

# The Echo

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## Pastor's Page

*"If I then, your Lord and master, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet."*  
John 13:14

Jesus puts a high priority on service. Jesus wants us to serve not because of His command but because of His example.

I have often wondered what is really important given the many things I do each day? Is writing this newsletter important? Sure! It's my job. But an important question for me is always the question of my priorities. Is the time I spend writing this newsletter more important than meeting with Mary Thomas and one of her daughters to plan Bill Thomas' memorial service? No! I am sure that the most important thing I did today was to spend the time I had with Mary and her daughter at this important time in their lives when they plan to say "Good bye" to Bill and honor his memory at his memorial service.

The above example seems obvious but my questions on the priorities of my activities are not always easy to determine. I have the most trouble determining my priorities when I consider Jesus' priority of service. Can I live my life with the priority of always serving others first? That is easier said than done.

I wonder if the time I spend on myself should be a top priority in my life? I go to 24 Hour Fitness every day. My workout takes about 50 minutes. Is that too much time? Not enough time? What does my weight lifting and my cardio have to do with service to others?

I read three devotions every day. I need 20 minutes to read the devotions and pray. That's about one third the amount of time I spend working out. Is that a poor use of time and priority? I certainly think my devotions are more important but that's not what the amount of time I spend on these two daily activities seems to indicate. Are my devotions a service to others?

I love "wasting" time watching a baseball game or a football game. My wife can get irritated with me when I watch a game because she has a hard time sympathizing with that priority in my life. She's

right. I certainly don't serve anyone watching sports but I do love it!! Isn't there room for frivolous activities in my priorities?

I lay this all out not because I have answers but only because I want to ask the question. I want us all to consider the answers for our own lives and our own priorities.

This time of year we are looking for volunteers to serve on our church council. Certainly serving on the church council serves others. Serving on the church council serves us all. In fact our serving on the church council could have an eternal impact and serve some of us for an eternity. Now that is serving!!

Have you heard this quote about priorities? "A hundred years from now it will not matter what your bank account was, the sort of house you lived in or the kind of car you drove. But the world may be a different place because you were important in the life of a child."

Mary Thomas has asked Tom Coletti, David Gulliver and Jeremy Naour to play their instruments at his memorial service. Bill taught Tom and David to play harmonica which was their introduction to instrumental music. That step will likely change their lives forever.

Could it be service is important because service stretches our importance beyond ourselves. Some very self-centered priorities are important but only in that if we don't take care of ourselves we cannot take care of others. The need to be needed is a vital need in all of our lives. We become needed when we serve. May God bless each of us as we struggle to fix the priorities of our lives and faithfully keep them in line with the direction Jesus gave us to make service a top priority in our lives.

Pastor Rick

## Finances and Attendance for July

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	Total
8/3	78	20	98
8/10	78	15	93
8/17	76	23	99
8/24	82	16	98
8/31	72	20	92

August Income: \$11,422  
August Expenses: \$14,923  
Operating Surplus YTD: \$18,541

## 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 October will be October 14<sup>th</sup> at Jimmy's 9635 Mission Gorge in Santee.

## 11:00am Worship Service

The contemporary worship service at 11:00am has already brought in a faithful worship attendance between 20-30 worshipers. This service is led by our children guitar players Jeremy Naour, David Gulliver and Tom Coletti. What a blessing these young saints are to our church.

The service is just a half hour long and seems to appeal to those with children because of the youthful music and the extra time needed in the morning to get children ready for worship. There is always a full sermon and communion. We are blessed by this alternative to the traditional worship service each Sunday morning.

## Feed the Homeless

October 13<sup>th</sup>

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.

## Major Repairs Fund Raiser

We are trying to raise \$20,000 to repair the siding on the Acts Center roof and resurface, beautify and resurface the parking lot. The total cost is estimated at \$20,000. We are looking for volunteers to coordinate this fund raising effort. We are so fortunate that we have been faithful to our general fund and to special appeals to reach our tithing goals as a congregation. This is our newest step of faith. Please make any donations to "Carlton Hills" and note that your donation is for the "Major Appeals Fund Raiser".

