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Pastor's Page

I went to the Youth Minister Extravaganza in New Orleans in February and it was wonderful. I listened to some of the best speakers and musicians in the country. So much of the Extravaganza was a real inspiration.

One of the speakers was Kelly Fryer who has written several books and who seems to have the most recent innovations in thought in the ELCA.

Kelly talked about how we need to have a "church shift". She said there is a kind of toxic waste that infects many of our congregations. She gave these examples:

- People don't show up
- It's hard to find volunteers
- When people show up they are crabby
- Turf wars
- Money wars
- People feel like they don't count
- People feel like their voices are not heard

Any of those apply to you? Do they apply to those you know?

Kelly said these are not just church problems. These problems are everywhere.

She said the climate crisis that our environment is facing is awful but it is no worse than the way we treat people. She asked, "How can we clean up our toxic mess?"

Kelly has started with others a group called "A Renewable Enterprise, Inc." This group is anxious to make these shifts in our churches and our lives:

From...To

From people who are disposable...To people are valuable

From Life sucking...To Life giving

From purposelessness...To Purposefulness

From scarcity mindset...To Abundance mindset

From people who feel used up...To people who feel useful

From self-centered...To Other-Centered

Most importantly Kelly said we need to move from a consumable church to a renewable church.

I use to say that we need to go where there is energy in the church and feed on that energy. I would tell people if they are feeling drained by the church they should stop doing what they are doing and do what gives them energy. I believe that this energy is what the Spirit of God offers to all who are in tune with the direction of the Holy Spirit.

Kelly said that the renewable church will have these practices:

1. They will ask purposeful questions like, "Is this what God wants us to do and how God wants us to behave?"
2. Use a participative process. Get lots of people involved.
3. Work playfully. Have fun doing what you do.
4. Take place seriously. Look at what God is already doing around you.
5. Be (re)productive. Make sure what you do is reproducing itself. Like in our children and youth.
6. See possibilities. We believe that with God anything is possible.

We are in the Lenten season. It is a season of renewal. I think Kelly has given us lots of food for thought about what that renewal may look like.

Pastor Rick

Finances and Attendance for November

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	Total
1/4	81	20	101
1/11	95	18	113
1/18	89	18	107
1/25	95	9	104

November Finances:

Expenses	\$14,519
Income	\$12,916
Operating Surplus YTD	\$19,214

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 March will be on the 10th at Michael's Grill, Santee.

Adult Studies

Pastor Rick offers two adult studies.

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.

On Thursday evenings from 7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. Pastor Rick and Deby will open their home at 1630 Whitsett Drive in El Cajon to study the New Testament readings from the "One Year Bible". This is open to any adult. Please let Pastor Rick know if you are interested in attending.

CHROS Practice moved to Wednesdays

CHROS the music group for children, youth and adults has moved to Wednesdays in March from 6:30p.m. to 7:00p.m. Please come. Singers are needed the most.

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

Wednesdays are Church Night

There is a big advantage to having almost all of our weekday church activities be on the same evening. This allows whole families to participate because there is something for everyone and with one night a week when the church has most of its activities it is easier to remember.

We would like to make Wednesdays:

"Church Night"

Here is the schedule:

5:30p.m. to 6:30p.m. Confirmation

6:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. Soup Suppers

7:00p.m. to 7:30p.m. Lenten Worship

7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. High Up

6:30p.m. to 7:30p.m. Drama Practice &
Confirmation/
Jr. High Youth Group

7:30p.m. to 8:00p.m. Adult Choir

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!

Feed the Homeless March 9th

Meet at church at 2:30pm and return by 5:30pm

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

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!

Thank you from Jan Neuhaus

Dear friends of CHELC,

This note is long overdue, but I want to thank you for the lovely luncheon following Mark's memorial dedication. The food was wonderful – I think Michael's Grill earned some new customers from the experience; the set up was perfect – plenty of comfortable seating space for everyone; and the lovely conversation – I appreciated hearing from you. My prayers are for those conversations to continue with each other, sharing your faith stories and telling about those who helped shape you along the way. I know that would be Mark's prayer as well. So, thank you, again, for being who you are.

