

# The Echo

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*The Monthly Newsletter of:*  
**Carlton Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**St. Columba Episcopal Church**  
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*Worship Service Sunday 9:00AM*

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*Youth Minister: Selina Kaufman*



## **St. Columba Episcopal Church**

9720 Cuyamaca St., Santee, CA 92071

*Worship Service Sunday 11:00AM*

*Pastor Rick Schowalter*

*Vestry:*

*Bishop's Warden: Ann Siracusa  
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## Pastor's Page

Matthew 25:23 "The master said, 'Well done my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling the small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'"

This verse is from a parable where a master gives his three servants varying amounts of silver.

One was given 5 bags of silver, another 2 bags of silver and the other one a single bag of silver. The two with more silver invested the silver and doubled what they could return to their master upon his return. The one with one bag of silver buried the one bag and only had the one bag to return. The master was full of praise for the servants who invested what was entrusted to them and were able to multiple the returns, while the master condemned the servant who buried the one bag and had no profit to show the master upon his return. I think what really bothered the master more than anything is that the one who buried the one bag of silver said that he did so because he feared the master and said: "Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn't plant and gathering crops you didn't cultivate. I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth." The parable has a clear message to us.

Invest the wealth that God has given us because God expects a return on what he has given us.

Also the parable clearly says that the opposite of faith is fear and we need to step out in faith and not fear in investing our lives with Jesus.

There are two people from our church who have recently been placed in hospice care. One is Sylvia Smith who is a long time member of our church and whose husband died at our church just before I arrived at Carlton Hills. The other is Pat Cline who is the mother of Pam Meyers. Pat has recently been very active at Carlton Hills and has come several times to our senior lunch on the first Tuesday of the month. Pat's daughter Pam Meyers is a long time member of our church and leads the ladies of our church through the Dorcas circle. Sylvia has ovarian cancer that has spread at least to her stomach if not other areas of her abdomen. Pat has diabetes which is a major contributing factor in a very infected foot that is black with

infection. I am a part of both of their lives and I see them both regularly.

Since the writing of this "Pastor's Page" Pat has died. Her passing was extremely fast, but given her deteriorating health it was a blessing. Pat's memorial Service was on February 25th at Carlton Hills.

Many people ask me if it is hard to visit people who are so sick and often are dying. I will have to admit that it may be hard to visit them, but I consider it an honor. Visiting the sick and visiting the dying is one of the most rewarding parts of my experience as a pastor. These times when death draws near are what I describe as "Holy Times" and often these times of passing to the life to come will be the most remembered times of a person's whole life.

I remember when my Dad died like it was yesterday. My Dad was diagnosed with liver cancer, but he also had cancer in his esophagus and his lungs. I was able to get all three of my daughters to his bedside three days before he died and we all had communion together along with my wife Deby and my Mom. The last thing my father ate in this world was the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

My Dad left his mark in this world. He was a hard worker and he was a loving and sensitive man. What was great about my Dad is that he was not always so sensitive. My Dad improved with age. In many ways when I was younger my Dad was feared and hard to live with. But as he grew older it was wonderful to see how sensitive and kind and warm and generous he became. The wealth given my Dad multiplied over time and he had much to offer his Lord in return as he entered eternity.

I will soon leave Carlton Hills and St. Columba's as pastor, but my greatest prayer is that what I have left behind will multiply and grow. I believe the test of a pastor is not what happens while they serve a congregation, but what that congregation is able to do when the pastor leaves. God requires that we invest and multiply what we have been given and that we live in faith and not fear. May

the Lord return and fine you with much to offer Him in the Kingdom to come.

Pastor Rick

<b>Attendance For January</b>			
	9:00a.m.	Tue	Total
1/1	60	11	71
1/8	82	10	92
1/15	68	12	80
1/22	58	10	68
1/29	69	12	81
<b>January Finances</b>			
Income		<b>\$12,107</b>	
Expenses		<b>\$11,386</b>	

### **Senior Lunch Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

The second Tuesday of the month when you are invited to the Senior Lunch at a local restaurant. In March beginning at 11:30am, please join us at Red Lobster at 8703 Murray Drive La Mesa.

### **Feed the Homeless**

Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm we will travel to T.A.C.O. or the Third Avenue Charitable Organization through First Lutheran Church in San Diego to feed about 200-250 homeless or low income people. Let Pastor Rick know if you can go so there is plenty of room in his car.

### **Grief Support Group**

The grief support group meets the third Saturday of each month. The group will meet Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at Norma Borgeson's at 2149 Hillslake Drive in El Cajon.

### **Women's Mid-Week Bible Study**

You are all invited to a "Women of Faith" Bible Study on Thursdays in March at 9:00am in the church office.

Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Come for the Word and the fellowship!!

