

RESURRECTION NEWS



LOVE

BEARS
all things,
BELIEVES
all things,
HOPES
all things,
ENDURES
all things.

1 Corinthians 13:7

FEBRUARY 2011



Pastor's Letter

February, 2011

"How To Prepare For A Peaceful Death"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We often think that faithful worship attendance is important so that we will be prepared to live a peaceful life. Luther tells us that faithful worship attendance is also important so that we will be prepared to die a peaceful death. Listen to what Luther says:

"Because this letter will go out in print for people to read, I regard it useful to add some brief instructions on how one should care and provide for the soul in time of death. We have done this orally from the pulpit, and still do so every day in fulfillment of the ministry to which we have been called as pastors.

First, one must admonish the people to attend church and listen to the sermon so that they learn through God's word how to live and how to die. It must be noted that those who are so uncouth and wicked as to despise God's word while they are in good health should be left unattended when they are sick unless they demonstrate their remorse and repentance with great earnestness, tears, and lamentation. A person who wants to live like a heathen or a dog and does not publicly repent should not expect us to administer the sacrament to him or have us count him a Christian. Let him die as he has lived because we shall not throw pearls before swine nor give to dogs what is holy [Matt. 7:6]. Sad to say, there are many churlish, hardened ruffians who do not care for their souls when they live or when they die. They simply lie down and die like unthinking hulks.

Second, everyone should prepare in time and get ready for death by going to confession and taking the sacrament once every week or fortnight. He should become reconciled with his neighbor and make his will so that if the Lord knocks and he departs before a pastor or chaplain can arrive, he has provided for his soul, has left nothing undone, and has committed himself to God. When there are many fatalities and only two or three pastors on duty, it is impossible to visit everyone, to give instruction, and to teach each one what a Christian ought to know in the anguish of death. Those who have been careless and negligent in these matters must account for themselves. That is their own fault. After all, we cannot set up a private pulpit and altar daily at their bedside simply because they have despised the public pulpit and altar to which God has summoned and called them.

Third, if someone wants the chaplain or pastor to come, let the sick person send word in time to call him and let him do so early enough while he is still in his right mind before the illness overwhelms the patient. The reason I say this is that some are so negligent that they make no request and send no message until the soul is perched for flight on the tip of their tongues¹⁷ and they are no longer rational or able to speak. Then we are told, "Dear Sir, say the very best you can to him," etc. But earlier, when the illness first began, they wanted no visit from the pastor, but would say, "Oh, there's no need. I hope he'll get better." What should a diligent pastor do with such people who neglect both body and soul? They live and die like beasts in the field. They want us to teach them the gospel at the last minute and administer the sacrament to them as they were accustomed to it under the papacy when nobody asked whether they believed or understood the gospel but just stuffed the sacrament down their throats as if into a bread bag.¹⁸

So, we are diligent to be in worship every Sunday so that we may live and die in peace.

Pastor Nielsen

¹⁷ According to popular belief the soul left the body at death through the mouth.

¹⁸ Luther, Martin: Pelikan, Jaroslav Jan (Hrsg.) ; Oswald, Hilton C. (Hrsg.) ; Lehmann, Helmut T. (Hrsg.): *Luther's Works, Vol. 43 : Devotional Writings II*. Philadelphia : Fortress Press, 1999, c1968 (Luther's Works 43), S. 43:134

Youth Sledding Party! Sunday, February 13th - 1:00pm.

Join us for an afternoon of sledding and hot chocolate at Glenn and Kitty Carlson's home – 999 China Rd., China. For more information, contact Glenn Carlson Jr. - 993-2076. Board for Youth.

Men's Network Breakfast Meeting - Saturday, February 19th – 8:00am. – 9:30am.

“The Challenge of Islam.” Islam does not believe that God is ‘Triune’ – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. But what do they THINK that we mean by the Trinity? What they THINK we mean is not what we believe or teach. Join us for a very worthwhile time of fellowship and discussion.

Youth Confirmation - Sunday, February 20th - 10:00am.

The following young adults have prepared themselves for the proper reception of the Lord's Supper. Arthur Conover, Siena Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Larsen, Tiana Thomas and Taylan Thomas. We look forward to their good confession of the faith they received in their Baptism.

Sunday School in February - Every Sunday beginning at 8:45am.

Children and Adults study the same lesson which corresponds to the Gospel reading in worship. Parents of Sunday School children benefit by being in Sunday School as they engage their children in conversation about the lesson of the day.

