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Ephesians 4:11-13b “And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors, and teachers, for the equipment of the saints, for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith...”

The Apostle Paul in the above verses is clearly speaking to the church of his time. Paul wants to recognize that there are many different parts to the ministry of the church and each part plays a role in the effectiveness of a church's ministry. But it is not enough to recognize these different roles. Ultimately the church must have unity in the midst of its diversity. The many members of a church may have something unique to offer, but the final product must have unity.

We have had 2 worship services for many years. The second service was at one time on Sunday afternoon. It was primarily a service for our youth to exercise their gifts of music. I loved the worship service but it failed to grow. The youth eventually started their own worship service on Tuesday evenings called “One Salvation”.

Years later we tried to move the service to late Sunday morning at 11:00am. That is what we have now. It was originally meant to be a worship service to exercise the gifts of 3 boys who were wonderful guitarists. These three boys were so accomplished as guitarists that I stopped playing guitar because my guitar skills were so inferior to their skills. Soon Tom Colletti, David Gulliver and Jeremy Naour moved on to college and God filled the need for a music leader for that service with David Yantis. David has written well over 100 published songs and plays guitar and piano. Dan Crites, along with David's granddaughter Chloe, became worship leaders and all was well. But the service lost a lot when the three boys and Chloe left for college. The attendance in recent months has been like preaching to the choir and even the move to the Acts Center could not hide the poor attendance.

Recently other developments have stirred the need for a change.

I expressed to the church council my need to work less. I was told to evaluate my work load and identify how I could get some help. I realized that the 11:00am worship service was making my Sundays especially draining. I come home on a Sunday afternoon and can barely keep my eyes open. I forced myself to keep going because it is one of the few times I have with Deby. I also set the Acts Center up with the chairs needed for the 11:00am service on Saturdays and I have to clean up the communion elements after the 11:00am service. It was taking a lot of time and energy for me to keep this service going for 15 to 18 people.

Then the straw that broke the camel's back.

I went to St. Louis for my other job with the Pacifica Synod and was gone the first Sunday in February. During that week Lynn Nickel our organist was hospitalized with pneumonia. It was late in the week and I received a call from Marvin our music director at 9:00am, on Saturday afternoon in St. Louis, that Lynn was in the hospital and would not be at church. I told him to ask David Yantis to substitute for Lynn. He had substituted for Lynn before. What I didn't realize was that David did not know the worship setting for that service and couldn't play it. That meant that with a substitute pastor and substitute music accompanist, everything needed to be changed that morning! What a tall order!!!

Suddenly I realized that we could solve a lot of the problems that had been developing with combining the 11:00am worship service with the 9:00am worship service. There would be three reasons to pursue this response:

- 1) The declining attendance at 11:00am
- 2) My need for a break in my work load
- 3) Allowing David Yantis weekly exposure to the 9:00am worship so he could substitute at any given time

But there is something more that needs to be considered and may be the most important reason of all to make this change.

Unity!

It has become clear that the people who worship at 9:00am do not know the people who worship at 11:00am and the people at that 11:00am may know the people at 9:00am but the relationships are suffering from inattention. Having a huge worship center needs to be a blessing and we have a sanctuary that can hold 200 people. Filling that space creates a more positive worship experience.

I am also thinking that an adult education or Bible study class can now meet, if we have more time after the 9:00am worship service. I think it will also encourage our social time after the service when people do not have to worry about bumping into the preparations for the 11:00am service.

I need to work out the details with Marvin and Lynn and David for how music at the combined service can be shared, but that should only make the gifts of each more highlighted.

Let's see where it all leads us.

Pastor Rick

Senior Lunch

The second Tuesday of the month when you are invited to the Senior Lunch at a local restaurant beginning at 11:30am. on March 11th at the Red Lobster in La Mesa.

Thursday Bible Studies

Thursdays in February Pastor Rick is offering a Bible Study. The study is at the Schowalter home at 1630 Whitsett Drive in El Cajon at 6:00am to 6:30am.

Come and join us!

Daily Devotions

Would you like to be a part of our church's daily devotions? Just let Pastor Rick or the Church Office know your e-mail address and you can received the daily devotions via e-mail or stop by the table in the back of the church and pick up last week's list of daily devotions. Most of the devotions are written by Pastor Rick but some are shared by members on the list. If you want to

Finances And Attendance For January

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	Tue	Total
1/5	101	16	14	121
1/12	104	16	14	124
1/19	98	15	14	117
1/26	104	14	14	126

January Finances:

Income	\$11,273
Expenses	\$12,377
Operating Surplus	\$18,004

submit a devotion to the list that has now grown to over 120 participants just write to Pastor Rick at SYMCN1@aol.com. What a great way to have Bible study a part of your everyday life a little Scripture at a time.