### **Ash Wednesday**

Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> we will begin Lent with the imposition of Ashes at the 7:00pm worship service. Please join us!

### **Lenten Worship Schedule Personalities Around the Cross**

Ash Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>

Peter: Mark 14:26-31

Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup>

James and John: Mark 14:32-42

Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup>

Judas: Mark 14:3-11

Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Chief Priests and Scribes: Mark 14:53-65

Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup>

Pilate: Mark 15:1-15

Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup>

Soldiers and The Women: Mark 15:16-24

Maundy Thurs 7:00pm at

Carlton Hills April 13<sup>th</sup>

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

7:00pm at St. Columba's April 14<sup>th</sup>

### **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 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.

## Preschool Coming Soon

The Preschool Planning Committee of Carlton Hills Lutheran Church has good news. We are planning on opening our preschool/childcare center soon. We have been considering this for some time and are working towards getting plans finalized and permits approved.

Here is a glimpse of our plans:

- Our preschool will be licensed for up to 24 children ages 2 to 5 per day.
- Our curriculum will be developed to meet the needs of the young children we serve. Including intellectual, physical and social emotional development in a loving Christian environment.
- The hours will be full time and depend on daytime community needs.

Much work has to be done before we will be ready to open. Work has started. Thanks to Mae Hustad our permit is being evaluated. We anticipate the building to be moved in April. Once the building is set up, we will need lots of help. Pastor has been working diligently to get ready for the move. Unfortunately we will not be able to open before he retires, however, let's see how much we can accomplish. Help is needed in many areas both work and donations.

One of the ways you can help is by purchasing one of the following:

Tricycles \$130 - \$150 each

Tables - \$240 each, we need 4

Chairs - \$40 each, we need 24

Cots - \$50 each, we need 24

Storage Cubbies - \$600 each

For answers to questions please text or call Marian (619-368-1092) or call the church office and leave a message.

## Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

SD Christian College Sunday

## Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

Congratulations Jim and Deidra Zeller

On your wedding vow renewal!

## Long Range Planning

This committee made up of both Carlton Hills and St. Columba's members will set our churches direction for the coming year. The group meets on Monday, March 20th at 6:00pm for one hour and is looking for new members. Please consider joining us. We meet in the Carlton Hills library.

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE NOTES

Well...Here we are in the month of March and the beginning of Lent! Do you notice the changes of colors on the Altar? Each color has a significance of a date and time in the church year calendar. The color for Lent is purple. Would you be interested in changing the colors on the Altar? The banners that hang from the cross behind the altar are added from time to time to bring a message.

Do you notice the(Eternal Light)eight day candle always burning above the Altar area? None of these things are hard to do, but are a necessary part of our service each week. Lenten services on Wednesday night are such a blessing when singing the Holden Prayer (like incense lifting up). Consider coming to at least one service. Your heart will be lifted up also! Contact me...training is free and so re-warding.

Thank You to Usher team #3, Jack and Marie Youngblood, Jackie Gammon and Nancy Kern for serving in the month of February.

Also to Darrel & Jeanna Timan, Keri Hyles,Lyn Arthurton, Setzer Family and Carol &Ron Dixon for serving as variousWorshipAssistants.

May we all Serve The Lord With Joy!

Charlotte Arthurton  
Worship Committee

## **Children/Youth & Family Ministry**

### **Tuesday Night Events**

Dinner at 5:30 pm- all are welcome!

God's Gifts (pre k & elementary age) at 6 pm

Confirmation (middle school age) at 6 pm

One Salvation (high school and young adult) at 7 pm

### **Interfaith Ministry with**

#### **St. Columba's Episcopal Church**

At 9720 Cuyamaca Street south of Mast on  
Cuyamaca

Over the last 3 years Pastor Rick has been preaching weekly at St. Columba's Episcopal Church at 11:00am Sunday mornings. St. Columba's lost their priest to retirement and the ELCA is a "full communion" partner with the Episcopal church, which means among many things that they can share pastors.

During the next several years both churches are going to experiment with sharing the same pastor and a cooperative ministry. This would be a cooperation of ministry and not a merger. There would be two separate churches and one pastor. Both churches would remain separate, but they would also benefit from a close cooperation with the other.

This could be a great new direction for our church and we have a year to explore the possibilities of sharing ministry and buildings with each other.

### **Crochet at Church**

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month at 9am (on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat, this is right before Dorcas Circle). Come to learn, from scratch or help with a new stitch, skill, or pattern, or bring whatever project you're working on and come for the fellowship! (If you want to come just for the fellowship and leave off the needlework, we'd love to have you!) Kids are very welcome to learn or to play.

