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Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
Shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exalt
With all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

Zephaniah 3:14

November always brings to my mind thoughts of my favorite national holiday "Thanksgiving". How wonderful to join with all Americans in recounting the reasons to be thankful. For Christians this means specifically to be thankful for God's blessings but certainly in this country of plenty there is much for everyone to be thankful for in every corner of our country regardless of creed or even if one lacks a professed creed.

Consider the words to "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies". Hymn #888 in our hymnal.

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain.

For purple mountain majesty above the fruited plain.

America! America! God shed His grace on thee and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Wow! What powerful words!!

But the words from Zephaniah point to more than a feeling of being thankful. The words also point to a call to celebrate.

Henri Nouwen a famous Roman Catholic theologian, believes we need to reclaim the word "celebration" as one of the core words of the Christian life. Celebration for the Christian according to Nouwen is not a party, but an ongoing awareness that every moment is special and asks to be lifted up and recognized as a blessing from God.

What I like best of Nouwen's writing from "Lifesigns" is that he feels even the dark moments of our lives deserve celebration. He writes, "Celebration lifts up not only the happy moments,

but the sad moments as well. Since ecstatic joy enhances all of life, it does not shy away from the painful moments of failure, departure and death. In the house of love even death is celebrated, not because death is desirable or attractive but because in the face of death life can be proclaimed as victorious."

Celebration is not something we can do alone. That is why it is important to consider how we can bring our celebration of Thanksgiving to our community of faith.

This year we will continue the tradition of having a Thanksgiving Eve worship service on the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving, November 23rd at 7:00p.m.

Please come so we can unite our church family who worships at 3 separate times into one voice of praise, thanksgiving and celebration.

I can tell you the theme of my message for that night. It will be that thankful people are happy people. It does not matter how much you have or do not have compared to those next to you. It does not matter if your life is a struggle or worry free. It does not matter if you are healthy or facing serious illness. What matters is whether you are thankful or not with what you have, what you have been given, what is all around you. If you are thankful you will be happy. By definition thankful people are happy people. So if you have a problem with happiness work on being thankful for what you have and what is already all around you.

Lets celebrate!!

Pastor Rick

Finances And Attendance For September

Attendance:

	9:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	Tue	Total
9/4	85	18	0	103
9/11	96	32	30	158
9/18	75	44	12	131
9/25	82	36	20	138

September Finances:

Income	\$13,078
Expenses	\$14,528
Operating Surplus YTD	\$14,586

Senior Lunch

The second Tuesday of the month you are invited to the Senior Lunch at a local restaurant beginning at 11:30am. On October 11th the lunch will be held at Cafe 67 at 12381 Mapleview St, Lakeside.

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

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

Sunday School

Every Sunday within the 9:00am worship service and following the 11:00am worship service

Church Council Meeting At Noon, Sunday November 20th

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.

Thursday Bible Studies Something for everyone!!

Thursdays in November we will have Bible study from the "One Year Bible" in the church office from 6:00am (Yes! A.M.) until 6:30am. Many of our church council leaders are at this study but it is open to the whole congregation.

Also Thursdays in November we are combining the regular Thursday evening Bible Study and the ABC Bible Study in the Acts Center at 7:00pm. Child care is provided. We are studying the Gospel of Mark.

Come and join us!

Stewardship Sundays

There will be testimonies from our members about how they have been blessed to be a blessing at each worship service the month of November. Come and hear how the people next to you at church are investing their time and talent to further the ministry of our church and the Kingdom of God among us.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Come and worship with us at 7:00p.m. on Wednesday, November 23rd to give thanks for our Lord's countless blessings. What better way is there to celebrate Thanksgiving?

Upcoming Youth and Young Adult Events

All Lutheran Youth Gathering

July 2012 a group of youth, Pastor, Stephanie and Belinda will travel to New Orleans for the All Lutheran Youth Gathering. We will be fundraising during the year to pay for the trip. At the time of this writing 19 are registered. Thank you for your support of the Fall Festival, our first fundraiser! In November we will be taking orders for Dudley's bread (delivery Thanksgiving week), setting up a Tastefully Simple fundraiser, and envelope drive (to be explained on Sunday mornings) and in December we will be selling tickets for a flat screen TV drawing, selling See's candy for

Christmas and hosting the annual youth Christmas dinner on Saturday night December 17th. Thank you for your continued support. If you would like to sponsor a youth, please let Belinda Karge know – any amount of sponsorship is acceptable as we have all levels of need.

What do Youth who have attended a Youth Gathering Say?

I am really looking forward to going back to New - Orleans next summer. I learned a lot from the last trip. It was a city I had never been to before, and it was very different from San Diego. The mission project I worked on was cleaning and painting a ticket booth of a theatre. I didn't mind the work, but I feel it wasn't enough. That's one of the reasons I want to go back. I also want to return because of the feeling you get while you're there. You can really sense the presence of God in the Superdome. There's so much energy, and so many people there for the same cause. You really feel like you are part of something big. God is so amazing when he brings together all these Lutheran's to worship and share our beliefs together. - Josh Weber

One Salvation Youth Led Service

One Salvation, our 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. We meet on Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Last month many of the parents joined us for an evening and the Stephen's Ministers also attended different night. If you have not been to a service, come check it out! For more information contact Belinda Karge at bkarge@fullerton.edu.

