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"Hesitant Leaders"

I recently was reading about when Saul was chosen to be king by the prophet Samuel. Saul's first response was, "But I am only from the tribe of Benjamin, the smallest tribe in Israel and my family is the least important of all the families of that tribe. Why are you talking that way to me?" (1 Samuel 9:21)

That sounded so familiar. I looked back at the call of Gideon. After Gideon is told by the Lord to "Go with the strength you have and rescue Israel from the Midianites" Gideon's response is, "But Lord, how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh and I am the least in my entire family!" (Judges 6: 14-15)

What's going on? Why does God choose people to do His will that appear to have so little self-confidence? Why does God choose people to do important tasks who feel they are ill-equipped and ill prepared to do the job?

Could it be that feelings of weakness and inadequacy are exactly the kind of feelings God wants in His chosen heroes? Could it be that God does not choose the self-confident, nor the gifted? Could it be that God chooses the weak and vulnerable?

Why?

God chooses the weak and vulnerable to do His work because God wants the power of deliverance and goodness to come from those intimately connected to Him and the power of the Holy Spirit.

When the disciples came into contact with the risen Lord Jesus told them to wait until they received the power of the Holy Spirit before they went out to share the good news. God wants those who are powered by the Spirit to do the work of God and not those powered by their own talents or abilities.

The Apostle Paul reports in 2 Corinthians 12:9 that Jesus said to him, "My kindness is all you need. My power is strongest when you are weak." So Paul concludes, "I will gladly brag at how weak I am."

Our missionaries to El Salvador are Jane and Betty Reaney, Terri and Sarah Flores. We are sending two mother-daughter teams to do mission work in El Salvador. Sounds frightening to me but these young women and their mothers are people not with exceptional gifts and talents, but with exceptional faith. They are gifted and talented but what makes them instruments of God's work in El Salvador is faith in Jesus who will supply their needs and make them instruments in the hand of God.

How exciting to send them off and I know without any doubt that God will accomplish great things through their witness.

Please support them in that witness! They need to raise \$4,000. They are doing a rummage sale June 11th and they are serving the Father's Day brunch June 19th. Give to their mission and the power of Christ will also be shared with you.

Pastor Rick

Finances And Attendance For April

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	Tue	Total
4/3	99	45	12	156
4/10	96	51	18	165
4/17	91	34	13	138
Easter	203		14	217
4/3	189	28	12	129

Lenten Services:

Lent #5	60
Lent #6	56
Maundy Thursday	48
Good Friday	22

April Finances:

Income	\$13,705
Expenses	\$15,720

Senior Lunch

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.

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

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.

Sunday, June 5th

Come and listen to our Russian Ensemble from St. Petersburg as they lead music at the 9:00am worship service and present a concert between services at 10:15am. These touring singers are awesome and it is a great time to invite friends to hear them.

Also Pastor Rick will be in Hawaii celebrating his and Deby's 35th wedding anniversary. They will hate to miss this special Sunday but the schedule left no room for an alternative.

Preaching that Sunday will be Pamela Blyth and worship leader will be Keri Hyles. How exciting!!

Father's Day Brunch

Sunday, June 19th

Wasn't the Mother's Day Brunch fantastic? By popular demand the Father's Day brunch will also be presented by the two mother-daughter teams, Terri and Sarah Flores and Jane and Betty Reany, who are raising funds for their mission trip to El Salvador. Please come and support their efforts.

**Congratulations Katie Timan and
Nathan Wentz who will be married on
Saturday, June 18th
Please pray for their life together!**

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-visually. 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 began 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.

Carlton Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church

Presents

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

www.carltonhillslutheran.org

Donations Needed for Camp

Our summer camp is in need of the following: markers, tape, paint, brushes, cotton balls, bandaides, sunscreen, paper goods for snack (cups, plates etc), post it notes, construction paper, glue sticks, white glue, water balloons, basketball, soccer ball, kick ball, plastic table clothes, hand sanitizer, and paper bags. If you are able to donate, place the items in the back of the acts center by the craft supplies. Thank you!

Stephen Ministers Needed

We would like to begin a new training class for Stephen Ministry in June or July. To do this, we need people who are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister! We are blessed in having Care Receivers for each of our current Stephen Ministers. In fact, several have two!

At the present time, from CHELC, we have 5 active Stephen Ministers. All of which are women. In September, Mandy will be leaving us to go active duty with the Army as a 2nd Lieutenant. She will be sorely missed as she has added so much to our ministry.

Any of our members over the age of 18 is invited to talk to Pastor, Carol Davidson, or Ellie Timan about this rewarding ministry. There is a great need in our church and community for Stephen Minister's. Please pray for God's direction, and consider joining us in this vital outreach.

Thank you.

News from TACO

Over \$13,000 was raised for the Third Avenue Charitable Organization! A very special thanks goes to Lynn Render who spent countless hours, days, weeks, and months working on and coordinating Empty Bowls. With her guidance, passion, and organization skills, she made this year's Empty Bowls the most successful so far!

It's times like this where we get a glimpse of how blessed TACO is by the support of so many people! As of May 15, we have served over 8,300 meals to over 5,200 people! We also bid farewell to our two Masters of Social Work interns, Stephanie and Shari, as they end their 2 semesters with TACO. In their time here, they have assisted clients with needs such as finding medical services, housing, or birth certificates. They have also done one-on-one counseling for people with depression, anger management issues, and other needs. They have been a blessing to this organization and we wish them well.

As always, many thanks to each of you for your support of TACO.

Rachel Line
Volunteer Coordinator

June Anniversaries

- 1 Rich & Jean Setzer
- 5 Allen & Marlene Chertkow
- 9 David & Kris Francis
- 14 Joan & Kenneth Suess
- 14 Pamela & Henry Meyers
- 21 Royce & Marian Privett
- 22 Henry & Joanne Schneider
- 29 Belinda & Doug Karge

June Birthdays

- 4 Richard Keehn
- 5 Jeremy Naour
- 5 Rachel Flores
- 7 Jordyn Cervantes
- 9 Lyn Arthurton
- 13 Amanda Cervantes
- 14 Kay Walker
- 19 Stephen Gomory
- 19 Casandra Insel
- 20 Chloe Caya
- 22 Kathryn Metz
- 23 Heather Hustad
- 24 Robin Paulsen
- 27 Daniel Crites
- 28 Neil Johnson
- 28 David Francis
- 29 Jennifer Timan

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

June Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan, Grace Otto

Communion Assist.: 5, 12- Sara Paulson & Becky Byrd 19, 26- Gary Berglund & Laura Vaughn

Communion Care: Becky Byrd

Greeters: 5, 12- Brown Family 19, 26- Laura Vaughn

Lector: 5, 12- Kathleen Darland 19, 26- Marie Freeman

Day Care: Becky Byrd

Stephen Minister of the Week:

5- Marian Privitt 12- Heather Gasner 19- Ellie Timan 26- Carol Davidson

Ushers: Darrel, Jeanna, Ellie & Katie Timan, John Sevcik, Jeff White