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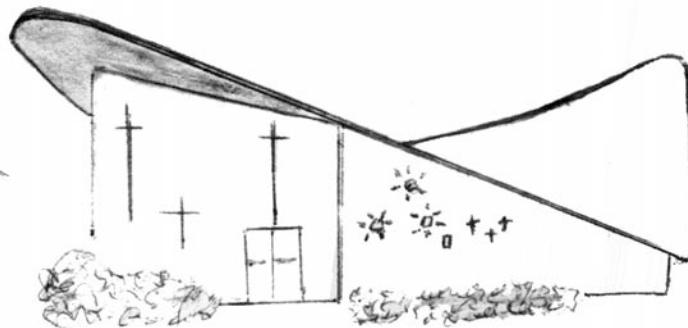
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Pastor's Page

By now, you should have received a letter from Sue Lisowsky, our Council President, outlining the financial crisis our church is facing — a projected \$34,000 deficit unless we do the following:

1. Raise income.
2. Reduce spending.

To meet this shortfall, we need to raise our giving levels by \$4,000 every month for the next nine months — no small feat. The \$1,250 a month (guaranteed income) we receive from Nextel for allowing them to store their equipment on our property can be set aside for general expenses. Our church council pledged \$705.00 per month, over and above their giving levels, to address this crisis. This amounts to \$1,955, nearly half of what is needed.

Can we raise an additional \$2,000 a month from our members? We will soon find out if this is a realistic goal. I realize that some of us are in difficult financial circumstances. Asking those who barely make it from paycheck to paycheck to give more is not possible. However, we are counting on those who are financially capable of giving more, to do so.

If we cannot raise the additional funds, we will have to cut operating expenses; however, there is little we can reduce or eliminate in this area. Ironically, in spite of a financial crisis, we are growing. Well over 200 people attended our Easter service. We had to set up chairs in the narthex to accommodate everyone. Over 40 children have attended Sunday school this year. They account for much of our growth, but they are unable to support the church financially. Young families, with children, are unlikely to have the income to help us out financially.

Cutting expenses means reducing our commitment to ministries outside our church, or reducing my salary and benefits. I refuse to lead a church that cuts its benevolence dollars first. If necessary, I insist that my salary and benefits be cut. Why?

Leadership requires an example of self-sacrifice. Jesus showed us how to sacrifice when He asked us to take up our cross and follow Him. I believe that if we “seek first His kingdom and His righteousness that all these things (daily needs) shall be yours as well.” We must retain our integrity as a congregation by seeking to serve others before we serve ourselves.

If we cannot raise the funds to meet our budget needs, I will move from three quarter time to half time at Carlton Hills. Some of you may not know that I presently work a

quarter time for our synod as the “Director of Youth Ministry Leadership” as well as coordinate four monthly network meetings of youth ministers in our synod. I also provide training opportunities for the youth ministers of the synod. My moving from three quarter time to half time would mean the following:

I would reduce my monthly salary by \$1,000 per month, and I would reduce my pension contributions by \$200 per month from 12 percent to 8 percent.

This would mean that I would not work Mondays and Thursdays at the church, and I would not work one Sunday each month. I would get another part-time job those two free days each week, and I would schedule lay preachers for the Sundays I am gone. I may try to have the summer camp pay for my extra time during its six weeks and begin my job search in August. This would continue indefinitely until our income could afford to hire me back.

This would not be the end of the world. Stephen Ministers could meet the emergency needs of the congregation on Mondays and Thursdays while I am gone. We already use lay preachers when I am on vacation. I am so grateful to Penny Sallay who puts in countless volunteer hours in the office and the many other helpers who come in during the week. We may need more of this kind of help, but the ministry would continue.

I am at peace with however the situation resolves itself. God is good. God is faithful. What an honor it is to serve our Lord in the ministry God has called us to at Carlton Hills.

Pastor Rick's Vacation Schedule for May

Pastor Rick will take two of his vacation weeks in May.

He and Deby will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary in Mexico May 8 – 13. Pastor Rick will visit his parents in Minnesota and his daughter in Kentucky May 22-27. He will not miss any Sundays in May during his vacation.

Pastor Rick will attend the Pacifica Synod Assembly with Carol and Tom Davidson May 18-20 at the Marriott in Irvine.