Love and God's peace,
Jan Neuhaus

Lenten Soup Suppers

Please sign up in the sanctuary narthex to bring either a soup, salad or dessert to our Wednesday dinners the Wednesdays in Lent. The dinner will served from 6:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. with the Lenten service from 7:00p.m. to 7:30p.m. March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1st.

Santee Food Bank

The Santee Food Bank has moved to 8824 Cottonwood in Santee. How exciting for the Food Bank to find a new home.

Peer Ministry Retreat

March 20-21 the summer camp staff will begin their training by going to Camp Yoliwiwa. The cost is \$35.00.

Make a Joyful Noise Art and Music Camp

This summer our church will host the fifth annual Make a Joyful Noise Art and Music Camp June 22, 2009 to July 17, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily. There will be before/after care available from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and again from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The cost is the same as last summer (\$100 per week per child).

Our camp taps the creative energies of our children and enlists our youth in key leadership roles. This summer we have several new rotations including a film making rotation and a fun with food rotation! Come join the fun....Camper and Staff applications are available on the website or see Belinda or Pastor Rick

High Up Rummage Sale – April 4th

The High School and College Youth are coordinating a Rummage Sale for Saturday April 4th and we need your help! Please donate all of your spring cleaning items to our sale! We are accepting anything except adult clothes (children and baby clothes are okay). Proceeds will go toward the All Lutheran Youth Gathering trip this summer. The sale will be Saturday, April 4, 2009 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the church. Thanks for your donations!

Thank you Misty

A very large and belated thank you to Misty Thompson for all she did during the Advent and Christmas season. Misty organized the F.A.I.T.H. advent event making the great Advent 'wreaths'. The logs with flowers, greenery and candles were unusual, and so pretty. It is really neat that they can be easily stored away until needed next Advent season. Now that it is March, Advent is only 8 months away!

Misty also stepped in to take over the Christmas Cookie exchange when Ellie got sick. She arranged to help Santa with the gifts, took care of the snacks,

helped decorate, and all and anything else that needed to be done. She did all of this so cheerfully in addition to the F.A.I.T.H. Christmas party the same time. Thank you so much Misty for all that you do in such a cheerful and loving way. You make our lives brighter.

US Passport Card or US Passport Required by June 2009 for Travel to and from Mexico

The wallet-size passport card is convenient and less expensive than the passport book. However, the US Passport Card cannot be used for international air travel. This new travel document can be used to enter the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda at land border crossings or sea ports-of-entry.

Note: A current or previous passport book holder, who is eligible to use Form DS-82, may apply for a passport card as a renewal by mail.

First time applicants for a US Passport, and those not eligible to use Form DS-82, must apply for a passport card in person using Form DS-11.

The card has the same period of validity as the US Passport Book: 10 years for an adult and 5 years for minors under age 16. The card costs \$45 for a first-time adult passport applicant and \$35 for all minor applicants under age 16, regardless of whether they are previous passport book or card holders. Adults who already have a fully valid passport book may apply for the card as a passport renewal by mail and pay only \$20.

To facilitate the frequent travel of US citizens living in border communities and to meet DHS's operational needs at land borders, the passport card contains a vicinity-read radio frequency identification (RFID) chip. This chip points to a stored record in secure government databases. There is no personal information written to the RFID chip itself.

With RFID technology, Customs and Border Protection inspectors will be able to access photographs and other biographical information stored in secure government databases before the traveler reaches the inspection station.

The passport card uses state-of-the-art security features to prevent against the possibility of counterfeiting and forgery. In addition, a protective sleeve is provided with each passport card to protect against unauthorized reading or tracking of the card when it is not in use.

Passports or Passport Cards available by appointment at the Santee Post Office, 9518 Mission Gorge Road Santee, CA 92071-9998(619) 448-2177

Hooks & Needles

Hooks & Needles is a weekly "needlework" group that meets in the Acts Center each Tuesday from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. We work on our own projects, knit or crochet Prayer Shawls, knit, crochet or sew baby items for Iglesia de Cristo and other new additions to the community, knit or crochet scarves and/or helmet liners for the troops, etc.

We will teach knitting and crocheting to anyone who would like to learn. All types of needlework "artists" are welcome and encouraged to join us. If it's done with some type of a needle or hook, then it qualifies for Hooks & Needles. Or...if you just feel like stopping in to chat, you are more than welcome to join us any Tuesday.

