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Pastor's Page

Psalm 85: "Righteousness goes as a herald before him, preparing the way for his steps."

The "him" of this Psalm are those who follow the Lord's leading. What a wonderful promise for those who seek the Lord's way in their lives. "Righteousness" will announce or "herald" the way and the steps for those who seek that righteousness will be prepared for. I want that promise! I want that promise for our church!!

Recently Ellie Timan, Stephanie Myers and Laura Vaughan made a trip to San Marcos to listen to a synod sponsored seminar that taught us how to do long range planning. It was called "Strategic Evangelical Mission Planning" and it was an exciting presentation. As Laura quoted, "If you fail to plan, plan to fail."

I asked Ellie to lead a group for Long Range Planning for our church. She took several weeks in prayer to decide and eventually said "Yes" to the invitation.

We now have a wonderful group who have said "Yes" to the invitation to look ahead as a church to plan our immediate future. The planning group includes the following along with Ellie and myself:

John Sevcik
Sarah Flores
Steve Schmidtke
Stephanie Myers
Jesse Lipscomb
Marie Youngblood
Pete Callaway

The seminar recommended that we look to the book of Acts to find Biblical direction but I have recently been led on a different path. I would like our future planning group to be centered on the question: "What is the heart of Jesus?" This question comes from a sermon from about two months ago where Jesus and the disciples are criticized by the Pharisees and scribes with the words, "Why do your disciples not live according to the traditions of the elders, but eat with defiled

hands?" (Mark 7:5) Jesus quotes Isaiah and says, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
But their hearts are far from me;
In vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

Then Jesus adds, "You abandon the commandment of God and hold on to human tradition." (Mark 7:6-8)

These words have haunted me ever since. Jesus is speaking to religious leaders who are very dedicated to leading their church. But Jesus levels the harsh charge of "You hypocrites!" and explains that these are a people who honors God with their lips but their hearts are far from God. So the question for us as church leaders is and must be, "What is the heart of God?"

How would you answer that question?

I want this group to struggle over that question.

I had the church council struggle with this question before they gave direction on how to spend the \$30,000 we have available for capital improvements and their reply was that Jesus would want more and more of our church to become active in the planning and implementing of its ministry. As a result the council decided that we would ask people who had thoughts on how to spend the money to come up with a plan and a group of people who support the plan and bring that written plan back to the church council at the October 21st meeting. How wonderful to see the heart of Jesus in action!

I am 60 years old. I have about 4-6 years left in my serving Carlton Hills, God willing. I want to see what God has planned for those next years and hopefully the foundation will be laid for a ministry that goes on for many years to follow.

Pastor Rick

Finances And Attendance For September

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	Tue	Total
9/2	84	22	not mt	106
9/9	83	34	12	129
9/16	78	27	22	127
9/23	91	28	26	145
9/30	88	24	20	132

September Finances:

Income	\$15,508
Expenses	\$12,884
Operating Surplus	\$22,199

Church Council Meeting At Noon, Sunday November 28th

Written Proposals for Capital Improvement Projects are due

(see Pastor's Page for details)

Senior Lunch

The second Tuesday of the month when you are invited to the Senior Lunch at a local restaurant beginning at 11:30am. On November 13th the lunch will be held at the Café 67 at 12381 Mapleview St. in Lakeside.

Thursday Bible Studies

Thursdays in October Pastor Rick is offering a Bible Study. The study is at the Schowalter home at 1630 Whitsett Drive in El Cajon at 6:00am to 6:30am.

Come and join us!

Church E-mail Mailings

Would you like to be included on the church e-mail list? Do you want some bit of news e-mailed to the congregation? An e-mail list is being compiled by the church office and you can add

yourself to the group list by just dropping a note into the offering plate or calling the church office at 448-1888. If you would like to e-mail something please submit the request in writing after checking with Pastor Rick. All e-mails sent will be sent without listing the e-mail addresses of the others who are receiving the information. This is called a "blind" e-mailing and is meant to protect these addresses from reaching someone who is not authorized to send e-mail to our church members without permission.

Feed the Homeless Monday, November 5th

TACO (Third Ave Charitable Organization) Feed the Homeless at First Lutheran Church, SD.

Let Pastor Rick know if you want to help. We meet in the church parking lot at 2:30p.m.

Daily Devotions

Would you like to be a part of our church's daily devotions? Just let Pastor Rick or the Church Office know your e-mail address and you can receive the daily devotions via e-mail or stop by the table in the back of the church and pick up last week's list of daily devotions. Most of the devotions are written by Pastor Rick but some are shared by members on the list. If you want to submit a devotion to the list that has now grown to over 80 participants just write to Pastor Rick at SYMCN1@aol.com. What a great way to have Bible study a part of your everyday life a little Scripture at a time.

