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Mark 8:27-29

Jesus ...asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others one of the prophets."

He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah."

These verses are asking two important questions of faith.

One is, "Who do the people say Jesus is?" And the other is, "Who do you say that I am?"

The "people" of Jesus' time think that Jesus is someone from their past. They are saying that Jesus is an important person from their past, but from their past nonetheless.

Peter has the right idea when asked, "Who do you say that I am?"

Peter says, "You are the Messiah!"

We have such a tendency to think in terms of our past when considering our faith. We put Jesus in a box labeled yesterday. We want Jesus in an important box labeled "yesterday" but a box that may limit our faith.

I have been thinking about the two directions I think Jesus is leading our church. I have a confession to make. I have been thinking that Jesus wants us to move in the direction of being a new location for the Santee Food Bank and for us to start a new preschool. Both of those ideas are appealing to me because both are ideas from Carlton Hill's past. Did you know it was Carlton Hills and the Santee Methodist church that got the Santee Food Bank started? Did you know what a huge part of our past was a Christian school and preschool?

Since these are ideas from our past, both the ideas seemed more appealing to me.

Now I am having second thoughts.

Both ideas are running into the reality of not having the funding to get started on our property. We were thinking that portable buildings were the answer to a lack of funds but for both the preschool and the food bank, the portable buildings are too costly to connect to utilities. Utilities would cost the food bank and a preschool about \$150,000 to \$200,000 each. New buildings would cost about \$300,000 each. Not that much more, but more than either the food bank or a potential preschool has available.

So what is the answer?

It is time to let the Messiah take over.

The present situation cannot be controlled by ideas from the past. But what are the new ideas? I have no new ideas except, I know I am going to ask the Messiah to have his way. My thoughts and my way have run into an immovable object called the present reality and the answer to our new direction is that only the Messiah knows.

I have two other Bible verses that will guide us:

One is: "You have not, because you ask not." We need to join in prayer to determine the voice and the will of the Messiah.

The second is: "Without a vision the people perish."

One thought I was made aware of with the preschool idea is that just because we cannot afford a preschool at this time, it doesn't mean a preschool is out of the question. I don't think we can make plans that we have a vision for and scrap those plans because we lack the present funding. One of the ideas that I have been approached with is to get determine the ground we have available for a preschool and come up with a survey and architectural plans for a preschool and see if funding will eventually materialize. As I told the Food Bank with their financial roadblocks: "I believe in miracles."

It is clear that many people from our church like the idea of a preschool and it is the vision of a preschool that will determine how we can make an old thought into a new ministry.

Pastor Rick

Attendance For August

	9:00a.m.	Tue	Total
8/2	96	No Mt.	96
8/9	65	No Mt.	65
8/16	96	No Mt.	96
8/23	96	No Mt.	96
8/30	96	No Mt.	96

July Finances

Income	\$16,403
Expenses	\$19,146*
(*includes \$6,838 for patio payment)	

August Finances

Income	\$15,129
Expenses	\$16,682

Feed the Homeless Monday, October 5th

TACO (Third Ave Charitable Organization) Feeds the Homeless at First Lutheran Church, 1430 3rd Ave. in San Diego.

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

Bible Studies for the Fall

- We will have Bible study on the book of Acts on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month
- October 10th and 24th
- At Pamela and David Blyth's at 221 Brookview Court in Santee
- At 4:30pm
- Everyone Welcome!!

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.

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 13th at Café 67 at 12381 Maplevue Street, Lakeside.

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 120 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.

Flowers Each Sunday

Would you like to recognize a special event, such as a birthday or anniversary, or honor a loved one by having flowers placed on the altar of the church on Sundays? There is a sign-up calendar in the back of the church. Pick the Sunday or Sundays on which you would like flowers placed and print your name and phone number on the calendar. Call Jean Setzer at 619-449-0785 and tell her if you would like to have an arrangement for \$20.00 or if you will bring your own arrangement. The bulletin will indicate that you have provided flowers for the occasion.

House Building in Mexico

We are going back to Mexico to build a house for a needy family on Saturday, October 17th. Please consider going with us! You will need a passport and if you do not have one, now is the time to start the process of getting one. We will start the planning and fund raising in September.

Interfaith Ministry with St. Columba's Episcopal Church

At 9720 Cuyamaca Street south of Mast on Cuyamaca

Over the past few months Pastor Rick has been preaching weekly at St. Columba's Episcopal Church at 11:00am Sunday mornings. St. Columba's lost their priest to retirement and the ELCA is a "full communion" partner with the Episcopal church, which means among many things that they can share pastors.

Pastor Rick has been spending 75% of his time at Carlton Hills and 25% of his time as Director of Youth Ministry Leadership for the Pacifica Synod. Next year the Pacifica Synod will elect a new bishop and it is possible that Pastor Rick will move that 25% of his work from the Pacifica Synod to St. Columba's. We have a year to prepare for that possibility.

During the next year both churches are going to experiment with sharing the same pastor and a cooperative ministry. This would be a cooperation of ministry and not a merger. There would be two separate churches and one pastor. Both churches would remain separate, but they would also benefit from a close cooperation with the other.

This could be a great new direction for our church and we have a year to explore the possibilities of sharing ministry and buildings with each other.

Grief Support Group

A grief support will meet Saturday, October 10th at 10:00am at Norma Borgeson's at 2149 Hillslake Drive in El Cajon. It is a wonderful group and open to anyone who is suffering a loss.

God's Gifts and Confirmation

Confirmation began Tuesday, September 22nd and started at 6:15pm. It will be offered the rest of the school year. It will be over in time to attend One Salvation.