Joyful Noise Summer Camp Sponsors Needed

Summer camp is a wonderful ministry that blessed the children who attended last year by increasing their faith, developing their unique talents, and teaching them to

appreciate the arts. A three week sessions costs \$240(only \$2.66 an hour); yet many families cannot afford to send their children to camp. Would you consider donating to the camp scholarship fund or sponsoring a child for \$240?

“Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs.” - Luke 18:16

Youth and CHROS travel to IT3

Our youth will leave Sunday, May 7th at 1:00pm to attend the IT3 at St. Paul's Lutheran in Fullerton —a gathering that includes inflatables, lawn games, sports tournaments, worship bands, and a multi-media presentation entitled “The Change” by Camfel Productions. Our bishop will lead the worship service. October, Inc., a professional band, and CHROS (Carlton Hills Redeemed Outreach Singers) will perform for the 300-400 in attendance. The youth will return at 9:00pm.

Joyful Noise Meeting Dates

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| Tuesday, May 2 nd | Committee meeting at 7:00pm |
| Saturday, May 6 th | Staff interviews from 9:00am to Noon |
| Tuesday, May 15 th | Parent Night at St. Andrew's at 7:00pm |
| Thursday, June 1 st | Parent Night at Carlton Hills at 7:00pm |

Parent Nights present an overview of the camp's summer program and an opportunity for parents of potential campers to ask questions. We recommend that interested parents attend, even if your child attended camp last summer, because this year's program will include the following new additions:

- New curriculum;
- Professional music therapy;
- Spanish instruction;
- Weekly two hour practice sessions; and
- New inflatable water slide.

A new curriculum, featuring original art and music, will make the Scriptures come alive for our children using sign language, drama, and cartoons. Music therapy is an educational tool used to teach curriculum like multiplication tables or social skills like being sensitive to other cultures through music.

Camp is a wonderful opportunity for our adults to bond with the children of the church through private tutoring. The youth develop leadership skills that will benefit them

for a lifetime. All who participate in the Joyful Noise Summer Camp will surely be blessed.

Thank you! Thank you!

The fund raisers for the "God Account" outreach ministries were a BIG success!!

We raised \$505.00 for a surgery for a little girl from Ethiopia to have a surgery to correct a cleft pallet.

We collected hundreds of pounds of food for the Siempre Para Los Ninos Orphanage plus the God Account contributed \$700 to buy the perishables food items in Mexico.

We collected \$1,042.00 to help buy a van for the orphanage director Alejandro through the 40 bags of silver coin bags plus the God Account gave Alejandro another \$700.00.

The God Account will also give Lutheran Campus Ministry \$300.00 from their Chili Cook-off the last Sunday of the month of April.

Isn't that all so exciting?

In the fall the God Account Task Force will reveal plans to support a local family or families in need.

God has blessed us to be a blessing!!!

Shaun Coleman

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers for my nephew Shaun Coleman.

Because of those prayers, he is beginning the long, slow process of recovering.

You can check on updates on his recovery on his web site, www.shaunpcoleman.com. My brother is making daily additions on Shaun's progress.

Also, we are asking for a card shower for him. The address is:

Shaun Coleman
c/o Western Medical Center
1241 West 17th Street
Santa Ana, CA 92706
Attention: ICU Bed #19

Shaun still has months of recovery ahead of him, so please keep him in your prayers.

Again, thank you and God Bless you,
Marie Freeman

Easter Pictures



Picture by Michel Weber



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Bulbs for Sale

Buy flower bulbs to support the summer camp. Brochures are available in the back of the church.

Easter Basket Update

Dorcas would like to thank all who bid on the theme baskets awarded at the Easter Brunch.

Because of you, we have added \$880.00 toward our planned renovation of the Acts Center.

Finish School Area

Please come to a work day, Saturday, May 6th to finish clearing the school buildings, remove nails from the remaining lumber and remove the carpet from the foundation. We are trying to get the site ready for portable buildings for the summer camp and provide an

alternate site with picnic tables and umbrellas for a reception area after church. We will start work at 8:00am and provide lunch for those who can stay until 3:00pm. Thank you for this labor of love.

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 28th at 9:00am

We moved the youth-led worship service from the fifth Sunday of April to the last Sunday of May to accommodate Confirmation Sunday. Come and support the following confirmands as they give witness to their faith:

Selina Weber
Michelle Gilliam
Ben Timan
Jessica Stewart
Tyler Sevcik
Cara Henson

Tuesday Morning Fellowship

The outing for April was a tour to the Creation Research Institute here in Santee, and even though, unfortunately, only 3 of us could make it, it was worth it. The tour guide, Bruce, was very informative and gave some interesting facts to the Creation vs Big Bang theories. Of course, we all know that God had His hands in on the Creation, and probably gets a few chuckles out of the Big Bang stuff. Our group had to leave a little early which might turn out to be a good thing. We want to go back, and some of those who couldn't go want to try again, so, we plan to schedule another tour sometime this summer. This gives everyone a second chance at this very worthwhile (and free) tour. Summer will also give those of us with kids, grandkids, guests, or a day off the chance to join us.

