

# **RESURRECTION NEWS**



**DECEMBER 2013**



## Pastor's Letter

December, 2013

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel for the first day until now." (Philippians 1:3)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I cannot begin to express my deep thanks for the surprise celebration which you threw for my 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the ministry and as pastor of this congregation. It was really a celebration of our partnership together in the gospel which the Lord has blessed in so many ways over the past 20 years. The surprise as I entered the Last Unicorn to be greeted by so many wonderful people and friends was one that I will hold onto forever. It stands as one of the highlights of my entire life. Your generous gift is greatly appreciated. Deb and I are just beginning to process some ideas on how to use it on a trip somewhere. The great job that Fred and Amy did as hosts is to be commended, as I know they were by everyone who enjoyed the food and drinks. Thank you to Andrea for sending and receiving the invitations. Thank you to Chris for the kind letter on behalf of the Congregation and to Brian for rounding up the letters from the District President and even Synodical President and friends. I'm sorry if I am leaving anyone out who should also be thanked. I thank you all for your kindness, love and friendship. I am humbled. You are a pleasure to serve.

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Nielsen*

### **LWML Christmas Craft / Bake Fair - Saturday, December 7, 9:00am. - 2:00pm.**

It's that time again. Our goal this year is to raise \$2,000 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 5<sup>th</sup> and on the day of the Fair as well. Please see Anna Bisson or Deb Nielsen for more information.

### **Advent Family Night - Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. 5:30pm. - 7:00pm.**

DEFINITELY mark your calendar for this very special night of family fun and fellowship. The evening begins at 6:00pm. with dinner. We'll sing some favorite Christmas Carols and distribute some Christmas presents to the children. There will be a special Christmas Craft project for the children. Don't miss it.

### **Men's Network Breakfast - Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. - 8:00 - 9:30am.**

**"The Scary Stuff In Revelation."** Join us for this first of a four part series on the Book of Revelation as led by pastor Ken Klaus of Lutheran Hour Ministries. How are we to understand the strange things that this book of the Bible describes? How are we to read these things for our encouragement and strengthening of faith? Come and see AND BRING A FRIEND. Good fellowship and food too. Breakfast chefs for December: Curt and Dave.

### **Annual Voters Meeting - Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

The Annual Voters Meeting of the congregation takes place immediately after worship on the December 15<sup>th</sup>. We'll begin with a pizza, followed by the meeting. Reports from the all of the Boards and Committees of the Congregation will be given. We'll elect Church Council officers, review and approve a budget for 2014 as well as discuss plans for celebrating the pay-off of the building mortgage in January of 2014.

### **Christmas Worship Schedule:**

- **Sunday - 12/22 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent:**  
8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study -  
10:00am. - Divine Service
- **Tuesday - 12/24 - Christmas Eve:**  
7:00pm. - Candlelight Lessons and Carols
- **Wednesday - 12/25 - Christmas Morning:**  
10:00am. - Divine Service
- **Sunday - 12/29 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas:**  
8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study  
10:00am. - Divine Service

### **New Inquirers Class - Beginning January 9<sup>th</sup>**

The Inquirers Class is the perfect opportunity for all those who may be interested in membership in the congregation, but want to learn more about what we believe and teach before doing so. It is also a good opportunity for all those who have been members for awhile and who would like a refresher in the faith. The class is open to all. Please see pastor Nielsen for more information and to sign-up.

### **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.

### **Stewardship Pledges for 2014 - Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

You will be receiving a 2014 Stewardship packet during the week of December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please give prayerful consideration to your stewardship pledge for 2014. We will gather our pledges and present them to the Lord for His blessing during worship on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Thank You from Seminarian Gregory Bausch**

November 16, 2013

Dear friends at Church of the Resurrection,

Let us first offer our sincerest thanks for your continued generosity! We know that each gift is a blessing received from God through your hands, and we are ever grateful that our Lord has placed you in our lives while at seminary! Even more importantly, we thank you for your prayers, especially with the coming birth of our son.

So, on that front... Amanda is doing very well with only two weeks left until the due date of November 30. Her doctor says that the baby is head-down and very healthy. We are in awe of God's technological gifts, allowing us to hear his strong heartbeat during each visit. Amanda has officially gone on maternity leave from her editing position and is busy making preparations for the hospital stay. She is also pleased that it is still warm outside, easing her walk to-and-from church for bible study and worship.

