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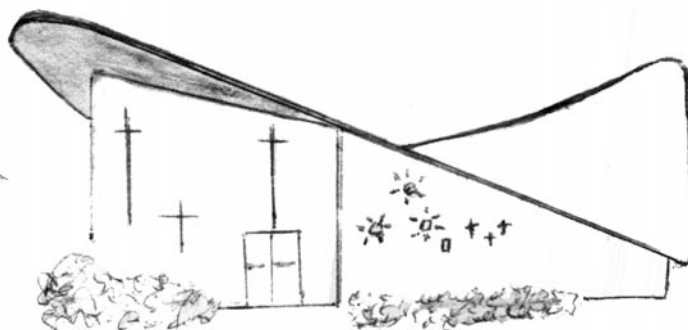
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A Summer Full of Blessings

Sometimes I think I am crazy!

The thought of my summer schedule seemed to send me into cold chills and a dreaded sigh. Now I look back and wish it could all happen again. God willing it will, next summer.

June began with day after day of preparations for the Joyful Noise Summer Music Camp.

Our youth of about 14 soon to grow to 19 would act as the staff for the Camp. They had wonderful training and experience being Camp Hope staff last summer but the new summer was filled with unanswered questions. Are you kidding, 6 weeks! Camp Hope was only one week at our church and two other weeks at two other churches. Would we have enough registrations to meet our payroll needs? How would we run classes we had never led before? Did we have a good plan or were we forgetting something? How would the campers respond to day after day of camp, week after week? Were we really going to expect children to enjoy coming to a camp that offered Math and Reading?

The biggest asset we had going into the camp weeks was a wonderful adult staff. Belinda Karge is a Professor at Cal State Fullerton, a teacher of teachers and she was going to coordinate "Academic Enrichment" or structured homework by any other name. Misty Thompson who Pastor Rick knows from Hope Lutheran, his previous congregation would teach "Music and Art Appreciation". Misty felt out of her comfort zone but she was willing to meet the challenge. Kim Naour and Desiree Dunnick would coordinate Art. Kim had other commitments during the summer so added pressure was created, but Kim and Desiree seemed to complement each other. Instrumental and Vocal Music was coordinated for 5 weeks by Bethany Timan and two weeks by Marina Williamson with one of those weeks an overlap. Bethany taught hand chimes and the singing of song after song. The highlight of the chimes was a Sunday morning presentation of a hymn the chimes learned that was played note by note. Isn't it wonderful to have our children learn how to read music? Dance would be coordinated by two youth teams: Selina Weber and Michelle Gilliam would teach Irish and Swing Dancing while Garrett Schweighauser and Hannah

Munsterman would introduce a big show tune they performed in their school from the movie, "Sister Act 2" called "Joyful, Joyful". Was it really possible to expect children to perform a high school song and dance number?

Pastor Rick has gone to camp every year of his 27 years in the ministry but could he handle his other duties in the church and the synod at the same time. One of the wisest decisions was to hire Elizabeth Flesh as co-director, thanks to a contact made by Belinda. Elizabeth has the love of Jesus and her love for children in her every frequent smile. It is her gentle sigh of appreciation and support which makes Elizabeth such a tremendous leader of children of all ages. "Liz" would coordinate the Showcase performance at 3 weeks and 6 weeks. What a precious job she did. Liz would lead the camp into an international and a "Children of the world" theme that was not planned, but gave the camp tremendous heart and spirit. Liz also allowed Pastor Rick to take an afternoon off to do his church visits and work on his sermon among other requirements of the pastor.

The registrations stood at 30 for both 3 week sessions. Hesitations about registering for both sessions by half the camp were soon dispelled by the outpouring of joy from each camper, each day. The greatest gift of the camp to our children was that they learned how to pray. Children prayed before and after each rotation. They led prayer for each snack and lunch. They prayed with an eloquence that taught everyone something about the tremendous gift that prayer is to us all.

We had 5 children take guitar lessons, 4 take harmonica lessons, 3 take flute lessons and one take piano lessons.

The most surprising result of the camp was the tutoring twice a week, one-on-one with an adult from our church. Surprising because the children loved it and looked forward to tutoring and so did the tutors grow to love the children they tutored. Pastor Rick asked many of the campers what they liked best about camp and the vast majority said, "Tutoring!" Can you imagine the boast of our camp is now, "The camp taught our children to love to learn." This tutoring will continue as a part of our Wednesday program because the tutors and the children want more and more.

