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Pastor's Page

Nehemiah 1:11 records the prayer of Nehemiah where he prays in part: "O Lord, please hear my prayers! Listen to the prayers of those who delight in honoring you. Please grant me success today by making the king favorable to me. Put it into his heart to be kind to me."

Nehemiah prays this prayer because he has heard the following report of those who returned from exile to Jerusalem. "Things are not going well for those who returned to the province of Judah. They are in trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been destroyed by fire."

What does Nehemiah have in mind?

Nehemiah is a "cup-bearer" for the king whose job is to pour the king's wine. Now there's a soft job!! But Nehemiah wants to ask the King if he can return to his home in Jerusalem to help rebuild Jerusalem. The King not only agrees but he helps finance and support the plan. The only thing the King asks Nehemiah is how long he expects to be gone. It sounds like the King favors Nehemiah and doesn't want to lose him.

Nehemiah prays and gets what he wants. But more importantly, what Nehemiah wants is to serve the Lord by restoring the temple in Jerusalem.

We are in a constant state of restoration at our "temple" at Carlton Hills. Dee Ryden oversees the needed repairs and puts in countless hours doing a wonderful job with limited resources.

Last week Hank Schneider replaced the ramp leading to the church office trailer. I saw Hank day-after-day work in the sweltering heat to accomplish the task. The new ramp is beautiful and rock solid.

We have a man named "Don" who isn't a member of our church and who worships with us only on occasion. Don puts in long hours almost every week to do lawn work and the trimming of bushes.

We have given up on having Saturday work days because every Saturday is a work day at our church. Why advertise the obvious?

Unfortunately or fortunately for Dee there are projects that volunteers would find impossible to do without the necessary equipment and expertise.

We need to have the parking lot resurfaced and the Acts Center needs to have the wooden facing around the roof replaced.

That will require about \$20,000. We are blessed this year to have our budget needs being met by our offerings. That's a blessing of tremendous proportions! So we are now asking that those who are able to go the second mile and give to this capital improvement project.

In this lesson Nehemiah prays that the King's heart would be favorable toward Nehemiah's request. That is my prayer for you. It may seem that the church is always asking for more money and for those of you who live from paycheck to paycheck the church is not asking you to do what is impossible. Yet by worldly standards many of us are people with great financial abilities like the Kings of Biblical times. The church is asking those with available resources among us to bless the church from their abundance. Some of us have been blessed more than others. Some have more resources than others. Maybe not "kings" but at least those who are extremely blessed.

The restoration of our facility is so important. God bless us all as we count our blessings and respond to this appeal.

Pastor Rick

Finances and Attendance for July

Attendance:

| | 9:00a.m. | 11:00a.m. | Total |
|------|----------|-----------|-------|
| 7/6 | 74 | 19 | 93 |
| 7/13 | 91 | 17 | 108 |
| 7/20 | 75 | 15 | 90 |
| 7/27 | 76 | 20 | 96 |

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| July Offerings: | \$9,173 |
| July Expenses: | \$11,224 |
| Operating Surplus: | \$19,134 |

Bagels and Senior Lunch

Something each Tuesday of the month

Meet at Einstein Bagels at the Santee Trolley each Tuesday between 9:30am and 11:00am for fellowship

Except...

The second Tuesday of the month when you are invited to the Senior Lunch at a local restaurant beginning at 11:30am. Senior Lunch for September will be September 9th at the Soup Plantation 9158 Fletcher Pkwy, La Mesa.

11:00am Worship Service

The contemporary worship service at 11:00am has already brought in a faithful worship attendance between 20-30 worshipers. This service is led by our children guitar players Jeremy Naour, David Gulliver and Tom Coletti. What a blessing these young saints are to our church.

The service is just a half hour long and seems to appeal to those with children because of the youthful music and the extra time needed in the morning to get children ready for worship. There is always a full sermon and communion. We are blessed by this alternative to the traditional worship service each Sunday morning.

Feed the Homeless

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| August 11 th | Meet at church at 2:30pm |
| September 8 th | and return by 6:00pm |
| October 13 | |

Let Pastor Rick Know if you would like to attend and need a ride.

Fall Festival

My! Where does the time go?

The Fall Festival is right around the corner. Is everyone ready for a day of fun, food, entertainment and prizes? Well, tell your friends, relatives and neighbors to stop by for a good time. The Fall Festival is September 20th from 10-6. We will have food, dancers, race cars, games, crafters and great

raffle items. You do not need to be present to win and tickets will go on sale September 7th between services.