God's Gifts is every Tuesday at 4:30pm and ended at 5:30pm. God's Gifts is for Preschoolers to 6th graders and is a reward based Bible Memory program that includes take home assignments each week. God's Gifts will conclude in 10 weeks and will be replaced by a fun and games time led by Selina until God's Gifts begins a winter session in January. For the first Tuesday of each month God's Gifts and the dinner program led by Jeffery

White will share the children's time. Half the group will be with Jeffrey from 4:30pm to 5:00pm while Pastor Rick leads the others in God's gifts. The groups will switch from 5:00pm to 5:30pm.

Youth Gathering for Lutheran Youth

Youth are invited to St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in La Mesa on Saturday, October 3rd for a youth event that will include 4:00pm Games, 5:00pm Worship and 6:00pm Dinner. This is for all confirmation age youth.

Stephen Ministry Sunday

Come to worship on Sunday, October 4th to hear about Stephen Ministry and dedicate a stain glass window in honor of Stephen Ministry.

Herb and Dee Ryden Sunday

Come to worship on Sunday, October 11th to honor Dee and Herb Ryden. A stained glass window will be dedicated and a reception will follow. Dee died several weeks ago and Herb died several years ago and both were long-time pillars of our church.

Sonshine and West SD Conference Service Project

Sunday, October 18th at 2:00pm at Clairemont Lutheran at 4271 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, Hygiene Kits will be assembled. Each church collects items and will take the completed bags home. This is a great way to help those we may meet on the streets or in our cars. The following items will be assembled:

- Water bottle
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Razor
- Bar of soap and wash cloth
- Small bottle of sunscreen
- Comb
- Dental floss
- Gallon size Ziploc bags

The items will be collected on Sunday mornings prior

Greetings from Dorcas!

I love this time of year. As we say goodbye to another summer, we look forward to the many ministries Carlton Hills Lutheran Church offers. From our children to our seniors, there is something for everyone. The woman of Carlton Hills Lutheran has a busy few months ahead of us, and we hope you will join us. We meet the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 in the ACT Center. In September, we enjoyed each other's company as we celebrated Women's Friendship Day by having a High Tea. Jeffery White catered, we had fun dressing up and getting our pictures taken at the photo booth, and was quite inspired by our speaker, Ginny Rodriguez.

In October, thru the end of the year, we will dedicate our time to serving others. Dorcas will host a reception, as we celebrate the life of our beloved Dee Ryden, on Sunday, October 11th. We will also begin collecting hats, scarves, and gloves for TACO, who serves our homeless brothers and sisters in the downtown area. On October 18th, we will host a TACO bar (get it?) as a thank you for your continued support.

In November and December, we will focus on the children. Once again, Carlton Hills Lutheran will support Santee Santa's by providing toys for the children of Santee. This is a wonderful organization, and I encourage you to give generously.

Looking forward, Dorcas will be changing things up a bit. Here is where you come in. We all make resolutions. How about learning something new this year? Starting in January, we will be offering classes on how to knit, crochet and quilt. All are welcome, and we will provide a materials list at our first class. We are also planning outings, such as plays or concerts. It has also been suggested we put together earthquake kits for our homebound seniors. Do you have one? I know I don't.

As you can see, we are an active, busy group, and we have a lot of fun and inspiring things planned. The only thing missing is you!

Blessings,
Pam Meyers
President

One Salvation Confirmation and High School Worship opportunity

One Salvation meets at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. every Tuesday night. This opportunity is open to high school youth and middle school youth who have been confirmed or are currently participating in confirmation. During this time the youth worship together, fellowship, talk seriously about life's events, play games, pray, and share God's love with one another. Belinda Karge and Selina Weber facilitate along with young adults Daniel Timan and Alissa Perna.

October Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick,

Lector: TBA

Greeter: TBA

Communion Assist.: TBA

Communion Care: TBA

Ushers: TBA

Stephen Minister of the Week:

<u>S. M., Communion</u>	<u>Prayer Loft</u>
4-Heather Gasner	Carol Davidson
11-Marian Privett	Ellie Timan
18-Kathy Darland	Diedra Zeller
25-Ellie Timan	Steve Schmidtke

October Birthdays

2	Danil Koch	20	Donna Plummer
5	Tiffany Coletti	21	Kathleen Darland
7	Mathew Callaway	24	Stephen Salaz
10	Vance Coletti	24	Eric Larsen
11	Sherry Martin	24	Linda Gulliver
12	Candy Greenlee	25	Charles Quackenbush
12	Sydney Capps	25	Sara Paulsen
12	Jeffrey Taylor	25	Pamela Blyth
14	Jeanna Timan	27	Charlotte Dravland
15	Jean Sevcik	28	Helen Humphries
19	Marlene Chertkow	31	Hanna Hustad

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

October Anniversaries

9	Thomas & Linda Gulliver
15	Rudy & Terri Flores
25	Candy & Randy Greenlee
25	Matthew & Desiree Dinsdale
31	William & Michelle Gomes

Join us

Tuesday Nights!

Starting Tuesday, September 22nd

4:00 pm Child Cooking Classes

Cook a delicious meal with Mr. White from Summer Camp! Each class will be on the 1st Tuesday of every month after September 22nd

4:30- 5:30 pm God's Gifts

A 10 week bible study for pre-k to 6th grade!

5:30- 6:00. Dinner prepared by the children
Children eat free – Adults \$7.00 – all members

6:00- 7:00 pm Confirmation Class

Middle School age- learn about and affirm your faith!
Retreats, community service, and the history of the church!

7:00- 8:00 pm One Salvation

High School youth group- worship, bible study, games, service projects and trips!

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