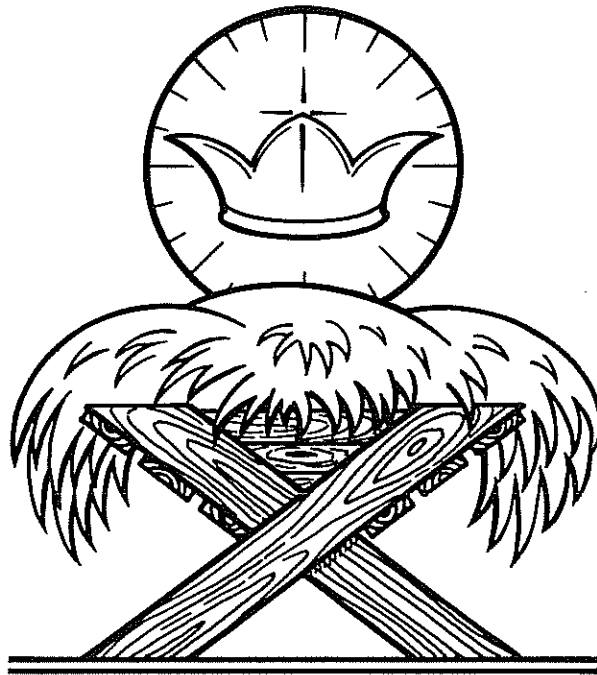


# RESURRECTION NEWS



For unto us a child is born,  
to us a son is given ...

Isaiah 9:6

**DECEMBER 2010**



## Pastor's Letter

December, 2010

"Prepare The Way of the Lord"

*"My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me - holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation..." Luke 1:46-56*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every once in awhile, we will read a news report about a woman who wakes up in the middle of the night, or goes home from work in the middle of the day with terrible indigestion. As the pains increase and begin to come in noticeable intervals, she goes to her doctor and lo and behold, the doctor determines the reason for her pain. She's pregnant. In fact, she's in labor. And before the day is over, she is a mother. Surprise!

One day, a young woman, probably in her teens, was surprised by the announcement that she was pregnant. Surprised because she had never been intimate with a man. Surprised because the announcement was made to her by an angel of the Lord. Surprised because the angel described this child in such incredible terms. "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High," the angel said. (Luke 1:32-33).

As we might expect, all this young woman could say was, "How could this be?" How could this be that I should be pregnant. How could this be that I should be chosen to be the mother of God. How could this be happening to me?

Mary's words have been memorialized by the Church by setting them to music, "The 'Magnificat.'" 'Magnificat' is Latin for "Magnify." We know what that means. It means to make large. When you look at things under a microscope it magnifies them so that what was hidden to the naked eye can be seen. When a detective is looking for clues to a crime he gets out his magnifying glass to examine for fingerprints and so forth. As Mary examines her situation, it is the child she is carrying who comes up big.

How easy it would have been for us to understand if Mary's soul had magnified Mary. For the Lord to have chosen her to carry the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords - she must be pretty special. We'd understand if Mary had magnified Mary because we all have magnified ourselves under far less dramatic circumstances. When God blesses us in far less spectacular ways than with an immaculate conception, we survey the situation and usually conclude that God knew what He was doing in picking us to bless.

The example of Mary causes us to ask ourselves, who or what am I magnifying in my life right now? What's the biggest thing in my life right now? Am I magnifying the Lord, or myself or am I magnifying my problems? Often times we magnify our problems. This is not to say that the problems we each face, and we all face them, aren't real, serious and to be faced seriously. It is however a warning to us that we can magnify our problems to the point that they appear bigger than everything else, God included. And that leads to real despair if not idolatry.

The Lord is indeed mindful of our lowliness. And that leads us to a surprising thing that happens when we magnify the Lord in our life. As we magnify the Lord, we get smaller. That is, we are humbled. And as we are humbled the Lord magnifies us before His Father in heaven.

Jesus presents you and me to the Father and says, "Here is the one I was telling you about. He's the one whose sin I have carried to the cross. He is a saint. She's the one I was telling you had no hope whom I filled with the living hope of the resurrection of the dead. Here is the fellow whom I prayed to you for who was tortured with guilt until I removed it in his eating and drinking of my

body and blood. And here, here is the one I spoke to you about who drowned and was born again in the same baptismal water Father, that you glorified me in. These are my brothers and sisters and I have invited them to call you their Father."

Allow the Word of God to humble you this Advent season. Allow the same Word to magnify the Christ who has come, is coming and will come again to magnify you before His heavenly Father. It happens every Sunday in worship.

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Nielsen*

**LWML Christmas Craft / Bake Fair – Saturday, December 4. 9:00am. – 2:00pm.**

It's that time again. Our goal this year is to raise \$1,600 to be distributed to various community and church charities and organizations. We need every family to bring 3 dozen Christmas Cookies for the "Cookie Walk" and any other baked goods you can bring. We need helpers to set up on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and on the day of the Fair as well. Please see Anna Bisson or Deb Nielsen for more information.

