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Pastor's Page

The Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonica about His role in their spiritual development. As I read what Paul wrote about himself and those who ministered with him I thought of Pastor Mark Neuhaus and his ministry at Carlton Hills.

Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians 2:10-11: "You yourselves are our (Pastor Mark's) witnesses – and so is God – that we (he) were (was) devout and honest and faultless toward you believers. And you know that we (he) treated you as a father treats his own children."

Pastor Mark Served as Pastor of Carlton Hills from 1984-2003, almost 20 years. Pastor Mark died of a rare brain disease called Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease. Pastor Mark was ill for just a short time before his death. His death was unexpected and a severe shock to our church community.



Last Sunday I asked our members to relate to me what are some of their favorite memories of Pastor Mark. The responses were heart warming. Pastor Mark was known best for his pastoral acts such as baptisms and funerals. His sermons were said to give lasting lessons that we can still learn from today. One member remarked how Pastor Mark helped their family through the suicide of a family member. Pastor Mark was known for "his sense of humor" and his "calm, assertive nature". One story was shared where the Sunday School children were considering doing a play based on the TV series "Dragnet". It was questioned whether a comedy Christmas play would be appropriate at our church. Pastor Mark's comment was, "The Word of God is heard in many ways. The congregation will love it."

On Sunday, November 23rd at Noon we are pleased to dedicate a lasting memorial to Pastor Mark. The memorial will be at one of the most prominent places on our church campus. The memorial will be a cactus garden to the right of the main entrance to the sanctuary and will include cactus from Pastor Mark's own garden. Highlighting the cactus garden will be beautiful granite slabs that will be engraved with Pastor Mark's name, his years in this world and a favorite Bible verse. These

granite slabs will also act as a barrier to the garden to keep unsuspecting young children away from the cactus.

Much work by Pastor Mark's family and friends along with the labors of our own Memorial Task Force has gone into the planning of this garden. A cactus expert was consulted to make sure the garden is safe and will be long lasting with minimal upkeep.

Following the dedication of the memorial there will be a catered lunch. Since this meal is being catered we are asking all who attend to sign up your intentions to come on a list at the back of the church at least two weeks in advance.

The garden has been more costly than we first expected and we are seeking donations of several thousands of dollars to complete the work and pay for the lunch. Donations can be placed in the Sunday offering or sent directly to the church.

I knew Pastor Mark as one of the pastors of our conference. I heard him preach several times at our Pastor's meetings and my first visit to Carlton Hills was at his invitation to show the conference pastors his church. I knew Pastor Mark to be

exactly how the Apostle Paul described himself and his helpers to the church in Thessalonica.

Pastor Mark was devout, honest and faultless. He was a true servant leader that will continue to have an eternal impact on the lives of many believers and especially to those who knew him as their pastor.

Pastor Rick

Finances and Attendance for September

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	Total
9/7	75	22	97
9/14	85	12	97
9/21	91	16	107
9/28	80	10	90

September Finances:

September Expenses	\$17,141
September Income	\$11,845
Operating Surplus YTD	\$13,861

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 November will be November 11th at the Anthony's at 9530 Murray Drive in La Mesa.

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" beginning with 1 & 2 Timothy. This study will meet every Thursday except the second Thursday of the month when our church council is scheduled to meet. This is open to any adult. Please let Pastor Rick know if you are interested in attending.

CHROS Practice moved to Saturdays

CHROS the music group for children, youth and adults has moved to a Saturday practice at 8:30am. CHROS meets every other Saturday and the guitars meet every Saturday. The November practices of the whole group is Saturday, November 8th, 22nd. CHROS is always looking for new members!

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

Wednesdays are Church Night

There is a big advantage to having almost all of our weekday church activities be on the same evening. This allows whole families to participate because there is something for everyone and with one night a week when the church has most of its activities it is easier to remember.