And I have designs to re-read all my "birthing support person" materials now that the fall quarter has ended. Classes went very well despite the heavy course load. Knowing of the baby's arrival, I intentionally maxed-out my hours this fall, allowing me to take less hours the next two quarters while learning to be a dad... what a great trade-off! At the same time, I'll be able to spend more time with Amanda than I have since arriving at seminary last year. My parents will be in Fort Wayne beginning next week and staying through New Year's for the baptism, which provides enormous relief for both of us. Children are a gift from the Lord, and so are mothers and fathers! As a final note, I always wish to assure you that my diligent studies are the work of the Holy Spirit, but also my desire to honor your gracious gifts—thank you once again for your steadfast work in the kingdom unto my benefit!

Amanda and I hope your Thanksgiving is one focused on the Lord and His blessings, and we proclaim to you that faith even as small as a mustard seed receives His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation completely and without end!

In the name of Jesus,  
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**Thank You From Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter - Waterville**

10/26/13

Dear Shelter Friends,

Because of you, the MMHS is able to offer assistance and support to members of the community who are in need. Currently the shelter is housing 43 guests. We are sincerely thankful for your gift of \$125 toward updating our laptop computers. Thanks you so much! We are so grateful for your support. These laptops are such a great answer to prayer. Your gift of software to use them makes them a priceless gift.

Sincerely,

Betty Palmer

Executive Director

# The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

## Calendar of Events

### December, 2013

#### **Week of December 1**

Sunday - 12/1            8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study  
                                 10:00am. - Worship - The Festival of All Saints  
                                 6:30pm. - The Catechumenate  
Monday - 12/2            6:00pm. - Board of Elders  
Thursday - 12/6           6:00pm. - Bd. For Missions at Me. Child. Home.  
Saturday - 12/7           9:00am. - Christmas Craft Fair

#### **Week of December 8**

Sunday - 12/8            8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study  
                                 10:00am. - Worship  
Thursday - 12/12        9:00am. - LWML Meeting  
                                 10:30am. - Mid-Week Bible Study – Luke  
Friday - 12/13            5:30pm. - Advent Family Night  
Saturday - 12/14        8:00am. - Men's Breakfast Meeting

#### **Week of December 15**

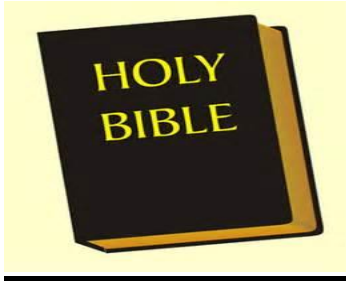
Sunday - 12/15           8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study  
                                 10:00am. - Worship - Stewardship Pledges  
                                 11:30am. - Annual Voters Meeting  
Thursday - 10/19        10:30am. - Adult Bible Study - Luke

#### **Week of December 22**

Sunday - 12/22           8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study  
                                 10:00am. - Worship  
Tuesday - 12/24        7:00pm. - Christmas Eve Service - Lessons and Carols  
Wednesday - 12/25     10:00am. - Christmas Morning - Divine Service

#### **Week of December 29**

Sunday - 12/29           8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study  
                                 10:00am. - Worship



## Monthly Worship

### December 1, 2013

#### First Sunday in Advent

**Psalm:** 122

**First Reading:** Isaiah 2;1-5

**Epistle:** Romans 13: (8-10) 11-14

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 21:1-11 or 24:36-44

### December 8, 2013

#### Second Sunday in Advent

**Psalm:** 72: 1-7

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

**Epistle:** Romans 15: 4-13

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

### December 15, 2013

#### Third Sunday in Advent

**Psalm:** 146

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

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

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

### December 22, 2013

#### Fourth Sunday in Advent

**Psalm:** 24

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

**Epistle:** Romans 1:1-7

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 1:16-20

### December 29, 2013

#### First Sunday after Christmas

**Psalm:** 111

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

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

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

## BIBLE QUIZ

### 1. Where was Moses buried?

A) on Mount Nebo under a pile of rocks B) on Mount Sinai in the ground C) he was carried into the Promised Land and buried there D) nobody knows because God Buried him

