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Numbers 21:1-9

The 21st chapter of Numbers begins with an account of how God gave Israel victory over their greatest enemy, the Canaanite king of Arad. This king had attacked the Israelites and taken some of them prisoners.

The account says that after this great victory, as the Israelites had set out from Mount Hor, the people grew "impatient" and began to speak against God and Moses saying, "Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness?" They complained, "There is nothing to eat here and nothing to drink. And we hate this horrible manna!" "Manna" was bread from heaven that miraculously appeared each morning when the Israelites had previously complained about being hungry. Now it appears the Israelites consider this miraculous bread "nothing" and they consider their life of slavery in Egypt to be better than the life they have now.

The following verses state, "The Lord sent poisonous snakes among the people and many were bitten and died. Then the people came to Moses and cried out, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Pray the Lord will take away the snakes.' So Moses prayed for the people."

God instructed Moses to make a replica of a poisonous snake and attach it to the end of a pole. All who are bitten will live if they simply look at it! So Moses made the bronze image of the snake and all who were bitten looked at the image on top of the pole and were healed.

What is most interesting about this story is that the Gospel of John refers to this story as an Easter example.

John 3:14-15 states, "And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life."

Jesus is the "Son of Man" and Jesus is "lifted up" when he died on the cross. The promise of the verse is that we will live by simply looking at Jesus on the cross who died for our sins and the promise is that God will give us life and healing from the consequences of our sinful rebellion which is death.

I think we often consider our sinfulness as wrong and it possibly leads to bad things in our lives. But the Gospel message is that our sinfulness will kill us and the consequence of that sinfulness is death. The Christian faith is not as much a matter of right and wrong as it is a matter of life or death. And what God offers us is not just words to say it is OK that we are forgiven sinners but more than that God offers us life in its abundance.

We celebrate Easter because Jesus dying on the cross makes Easter possible. We are given resurrected life on Easter because God forgives us our sins by Jesus' death on the cross. We cannot have the resurrected life apart from the cross.

I think another appreciation we need to have is that the resurrected life is meant to give us life now and not just after death. When the people of Israel were healed it was immediate and the very instrument that reminded them of their sin, the serpent, was now to remind them of the forgiveness and healing God offered.

Eternity begins now! Life begins now! Forgiveness is offered now!

What Jesus offers is life but that life is only available because of Jesus' death on the cross.

Look upon Jesus' death on the cross and be reminded both of your sinfulness but also the healing and life God offers. The resurrection from the dead is just the beginning of the life God offers us all.

Pastor Rick

Finances And Attendance For February

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	Tue	Total
2/6	126	35	31	192
2/13	121	30	31	182
2/20	83	45	21	149
2/27	86	30	22	138

February Finances:

Income	\$15,507
Expenses	\$15,431
Operating Surplus YTD	\$21,012

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

The second Tuesday of the month you are invited to the Senior Lunch at a local restaurant beginning at 11:30am. On April 12th the lunch will be held at Olive Garden in Santee.

Outfit for a special night?

Broken zipper?

Waist too tight?

Button lost?

It's Nancy you call,

Sewing, she does it all!

Nancy Funick, seamstress

(619) 270-7187 (619) 933-7823

Massage Anyone?

Matthew Kassahn from our congregation is looking for clients

Call 619-672-5981 or ask for Matt at
619-741-4164

Stardust Rejuvenating Spa
8209 La Mesa Blvd.
La Mesa, CA 91941

A massage is a great way to let the weight of the world roll off your shoulders

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.

Worship During Lent

We will have Wednesday worship services during Lent and each service will begin with a Soup Supper. The Soup Suppers begin at 6:00pm and the worship begins at 7:00pm. Confirmation will continue to also meet at 6:00pm.

For Lent will we be looking into the fall of humanity as recorded in Genesis. How exciting to get to the root of our need for forgiveness, a forgiveness that Jesus accomplished for us in His death and resurrection.

Come learn how it all started.

- ◆ **Wednesday, April 6th**
"The Blame Game"
- ◆ **Wednesday, April 13th**
"Consequences of Sin"
- ◆ **Maundy Thursday, April 21st**
7:00pm worship
- ◆ **Good Friday, April 22nd**
7:00pm worship
- ◆ **Easter Sunday, April 24th**
9:00am worship (one worship service)
followed by an Easter breakfast and
children's Easter Egg hunt.