We would like to make Wednesdays:

"Church Night"

Here is the schedule:

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| 5:30p.m. to 6:30p.m. | Confirmation |
| 7:00p.m. to 8:30p.m. | High Up |
| 6:30p.m. to 7:30p.m. | Dinner and Confirmation/
Jr. High Youth Group |
| 7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. | Adult Choir |

Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

The women of our church now have a variety of options in which to invest their time and energies. Our beloved Dorcas will continue to function as primarily a craft and fellowship group that meets one Saturday a month. However we are looking forward to many more small groups soon to be formed which may include but not limited to the following:

- "Mom's Night Out" a fellowship group for mothers
- A quilting group making blankets for needy children
- Women's devotion group
- Women's Bible Study
- Women's Retreat
- Hooks and Needles Knitting group
- And much, much more.

If you are interested in one of the above or you have an idea of your own please contact Pastor Rick.

WELCA will meet once or twice a year with representatives from each of these groups to coordinate efforts.

Baby Shower for Keri (Hustad) Hyles Women of Carlton Hills!!

Keri Hyles grew up in our church. Now Pastor Keri and her husband Jake, are expecting a baby boy in early December. Jake is being deployed with the Marines to Iraq in January. Let's celebrate with a

BABY SHOWER LUNCHEON!

Saturday, November 15th

11:00a.m. in the Acts Center

If you would like to contribute to a group gift from the women of the church, please give your contribution to Grace Otto or Deby Schowalter by Sunday, November 9th, or put it in the offering in a marked envelope. Or you can bring an individual gift if you would prefer.

Feed the Homeless November 10th

Meet at church at 2:30pm and return by 5:30pm

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

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

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

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Anthony's in La Mesa, 9530 Murray Drive, at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 11th. Join in for some good food and wonderful fellowship. For more information call Grace Otto, 448-8202 or Nancy Funick, 270-7187.

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Sponsor a Confirmand

The Confirmation and Jr. High retreat will be November 21-23. The cost of the retreat is \$159.00. This is a difficult cost for many of our families. We ask the confirmand to pay \$59.00 and we are looking for \$100.00 sponsors for each of the confirmands who will pay for the balance of the cost. We have 100% participation in this retreat. There are 16 registered to attend and several on a waiting list. Please consider sponsoring a confirmand for \$100.00 and you will receive a photo of the confirmand, a hand written thank you and an invitation to attend a "Thank you" event which will include a report on the retreat and good food. The display board of the youth attending is in the back of the church where you can find the photos and directions on sponsoring. PLEASE support this vital ministry of our church.

Budget and Elections Meeting

The annual budget and elections meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, December 14th between the worship services. Usually this meeting is held the first Sunday in December but Pastor Rick will be at the graduation ceremony of his youngest daughter Naomi and will be gone December 7th.

Pastor Mark Neuhaus' Memorial Dedication

Pastor Mark Neuhaus' memorial dedication will be Sunday, November 23rd at noon with a lunch to follow. This memorial will be a cactus garden at the entrance to the church with cactus from Pastor Mark's own garden and a beautiful granite stone highlighting the garden.

Pastor Mark left this world on November 25, 2003 while serving Carlton Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church for almost 20 years.

Please let the church know if you plan on attending so we can get an accurate count for lunch. A sign-up for the lunch can be found in the back of the church.

If you would like to contribute to Pastor Mark's Memorial or to the lunch please make checks out to Carlton Hills and place them in the offering or mail them to the church office.



Fall Is Full Of Faith

Family Active In Training Hearts

Mark Your Calendar

- † Nov. 2nd at 11:30 - All Saints Day Celebration (create a tree of thanks)
- † Nov. 23rd at 4:00 – Make Advent Wreaths
- † Dec. 14th at 11:30 – Cookie Exchange and visit from Santa

We don't just practice our faith, we *live it*. Each new day presents a new opportunity to deepen our relationship with God. Please come to our FAITH Events and share your love of Christ with others.

