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“Come unto me.”
Matthew 11:28

How wonderfully simple is the Christian call to discipleship. Most of the time in this world we are asked to do great things and we are disappointed when those great things do not materialize.

We are asked to be a financial success. We are asked to have a lot of things in our life. We are asked to keep up with the neighbor and the friend who have that new car, that new furniture, the latest electronic gadget and the latest trend. We go shopping to make us feel better about ourselves. That seeking for financial success makes us depressed and leaves us feeling like a failure. Often we fail to buy our happiness because we are still paying for the last purchase with high interest credit card debt on the previous purchase.

November is the month that we celebrate Thanksgiving. I love Thanksgiving for several reasons. One is that it is a national holiday and reminds me that this lesson on being thankful is for us all regardless of our beliefs or lack of beliefs. Also I love Thanksgiving because it is such practical wisdom. We are called as a nation to be thankful. How wonderful.

There is a temptation to be thankful for our prosperity as a nation. However prosperity is fleeting and will not really reward us on a consistent basis. Our thankfulness must run deeper or our thankfulness can easily be threatened by the latest report on the economy and the stability of the company or organization we work for.

To be truly thankful we must be people of faith who know the wisdom and the joy behind these three words from Jesus, “Come to me.”

“Lord I believe, help my unbelief.”

The question for the believer is what is keeping us from coming to Jesus? That question will always reveal our faithlessness.

Sometimes we don't come to Jesus because we want Jesus to bless our plans and our efforts rather

than for Jesus to reveal His plans for us and for Jesus to supply His providential care. We want life our way and we want Jesus to support our way. We don't want to come to Jesus, we want Jesus to come to us.

Sometimes we have other priorities. We plan on coming to Jesus but only after we have tried this or that way, or after we wait for a time to see if we need to come to Jesus or we wait to come to Jesus because we really don't trust that coming to Jesus is what we want. We will come to Jesus only as a last resort. We will come to Jesus when all other ideas have failed or we are desperate. How sad.

Jesus will be there if we consider Him only as a last resort but we will miss much of the joy of coming to Jesus as a top priority. If Jesus is a last resort we are not so much thankful for what Jesus has given us as we are breathing a sign of relief. Jesus has healed what we have ruined and provided for what is in need, but the emotional toll for our failure without Jesus leaves us with a bitter taste and being saved from drowning is a muted joy when we could have simply enjoyed the swim.

Let us “Come to Jesus” first and as a top priority. Begin the day with prayer and don't wait for the desperate prayer of deliverance when life has gone so bad that we are desperate for deliverance.

Thankful people are happy people. Let us pray the prayer of thankfulness at the beginning of the day and so much of our day will fall into place. The troubles will come but they will teach us. Sorrow will come but it will have a purpose. Most importantly we will live in the presence of Jesus whom we have embraced and who has been invited to be the central influence of our every moment.

Pastor Rick

Finances And Attendance For September

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	Total
8/2	93	23	116
9/6	87	24	111
9/13	71	50	121
9/20	76	46	122
9/27	85	25	110

September Finances:

Expenses	\$16,667
Income	\$12,087

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 10th is at Jimmy's in Santee, 9635 Mission Gorge.

Feed The Homeless November 2nd

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.

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

Adult Studies

Pastor Rick offers two adult Bible studies.

One study will be between services from 10:25a.m. to 10:55a.m.

The other study is at the home of Pastor Rick and Deby at 1630 Whitsett Drive in El Cajon at 7:00p.m. on Thursdays

Both studies will be using the new Lutheran Study Bible

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!

Church Council Will Meet Sunday, November 8th At 4:00p.m.

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:

November 8th - Marilyn Thomas playing the Violin

December 13th - Lynn Nichols playing the Harp
Mark your calendars!!

50th Anniversary Planning Task Force

Would you like to help with planning and celebrating the 50th anniversary of our church in 2010?

Our next planning meeting will be on Sunday, November 1st at 10:30am. Please come and help us to make this a celebrating of thanks and praise to how richly God has blessed our church.

