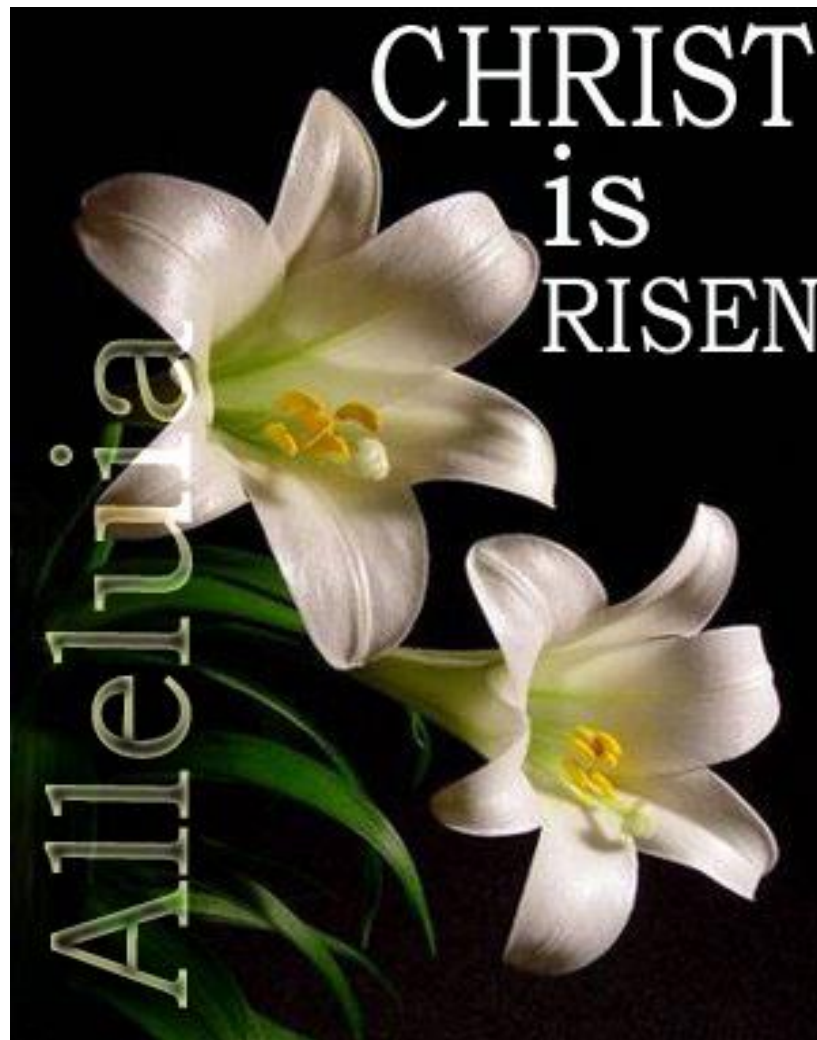


RESURRECTION NEWS



APRIL 2013



Pastor's Letter

April, 2013

"He Is Risen!" "He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

His classmates noticed that eight year old Stephen's mental retardation was becoming more and more obvious. The Sunday School teacher was worried that the other children in the class might begin to notice and she was afraid of the way they might treat him. Several weeks before Easter, she asked all nine of the children in her class to get one of those Leggs stocking containers, the ones that look like a plastic egg. Each child was to put something into the egg that represented life in Spring. Fearing that Stephen may not have caught on, and wanting to protect him, she had the children place all of the Leggs eggs on her desk, unlabeled, so that she could open them. The first container had a tiny flower. "What a lovely sign of life!" Donna couldn't help but erupt, "I brought that one."

Next came a rock. That must be Stephen's since rocks don't symbolize new life, but little Billy shouted that the rock had moss on it and that represented new life. A butterfly flew from another of the containers and the owner raised her hand to identify it as hers. The fourth Leggs container was empty, "It had to be Stephen's," thought the teacher, quickly reaching for the fifth one. "But please don't skip mine," Stephen yelled. "But its empty Stephen," said the teacher. "That's right," said Stephen. "The tomb was empty and that's new life for everyone."

A blessed Easter to all of you! The Christian Church on earth celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We mourned his death on the cross on Good Friday. Now we rejoice that death could not hold him down. He Lives! And we celebrate. We celebrate because we believe that, through Baptism, we have been united to Christ. Where Jesus goes, we go with Him. If Jesus had not been raised from the dead, it would mean that there was no hope that we would ever be raised from the dead either. And so, His resurrection is our celebration.

