

The Echo

No. 10-2012 October Santee, CA

The Monthly Newsletter of:

Carlton Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church

9735 Halberns Blvd., Santee, CA 92071

Voice/Fax: (619) 448-1888

chlc@CarltonHillsLutheran.org

www.CarltonHillsLutheran.org

**Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
Paid
Santee, CA
Permit No. 201**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
DATED MATERIAL PLEASE DO NOT
DELAY

Carlton Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church Council and Staff

John Sevcik

President

Lee Strand

Vice President

Pam Meyers

Secretary

Deanna Sampson

Financial Secretary

Laura Vaughan

Treasurer

Belinda Karge

Children and Youth Ministry

Stephanie Myers

Youth & Family Minister

John Sevcik

Mike Weber

Pam Meyers

Laura Vaughan

Skip Taylor

Mutual Ministry

Committee Members



Rick Schowalter

Pastor

Skip Taylor

Trustee

Katie Wentz

Parish Education

Becky Byrd

Worship - Traditional

Ellie Timan

Coordinator-Stephen Ministry

Keri Hyles

Stewardship

Jane Reaney

Outreach

Mary Thomas

Dee Ryden

Prayer Chain, 449-1645

Lynn Nickel

Organist

Marvin Hamilton

Choir Director

Pastor's Page

Mark 7:6 "These people honor me with their lips but their hearts are far from me."

Do you remember these words of Jesus directed against the religious leaders of Jesus' time? After the religious leaders criticize the disciples of Jesus and Jesus himself, for not washing their hands, Jesus calls them "Hypocrites!" and quotes these words from Isaiah. Jesus is saying that these religious leaders are giving lip service to their faith and are missing the heart that honors God.

Our church council took these words to heart at their September meeting. How do we honor God with our hearts and not just talk like we honor God? The real question is what is the heart of Jesus asking us to do?

I think we all agreed that Jesus would want us to serve others.

The practical application of our discussion was how do we spend or invest the \$31,271 we have left over from selling our T-Mobile contract after paying off our mortgage?

It was clear to everyone that we needed to take 10% or a tithe of the \$31,271 and give it to a ministry outside our church. That's what God would ask of us as individuals and it is what we should be asking of our church. That's \$3,127.10 and that leaves \$28,143.90.

Now the harder question.

We have said this money will go to capital improvements but there are many more improvements that are genuinely needed than that money can buy. How do we decide which improvements to invest in??

That question led us to discuss two things. One response came from me. I said that as Pastor, I have one major interest and that is that the decision does not polarize or divide the congregation. No hard feelings allowed. We are

looking for a consensus where we can all agree. My feeling is that we will do nothing unless there is agreement and everyone who has an opinion in the matter is satisfied with the compromise. No one will get everything that they want because there are too many voices, with too many different ideas, but we can come to a mutual agreement where everyone feels heard and that their perspectives were honored.

The second emphasis discussed among the church council is that we want as many people as possible to come up with a vested ownership in the project selected. The council feels this strikes deeply to the heart of Jesus. Jesus wants his church to work together in love and respect. Instead of thinking of projects that we agree to fund or not to fund, we want those who are interested in a project to consider the \$28,143.90 as seed money for possible projects. The council wants not only for people to voice an opinion on a project but to invest in a project with leadership, volunteer hours and solicit further financial support through fund raisers and other means. The amount of seed money offered a project will be determined by the council on a case-by-case basis.

Here is the proposal.

By the council meeting on Sunday, October 21st we are asking anyone who is interested in spending the \$28,000 plus dollars to come up with a written proposal that will include the following:

- 1) A detail of the project with specific bids that will include professional labor, volunteer labor, fund raising plans and solicited financial donations.

- 2) The name of a designated leader and those who agree to help with the planning and implementation of the project

- 3) A time line of the steps toward the completion of the project

Here is a list of the possible projects that have surfaced thus far:

1) Replace and restore the structural supports and window framing for the stain glass windows that have been severely damaged by termites

2) Replace the flooring in the Acts Center

3) Purchase a trailer for our youth similar to the trailer that our office space is located in

4) Purchase heating and air conditioning units for the sanctuary

5) Put in new industrial counter tops in our kitchen

6) Replace the sanctuary carpet

7) Replace the sanctuary doors

8) Replace the shade covering near the cell site damaged by termites

9) Remodel the women's bathroom

10) Build a covering between the Acts Center and the sanctuary

There is no doubt more ideas out there. But the real question is who is willing to step up and who wants to invest themselves and as many others of our church as possible to come up with specific plans as outlined above.

