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"Knowledge Served by Love"

1 Corinthians 8:1b-3

"While knowledge makes us feel important, it is love that strengthens the church. Anyone who claims to know all the answers doesn't really know very much. But the person who loves God is the one whom God recognizes."

After the 9:00a.m. worship service, during the last four weeks of September, I will conduct an adult catechism class. The class is designed to give us a basic understanding of our faith as Lutheran Christians. Both new members and current members are invited to attend.

The Book of Nehemiah tells us that the Persian King, Cyrus, a pagan, ordered the temple in Jerusalem to be rebuilt. He even provided the necessary resources and gave the builders permission to move from exile back to Jerusalem, when many opposed such plans.

Once the temple and the walls were completed, the governor, Nehemiah, and the priest, Ezra, made certain that the mistakes of the past were not repeated. They insisted that the Book of the Law of God was read and that its instructions were followed. After the reading, they discovered that the laws of God had not been followed, and so they ordered the people to be obedient to the Law. At a festival, Ezra read the Book of the Law of God for three hours. Afterwards, the people confessed their sins and the sins of their ancestors.

God's knowledge was emphasized and the people responded, but was that the whole answer? Not really!

If we are to obey God, we must know His ways, but is that enough? Not according to the verse I quoted from 1 Corinthians, which says that we must also love God. Our love for God is what motivates us to carry out His will. How do we come to love God?

We learn to love God by communicating with Him and by trusting Him as we experience life's

triumphs and its troubles. Our faith in God and the knowledge of His love for us is what causes our love for Him to blossom and grow.

I teach the "knowledge of God," in our confirmation classes. I will do the same in the adult catechism classes in September. But that is not enough.

We learn to love God by sharing who we are, in our most intimate situations, with Him. For the confirmands, that means going on trips, retreats and camps. These outings speak to the hearts of our youth and motivate them to love God. Our adults need to make a conscious effort to share their lives with God through personal devotions, spiritual fellowship, prayer and worship.

Knowledge of God, apart from our love for God, can be dangerous as that is what religious fanaticism is all about. As Christians, let us strive for both knowledge of God and love for God.

Starlight

Bill, Misty and I wish to thank you all for your support this year by attending the Starlight productions. The last one of the season *Ragtime* is set for September 13th. Please let us know as soon as possible if you wish to join the fun. The door prizes will be awarded at the fall carnival so it is not too late to buy tickets for that either. We have Sea World and Disneyland tickets as well as the Zoo and many other hot ticket items.

Thanks again for all your support, Mary and Bill Thomas and Misty Thompson

Prayer Chain

I understand there may be some who wish to become a member of the prayer chain team. If so, please let me know and I will be happy to add your name as a prayer team member, so you can have the privilege of praying for various needs and/or people.

Also, if anyone wishes to take over the responsibility of the prayer chain as chairperson, please let me know that too. The position is open to anyone who wishes to take it I do not have a monopoly on it. I enjoy serving in this capacity but certainly am willing to step aside as well.

Thank you

Mary Thomas, Prayer Chain chairperson 619 449 1645

High Up Update!

This month, the youth has been involved in many exciting activities and events. On July 30th, Belinda and Carol took us on a surprise hike at Torrey Pines State Park in La Jolla. Beforehand, we continued our study of the book of Corinthians, and then hiked in silence so we could think of challenges that God has helped us to overcome. When we reached Yucca Point, we took a minute to take in the beauty of the ocean and we watched the sun set as we traveled back along the beach.

We were also involved in a youth event at California Lutheran University called Invitation to Service. It was a three day event where we stayed in the dorms, heard call stories, made new friends, and

most importantly, learned that God has a unique call for each of us and we have to keep our hearts and minds open. It was a very eye-opening event.

Our High Up group meets on Monday nights from 6 to 7:30 for a Bible study and fellowship. We are currently studying the book of Corinthians. All high school and college-aged students are welcome to join us! :)

Kristin Naour

More High-Up News

High-Up will be holding their youth planning meeting for the 07-08 school year on Monday night September 10th at 6:00p.m. in the Acts Center. All high school and college age young adults are welcome.