Feed the Homeless Monday, March 3rd

TACO (Third Ave Charitable Organization)
Feed the Homeless at First Lutheran Church, SD.

Let Pastor Rick know if you want to help. Pastor Rick will not be able to go but there will be someone to guide you. You will meet in the church parking lot at 2:30p.m.

Bible Study

We will have Bible study on the book of Romans on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month

March 8th and 22nd

At the Kaffee Meister in Santee

At 4:30pm

Everyone Welcome!!

Confirmation

Sundays at 11:45am to 12:30pm

Church E-mail Mailings

Would you like to be included on the church e-mail list? Do you want some bit of news e-mailed

to the congregation? An e-mail list is being compiled by the church office and you can add yourself to the group list by just dropping a note into the offering plate or calling the church office at 448-1888. If you would like to e-mail something please submit the request in writing after checking with Pastor Rick. All e-mails sent will be sent without listing the e-mail addresses of the others who are receiving the information. This is called a “blind” e-mailing and is meant to protect these addresses from reaching someone who is not authorized to send e-mail to our church members without permission.

Church Council
Sunday, March 16th at Noon

Wednesday Children’s Ministry

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

The second 10 week program that meets on Wednesdays

God’s Gifts: For Pre-school to 3rd grade. Take home lessons where children answer Bible story questions and memorize Scripture for prizes and a rewards event

Souled Out: For 4th through 6th grade. This established ministry has moved to Wednesdays so there will be something for all the children in our families at the same time.

Contact Keri Hyles or Pastor Rick for more information

Flowers Each Sunday

Would you like to recognize a special event, such as a birthday or anniversary, or honor a loved one by having flowers placed on the altar of the church on Sundays? There is a sign-up calendar in the back of the church. Pick the Sunday or Sundays on which you would like flowers placed and print your name and phone number on the calendar. Call Jean Setzer at 619-449-0785 and tell her if you would like to have an arrangement for \$20.00 or if you will bring your own arrangement. The bulletin will indicate that you have provided flowers for the occasion.

Lent

Lent begins Wednesday, March 5th with Ash Wednesday at 7:00pm “John Gives Disciples to Jesus”

March 12th “Nicodemus”

March 19th “Woman at the Well”

March 26th “Man Born Blind”

April 2nd “Mary and Martha”

April 9th “Lazarus”

Maundy Thurs. April 17th 7:00pm

Good Friday April 18th 7:00pm

Easter One Service April 20th at 9:00am

One Worship service on Sunday morning begins April 6th

We are combining our two Sunday morning worship services into one at 9:00am beginning Sunday, April 6th. The new worship service will contain elements from both services and will have the blessing of all three of our worship leaders: Lynn will still play the organ, Marvin will still coordinate the service and direct the choir and David Yantis will provide a new flavor to the service with several offerings.

Come to this worship service of unity on April 6th and experience how blessed we will all be through this new worship service which will combine the best of what all our musicians can offer.

Building a House in Mexico

Through LBC: Lutheran Border Concerns

Saturday, March 1st the house builders will meet at 10:00am to plan our house building project. This year we will also offer a children’s Bible School and lunch for the neighborhood children under a pop-up canopy. This will provide a wider array of needed skills for the ministry.

The day of building and Bible school is scheduled for Saturday, March 22nd.

If you want to help but can’t go please donate items from the sticky note poster on the circular kiosk.

Preschool Planning Meeting

Saturday, March 8th at 9:00am

We are extremely blessed to have Marian Privett willing to help coordinate our efforts to establish a Preschool at Carlton Hills. Marian taught a class at SDSU on Preschool administration and knows exactly what we will need to do to make our Long Range Vision for a Preschool a reality. Please come if you are interested in helping in any way.

March 14-16

Elementary School Retreat at Luther Glen

3rd-6th Grade

Cost:\$100.00

Talk with Pastor Rick for details.

“Circles” Community Ministry

Thursday, March 13th at 6:00pm

“Circles” Community Ministry for those with Economic Challenges

Meet with the Long Range Planning Task Force and representatives of Lutheran Social Ministry and Santee Professionals to explore this exciting national program to help those who are under an array of financial pressures.

Cleft Notes

Have you ever heard the expression “For Everything There Is A Season” Well, as you read this now, we are in the season of Lent. To be sure, Lent is not the most exciting season of the Christian year. These 40 days summon us to introspection and confession. Lenten hymns are the soundtrack of the wilderness, the place of testing, shaping and calling. If the wilderness experience was necessary for Israel and for Jesus, it is necessary for us as well. The tone of the music we will sing is more somber. We sing of wanting Jesus to walk with us, of how God so loved the world, of guidance, hope, and songs of both our sins and God’s forgiveness. I hope you will find time to worship with us on Wednesday evenings and participate in our Wednesday evening Lenten supper at 6 PM and the Service of Light at 7 PM,

as we sing of Jesus being the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome. The word and music will help lead us through the wilderness. And we will lift up our voices and hands, as an offering to God.