Children And Family Faith Event Families Active In Training Hearts & The 4-5-6 Club Sponsor Advent Fair

On Sunday, November 29th at 4:00p.m. come to the Acts Center and make your own Advent Log as a family or individual and get a devotional that can help you to have your own personal devotions for Advent.

Confirmation And Youth Retreats

- Universal Studios November 20-22 \$150/person
- High School Retreat at Camp Yoliwiwa February 26-28 \$125/person
- Middle School Retreat at Camp Yoliwiwa March 12-14 \$125/person

Dorothy Monroe

Dorothy has moved to Washington State and she now has her own place. She can be reached at 509-524-4122 or mail can be sent to 1500 Katherine Street, Walla Walla, Washington 99362.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

What a beautiful way to give thanks to God to all that He has provided us than attending the Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00p.m. There will be no confirmation that Wednesday. Thankful people are happy people. Come to express your joy through thanksgiving in worship.

Church Member Spotlight

The church council during their September meeting gave approval to start a "Church Member Spotlight" insert in the weekly bulletins. With the growth of the 11:00a.m. Service we are increasingly becoming two churches. In the interest of getting to know each other better we will randomly select one of our members to "get to know" with a photo and information published in a bulletin insert. Those from the pervious month will also be featured in the echo. Donna Dudley who is the council representative to the Outreach Committee will contact these selected members and ask a series of questions like:

Describe your relationship with our church.

Describe what attracted you to our church.

Tell us about your family and friends.

What is your occupation and what things do you like to do in your spare time?

How would you describe your faith history and your church history?

There are so many wonderful people in our church and it will be so wonderful to find out some of the details that make us who we are.

Please welcome Donna when she contacts you if you are selected and share with us the blessing you are to us all.

Blessing Of The Pets Sunday November 8th Between Services

Please plan on introducing your pet and have your pet blessed between services on the church patio on Sunday, November 8th at 10:30a.m.

This annual event is a tremendous joy to all who attend and we all are very proud of our extended families in the animal kingdom. Please bring dogs on leashes and cats in carriers. All other pets are also welcome. Pastor Rick and Deby will introduce you to Stephen the fish. They are both very proud of their pet too.

50th Anniversary

The 50th Anniversary planners met again in September and the plans being made are so exciting.

The big celebration will be held on Sunday, January 17th which is exactly 50 years to the day when our church charter was signed. We have invited all the living pastors from our history and almost all of them are planning to attend. We are also going to invite the family of Pastor Mark and the church architect. He hope that all those listed will be able to add to the celebration in meaningful ways.

Here is the schedule:

9:00a.m. Combined Worship (No 11:00a.M.
Service This Sunday)
10:15a.m. Reception
11:00a.m. Program And Recognitions
Noon Banquet

We are also well on our way to approving a wall of celebration which will be titled:

“Celebrating The Saints”

“50th Anniversary 1960-2010”

The wall will contain over 250 granite bricks that for \$250 per brick can be etched with the name of a family or individual that has played or is playing an important role in making our church what it is today and will be in the future. The details have not been finalized but the proposal is exciting.

Please do everything possible to set aside this date on your calendar.

Our special thanks to the ladies of our church who are busy every Monday evening making crafts for the December 5th & 6th Christmas bazaar with proceeds going to make the banquet for the 50th to be a catered and no cost event for all who attend.

If you would like to help with this event please come to our next meetings on Sunday, November 1st in the library between services.

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. 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). Just think if you put down \$25 this month and then paid \$25 for each of the next 6 months your fee would be taken care of. See Belinda Karge for registration information or email her at bkarge@fullerton.edu. Let's try for 100% attendance!

