

# **RESURRECTION NEWS**



**JANUARY 2014**



# Pastor's Letter

January, 2004

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them  
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." (Matthew 28:19).*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Whenever the Lord sends someone on a mission, He always gives them the proper credentials that they will need to accomplish that mission.

Take Moses for example. In Exodus 3 we read that the Lord sent Moses on a mission. "Go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people out of Egypt." (Ex.3:10). Moses replied to God saying, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" (3:11). "I don't have the credentials to convince the king of Egypt to do such a thing or to convince the Israelites to follow me." But God gave Moses all the credentials he needed. God says, "I will be with you."

Moses thought about this and he decided he needed more credentials than this. Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I say to them?" And then God gave Moses another credential. God gave Moses His own. "God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' That is what you are to say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" This would be like if Warren Buffet were to give you his Visa Card and say, "Look, if they give you any trouble at the cash register, just give them my card." Only with God's own personal name, Moses had the credentials to do what money cannot. And as we know, armed with the proper credentials, Pharaoh let the Israelites go and the Israelites followed Moses out of Egypt.

Whenever God sends a person out on a mission, he always gives them the proper credentials that they will need to accomplish the mission.

We have been given a mission from Jesus Christ, our Lord. It is the same mission as Jesus gave to His disciples. We speak of our mission like this: *"Our mission is to Open Hearts."* And Christ has given us all the credentials we need to accomplish that mission. Through Holy Baptism, He has given us His name to use. *"I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."*

To be baptized is to have a mission. To ignore the mission is to ignore our baptism. It is not our mission. It is God's mission. God has given us the proper credentials to carry out our mission here. We have the credentials to act *"in the stead and by the command of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ"* to extend His forgiveness to others, to lead them out of slavery to sin and into the promised grace of God's love and eternal life.

Our mission is, *"To Open Hearts,"* and we have the credentials to do that mission!

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Nielsen*

**New Inquirer's Class - Beginning January 9<sup>th</sup> - 6:00pm.**

This will be a nine week class for all those who would like to learn more about the fundamentals of the Christian faith and Lutheran teaching. Participants are never obligated to become members of the congregation but faithful participation in the class is the prerequisite to membership. Please see the pastor for more information or to sign up! Is there a friend that you would like to bring to this class? Is there someone you know who you would like to invite to come and see? This is a wonderful opportunity to talk to that person now. Please see pastor Nielsen for more information!

**Mid-Week Adult Bible - Thursdays, 10:30am. The Gospel of Luke**

We will resume our mid-week bible study. Dates in January are 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>st</sup>. (*Not the 23<sup>th</sup>*).

**Men's Breakfast Meeting: Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> - 8:00am.**

*"The Scary Stuff In Revelation."* Men, come join us for a great time of lively conversation, fellowship and examination of how God's Word guides us in our walk of faith.

**Concordia College Choral Concert in May**

On May 19, 2014, our church will be privileged to host a concert by the Tour Choir of Concordia College, New York (Bronxville). The Concordia Tour Choir is an auditioned mixed-voice choir which sings music from a wide spectrum of cultures, areas and styles. It sings for on- and off-campus concerts and worship services throughout the academic year, and on its annual tours specializes in appearances at Lutheran Churches, over 160 in 45 different states and 2 Canadian provinces over the last six years. The concert here will be about 70 minutes in length, and will include the music, a short talk, and the free-will offering. Apart from attendance at this unique event - and we hope to have a full church - we have two major responsibilities.

(1) Housing: we will need to provide host families for approximately 25 student singers (we will get an exact number prior to the date) and 2 adult leaders, along with a hotel room for the bus driver at a hotel where the bus may be parked;

(2) Dinner: we are asked to provide a dinner at the church on the day of arrival for the students, their leaders and the bus driver.

Other needs will be to make a few minor adjustments in the sanctuary to ensure a comfortable performance space, and, of course, to spread the word. The Tour Choir will provide us with publicity material, but we will need to get the information out as much as possible to get a nice turnout.

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. There will be further announcements over the next several weeks, and in the meantime I will be happy to speak with anyone interested in helping coordinate our arrangements, especially regarding housing. Thanks very much.