We need volunteers to run games, sell baked goods and tickets and oversee the raffle items. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. If you can't donate time, please try to bake something for the bake-sale. Those proceeds will help the High Up Youth pay for their trip to New Orleans and the National Gathering next summer. Other proceeds will be split between the Major Repairs Fund Raiser and the summer camp. Hope you can make it. We look forward to seeing everyone there. For more information contact Terri Flores at 449-1497.

Major Repairs Fund Raiser

We are trying to raise \$20,000 to repair the siding on the Acts Center roof and resurface, beautify and resurface the parking lot. The total cost is estimated at \$20,000. We are looking for volunteers to coordinate this fund raising effort. We are so fortunate that we have been faithful to our general fund and to special appeals to reach our tithing goals as a congregation. This is our newest step of faith. Please make any donations to "Carlton Hills" and note that your donation is for the "Major Appeals Fund Raiser".

Church Travel Site

Did you know that we have a church travel site where you can book airline tickets, hotel accommodations and rental cars and for the very best rates available and have a percentage of the dollars you spend come back as a donation to the church. Pastor Rick bought hotel space at an excellent hotel to visit is daughter in Lexington Kentucky for only \$400 for 6 nights!! The site gives you many options to fit any budget.

Go online to benefit yourself and your church:

www.ytbtravel.com/chelc

Wednesdays are Church Night Beginning Wednesday, September 10th

There is a big advantage to having almost all of our weekday church activities be on the same evening. This allows whole families to participate because there is something for everyone and with one night a week when the church has most of its activities it is easier to remember.

We would like to make Wednesdays:

“Church Night”

Here is the schedule:

- 4:30p.m. to 5:30p.m. Children’s Music and CHROS
- 5:30p.m. to 6:30p.m. Confirmation
- 6:00p.m. to 7:30p.m. High Up
- 6:30p.m. to 7:30p.m. Dinner and Confirmation/Jr. High Youth Group
- 7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. Adult Choir

Children’s Music and CHROS Wednesdays From 4:30p.m. to 5:30p.m.

We are so blessed to have the summer camp at Carlton Hills but often what the children learn about music has to wait until next summer to learn more. Pastor Rick is offering to coordinate music lessons from a variety of sources to keep the music lessons and learning going.

- Pastor Rick will teach Chimes to those at least 7 years old
- Guitar lessons will be offered for \$7.00 a half hour
- Trumpet and Sax lessons will be offered for \$7.00 a half hour
- CHROS will practice for the youth led worship on the 5th Sunday of the month...singers are needed most

Depending on the response it is hoped that those involved will participate in more than one of the above during the hour of time scheduled. It may be possible for the instrument lessons to take place the half hour before and after this time. It is also possible that all the participants will in some way be involved in CHROS and Chimes.

Confirmation and Jr. High Youth Group Wednesdays 6:30p.m. to 7:30p.m.

We are so blessed to have Stephanie Myers agree to coordinate an hour of games, food and fun for the confirmation aged youth and those who may have been confirmed but who are still in Jr. High. Beyond this weekly meeting time there will monthly activities and several retreats.

African Crafts

Sunday, September 7th and 14th there will be crafts available for sale that will help support a mission work in Africa. The organization is called “African Team Ministries” and it is supported by the ELCA. Come and see these beautiful crafts that are being sold for a great cause.

Bible Study on “Joshua, Judges & Kings”

Pastor Rick is teaching an in depth Bible study on Joshua, Judges, 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings and 1&2 Chronicles at Clairemont Lutheran on Monday, September 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 6:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. This is a Pacifica Synod lay leader opportunity through an organization called PALLMM.

There is a cost for the study but it is open to anyone. If you are interested talk with Pastor Rick and he will provide you with registration information.

Life-Line Screening

Life-Line will be providing medical tests at a discount rate at our church on Friday, September 26th from 8:15a.m. to 5:00p.m. If you are interested please pick up information at the back of the church for details.

Adult Studies Begin in October

Pastor Rick will offer two adult studies beginning in October.

On Sunday mornings between services he will offer a study from a book called "The Book of Faith" which explains in detail the Lutheran perspective on Bible Study along with several actual Bible studies.

On Thursday evenings beginning, October 19th from 7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. Pastor Rick and Deby will open their home at 1630 Whitsett Drive in El Cajon to study the New Testament readings from the "One Year Bible" beginning with 1 & 2 Timothy. This study will meet every Thursday except the second Thursday of the month when our church council is scheduled to meet. This is open to any adult. Please let Pastor Rick know if you are interested in attending.

Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

The women of our church now have a variety of options in which to invest their time and energies. Our beloved Dorcas will continue to function as primarily a craft and fellowship group that meets one Saturday a month. However we are looking forward to many more small groups soon to be formed which may include but not limited to the following:

- "Mom's Night Out" a fellowship group for mothers
- A quilting group making blankets for needy children
- Women's devotion group
- Women's Bible Study
- Women's Retreat
- Hooks and Needles Knitting group
- And much, much more.

If you are interested in one of the above or you have an idea of your own please contact Pastor Rick.

WELCA will meet once or twice a year with representatives from each of these groups to coordinate efforts.

Golf Anyone?

St Andrew's Lutheran Church and LRCC (Lutheran Retreats, Camps and Conferences) is sponsoring a Golf Tournament to benefit the LRCC. The tournament is September 13th at the Bonita Golf Course. Please contact Pastor Rick if you are interested in being a part of this event.

Constitution Week

An organization called DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) meets occasionally at our church. DAR is promoting "Constitution Week" September 17-23 marking the 220th Anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution. We will be observing "Constitution Week" at Carlton Hills by offering special prayers for our country on Sunday, September 21st. Come and thank the our great God for the many blessings we have received by being Americans.

Sunday School

Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 7th. We are in need of more Sunday School teachers. Please let Pastor Rick or Jeanna Timan know if you are willing to teach on a rotating basis. Teachers will teach approximately once every 6 weeks.

Do you have sewing that needs to be done?

She's a wizard with a needle and thread

Can produce any garment that pops into your head

She mends, darns, and sews 'til work is completed

Call Nancy Funick at 619-270-7187 to do your sewing chores

Her prices are right and satisfaction is yours!

National Youth Gathering in New Orleans July 22-26, 2009

Youth in High School (or who will be in high school next summer) or College Age Youth!

Would you like to go to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans? Come to discuss the details and the possibility of a separate time for our high school youth to meet weekly. We will also give an update on the Youth Overnight policy. When?

Saturday, September 6th at 10:00am

If you are interested and cannot attend please let Pastor Rick or Belinda know of your interest.

Starlight Theatre

You have one chance left before the season is over see a wonderful play down at the Starlight Theatre. Hurry and get your tickets from Bill and Mary Thomas or Misty Thompson.

The last performance will be:

“Nine” September 18th @7:30

Make A Joyful Noise Camp

Many thanks to everyone involved in camp this summer. Thank you to our congregation, parents, children, volunteers, staff, and also for the donations, support of our fundraisers, and for the time and effort involved with making the fundraisers possible. All of us working together are what makes it possible for our Church to provide such a wonderful opportunity to the children each year.

Camp was a huge success. The campers had a wonderful time, and the performance was spectacular!

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

Memorial Task Force (MTF)

There will be a Memorial Dedication for the Sallay's Memorial Plaque in Memory of their late uncle Paul Sallay on Sunday September 21, 2008 during the 9:00 a.m. Service. This has been an ongoing project that was approved by Council in 2006 and the MTF on July 13th.

The Plaque is displayed in the rear of the Sanctuary for viewing. After the Dedication it will be placed at the corner of the wall located near the church sign of Halberns Blvd and Lutheran Way.

It is made of Black Granite with a cross etched and silver writing.

The Plaque represents 3 topics:

1. The donation of the wall by the Sallay Family in Memory of Paul Sallay, who emigrated from Hungary in 1921.
2. The History of Carlton Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church.
3. The six Pastors that have been called and the Bricks with engraved Plaques honoring those Pastors. These are located at the corner of the wall.

These plaques have an etched Bible with a cross. Each plaque lists the favorite Bible verse chosen by that Pastor. There is one that says in Memory of to represent Pastor Mark Neuhaus.

Come and share this Important Milestone with your Church Family on Sunday September 21st at 9:00a.m.

Penny Sallay
Memorial Task Force (MTF) Secretary

September Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan,
Grace Otto
Communion Assist.: Grace Otto & Ed Teichner
Communion Care: Grace Otto
Greeters: Bob & Marcy Metz
Lector: 7, 14- Laura Vaughan
21, 28- Mandy Vaughan
Stephen Minister of the Week: 7- Ellie Timan
14- Vicki Haas 21- Ed Teichner
28- Jim Thomas
Ushers: Kris Francis and Confirmands

September Birthdays

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

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

September Anniversaries

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

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Soup Plantation in La Mesa, 9158 Fletcher Pkwy., at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 9th. Join in for some good food and wonderful fellowship. For more information call Grace Otto, 448-8202 or Nancy Funick, 270-7187.

Texts for the Sundays in September

7th Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40 (35)
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

Color: Green

14th Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13 (8)
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

Color: Green

21st Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Jonah 3:10-4:11
Psalm 145:1-8 (8)
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

Color: Green

28th Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9 (6)
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

Color: Green