For more info contact Vicki Haas at 473-8717 or 820-9706

Promises

Promises is a new "Prayer Study" group that meets in the Acts Center on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. We follow the Bible Promise Book and the Bible to strengthen and enhance our prayer lives.

If you have concerns going on in your life right now that are causing you some distress, this is the place to find the support we all need to expand our prayer lives and learn how and why some of these very compelling verses and directions from Jesus came about, how they pertain to our lives today and where they are located in the Bible.

For more info contact Vicki Haas at 473-8717 or 820-9706

Council Page

Council Meeting February 18th:

The meeting was called to order by President Jesse Lipscomb at 4:00 p.m.

Attending were: Penny Sallay, Gary Berglund, Vicki Haas, Deanna Sampson, Jesse Lipscomb, Pastor Rick Schowalter, Michael Weber, Laura Vaughan, Kim Ronas and Donna Dudley.

Jesse led us in Devotions:

Devotions: Matthew 18:15-17

- If you have a conflict with someone, take it to that person.
- Ways to interact with each other in the church.
- God is the Giver of Hope

Pastor led us in prayer.

Visioning: Updating the Time and Talents Sheet:

Donna Dudley is updating the Time and Talent Sheet that will be submitted to the congregation requesting volunteers.

- Round Table: Each Council member briefed on what volunteers they needed for their areas of interest.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pastor stated that the Installation will take place on Sunday, February 15th during the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

Deanna briefed the council on using the Credit Cards for the members giving. She will look into this further for more information on this. This is tabled for the next meeting in March.

Deanna briefed on Simply Giving and explained what it is.

Penny read Misty Thompson's Resignation as Children's and Youth Ministries Chair.

Vicki made a motion to receive Misty Thompson's Resignation with regrets. This motion was seconded by Gary. "All approved", and the motion was passed.

Penny made a motion to accept the minutes with Donna seconding. "All approved", and the motion was passed.

Penny explained that Sara submitted the Treasurer's report for December 2008 with no closing balance and therefore we don't know if the Treasurer's Report shows the correct balance on it. Pastor requested for Laura to request from Sara a new report showing the closing balance for December 2008.

Vicki made a motion to accept the reports with the exception of the Treasurer's Report for January 2009 at this time, until the Treasurer's Report for December 2008 is corrected by showing the ending balance. This motion was seconded by Deanna. "All approved", and the motion was passed.

Penny suggested that we start using the Church American Express Credit Card (AMEX) to make all purchases. She explained the advantages of writing one check at the end of the month, and about the dividends we get back from American Express.

Gary made a motion to accept the usage of the American Express Credit Card (AMEX) for a trial period of six months with Mike seconding. "All approved", and the motion was passed.

Pastor requested for Penny to write an article for the Echo concerning the AMEX.

Next meetings:

- Council Installation: Sunday, February 15, 2009 – 9:00 a.m.
- Annual Meeting: Sunday, February 15, 2009, - 10:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting: Sunday, March 8, 2009, - 4:00 p.m.

Vicki made a motion to adjourn at 5:50 p.m., with Laura seconding. All approved, and the motion was passed.

Closed with Lord's Prayer.

Penny Sallay
Council Secretary

March Anniversaries

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

March Birthdays

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

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

March Ministers

- Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan,
Grace Otto
- Communion Assist.: Ellie, Darrell & Jeanna Timan
- Communion Care: TBD
- Greeters: De Ryden Jennifer Brown
- Lector: 1, 8- Jeff Sallay 15, 22- Laura Vaughan
29- Youth
- Stephen Minister of the Week: 1- Carol Davidson
8- Marian Privitt 15- Mandy Vaughan
22- Kathleen Darland 29- Vicki Haas
- Ushers: Belinda Karge & High Up

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Michael's Grill, Santee, at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 10th. 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 March

- 1st **First Sunday In Lent**
Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10 (10)
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15
Color: Purple
- 8th **Second Sunday In Lent**
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31 (27)
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38
Color: Purple
- 15th **Third Sunday In Lent**
Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19 (8)
I Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22
Color: Purple
- 22th **Fourth Sunday In Lent**
Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (19)
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21
Color: Purple
- 29th **Fifth Sunday In Lent**
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12 (10) or Psalm 119:9-16 (11)
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33
Color: Purple