Rick Dostie

**The 2014 schedules for Flowers and Fellowship are on the bulletin board.**

Please fill in a blank (or two or three).

## The Good Book Sale

Looking for a good book for family or personal devotions or bible study? You should consider the following that are for sale in the Narthex:

- “Lutheranism 101” - An examination of the faith in a fresh way.
- “Lutheranism 101 for Kids” - Good, meaty stuff for preconfirmation age youth.
- “Courageous Fathers of the Bible” - For men, an excellent devotional study of 12 courageous men in the bible.
- “God Loves Moms” - For mothers, an excellent devotional study of God’s mercy displayed through 12 mothers in the bible
- “Life’s Big Questions / God’s Big Answers” - For teens, an excellent devotional study that addresses some big questions.
- “Little Visits – III” - 365 classic family daily devotions for the whole family through the year.
- “Christ Have Mercy” - How to Put Your Faith in Action. By Rev. Matt Harrison. An wonderful treatment of the fundamentals of the faith with specific application to life.
- “The Problem of Suffering” - I’ve read this book several times and find amazing comfort and insight into the problem of human suffering every time.

**“But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the Law, to redeem those who were under the Law.” Galatians 4:4-5**

That is: “After the time of the Law had been completed, and Christ was now revealed and had delivered us from the Law, and the promise had been spread abroad to all nations, etc.”

Note carefully how Paul defines Christ here. Christ, he says, is the Son of God and of the woman. He was born under the Law on account of us sinners, to redeem us who were under the Law. In these words Paul has included both the Person and the work of Christ. The Person is made up of the divine and the human nature. He indicates this clearly when he says: “God sent forth His Son, born of woman.” Therefore Christ is true God and true man. Paul describes His work in these words: “Born under the Law, to redeem those who were under the Law.”

It seems that Paul insults the Virgin, the mother of the Son of God, by calling her simply “woman.” This bothered some of the ancient fathers, who would have preferred that he use the title “virgin” here rather than “woman.” But in this epistle Paul is dealing with the most important and sublime subject matter: the Gospel, faith, Christian righteousness, the definition of the Person of Christ, the meaning of His work, what He undertook and accomplished on our behalf, and what blessings He brought to us miserable sinners. The magnitude of this awesome subject matter was the reason why he did not consider the matter of virginity. It was enough for him to proclaim the inestimable and infinite mercy of God, that God saw fit to have His Son born of the female sex; therefore he mentions, not the worthiness of this sex but merely the sex itself. By mentioning the sex he indicates that Christ Himself was made a true man by birth from the female sex. It is as though he were to say: “He was born, not of a male and a female but merely of the female sex.” When he merely mentions the female sex, therefore, his phrase “born of woman” is the same as though he were saying “born of a virgin.”<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Luther, M. (1999). *Luther's works, vol. 26: Lectures on Galatians, 1535, Chapters 1-4* (J. J. Pelikan, H. C. Oswald & H. T. Lehmann, Ed.) (Ga 4:4–5). Saint Louis: Concordia Publishing House.

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## The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

### Calendar of Events

### January, 2014

#### **Week of January 5**

Sunday - 1/5	8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:00am. - Worship - The Festival of All Saints
	6:30pm. - The Catechumenate
Wednesday - 1/8	6:30pm. - Board for Misions
Thursday - 1/9	9:00am. - LWML Meeting
	10:30am. - Mid-Week Bible Study - Luke
	6:00pm. - Inquirers Class
Saturday - 1/11	8:00am. - Mens Breakfast Meeting

#### **Week of January 12**

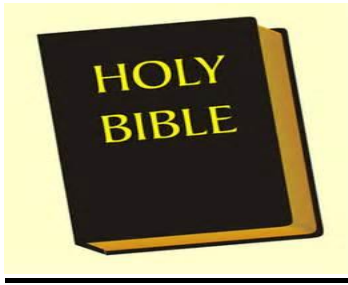
Sunday - 1/12	8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:00am. - Worship
Monday - 1/13	6:00pm. - Elders Meeting
Thursday - 1/16	10:30am. - Mid-Week Bible Study - Luke
	6:00pm. - Inquirers Class

#### **Week of January 19**

Sunday - 1/19	8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:00am. - Worship
Monday - 1/20-24	Pastor Nielsen away at Symposium - Ft. Wayne, Ind.

