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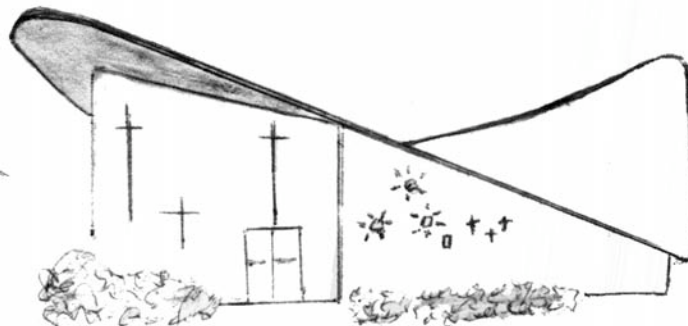
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## Pastor's Corner

Recently, someone asked me if I ever wrote articles for the Echo. I replied, "I write almost everything in the Echo!"

Then I realized what the parishioner meant. I do not sign everything I write because it would seem pretentious to have my name next to almost every article. The more telling comment behind the question, however, was that this parishioner wanted to know my thoughts about the state of the ministry at Carlton Hills—This I can do!

Beginning with this issue, I will write a "Pastor's Corner," where I will share what is going on in my head and in my heart concerning the ministry at Carlton Hills. It will be a personal reflection on our church and its ministry. I will comment on my goals for Carlton Hills and the progress or lack of progress we are making.

Lately, changes to our music and worship ministry have been on my mind. When Jan Neuhaus resigned, changes were forced upon us, but they were also changes that reflect my sensitivities concerning worship and faith. I am pleased that Marvin and Marsha Hamilton have agreed to continue coordinating the 9:00am service. I love working with them, and I look forward to giving them a much larger role in shaping that worship service. This is our traditional worship service and I want it to remain traditional. I want to use Lutheran liturgies; have the choir, accompanied by the organ, lead us; and have communion at each service.

At the same time, I want to explore what a second worship service might look like. I want CHROS to continue leading the worship service on the last Sunday in a month of five Sundays, with Malina Maneevone and Liz Flesh taking over the leadership of CHROS. I want CHROS to include a cross section of children, youth, and adults—I want to join! I also want to include in the present 9:00am worship service a selection that could be a foretaste of what might occur in a second worship service. It would be an answer to my most persistent prayer if Malina would lead us in that direction. Her musical gifts and experience are exceptional, but mostly I am impressed by her sensitive faith and contagious spirituality. When the time is right, we will start

another worship service with a more contemporary sound. I expect the second worship service to be led by keyboard, guitars, and drums. I want to maintain a liturgical format with a structure that includes many of the components of our traditional Lutheran worship but with new sounds.

When will this take place? It depends on two things. First, the attendance at the 9:00am worship. The advantage of a second worship service that is very different from our first service is that it will draw new people. A second service, however, will take people away from the present worship service. We will need enough people in attendance at the 9:00am worship service so that if we take some people away to join a second service, it will not create an obvious hole. I would like to average 150 in weekly attendance. Presently, we are closer to 120.

Also, we will need funding—about as many dollars to create a new worship service as we invested in the present worship service. This will require about another \$1,000 per month in our offerings. Not a great deal of money but significant. Even more significant is that the church council has expressed a desire to set aside 10%, or a tithe of the church's income, to support ministry outside our walls. This will be the church's "God Account." A special task force will be established to oversee the distribution of these funds. Additional funding for the second worship service may not be as difficult for us to raise next year, but if we try to raise both the "God Account" dollars and the second worship service dollars, we may be stretched too thin. Let us see where God leads us and what He provides.

I look forward to all that we can be proud of in the months ahead. Lord Jesus lead us!

In Christ,  
Pastor Rick

## **Jim Thomas Will Preach October 2nd**

Pastor Rick and Deby will be going to the University of California Berkley's Parents' Weekend to visit their daughter Naomi, October 1st and 2nd. Jim Thomas will preach and lead worship that Sunday. Ellie will lead the adult Bible study. What a wonderful way to celebrate the priesthood of all believers as the members of our church share their faith by leading worship and Bible study. Don't miss this special Sunday.

## **Carlton Hills Lutheran Church Group E-mail**

Diana Coletti has graciously agreed to collect everyone's e-mail address so that we can have regular and emergency e-mail communications. Pastor Rick is committed to communicate weekly. What a wonderful way to receive reminders, emergency information, and inspiration. If you want to be on the list, please e-mail Diana at church2005@cox.net. And pass on your e-mail address.