Parents Night Out - Friday Night – March 4th – 7:00pm. “The Lobster Trap” Restaurant - Winslow. Last year's PNO was a huge success. So much has happened since then. This year's PNO will review the wonderful progress that has been made in the development of a youth program since last year's meeting. We'll discuss the exciting dreams that we have for the future and the way we will work together to make those dreams happen. Please circle the date and line up a babysitter. The cost will be \$7.50 per person.

New Members to the Congregation

Please be sure to welcome the following new members to the congregation:

- Rick Dostie - 76 High St., Fairfield, Me. 04937 - #453-7573
- Chuck and Heather Hillery - 235 N. Pond Rd., Winslow, Me. 04901 - #692-0808
- Barbara Dufour and Brendan Melton - P.O. Box 414, West Paris, Me. 04289 - #674-2950
- David Leigh - 510 Oakland Rd. Belgrade, Me. 04917 - #465-3626

New Leadership Welcomed!

We are very pleased to announce the following people have stepped in to fill important positions of leadership in the life of the congregation:

- **Sunday Fellowship Coordinator: Becky Cote.** Becky will oversee the sign-up list for volunteers for the Sunday morning coffee fellowship after worship. The “Sunday Fellowship” time is an important time to stay connected with friends after worship. To host a “Sunday Fellowship” involves the preparation of coffee and a light snack. Coffee and all supplies are supplied by the congregation. Please respond to the invitation to host a Sunday Fellowship.
- **Special Receptions Coordinator: Irma Mytinger.** Irma has volunteered to coordinate special receptions when they are needed, particularly funeral receptions. She has organized a committee of Avis Grant, Katie Huesers and Deb Nielsen who will oversee the organization of these important events that are often called for on short notice.

Office Help: Don Pryor. Don will carry on the work of preparing Sunday bulletins, Children's worship folders, newsletters, special mailings, and other office needs as they arise.

Playgroup

Krista Carlson and Sasha Fitzpatrick head up this group of moms and young children who get together for special activities. A great opportunity to invite your friends with small children to come join in.

- **February 11th – “Love Is In The Air”** - A Valentine’s Day Party! Make a special Valentine, decorate a cookie, and play some games! At the Church – 10:00am.
- **March 4th - “Rockin’ and Rollin’”** - Strap on some skates and let’s go roller skating! At the Rolodome, Auburn. Meet at Church at 10:00am. to carpool. Cost is \$5.00. \$1.00 skate rental.
- **March 25th - “Boppin’ and Bouncin’”** - We’ll be bouncing off the walls at The Bounce Zone - Alford Youth Center, Waterville. 10:00am.
- **April 16th - “Fun At The Farm”** - A farm tour in China, Maine. We’ll learn about cows and feed the chickens! Time – TBA.

New Books in the Church Library

“Luther’s Works – Volume 58” - “Sermons V” - This new volume of Luther’s writings is an English translation of a collection of his ‘later’ sermons. Donated by Fernando Gouvea.

“The Calling - Living A Life of Significance” - Kurt Senske. A new Concordia Publishing House book that addresses the way to be intentional about setting the direction of your life as a child of God. The author recommends eight “strategies” to map out the way that we make faithful choices and decisions for the direction of our life. They are: 1) Make God the center of your life; 2) Connect the Dots; 3) Incorporating Rituals into our Daily Life; 4) Honestly Telling Your Story to Find Your Life; 5) The Two Curves; 6) The Power of Flow; 7) Leading a Life of Simplicity; 8) Caring for Ourselves. The author then applies these ‘strategies’ to the places where we carry out our daily life in the world: Family, Profession, Community, and Church. He also addresses special situations we may be confronted with such as Suffering and Death. I’ve read this book and, although some parts of it didn’t completely register, most of it was very good and helpful. It would make an excellent book for individual or group study. Pastor Nielsen.

Thank you - Mid- Maine Homeless Shelter

Dear Friends,

Please accept our sincerest thanks for your generous contribution of \$500 to the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter. With your help, we will continue to provide a warm, welcoming, and safe environment for our guests during their stay at the shelter. It is always our goal to also provide the necessary help and resources for our guests to reestablish their independence and get a fresh start in life. In 2009, we housed an average of 19 adults and children each day and served over 13,000 meals. We also assisted, 1,000 community members through our Food Pantry.

Thank you again for your generosity,

Betty Palmer – Director.

