00am featuring Marilyn Thomas on the violin and Lynn Nickel on the harp
- Youth Quake March 28-30

## Church Travel Website

If you are booking a flight or other accommodations why not book through the church website and allow the church to receive a commission of up to 60% of the commissionable amount. The best deal for the church is when you book airline tickets and room accommodations but you can also book car rental. Pastor Rick and Deby booked a flight to Hawaii for their anniversary and they were impressed that the prices were the best they could have gotten using other sources.

Write this down for further reference:

[www.ytbtravel.com/chelc](http://www.ytbtravel.com/chelc)

Help everyone benefit when you travel.

## Edgemoire Ministry Looking for Volunteers

The Edgemoire ministry is a joint effort involving members of Christ Lutheran Church of La Mesa and members of our church. Christ Lutheran supplies people pushers and the organist, Janet Kelso. CHELC supplies the presenters who bring the Good News as a message on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. The format used by the presenters is up to the individual teams but music and the Bible readings are the common thread to all of the presentations. A year ago we had six teams but there are only three at

this time. If you would like to observe a service or you would like to become a presenter, we would be happy to have you join us. If you have any questions you can contact Jim Thomas at 465-5235 or [abuelojim@cox.net](mailto:abuelojim@cox.net).

## High-Up

High-Up is comprised of high school and college age young adults. The group formed as a direct outcome of the Lay Renewal one year ago, in March, 2007. The group meets on Monday evenings for bible study from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Originally High-Up began using a devotional guide and then made the decision to study the bible in the purest form. The group voted to read the New Testament book of Corinthians. High-Up is currently studying the Old Testament book of First Samuel.

In August, we attended an invitation to service event at California Lutheran University. In September, a parent meeting was held to share the group created covenant and calendar for the 07-08 year. Additionally, the group has taken bible hikes, socialized over many fun dinners, attended buck at the beach, participated in an overnight Lock-In, and spent a day at the zoo. They volunteered at the Fall Festival, served Christmas dinner, joined camp staff for a Christmas party, and sponsored children from the orphanage in Mexico. Many of the members worked at Joyful Noise Art and Music camp.

As indicated earlier, the group began studying the Old Testament book of First Samuel. This text was chosen as it is the text for the Make a Joyful Noise Music camp this summer and the young adults want to understand and really know the scripture to teach it this summer.

I have been honored to be the adult facilitator this year and look forward to many continued blessings from High-Up. If you are a high school or college age young adult, come join us!

Belinda Karge

## Pastor Mark Neuhaus Memorial Cactus/Rock Garden



The cactus rock memorial will be located between the double doors of the Sanctuary and the single side door. It will boast beautiful granite slabs engraved with his name, time of service here at Carlton Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church and a bible verse, which the family will provide a few verses for the congregation to vote on.

The Neuhaus family will provide succulents and cactus from their yard that were grown by Pastor Mark. All of the cacti, succulent and granite will be surrounded by beautiful river rocks.

In order to complete the memorial, we will need to do some fundraising. There is \$1,075 in the Pastor Mark Memorial fund. The granite slabs will cost about \$1,800 and the engraving will be \$1 - \$2 per letter. The proposed amount needed to be raised will be around \$1,000. If you are interested in making a donation, or would like to be involved in the fundraising, please contact Kim Naour at 619-449-3810, or e-mail to [chefkim1@cox.net](mailto:chefkim1@cox.net). You can also place your donation in your offering envelope and specify that it is for the Pastor Mark Memorial Fund.

### March Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan, Grace Otto  
 Communion Assist.: 2, 9- Ellie, Darrel & Jeanna Timan 16, 23- Marcy & Bob Metz 30- Youth  
 Communion Care: Laura Vaughan  
 Greeters: 2, 9- Timan Family 16, 23- Francis family

Lector: 2, 9- Mandy Vaughan 16, 23- Ellie Timan  
 Stephen Minister of the Day: 2- Ed Teichner  
 9- Ellie Timan 16- Carol Davidson  
 23- Kathleen Darland 30- Jim Thomas  
 Ushers: Laura Vaughan, Norma Borgeson, Kathleen Farland, Marie Freeman, Betty Maxa, Mandy Vaughan

### March Anniversaries

12 Fred & Norma Borgeson  
 13 Mike & Robin Diorio  
 15 Darrel & Jeanna Timan  
 19 Betty & Thomas Pendergast  
 19 Juliana & Jesse Lipscomb  
 21 Bryan & Gail Force  
 25 Linda & William Conklin

### March Birthdays

1 Peter Callaway	2 Owen Brown
4 Tyler Sevcik	9 Betty Pendergast
10 Ronald Dixon	10 Jennifer Brown
12 Marilyn Thomas	13 Joshua Callaway
16 Lee Strand	16 Florence Hustad
17 Elizabeth Adams	17 Ron Adams
20 Deanna	21 Fern Gates
Sampson	
24 Stephan Paulsen	24 Michael Childers
28 Richard	30 Joanne Huber
Schowalter	
30 Michael Sallay	

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

### Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Home Town Buffet in Santee, 256 Town Center Parkway, at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Join in for some good food and wonderful fellowship. For more information call either Grace Otto, 448-8202 or Nancy Funick, 562-9969.

### Texts for the Sundays in March

2<sup>nd</sup> **Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
 1 Samuel 16:1-13  
 Psalm 23 (5)  
 Ephesians 5:8-14  
 John 9:1-41

**Prayer of the Day**

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Color:** Purple

**9<sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130 (5)

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Color:** Purple

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Passion**

Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11 Procession with Palms

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16 (5)

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

**Prayer of the Day**

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Color:** Scarlet/Purple

**20<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday**

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (13)

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**Prayer of the Day**

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this

commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Color:** Scarlet/White

**21<sup>st</sup> Good Friday**

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Psalm 22 (1)

Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

John 18:1—19:42

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**Color:** Scarlet/White

**23<sup>rd</sup> Resurrection of Our Lord****Easter Day**

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (24)

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

Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18

**Prayer of the Day**

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Color:** White/Gold

**30<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16 (11)

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Color:** White