There are times when 'empty' means 'full' and Easter is just such a time.

A young boy saw for the first time a picture of the crucified Jesus hanging on the cross. It upset him to see the cruel nails driven clear through the wrist and the feet and the crown of thorns pushed into the head. After looking at it for a long time, he turned away with this comment, "If God had been there, he would not have let them do that."

That's the reaction of people who don't know what the empty tomb means for them. Oh that we would be as smart as young Stephen to know that the God, who allowed his Son to be acclaimed King on Palm Sunday, also allowed him to be crucified for our salvation on Good Friday, and also raised him to glory on Easter morning. And now we have reason to celebrate.

Do you know what His resurrection means for you? Stephen's classmates learned to know how important the emptiness of the tomb of Jesus was for them. That summer, Stephens' condition worsened and he died. At the funeral, just before the casket was closed, each of the children came forward and placed a Leggs stocking container inside. Needless to say, they were all empty.

"Christ is Risen!" "He is risen indeed, Alleluia!"

Pastor Nielsen

MEN'S BREAKFAST MEETING - Saturday, April 13th. 8:00am. "The Screwtape Letters" - Please plan to join us for a lively discussion, good breakfast and fellowship. At this meeting, we will also make plans for holding the May Men's Breakfast Group meeting at the Waterville Homeless Shelter. We are also planning a summer outing to a Portland Sea Dogs game. Don't miss it.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- June 24th - 26th. 9:00am. - 11:30am.

RESERVE THE DATES NOW. A very exciting program is being prepared for all children from Preschool to 5th grades. Please see Sasha Fitzpatrick for more information.

LWML NEWS

The New England District is one of five districts hosting the LWML National Convention in Pittsburg, Pa., June 27-30, 2013. Since LCR is a member of the NED-LWML, we are one of many host churches. Betsy Gorneau, Deb Nielsen, Becky Cote, Doris Brossy and I will be attending. Betsy is our Delegate. Deb is chairman of the Centerpiece Committee. Becky, Doris and I will be working in other assigned areas.

One of the missions of every Convention is to help the people in the surrounding area. In this case, it is Pittsburgh. The 'Gifts From The Heart' will be given to various agencies to distribute. Gifts of quilts, blankets, diapers, wipes and Bath Kits will be accepted.

Our LWML Chapter decided to bring Bath Kits. We are asking for your help in collecting the following items:

- April 7 - Bath towels
- April 14 - Wash clothes
- April 21 - Full sized toothpaste and toothbrush
- April 28 - Men and woman's deoderant
- May 5 - Bath / bar soap

After April, we will see what is yet needed and will continue the collection in May and June. If you would like to donate zip-lock bags to hold these items, please see me. Another way to help is to write a Christian Tract or Bible verse which will also be included in each bag.

The Central Maine Children's Center: LWML is collecting children's Band-Aids for the CMCC. Most popular Band-Aids are - super heroes, princess, and Angry Birds. Band-Aids will be collected in April and May. (Collection boxes will be in the Narthex).

FROM PAUL ROCKROHR - SEMINARIAN

[While attending the Symposia at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne in January, I was delighted to have the chance to have lunch with Jonathan Williams and Paul Rockrohr, Seminary students whom we are supporting. Here is a recent letter from Paul Rockrohr.]

March 8, 2013

Dear Pastor Nielsen and Members of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection,

Firstly, I must apologize for not having written in so long. Your generosity has been extremely gracious and very much appreciated; though I fear I have not always showed my gratitude to you as I ought. Your regular support has been a God send in many ways, and my wife and I are extremely thankful to you for it.

I hope that Pastor brought my greetings with him after Symposium. It was really wonderful to meet him and hear more about you. I trust that he was able to give you a few more details about me after a great lunch together, but so much has happened in the last six months that Stacy and I thought it would be good to share a bit of it. As you may now know, we were married on Dec. 16th, at Concordia University Wisconsin's chapel. The pastor was Dr. Maschke, a professor there, which is actually quite fun because not only was he one of my professors, but also my father's professor, and he did my parents premarital counseling so many years ago. I've heard stories from pastors about how strange it is to baptize the infants of parents who were themselves baptized by the same pastor. It seems to me (and Stacy too) that this runs

in the same line of thinking. It is one the jokes I now share with Dr. Maschke, that he must be getting old to have married the son of someone he prepared for marriage!