Our May out is planned for the 3 Tuesday of the month, May 16th. We will be taking a short scenic drive up the 5, or 805, to Encinitas to the Quail Gardens Botanical Gardens. There will be lots of walking included with this one. Spring should be a wonderful time to view the Gardens. I'm not sure of the cost, but have been told it is reasonable. We will need to car pool, so, hopefully, we will have volunteers. After we leave the Gardens, we can stop at the Carlsbad Outlet Stores. There we can eat, shop, view more flowers, rest, or people watch. Hope we can get a good group for this one.

We do need more suggestions of places to see or things to do around San Diego County. When we go as a group it is a great time for fellowship, and having more things to discuss. Plus, with the high cost of gas, it just makes good

sense to fill up the car with people and use the buddy lanes! I like the idea of having companionship when out exploring, hope you do too.

Stephen Ministries

Is it a sign of weakness for men (and women) to ask for healing and spiritual help in times of trouble in their lives? The Stephen Ministry program was built on the foundation of God's own people giving care to those in need during difficult times. It is never a sign of weakness to reach out for God's love when you are in crisis or you just need a little help to get past a rough spot in your life. Carlton Hills Lutheran Church started this care giving ministry by training members of its congregation to be distinctively Christian Caregivers. There is not a person among us that hasn't at one time or another wished that we had someone we could talk to, in confidentiality, in the confidence of a freedom from judgment, and trust that their sharing would be listened to with empathy, caring and prayerfully. We have two wonderful, thoughtful, caring men on our Stephen Ministry Team who have no one to give care to. Surely there are men in our congregation who could use their skills as caregivers! If you would like to talk to someone concerning your needs for such care, please give Pastor Rick a call at 448-1888, or Ed Teichner at 562-4561. If you have questions about the Stephen Ministry program, please feel free to talk to one of the Stephen Leaders listed below. We'd love to hear from you.

Carol Davidson, Ed Teichner, Ellie Timan

Save this date!!!!

Come and join us on Saturday, June 3rd at 6:57 p.m. for an old fasion ice cream social.

We will make ice cream sundaes and have all kinds of toppings.

This is a free night of family fun. Bring the kids!!!

We will have some games and possibly bingo. The plans are still being made - but do reserve this date to come and participate.

Volunteers Needed

Dorcas Circle is still looking for volunteers to serve on a committee to look into the possible renovations on the Acts Center and to acquire estimates for the proposed changes.

We have volunteers from Dorcas, but would appreciate several members of the congregation to serve on this committee. It will probably only involve several meetings

and making a report. You will not be responsible for following through on the work. It is simply an investigative committee. If you wish to volunteer, please leave your name with the church office. Thank you.

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Denny's in El Cajon, 13584 Camino Canada, at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 9th. Join in for some good food and wonderful fellowship. For more information call either Grace Otto, 448-8202 or Nancy Funick, 561-7823.

Dorcas Circle Notes

Dorcas Circle met on Tuesday, April 11 and after devotions, we filled bunny bags with candy to give away to the kids on Easter Sunday.

We plan to have an ice cream social on Saturday, June 3rd with more information to come.

We finalized the plans for the Easter Brunch and also the last bidding on the theme baskets.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Acts Center.

Texts for the Sundays in May

- 7th - Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:23-33, 1 John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18 - Color: White
- 14th - Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:26-40, 1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8 - Color: White
- 21st - Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 11:19-30, 1 John 4:1-11
John 15:9-17 - Color: White
- 28th - Seventh Sunday of Easter
Acts 1:15-26, 1 John 4:13-21
John 17:11b-19 - Color: White

May Anniversaries

- 2 Ron & De Hill
- 17 Michel & Marie Weber
- 19 Greg & Janet Roach
- 21 Jake & Keri Hyles
- 21 Pastor Rick & Deby Schowalter
- 26 Stephan & Sara Paulsen
- 27 Richard & Betty Maxa