ABC Bible Study

Have you ever wanted to have a basic introduction to the Bible? Have you ever wanted to attend a Bible study but did not want to let on that you are just a beginner with a huge book in front of you that everyone else seems to know so much about? Pastor Rick has just the Bible study for you.

There is only one ABC Bible Study left but it is not too late to give it a try.

Here is the remaining date:

- Thursday, April 7th at 7:00 pm

Pastor Rick will lead the class. Come to explore the Bible and have fun!!

Chili Cook-Off

Please consider coming to this SDSU Campus ministry fund raiser from 4:00pm to 6:00pm Sunday, April 10th at Christ Lutheran in Pacific Beach at 4761 Cass Street.

It is great Chili and wonderful fun!

We will take a special offering on this Sunday morning for this special ministry to the students at SDSU.

Got Something You Want to Share? Post It!

..or rather, talk to Becky Byrd about posting it on one of the church's bulletin boards. Becky has volunteered to take care of the bulletin boards and welcomes pictures, upcoming event notices, requests/offers for help, small church-related news bits, and other suggestions. You can contact her by phone at (619)971-6322 or email her at ebyrd05@gmail.com. Whether you've got something for her or not, keep a lookout for the freshening up and be sure to check the boards for what's new! Thank you, Becky!

What to do, what to do...

Wonder what you might do around the church? Think you're sure you don't have enough time or talent anyway? Take another look at the bright yellow sheets on the table at the back of the church! There are all sorts of ways to become more involved, we will train if necessary and welcome you to the opportunities the church offers. If you think you already know, take another look and see if God might be nudging you. Time/Talent surveys can be given to Keri Hyles or turned in to the church office.

What Kind of Stew is THAT?

Stewardship. We have a whole board of it (not bored of it) set out in the church bylaws, for what? It's Biblical! Really, truly. Remember shortly after In The Beginning, when God created humankind? Right in there, humankind is charged with being stewards of God's good creation.

Stewards are the caretakers, not the owners. We recognize, and then need to be always reminding ourselves, that everything we have is God's. It's our job to take care of what God has given us, and we give back. This can mean different things to different people – what do you do with the resources God has give to you personally, to you as a family, to us as a church, us as a community, us as the Church?

These are all good things to meditate over during Lent, but I'd like to start with us as a church. In many churches, Stewardship starts and ends as the money drive(s) for the church's budget. At Carlton Hills, we are blessed to be in a financial place that allows us to focus primarily on other ways we give and also other places to give. So please, mull it over. If you have ideas of things that we can do as a church or can't think of a thing but are willing to help, let me know! We'll have a meeting between services on Sunday, April 10th at 10:15am in the back of the church. If you can't make it but are interested, please email keri.hyles@gmail.com or give me a call at (619)449-2314.

El Salvador 2011 Mission Trip!

If you are interested in going to El Salvador/Guatemala this year 2011 with First Lutheran in Inglewood Ca, part of the Southwest SYNOD please come see Stephanie Myers for information. She will be coordinating the trip for our congregation. The dates for the trip are July 29th - Aug 10th. There is an application that needs to be filled out, a deposit and you need a passport. The cost of the trip is \$1,000.00. If there are any new youth who would like to go the church will sponsor them. All adults going will be responsible for the cost of the trip as well as returning youth. There is a deadline for the application so please see Stephanie Myers for those dates. Stephanie Myers (619)971-1606

Events for Children and Youth of the congregation:

Pre-K to third grade:

The first and third Tuesday of every month we host a Pre-K to third grade children's bible study. TOT's for CHRIST is from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm.

Grades four through six:

The first and third Wednesday of every month we will continue the 456 group. This group will meet from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the ACTS center.

Confirmation:

Confirmation meets every Wednesday night

Upcoming Youth and Young Adult Events:

One Salvation, our new youth led worship includes interactive time to share what God is doing in our lives, and how all we do is centered on his word. The message is scripture based with audio-visuals. There is fellowship time around the campfire after the worship. This worship opportunity is open to anyone in the congregation. For more information contact Belinda Karge at bkarge@fullerton.edu.

Morning Bible Study

Come join us for a morning bible study Wednesday, at 10:00 a.m. This study is open to anyone in the congregation. The study book is from the Women of Faith Series and costs \$10.00. We will begin a new book in April, so this is a great time to join us! During this study, attendees pray specifically for the youth of our congregation. Belinda Karge and Stephanie Myers are the organizers of this study.

