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Our Mission Statement:

Strengthen Faith in Christ

Enlarge our Hearts

Energize for Mission

Stretch our Minds

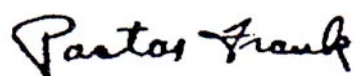
Steps In Calling A New Pastor For CHLC

The Church Council, Call Committee and Transition Team met together to complete CHLC's Mission Profile. This is a series of documents used by the Synod to describe our congregation and its mission life. This gives a prospective candidate a fairly complete view on paper of what life is like at Carlton Hills Lutheran Church. Included in this Profile is a description of the ministry, type of worship, worship attendance, history, the recent survey completed in 2003, a description of the community of Santee from the Chamber of Commerce, financial information, and the results of the Leadership Needs Survey completed by 82 members of the congregation. We feel that Synod has a good description of what life is like at CHLC from this Mission Profile.

On Wednesday September 15th Pastor Karen Parker, assistant to the Bishop, will meet with the Council, Call Committee and Transition Team. At this time she will briefly review our packet of information and discuss options available to the congregation in the calling of a new pastor. We will be somewhat limited in our selection because our call will be for a pastor to serve 3/4 time. Finances are not available at the present time to extend a full time call. The total cost to the congregation for a full time pastor would range from a low of 88 thousand dollars a year to over 100 thousand dollars a year. This would include social security offset, pension, health benefits (alone are \$10,000) and depending upon the number of years of experience, plus auto expense, continuing education etc. The Church Council felt the congregation could afford somewhere in the 60 to 70 thousand dollar a year range for full costs. This would be about fifty per cent of our annual budget for 2004. The bottom line is a congregation can have only the ministry it can afford. Our situation is being played out in many of our congregations through out Synod as high costs of housing and living expenses (especially health care benefits) are playing havoc with the calling of pastors in many congregations. The high cost of housing is especially of concern for a new pastor moving into Santee .

Pastor Parker may bring the name of a candidate or candidates with her at that meeting. That will be determined by our profile match with the match of a candidate who indicates they are interested in another call. Since the call is to serve 3/4 time, the selection will be very limited. In other words the Synod will do preliminary matching of candidates. The Call Committee will interview a candidate and if they approve, will recommend the candidate to the Council. Upon Council approval the candidate will meet with the congregation where opportunity for questions and concerns may be addressed to the candidate by members. Then at a regularly called meeting of the Congregation the congregation will vote on whether or not to issue a letter of call to the candidate. The candidate has thirty days in which to accept or decline the call. If our work and Synod's work has been done well and the candidate accepts the call he or she could be serving at CHLC some four or five weeks after the Letter of Call has been issued. Rarely do things work that easily! Keep the Call Committee and process in your prayers. God may very well have already called someone, unknown to us all to serve here at CHLC.

Obviously as the Call Process winds down my time as Interim Pastor grows shorter and shorter. It has been my privilege to serve here during these months of transition, however I must admit that I look forward to re-entering retirement.



Pastor Frank To Vacation

Unfortunately Jane and I tried to take a week of vacation time in August, but we both were ill during that entire week and stayed home trying to get well. We plan to be away from September 27th to October 12th planning a trip to the East Coast to see the fall colors. Pastor Rick will conduct worship during my absence and all Pastoral concerns should be addressed to him during that time.

Moving Ahead Means Some Changes

Rally Sunday will be September 12th, the second Sunday in September. At that time we will begin a different approach to Sunday School with children being dismissed to the Acts Center following the Kids Talk for a forty minute session. Children will then return to worship in time to receive communion with their families. We hope that families will be encouraged to come to worship together and that it will both increase attendance at worship and attract new families to worship with us. There is more written about this in other parts of the news letter. Please be patient with these changes. We all want our congregation to grow and reach out in new ways to new families of our Santee community. In addition we will initiate a new bulletin format for worship. At this time we will attempt to write out the entire worship service in the bulletin, settling on one liturgy, doing away from the confusion of using so many different books and booklets. This too will enable our worship to become more user friendly for new people, always retaining our Lutheran identity of Word and Sacrament. Again please be patient as we try new things. As always your feed back is welcome, however we will need to give things a "try" for a while before changing things again.