Young Adult Group

Many of our young adults and/or college students have classes on Tuesday nights or have to work. The ELCA leaders have published research showing that between the ages of 18 and 28 many

young adults leave the church because they do not feel connected to others their age. We want to foster these connections and encourage young adults to grow in their faith. Belinda Karge is coordinating these monthly meetings. Email her at bkarge@fullerton.edu or facebook her to let her know you want to participate and you will be notified of the monthly event/meeting

Morning Bible Study Opportunities

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. During this study, attendees pray specifically for the youth of our congregation. Belinda Karge and Stephanie Myers are the organizers of this study.

If you work during the day, come by the church office at 6:00 a.m. Thursday morning for a bible study with Pastor Rick. Or join the Thursday night study at Pastor and Deby's home at 7:00 p.m.

Women's retreat

The third annual Carlton Hills Women's retreat will take place at Luther Glen April 19-22, 2012. Registration is a bit different this year, as we are only going to reserve and pay for the rooms our members guarantee (unlike last year when we reserved the entire retreat center); this way the church does not end up paying for rooms that are not occupied. Ladies, clear your calendars and plan to attend this amazing spirit filled weekend. Applications will be available in November.

Council Meeting Minutes September 25th, 2011

astor Rick opened the meeting with devotions from Ephesians. Working as one, identifying your role, and making allowances for those we love were the discussion points.

Reports were read and approved, and committee updates were given. Pastor thanked Danil Koch and those who helped her for planning the Rally Day/Sunday School picnic. We had a great turn out and everyone seemed to have a good time.

The Church Directory was discussed under the heading of old business. All pictures have been taken and the council will review a rough draft at the next council meeting. The directory will then go back to the congregation for updates and reviews. Council will review and issue final approval with plans to distribute the new directory by Christmas.

Under new business, we discussed technology and social media, and how the church can benefit from its use. There will be an insert in the bulletin encouraging the congregation to add CHLC to their Face Book page and a workshop to show those who are interested how Face Book works.

Under Visioning, we discussed the need to fundraise for those attending the National Youth Conference in New Orleans next year. Pastor wants to ensure the fundraising also ministers to the congregation or the community in some way. Ideas discussed were recycling, car washes, brunches, and Rent-a-Teen

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 with a motion by Laura and a second by Danil. The next council meeting will be held on Sunday, October 20th at 12:00

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Meyers
Council Secretary

Message From Amanda Vaughan

Dear Congregation of Carlton Hills Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your support over the years. Myself and my family have been coming since I was in fourth grade, and the church has always been a place of welcome and support. Thank you for the beautiful bible, I have already gotten much use out of it, and I know that it will last for years as a tangent reminder of the people of Carlton Hills. And also thank you to those who were able to come by the open house in September and all those who expressed their good wishes to me! Please fell free to keep in touch with me, I am living in an apartment during the whole program and can be reached at:

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San Antonio, TX 78217

or by email at:
moseaclaidin@yahoo.com

or by phone:
619 208 1990

Thank you for all that ye have done for me, and all that ye continue to do for each other.

Yours In Christ
2LT Amanda Vaughan

November Anniversaries

20 Jeffery & Sabrina White
21 Robert & Marcy Metz
24 Jesus & Joy Cervantes
24 John & Charlotte Dravland

November Birthdays

1	Mavis Rones	17	June Webb
3	Noelle Koch	17	Betty Keehn
4	Marie Freeman	17	Laura Metz
6	Jeremy Hustad	18	David Callaway
6	Zaden Fitzgerald	18	Joseph Callaway
7	Joanne Schneider	18	Dorothy Monroe
8	Nicole Vaughan	20	Tim Neuhaus
8	Edward Kassahn	20	Steve Salaz
8	Noah Lunn	23	Larry Tilton

9	Shawn Caya	24	Ericka Davis
12	Corinne Reid	26	Devon White
14	Kent Thompson	27	Nancy Ripple
15	Belinda Karge	27	Sarah Flores
15	Richard Maxa	27	James Schloegel
15	Kendra Schloegel	27	Heather Caya
15	Tom Davidson	27	Josh Weber
17	Heather Gasner	29	Jonathan Castro
17	Brian Bloeman	30	Evelyn Koch
17	Michaele Cobb	30	David Gulliver

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

November Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Host: Charlotte Arthurton, Refreshments: 6- (cake), 13- Charlotte Arthurton, 20- Byrd, 27- Candy Greenlee
Communion Assist.: 6, 13- Stephanie Meyers & Becky Byrd 20, 27- Charlotte & Lyn Arthurton
Communion Care: Laura Vaughan
Greeters: 6, 13- Weber Family 20, 27- Pam Meyers
Lector: 6, 13- Danil Koch 20, 27- Laura Vaughan
Stephen Minister of the Week: 6-Heather Gasner
13- Carol Davidson 20- Marian Privett
27- Ellie Timan
Ushers: Darrel, Jeanna & Ellie Timan, Katie Wentz, John Sevcik, Jeff White

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LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

October 3, 1011

Dear Pastor Rick,

On behalf of Lutheran Social Services - Santee Caring Neighbors program, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the valuable service your volunteers gave to our program last Sunday.

As you know, we provide minor home repairs to low-income seniors and adults with disabilities in our community. On October 2 your church's volunteers helped eight seniors in need of a variety of services. The volunteer families, including several youth, installed Carbon Monoxide detectors, cleaned gutters, trimmed hedges, painted, hauled away trash, washed windows and did housework.

By helping to provide these services, the elderly and those with disabilities are able to maintain their independence, stay in their homes and live in the community they love.

Special thanks goes to Keri Hyles for coordinating the project to "make it happen".



Sincerely,
Suzanne M. Stephens,
Caring Neighbors Coordinator