The 7th Annual Make a Joyful Noise Art and Music Summer Camp

July 6th (Wednesday) to July 29th (Friday)

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

(before and after care available)

Pre-K thru 6th

(a.m. half-day option for Pre-K age)

Plan for one week or send your child all four weeks

(Camperships available)

At the end of camp, all campers and staff will participate in a performance on July 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Summer camp is a great opportunity for children to learn God's word, socialize with others, sing praise songs, participate in art and music activities, explore self awareness, learn personal responsibility, play games with their peers (kickball was a favorite last year), and have fun! Campers do not need a music or art background to participate. Individual music lessons available (drums, flute, guitar, harmonica, piano, and voice). This year our theme is Safari – Go Wild for GOD! We will have some new rotations around this theme including a photography and sewing rotation. Staff interviews were March 15th. We have an amazing group of high school and college youth that will lead the rotations and be counselors.

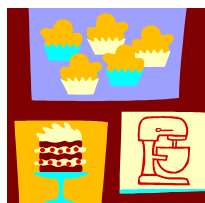
Camper Applications are posted on the church website and will be due prior to the beginning of camp. The fee is the same as it has been for six years (no increase) - \$100 per camper, \$50 for each sibling per week. If you come the entire time the rate is only \$300 and \$100 for siblings. Scholarships are available.

For more information:

Contact Belinda Karge bkarge@fullerton.edu

or Pastor Rick at church:

619-448-1888 or go to carltonhillslutheran.org



Baked Goodies

Grace and Nancy our “Coffee Ladies” could sure use your help in baking goodies to be served at the social time after the first service each Sunday. Can you Help?? Talk to the ladies and schedule a Sunday to bring your special treats.

Volunteer of The Month Marvin Hamilton



Marvin Hamilton is our volunteer of the month for March. Marvin has attended CHELC for years and decided to become a member in 2006. He is our Choir Director and the Pastor’s Assistant during morning service. Marvin’s beautiful tenor voice is heard quite often with his

solo’s and special music. He also leads service every Wednesday Evening during Lent Services. Marvin trains and conducts choir every Wed and Sunday morning for choir practice and Sunday service. He welcomes anyone who wishes to be part of choir.

Thank you Marvin for your support and for everything you do for us!!

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.

Go online to benefit yourself and your church:

www.ytbtravel.com/chelc

TACO NEWS

Greetings on behalf of TACO!

Are you excited about Empty Bowls? We are!!!

Saturday, May 7 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

La Jolla United Methodist Church

6063 La Jolla Blvd.

For a donation of \$20, you will pick out a beautiful hand-made bowl! Fill it up with as much soup as you would like, donated from restaurants around San Diego! Or for \$5.00, you will get a paper bowl and still get as much soup as your heart desires. You won’t want to miss it!

We continue to be blessed by the outpouring of support from so many congregations. Just a reminder that April is the last month where your funds can grow beyond what you give through the Feinstein Match.

With your help, TACO works to serve the vulnerable among us and to love as God has first loved us.

Blessings on your Lenten journey!

Rachel Line

TACO Volunteer Coordinator

April Birthdays

- 1 Luke Stevens
- 2 Matthew Kassahn
- 5 Deborah Callaway
- 9 Randie Davis
- 10 Henry Meyers
- 13 Frankie Kelchner
- 13 Benita Castro
- 15 Janice Davis
- 17 Edward Teichner
- 19 Eric Heiden
- 19 Lucas Paulsen
- 21 Michel Weber
- 22 Gloria Wiley
- 23 Serenity Stark
- 24 Brandon Cobb
- 24 Kris Francis
- 24 James Albright
- 27 Pamela Meyers
- 27 Bryant Taylor
- 28 Brian Grant

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

April Anniversaries

- 8 Richard & Vicki Haas
- 19 Heather & Eric Hustad
- 24 Janet & James Shuey
- 25 Sherry & Steve Martin
- 30 Victoria & Brian Grant

April Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan,
Grace Otto

Communion Assist.: 3, 10- Gary Berglund &
Ellie Timan 17, 24- Sara Paulson & Grace Otto

Communion Care: Laura Vaughan

Greeters: 3, 10- Taylor Family
17, 24- Gary Berglund

Lector: 3, 10- Laura Vaughan 17, 24- Keri Hyles

Day Care: Jennifer Brown

Stephen Minister of the Week:

3- Mandy Vaughan 10- Carol Davidson

17- Heather Gasner 24- Marian Privitt

Ushers: Katie Timan and the Confirmands