The council is looking forward to those written responses by their October 21st meeting. It is exciting!

Pastor Rick

Church Council Meeting
At Noon, Sunday October 21st

Fall Festival

Saturday, October 2th
Mark Your Calendars!!!
Please come!

Finances And Attendance For August

Attendance:

	<u>9:00a.m.</u>	<u>11:00a.m.</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Total</u>
8/5	100	21	no mtg	121
8/12	80	32	no mtg	112
8/19	76	21	no mtg	97
8/26	89	24	no mtg	113

August Finances:

Income	\$11,738
Expenses	\$15,937
Operating Surplus	\$19,575

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 October 9th the lunch will be held at the Sizzler at 1030 Fletcher Pkwy.

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, October 1st

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.

A note to Pastor Rick From Lorraine Beyer's Family

"How do I express in words our thanks for all you've done over the years for Mom? Taking her to the food bank every Friday for so many years, visiting her, giving her communion and praying for/with her so faithfully, doing such a great job of honoring her...what a blessing how you shared Mom being a combination of Mary and Martha. Like Dad would say, "Thank you! Thank you!"

The Lord bless you and keep you and your family.

In His love,
Bagnell's and Beyer's

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

Pastor Rick Gone for a Conference and a vacation

October 22-25 Pastor Rick and Stephanie will attend a Professional Leaders conference in Palm Desert

October 25-November 1 Pastor Rick and Deby will have a week-long vacation in Hawaii with all three of their daughters and significant others.

He will still be able to be reached via his cell phone in case of an emergency at 619-249-3352

Stephanie's number is 619-971-1606

Keri's number is 619-402-7190

Dorcas Circle News

At a meeting on September 15th, we elected new officers. They are Pamela Meyers, President; Laura Vaughan, Vice-President and Kris Francis, Secretary-Treasurer. We did the final planning for the Ladies Tea on the 16th. We will donate 2 theme baskets for the Fall Festival and collect an Angel Tree for the Santee Santas. We need to get the fleece to make blankets for the homeless., and Mary Thomas and Benita Castro are making hats as well. The Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 15th at 2 p.m. at Marie Freeman's home. We are always looking for additional members, please join us at our next meeting October 20th.

Fall Festival

Wow, where does the time go? It seems like last week we were putting the games and canopies away. Well, it's time to put my Fall Festival hat on again and make some decisions! We have chosen Saturday, October 27th as the date for this year's event. We will again have Games, Bake Sale, Dancers, Vendors, Food and Great Raffle items. The festivities begin at 10:00 and the Raffle Drawings will be at 6:00. We are always looking for extra hands for set-up and tear-down. The more helpers, the faster it goes. We will be asking for people to donate baked items and/or Raffle items to make our biggest community outreach a true success! If you would like to have a table to sell your wares, please see Becky Byrd. We will have raffle tickets for the pre-sale a couple weeks before the event. This is a great opportunity to really help out. Please keep in mind, this is great outreach for our church but it can only be successful if all participate.

Synod Assembly Report by Belinda Karge and Marian Privett

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as delegates to the Pacifica Synod – ELCA 2012 Assembly. The theme for the assembly was, living in the Mysteries of God. Bishop Murray Fink shared a saying with us, "People do not know how much we know until they know how much we care." The Bishop related how LIFT (Living Into the Future Together) asks that every congregation begin developing (or continue with) a strategic, evangelical Mission Plan by the end of 2012. This involves knowing our mission, listening, visioning, addressing the need, identifying the goal, defining objectives, planning the actions, time-lining the plan, implementing, evaluating and celebrating. Carlton Hills had a congregational team attend a visionary meeting September 22, 2012.

