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Psalm 84:3,4 and 12

“O Lord of Heaven’s Armies, my King and my God!

What joy for those who can live in your house, always singing your praises.

What joy for those whose strength is from the Lord...

What joy for those who trust in you.”

It is unanimous! Joy is the end result of being intimately connected with our Lord God.

So why all the troubles and difficulties? Why all the sorrow and suffering? Why does the “joy” escape us?

I believe the problem is not that the joy is not there; but our definition of “joy” is wrong and we are looking in all of the wrong places.

“Joy” is not a giddy feeling of self-righteous accomplishment. Joy is found in the Lord. Joy is found in worship, in singing praises to God, in trusting in God. We want joy apart from God and joy can only be found in communion with God. I am amazed at the “winner mentality” in our society. We look for joy in beating someone else, in winning the prize, in getting recognized, in putting someone else below us. How sad God must feel when we look for joy in domination rather than service, in winning rather than loving, in being better than someone else rather than in lifting up someone else, in being right and proving someone else wrong, in being honored rather than honoring.

Life is full of sadness because we have put someone else below us and we have decided to win rather than serve. Only one team can win the super bowl and everyone else is disappointed and waiting until next year.

I am a Minnesota Twins baseball fan and I recently got my Mom hooked on the Twins too. I have a confession to make. I record their games, because I often cannot watch when they are playing live; but if they lose I won't watch the

game. I only want to watch the game if they win. Where is the joy in that?

I urge you, as I urge myself, to find “joy in the Lord”. True joy means worshiping, praising and trusting God. I cannot find that true joy in anything else. I can only find a lasting, consistent and never failing joy by the depth of my relationship with God.

Seek joy where it only can be found!!

Pastor Rick

Finances And Attendance For February

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	Total
3/3 Wed. in Lent			72
3/7	69	52	121
3/10 Wed. in Lent			64
3/14	87	19	106
3/17 Wed. in Lent			57
3/21	100	31	131
3/24 Wed. in Len			53
3/28	106	36	142

February Finances:

Expenses	\$16,127
Income	\$11,793
Operating Surplus YTD	\$15,169

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 11th is at Denny's at 13584 Camino Canada, El Cajon.

Church Council Will Meet Sunday, May 16th At 4:00p.m.

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

Outfit for a special night?

Broken zipper?

Waist too tight?

Button lost?

It's Nancy you call,

Sewing, she does it all!

Nancy Funick, seamstress

(619) 270-7187 (619) 933-7823

Massage Anyone?

Matthew Kassahn the grandson of Mary Thomas has recently completed his schooling to become a Massage Therapist. He is located at 3142 E. Plaza Blvd., Suite T in National City. His massages are as little as \$60 for an hour. Contact Matt at 619-672-5981 or 619-475-6417 if you want to treat yourself or you want to give someone you love a special gift.

Second Sunday Special Music

We are excited to return to our special music Sundays once a month and most of those presentations will be the second Sunday of the month. What a wonderful way to share the wonderful gift of music that we possess in our church.

May 2nd the First Sunday of May with the St.Petersburg Ensemble from Russia with concert following between services

June 13th Lynn Nichol organ recital

June 11th Joyful Noise Camp

August 8th Guitar Trio of David Gulliver, Tom Coletti and Jeremy Naour and Bethany Timan

September 8th Men's Quartet of James Schloegel, Hank Schneider, Bill Orton and Marvin Hamilton

October 10th James Schloegel

November 14th Marvin Hamilton

December 12th Pamela Blyth playing Christmas carols on the dulcimer

Synod Assembly

May 6-8 at the Town and Country

Mission Valley

Bill and Gail Orton are our delegates to the Pacifica Synod Assembly but you may come to the Assembly as a visitor for just \$10.00 per day. This is a rare opportunity to hear the national bishop of our church Mark Hanson.

