

# The Echo

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## Pastor's Page

"If we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection."

Romans 6:5

This year's confirmation service will be Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at our 9:00 a.m. worship service. Confirmation is known, in our hymnals, as the "Reaffirmation of Baptism." This is an opportunity for us to understand what confirmation means to our church.

Confirmation is an indirect result of Martin Luther's "Small Catechism," a short summary of the essentials of the Christian faith, which includes five major areas of teaching:

- Baptism
- Communion
- The 10 Commandments
- The Lord's Prayer
- The Apostles' Creed

Martin Luther meant for his "Small Catechism" to serve as a teaching tool for parents to teach their children the basics of the Christian faith. Luther also wrote a "Large Catechism" for the church to teach the faith to adults, but this is largely a teaching of the medieval church and does not have the same meaning today as it did in the time of Luther. I don't think Luther would approve of the church taking over the teaching of the "Small Catechism" to our children. We, however, at CHLC provide parents with other methods of teaching the faith to their children: God's Gifts and other

programs where children receive lessons and activities to do at home.

Our confirmation program consists of two years of instruction, usually 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, but we have accepted children who were younger because they wanted to be confirmed with friends or siblings. High school youth, who missed confirmation in their younger years, have participated in our confirmation program.

The program teaches the "Small Catechism", the Bible, the application of Biblical ethics to our lives and an understanding of the seasons of the church year. Confirmands are required to take 16 sermon notes and perform 16 hours of community service each year. They must attend, at least, one retreat.

Once these basics of faith are learned, we believe our youth are ready to make an informed decision as to whether the Christian faith is what they personally believe. This is where the "Reaffirmation of Baptism" comes in. The Lutheran church baptizes infants who cannot choose the faith in which we baptize, but who still need what baptism offers, namely, the forgiveness of sins, the gift of the Holy Spirit and the opportunity to become a child of God. However, we still believe that a personal and public decision to follow the Christian faith is necessary. Therefore we have confirmation, which prepares the students to "confirm" their

faith and to reaffirm the gifts given in baptism.

If you are interested in learning more about confirmation or if you know someone who would like to be confirmed, please contact me.

The Scripture I quoted above states that "we are united" in Christ's death and in His resurrection. That "uniting" requires nourishment. I promise that you will receive that nourishment in our confirmation instruction.

Pastor Rick

### **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 May will be May 13th at the Denny's at 13584 Camino Canada, El Cajon

### **Finances and Attendance for March**

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	Total
3/2	81	28	109
3/9	91	24	115
3/16	89	24	113
3/23	208	no service	208
3/30	70	20	90

March Offerings: \$17,279

March Expenses: \$15,261

Operating Surplus: \$13,762

### **Chili Cook-Off**

Sunday, April 13th

Christ Lutheran Pacific Beach

This was the only fundraiser of the year for the Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry at SDSU. Our church was represented by Bob Metz who supplied a crock-pot of chili. Thank you for your donations. We collected \$344.00.

### **Synod Assembly May 1-3 at the Marriott, Irvine and Lutheran Youth Organization Event**

At the Synod Assembly and at IT5 at Our Redeemer Lutheran in Garden Grove on Saturday, May 3 featuring "Lost and Found" from Minnesota

### **Adult Study**

Sundays from 10:25am to 10:55am

Pastor Rick is offering an adult Bible study each Sunday in April and May that studies the words of Jesus from the Gospel of Mark

This adult study is at the same time that we are offering a Sunday School class in the library. What a great opportunity for parents to attend a Bible study while their children are in Sunday School

## **New 11:00am Worship Service**

The new contemporary worship service at 11:00am has already brought in a faithful worship attendance between 20-30 worshipers. This service is led by our children guitar players Jeremy Naour, David Gulliver and Tom Coletti. What a blessing these young saints are to our church.

The service is just a half hour long and seems to appeal to those with children because of the youthful music and the extra time needed in the morning to get children ready for worship. There is always a full sermon and communion. We are blessed by this alternative to the traditional worship service each Sunday morning.

## **Confirmation Sunday**

Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at both the 9:00am and the 11:00am worship services our confirmands will be sharing their faith statements with the rest of the congregation. How exciting! The confirmands have finished 2 years of study and have met all the confirmation requirements which include taking at least 16 sermon notes, doing 16 hours of community service and attending at least one confirmation retreat each year. This has been an outstanding class. You can be very proud of their faithfulness to the confirmation classes and requirements.

The actual confirmation will take place at the 9:00am service

but the faith statements will be a part of both services.