Sunday, September 23rd immediately following the contemporary service (About 6:00p.m.) there will be a parent orientation for High -Up parents. Belinda will share the proposed calendar and discuss upcoming events and High-Up policies.

Church Library Opens Sept. 2nd

Our new Library will be open for business starting on Sunday, September 2, 2007. The Library is located in the Acts Center in what used to be Pastor's office.

The rules are simple. There will be a notebook on the middle shelf to sign out books. Please note the date, the name of the book and your name. There is a 2 book limit for young children. Confirmation age and older are free to borrow what they feel they can read in the 3 week check out period. A special box will also be provided for you to return your books to when you have finished with them. We will check them back in and return them to the shelves for you.

Library Hours:

Sundays 8:15 to 11:00 a.m. & 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Dorcas Tuesdays 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Vicki Haas

Council Member for Outreach

Finances and Attendance For July

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	5:00p.m.	Total
7/1	102	25	127
7/8	85	28	113
7/15	93	14	107
7/22	87	20	107
7/29	104	18	122

July Offerings:	\$16,696.32	
July Expenses:	\$14,342.11	
YTD Income:		\$83,675.94
YTD Expenses:		\$86,732.10
Operating Surplus:	\$5,207.85	

News Notes for the Near Future

- We feed the Homeless on Monday September 17th leaving at 2:30p.m.
- August 30th to September 2nd is a retreat weekend at the orphanage in Mexico... We are trying to raise \$1,300 to buy new kitchen cupboards through our coin offerings each Sunday
- Saturday, September 8th Is the Fall Festival which is a fund Raiser BBQ, Carnival and Silent Auction
- Sundays in September beginning September 9th after the 9:00a.m. worship service there will be a New Members and Adult Confirmation class led by Pastor Rick and meeting in the back of the Acts Center
- Wednesday, September 12th God's Gifts and Family Dinners begin
- Saturday, October 6th 9:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. First Communion class
- Confirmation will meet on Mondays from 7:00pm to 8:00pm beginning September 10th

Healing Service and Prayer Shawl Dedication the first Sunday of each month

Our prayer team will be leading a healing service the first Sunday of every month following the 9:00a.m. worship service. Please come whether you want to ask God for healing for either yourself or a loved one. The prayer team will add this opportunity to their offerings of prayer which already include prayer during the communion distribution at either the back of the church or the "prayer loft" opposite the choir loft. At this service we will also dedicate prayer shawls that are hand-knitted by our members for the comfort and assistance of prayer that those shawls represent. How blessed we are and how blessed others will be to have these offerings of prayer.

God's Gifts

Our children's program will begin Wednesday, September 12th from 6:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. with a family dinner at 6:00p.m.

For those who completed the lessons and the memory work from last Spring a special free event is being planned on Wednesday, September 5th from 4:30p.m. to 7:30p.m. We will be traveling to "Pump It Up" in Mira Mesa for an indoor inflatable park complete with a pizza dinner. If you are not a graduate of the Spring session you may still attend for a \$10.00 fee. Let Pastor Rick know if you want to attend. Those who earned a free trip are:

Kendra Martin
Lucas Paulsen
Robin Paulsen
Michael Sallay
Bryant Taylor
Bryce Taylor
Austin Thompson
Trevor Thompson
Daniel Timan

Congratulations!

New Members Adult Catechism Class

For 4 Sundays in September (September 9, 16, 23 and 30) Pastor Rick will offer an Adult Catechism class after the 9:00a.m. worship service to all prospective new members and any current members who wish to know the basics of our Christian and Lutheran faith. Call the church office if you wish to attend. What a great way to get to know the basics of our faith and for new members and established members to get to know each other.

Orphanage Kitchen Cupboards

We are going to run an abbreviated music and arts camp at the Siempre Orphanage August 31-September 2nd.

Once again we invite you to come to the closing program Sunday afternoon, September 2nd at 4:00pm with a Fiesta to follow.

We are trying to raise \$1300 for a new set of kitchen cupboards for the orphanage. If you would like to make a donation please contact Pastor Rick. The children have been collecting Sunday morning coins toward the cost of the cupboards.