The other great thing about the wedding is that my parents and youngest brother were able to fly in from South Africa for that week. Obviously that trip is not a cheap one, but because of the timing not only did we have the whole family there, we also got to have an earlier Christmas (Dec. 17th) together with both sets of grandparents, my three siblings, my new wife, and my parents. I certainly didn't mind moving it a few days on the calendar to be able to spend it with loved ones, that and it is always fun to have multiple celebrations! They left for South Africa again a few days later, and have been doing well. To my knowledge the work is going very well over there and they really enjoy being able to serve the church in South Africa.

After the initial three weeks together, Stacy and I are basically living apart until sometime in July. She is finishing up her last year of classes in the Doctorate of Pharmacy program at CUW, with internships starting mid-May. I am continuing at Fort Wayne, with just one more quarter to go before vicarage. While the seminary is informed of our situation, we are hoping that I will be placed in the Milwaukee area for vicarage, because that is where her internships are. But until the placements are made we leave these things in God's hands because today has enough trouble of its own to worry about. Until such a time as it is revealed, there are many other things that are coming up.

At the moment I will be in training for the Navy Chaplaincy Program from May 11- June 14 in Providence RI. That means I need to leave school about a week and a half early, so this quarter will be a bit crazy trying to accomplish all the assignments. Immediately after this training I will be helping with Christ Academy at the seminary for two weeks, acting as a proctor for 20 or so high school boys. It was a really rewarding and growing experience last year, albeit very stressful. I am hoping that I will be able to handle it with some patience after being yelled at by instructors for thirty-some days, but I'm sure I will walk away happy that I did it again. In all this Stacy is and has been a rock of fortitude, going along with the hectic life of being a Rockrohr that never seems to cease. 8 days from now we will have been married 3 months, and after only three months she has proven time and again to be such an excellent wife in the midst of so much unknown.

As you can see, we have a great deal coming in the next few months between being apart and the various tasks at hand. Your support financially has been a great blessing, but these next few months perhaps especially require your spiritual support in prayer for us. And this seems to be a fitting request in the midst of Lent, since this is a time of repentance, to consider our unworthiness and that great sacrifice which our Lord made for us. And what is repentance other than recognizing the proper relationship between us and our Lord? "Be still and know I am God" He says, and to this we may say "yes, and you are the Giver of all good things." Because of Christ we now may approach our Father in heaven and ask as children for all things. So Stacy and I ask you to also beseech Him on our behalf, as our brothers and sisters, that He may continue to bless us and give us strength for the task at hand. In all things, your remain in our hearts and minds as our brothers and sisters in the faith, those that reach out and care for us as only family can.

In Christ,
Paul and Stacy Rockrohr



Disbursements of craft fair money for 2012

Proceeds from craft fair	\$2,436.75
Matching funds from Thrivent	<u>700.00</u>
Total	\$3,136.75
Disbursements:	
LCMS World Relief – for victims of Hurricane Sandy	\$ 250.00
Bethesda Lutheran Communities	100.00
Maine Children's Cancer Program	200.00
Lutheran Hour Ministries	100.00
Lutheran Social Services of New England	300.00
First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center	200.00
Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter	300.00
Boys and Girls Club – for the kitchen	200.00
Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers	200.00
Lutheran World Relief – for 2 goats, a piglet, hens, and chickens	285.00
Lutheran Indian Ministries	130.00
LWML New England District – 10 % of craft fair proceeds	315.00
Trinity Lutheran School	100.00
The Garuna Foundation	<u>200.00</u>
	\$2,880.00

NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF PRAYER

A woman was at work when she received a phone call that her small daughter was very sick with a fever. She left work and stopped by the pharmacy to get some medication.

When she got back to her car she found that she had locked the keys inside. She didn't know what to do. She called home and told her babysitter what had happened. The baby sitter told her that the fever was getting worse. She said, "You might find a coat hanger and use that to open the door."

The woman looked around and found an old rusty coat hanger that had been left on the ground, possibly by someone else who had been in the same predicament. She looked at the hanger and said, "I don't know how to use this." She bowed her head and asked God for HELP.

Within five minutes a beat up old motorcycle pulled up with a bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag on his head. The woman thought, "This is what you send to help me?"

The man got off the cycle and asked if he could help?" She said, "Yes, my daughter is very sick . I stopped to get some medication and I've locked my keys in my car.. I must get home to her. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?" He said, "Sure." He walked over to the car and in less than a minute the car was opened.

She hugged the man and through her tears she said, "Thank you SO much! You are a very nice man."