Marvin Hamilton

Upcoming Youth and Young Adult Events

God’s Gifts

God’s Gifts is a 10 week program for preschool to 3rd grade. Thank you to Pastor Rick, Alyssa Perna, and Selina Weber for leading this children’s ministry. The time included a take home Bible lesson called “Heroes of the Bible” and very short memory verses and questions to be answered from the lesson.

Confirmation – Sunday 11:45 a.m. to 12:30

Pastor Rick and Jessie Liscomb are teaching confirmation for youth in 6th or 7th grade. It is a 2 year program and takes place during the school year on Sunday mornings from 11:45am to 12:30pm. Confirmation includes sermon notes, community service, retreats and a summer camp just for confirmands. Remember that to be paid staff at Make a Joyful Noise summer camp it is *required* that all the staff be confirmed.

The confirmation youth attended the winter retreat February 21- 23, 2013 at Luther Glen and Camp Yoliwja with Pastor Rick, Belinda Karge and Alyssa Perna.

One Salvation – Tuesday 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

One Salvation Youth Led Service is an interactive time to share what God is doing in our lives, and how all we do is centered on his word. The message is scripture based with audio-visuals. All youth are welcome Tuesday night’s at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Immediately following One Salvation is a **homework club**.....8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Youth are encouraged to bring their homework and work collaboratively and/or get support. Belinda Karge and Alyssa Perna in collaboration with other adult

volunteers support both One Salvation and the homework club.

During the winter retreat, the high school youth visited the Lutheran Mission in San Bernardino



Rummage Sale – March 8th

We are having a rummage sale March 8th from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you have something to donate please let us know! We would be glad to pick items up or items can be dropped off at church the week prior to the sale.

Dudley's Bread sale – in time for Easter!

\$5.00 loaves of bread and \$15.00 pies in time for Easter – order yours from one of the youth

Make a Joyful Noise Art and Music Camp

July 7, 2014 to July 25, 2014
Theme: Around the World

This year will be our 10th year and special pricing will include \$100 a week and only \$10.00 for every week after! Since camp opened our price has been \$100 a week – so this will be a significant savings. A child can come all three weeks for \$130 – what a deal! Tell your friends. Camp runs 9:00 to 3:00 daily with before and after care available for a minimal fee.

Women's Bible Study

All women are welcome to attend the women's bible study now meeting on Thursday's from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the church office. The study uses the women of faith series (cost is \$10 for the book; however, book is not required). Each week the women pray for the children and youth of the congregation as well as any special requests given to the group. Come join us!

School reunion

June 28th Carlton Hills School reunion – if interested contact Pam Myers.

March Birthdays

- 1 Peter Callaway
- 2 Owen Brown
- 3 Allen Chertkow
- 4 Tyler Sevcik
- 6 David Hustad
- 7 Roxana Hokenstrom
- 9 Betty Pendergast
- 10 Jennifer Brown
- 10 Ronald Dixon
- 11 Marsha Browne
- 13 Joshua Callaway
- 14 Jason Owens
- 16 Matthew Chertkow
- 16 Florence Hustad
- 16 Lee Strand
- 19 Eric Hustad
- 20 Deanna Sampson
- 21 Fern Gates
- 22 Sharlyn Rocha
- 22 Christopher Salaz
- 23 Jeane Schutza
- 24 Michael Childers
- 24 Stephan Paulsen
- 28 Richard Schowalter
- 28 Sheaele Einfeldt
- 30 Michael Sallay
- 30 Joanne Huber

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

March Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick,
Lector: 2- Ellie Timan 4- Marie Freeman
9- Skip Taylor 16- Danil Koch
23- Owen Brown 30- Tovia Owens
Greeter: 2, 4, 9- Taylor Family
16- Marie Freeman 23, 30- Heather Gasner
Communion Assist.: Lyn and Charlotte
Arthurton
Communion Care: Laura Vaughan
Stephen Minister of the Week:
S. M., Communion Prayer Loft
2- Diedra Zeller Carol Davidson
9- Heather Gasner Kathy Darland
16- Carol Davidson Ellie Timan
23- Heather Gasner Diedra Zeller
30- Ellie Timan Heather Gasner
Ushers: TBA

March Anniversaries

1 Daniel & Jessica Blagg
12 Fred & Norma Borgeson
15 Darrel & Jeanna Timan
19 Jesse Lipscomb & Juliana Avendano
19 Danil & Robert Koch
25 Linda & William Conklin



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Come for one week or all three!

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Children ages preschool-7th grade
Camp performance
July 24, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

**\$100 for the first week and
\$10 each remaining week**