We are encouraging everyone who has a birthday to contribute one dollar for every year you have lived in a special offering container at the rear of the church. Let's give our birthdays added meaning by helping to give our church a new birth in its appearance.

## 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. Pastor Rick bought hotel space at an excellent hotel to visit is daughter in Lexington Kentucky for only \$400 for 6 nights!! The site gives you many options to fit any budget.

Go online to benefit yourself and your church:

[www.ytbtravel.com/chelc](http://www.ytbtravel.com/chelc)

## 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.

## Pet Sunday

Sunday, October 12th will be “Pet Sunday” this year back by popular demand. Bring your pets to church at 10:30am and come to the blessings of all our pets. We will get into a circle and introduce our pets and Pastor Rick will lead us in a blessing. This is an exciting event you will long remember.

We will be done with the 9:00am service by 10:05am and you will have 25 minutes to go home and bring back your pet for the blessing. Please bring cats in kennels and bring dogs and elephants on leashes.

## 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:

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

## Confirmation and Jr. High Youth Group Wednesdays 6:30p.m. to 7:30p.m.

We are so blessed to have Stephanie Myers agree to coordinate an hour of games, food and fun for the confirmation aged youth and those who may have been confirmed but who are still in Jr. High. Beyond this weekly meeting time there will monthly activities and several retreats.

## CHROS Practice moved to Saturdays

CHROS the music group for children, youth and adults has moved to a Saturday practice at 9:00am. CHROS is always looking for new members!

## Pastor Rick attends Pastor’s Retreat

Pastor Rick will be gone Monday afternoon October 20th until Thursday afternoon October 23rd at an annual Pastor’s retreat in Palm Desert. He can be reached on his cell phone at:

619-249-3352

## Adult Studies Begin in October

Pastor Rick will offer two adult studies beginning in October.

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 beginning, October 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## New Members Sunday

Would you like to join our church?

We are receiving new members on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00a.m. service. Talk with Pastor Rick if you would like to join the church. Joining a church helps us put your information in the church mailings and adds you to lists to keep you informed and make you feel welcome. We are anxious to welcome you among us.

## Child & Youth Protection Policy Meeting

Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m. we will have a meeting to review our current policy, update with the new covenant clause for overnight events, and answer questions. All are invited to attend.

(Current policy can be viewed on the church web site.)

## Sewing Needs?

She's a wizard with a needle and thread

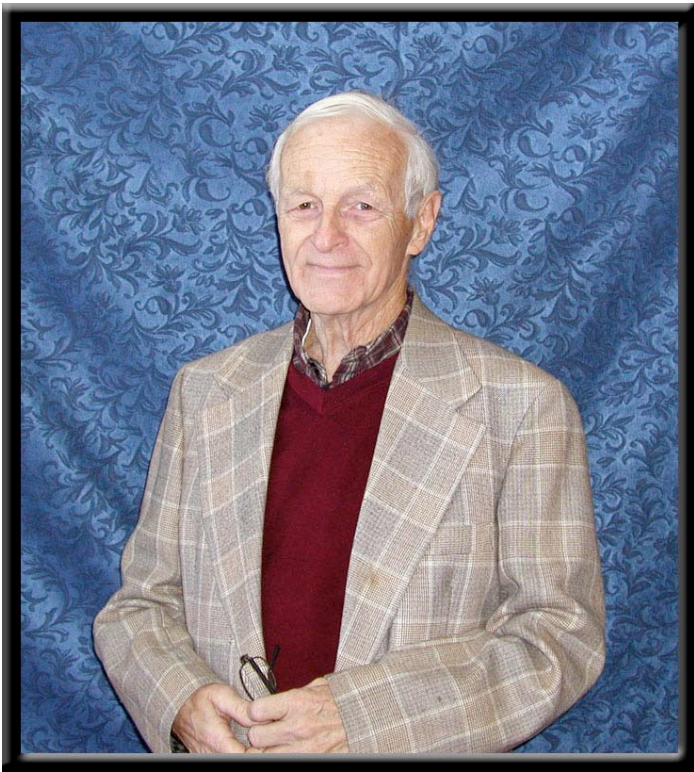
Can produce any garment that pops into your head

She mends, darns, and sews 'til work is completed

Her prices are right and satisfaction is yours!