May Ministers

- Acolyte: 7- Cara 14- Ben 21- Selina
28- Michelle
- Assist. Minister: TBA
- Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan, Grace Otto, Janice Davis
- Communion Assist.: 7, 14- Jennifer Brown & Tom Davidson 21, 28- Ellie Timan & Darrel Timan
- Communion Care: Dixons
- Edgemoor Hospital Worship: 28- Hustad
- Greeters: 7, 14- Ellie & Darrel Timan
21, 28- Nicole Davidson & Randi Davis
- Lector: 7, 14- George Montague 21, 28- Diana Coletti
- Stephen Minister of the Day: 7- Jim Thomas
14- Ellie Timan 21- Carol Davidson 28- Bill Blue
- Ushers: Lyn & Charlotte Arthurton, Jennifer Brown, Tom Davidson, Kim Naour

May Birthdays

- 1 Michael Aughenbaugh
 - 3 Susan Lisowsky
 - 3 Tayler Hildebrand
 - 4 Victoria Grant
 - 7 Crystal Boisvert
 - 8 Emily Weber
 - 10 Nancy Funick
 - 11 Caitlin Arndt
 - 13 Brison Tompkins
 - 13 Ryan Halloran
 - 17 Charlotte Kimbrough
 - 19 Carol Davidson
 - 19 Dylan Roach
 - 19 Anna Bloeman
 - 20 Austin Thompson
 - 21 E. Karge
 - 23 Amanda Jones
 - 24 Tammy Halloran
 - 25 James Shuey
 - 26 Byrna Haynes
 - 26 Benjamin Timan
 - 27 Robert Metz
 - 27 Julie Judd
 - 29 Christine Freeman
 - 29 Austin Hildebrand
 - 31 Marsha Setzer
- (If anyone was missed, please call the church office, 448-1888)

EASTER LILIES

Elizabeth, Ronald and Jillian Adams:
In Memory of Elizabeth's Father, Robert Lee
Jensen

The Arthurton Family:
In Memory of Loved Ones

Shawna Brunk Bagalini:
In Memory of My Father and Brother

Betty Berglund:
In Memory of Bob Berglund

Bill Blue:
In Memory of Devone

Lin Conklin:
In Honor of my Mother Nancy Funick

Janice Randle Ericka Davis:
In Memory of Randall Davis

Janice Randle Ericka Davis:
In Memory of Virginia Neel

Janice Randle Ericka Davis:
In Memory of Pastor Mark

Ron and Carole Dixon:
In Memory of Parents

Marie and Cole Freeman:
In Loving Memory of Harold and Florence
Coleman

Lynn Guichard:
In Memory of Betty Leo Guichard

Pat Guttzeit:
In Memory of Arthur Guttzeit

Hafer and Halloran Family:
In Memory of Mother, Grandmother, Great
Grandma and Amelia Reynolds

Florence and Dusty Hustad:
In Memory of Laura Hustad

Keri Hyles and Jeremy Hustad:
In Memory of Lucinda Babcock

Tim and May Hustad:
In Memory of Ruth Leung

Sue Lisowsky:
In Memory of Pop-Pop Lisowsky

Bob and Marcy Metz:
In Memory of Our Parents

The Naour Family:
In Memory of Virginia Naour

The Naour Family:
In Memory of Pastor Mark

Grace Otto:
In Memory of my husband Virgil Otto

Lucas and Robin Paulsen:
In Memory of Pop-pop Fellers

Tom and Betty Pendergast:
In Memory of Our Loved Ones

Royce and Marian Privett:
In Memory of Jeannette Privett and Wayne
Dunnick

The Ronnes Family:
In Memory of Kent Borek

The Sallay Family:
In Loving Memory of All of Our Loved Ones

Rick and Deby Schowalter:
In Honor of Our Daughters

Rick and Deby Schowalter:
In Loving Memory of Our Grandparents

Ed and Glen Teichner:
In Memory of Ronnie Teichner

Ed and Glenn Teichner:
In Loving Memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Fair

Ed and Glenn Teichner:
In Loving Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A.
Teichner

Bill and Mary Thomas:
In Memory of Parents

Darrel and Jeanna Timan:
In Memory of Delano Timan, Bob Berglund and
Mary Gooch

Eleanor Timan:
For all my Loved Ones

Eleanor Timan:
In the Name of the Risen Lord

Eleanor Timan:
In Memory of Del Timan

The Vaughan Family:
In Appreciation of all He has Done

The Weber Family:
In Memory of Marlyse Weber