Progress On Our Debt

You may remember at the beginning of the year we have a debt of \$17,500. This was money we borrowed from ourselves to meet budget deficits for 2002 and 2003. As of this moment we have managed to pay back all but about \$5,000 of that debt. This has been done through the generous gifts of some members, a \$5,000 gift from school monies, a \$2,500 gift from Dorcas circle to be paid at the end of the year, plus monies from the sale of some of the tickets to the Star Light Opera. We are in hopes of completely eliminating that debt before the calling of a new Pastor with a HUGE auction-fund raiser with master auctioneer Darrell Timan. So save your valuables for auction at a date to be announced and if you are so inclined you could also make a special donation to the debt reduction fund. We also are back on track paying full principal and

interest on our loan as of September. That is great news. All of this good news has been possible because of austere budget management by our Church Council and increased giving on the part of some of our members. We hope to be in solid financial footing by the time we call a new pastor. If you are behind in your pledge please make every effort to get caught up and if you haven't given for a while---don't delay, do it today!



*Crucifixion
in honor of
Roy Monroe
given by
the church
dedicated*

December 3, 2000

10 Weeks of Wednesdays

God's Gifts ,Adult Study and Dinner for Everyone

We are happy to once again offer a children's ministry called God's Gifts beginning:

Wednesdays September 15th through November 17th

God's Gifts includes a lesson with a Bible memory verse to be done at home, music, prizes and an activity at the end of the session for all who participate. The lesson is meant to bring parents together with their children to teach the essentials of the Christian faith. At the Wednesday session the children hand in the work they did at home with their parents and recite their Bible verses. God's Gifts is for:

K-6th graders

Each session will be led by Pastor Rick and the Youth

From 6:00pm-7:00pm for 10 Wednesdays

God's Gifts is a wonderful way to continue the excitement of Camp Hope. Please join us and invite the children you care about.

"Alpha" is coming to Carlton Hills for Adults

While God's Gifts is meeting from 6:00pm-7:00pm adults are encouraged to attend an adult study called "Alpha". "Alpha" is a video of an inspirational and international Christian speaker who will excite you about the Christian faith. The video will run a half hour and discussion will follow. The topics will introduce you to the Christian faith as it relates to each one of our lives. It is a wonderful evangelism tool for those wanting motivation to see what Christianity is all about and it affirms the belief of establish Christians. Come and see what has made "Alpha" a revitalizing tool for the Christian church world-wide. If you would like to help lead the "Alpha" discussion please contact Pastor Rick.

Confirmation

Confirmation will begin on September 15th and run through the school year on Wednesday evenings from 7:00pm-8:00pm. Confirmation is a two year program and is for 7th and 8th graders with those grades and ages flexible given personal situations. Many of the confirmands may want to help with God's Gifts.

Dinner is included

For God's Gifts participants and their families, "Alpha" participants, Confirmands and anyone who would care to join us, dinner will be served from 5:30pm-6:00pm. If you would like to help prepare or serve this meal please contact Pastor Rick.

Rally Sunday is September 12th

Many of us have been preparing and praying for a new Sunday School format that will begin on Sunday, September 12th. Here is an outline of the plan:

9:00am Children attend worship with their families

After Kid's Talk children will be dismissed to attend Sunday School

Sunday School will consist of a lesson based on the Gospel lesson and a craft

Children will return to worship to participate with communion with their families

At the conclusion of worship children may sing for 10 minutes at the front of the sanctuary

The months with 5 Sundays will have no Sunday School on the 5th Sunday. On those Sundays the youth will lead the worship service and the children are encouraged to attend worship with their families for the entire service. The first 5th Sunday will be October 31st.

If you would like to help with the Sunday School lesson or craft there will be a meeting at 7:00pm August 31st at 7:00pm or call Jeanna Timan at 562-2219.

Please plan on bringing your children to this exciting new Sunday School opportunity. It is going to be so much fun that your children will beg to go to church with you. Norma Borgeson is working on a craft project to begin the year where our children will make a calendar with their inspirational art work. So exciting!!