## **Men's Breakfast at Claremont Lutheran**

We are excited to join several other men's groups and have breakfast at Claremont Lutheran on Saturday, October 8th from 8:00am to 9:30am. Bishop Murray Finch will lead a study on "Male Spirituality." If you are interested, please meet at Carlton Hills at 7:30am on October 8th.

## **New Members**

Would you like to join our church? We would love to have you make this step of faith with us.

There will be a new members' class on Saturday, October 8th from 10:00am to Noon.

This will be a time to hear about what the Lutheran church is all about and what our church has to offer. It is also a wonderful time to meet others who are new to the church and share that special relationship. New members will receive a plant to be planted in their home gardens and a second one to be planted in our new members' garden on the church patio.

New members will be received at the 9:00am service on Sunday, October 9th. Please let the church office know if you are able to attend or if you are interested but cannot attend either that Saturday or Sunday. It is possible to attend the Saturday class and be received at the Sunday worship at another date. Call the church office at 448-1888 if you would like to join us or if you have questions.

## **Work at Church**

We need your help!!

There are several opportunities for us to make our church grounds beautiful.

Saturday, October 1st we will have a general work day from 8:00am until Noon. This will involve bringing water to our exterior banks, cutting the grass, trimming the bushes, and sweeping the sidewalks. It may include some interior painting. Make it a family outing—bring the whole family.

Monday, October 3rd at 9:00am, Pastor Rick will lead volunteers who cannot attend on a Saturday but are available during the week. The Puttzin group will clean up the mess made by the Saturday groups...just kidding. Clean up your own mess.

Saturday, October 15th we will join other volunteer groups from other churches and schools to help with the demolition and salvage of our school buildings, which benefit the ministry of Genesis Expeditions—providing Christian retreats for orphans in Mexico. This work is from 8:00am until 3:00pm.

Please come and sweat with us for Jesus!

## **Commissioning of Carol Davidson As a Stephen Ministry leader**

Sunday, October 16th at the 9:00am worship service, Carol Davidson will be commissioned as a Stephen Ministry Leader. Carol completed a week of training and will be recognized for this accomplishment. This will also be Stephen Ministry Sunday—an opportunity to learn what this ministry offers our church, and how you can play a vital role. How blessed we are to have this vital ministry in our midst.

## First Communion

Anyone who is in 2nd grade or older who has not received First Communion instruction is welcome to join us Saturday, October 22nd from 10:00am to Noon. Parents are asked to attend with their children. The Lutheran church allows communion at any age, but this is a good starting point. This can be such a meaningful time in the lives of our children. Please come and share what communion means, and how Jesus gave us this gift of grace. First Communion Sunday will be Sunday, October 23rd at the 9:00am worship service.

## Playground Equipment for an Orphanage in Mexico

We have so much playground equipment, and without the school in operation, it has become more of a liability than a blessing. When Pastor Rick, Liz, and five of our youth went to the Genesis Ranch on the Baja, they were introduced to a wonderful group of children from an orphanage just across the border in Tijuana. The group from Carlton Hills literally fell in love with these children, who sang Christian songs, danced, and prayed with such passion and love. When Pastor Rick asked the director what the orphanage's greatest need was, he said "playground equipment." "Wow!" replied Pastor Rick. "We have lots of playground equipment." The church council designated several pieces of playground equipment for the orphanage in Mexico. But we need help getting the equipment ready for the trip across the border. Please help.

## Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 8:00am to Noon

The Dorcas Circle has adopted the 22 children from this orphanage. Members are making blankets and organizing a Christmas-giving tree to benefit the children. What a blessing it is to be a blessing.

## Weekly Events during October

### Sundays

Spiritual Education and Enrichment from 10:15am to 11:00am

Adult One Year Bible Study with Pastor Rick

Teen Alpha Study in the trailer

Children's Sunday school class in the office

### Tuesdays

Confirmation from 6:00pm to 7:00pm

### Wednesdays

Tutoring from 5:15pm to 6:00pm

Family Dinner at 6:00pm

God's Gifts for children K-6th grade from 6:16pm to 7:00pm

### Thursdays

Choir from 7:00pm to 8:00pm

## Thank You Jan Neuhaus

Dearest friends of CHELC,

This is one of those moments when it's difficult to find adequate words to express my feelings. So I'll simply state it; thank you! You're wonderful people who have touched my heart with your thoughtfulness. Thank you for the generous love gift. It will be put to good use as I expand my personal music library. I will always cherish each of you and carry fond memories of my ministry with you. Thank you again.