Here is a brief schedule where you are welcome to attend:

- Thursday, May 6th
2:00pm Report of the ELCA by
Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson
- Friday, May 7th
11:00am Eucharist Worship—Rev.
Mark Hanson, preaching
5:45pm Dinner (\$40/person) with
Keynote Speaker Presiding Bishop
Mark Hanson
- Saturday, May 8th
8:15am Report of Bishop Murray Finck
of the Pacifica Synod
10:30am Closing worship—Bishop
Murray Finck, preaching

FYI: On Friday afternoon the Assembly and the Youth of many of our churches will be going to various mission opportunities and two of those opportunities are at our church. One is a learning session on our Joyful Noise Summer Camp and the other is a hands-on mission project helping the seniors of our community through the “Caring Neighbors” program through Lutheran Social Ministry (LSS) that has its office at our church.

Women’s Retreat - May 28-30, 2010

The 50th anniversary year will be a time to celebrate many areas of spiritual growth at Carlton Hills. Ladies of the church you are invited to prayerfully consider attending the upcoming Women’s retreat, May 28-30, 2010 at Luther Glen Conference Center, in Yucaipa. There is a handicapped accessible meeting/living room on the first floor and an adjoining dining room. The retreat sessions will take place in the meeting room and the meals will be in the room next door. You can remain in the center the entire weekend (the ladies at Saint Andrews told me that some of them stayed in their PJ’s the entire weekend they were there!) or you can venture out during breaks to explore the shops and apple farms at Oak Glen, take a hike or visit the labyrinth, a continuous path used as a tool in prayer and meditation, with a spectacular view of the mountains and valley below.

The cost of the entire weekend, including three meals on Saturday and one meal on Sunday is \$150.00. You can choose to arrive on Friday night or Saturday morning. And if you need to leave Saturday night or early Sunday morning that is okay. Car pools will be arranged. The conference center offers 15 semi-private rooms, each with its own private bath. Most of the rooms have twin beds, linens are provided. The center can accommodate 38 women. This retreat is open to any woman in the church age 14 and up. We are encouraging the youth and young adult women to come with their mom. In these cases the parent fee is \$150.00 and the youth or young adult is \$100 (the church will pay for the additional \$50). See Belinda Karge or Ellie

Timan for registration information or email her at bkarge@fullerton.edu. Let's try for 100% attendance! We need your final funds by May 15th.

Make A Joyful Noise Camp

June 28, 2010 to July 23, 2010

This summer we will be hosting our 6th annual Make a Joyful Noise Art and Music Camp. Camper Applications will be now posted on the website and will be due prior to the beginning of camp. If you are able to provide a scholarship for a camper, please see Belinda Karge or email at [bkarge@fullerton](mailto:bkarge@fullerton.edu).

Youth Events

All three youth groups continue to meet on Wednesday evenings for celebration, prayer, pizza, and bible study. Junior High meet from 6:30 to 7:15p.m. and High school and College meet from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

February 13-15th nine youth and Stephanie and Belinda attended the Winter Retreat at Luther Glen. The retreat was sponsored by LRCC. All involved had an amazing weekend.

In March a large group attended the peer ministry retreat with Pastor Rick and Stephanie.

In April the youth and their parents, Belinda and Stephanie teamed together to host the Easter Breakfast to fundraise for El Salvador.

Many of our youth will be camp counselors for our day camp this summer. Praise God for these amazing young people!

**Sunday, May 30th is
Confirmation Sunday
at the 9:00a.m. service**

Come to support our youth and hear their faith stories and witness

A Brunch to Remember

This truly was a brunch to remember. We had an out pour of support from our youth and their generous donations and the congregation who also came to support us. All the proceeds went to our El Salvador trip coming up in July. Thank you for all your contributions towards our trip. I'd like to say thank you to EVERYONE who helped make that morning amazing. I feel so blessed to have the support that we do. This is a great start to a trip that's going to be so meaningful to all of us.

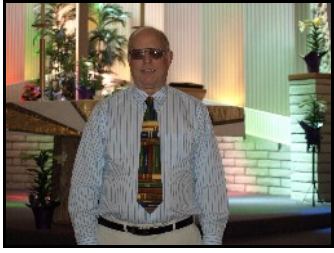
Thank You Stephanie

Hi everyone. I would like to start by saying thank you so much for the generous donations toward our mission trip to El Salvador. I am so excited to go and experience this opportunity. We had an amazing turnout for Easter Brunch, and we raised a ton of money. It makes me happy to know the whole Congregation is behind Steph, Sarah & I. This trip is going to make a huge impact on both my life and my journey in my Lutheran faith. We will bring back knowledge, stories and most of all memories. Each person in this church is part of this mission. Thank you all so much. I can't wait to bring back something we can all use to make each other stronger in our faith.

