

# RESURRECTION NEWS



**APRIL 2014**



# Pastor's Letter

April, 2014

*"Behold your King!" - John 19:14*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In St. Matthew's gospel we read what have become very familiar words - especially at Christmas time. **"After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We have seen his star in the east and have come to worship him.'" (Matthew 2:1-2)** Just how these wise men came to know that this baby born in a distant country was a king is hard to say. In some mysterious way, God revealed this to them and they believed it.

Typically it is much easier to recognize a king than this. There are customs and ceremonies and outward signs to let everyone know who is king. Nearly 33 years after the wise men paid homage to their king, Jesus was finally crowned. Yet because this was a coronation unlike any other coronation, and because his throne was an old rugged cross and his crown was a garland of thorns, we may still have had trouble recognizing him as a king. And so, Pilate makes the announcement to all those gathered, **"Behold your King!"** And it is also necessary to post a sign posted above his head which said, **"This is the King of the Jews."** Otherwise, no one would recognize this destroyed man to be the King.

Jesus sure wasn't the kind of king the people were expecting. They expected a king to have power and to use his power. This man didn't even have the power to protect himself. How would he ever protect his citizens? Some expected pageantry and parades. They were the ones who were all excited just a week earlier when Jesus had ridden into Jerusalem on a donkey to the shouts of praise, **"Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."** It seemed to them that Jesus could be their leader.

Others expected a king to provide them with food and all their bodily needs. A good, healthy economy was all that really mattered to them. These were the ones who had followed Jesus to the other side of the Sea of Galilee after his miraculous multiplication of the fish and the loaves of bread. It seemed to them that Jesus could be their provider.

You and I know better. On Palm Sunday we gather for worship to hail our King, not as the crowds did 2,000 years ago, but as New Testament Christians who welcome the King of Love. For our King has come to use His power to conquer the forces of sin, death and the devil that we are powerless to fight on our own. On Maundy Thursday we gather for worship to be served by the King of Love. He has prepared a banquet fit for a King who desires to serve his loyal citizens the very best He has to give - Himself. On Good Friday we gather for worship to witness the battle that He engages on our behalf and we mourn the fact that He must die because we have sinned. And on Easter Sunday we gather for worship to celebrate the victory of all victories. Our King has defeated death itself and we **"Behold your King!"**

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Nielsen*

**MEN'S BREAKFAST MEETING - SATURDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>. 8:00AM.** "THE SCARY STUFF IN REVELATION" - **Part III** - Please plan to join us for a lively discussion, good breakfast and fellowship.

**MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES: WEDNESDAYS - NOON AND 6:00PM.**

The theme for mid-week Lent services this year is "BY FAITH..." taken from Hebrews 11. *"Now faith is the assurance of thing hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."*

**4/2 - "By faith Noah..." Heb.11:7**

**5/9 - "By faith Abraham..." Heb.11:8-10**

**EASTER LILIES: DEADLINE IS APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>**

Please use the form attached to the newsletter to order an Easter Lily for the chancel. All plants may be taken home after the service on Easter. Please make all checks payable to: LCR and note "Lily." Lilies will be \$11 each and the deadline is Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

- **MAUNDY THURSDAY: April 17<sup>th</sup>** - The Commemoration of the Institution of the Lord's Supper. Worship begins at **Noon and 6:00pm.**
- **GOOD FRIDAY: April 18<sup>th</sup>** - Commemoration of the Crucifixion of Christ. Worship begins at **Noon and 6:00pm.**

**EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE: APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>**

- **Easter Breakfast** served from 8:30am. – 9:30am.  
*(Men for serving and cooking should arrive by 7:45am.)*  
**Sunday School - Easter Egg Hunt** – 9:30am.
- **Worship** begins at 10:00am.

**PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS INTO THE CONGREGATION.**

**Rev. Ed and Marie Balfour**  
150 Mitchell Rd.  
Cape Elizabeth, Me. 05107  
#799-3111

**Steve Love**  
11 Horseshoe Dr.  
Scarborough, Me. 04074

**Bryan Hillery**  
235 N. Pond Rd.  
Winslow, Me. 04901  
#692-0808

**Heitor Gouvea**  
30 Johnson Heights  
Waterville, Me. 04901  
#873-5496

**Jim Pryor**  
14 Roosevelt Ave. #1  
Waterville, Me. 04901  
#239-2879

**MID-MAINE HOMELESS SHELTER - ELEVATOR DEDICATION - APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> - 1:00PM.**

We are invited to a special dedication of the new elevator at the MMHS. This is a project that is close to home for our congregation as we have sponsored a significant portion of the expense. The Board for Missions will all be present. Everyone who is interested is welcome to come along.

## **CONCORDIA TOUR CHOIR NEWS - MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> AT LCR!**

A new date has been set for the appearance here of the Concordia College Tour Choir. This group is now **scheduled to perform in our church on Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00 PM.** The timetable is as follows:

- Arrival at church: 3:30 PM (set-up, rehearse in sanctuary)
- Dinner at church: 5:30 PM
- Concert: 7:00-8:15 PM
- Take-down: 8:30-9:00 PM, then to homes that we provide
- Back at church: 8:00 AM on Thursday, May 15 for departure

As for housing, we need to provide for 7 groups of two ladies each, and 5 groups of two men each, for a total of twenty-four student singers. We also need to provide housing for one male adult and for one female adult, and we need to arrange a room for the bus driver at a hotel where the bus can be parked. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are able to meet any of these needs, or if you would like to help with housing, the dinner or other arrangements. Again, I am excited to be involved with planning this event, which will give us some fine music along with an opportunity to expose our community to the unique educational, cultural and spiritual opportunities offered by the Concordia system. Above all, come to the concert and encourage your friends to do so as well.  
Rick Dostie

## **TIRED OF HOBY LOBY? A letter regarding religious liberty from Synod President, Rev. Matt Harrison**

You're tired of hearing about Hobby Lobby and the Supreme Court, tired of all the talk of fines and health-care plans and reproductive rights, tired of being bombarded with words spoken in anger from both sides of the aisle. You want to put your fingers in your ears, switch the channel, and wait for the ruling and the rest of it to just go away.

But even though you are tired, even though you've grown weary of having the same discussions about the same points, Hobby Lobby and fines and health-care plans still matter. They matter because your country – the United States of America – was founded on the principle that you were born with certain rights: the rights to seek and follow truth, to live according to your beliefs, to worship freely.

And no one, not even the government, gets to tell you how to do that.

Today, our federal government threatens that right, consistently refusing to protect religious liberty as our Constitution and the laws of nature demand. In the dozens of cases against the Health and Human Services contraceptive mandate, the government has started dictating the boundaries of religious beliefs, and to pick and choose which beliefs – and which individuals – deserve religious liberty protection.

The contraceptive mandate, part of the Affordable Care Act, requires employers to provide a full range of 20 FDA-approved contraceptive devices, drugs and services in their health-care plans. These include “emergency contraceptives” with the ability to prevent implantation of an embryo – in other words, the ability to end a human life. Catholics, Lutherans, and many other Americans find these drugs morally reprehensible. Yet, though objections to the mandate are strong and numerous – with over 90 lawsuits filed so far – the government has simply swept them aside.

The mandate's provisions allow for very narrow exemptions for houses of worship. Exemptions do not extend even to affiliates of those houses of worship; for example, a Catholic order of nuns, operating homes for the elderly poor, is not exempt. Nor are Christian colleges, nor are thousands of other religious non-profit organizations, which serve the public good.

In the case of the non-profits, the government has come up with an empty "accommodation" that would force organizations to sign HHS forms directing third-party administrators to provide the drugs that the organizations cannot. As one plaintiff, the Little Sisters of the Poor, explained, these forms are nothing more than permission slips. The Little Sisters cannot direct someone else to act immorally, just as they cannot act immorally themselves. The government has branded this particular belief meaningless.