Call Nancy Funick at 619-270-7187





### **Bill Thomas**

William (Bill) Thomas passed away peacefully on Sunday September 14th at his home in Santee, after a lengthy battle with Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS), Dementia and Diabetes. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mary, three daughters - Mary [Dan] Lowery, Patrice [Tim] Schuldies, and Jeannette [Jo] Thomas, three sisters, one brother, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his granddaughter, Crystalyn Lowery.

Bill was born in Youngstown, Ohio in 1935 and moved to California to stay in 1955. He worked for United Airlines, the La Mesa Women's Club, and the First United Methodist Church in Mission Valley before retiring in 1998. He was very active in his church and was a member of the choir for many years. He also coached girl's youth softball, was a member of the Granite Hills Band Parents, a past President of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and a past President of the Associated Community Theatres of San Diego. Bill was an avid volunteer and received awards from Youth Summerstock Theatre, the A.C.T. Judges, and was even given the STAR Award with the San Diego Performing Arts League for his countless hours of volunteer work at Starlight Theatre in Balboa Park.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, September 27th at Carlton Hills Lutheran Church in Santee. In lieu of flowers, Bill had requested that donations be made in his name to either: Starlight Theatre, PO Box 3519, San Diego, CA 92163 or Carlton Hills Lutheran Church, 9735 Halberns Blvd, Santee, CA 92071

### **Pastor Mark Neuhaus' Memorial Dedication**

Pastor Mark Neuhaus' memorial dedication will be Sunday, November 23 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.

## October Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan,  
Grace Otto  
Communion Assist.: Laura & Mandy Vaughan  
Communion Care: Laura Vaughan  
Greeters: Francis Family  
Lector: 5, 12- Jim Thomas  
19, 26- Jane Reaney  
Stephen Minister of the Week: 5- Ed Teichner  
12- Jim Thomas 19- Ellie Timan  
26- Mandy Vaughan  
Ushers: Jeremy Hustad and High Up

## October Birthdays

2	Matt Quintanilla	12	Candy Gomory
4	Camryn Force	14	Jeanna Timan
4	Brian Setzer	14	Nicholas Johnson
5	Tiffany Coletti	15	Jean Sevcik
5	Betty Long	20	Marilyn Stewart
5	Matthew Priddy	21	Kathleen Darland
5	Ralph Beyer	23	Chandra Tonini
5	Geri Jones	24	Linda Gulliver
7	Mathew Callaway	24	Stephen Salaz
10	James Smith	25	Sara Paulsen
10	Vance Coletti	27	Steven Maches
11	Sherry Martin	28	Helen Humphries
12	Sydney Hartman		

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

## October Anniversaries

9 Thomas & Linda Gulliver  
15 Terri & RudyFlores  
25 Patricia & Stephen Maches

## Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Jimmy's in Santee, 9635 Mission Gorge Rd, at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Join in for some good food and wonderful fellowship. For more information call Grace Otto, 448-8202 or Nancy Funick, 270-7187.

## Texts for the Sundays in October

- 5<sup>th</sup> **Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost**  
Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm 80:7-15 (14, 15)  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
Matthew 21:33-46  
**Color:** Green
- 12<sup>th</sup> **Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost**  
Isaiah 25:1-9  
Psalm 23 (5)  
Philippians 4:1-9  
Matthew 22:1-14  
**Color:** Green
- 19<sup>th</sup> **Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost**  
Isaiah 45:1-7  
Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13] (7)  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22  
**Color:** Green
- 26<sup>th</sup> **Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**  
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18  
Psalm 1(2)  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Matthew 22:34-46  
**Color:** Green