Senior Lunch and Bagels

Please consider this an invitation to come to the senior lunch on Tuesday, September 11th at 11:30a.m. at the Red Lobster at Grossmont Center in La Mesa. There are always 15-20 seniors at the lunch who truly are a loving and welcoming group. Also come to share Bagels at Einstein Bagel at the Santee Trolley station each Tuesday of the month except the Senior Lunch Tuesday from 9:30a.m. to 11:00a.m. This group is much more diverse in ages and is a wonderful time just to enjoy each other's company.

Feed the Homeless

Once a month several from our church and often visitors come to feed the homeless at First Lutheran Church in Downtown San Diego. It is a truly inspiring experience. First Lutheran also passes out those little shampoo bottles and bottles of conditioner and mouth wash that hotels give away.

If you have a collection of these items you would like to donate, please bring them to church and our group feeding the homeless September 17th will bring them along for distribution.

There is a big fund raiser for this ministry on Saturday, September 22nd at Copley Symphony Hall from 5:30p.m. to 8:30p.m. There will be a silent auction and an inspirational program describing this ministry, affectionately called TACO...Third Avenue Charitable Organization. Talk to Pastor Rick if you would like to attend.

Stephen Minister Information Night

On Monday evening September 10th, the Stephen Leader's will be conducting an informative open house regarding Stephen Minister's. What is a Stephen Minister, and what is this all about? We'd like to pique your curiosity. If you've ever considered being a Stephen Minister, thought maybe you'd just like some one-on-one talking with a friend who's trained in listening, and keeping their mouth shut to others, or just want to hear what we have to offer, then please come. We will be meeting in the Library of the Act's Center at 6:00 p.m. We will have refreshments to ply you with, air conditioning to keep you cool, and a fun informal meeting to keep you listening.

We want you to know the program better. We are in need of more Stephen Minister's, and caregivers. We are in need to serve. Help us. This is your Stephen Minister program that your congregation supports. Come find out why, and what you can do to be more of a part. We'd love to have you.

Sometimes God give us a little nudge that he wants us to do more. Maybe you've recently felt that nudge, or have in the past. God uses everyday people to do his work. No experience necessary to do His work. He allows us to be trained in a Christian way to be with care receivers. Listen for His soft voice, or feel His gentle nudge. Perhaps this is where He is wanting you. At least, come and discover if this ministry or being a care receiver is for you. Open yourself to one more of His wonderful, unexpected surprises.

September Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan,
Grace Otto
Communion Assist.: 2- Marie Freeman & Sara
Paulsen 9,16- Marcy & Bob Metz 23- Marie
Freeman & Sara Paulsen 30- Youth
Communion Care: Ellie Timan
Edgemoor Hospital Worship: TBA
Greeters: 2- Davidson family 9, 16- Metz family
23- Davidson family 30- Youth
Lector: 2- Gary Berglund 9, 16- Robert Reid 23-
Marie Freeman 30- Youth
Stephen Minister of the Day: 2- Ellie Timan 9-
Kathleen Darland 16- Carol Davidson 23- Ed
Teichner 30- Jim Thomas
Ushers: Darrel, Jeanna, Eleanor, & Katie Timan,
John Sevcik

September Birthdays

2 Laura Vaughan
3 Sylvia Smith
4 V. Grant
5 Kim Naour
5 Penny Sallay
5 Juliana Lipscomb
6 Brandon Arndt
8 Thomas Gulliver
10 Molly Lisowsky
10 Sydnie Brown
11 Cara Henson
12 Sue Hutton
13 Misty Thompson
16 Gabriel Callaway
16 Henry Schneider
17 Linda Conklin
19 Michelle Webb
20 Robert Reid
24 Eleanor Timan
28 Randall Catron
30 Tarin Fehling

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

September Anniversaries

5 Lynn & Robert Berglund
10 Thomas & Tammy Halloran
13 Misty & Kent Thompson
14 Cole & Marie Freeman
16 Elizabeth & Ron Adams
17 Stephanie & Chris Myers
18 Ralph & Lorraine Beyer
22 Jeff & Penny Sallay

Texts for the Sundays in September

2nd Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16 (16)
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14
Color: Green

9th Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (1)
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33
Color: Green

16th Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14 (2)
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10
Color: Green

23th Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18—9:1
Psalm 79:1-9 (9)
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13
Color: Green

30th Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 (2)
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31
Color: Green