

# The Echo

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## Pastor's Page

Joshua 9:14

“So the Israelites examined their food, but they did not consult the Lord.”

This scripture is from a story where the Israelites were deceived into thinking that an enemy lived far away when they lived very close. The enemy was the Gibeonites who brought old and moldy food to Joshua, the Israelite leader, saying it was old because they lived very far away and the food became old in the long journey. The truth was this enemy lived very close and the old food was a deception. The purpose of the deception was to have the Israelites make a peace treaty with the Gibeonites thinking that they were no threat because they lived so far away. Joshua and Israel made the peace treaty and honored it even when it was discovered that it was made under these false pretenses.

Do we examine the food but do not consult the Lord?

We have a tendency to view some things as automatic. We may call these things “no brainers” because they seem so logical, so wise to our way of understanding. But have we consulted the Lord? Are we making all our decisions in the light of the Lord’s wisdom and not just our own wisdom? I often think that God wants to be a part of every facet of our lives but we shut God out and do not consider that God’s wisdom is often just a prayer away.

“The joy of the Lord is our strength.”

If we invite God to be a part of our every decision

we will honor the presence of God in our lives and God will be pleased and we will be strong. The most important decisions of our lives are the every day and seemingly little decisions.

Do we pray?

Do we listen before speaking?

Do we step back instead of rushing forward?

Do we think before we act?

Are we self disciplined enough to allow the risen Jesus to speak and act in our lives?

Are we diligent in the big things but miss the little things and then create the problems we are in one small step at a time?

I believe that if we can be faithful in little, God will put us in charge of much. I believe that it is the little things of life that get us into trouble and it is the little things that will get us out of trouble.

When our whole life is in God’s hands and things do not happen how we imagined they would we can either ask “Why me?” or “Why not me?” We can ask, “Why has God failed me?” Or we can ask “How is God working through this situation?” Maybe things are not going my way because they are meant to go God’s way.

When God squeezes us do we produce wine or whine? If we produce “wine” we are becoming the nourishment for ourselves and the world. If we produce “whine” we can miss the blessing that was intended altogether.

Let’s examine the food and consult the Lord!

Pastor Rick



Sadar Meal on Maundy Thursday

## 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](http://www.ytbtravel.com/chelc)

## 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.

## 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!

## 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 envelop and place that amount of dollars in the envelope to support this effort. Let's see if we can use all the envelopes!

## Finances and Attendance for February

### Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	Total
2/1	81	17	98
3/1	104	19	123
3/8	80	20	100
3/15	88	34	122
3/22	76	16	92
3/29	80	16	96

### Lenten Wednesdays

3/4	66
3/11	55
3/18	57
3/25	50

### February Finances:

Expenses	\$11,098
Income	\$17,772
Operating Surplus YTD	\$25,888

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> is the Olive Garden in Santee

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**Church Council will meet  
Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00p.m.**

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**Feed the Homeless  
May 11<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.

## Joyful Noise Summer Camp

Plans are being made for our summer music and arts camp. Mark your calendars for June 22-July 17<sup>th</sup>, M-F.

Our camp taps the creative energies of our children and enlists our youth in key leadership roles.

Contact Belinda Karge or Pastor Rick or the church web site for more details.

## Bingo FAITH Event (Faith Active in Teaching Hearts)

Please come on Sunday May 3rd at Noon to a bingo party for the whole congregation sponsored by our Confirmation and Jr. High youth. There will be bingo, prizes and food. The only admission is a pair of good old shoes that will be donated to "Soles for Souls" a Christian organization that supplies good used shoes to the poor in 16 countries. Free child care will also be available. If you would like to donate a prize please contact Pastor Rick or Stephanie Myers.

## Special Music Every Second Sunday at 9:00a.m.

We are excited at all the talent at our church to praise the living Lord. We have set up a schedule to allow you to invite friends who may wish to receive a special blessing by these gifted musicians and vocalists. Each musician will be asked to provide special music for the 9:00a.m. worship service during the offering. Here is a tentative schedule:

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** - St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble from Russia with concert during Mother's Day BBQ

**June 14<sup>th</sup>** - Brass Trio

**July 12<sup>th</sup>** - Joyful Noise Camp

**August 9<sup>th</sup>** - Bethany Timan and guitarists from the 11:00a.m. worship

**September 13<sup>th</sup>** - Marvin Hamilton and James Schloegel Duet

**October 11<sup>th</sup>** - Lynn Nichols' Organ recital

**November 8<sup>th</sup>** - Marilyn Thomas playing the Violin

**December 13<sup>th</sup>** - Lynn Nichols playing the Harp

Mark your calendars!!