Our Church Family comes together as one for fellowship, fun, sharing and more. Come share your faith with one another, teach something new or learn something wonderful. ALL are welcome! Single, married, children, seniors, teens, friends, family, neighbors. EVERYONE is welcome. *FAITH Events are free. JOIN US!*

All Saints' Day

Is the day Christians give thanks for all the good people God has placed in their lives, especially those who are already with God in heaven. Let us remember and celebrate all God's Saints.

Join us on **Sunday, Nov. 2nd at 11:30** to remember those special people in our lives. Create a Tree of Thanks with your family, or prepare a thank you note to give to someone dear.

Sloppy Joes will be served.

Advent

As Christians, we use symbols to express visually the basic tenets of our faith and as reminders of the pilgrimage of our life in Christ. Symbols can have heightened meaning for us when associated with particular seasons of that journey. One such symbol is the Advent wreath.

Please join us to create an Advent wreath on **Sunday, Nov. 23rd at 4pm**. This is a wonderful family activity. Advent booklets will be given out to go along with the wreath you and your family make. Snacks will be provided. Please sign up if you would like to make a wreath. *Sign up is in the back of the Sanctuary.*

Christmas Cookie/Candy Exchange

Join in the fun of a Christmas Cookie/Candy exchange along with the special treat of a visit with Santa on **Sunday, December 14th at 11:30**.

Put on your chef's hat and get ready to bake! Please bring three dozen cookies/candy to *exchange* along with one dozen to share. Please do NOT use peanuts/nuts.

Be sure to bring your friends and family as Santa will be making a visit to hear your Christmas wishes. What a great photo opportunity!

Come enjoy hot cider, cocoa, coffee, snacks and fellowship. All should go home with a nice selection of treats to share with family and friends. Everyone is invited!!

2009 Faith Events

Put on your thinking caps as we will be holding an open meeting in the next couple of months to make plans for our 2009 FAITH Events (date/time will be posted). We hope you will share your thoughts and ideas. You can also email ideas to onegreatmt@yahoo.com

Ladies Evening Out "LEO"

Calling ALL Ladies! All are invited for an evening out. We can go out one evening every 1-2 months for fun,

fellowship and friendship. All ladies, all ages, are welcome. Each meeting one door prize will be given away!

For our first Ladies Evening Out (LEO) we will meet for dinner and conversation on Friday, November 21st at 6pm at Pinnacle Peak Steak House in Santee. When we meet we can then discuss our next outing so everyone can have a say. Perhaps we could plan a tea? A themed dinner with games? Go paint ceramics? Meet for coffee and dessert? Feel free to tell your ideas. RSVP required so we can make reservations if needed. Call or email Misty at onegreatmt@yahoo.com or 619-885-0561 if you would like to attend.



November Anniversaries

- 6 Ken & Jennifer Myette-Ashworth
21 Robert & Marcy Metz

November Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan,
Grace Otto
Communion Assist.: Sara Paulsen Marie Freeman
Communion Care: May & Tim Hustad
Greeters: Timan Family
Lector: 2, 9- Jeff Sallay 16, 23- Marie Freeman
30- Youth
Stephen Minister of the Week: 2- Kathleen Darland
9- Carol Davidson 16- Vicki Haas
23- Marian Privett 30- Ed Teichner
Ushers: Jennifer, Owen & Sydnie Brown,
Tom Davidson

November Birthdays

1	Mavis Rones	17	Betty Keehn
4	Marie Freeman	17	June Webb
6	Jeremy Hustad	17	Laura Metz
6	Zaden Fitzgerald	18	Dorothy Monroe
7	Joanne Schneider	18	Joseph Callaway
8	Michael Diorio	18	David Callaway
8	Nicole Vaughan	19	Eric Johnson
9	Shawn Caya	24	Ericka Davis
12	Corinne Reid	27	James Schloegel
14	Kent Thompson	27	Nancy Ripple
15	Kendra Martin	27	Heather Caya
15	Belinda Karge	27	Bill Blue
15	Tom Davidson	27	Heather Campbell
15	Richard Maxa	27	Josh Weber
17	Heather Gasner	30	David Gulliver

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

Iglesia de Cristo Tecate, Mexico

We have been working on a new Outreach Ministry in Mexico to enrich not only the children and families of this tiny new church, but to renew, redirect and strengthen our hearts and minds in following the word of Christ to "love one another" and to spread the word to all who are searching.