Youth Musicians and Singers

The Carlton Hills youth singers and musicians who led the Confirmation service in June will lead worship every 5th Sunday. Those who would like to participate in this youth worship service are invited to attend Saturday practices beginning Saturday, September 11th from 11:30am to 12:30pm for singers and from Noon to 12:30pm for musicians. This is open to any youth who want to put their music gifts into service at Carlton Hills whether they participated in the Confirmation worship or would like to join for the first time. Contact Bethany Timan at 562-2219 or Pastor Rick at 249-3352 if you would like more information.

Youth Rally For the Fall

On Wednesday, September 8th at 6:30pm the High Youth would like to invite any youth interested to come to plan:

Events for the year

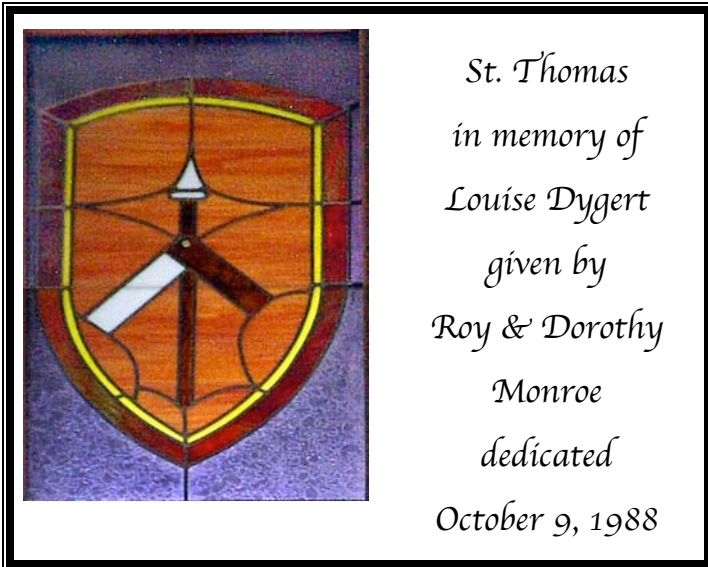
Youth Bible study

Make the trailer their own with games, decorations and furniture

Service through special projects, helping with God's Gifts and Sunday School

We are planning a trip to Magic Mountain in October and a Christmas party in December.

Come and be a part of the excitement in our faith in Christ.



Jesus Loves the Little Children

When I look at a patch of dandelions, I see a bunch of weeds that are going to take over my yard.

My kids see flowers for Mom and blowing white fluff you can wish on.

When I look at a homeless person and he smiles at me, I see a smelly, dirty person who probably wants money, and I look away.

My kids see someone smiling at them and they



smile back.

When I hear music I love, I know I can't carry a tune and don't have much rhythm, so I sit self-consciously and listen.

My kids feel the beat and move to it. They sing out the words. If they don't know them, they make up their own.

When I feel wind on my face, I brace myself against it. I feel it messing up my hair and pulling me back when I walk.

My kids close their eyes, spread their arms and fly with it, until they fall to the ground laughing.



When I pray, I say thee and thou and grant me this, give me that.

My kids say, "Hi God! Thanks for my toys and my friends. Please keep the bad dreams away tonight. Sorry, I don't want to go to Heaven yet. I would miss my Mommy and Daddy."

When I see a mud puddle, I step around it. I see muddy shoes and clothes and dirty carpets.

My kids sit in it. They see dams to build, rivers to cross and worms to play with.

Sometimes I wonder if we are given kids to teach . . . or to learn from.

No wonder Jesus loves the little children!

--Author Unknown--

Submitted by Leslie Atkins

What Is "Sharing the Peace?"

