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"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 one of our seriously ill like Dick Haas or Bill Blue or Sandy Campbell or meeting with one of our widows or widowers? No! I am sure that the most important thing I will do today is take the trip "up the hill" as Vicki Haas calls it to visit Dick and to spend time with our Stephen Ministers who assist me in all these important visits.

The above examples seem 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. I am excited to have added prayers for the 12 families selected each month, from our directory, to receive unsolicited prayers. However 20 minutes is 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 because you were important in the life of a child." Maybe we should all take a turn at teaching one of our Sunday School classes.

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 when He died on the cross for our sins. Jesus wants us to make service a top priority in our lives. I would love to have a conversation with each of you in how you can best be of service to those around you, your church, your community and your world. We are blessed to be a blessing.

Pastor Rick

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 and 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,
October 18th 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:

October 11th - Lynn Nichols' Organ recital
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?

Finances and Attendance for August

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	Total
8/2	93	23	116
8/9	78	23	101
8/16	74	21	95
8/84	84	36	120
8/30	84	25	109

August Finances:

Expenses	\$13,803
Income	\$14,315
Operating Surplus YTD	\$22,654

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 13th is at Café 67 in Lakeside, 12381 Maple View Street.

Feed the Homeless October 5th

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

Our first planning meeting will be on Sunday, October 4th 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

Each month we want to have a special event for our children and their families.

In October please come to a Halloween Party on Saturday, October 24th from 2:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.

This is for children of all ages!!

- Come in your costume
- Enjoy the games
- Feast on the food
- Bring your friends

Confirmation and Youth Retreats

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

Dorothy Monroe

Dorothy has moved to Oregon to be near her daughter Margaret. She can be reached at 541-938-3791 or 75 NE Ave. Milton-Freewater, Oregon, 92071

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.

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, October 4th and October 18th in the library between services.

Emma's Baptism

Congratulations to Emma Caya who was baptized at the 11:00a.m. Service on Sunday, September 20th. Emma is the daughter of Shawn and Heather Caya and the granddaughter of Steve and Sandi Campbell.

Caring Neighbors – A New Program in Santee

Are you a senior who needs to have a grab bar installed or a screen door fixed? Are you an adult with disabilities who needs a smoke detector installed or your lawn mowed? There is a new program in the community of Santee that can help you with these and other minor repairs to your home.

Caring Neighbors, a program of Lutheran Social Services, through a grant from the City of Santee, hooks up those needing repairs with dedicated volunteers who will make the repair. The requirements to apply for this service are:

- Santee Resident
- Home-owner
- Low-income
- At least 62 years old or an adult with a disability
- Have a minor home repair

Caring Neighbors is also looking for individuals and groups to help with the repairs. Do you consider yourself a bit of a handyman or woman? Do you want to help your neighbor? Then we could use you! Make a difference in your community.

“I’m so excited to be a part of this valuable service to the community of Santee. Not only does this help people to lead independent lives but it also gives others the opportunity to help their neighbors,” stated Suzanne Stephens, program coordinator.

For more information or to make an appointment contact Suzanne Stephens at 619.488.1888 or sstephens@lsssc.org

Prayer Chain

I feel some sort of explanation and/or info is in order to those that are not familiar with the prayer chain and how it works. CHELC is blest to have many loyal prayer warriors who pray unselfishly for your requests. We have been truly blessed in receiving many rewarding answers; but sometimes when God answers He says No!!!.

The prayer requests that are received during the Sunday service are emailed to every member on the prayer chain, or U.S. mailed to those that do not have email, **UNLESS the request is marked PRIVATE FOR PASTOR ONLY NOT TO BE PUT IN THE BULLETIN.** If the request is so marked **the prayer chain would not even see it, if it is for Pastor Only.** The prayer warriors keep all requests confidential if they are so marked. Otherwise, they will appear in the following Sunday bulletin. So please do not hesitate to ask for prayer and it will be kept personal, private etc if you so desire.

If you would like to be a prayer warrior please let me know. I will be happy to place you on our prayer chain. It is not an exclusive club; all are welcome to pray to the Lord on the behalf of others. What a rewarding way to serve others.

If you have a prayer need that cannot wait until Sunday, or it is urgent, you should call me immediately and the prayer chain phone tree will be activated and prayers will be started within minutes.

Mary Thomas phone (619) 449 1645 or (619) 672 8882 [cell phone] Thank you and God bless.

News From Taco

TACO's **Sunset by the Sea** is almost here! Have you purchased your tickets yet? Remember, the tickets are \$75 each, or 6 tickets for \$300. We would love to see you there! This event involves a live and silent auction, an autumn harvest supper, wine and cheese tasting, a chocolate fountain – not to mention a breathtaking view of the ocean. To purchase tickets or ask questions, please contact the Sunset by the Sea information line at 619-235-9445, ext 124. Sunset by the Sea is TACO's largest fundraiser, and all proceeds from the auction go directly to support the ministry of serving the homeless and working poor.

Things continue to roll here at TACO. In August, we served over 2,000 meals, over 100 DOZEN donuts, and over 1,000 cups of coffee! During a meal a few days ago, a gentleman received his tray and came towards the coffee station. His eyes were wide and with excitement he said, "You have coffee too?! This place is wonderful!" A simple cup of coffee was enough to make his day. Your prayers and financial support of TACO allow us to continue serving those who need those moments in their lives. A cup of coffee, a hot meal, and a place to sit can sometimes be enough to get someone through their day.

We are very grateful for our partnership with so many congregations in the area.

Also, we have crossed the half-way point with our Christmas in July push. Thank you to everyone who has brought us this far!

Thank you again for your support and prayers.

Rachel Line

October Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan,
Grace Otto

Communion Assist.: 4, 11- Jeanna & Ellie Timan
18, 25- Laura & Mandy Vaughan

Communion Care: Laura Vaughan &
Gary Berglund

Greeters: 4, 11- Timan Family
18, 25- Sevcik Family

Lector: 4, 11- Vicki Haas 18, 25- Marie Freeman

Stephen Minister of the Week: 4- Marian Privitt

11- Ed Teichner 18- Kathy Darland

25- Ellie Timan

Ushers: Darrel, Jeanna, Ellie & Katie Timan & John
Sevcik

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Café 67 in Lakeside, at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 13th. Join in for some good food and wonderful fellowship. For more information call Grace Otto, 448-8202 or Nancy Funick, 270-7187.

October Anniversaries

9 Thomas & Linda Gulliver

15 Terri & Rudy Flores

31 Michelle & William Gomes

October Birthdays

3 Betty Berglund

4 Stacey Parhiala

4 Camryn Force

5 Tiffany Coletti

6 Ralph Beyer

7 Mathew Callaway

10 Vance Coletti

11 Sherry Martin

12 Sydney Hartman

12 Candy Gomory-Greenlee

14 Jeanna Timan

15 Jean Sevcik

20 Marilyn Stewart

21 Kathleen Darland

24 Linda Gulliver

24 Stephen Salaz

25 Sara Paulsen

28 Helen Humphries

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