The following have completed the requirements and are scheduled to be confirmed on May 18<sup>th</sup>:

Tom Coletti  
Tiffany Coletti  
David Gulliver  
Stephen Salaz  
Jeremy Naour  
Matthew Quintanilla  
Ariana Quintanilla  
Brandon Avendano  
Grethel Avendano  
Betty Reaney  
Nicole Sevcik

Please come to honor and be inspired by our confirmands!!

## **Feed the Homeless**

Monday , May 12<sup>th</sup>  
Meet at church at 2:30pm  
And return by 6:00pm

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

## **New Hymnals Dedicated**

We will dedicate the new hymnals on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00am service. 196 of the 200 hymnals will be dedicated equally between Marge Steirer and Marsha Hamilton. We had one request to dedicate 4 of the hymnals to a past member by a daughter. Please set aside this time to worship and praise God for the lives of these wonderful saints.

## **Fall Festival**

A group of energetic and faithful volunteers met to make plans for our next Fall Festival. The tentative date was set for September 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 6:00pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Please come and join us. If you have something to add you can call our co-directors Terri Flores at 449-1497 or Michelle Gomes at 938-3295. This is a huge project but we already have several new additions to the festival.

### **Thank You Thank You**

Bill and I wish to thank the following people for their help this year in making Starlight tickets available once again, for our congregation and friends! Misty Thompson helped me schedule and work the auditions with additional help from Selina Weber and Jeremy Hustad. Betty Pendergast helped with the door prize letters and envelopes. Gary Berglund stayed with Bill so I could work the evening auditions with Misty. What a tremendous blessing! A special thanks to Marvin for excusing us from choir. It has truly been a team effort and I am so grateful and blest to have them as part of the team. GO TEAM!!!

Now please show your appreciation by buying the tickets at the same low price of \$15.00 each. The shows are **Crazy For You** June 5<sup>th</sup>; **Into the Woods**, July 10<sup>th</sup>; **My Fair Lady**, August 14<sup>th</sup> and

**Nine** September 18<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.

See you at Starlight—Bill & Mary Thomas

### **Stephen Minister's Commissioning**

We are so excited to announce the commissioning of your new Stephen Minister's on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>! This will be the fourth class to be commissioned since our inception twelve years ago. The commissioning will be held during the 9:00 a.m. service with a reception to follow. Those from CHELC are Vicki Haas, Marian Privitt, Mandy Vaughan, and from St. Columbas' Episcopal are Bill Bixby and Eileen Pierce. Please join us in the service and celebration with your love and support.

### **Senior Fellowship Luncheon**

Sr. Fellowship meets at Denny's in El Cajon, 13584 Camino Canada, at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Join in for some good food and wonderful fellowship. For more information call Grace Otto, 448-8202 or Nancy Funick, 562-9969.

## May Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick,  
Laura Vaughan, Grace Otto  
Communion Assist.: Grace Otto & Ed  
Teichner  
Communion Care: Grace Otto  
Greeters: Sallay Family  
Lector: 4, 11- Jim Thomas 18, 25-  
Jane Reaney  
Stephen Minister of the Week:  
4- Ellie Timan 11- Jim Thomas  
18- Kathleen Darland  
25- Mandy Vaughan  
Ushers: Jeremy Hustad and High-Up

## May Anniversaries

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

## May Birthdays

3 Susan Lisowsky  
3 Tayler Hildebrand  
4 Victoria Grant  
7 Crystal Boisvert  
8 Emily Weber  
10 Nancy Funick  
11 Caitlin Arndt  
13 Ryan Halloran  
17 Charlotte Kimbrough  
17 Christopher Diorio  
17 Tom Reaney  
19 Carol Davidson  
19 Dylan Roach  
19 Anna Bloeman  
20 Austin Thompson

21 E. Karge  
21 Amy Sigler  
23 Amanda Jones  
24 Tammy Halloran  
25 James Shuey  
26 Benjamin Timan  
27 Robert Metz  
29 Austin Hildebrand  
31 Donna Dudley  
31 Marsha Setzer  
(If anyone was missed, please call the church office, 448-1888)

## Texts for the Sundays in May

### 4<sup>th</sup> Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14  
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-25 (4)  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

**Color:** White

### 11<sup>th</sup> Day Of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (30)  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
or Acts 2:1-21  
John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

**Color:** Red

### 18<sup>th</sup> The Holy Trinity

#### First Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
Psalm 8 (1)  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20

**Color:** White

### 25<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 49:8-16a  
Psalm 131 (2)  
1 Corinthians 4:1-5  
Matthew 6:24-34

**Color:** Green

# Easter Brunch

by The Confirmands



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