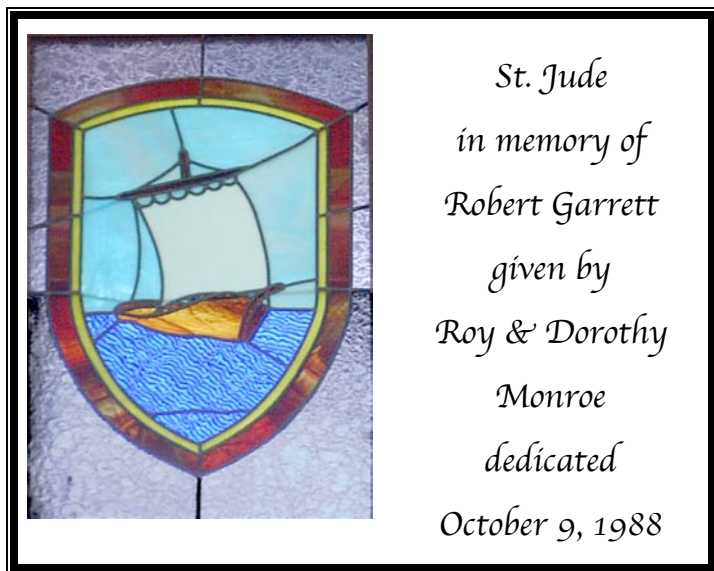
First be reconciled to your brother or sister. . .

For some people, the moments in the liturgy following the prayers of the church are awkward ones. The presiding minister offers these words: "The peace of the Lord be with you always." The congregation responds "And also with you." The members of the congregation are then invited to "share the peace" with one another. What does that really mean?

Sharing God's peace is not simply offering a friendly hello to those sitting around you. Sharing God's peace is not a time for catching up on news with your neighbor or for reminding someone

about an upcoming meeting. Sharing God's peace does not require each worshiper to offer a sign of God's peace to every other worshiper present.

Sharing God's peace with one another is an act of reconciliation. It is an opportunity for God's people to be reconciled with one another as they offer their gifts to God and before they receive the gift of Holy Communion.



Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, as recorded in Matthew's Gospel, lays a foundation for the practice of sharing God's peace. "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift" (Matthew 5:23-24).

Other sources from the early church confirm the practice of sharing the gift of peace. In the Didache, an early Christian writing nearly as old as many of the New Testament writings, the Christian community is encouraged to "come together on the Lord's day, having first confessed your sins so that your sacrifice may be pure. Anyone who has a quarrel with his fellow should not gather with you until he has been reconciled, lest your sacrifice be profaned."

That the sharing of the peace follows the prayers of the church is not accidental. Having been forged into a common people in Holy

Baptism, the congregation prays for peace in the Church, peace in the world, and peace for all those in need. Then the congregation follows through with the people offering peace and reconciliation to one another. This is not human peace alone, but the peace which is possible only through Christ. Then, after the exchange of peace, material gifts are offered to God, for the well being and peace of the Church, the world, and its people. Finally, having prayed for and enacted the peace, we receive the Holy Communion.

Seen in context, it is clear why the exchange of Christ's peace is not a time for saying "Good morning," or for commenting on a neighbor's new outfit, or for reminding someone about next week's potluck supper. It is, rather, a time to set aside our human differences and to recognize and enact our baptismal unity as children of God.

What can the exchange of peace teach us for daily living? Christians are a people who seek reconciliation with one another. Making peace is a daily action in our lives. We do not need to wait to come to church on Sunday morning in order to make peace with our neighbors and our family members. Sharing God's peace is a daily opportunity.

Over centuries, the exchange of peace sometimes came later in the service, after the Lord's Prayer and before the distribution of Communion. Although the preferred placement in Lutheran Book of Worship and With One Voice is following the intercessory prayers and before the offering (quite likely the more ancient pattern), some congregations still exchange the peace later in the service.

Part of the proposal for a concurrent Sunday School at CHELC is to move the exchange of peace from immediately following the Prayers of the Church to following the collection of the offering so that the children can participate in this tradition as they are brought back into the service.

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Submitted by Leslie Atkins

Spotlight on Hymns

“Jesus Loves the Little Children”

Lyrics: Clare Herbert Woolston

Music: George Frederick Root
(aka G. Friedrich Wurzel) 1820-1895

*Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white,
They are precious in His sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

Most of us are well familiar with this song. Having learned it as children, we sing it from memory. It was even used as the intro in Ray Steven’s recording “Everything Is Beautiful” in the early seventies.