(Funds from the congregation’s Mission Giving budget)

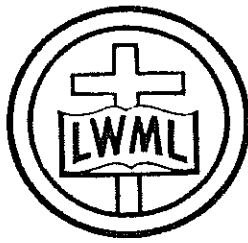
Thank you - Corina Batson

Dear LCR Family,

Thank you very much for my scholarship money. I am so thankful to have it. Thanks for all of the support you have given me. I am so grateful to have you as my church family. Thanks again for all you do, and I’ll see you all again in March.

Corina Batson

(Corina is a Junior at Concordia University – Seward, Nebraska. She is preparing for a special needs teaching position in a Lutheran school.) (Funds from the congregation’s Mission Giving budget)



2010 Christmas Craft Fair Report

Total sales from Craft Fair	\$1715.00
Thrivent Financial Matching Funds	<u>700.00</u>
	\$2415.00
Disbursements for Missions	\$2200.00
Society's Operating Costs	<u>215.00</u>
	\$2415.00

2011 Disbursements for Missions

LCMS World Relief	\$ 150.00
Bethesda Lutheran Home	100.00
Maine Children's Cancer Program	200.00
LWML – NED (10% of fair proceeds)	170.00
Lutheran Hour Ministries	100.00
Lutheran Social Services on N. England	200.00
LCR – Pastor's Discretionary Fund	100.00
LCR – Social Ministries Fund	200.00
Central ME Pregnancy Support Center	100.00
Waterville Boys and Girls Club (kitchen)	100.00
Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter	200.00
ME Children's Home - Little Wanderers	100.00
Jonathan Williams - ministry studies	100.00
Corina Batson – college studies	100.00
Lutheran World Relief – goat purchase	100.00
Luth. Asso. Of Missions & Pilots	<u>80.00</u>
	\$2200.00

Ladies,

In your mail boxes is an invitation to a baby shower for two of our newest LCR members – Norah and Maira. The shower will be February 6th, right after the Church Service. Lunch will be

provided by the LWML. Just bring gifts and join the fun! (You will be home in plenty of time for the Super Bowl.)

There is a box in the Narthex for health supplies for the Waterville Homeless Shelter. We will collect these items through March. Pick up a couple of extra items when you shop—use coupons and/or visit the dollars stores. At list of items needed is on the box.

Remember your MITES. We are on project 3 (Short Term Mission Trip Scholarships). This project helps those who are spreading the Word to unchristian countries, like the trip Pastor took last fall.

Next meeting will be February 10th at 9 AM. Devotions will be led by Dottie Evertson. Please join us!

Yours in Christ,
Anna Bisson, Pres.

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Bulletin Misprints

These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services.

—The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

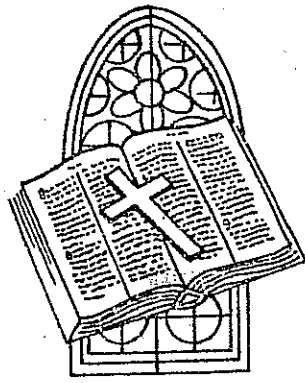
—The fasting and prayer conference includes meals.

—The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.

—Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

—The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing: "Break Forth Into Joy."

—Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their grade school days.



Monthly Worship

February 6, 2011

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm: 112:1-9

First Reading: Isaiah 58:3-9a

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

February 13, 2011

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm: 119:1-8

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

February 20, 2011

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm: 119:33-40

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:10-23

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

February 27, 2011

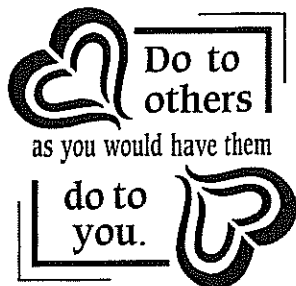
Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm: 115: (1-8) 9-18

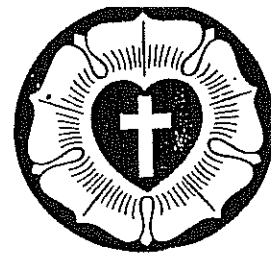
First Reading: Isaiah 49:8-16a

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:1-14

Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34



Luke 6:31 NRSV



Luther Quiz

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

A) Praying B) Confessing sin C) Loving others

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

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

A) Faith B) Prayer C) Repentance

4. Philip Melancthon, 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

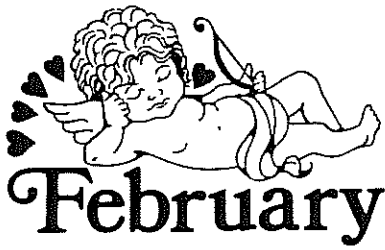
5. According to Luther, the church is the congregation of saints in which the Gospel is rightly taught and in which this occurs:

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

6. Luther wrote that he prayed not for 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

“Answers on “Birthday page.”