Humbly in Christ's love,  
Jan

## Sponsors Needed for Our Youth

Last year, because of the generosity of our people at Carlton Hills, we were able to send our entire confirmation class to a Middle School retreat. What a blessing! What wonderful support! Could we ask you to do the same this year?

Our confirmation program is growing! Twelve have registered for confirmation. What is most impressive is that we have three high school youth who want to confirm their faith because they missed the opportunity to do so when they were in 7th and 8th grade. The retreats are foundational in forming faith

of the heart, but they are also expensive. This year's retreat costs \$170.00, which includes the expenses for the adult chaperones. You can sponsor a confirmand for a contribution of \$100 to \$170.00.

The retreat is November 11-13. Its theme is "IM" or "Instant Messaging." The main speaker is Mark Oestreicher, the director of Youth Specialties—one of the best Christian speakers in southern California. Please help

Photos of the confirmands will be displayed in the sanctuary. Take a vital role in helping to develop the faith of one of our youth.

### **If you missed the first Weekenders fun time—here is your second chance.**

Dorcas is hosting another Weekenders presentation on Saturday, October 29nd from 9:00am to Noon. Men, this is a perfect time to do your Christmas shopping. Great bargains—save as much as 30% on some items. Hosted by Carol Davidson.

### **Feed the Homeless**

Our confirmands will sponsor a trip to First Lutheran Church in San Diego to help feed 200-250 homeless a hot meal. Would you like to help? We will meet at the church at 2:30pm and return by 6:00pm, Monday, October 31st and Monday, November 14th.

If you have fed the homeless in the past, you are invited to a celebration of thanks at First Lutheran on Sunday, October 30th at 4:00pm. Please let Pastor Rick know if you would like to participate in the above activities—an opportunity to actively share your faith.

### **Join the Prison Choir**

A pastor in Mississippi announced that their prison choir would sing the following evening. Most of the parishioners did not know there was a prison choir. They looked forward to it.

The next evening, those in attendance were puzzled when members of their church approached the stage, and the pastor introduced them.

"This is our prison choir," he said. "Behind a few bars and always looking for the key."

Want to join our "prison choir?" No experience needed. Practice is Thursday at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Join them!

### **Help Wanted**

Ushers needed. If you are not presently on an ushering team, would you please consider joining one? No previous experience required.

Our very capable team captains will direct and lead you. If willing, please contact Dick Maxa at 442-8914, or indicate your desire to Pastor Rick.

### **Tuesday Morning Fellowship**

Once again we want to remind you that the Tuesday morning fellowship is open to everyone! You do not have to be a member of CHLC, a senior, or a Santee resident! Everyone is welcome! We meet at Einstein's Bagel on the first, third, and fourth Tuesday of the month. If there is a fifth Tuesday, well, we'll be there then also. We start gathering around 9:30, however, we aren't sticklers for promptness at that time. Come when you can, someone is usually there until around 11:00 a.m. or so. Even if you aren't "into bagels", that's okay. Come for the fellowship.

Tuesday, October 4th, the first Tuesday, we will be taking the trolley to Seaport Village. We'll meet at the usual time for bagels, and afterwards, those who are interested will be taking the trolleys to Seaport Village. We'll all go down together on the trolley, and then everyone is on their own. Go by yourself, stay in a group, meet for lunch, or whatever. Come back to Santee when you, or your group is ready. October is a great month to walk around Seaport Village. Most of our tourists have left, kids are in school, and the weather is usually very co-operative. Shopping and "just looking" is always fun there, and for the more adventurous, the carousel beckons to the kid in us.

## Roses:

"Roses" in the Echo are a nice way to say Thank You as a special recognition of people's act of kindness or personal accomplishments.

Roses to: Mary and Bill Thomas for getting us great seats at great prices for great performances at Starlight Opera. They also get us great prizes for the raffle drawings. Even more, the profits go to our church!

Marsha and Marvin Hamilton who have made the commitment to continue as organist, and to be our new music director.

Also, to our choir members. You make our Sundays special with your gift of music to our Lord. We applaud you in our hearts.

To all of our church attendees no matter the age. We are family, and we are God's children. How precious that is!

## Thank You So Much

Bill and Mary Thomas want to thank everyone who helped to support the Starlight Theatre parties this summer. We trust everyone had a great time. Over \$3,000.00 was raised, some of which was used to help support the Music Camp. We look forward to your outstanding support again next season.