The man replied, "Lady, I am NOT a nice man. I just got out of prison yesterday. I was in prison for car theft."

The woman hugged the man again and sobbing, cried out loud, "Oh, thank you God! You even sent me a PROFESSIONAL!



Monthly Worship

April 7, 2013

Second Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 148

First Reading: Acts 5:12-20 (21-32)

Epistle: Revelation 1:1-18

Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

April 14, 2013

Third Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 30

First Reading: Acts 9:1-22

Epistle: Revelation 5: (1-7) 8-14

Holy Gospel: John 21:1-14 (15-19)

April 21, 2013

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 23

First Reading: Acts 20:17-35

Epistle: Revelation 7:9-17

Holy Gospel: John 10:22-30

April 28, 2013

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Psalm: 148

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

Epistle: Revelation 21:1-7

Holy Gospel: John 16:12-22 or John 13:31-35

BIBLE QUIZ

1. How did the busy disciples accept the parents bringing their children to Jesus for blessing?

A) they welcomed them with open arms B) they told them to go away C) they ignored them with forced indifference D) they responded warily as any one of them could try to assassinate Jesus

2. On which day of creation did God create the Big Dipper?

A) third B) fourth C) fifth D) sixth

3. Why didn't God allow Moses to lead the Israelites into the promised land?

A) he was too old—he was already 120 years old B) it was punishment for not believing in God's power over the complaining Israelites C) Joshua needed to start gaining experience as God's number-one man D) it was a lesson to teach Moses who was ultimately in charge of his life

4. What did Jesus say when he stood before Herod during his trial?

A) He answered all questions with one- or two-word answers B) all answers focused on how Jesus was of the heavenly kingdom C) He told parables as they “heard but with no understanding” D) He spoke not one word

5. Who is the Lamb's wife?

A) the twelve tribes of Israel B) the faithful prophets C) the believers living in the New Jerusalem D) There really is no such thing

6. Who said this: “Come now and let us reason together.”

A) God B) Jesus C) Moses D) Abraham

Answers on “Birthday” page



ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/3 Seth Carlson
- 4/7 Gail Carrano
- 4/9 Elizabeth Parks-Stamm
- 4/16 Art Carrano
- 4/28 Glenn Carlson, Jr.
- 4/29 Emily Larsen

- 4/2 Evelyn Gaug
Peter Gaug
- 4/6 Bonnie Mathieu
- 4/7 Darryll Zahner
- 4/12 Chris Batson
- 4/14 Sharon Klipp
- 4/30 Karen Morren
- 4/?? Yvonne Batson
Vesta Holt



OUT OF THE MOUTHS.....

- 4/30 George & Karen Markham

-----A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, "Now class, if I stood on my head, the blood as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face. Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position, the blood doesn't run into my feet."

A little fellow shouted, "'Cause your feet ain't empty."

-----The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade the each to buy a copy of the group picture. "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or ' That's Michael, he's a doctor.

A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher, she's dead."



- 4/17 Darryll Zahner
- 4/19 Elizabeth Anne Larsen
- 4/27 Tiana Thomas
Taylan Thomas
- 4/29 Twila Kaska
- 4/?? Gail Carrano
Glenn Carlson, Jr.

Bible Quiz Answers: 1) B Luke 18:15 2) B Genesis 1:14-19 3) B Numbers 20:12 4) D Luke 23:9 5) C Revelation 21:2-3 6) A Isaiah 1:18

APRIL STEWARDSHIP

	<u>April 7</u>	<u>April 14</u>	<u>April 21</u>	<u>April 28</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	Sarah Kohl	Jacob Huesers	Emily Larsen	Dan Morren
<u>Communion Assistant</u>	Jared Goldsmith	Mike Hein	Don Pryor	Eric Stout
<u>Ushers</u>	Curt Slininger & Glenn Carlson, Jr.	Moe Cote & Bill Jahnke	Glenn Carlson & Mark Larsen	Robert Sieber & Chris Batson
<u>Greeters</u>	Ray & Betsy Gorneau	Brad & Joanna Grierson	David Leigh & Thad Hyatt	Jim & Darryll Zahner
<u>Altar Care</u>	Sharon Conover	Amanda Goldsmith	Amy Ouellette	Katie Huesers
<u>Flowers</u>	Sharon Klipp	George & Karen Markham	George & Karen Markham	Avis Grant
<u>Fellowship</u>	Fred & Amy Ouellette	Mike & Michelle Hein	Darryll Zahner	Darryll Zahner

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