Betty Reaney

Volunteer Of The Month:

We started our Volunteer of the Month on Easter Sunday. Our first volunteer selected was Jeff Sallay. Jeff has been a member for



24 years and has been active in the church volunteering for Lector, Usher, Greeter, Chair of the Gifts and Memorial

Task Force, Chair of the Nomination Committee, Chair of the Audit Committee and assist when needed for Fund Raisers.

Congratulations to Jeff Sallay and thank you for your faithful service.

Our next Volunteer of the Month will be drawn on Sunday, May 2nd during the 9:00 a.m. Service.

Penny Sallay

Celebrating the Saints Anniversary Wall:

Own a piece of our history and future!!

Purchase your plaque for the Anniversary wall for \$250.00 and get a free DVD full of pictures from the last 50 years of Carlton Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church.

We need 50 plaques sold to start ordering the plaques and to build the wall. We currently have 30 plaques sold or pledged. If we get 20 more plaques pledged or sold, we can start ordering.

We realize times are hard and this is a lot of money, so we are also offering a payment plan that fits your budget.

Don't miss out on this beautiful opportunity. Make your pledges today.

Plaques are being sold every Sunday between services. You may see or contact Penny Sallay for the details:

Congratulations to the family's that have purchased or pledged their plaques. Special thanks go to all of our sponsors.

Penny Sallay
psallay@cox.net

Pacifica Synod ELCA Announces

The 2010 Pacifica Synod Assembly includes a mission festival on Friday, May 7, 2010. As part of the festival, active duty military personnel from our synod will be recognized.

Please note, we are looking for members or active participants of our congregations, not family members outside of the congregations. Only active duty personnel should be included.

Information for which we are looking:

- Name with full title and rank
- Duty station
- If deployed – where deployed
- Name of Congregation

We would like a response from all congregations, even if the response is that you have no military members.

Responses should be sent via e-mail to Eunice Hanson at eunicehanson@cox.net or you may mail to:

Eunice Hanson
3627 Cerro Ave.
Oceanside, CA 92056

Council Minutes

April 11, 2010

Devotions:

Jesse led us in Devotions:

- Romans 12:9-13: Marks of the True Christian
- Romans 14:1-3: Do not Judge One Another
- Pastor explained the cultural and historical background of the second passage.

Visioning:

The focus of this month's visioning was the 2008 audit:

- Jeff Sallay reviewed the 2008 audit.
- The committee for the 2008 audit has put together check lists and templates that should make the job easier for future audit teams.
- The audit committee will send copies of the audit to the Council so that we can consider the recommendations.
- The Council extends heartfelt thanks to those who worked on the 2008 audit.

Old and New Business:

Reports were presented and approved.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meetings

- Sunday, May 16 , 4:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Blyth
Council Secretary

May Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan,
Grace Otto

Communion Assist.: 2, 9- Jeanna & Darrel Timan
16, 23- Gary Berglund and Amanda Vaughan
30- Youth

Communion Care: Laura Vaughan

Greeters: 2, 9- Sevcik Family
16, 23- Francis Family 30- Youth

Lector: 2, 9- Laura Vaughan
16, 23- Marie Freeman 30- Youth

Stephen Minister of the Week: 2-Carol Davidson
9- Ellie Timan 16- Mandy Vaughan

23- Marian Privitt 30- Kathleen Darland

Ushers: Penny Sallay and Confirmands

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Denny's, 3584 Camino
Canada, El Cajon at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 11th.
Join in for some good food and wonderful
fellowship. For more information call Grace Otto,
448-8202 or Nancy Funick, 270-7187.

May Anniversaries

17 Marie & Michel Weber
20 William & Gail Orton
21 Deby & Pr Rick Schowalter
21 Keri & Jake Hyles
26 Sara & Stephan Paulsen
27 Betty & Dick Maxa

April Birthdays

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

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