STEWARDSHIP

February 6

February 13th

February 20

February 27

Acolyte

Taylan Thomas

Emily Larsen

Brendan Melton

Dan Morren

**Comm.
Assistant**

Eric Stout

Mark Larsen

Glenn Carlson

Jared Goldsmith

Ushers

**John Gould
&
John Ayotte**

**Chris Batson
&
Don Pryor**

**Seth Carlson
&
Glenn Carlson Jr.**

**George Kohl
&
Jon Morren**

Greeters

**John & Esther
Gould**

**Mark, LeeAnne
&
Elizabeth Larsen**

**Seth & Angie
Carlson**

**Curt & Karen
Mueller**

Altar Guild

LeeAnne Larsen

Avis Grant

Irma Mytlinger

Sharon Conover

Flowers

Doris Brossy

**John & Karen
Ayotte**

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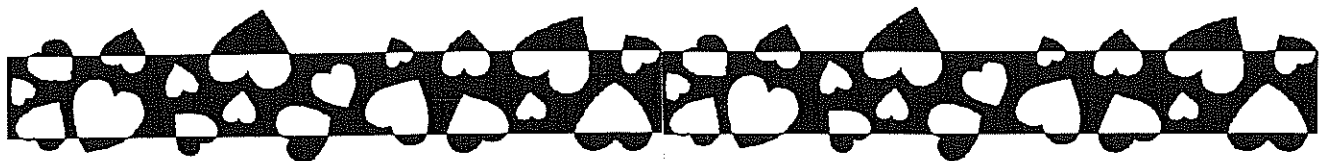
Fellowship

The Fitzpatricks

The Goldsmiths

The Confirmands

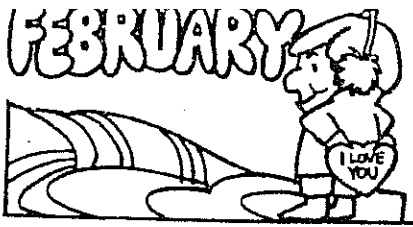
Vesta Holt



Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 10:30am. Adult Bible Study—Life of David	4	5
6 Epiphany 5 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship <i>Baby Shower after Worship</i>	7 6:00 pm Bd. Of Elders	8	9	10 9:00 am LWML 10:30am. Adult Bible Study—Life of David	11 10:00am. Playgroup	12 Homeless Shelter Meal— Fitzpatrick's
13 Epiphany 6 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 1:00 pm. Youth Sledding Event	14 6:00 pm Bd. For Youth	15	16	17 10:30am. Adult Bible Study—Life of David	18	19 8:00 am Men's Network Breakfast Meeting
20 Epiphany 7 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship <i>Youth Confirmation</i>	21 <i>March Newsletter Deadline</i> 6:00 pm Church Council	22	23	24 10:30am. Adult Bible Study—Life of David	25	26
27 Epiphany 8 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	28					




Birthdays Wishes

- 2/4 Darryll Zahner
- 2/7 Emily Monteleone
- 2/8 Curt Mueller
- 2/10 Elizabeth Larsen
- 2/11 Brady Monteleone
- 2/19 Brad Fitzpatrick
- 2/22 Kay Gideon
- 2/25 Jenna Zahner
- 2/27 George LeBeau



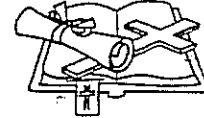
Anniversaries

- 2/6 Doris & Charles Brossy



- 2/1 Caden Fitzpatrick
- 2/6 Karen Mueller
- 2/9 Karen Morren
- 2/13 Rebecca Cote
- 2/14 Vesta Holt
- 2/20 Jonathan Morren
- 2/23 Robert Sieber
- 2/25 LeeAnn Larsen
- 2/?? Natalie Crowley

CONFIRMATION



ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/10 Fernando Gouvea
Mari Gouvea
- 2/13 Karen Mueller
- 2/14 Tom Mueller
Justin Pryor

Signs To Make You Smile!

Sign on a Plumber's Truck;
 "Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber."

Sign in a Nonsmoking Area:
 "If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action."

Sign at an Optometrist's Office:
 "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

Sign on a Taxidermist's Window:
 "We really know our stuff."

Sign at a Car Dealership:
 "The best way to get back on your feet – miss a car payment."

Sign Outside a Muffler Shop:
 "No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."

Sign in a Veterinarian's Waiting Room:
 "Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

Luther Quiz Answers:

- 1) A 2) True 3) C 4) B 5) A 6) A