

# The Echo

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## Pastor's Page

Exodus 34:6 & 7

The Lord passed in front of Moses calling out, "Yahweh! The Lord, the God of compassion and mercy! I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness. I lavish unfailing love to a thousand generations. I forgive iniquity, rebellion and sin. But I do not excuse the guilty. I lay the sins of the parents upon the children: the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations."

What a responsibility!

We often know that our actions have consequences, but we fail to see that those consequences are laying the foundation of faith for generation after generation.

We MUST do the work God has called us to do. We can't afford to be selfish. We can't afford to fail. We are asked to be a witness to faith in the community we find ourselves. But that witness must carry over into a people yet unknown. This is a witness that will lay the foundation of faith for countless generations to come.

I will be 59 years old this month. I am starting to plan my retirement. I am looking forward to sitting back so that others may step forward. But I am also aware that my most productive years at Carlton Hills may be ahead of me. I have been your pastor for six and a half years. In many ways I look around and I see that a foundation has been laid. This is a foundation that took all this time to establish. But where do we go from here?

I have no idea!!

I have no plans for our future. I only know that a foundation has been laid and God will give us that future and explain that future when we need to hear it.

I am so satisfied that we are on the right path. I am so thrilled at the most recent developments at our church.

I love the faithful response our church makes every Sunday to our "Offering for the Poor". This offering is a weekly reminder that we think first of the needs of others and we are faithful in giving to those needs. Our job is not to take care of ourselves. Our job is to take care of others and God will take care of us.

I am thrilled with the "One Salvation" youth led worship service. This is a worship service for our

youth, by our youth and reaching out to our youth. We live in a new age. The resources of this new age are largely secular in their orientation. We need to sanctify these resources for the work of the Kingdom of God and who better to use these tools of our culture than our youth who know these tools best. How amazingly blessed this portion of our ministry is by Belinda and Stephanie who share in this vision for mobilizing our youth for God's kingdom.

We can only look forward to the generations to come as we give thanks for the generations who have gone before us. I am looking forward to the "Celebrating the Saints" wall and a new pictorial directory to visualize our past and our present, so we can step forward into the future on the foundation of thankfulness. Many of our seniors are aging and I imagine many will not be with us by the time of my retirement. But I can promise that we will celebrate each and every one of them, caring for their sunset years with dignity and respect and giving praise to God that it is their witness that has made our witness possible.

Please consider your participation in the mission and ministry of our church. We recently completed our volunteer fair. But our church's need for volunteers is only matched by your spiritual need to volunteer and fulfill your calling.

I recently heard of someone who is frustrated in not having a job after looking for so long. We can all share how devastating that situation could be. But the worse thing we could do is fail to invest our lives in others when we are anxious in not meeting our own needs. I believe that God has a purpose in all of our life circumstances. I am also aware of others who have taken the very limited time they have to volunteer and be a blessing to others. The question we all need to answer is, "Given my circumstances what is God calling me to do to fulfill my call to discipleship in the Kingdom of Heaven?" Countless generations are dependent upon how we answer that question.

Pastor Rick

## Finances And Attendance For January

### Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	Tue	Total
1/2	82	44	19	145
1/9	91	34	19	144
1/16	91	34	22	147
1/23	84	23	25	107
1/30	90	22	31	143

### January Finances:

Income	<b>\$14,670</b>
Expenses	<b>\$15,080</b>
Operating Surplus YTD	<b>\$20,936</b>

## 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 March 8th the lunch will be held at Mimi's 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.

## Volunteer of the Month for February 2011 Glen Teichner



We start off the year with Glen Teichner as our volunteer of the month for February. Glen has been a member of the church since 1981 and has volunteered as a Choir member for years.

Thank you Glen for your support and for everything you do!!

Penny Sallay

## 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](http://www.ytbtravel.com/chelc)

## Soup Supper's Beginning Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup>



◆ sign up now to bring

◆ soup, salad or bread!!

◆ dinner begins at 6:15pm, prior to lenten service at 7:00pm

## “Buck-A-Chick”

This year donations made to the “Soup Supper” during Lent will be donated to the ELCA Good Gifts program. Your dollars will provide families living in poverty with chicks, which will become a source of food and income. Each dollar donated will buy a baby chick. Our goal this year is to provide 500 chicks to this program. Any amount you donate will be greatly appreciated! Hope to see you at our Soup Suppers beginning March 16th.