However, few of us know that the words above are just the refrain for three other verses, or that C. H. Woolston penned these lyrics to fit the Civil War battle hymn, “Tramp! Tramp! Tramp! The Boys Are Marching” written by the renowned composer George Frederick Root in 1864.

Like the majority of children in the early nineteenth century, George Frederick Root was born on a farm. Little did his parents know that he was about to become one of the most successful musicians of his age. His father helped set him on this path, teaching him to play the flute as a child.

George was so fond of music that he would play any instrument he could get his hands on. At thirteen years of age, he rejoiced that he could play one instrument for each year of his life. When he was eighteen, he had an offer from Boston to work for the organist and choirmaster Mr. A. N. Johnson in exchange for three dollars a week, room, board--and piano lessons.

George headed to Boston. In just seven weeks, he became so proficient on the piano that his employer set him to playing church services. Then Johnson began passing music students on to him! In two years, he was assisting the notable musician Lowell Mason.

Throughout his life, George studied the latest teaching methods and introduced them to

Americans. Among the many places where he taught were Union Theological Seminary and the New York State Institution for the Blind. With another famous writer of hymn tunes, William Bradbury (who wrote the music for “Jesus Loves Me”), he established the New York Normal Institute especially to train music teachers. He also held teaching seminars at which he taught the latest methods to music instructors, thus having a lasting influence on American music.

In 1851, he wrote the first secular cantata produced in America, “The Flower Queen”. The lyrics were supplied by one of his pupils at the New York Institute for the Blind, Fanny Crosby. Fanny Crosby is well known as the author of “Blessed Assurance”. George also wrote hymn tunes for her as well. Indeed, much of his work was for churches and hymn writers. He always made music for common people, saying, “I never dreamed of eminence as a writer of music...”

Sources: <http://www.gospelcom.net>
<http://civilwar.bluegrass.net>
Submitted by Leslie Atkins

A Stephen Minister Is...

- A child of God who walks beside a person who is hurting
- A congregation member with gifts for caregiving, who was carefully selected to serve in this role
- A lay person who has received 50 hours of training in providing emotional and spiritual care
- A caring, Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports, and encourages
- Someone who will “be there” for his or her care receiver, meeting faithfully for about an hour each week, for as long as there’s a need

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Home Town Buffet in Santee at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 14th. Join in for some good food and wonderful fellowship. For more information call either Grace Otto, 440-2456 or Nancy Funick, 561-7823.

Reel Theology

This month Reel Theology meets at the home of Rich and Jean Setzer at 5:00pm on September 12th for dinner and to discuss the movie Big Fish, starring Albert Finney and Ewan McGregor. The story is about a son trying to learn more about his dying father by reliving stories and myths his father told him about himself. Watch the bulletin for menu plans and sign-up sheet...Come join us!

Attention All Singers!!!

Thursday night choir rehearsals are back beginning September 2nd at 7 p.m. We will begin rehearsing some new music as well as some familiar ones. The Fall/Winter schedule is taking shape and will be shared with you as soon as it is completed. Look forward to participating in a new Christmas cantata sometime in December (date to be announced later). If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me at: 448-6888. See you on the 2nd! Jan Neuhaus

Roses of Appreciation

Tom and Betty Pendergast for all they do for the church (and they clean too).

To each of us for giving our love so generously to Keri Hustad. Once again we've proved to ourselves we can meet God's challenges.

Hugs, love, and tears for each and every person involved with the school's over the years. May God continue to bless you wherever you are and whatever you do.

To all those who have sent cards or visited Norie during her long hospitalization.

And more roses to all those who have shared their musical talents with us during the summer.

Many thanks to Fern Gates for showing me how to do the newsletters a few years ago. Also thanks to Dusty and Florence Hustad, and Grace Otto for always being there to help and Tom Pendergast for mailing it. Tim Hustad types it up and sends it to the printer. Our Echo is a work of cooperation from all and I appreciate it.

Betty Pendergast.



Farewell Luncheon for Shirley and Keri

Dorcas Highlights

The ladies are working diligently on their projects for the Bazaar to be held in November. We had an arts and crafts day this month and finished quite a few items.