**Men's Network Breakfast - Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. 8:00am.**

**Advent Family Night – Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. 5:00pm. – 6:30pm.**

DEFINITELY mark your calendar for this very special night of family fun and fellowship. The evening begins at 5:00pm. with special deserts and goodies. We'll sing some favorite Christmas Carols, there will be a special Christmas Craft project for the children. There may even be a special appearance by a visitor from the north pole. Don't miss it.

**Annual Voters Meeting – Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. FREE PIZZA PARTY!!!**

Set aside the time to attend the Annual Voters Meeting of the congregation immediately after worship on the 12<sup>th</sup>. We'll begin with a pizza party to be followed by the meeting. We'll hear various reports from the Church Council and groups in the congregation, elect officers and vote on the 2011 budget.

**Christmas Worship Schedule:**

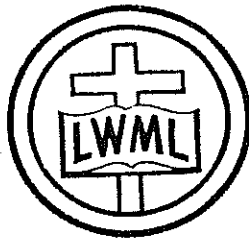
- 12/24 – Christmas Eve: Candlelight Lessons and Carols - 7:00pm.
- 12/25 – Christmas Morn: Divine Service – 10:00am.
- 12/26 – Christmas Sunday: Sunday School – 8:45am. / Worship – 10:00am.

**Stewardship Pledges for 2011 – Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.**

You will be receiving a 2011 Stewardship packet during the week of December 5<sup>th</sup>. Please give prayerful consideration to your pledge for the work of the Lord through this congregation in 2011 and beyond. We will gather our pledges and present them to the Lord for His blessing during worship on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Cancellations Due To Weather:**

If the weather is bad, we may cancel Sunday School. Please call the church office for notification of cancellation. A special announcement will be posted on the answering machine by 6:30am. The worship service will not be canceled for weather.



This coming weekend is the **LWML Christmas Craft Fair**, Dec 4, 9AM—2PM. The Cookie walk and baked goods have been our best sellers in the past years. Your help is needed! Please bake 3-5 dozen 2" cookies (they can be different kinds). For the baked goods, you can bring cakes, breads, pies, fudge, whoopie pies, muffins, cupcakes, brownies, candy, etc.

If you can spend a couple of hours on Thurs., Dec 2 or Fri., Dec 3 to help set up, it would be greatly appreciated. We will start at 9 AM each day, until about 1 PM.

On the day of the fair, Dec. 4, people start arriving at 8:30 AM even though the doors aren't officially open until 9 AM. If you can help that day, please be here at 8:30 (or as soon as you can). We are busiest between 9 and 11. If you like it when it is not so busy, please plan to help later. We need help until 2 PM.

Everyone has been great in the past, and I'm sure it will be no different this year. Please sign up with Evelyn Gaug, so we will know if we are covered for the entire fair.

We also set up a few tables for "white elephant" sales. Please have those items at the church by Thurs. (2<sup>nd</sup>) and make sure the items are new or gently used (nothing that is torn, damaged, dirty or stained).

The voting for the **LWML Christmas Party** was quite even (Sunday, Dec. 19, after

church, just edged out the other two choices). I hope everyone is able to attend! If you haven't come before and want to know more.....here it is. First of all, **ALL** women of LCR are members of the LWML. Therefore, you all are invited to the party. This is your time to get together, celebrate the birth of Jesus with songs, food and fellowship. What to bring?

--Finger foods to share (petite sandwiches, appetizers, cheese and crackers, veggies and dip, fruit, dessert, etc. (Drinks are provided).

--If you have a secret pal, bring a gift for her. It is time to reveal who you are.

-- Otherwise, bring a grab bag gift (\$5-\$8). Suggestions: candles, picture frames, toiletries, towels, candy, hand lotion, or anything else you think is nice.

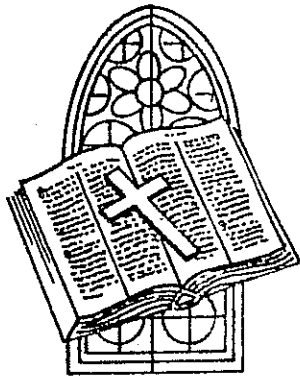
Time frame? Approximately 1 ½ to 2 hours. Hope to see you there!!!

We are collecting non-perishable food for the **Waterville Food Bank**. Please remember to pick up something extra when doing your weekly shopping. Make someone else a part of your family. The collection box is in the Narthex by the stairway to the choir loft.

There will be no LWML meeting in December. The next meeting is January 13<sup>th</sup> at 9AM. Please join us.

Yours in Christ,

Anna Bisson, Pres.