Neither the exemption nor the false "accommodation" extends to individuals who run their own businesses, like David and Barbara Green, owners of Hobby Lobby. The Greens morally oppose providing drugs that can prevent implantation and have filed suit against HHS, represented by the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. In the Greens' case, the government claims that moral convictions must be abandoned at the door of the workplace. The Greens may not run their own companies according to their consciences. Or, in return for staying true to their convictions, they will be forced to pay crushing fines.

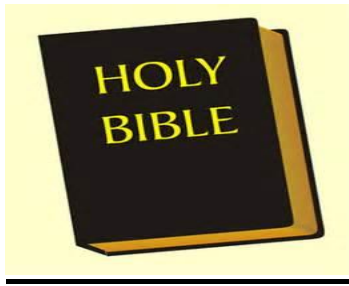
The government's distinctions under the mandate don't make sense. The government does not get to reduce God and the way in which He works down to what happens only in church or worship. By its definition, religious liberty stipulates that a church – not the government – must be permitted to form its own definition and its own boundaries.

Moreover, God uses each of us in our vocations to serve those around us. This call to serve others and live according to our beliefs extends beyond our houses of worship, into our homes, our communities, and our work. To prevent individuals from following the dictates of their consciences is an abuse of power and a gross infringement on human dignity.

As the leader of a Christian church body, I strongly object to the government's approach of picking and choosing whose beliefs merit consideration. Now, according to the government, Catholic nuns must authorize others to give out free contraceptives, and evangelical Christians must abandon their most deeply held convictions in the operations of their own businesses. What group, and what belief, will next be under attack?

Friends, we may be weary. We may be tired. But we must stand together to protect our God-given right to religious liberty. This mandate threatens not only those whose religions specifically compel them to oppose it, but all Americans. We cannot allow our government to define the content of our beliefs or the degree of their significance.

*The Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison is the current and 13th president of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod.*



## Monthly Worship

**April 6, 2014**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**Psalm:** 130

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 37:1-14

**Epistle:** Romans 8:1-11

**Holy Gospel:** John 11:1-45 (46-53) or  
John 11:17-27, 38-53

**April 13, 2014**

**Palm Sunday**

**Psalm:** 118:19-39 or 31:9-16

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-9a

**Epistle:** Philippians 2:5-11

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 26:1—27:66 or Matthew  
27; 11-66 or John 12:20-43

**April 20, 2014**

**The Resurrection of our Lord**

**Psalm:** 16

**First Reading:** Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6

**Epistle:** Colossians 3:1-4

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 28:1-10

**April 27, 2014**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**Psalm:** 148

**First Reading:** Acts 5:29-42

**Epistle:** 1 Peter 1:3-9

**Holy Gospel:** John 20:19-31

## BIBLE QUIZ

**1. What monumental decision was made in the council at Jerusalem?**

A) which apostles' gospels were to be canonized into the New Testament B) which of the apostle Paul's many epistles were to be part of scripture C) gentile converts must obey Moses' law like their Jewish counterparts D) gentile converts were not to be burdened with every part of Moses' law

**2. How many people did King Nebuchadnezzar throw into the fiery hot furnace?**

A) 1 B) 3 C) 5 D) 7

**3. To God, what is a thousand years like?**

A) one minute B) one day C) a thousand days D) a thousand years

**4. What was King Saul's second biggest sin?**

A) he didn't want to fight a perceived losing battle as God commanded him to B) he didn't kill every breathing thing as God commanded him to C) he fought a battle that God neither commanded nor sanctioned D) he sacrificed burnt offerings instead of waiting for the prophet Samuel to do it

**5. Throughout the Bible, what is the one word that is repeated three times to glorify God?**

A) Lord B) holy C) perfect D) righteous

**6. Who said this: "The spirit is truly ready, but the flesh is weak."**

A) Moses B) Daniel C) Peter D) Jesus

Answers on "Birthday" page



## CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES

4/3 Seth Carlson  
 4/7 Gail 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



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4/7 Chester & Evelyn Gilbert



4/11 Finley Edwards  
 4/17 Darryll Zahner  
 4/19 Elizabeth Anne Larsen  
 4/21 Anderson Edwards  
 4/27 Taylan Thomas  
 Tiana Thomas  
 4/28 Twila Kaska

## CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS

---The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement on Friday at 7 pm. The congregation is invited to attend the tragedy.