Iglesia de Cristo is a tiny brick church built on a little hill in the front yard of Jose and Rosa Gomez on the outskirts of Tecate, Mexico, just off the highway leading to Ensenada. The church has a beautiful view of Tecate in all directions and has become a real "love offering" to Christ through the blood and sweat of Jose and his helpers. The Gomez family and congregation have built this church with their own money. There is no "synod" or any other type of formal group or "main office" to help them with the cost of materials, labor or anything at all. Only his family and neighbors' love and dedication to Christ and thirst for knowledge and the blessings that this love and dedication brings to all of us Christians who believe and work toward following the word of God.

My husband, Dick, met Jose about a year ago and has been trying to get some help for him with the building of the church and congregation, but things just weren't working out. We visited with the family and congregation early this summer and we fell in love with the church, the congregation and Jose's family and all the needs started pouring out. Dick and I, happily, took on the project of providing windows for their church. That is all that was left in order to finish the actual structure and secure it from the elements. Then we started talking to Pastor Rick about the possibility of making Iglesia de Cristo an outreach ministry and things have just blossomed from there.

The congregation of Iglesia de Cristo is small, about 10 to 15 adults and 13 children. Some are "doing okay" by Mexican standards, which is really rotten in the standards of those living in the US, and some "have nothing" except for the joy of being a Christian and living a life of praise and glory to God. Therefore, CHELC would like to join hands with Iglesia de Cristo and help them to finish their church, support their children and help the families who need a little something extra in order to be more comfortable in life.

Many of the things we hope to provide are things that all of us have, take for granted and seem to be unable to live without. Things like a bed, a blanket, a jacket, shoes, food and even water and light.

We are collecting clothing, blankets, bedding, etc., at this point in time to take with us when we go down on November 5th. We have also had beds donated for one family of four who are sleeping on the floor and those items will be delivered by Dick and I on that same day.

But the main thing that we are putting together is a small food pantry at the church. Right now, we are looking for donations of cash to use to stock the pantry with the most basic of items that are needed. The money will be used to purchase the largest, I think they are 50 lb., bags of rice and beans at Costco and I plan to take Rosa shopping in Tecate to get items that are most needed and from there we will have an idea of things that can be donated through time to replenish the shelves.

One item that we know is very much needed is jugs or bottles of drinking water. Many of the homes do not have running water and water is often carried from neighbors' homes who are "rich" enough to have water tanks that they pay to have filled.

We have a refrigerator and an upright freezer that we are taking down for the storage of frozen/refrigerated items. We plan to make a weekend trip down to either build or install shelving in the back of the church for the food pantry. This could be a group of youth or even a couple of families. I'd like to get a Sears Christmas catalog to take down for the children to pick out a gift for Christmas which could be put on our tree for a Christmas delivery or party at the church in Tecate. The possibilities are endless and very basic for this tiny, but growing church. And we would like to ask all of you, your friends and neighbors to help us with this project in whatever way you can. Through the contribution of needed items, cash, time, or even just smiles and hugs for the people of Iglesia de Cristo.

So right now our immediate needs are: rice, beans, water, all sizes of men's, women's, children's clothing, twin and full size bedding, large candles and/or battery operated lanterns and batteries for light, and cash for the food pantry.

Any questions or ideas can be directed to Dick, Pastor Rick or me.

Vicki Haas
Council Member for Outreach