New Stephen Ministry Class

A new Stephen Ministry class begins, Thursday, October 4th at 7:00pm at St. Columba's Episcopal church. Congratulations to:

Diedra Zeller
Marie Youngblood
Stephanie Myers
Steven Schmidtke

First Communion

Anyone who has not had First Communion instruction and would like to join this class is welcomed to attend. First Communion class will be for 1 hour on Saturday, December 1st at 9:00am. This class is for both First Communicants and their parents.

First Communion will be Sunday, December 2nd at the 9:00am and 11:00am worship services.

Just let Pastor Rick know if you are planning to attend.

Congratulations Eagle Scouts

What an accomplishment! What an honor! We have two Eagle Scouts who will receive their awards on Saturday, November 3rd at 3:00pm.

Ben Timan and Danny Timan will receive their Eagle Scout awards at this event. We are so proud of them both!!

Special Music

Sunday, November 11th
9:00am and 11:00am
Provided by Dan Crites
Don't miss it!

Confirmands at the Middle School Gathering

November 16-18

Pray for our Confirmands!!

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 21st 7:00pm

Come let us give thanks unto the Lord!

Synod Assembly Report by Belinda Karge and Marian Privett

Last month we shared with you initial thoughts about the Synod Assembly. We would like to expand that discussion with a few more summaries of presentations and events that took place during the Assembly. The Rev. Dr. Wyvetta Bullock presented the ELCA church wide ministries report using First Corinthians 1: 4-9 as a basis of her remarks, concluding that “ God is faithful...” (I Cor 1:9). She praised the Pacifica Synod for the spirit of mission and ministry present at the assembly. Pastor Bullock indicated that the Church wide priorities include supporting congregations as growing mission centers for evangelical mission and building capacity for evangelistic witness and service in the world to alleviate poverty and to work for justice and peace. We felt proud when asked to share the variety of mission’s our own congregation participated in with a small group. We shared about Santee Food Bank, El Salvador, feeding the homeless, lunches for seniors in collaboration with the Salvation Army, senior community support for Lutheran Social Services among others.

We each had an opportunity to attend small group breakouts. We heard about evangelism through theater, sharing the faith, the joy of being stewards of God’s mysteries and worship care 101.

As baptized members of the body of Christ, we gratefully confess Jesus as our Lord and Savior. We boldly proclaim the gospel as the Word of God. We clearly recognize the gifts that God has first given us through grace, and we joyfully accept our role and responsibility as stewards. According to Rev. Steve Herder, the following principles provide a foundation for the life of a faithful and generous steward. We walk together as stewards in God’s church by

1. Responding gratefully to what God has first given us.
2. Obeying the responsibly to glorify God as a faithful proclamation of God’s word.

3. Sacrificing proportionately as Christ sacrificed for us.
4. Giving willingly as moved by the Holy Spirit.
5. Sharing abundantly as we have received.
6. Giving proportionately according to our means.
7. Committing intentionally and volunteer according to your gifts.
8. Contributing to stewardship on a daily basis..
9. Living genuinely by putting your faith into action
10. Accepting a challenge to recognize the dynamic nature of our faith.

“Faith is a living daring confidence” Martin Luther

Upcoming Youth and Young Adult Events

Shared by Belinda Karge

One Salvation Youth Led Service

One Salvation, our youth led worship includes interactive time to share what God is doing in our lives, and how all we do is centered on his word. The message is scripture based with audio-visuals. All youth are welcome. Youth Minister, Stephanie Myers and I coordinate this service.

All Lutheran Youth Gathering

One evening at the gathering we divided the group and Pastor and I took the younger youth to the Dome to hear the author of the Bullying movie. The speaker talked about helping everyone in school, home and work feel special and the importance of taking time to notice people and to talk to them. After the event, we all had pizza and sat and talked about the presentation and just checked in. Listening was important that night and one of our youth commented, *I was tired tonight and did not want to come, but this speaker was whom I needed to hear. And it was so nice to be away from the girls and just talk!* God worked in many amazing ways while we were in New Orleans.

Coming events for the youth

Under the leadership of Katie Timan and Betty Reaney the youth will coordinate the games for the Fall Festival (October 27th).

On Tuesday night October 30th the youth will go Trick or Treating for the Santee Food Bank. We hope to gather food to provide to the homeless and needy of Santee.

Watch for Dudley Bakery order forms, available November 1, 2012 for November 17th (after 5pm) delivery. We are hoping this sale will help us earn \$1,500 to take our youth expenses out of the red and finish the year in the black!