## 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.

- ◆ **Ash Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**  
“The Fall: An Introduction”
- ◆ **Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**  
“It Was Good”
- ◆ **Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
“God’s Permissive Will”
- ◆ **Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
“Deception”
- ◆ **Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
“The Blame Game”
- ◆ **Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**  
“Consequences of Sin”
- ◆ **Maundy Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**  
7:00pm worship
- ◆ **Good Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
7:00pm worship
- ◆ **Easter Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**  
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.

It is called ABC Bible study and it will meet for four Thursdays in Lent at 7:00pm at the church library.

Here are the dates:

- Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Notice there is no study March 31<sup>st</sup>

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

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## Peer Ministry Retreat March 11-12 \$35.00 at Yolijiwa

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## 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 29<sup>th</sup> - Aug 10<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:bkarge@fullerton.edu).

### A note from one of our youth officers:

In January the youth elected officers to serve as our leadership team. This month has been very productive toward getting the youth more involved. Our president Zack Zeller, our vice president Betty Reaney and our secretary/ treasurer Nicole Sevcik went on a trip to Santa Ana to meet with the some of the kids involved in the Lutheran youth organization (LYO). We talked about what we were going to do to represent the youth at the Pacifica synod meeting. We are excited that we were given the opportunity to present one salvation; our youth led service in a workshop at the annual synod meeting. We are also one of the only youth groups to have a college representative; Stephen Gomory is our rep. The youth is being given a voice that has continually grown from the previous year. We also went on two retreats and enjoyed the mountain top experience. On behalf of our youth I can truly say that we feel very excited and honored to be given a voice in our synod and church. Thanks for all the prayers and support.

Written by Betty Reaney (vice president)

## 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 we are using focuses on balancing our lives and costs \$10.00. During this study, attendees pray specifically for the youth of our congregation. Belinda Karge and Stephanie Myers are the organizers of this study.

## Women's Retreat

Join us for the second annual Luther Glen retreat March 25-27, 2011. The retreat will focus on women's intentional intergenerational friendships. The cost is \$160.00 and is due March 15th. Young adult women age 15 and older are encouraged to attend with their moms (\$100 for young adults). Please turn in your payment with the registration form to Belinda Karge or Ellie Timan.

### Schedule:

- Friday night March 25<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 p.m. arrive at camp (dinner on your own)
- 7:00 p.m. icebreaker and introduction session
- 9:30 p.m. evening devotion
- Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 am breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Morning worship and Skit shared by Wed. bible study group
- 10:00 a.m. Session Two: Women of the bible lead by Pastor Rick
- 12:00 lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Session Three: What does the bible tell us about women's friendships?
- 1:30 p.m. optional book study
- 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. fellowship time or just relax...crafts, camp tour and ropes course, walk to the candy shop or just take a nap!
- 5:30 p.m. dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Session Four: Evening worship and session focusing on women of the bible
- Sunday morning optional nature hike
- 9:30 a.m. worship and brunch

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate preference \_\_\_\_\_

(for private room cost of trip is \$200).

Approximate arrival time Friday or Saturday

Any special diet needs? \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of deposit \_\_\_\_\_ or  
paid in full \_\_\_\_\_

If you put your deposit in the offering plate, be sure to cut out this registration information and attach!

## Extravaganza

Joyful Noise Art and Music camp was featured at the ELCA Extravaganza in Kansas City, Mo. January 20-24<sup>th</sup>. Belinda Karge, Stephanie Myer and Pastor presented a video, photographs, and PowerPoint presentation about our camp. This is a HUGE honor and we are very proud to participate. The room was packed and many churches have followed up with us to get more information.

## Council Meeting Notes February 6th, 2011

Pastor Rick opened the meeting with a devotion from the book of Exodus. The reading covered first fruits and the law versus the spirit of the law.

Zach Zeller was introduced. Zach is the president of the youth, and a seat on the council for a youth representative is being considered by the council.

Jeff Sallay presented the audit for 2009. The overall conclusion is that the books and records of CHLC appear to be materially accurate. Comments and recommendations were provided, and are available upon request.

Penny Sallay presented multiple proposals for the new church directory. Keri Hyles also provided a proposal. The council will review all proposals and make a decision.