## **Altar Flowers**

Have you noticed how beautiful the altar looks when we have flowers either in front or on either side? You can sign up to recognize someone with flowers and then take the arrangement home with you. During the school year, the flowers are provided by high school students who are taking a Flower Arrangement class at El Cap. So, not only are we beautifying our church, we are also giving the students an opportunity to practice their skills. Additionally, we get them at a great price – only \$25.00 per arrangement!

In the back of the church, there is a Flower Chart. Simply sign up for a particular Sunday or Sundays by putting your name and the reason for the flowers (for example, birthday, in memory of, or honoring someone). Please sign up at least two weeks ahead of time. Then put a check or cash for \$25 in an envelope in the offering indicating your name (and envelope number) and the date for the flowers.

If you would prefer to provide your own arrangement, please feel free. Sign up on the Flower Chart and additionally indicate that you will bring your own bouquet. There is no charge.

Also if you have any vases, baskets, or containers that could be reused for arrangements, please give them to Jean and she will deliver them to the high school.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Jean Setzer at 619-647-3517. Thank you.

## March Anniversaries

15 Darrel & Jeanna Timan  
19 Juliana Avendano & Jesse Lipscomb  
19 Danil & Robert Koch  
21 Diedra & Jim Zeller

## March Birthdays

1	Peter Callaway	19	Eric Hustad
2	Owen Brown	20	Deanna Sampson
3	Allen Chertkow	21	Fern Gates
4	Tyler Sevcik	22	Sharlyn Rocha
6	David Hustad	22	Christopher Salaz
10	Ronald Dixon	24	Michael Childers
10	Jennifer Brown	24	Stephan Paulsen
13	Olivia Kole	28	Pastor Rick
14	Jason Owens	28	Sheaelle Swift
16	Florence Hustad	30	Joanne Huber
16	Matthew Chertkow	30	Michael Sallay
16	Lee Strand		

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

## CHELC February Ministers

**Coffee Fellowship:** Nancy Funick,  
**Lector:** 5, 12- Laura Vaughan 19,26- Jane Reaney  
**Greeters:** 5, 12- Laura Vaughan  
19, 26- Lyn & Charlotte Arthurton  
**Communion Assist.:** 5, 12- Sara Paulson &  
Laura Vaughan 19,26- Jane & Tom Reaney  
**Communion Care:** Youngblood  
**Ushers:** Lyn & Charlotte Arthurton, Jennifer  
Brown, Dave & Kris Francis  
**Stephen Minister of the Week:**

<u>S. M., Communion</u>	<u>Prayer Loft</u>
1- Ellie Timan	Jackie Gammon
5- Jackie Gammon	Diedra Zeller
12- Marian Privett	Katie Wentz
19- Carol Davidson	Jeanna Timan
26- Ellie Timan	Heather Gasner

## TACO Article for March 2017

Hello everyone, I hope that the New Year is treating you well so far. Here at the Third Avenue Charitable Organization, a busy holiday season has continued into 2017! We have been lucky to host many of you for our twice weekly meals, and appreciate all your time, interest, and donations.

Speaking of donations, we have had a record amount of clothing, hygiene items, and other items come in over the past four months. While storage is always an issue, I like to view it as a “good problem” to have. Indeed, sitting in my office right now, I am surrounded by numerous bags, boxes, and cartons of donations!

To all of you that have given, we at TACO deeply thank you. Please know that we have renewed our efforts to not only sort and organize your donations quickly, but to give them out a.s.a.p. After all, the items don't benefit anyone sitting on a shelf. If there are any requests I could make it would be for men's underwear sizes S-L and for blankets. These are especially popular/necessary during the cold damp weather, and are given out quickly.

Thank you for your time, and blessings to all of you for 2017. I hope many of you can make it to TACO soon, and I look forward to seeing you!

~ Brad Young, TACO Volunteer Coordinator

# Carlton Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church

For Pastoral Emergencies:  
Call Pr. Rick Schowalter 249-3352 or 258-8775

## March 2017

Pr. Rick Schowalter 249-3352 (cell) or 258-8775 (home)

Church office:  
M-F 9 to noon  
Pr. Rick M-Th 9 to noon

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>5</b> 9a Worship &amp; S.S. 10:15a Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study 11a St Columba's Worship</p>	<p><b>6</b> 2:30p Feed the Homeless 7p Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>7</b> 10:30 Feeling Fit Exercise 5:30p Steph Min @St. Col (w/ Pr Rick)</p>	<p><b>8</b> 6p Soup Supper, Confirmation 7p Lenten Service Choir Practice after worship</p>	<p><b>9</b> 10:30 Feeling Fit Exercise 9a Women's Bible Study  Pastor Rick - PM Off</p>	<p><b>10</b> Pastor Rick's day off</p>	<p><b>11</b> 9a Crochet at Church 10a Dorcas Circle 4:30p Bible Study @the Blyth's 221 Brookview Ct, Santee</p>
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