Joyful Noise Summer Camp

We have a few families that still owe balances from camp – please make every effort to pay these before the end of the year. We would like to balance our account.

Wednesday morning Bible Study opportunity

The Wednesday morning bible study is on break for summer. We meet at 9:30 a.m. to accommodate members who want to participate in the exercise program from 10:30 to 11:30. The study book is from the Women of Faith Series and costs \$10.00– order yours now from Belinda Karge. During this study, attendees pray specifically for the youth of our congregation. Belinda Karge and Stephanie Myers are the organizers of this study.

Tots 4 Christ

Tots 4 Christ is our pre-k to 2nd grade bible study. This class offers a bible story, craft, game and a snack for fellowship. Tots 4 Christ meets the first Tuesday of the month at 5:15pm and goes until 6pm. Parents are encouraged to stay. Stephanie Myers our Youth and Family Minister leads this program. If you have any questions please feel free to contact her at stephmyers88@yahoo.com or at 619-971-1606.

Souled*Out

“Souled*Out” is our elementary bible study that spreads the Good News to 3rd graders all the way up to 6th grade!! This awesome interactive bible study allows youth to explore their Faith like never before!! The youth will dive into New and Old Testament; learn the Lord’s Prayer and so much more! Souled*Out begins @ 6pm & goes until 7:00pm every Tuesday. Souled*Out is led by our Youth and Family Minister Stephanie Myers!

First Communion

Another cool date to keep in mind is our 1st Communion Class that will be held on Sat December 1st @ 10 am. Then the attendees will receive first communion on Sunday December 2nd. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Stephanie Myers at: stephmyers88@yahoo.com

TACO News

2012 has rushed by and TACO has served 21,000 meals as of October 15. The numbers are steadily increasing as we are serving more people closer to the beginning of the month. Typically, TACO serves closer to 100 people at the beginning of the month and closer to 200 near the end of the month. The past few months, we have exceeded 200 people closer to mid-month. This means more food for more people. While a majority of our food is donated to us through private donors or through Feeding America’s Fresh Rescue program, TACO needs to purchase the paper-goods and food staples that are not donated. More people means more food which means more cost.

We are incredibly grateful for the support shown by the churches in the San Diego area. We are also thankful for the events to raise money and awareness of the work done by TACO. In October, we were the benefiting organization of “Gimme Shelter,” an art and music festival put on by TACO volunteer,

Rachel Taylor. The cost of admission was a blanket, or sweatshirt, or jacket; all of which has been given to TACO and is now in the hands of those who need it the most. Also in October, we received the money raised from Empty Bowls part II. This was a wonderful event and we are so thankful for Jan Bluemer, Peg Ross, Charlotte Pettus, Lynn Render, and their team for putting on this event. Details of this fundraiser can be found soon at the TACO Facebook page at www.facebook.com/TACOSDfb.

Christmas is just around the corner, and we are accepting donations for Christmas in July to purchase gifts to distribute right before the holiday

Blessings,
Rachel Line
Volunteer Coordinator

November Anniversaries

- 20 Jeffery & Sabrina White
24 Jesus & Joy Cervantes

November Birthdays

- 1 Mavis Rones
3 Noelle Koch
4 Marie Freeman
6 Zaden Capps
6 Jeremy Hustad
7 Joanne Schneider
8 Edward Kassahn
8 Noah Lunn
8 Nicole Vaughan
9 Shawn Caya
12 Corinne Reid
15 Belinda Karge
15 Kendra Schloegel
15 Tom Davidson
15 Richard Maxa
17 Betty Keehn
17 Brian Bloeman
17 Michael Cobb
17 June Webb
17 Heather Gasner
18 David Callaway
18 Joseph Callaway
20 Steve Salaz
20 Tim Neuhaus
23 Larry Tilton
24 Ericka Davis
26 Devon White
27 Nancy Ripple
27 Sarah Flores
27 James Schloegel
27 Heather Caya
27 Josh Weber
29 Jonathan Castro
30 Evelyn Koch
30 David Gulliver

November Ministers

Coffee Fellowship:

Host: Lyn & Charlotte Arthurton

Refreshments: 4- Cake 11, 18, 25- Lyn & Charlotte Arthurton

Coffee Server: Nancy Funick,

Communion Assist.: TBA

Communion Care: TBA

Greeters: TBA

Lector: 4, 11- Rob Koch 18, 25- Skip Taylor

Stephen Minister of the Week:

4- Carol Davidson 11- Kathy Darland

18- Marian Privett 25- Ellie Timan

Ushers: Stephanie Meyers and the Confirmands

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