Keri Hyles discussed the Volunteer Fair, which will be held February 27th. This will provide the congregation, especially the new members, an opportunity to see first-hand the ministries CHLC supports, and how they can best share their gifts.

January reports that were available were presented and approved. Late reports will be added to the Secretaries binder and will be available upon request.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Mike Weber and a second by Laura Vaughan at 2:00.

\*\*A meeting was held on February 6th to allow members to share their ideas, both big and small, for improvements to the church property. The items listed below are the suggestions that came out of the meeting, with the high priority items in bold.

Activity Center flooring – carpet and laminating floors

- **Padding on kneelers/pews/alter**
- **Activity Center – expand the back area.**
- Move closets for choir to wall
- Consolidate files and put them in nursery
- Boxed files to the new shed
- Heating and cooling towers for Sanctuary
- **Trees – trim and remove**
- Patio cover for the cement slab in back of the Activity Center
- \$3228/volunteer labor
- Reinforce current patio next to big playground
- Consolidate playgrounds to back of patio
- Additional fellowship hall on the other side of the sanctuary – Youth Center, split meetings.
- Put organ and piano on same loft
- Columbian at the peak of the church
- Determine a focus group
- Congregational Meeting
- Level the concrete throughout the property
- **Drainage to prevent the sanctuary from flooding**
- New flooring in Sanctuary
- Roadway to front of Sanctuary
- Replace steps next to the trailer (leading to Activity Center)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pam Meyers  
Secretary



## 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.

## March Birthdays

- 1 Peter Callaway
- 2 Owen Brown
- 3 Allen Chertkow
- 4 Tyler Sevcik
- 6 David Hustad
- 7 Roxana Hokenstrom
- 9 Betty Pendergast
- 10 Jennifer Brown
- 11 Marsha Browne
- 13 Joshua Callaway
- 16 Lee Strand
- 16 Matthew Chertkow
- 16 Florence Hustad
- 17 Ron Adams
- 17 Elizabeth Adams
- 19 Eric Hustad
- 20 Deanna Sampson
- 21 Fern Gates
- 22 Christopher Salaz
- 23 Jeane Schutz
- 24 Michael Childers
- 24 Stephan Paulsen
- 28 Sheaele Einfeldt
- 28 Richard Schowalter
- 30 Michael Sallay
- 30 Joanne Huber

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

## March Anniversaries

- 12 Fred & Norma Borgeson
- 15 Darrel & Jeanna Timan
- 19 Danil & Robert Koch
- 19 Jesse Lipscomb & Juliana Avendano
- 19 Thomas & Betty Pendergast
- 21 Bryan & Gail Force
- 25 Linda & William Conklin

## March Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan, Grace Otto  
 Communion Assist.: 6, 13- Danil Koch & Kim Taylor  
 20, 27- Sara Paulson & Kathleen Darland  
 Communion Care: Charlotte & Lynn Arthurton  
 Greeters: 6, 13- Meyers Family  
 20, 27- Becky Byrd  
 Lector: 6, 13- Ellie Timan 20, 27- Stephanie Myers  
 Stephen Minister of the Week:  
 6- Mandy Vaughan 13- Carol Davidson  
 20- Heather Gasner 27- Marian Privitt  
 Ushers: Jeff Sallay and the Confirmands

### ANGEL TREE THANK YOU FROM "DOOR OF HOPE"

Thank you so much for the gifts. God Bless all of you. Jen/Anthony

Thank you for your gifts. We all really appreciate them. Nadia

Thank you so much with love, Larisa and Max.

Thank you for everything from adelia & Cayce

Thank you for the presents we enjoyed them pretty much. Thanks Emma & Liz.

Thank you for filling our hearts with joy. Thank you 2 Officer Tyler. We thank you for blessing all the women here at the hospital. Happy New Year!

We appreciate all you do. Thank you. Sincerely, Erika, Jade & Kenny

Thanks to all of you for making my daughters Christmas wonderful. God Bless you. Love Susan & Claire

...very much!

Thank you so much for everything. The gifts were beautiful. Love, Kelley & Kieran

How kind of you to bless us with your time and gifts. Love, Kelley & Kieran

Thank you so much for your kindness. We appreciate it so much. Renee & Bella