Great News From TACO

Many thanks to all of you who supported TACO'S fundraiser, Sunset by the Sea! There were 130 people who enjoyed this elegant evening in La Jolla. The food was wonderfully catered by Lisa Retamoza of Dinner-a-go-go. Dr. Ellen Beck, "creator" of the student-run free clinics out of UCSD was honored for her work. This year's auctions brought in more money than the auctions last year! Though we do not have a final total, we were able to receive more than \$22,000 in contributions from this event, making this a huge success for TACO! Many thanks to Melanie Novak who chaired the Fundraiser Committee. Without her hard work, this event could not have happened! Thank you again to everyone who made it and to everyone who continues to support TACO in other ways.

As the chilly nights get colder and colder during this fall season, more people will be coming to our doors looking for help. We ask that you continue to hold the people we serve in your prayers, remembering God's blessed poor.

Ever-caring God, you who once came to this earth in Jesus and lived homeless among the people whom you love, help us to have compassion for the homeless among us. We know that it is painful to go to bed cold, hungry and outcast, surviving only on scraps from the garbage and castoffs from the closets of the rich. Help us to house and clothe the homeless by sharing from the abundance you have given us without begrudging or condescending. You have taught us that bread alone is not enough, but we pray that bread might be sufficient for all, and that you would add all those other things necessary for life and well-being. Teach us to share and love others in need as Jesus did when he walked among us. Amen. (Oremus III: A Book of Worship for Corporate and Private Prayer, Lutheran Student Movement)

Blessings,
Rachel Line

TACO Volunteer Coordinator

Council Page

Carlton Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
October 18, 2009

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

Jesse led us in Devotions: Matthew 12:33-37

- A Tree and It's Fruit.
- Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or its tree bad and its fruit bad.

Visioning:

- Nominations 2010: Penny briefed on who is re-electing and leaving council.
- Penny did her 4 years on Council and the Council Secretary's job is open.
- The following jobs need to re-elect:
Vice President, Treasurer, Parish Education and Youth Ministry.

*0 Budget Process: Laura briefed on the process of the Budget and who attends that board.

*1 Penny briefed on the New Constitution and Bylaws and who attends the Budget Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Anniversary Wall: Penny briefed the Council on the status of the Anniversary wall. The committee met and voted on the wall and the design of it. She explained and showed the design of the wall. Council agreed to the design of the wall.

Next meetings:

Council Meeting: Sunday, November 8, 2009, - 4:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Sallay
Council Secretary

Many Youth Groups Are Meeting On Wednesday Night In The ACTS Center.

Wednesday nights have been very busy this fall. At 5:30pm the confirmation class meets with Pastor Rick and Stephanie Myers. Then at 7:00pm High School and College youth join the confirmation youth for a pizza dinner and socialization time. From 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm there are two youth bible studies; one for High Up (High School and College Youth) led by Belinda Karge and One for Freshman and Sophomore High School youth (this is a new group) led by Stephanie Myers. If you have a youth or young adult that would like to join, let us know. These events are open to anyone in the age category! And save the date....December 19th as we will be jointly hosting a Christmas dinner and possibly a drama production.

November Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan, Grace Otto

Communion Assist.: 1,8- Kim Taylor & Grace Otto 15,22- Jeanna Timan & Gary Berglund 29- Youth

Communion Care: Grace Otto

Greeters: 1,8- Francis Family 15, 22- Dee Ryden & Jennifer Brown 29- Youth

Lector: 1,8- Jane Reaney 15, 22- Gary Berglund 29- Youth

Stephen Minister of the Week: 1-Mandy Vaughan 8- Kathy Darland 15- Ed Teichner 22- Marian Privitt 29- Ellie Timan

Ushers: Laura Vaughan, Norma Borgeson, Kathleen Darland, Marie Freeman, Betty Maxa

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Jimmy's in Santee, at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 10th. Join in for some good food and wonderful fellowship. For more information call Grace Otto, 448-8202 or Nancy Funick, 270-7187.

November Anniversaries

21 Robert & Marcy Metz

First Communion

All children who have not yet received first communion instruction are welcome to attend the first communion class on Saturday, November 14th at 9:00a.m. in the church library.

This class is for the children and their parents. Please let Pastor Rick know if you are planning to attend.

First communion will be at each of the worship services on Sunday, November 15th.

November Birthdays

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

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