## St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble for Mother's Day Worship and Concert

We are excited and honored to have the St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble return to us from Russia. This is the same group that was with us last year and inspired us with their beautiful voices and that amazing accordion.

This is a special treat for Mother's Day where the group will provide special music for worship and also provide a concert following the worship service to honor our mothers.

The food for the event will be a BBQ provided by the men of the church and if you would like to help with providing food, set-up or clean-up please sign up on the clip board in the back of the church.

## Why All The Mess?

We will soon be the home for the Santee Senior Lunch program which provides a hot meal of area seniors at little or no cost. The meals are prepared by the Salvation Army and the city of Santee has set aside \$30,000 to renovate our bathroom, provide 2 dish washers for our kitchen and install 4 air conditioning units in the Acts Center. The renovation is scheduled to begin in late April and will be completed by the end of May. The lunches will be served M-F and will begin the end of July.

## Confirmation Sunday

Congratulations to three of our confirmands who will be confirmed Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00a.m. service and who will preach at both our worship services. Those being confirmed are:

Wendy Avendano

Marshall Force

David Francis



These confirmands have passed 2 years of confirmation instruction and have completed a retreat, 16 sermon notes and 16 hours of community service each year.



## Thank You

A mere thank you seems so inadequate for the fantastic help, cooperation and support given to me during the recent Starlight auditions. A very special Thank you must be shouted from the rooftops for:

Gary Berglund  
Ed Kassahn  
Betty Pendergast  
Katie Timan  
Christian Vincent  
Marie Weber  
Selina Weber



Their help at the auditions was invaluable and Betty's help with the door prize letters was outstanding.

God bless you all so much for all you did. It is greatly appreciated.

Also, as a result of all this assistance we once again have received tickets to *Starlight's High School Musical* and *Annie*.

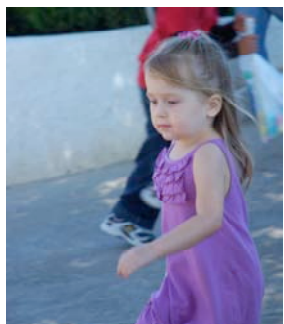
We have tickets for Thursday and Friday for both performances. Thursday tickets remain at \$15.00 each while Friday tickets will be \$20.00. Children under 12.00 tickets will be \$5.00 on Fridays and free with a paid adult ticket for Thursdays.

Door prize tickets are also available 3 for \$1.00 or 20 for \$5.00. If you have any questions or want to order tickets please call or see Mary Thomas. 619 449 1645.

## Directory Updates

If your directory is coming lose, it could be that your directory did not bind completely. I will be rebinding these after the 9:00 a.m. service on May 3rd. Please put your name in them, so they don't get mixed up.

Penny Sallay



## Council's Page

Council Minutes  
April 5, 2009

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

Jesse led us in Devotions: Titus 2:

Pastor led us in prayer.

Visioning:

Robert's Rules: Penny read Robert's Rules on making motions:

Volunteer of the Month: Penny explained the motion, in detail.

Pastor instructed Donna Dudley to write up a plan on how to proceed and to provide this at the next meeting for further discussion.

Trustee: Skip presented a brief on the grounds and facilities:

Pastor gave a brief on the updates for the kitchen and bathrooms:

- Bids came in at \$30,000.00
- It will take 1 week to install the AC's and remodel the bathrooms.

Jesse and Pastor gave a brief on the Solar Panels and SDG&E refund:

- Hank Schneider looked into SDG&E and discovered that we were still getting charged at the same rates when we had the schools.
- SDG&E has given CHELC a credit of over \$4,700.00. It is unknown at this time rather it will be by a refund check or a credit.

Laura and Penny explained that we are now getting rebates from various companies.

Next Council Meeting May 3rd, 4:00 p.m.