## Monthly Worship

**December 5, 2010**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Psalm:** 72:1-7

**First Reading:** Isaiah 11:1-10

**Epistle:** Romans 5:4-13

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 3:1-12

**December 12, 2010**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Psalm:** 146

**First Reading:** Isaiah 35:1-10

**Epistle:** James 5:7-11

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 11:2-15

**December 19, 2010**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Psalm:** 24

**First Reading:** Isaiah 7:10-17

**Epistle:** Romans 1:1-17

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 1:18-25

**December 26, 2010**

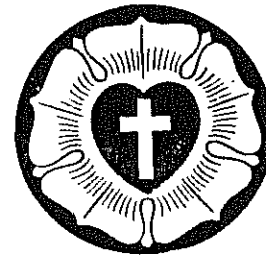
**First Sunday after Christmas**

**Psalm:** 111

**First Reading:** Isaiah 63:7-14

**Epistle:** Galatians 4:4-7

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 2:13-23



## Luther Quiz

1. Philip Melanchthon, a close friend of Luther, wrote this treatise in 1530 A.D. which explained the religious basis of the Reformation movement:

**A) The Nicene Creed B) The Augsburg Confession C) The Small Catechism**

2. According to Luther, the church is the congregation of saints in which the Gospel is rightly taught and in which this occurs:

**A) The sacraments are rightly administered B) Hymns of praise are rightly sung C) Clergy rightly officiate at worship**

3. Luther wrote that he prayed not of his own purpose nor upon his own worthiness, but because of this:

**A) God's command and promise B) Fear of God's wrath C) Ingrained, monastic habit**

4. According to Luther, *this* comes close to being the most difficult of all works:

**A) Praying B) Confessing sin C) Loving others**

5. True or False: Luther wrote that if the devil cannot conquer a heart by affliction and calamity, he attempts to do so by persistence.

6. According to Luther, a new life is the best of *this*:

**A) Faith B) Prayer C) Repentance**

**"Answers on "Birthday page."**



# STEWARDSHIP

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Emily  
Larson

Dan Morren

Sarah Kohl

Emily  
Monteleone

Taylan  
Thomas

Brendan  
Melton

Comm.  
Assistant

Glenn  
Carlson

Brad  
Fitzpatrick

George  
Kohl

No Comm.

Chris  
Batson

Don Pryor

Ushers

Bill Jahnke  
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Mark  
Larson

Jon Morren  
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Chris  
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John Ayotte  
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Eric Stout

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Doris  
Brossy  
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Pat Kablitz

David  
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Kay Gideon

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Krista,  
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Don  
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Deb Nielsen

Altar Guild

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Kitty  
Carlson

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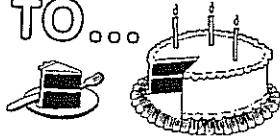
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Sharon  
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# Lutheran Church of the Resurrection December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 9:00am. - LWML Christmas Craft Fair
<b>5 2nd Sunday in Advent</b> 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	6	7	8	9 9:00 am LWML	10	11 5:00pm. Advent Family Night
<b>6:00 pm Catechumenate</b>	<b>6:00 pm Elders</b>	<b>7:00pm. Inquirers Class</b>				
<b>12 3rd Sunday in Advent</b> 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship • Annual Meeting	13	14	15	16	17	18 8:00 am Men's Network Break- fast Meeting
<b>6:00 pm Catechumenate</b>	<b>6:00 pm Bd. For Youth</b>	<b>7:00pm. Inquirers Class</b>				
<b>19 4th Sunday in Advent</b> 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship • 2011 Stewardship Pledges Due • New Members Received	20 January Newsletter Deadline	21	22	23	24	25 10:00 am Christmas Morning Worship— Divine Service
<b>6:00 pm Catechumenate</b>	<b>7:00 pm Church Council</b>				<b>7:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship— Lessons and Carols</b>	
<b>26 1st Sunday after Christmas</b> 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	27	28	29	30	31	

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
TO...



12/3 Dianne Jacques  
12/11 Robert Sieber  
12/13 Sharon Conover  
12/14 Dawn Buck  
Evelyn Gaug  
12/15 Ethan Carlson  
12/18 Cullen Stout  
12/22 Bob Mueller  
12/23 Dan Callahan  
12/27 Natalie Crowley  
John Monteleone  
12/30 Joe Krolak  
Karen Morren  
12/31 Matthew Esculano

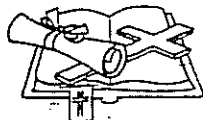


12/16 Fernando & Mari Gouvea  
12/20 Peter & Lois Doran  
12/29 Dan & Sharon Callahan  
12/30 Douglas & Tricia Zahner



12/6 Joshua Morren  
12/17 Dawn Buck  
12/21 Jim Grant  
12/25 Dottie Evertson

CONFIRMATION



ANNIVERSARIES

12/21 Jim Grant

## Twelve Days of Christmas

What in the world do leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge who won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas?

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol had a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

--The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.

--Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.

--Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.

--The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

--The five gold rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.

--The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

--Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit—Prophesy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership and Mercy.

--The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.

--Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit—Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control.

--The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.

--The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.

--The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

**Luther Quiz Answers:** 1) B, 2) A, 3) A, 4) A, 5) true, 6) C.