Council Highlights

Church council met on Wednesday, August 24th. The Transition Team and Call Committee attended with us to discuss the preparation of the church leaders for the final steps on the calling of our new pastor. Pastor Frank made us aware of the steps we need to go through prior to accepting a pastor and what is expected of us after the pastor is with us.

We prepared a packet of surveys of the congregation questions we will need to ask the applying pastor. We also discussed the standard compensation for pastors now, and what Carlton Hills can actually afford. A motion was made to apply for a 3/4 time minister with a total compensation package of \$60,000 to \$70,000. This is on the lower side of what the synod recommends.

Reverend Karen Parker will now meet and assist the Call Committee from this point forward.

We have received a final agreement package from Nextel in regards to the antenna being placed at the church. Darrel Timan is arranging everything with Nextel.

The school is selling items, and the second floor is now empty. The school board will keep the congregation appraised as the closure moves along.

Respectfully submitted, Marie Freeman

Hot Dog Roast

Rally Day - Sunday, September 12th

Dorcas Circle invites everyone to celebrate our "End of Summer" Hot Dog Luncheon and also to join our Sunday School Rally Day event as they begin our their fall classes. We'll have fellowship, entertainment, and good food! This is a good combination and we want everyone to come.

We will be having hot dogs (Chicago Style), beans, chips, dessert and beverages. Luncheon tickets will soon be available after church. This will be a fundraiser sponsored by Dorcas Circle. The money raised will go toward our debt retirement. Mary and Bill Thomas will also have raffle tickets for a drawing at our luncheon.

Come one ...come all. See you after church about 11:00 a.m.

We are working on a new church directory. If you are moving or have corrections to your information, please call the church office at 619-448-1888 and leave the changes. Thanks, Betty Pendergast.

Former member Charlene Craig is fighting illness while staying with her daughter in Minnesota now. Her address is:

Charlene Craig
7819 County Road 141
Kimball, MN. 55353

Cole & Marie Freeman's new address is:

11949 Riverside Dt Sp #65
Lakeside, CA 92040

Texts for the Sundays in September

- September 5th 14th Sunday of Pentecost
Deut 30:15-20, Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-33
September 12th 15th Sunday of Pentecost
Exod 32:7-14, 1 Tim 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10
September 19th 16th Sunday of Pentecost
Amos 8:4-7, 1 Tim 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13
September 26th 17th Sunday of Pentecost
Amos 6:1a, 4-7, 1 Tim 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

September Ministers

- Coffee Fellowship:** 5, 12, 19, 26- Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan, Janice Davis
Communion Assist.: 5- Sara Paulsen & Ellie Timan 12, 19- Lyn & Charlotte Arthurton 26- Marie Freeman & Grace Otto
Communion Care: Lyn & Charlotte Arthurton
Edgemoor Hospital Worship: 26- Neal Johnson
Greeters: 5- Bill Blue & Ellie Timan 12, 19- Crystal Boisvert & Grace Otto 26- Hannah & Molly Lisowsky
Lector: 5- Molly Lisowsky 12, 19- Bruce Potocki 26- Ben Timan
Stephen Minister of the Day: 5- Ed Teichner 12- Jim Thomas 19-Bill Blue 26- Carol Davidson
Ushers: Tom & Susan Ellison, Frank Steirer, Ed Teichner
Acolyte, Assist. Minister, Sound: TBA

September Anniversaries

- 7 Peter & Deborah Callaway
15 Kris & Karen Morrison
18 Ralph & Lorraine Beyer
22 Jeff & Penny Sallay

September Birthdays

2	Laura Vaughan	12	Sue Hutton
2	Cole MacPherson	15	Cameron Brooks
3	Sylvia Smith	16	Gabriel Callaway
4	V. Savannah Grant	17	Linda Conklin
5	Kim Naour	17	Sarah Judd
5	Penny Sallay	19	Michelle Webb
6	Brandon Arndt	20	Terri Flores
8	Andrew Neuhaus	20	Robert Reid
9	Karen Atkins	22	Cheryl Potocki
10	Molly Lisowsky	24	Eleanor Timan
10	Sydney Brown	28	Randall Catron
11	Cara Henson	30	Tarin Fehling