#### **Week of January 26**

Sunday - 1/26	8:45am. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:00am. - Worship
Monday - 1/27 -	6:00pm. - Board for Youth
	7:00pm. - Church Council



## **BIBLE QUIZ**

### **Monthly Worship**

#### **January 5, 2014**

**Second Sunday after Christmas**

**Psalm:** 119:97-104

**First Reading:** 1Kings 3:4-15

**Epistle:** Ephesians 1:3-14

**Holy Gospel:** Luke 2:40-52

#### **January 12, 2014**

**The Baptism of our Lord/**

**First Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Psalm:** 29

**First Reading:** Isaiah 42:1-9

**Epistle:** Romans 6:1-11

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 3:13-17

#### **January 19, 2014**

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Psalm:** 40:1-11

**First Reading:** Isaiah 49:1-7

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

**Holy Gospel:** John 1:29-42a

#### **January 26, 2014**

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Psalm:** 27:1-9 (10-14)

**First Reading:** Isaiah 9:1-4

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 4:12-25

**PLEASE NOTE: The 2014 schedules for Flowers and Fellowship are on the bulletin board. Please fill in a blank (or two or three).**

**1. Which river did God part for Joshua and the Israelites?**

A) Tigris B) Nile C) Jordan D) Euphrates

**2. How old is God?**

A) 10 billion years old (He is older than the radiocarbon age of the earth) B) 2,047 years old (33 + 2.014 C) The scientific calculus-related formula takes eight steps to figure out D) He never had a beginning; He has always existed

**3. What is the shortest book in the New Testament?**

A) Philemon B) Jude C) 2 John D) 3 John

**4. Who said he was unworthy to touch the strap of Jesus' sandal?**

A) Herod the Great B) John the Baptist C) Caiaphas the high priest D) Felix the governor

**5. Who penned the words to this psalm: "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done evil in thy sight"?**

A) David B) Moses C) the sons of Korah D) anonymous

**6. Golgotha means "the place of the skull" in which language?**

A) Greek B) Hebrew C) Aramaic D) Latin

Answers on "Birthday" page

# January Stewardship

	<u>January 5</u>	<u>January 12</u>	<u>January 19</u>	<u>January 26</u>
<u>Acolyte</u>	Sarah Kohl	Emily Larsen	Jacob Huesers	Sarah Kohl
<u>Communion Assistant</u>	Brad Fitzpatrick	Mark Larsen	Don Pryor	Mike Hein
<u>Ushers</u>	Glenn Carlson, Jr. & Moe Cote	Chris Batson & Seth Carlson	John Ayotte & Finley Edwards	Glenn Carlson & John Gould
<u>Greeters</u>	Christine & Taylan Thomas	Chris & Yvonne Batson	Deb Nielsen & Pat Kiblitz	Mike & Michelle Hein
<u>Altar Care</u>	Amanda Goldsmith	Amy Ouellette	Kitty Carlson	Andrea Watson
<u>Flowers</u>	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
<u>Fellowship</u>	Annual Meeting (Pizza)	Sharon Klipp	OPEN	OPEN



- 1/3 Betsy Gorneau
- 1/8 Candace Schorr
- 1/16 Caden Fitzpatrick
- LeeAnne Larsen
- Curt Slininger
- 1/18 Brownlow Parks-Stamm
- 1/19 Vesta Holt
- 1/20 Travis Watson
- 1/26 Deb Nielsen



- 1/17 Michael Cote
- 1/18 Candace Schorr
- 1/26 Sherman Hill
- 1/30 Maira Goldsmith
- 1/?? Yvonne Batson



**CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1/14 Kenneth Zahner

**DID YA KNOW?**

---Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.

---If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have sense at all.

---Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.

---A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.

---How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?

---Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.

---Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?

---Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job.

---No one has more driving ambition than the boy who wants to buy a car.

---There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.

---Think about this...No one ever says "It's only a game" when their team is winning.

**BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS:** 1. C Joshua 3:13 2. D Revelation 4:8, Genesis 1:1-2  
3. C (only thirteen verses) 4. B Mark 1:7 5. A Psalm 51:4 and attribution 6. B John 19:17



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