Some door prizes were drawn at the ice cream social after the last Music Camp performance and the remaining tickets were drawn at the Dorcus reception on September 13th. If you missed the Dorcus reception ladies it was wonderful. Everyone had a marvelous time, the company, food and decorations were outstanding. We want to express our deep appreciation to Dorcus for permitting us this venue to draw the tickets for the remaining door prizes. A partial list of winners follows: A list of winners at the ice cream social was not kept so whoever won then know who they are. Also, it should be noted, the more tickets you buy the more it increases your chances of winning.

Door Prize	Winners
Padres - Klesko growth chart	Judy Hughes
Padres – Giles tee shirt	Marie Freeman

In & Out Burger tee shirt	Candice Wickham
Homemade soaps/basket	Jan Sheets
Home town Buffet meal	Marie Freeman
Hornblower Dining Cruise	Rachel Petrivelli
On Stage Theatre tickets for two	Dianne Herrington
Padres Sean Burrows doll	Ellie Timan
Knife from Buck Knives	Sandy Dumas
Science Center – 2 tickets	Judy Hughes
Padre fielder's glove	Jeanna Timan
2 tickets to S.D. Zoo	Selina Weber
Tony Gwynn silver bat plague	Florence Hustad
Tea Chest	Ellie Timan
2 tickets La Jolla Playhouse	Candice Wickham
Padre collectors clock	Ellie Timan
H & M Landing fishing for two	Florence Hustad
Padre Frames	Bill Blue
Knife from Buck Knives	Grace Otto
2 tickets to Poway Comm. Theatre	Sharon Johnson
Hand made quilted purse	Candice Wickham
Sees Candy	Ellie Timan

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## Texts for the Sundays in October

- 2 Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 22)  
Isaiah 5:1-7, Philippians 3:4b-14  
Matthew 21:33-46 - Color: Green
  - 9 Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 23)  
Isaiah 25:1-9, Philippians 4:1-9  
Matthew 22:1-14 - Color: Green
  - 16 Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 24)  
Isaiah 45:1-7, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22 - Color: Green
  - 23 Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 25)  
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18,  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Matthew 22:34-46 - Color: Green
  - 30 Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 26)  
Micah 3:5-12, 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
Matthew 23:1-12 - Color: Green
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## Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Boll Weevil in Lakeside, 9745 Winter Garden at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Join in for some good food and wonderful fellowship. For more information call either Grace Otto, 440-2456 or Nancy Funick, 561-7823.

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### October Birthdays

2 Laura Vaughan  
2 Matthew Quintanilla  
2 Cody Kramer  
4 Nancy Vickery  
4 Carina Vickery  
4 Brian Setzer  
5 Betty Fisk  
5 Tiffany Coletti  
6 Ralph Beyer  
6 Geri Jones  
6 Matthew Priddy  
7 Anna Wall  
7 Mathew Callaway  
9 Jill Fehling  
10 Vance Coletti  
10 Valerie Montague  
10 Jacqueline Tonini  
10 James Smith  
11 Sherry Martin  
12 De Hill  
12 Candy Gomory  
12 Sydney Hartman  
14 Jeanna Timan  
14 Nicholas Johnson  
16 Ron Hill  
16 Ashley Cooke  
21 Kathleen Darland  
22 Bruce Potocki  
23 Lorena Engelson  
23 Chandra Tonini  
24 Linda Gulliver  
25 Sara Paulsen  
27 Steven Maches  
28 Helen Humphries  
31 Robin Judd

## October Ministers

Acolyte: TBA  
Assist. Minister: TBA  
Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan,  
Janice Davis  
Communion Assist.: 2, 9- Lyn & Charlotte Arthurton  
16, 23- Sue Lisowsky & Christine Goforth  
30- Youth  
Communion Care: Grace Otto  
Edgemoor Hospital Worship: 23- Neil Johnson  
Greeters: 2, 9- Bill Blue & Jennifer Brown  
16, 23- Nicole Davidson & Randie Davis  
30- Youth  
Lector: 2, 9- Diana Coletti  
16, 23- Randy Catron 30- Youth  
Stephen Minister of the Day: 2- Ellie Timan 9- Bill  
Blue 16- Ed Teichner 16- Ed Teichner  
23- Jim Thomas 30- Carol Davidson  
Ushers: Pam Meyers, Hi-Youth

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### October Anniversaries

11 Linda & Thomas Gulliver  
15 Rudy & Terri Flores  
17 Karen & Fred Cooke  
25 Patricia & Stephen Maches  
Jill & David Fehling

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### Thank You Rosemary Choals

Starting with this Echo, Rosemary has offered her expertise to edit the pastor's articles. She has just started a new editing business, A+ Editing. Her company information is:

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