### 2. David was one of how many sons of Jesse?

A) 4 B) 8 C) 12 D) 16

### 3. What law of physics did Peter defy with Jesus' help?

A) he walked on water B) he rose five feet into the air C) he shot electric sparks from his fingers D) he stepped into the midst of a raging fire

### 4. Who was brave enough to stay with Jesus after he was arrested?

A) all twelve disciples B) only eleven disciples, because Judas had already committed suicide C) about half of them (Peter, James, John, Matthew, and Thomas) D) none of them

### 5. What common item did God use to allow Joshua and the Israelites to flatten Jericho's indestructible walls?

A) shepherd's staff B) an animal's jawbone C) a ram's-horn trumpet D) a smooth pebble

### 6. Who said this: "We ought to obey God rather than men"?

A) Peter B) Paul C) James D) John

Answers on "Birthday" page

# Stewardship

	<u>Dec. 1</u>	<u>Dec. 8</u>	<u>Dec. 15</u>	<u>Dec. 22</u>	<u>Dec.24</u> (Christ. Eve)	<u>Dec.25</u> Christmas Day)	<u>Dec. 29</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	Jacob Huesers	Sarah Kohl	Emily Larsen	Jacob Huesers	Sarah Kohl	Emily Larsen	Jacob Huesers
<u>Comm.</u> <u>Assist.</u>	Mike Hein	Mark Larsen	Don Pryor	Brian Watson	No Comm.	Chris Batson	Glenn Carlson
<u>Ushers</u>	Glenn Carlson & Jared Goldsmith	Glenn Carlson, Jr. & Tom Huesers	Moe Cote & Robert Sieber	Finley Edwards & Mike Hein	Brad Fitzpatrick & Jared Goldsmith	Don Pryor & John Ayotte	John Gould & Bill Jahnke
<u>Greeters</u>	Jared & manda Goldsmith	Tom & Katie Huesers	Moe & Becky Cote	Finley & Emily Edwards	Michael & Helene Kiser	John & Karen Ayotte	John & Esther Gould
<u>Altar</u> <u>Care</u>	Esther Gould	LeeAnne Larsen	Katie Huesers	Avis Grant	No Comm.	Deb Nielsen	Sharon Conover
<u>Flowers</u>	The Holts	The Siebers	The Siebers	Sharon Klipp	Sharon Klipp	Sharon Klipp	Sharon Klipp
<u>Fellow</u> <u>ship</u>	Katie Huesers & Avis Grant	LWML	OPEN	Sharon Klipp	+++++	+++++	OPEN



- 12/11 Robert Sieber
- 12/12 Maira Goldsmith
- Agnes Parks-Stamm
- 12/13 Sharon Conover
- 12/14 Evelyn Gaug
- 12/15 Ethan Carlson
- 12/23 Dan Callahan
- 12/25 Evelyn Gilbert
- 12/27 Natalie Crowley
- 12/30 Karen Morren
- 12/31 Matthew Esculano



- 12/16 Fernando & Marlena Gouvea
- 12/20 Peter & Lois Doran
- 12/27 Dan & Sharon Callahan



- 12/6 Joshua Morren
- 12/25 Dottie Evertsen



## CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES

- 12/17 Esther Gould
- John Gould
- 12/19 Richard Dostie

### Some Definitions of Christmas

---Christmas is the light that burns eternally. It is a glow that warms the hearts of people wherever the message of "Peace on earth, to men of goodwill" is believed.

---Christmas is peace in a world where people have been alienated from each other by hatred and jealousy.

---Christmas is forgiveness, the time for fresh beginnings, a time to right the wrongs of yesterday.

---Christmas is surrender of one's life to Christ in renewed dedication, making Christ the Lord of our lives.

---Christmas is the joy of brotherhood, of giving, of sharing, of lifting, of caring, and of being what Christ wants us to be.

---Christmas is giving to those who cannot give to us. It is visiting the neglected, lifting the fallen, giving hope to the hopeless, assuring victory to the defeated, living the spirit of good will to all mankind.

---Christmas is love that flows from one heart to another.

**Bible Quiz Answers:** 1) D Deuteronomy 34:5-6 2) B 1 Samuel 16:10-11, 13 3) A Matthew 14:29 4) D Mark 14:50 5) C Joshua 6:5 6) A Acts 5:29



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