The Rev. Dr. David J. Lose, a professor at Luther Seminary lead us in bible studies every day. He discussed the changes in church attendance and how many families cut out church attendance because they do not see the value of going to church. It is not the failure of the church leaders. We are in a cultural change. Years ago people knew the bible stories, but today those stories are not being told. The reason they are not being told, according to Dr. Lose, is because "stuff" only makes sense in a story and people without the knowledge of the bible stories do not know the mysteries of God. What have people experienced in their own lives that might be similar to the bible stories? These experiences and the bible stories need to be woven together in order for attending church to be important. Pastor's daily devotions provide one opportunity for our congregation to read a passage of the bible and learn a variety of references to daily living. What a blessing these devotions have become.

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 of the days at the gathering was focused on getting to know our own youth group and the other Synod youth members. We spent the day with 600 other youth from the Pacifica Synod worshiping and learning in small groups.

While at the Youth Gathering, I learned that we have a warm and welcoming youth group. I felt the youth on our trip embraced me and I feel that

this experience has enhanced my faith.

Alissa

Coming events for the youth

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

Watch for Dudley Bakery order forms for November 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!

Thank you

Thank you to Keri Hyles for organizing Blue Jean Sunday and getting the ACTS center ready for Joyful Noise summer camp.

Thank you Pastor Rick and his mom, Ruth Schowalter for finishing the painting that was started during Blue Jean Sunday.

Thank you to Charlotte and Lyn Arthurton for replacing the handles and hanging the cabinet doors.

Thank you to Katie Timan for organizing Rally Day.

Thank you for all those behind the scenes who have supported the youth!

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.

TACO News

Happy October! As I write this, we are days away from Bread Upon the Waters on September 22. Details will be available in November newsletters, so stay tuned!

October offers two wonderful opportunities to support TACO and both will be a lot of fun!

Did you miss out on Empty Bowls this year? Have no fear! On Saturday, October 13, Calvary Lutheran Church in Solana Beach (424 Via De La Valle, Solana Beach, 92075) will be hosting Empty Bowls, part II from 4 pm 6 pm. There will be bowls and soup galore followed by a concert!

Just a week before, on Sunday, October 7, TACO is honored to be the benefiting organization of Gimme Shelter, an art and music festival organized by high school student and TACO volunteer, Rachel Taylor of High Tech High School. Gimme Shelter will feature an art gallery, silent auction, live music, spoken word, delicious food, and the short documentary debut of Thinking Outside the Cardboard Box by Rachel Taylor. This begins at 1 p.m. and ending at 6 p.m. at Queen Bee's Art and Cultural Center: 3925 Ohio Street, San Diego, 92104. All ages are welcome and entrance is free but donations of money or items such as clothing or blankets will be gladly accepted.

October will be full of such great ways to help TACO continue its mission of serving the most vulnerable among us. So far this year, TACO has served 18,631 meals. This would not be possible without the support and dedication of congregations and individuals around San Diego and beyond. Thank you.

Rachel Line
Volunteer Coordinator

October Anniversaries

- 9 Thomas & Linda Gulliver
- 15 Rudy & Terri Flores
- 25 Candy & Randy Greenlee
- 31 Michelle & William Gomes II

October Birthdays

- 2 Danil Koch
- 5 Tiffany Coletti
- 7 Mathew Callaway
- 10 Vance Coletti
- 11 Sherry Martin
- 12 Jeffrey Taylor
- 12 Sydney Cappas
- 12 Candy Greenlee
- 14 Jeanna Timan
- 15 Jean Sevcik
- 19 Marlene Chertkow
- 21 Kathleen Darland
- 24 Linda Gulliver
- 24 Stephen Salaz
- 25 Pamela Blyth
- 25 Sara Paulsen
- 27 Charlotte Dravland
- 28 Helen Humphries
- 31 Hanna Hustad

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

October Ministers

Coffee Fellowship:

Host: Candy Greenlee

Refreshments: 7- Cake 14- Becky Byrd
21 – Joyce 28- (needed)

Coffee Server: Nancy Funick,

Communion Assist.: TBA

Communion Care: TBA

Greeters: TBA

Lector: 7, 14- Rob Koch 21, 28- Skip Taylor

Stephen Minister of the Week:

7- Kathy Darland 14- Heather Gasner

21- Marian Privett 28- Ellie Timan

Ushers: Laura Vaughan, Marie Freeman, Randy Greenlee, Betty Maxa, Taylor family (Skip, Kim, Bryce & Bryan)