There are so many people to thank. Julie Lipscomb, Grace Otto, Florence Hustad, Dee Ryden and Betty Pendergast all helped with the two snacks daily and lots of clean up duties. The tutors were faithful and fabulous. Roy Monroe came to teach the children about making stained glass windows and Herb Ryden taught the children about pastel painting. There was "Splash Day" every Wednesday which was so much fun it should be illegal. There were field trips and special guests, like Roberto the professional violin player and the Al his accordion accompaniment. There was Kindred who came from Youth Encounter and a recent trip from South America who made singing in Spanish, puppets and skits so much high energy fun. There was a fun field trip to the Creation Museum. There was so much more...

We wonder now how we can grow next year. We had 30 campers, 19 youth staff and lots of adults. We were packed into an extremely hot facility. We had 200 people see the closing Showcase performance in a very hot sanctuary. Let's see where God leads us!

The Joyful Noise Summer Music Camp has only just begun!

Wednesday Program Begins, September 14th

We have so much to offer in our two 10 week programs that will be new this year. The first 10-weeks will begin September 14th and the second 10-week program will begin February 1st. Here is the schedule:

5:15pm Tutoring Contact Belinda Karge at 579-3833 if you are interested in tutoring for your child or you want to become a tutor.

6:00pm Dinner for the whole family

6:15pm God's Gifts. The theme is "The Power of Prayer"

There will be:

Singing

Take home lessons

Bible stories and memory verses where answered questions, memory verses and going to Sunday School can earn the participating

child points

Prizes and gifts for participation

A trip or party for those who earn enough points

We need help with the dinners. Please let Pastor Rick know if you want to provide dinner for our children and their families.

NOTE!!! This is a "NO NUT ZONE" where we cannot cook anything or bring anything to eat that has a peanut or nut product in it. Read the labels! We have a little boy who is DEATHLY allergic to any nut or nut product.

Genesis Expeditions and the Orphanage in Tijuana

Two adults and 5 youth traveled to Baja to work with Genesis Expeditions and the orphans of a Tijuana orphanage. What a tremendous and awesome ministry. Genesis will receive the school buildings on our property once they are taken down and transported across the border. What a worthwhile ministry that deserves all of our support.

The group accomplished two things. Each morning began with a work project and each afternoon and evening there was structured and unstructured time with the children.

For the work project the group helped move crushed rock in front of the sleeping dorms to keep them clean and mud and dust free. The group also set the foundation forms that will soon be the foundation for the first dome building to be moved from our property to the Genesis Ranch. How exciting!!

The afternoon interaction with the children was beautifully orchestrated. There was horseback riding, team building games such as a "Low Ropes Course", crafts and structured team games like soccer (futbol). It was so much fun!

The amazing thing was the quality of the children from the orphanage. Their translated prayers were so beautiful! They sang and danced with passion, almost like a performance. In short, they reminded us of the children we had just spent 6 weeks with from the Joyful Noise Camp. This was the first time to go to Genesis for both church and orphanage and it was like God had chosen us to be together. With all the tears at leaving (continued on page 5)



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we are committed to have a lasting relationship with this orphanage which is just a few mile across the border in Tijuana.

Please come to our September 10th work camp to deconstruct the school buildings on our property to send to Genesis. The site for the first building is already prepared.

Also bring any children's clothes you might have. Genesis will be here to take them to their ranch and distribute them to the orphans they serve.

Please pray for our continued partnership in faith and love.

Sunday Education Hour For Everyone

Beginning Sunday, September 11th we will be adding an education hour to our Sunday morning schedule. Here is the proposal:

Everything Begins at 10:15am

Adult Education "The One Year Bible" For the fall we will study the major prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel and Paul's Letters to the Galatians, Ephesians and Philippians. The adult study will be led by Pastor Rick

Youth Alpha Video series and discussion. Pam Myers will lead this video series which explores the basic questions of faith

Children will have their own 45 minute lesson in a traditional classroom taught by Jean Setzer

If there an expressed need we will also provide a nursery

We will be done by 11:00am each Sunday.

HOWEVER the first Sunday, September 11th we will have a special presentation about hunger in the world for all ages. This special Sunday will be dedicated to teach us all about children who have so much less than we do. As one of the evaluations from the summer music camp explained, "I love hearing my child talk about how fortunate he is after learning about starving and poor children around the world." We all need that awareness.

The camp children learned about the children of Uganda through a documentary DVD entitled,

"Invisible Children". The same video will be shown at the September 11th study time.

The children will stay to see the most inspiring of the scenes called, "Resilience" and then they will be dismissed. The children will have their own lesson on world hunger and poverty. Liz Flesh will talk about her personal encounters with the creators of the documentary. Then we will show as much of the documentary as time allows, ending with Pastor Rick introducing us to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal resources and ways to even send farm animals to our missions in Uganda.

Please come to our study times and be people of God's Word.