---The Rev. Merriweather spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.

---Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to the church secretary.

---Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.

---Miss Charlene Mason sang, "I Will Not Pass This Way Again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

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

**BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS:** 1. **D** Acts 15:28-29  
 2. **B** Daniel 3:19-23 3. **B** 2 Peter 3:8  
 4. **B** 1 Samuel 15:2-3, 9 5. **B** Isaiah 6:3,  
 Revelation 4:8 6. **D** Mark 14:30, 38

# April Stewardship

	<u>April 6</u>	<u>April 13</u>	<u>April 17</u> Maundy Thursday (Noon)	<u>April 17</u> Maundy Thursday (Evening)	<u>April 18</u> Good Friday (Noon)	<u>April 18</u> Good Friday (Evening)	<u>April 20</u>	<u>April 27</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	Jacob Huesers	Emily Larsen	-----	Sarah Kohl	-----	Emily Larsen	Jacob Huesers	Sarah Kohl
<u>Comm. Assist.</u>	Chris Batson	Glenn Carlson	Don Pryor	Brad Fitzpatrick	No Comm.	No Comm.	Mark Larsen	Mike Hein
<u>Ushers</u>	Seth Carlson & John Gould	Mark Larsen & Brad Grierson	John Ayotte & Robert Sieber	Brian Watson & Glenn Carlson	Don Pryor & Tom Huesers	Finley Edwards & Chris Batson	Bill Jahnke & Glenn Carlson Jr.	Jared Goldsmith & Moe Cote
<u>Greeters</u>	Dan & Sharon Callahan	Glenn & Kitty Carlson	Robert & Francis Sieber	Pat Kablitz & Deb Nielsen	Tom & Katie Heusers	Finley & Emily Edwards	Glenn, Jr. & Krista Carlson	Moe & Becky Cote
<u>Altar Care</u>	Esther Gould	LeeAnne Larsen	Katie Huesers	Katie Huesers	-----	-----	Avis Grant	Deb Nielsen
<u>Flowers</u>	None- Lent	None - Lent	None- Lent	None- Lent	None- Lent	None- Lent	Sharon Klipp	Sharon Klipp
<u>Fellow- ship</u>	Sasha Fitzpatrick	The Ouellettes	-----	-----	-----	-----	Easter Breakfast	Katie Huesers



# The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

## Calendar of Events

### April, 2014

#### **Week of April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Wednesday	Noon 6:00pm.	Mid-Week Lent Service Mid-Week Lent Service
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#### **Week of April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday - 4/6	8:45am. 10:00am. 6:00pm.	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study Worship The Catechumenate – Essay Review
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Wednesday - 4/9	Noon 6:00pm. 7:00pm.	Mid-Week Lent Service Mid-Week Lent Service Board for Missions
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Thursday - 4/10	9:00am.	LWML Meeting
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Saturday - 4/12	8:00am.	Men's Breakfast Meeting
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#### **Week of April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday - 4/14	8:45am. 10:00am.	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study Worship – Palm Sunday
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Thursday – 4/17	Noon 6:00pm.	Maundy Thursday Service Maundy Thursday Service
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Friday - 4/18	Noon 6:00pm.	Good Friday Service Good Friday Service
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#### **Week of April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday - 4/20	8:30am. 10:00am.	Easter Breakfast Worship – Easter Sunday
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Monday - 4/21	6:00pm. 7:00pm.	Board for Youth Church Council Meeting
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Thursday - 4/24		Confirmation Rehearsal
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#### **Week of April 27<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday - 3/27	8:45am. - 10:00am. -	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study Worship - Confirmation
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