Adjourn at 5:25 p.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Penny Sallay  
Council Secretary



## May Anniversaries

- 17 Marie & Michel Weber
- 19 Janet & Greg Roach
- 20 William & Gail Orton
- 21 Pastor Rick & Deby Schowalter
- 21 Keri & Jake Hyles
- 26 Sara & Stephan Paulsen
- 27 Betty & Dick Maxa

## May Birthdays

4 Victoria Grant	20 Austin Thompson
5 Diedre Zeller	21 E. Karge
8 Emily Weber	24 Tammy Halloran
10 Nancy Funick	25 James Shuey
13 Ryan Halloran	25 Michele Strand
17 Tom Reaney	26 Zachary Zeller
19 Carol Davidson	26 Benjamin Timan
19 Dylan Roach	27 Robert Metz
19 Anna Bloeman	31 Donna Dudley

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

## Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Omelet Factory, 7941 Mission Gorge Rd, Santee, at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Join in for some good food and wonderful fellowship. For more information call Grace Otto, 448-8202 or Nancy Funick, 270-7187.

## May Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan, Grace Otto  
 Communion Assist.: 3, 10- Laura Vaughan & Kim Taylor 17, 24- Grace Otto & Jeanna Timan 31- Youth  
 Communion Care: Laura Vaughan & Gary Berglund  
 Greeters: 3, 10- Vaughan Family 17, 24- Dee Ryden & Jennifer Brown 31- Youth  
 Lector: 3, 10- Jane Reaney 17, 24- Gary Berglund 31- Youth  
 Stephen Minister of the Week: 3- Carol Davidson 10- Vicki Haas 17- Mandy Vaughan 24- Kathy Darland 31- Marian Privitt  
 Ushers: Darrel, Jeanna, Eli, Katie Timan and John Sevcik

## Thank you for your support!

Our Youth have raised \$900 from the rummage sale, over \$500 from the Tastefully simple fundraiser and almost \$300 from the Easter brunch. All donations were appreciated!

## Parents Night Out

Parents are you interested in a night out? The high school and college youth will sponsor a PJ night at church on May 9, 2008 from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. Price is \$5.00 per child and \$2.00 per hour for siblings. Anytime after the third hour is free. The evening will feature Mother's Day crafts, games, Bingo for prizes, snacks/pizza dinner and fun! RSVP to one of the youth or Belinda.

## Texts for the Sundays in May

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Fourth Sunday Of Easter

Acts 4:5-12  
 Psalm 23 (1)  
 1 John 3:16-24  
 John 10:11-18  
**Color:** White



### 10<sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday Of Easter

Acts 8:26-40  
 Psalm 22:25-31 (27)  
 1 John 4:7-21  
 John 15:1-8  
**Color:** White



### 17<sup>th</sup> Sixth Sunday Of Easter

Acts 10:44-48  
 Psalm 98 (4)  
 1 John 5:1-6  
 John 15:9-17  
**Color:** White



### 24<sup>th</sup> Seventh Sunday Of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
 Psalm 1 (6)  
 1 John 5:9-13  
 John 17:6-19  
**Color:** White

### 31<sup>st</sup> Day Of Pentecost

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
 Psalm 1 (6)  
 1 John 5:9-13  
 John 17:6-19  
**Color:** White

New and Returning Members



Andrew, Heather and Drew Bjorson



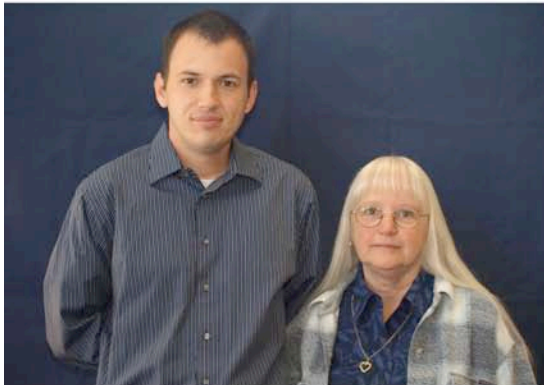
Erik, Stacey and Jack Parhiala



Kenneth and Joan Suess



Matt Kassahn



Michaele and Brandon Cobb



Michele and Abbey Hess



Keri and Jack Hyles

Celebrate Bethany Timan's  
graduation from the  
University of Nevada, Reno

Open House  
Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup>  
2 p.m. to ??

11015 Hillcreek Road, Santee

RSVP (optional)  
619-562-2219