CHROS and CHROS Words

CHROS is excited to announce that Malina Owyong will be leading CHROS, an accomplished musician who has a love for youth and children and over 10 years experience as the keyboard player for one of the best Christian bands in San Diego called,

"Something Like Syllas". CHROS has grown in diversity. There are still 7 youth and 3 adults, but now there are 3 children who also who have joined the group. The next youth led worship will be Sunday, October 30th. The next CHROS practice will be Saturday, September 3rd from 11:00am to Noon. Come welcome Malina. We are so blessed to have her with us.

MORE NEWS

We have now formed "CHROS Words" which will be responsible for the presentation of the message on youth led Sundays and will also create a Christmas drama. Liz Flesh will lead CHROS Words. Liz was the summer camp co-director with Pastor Rick. Liz graduated from the U of Oregon in 2001 with a B.A. in Theatre Arts. Currently in the Teacher Credential Program at San Diego State. Liz worked 3 years with Christian Youth Theatre, as teacher, camp counselor and area coordinator. She helped start the Orange County Christian Youth Theatre 2 years ago. She explains, "I want the Word portion of youth led services to go in the direction we are called into. I am a major team person, never feel the compelling need to tackle something completely alone. I want to explore and mix different drama/writing styles. My hope is to

have a group that would be seeking God's heart for each other, the world, and to express that visually, however God moves us.

CHROS Words and CHROS are open to all ages. CHROS Words will meet from 10:00am to 11:00am just before CHROS.

Starlight Theatre and Door Prizes

Mary and Bill Thomas are still selling tickets to Starlight, the next and last play of the season is Miss Saigon, Thursday September 8th. Tickets are \$15.00. See them for tickets not only for the show but also for some of the fantastic door prizes they have collected. Even if you can't make the play you can participate in the door prize drawing. Tickets for the door prizes are \$.50 each, 3 for \$1.00 or 20 for \$5.00. You do not have to be present to win.

Here are just a few of the door prizes:

- Buck Knives
 - Two tickets to Sea World
 - Horn Blower cruise for two
 - Theatre tickets
 - H & M Landing Fishing Trip
 - 2 Passes to the Zoo
 - Home Town Buffet meals
 - 1 Padre Bryan Giles youth tee Shirt
 - Much more from the Padres
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Calendar Gems

- Saturday, September 3rd Church Work Day
 - Saturday, September 10th School Demolition Work Day
 - Monday, September 12th 9:00am Puttzin group
 - Senior Lunch at the Santee Jimmy's at 11:30am
 - Wednesday, September 14th the dinners and God's Gifts begins
 - Saturday, September 17th Stephanie Lunn and Chris Meyers get married at 4:00pm
 - Saturday, September 24th Men's Breakfast at the Omelette Factory
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New Member Sunday

Orientation is Saturday, October 8th from 9:00am to 11:00am

New Members received at the 9:00am worship service Sunday, October 9th

First Communion Instruction

Saturday, October 22 from 10:00am to Noon

First Communion Sunday is October 23rd at the 9:00am worship service

Texts for the Sundays in September

- 4 Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 18)
Ezekiel 33:7-11, Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20 - Color: Green
 - 11 Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
(Proper 19)
Genesis 50:15-21, Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35 - Color: Green
 - 18 Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
(Proper 20)
Jonah 3:10--4:11, Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16 - Color: Green
 - 25 Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
(Proper 21)
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32, Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32 - Color: Green
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Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Jimmy's in Santee, 9635 Mission Gorge Rd at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 13th. 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 will meet at the home of Jim Albright at 5:30pm on September 11th. Come for potluck dinner and discussion of the movie *The Dust Factory*. Come join us!

September Birthdays

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

September Anniversaries

- 7 Peter & Deborah Callaway
- 10 Tammy & Thomas Halloran
- 14 Cole & Marie Freeman
- 15 Kris & Karen Morrison
- 18 Ralph & Lorraine Beyer
- 22 Jeff & Penny Sallay



September Ministers

- Acolyte: TBA
- Assist. Minister: TBA
- Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan,
Janice Davis
- Communion Assist.: 4, 11- Jim Thomas & Sue
Lisowsky 18, 25- Sara Paulsen & Grace Otto
- Communion Care: Sara Paulsen
- Edgemoor Hospital Worship: 25- Jim Thomas
- Greeters: 4, 11- Jeanna & Katie Timan
18, 25- Jim Thomas & Dee Ryden
- Lector: 4, 11- Laura Vaughan
18, 25- Ben Timan
- Stephen Minister of the Day: TBA
- Ushers: Laura Vaughan, Kathleen Darland, Marie
Freeman, Molly Lisowsky, Betty Maxa, Jim
Thomas